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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

38th Congress—2d Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1864.

SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock by Mr. Clarke, of N. H., President pro tem.

Prayer by Chaplain, Mr. Bowman, of Indiana.

Mr. Foot, of Vermont, offered a resolution that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to inform the House that the Senate is ready to proceed to business. Adopted.

Mr. Morrill, of Maine, presented the credentials of Nathan A. Farwell, appointed by the Governor of Maine to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Fessenden. The credentials were read, and Mr. Farwell was duly sworn in as Senator from Maine.

Mr. Foote offered a resolution that a Committee of Three be appointed to join a committee to be appointed by the House and wait upon the President to inform him that a quorum is present in both Houses, and they are ready to proceed to business. Adopted.

Mr. Foote offered the following resolution: That the hours of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

The following gentlemen were present:—Anthony, Chandler, Clark, Collamer, Conness, Cowan, Davis, Dixon, Doolittle, Foote, Foster, Grimes, Harding, Harlan, Harris, Henderson, Hendricks, Hicks, Howe, Johnson, Kasson, Lane, of Indiana, Lane, of Kansas, McDougall, Morgan, Morrill, Nesmith, Pomeroy, Powell, Ramsey, Sherman, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Wade, Wilkinson, Willey.

Mr. McPherson, Clerk of the House, informed the Senate that the House was ready to proceed to business, and had appointed a committee to wait on the President.

Mr. Foote's resolution was taken up and passed. The Senate appointed as joint committee, Messrs. Foote, Conness and Hendricks.

Mr. Sherman offered a bill to authorize the purchase or construction of revenue-cutters on the Lakes.

That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to contract not exceeding six steam revenue cutters, for service on the Lakes, and for that purpose the sum of one million dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, is appropriated.

Mr. Lane, of Kansas, introduced a bill for the relief of the militia of Kansas, in repelling the invasion of rebels under Price. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Foster moved that the Senate take a recess for an hour. Carried.

The Senate re-assembled at half-past one, and the committee appointed to wait on the President not having returned, on motion of Mr. Sumner, adjourned at two o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Promptly at 12 o'clock the Speaker called the House to order at 12 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Channing, the Chaplain, offered a prayer.

The Speaker then directed the roll of members to be called, with a view to ascertain whether a quorum were in attendance.

One hundred and fifty members answered to their names; accordingly, the Speaker declared that a quorum was in attendance.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that a quorum of the Senate had assembled; whereupon

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, offered a resolution, which was agreed to, viz.—that a message be sent to the Senate that a quorum of the House had assembled, and were ready to proceed to business.

He also introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, that a committee of three members be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the Senate to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses have assembled, and are ready to receive any communication which he may be pleased to make.

The Speaker appointed as the committee Messrs. Washburne, of Illinois, Pendleton, of Ohio, and Fenton, of New York.

Mr. Dwight Townsend, of New York, elected a member in the place of Mr. Stebbins, resigned, and Mr. Charles D. Poston, delegate from Arizona, were severally introduced, qualified and took their seats.

The Speaker presented the credentials of five gentlemen from Louisiana, signed by Governor Hahn, members elect to the House from that State, under the recently adopted constitution.

On motion of Mr. Dawes, the credentials were referred to the Committee on Elections.

By a vote of the House, these members elect are allowed the privileges of the Hall, pending the consideration of the subject.

Mr. Davis, of Maryland, presented a remonstrance from Louisiana against their being admitted to seats.

Mr. Eliot offered a resolution proposing the members proceed to select seats by drawing for them.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, remarked that at the former session the seats were drawn for the entire Congress.

Mr. Stevens moved to postpone the subject until the first Monday of December next, when he had no doubt it would be in order. (Laughter.)

The resolution was laid upon the table—yeas 62, nays 30.

Mr. Davis, of Maryland, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill for an amendment to the Constitution, providing that so much of the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States as declares that no tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State, be and the same is hereby annulled.

This resolution was amended so as to refer the subject to the Committee of Ways and Means, and in this form it was adopted.

Mr. Pendleton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, if not incompatible with the public interest, the report made by Colonel Thomas M. Key, of an interview between himself and General Howell Cobb, on the 14th day of June, 1862, on the banks of the Chickahominy, by the authority of the War Department, on the subject of the exchange of prisoners.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, objected to the consideration of the resolution, and so it lies over under the rule.

Mr. Cox, of Ohio, submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means, with a view to lessen the cost of the necessaries of life, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the tariff upon coffee, sugar, tea and similar articles, either by the payment of all customs in the paper currency of the Government instead of gold, or by the modification of the tariff, so that *ad valorem* and not a specific duty, be laid upon said articles.

On motion of Mr. Dawes, the resolution was laid upon the table—yeas 64, nays 48. [Mr. Davis, of Maryland, voted in the affirmative, the other members of the Maryland delegation were absent or not voting.]

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing a sinking fund at an early day, for the gradual extinguishment of the public debt.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, offered a resolution, that, in any amendment of the Revenue bill, to be reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, said Committee are hereby instructed to propose a tax on all stocks of domestic liquors on hand.

Mr. Morrill moved that the resolution be laid upon the table. This motion was disagreed to—yeas 48, nays 64.

Mr. Morrill then unsuccessfully asked for a postponement of the proposition until the reception of the report of the Secretary of the Navy.

The resolution was then adopted—yeas 53, nays 51.

[Mr. Davis voted *no*; the other members of the Maryland delegation did not vote.]

During the proceedings the Speaker said he understood the Message of the President would not be sent in till to-morrow.

At half past one o'clock, on motion, the House adjourned.

☞ The Worcester Spy says Mr. Sargent, of Southboro, Mass., has raised this year four pounds of genuine coffee, from the real Java coffee seed. He planted and raised it in a manner similar to peas, the coffee growing in pods in the same manner.

☞ A farmer of Limestone township, Snyder county, had at the late harvest a single stock of buckwheat, which yielded of ripe grain one hundred and seventy-five full sound grains. An extraordinary yield from a single grain.

☞ It is said Pryor's capture and humiliating march through the streets of Washington brought grief to some of the diplomats here especially to the Prussian Legation, where he was formerly a welcome guest and a confidant. —*New York Tribune.*

☞ John Rantz and Samuel Kline, convicted of having conspired to resist the draft in Columbia county, Pa., have been sentenced to pay a fine of $6,000 each and be confined in Fort Mifflin for two years.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Poor Association.—The annual meeting of this charitable Association was held last night in the Lecture room of Christ Church, when the report of the Board of Managers was submitted, a synopsis of which we give below, with the exception of the Treasurer's report, that having been presented to our readers a few days since:

During the year the number of widow's families relieved was 1,560; sick families 1,035. The number of female adults in these families was 3,900; male adults 800; children 6,249; the number of visits to families was 11,783. Tons of coal distributed 644; cords of wood 1,179½; cost of fuel $12,699.60; cost of groceries and provisions $4,619.40; total cost of supplies $17,219.40; number of persons for whom work was procured 163; number of children for whom admission was procured into public schools 191; number of children sent to sabbath school 69; white bonnets and women sent to Almshouse 20; children sent to Almshouse 1; children sent to Protestant Infirmary 5; children sent to manual labor school 5; children sent to Home of the Friendless 1. The report, in alluding to the poor sewing girls and women, says that there are many who work for clothing houses and receive 15 cents a piece for making up shirts, 25 cents for pantaloons and 75 cents for overcoats.

A mother—a widow with four, five or more little children at home, cannot leave them to go out to work, or to live in another family, or to stand in market, even had she the small capital requisite for the latter vocation;—neither can a young girl, who may have a sick mother, or four or five younger sisters and brothers, too young to work. These must have some home employment, that while toiling for their daily bread, watching and tending, they may also be enabled to watch over and take care of those whose age or infirmities demand their necessary attention. The resort of this *large* class is the needle. Poorly as it pays them (and poorly indeed it does), to say nothing of their lonely night vigils as they bend over their work, by the light of a poor tallow candle, literally stitching their life into the work before them,—it still affords them a few more mouthfuls of food, a few sticks of wood for the humble fire-place, and some coarse cloths to wear—it pays them about three dollars a week—no more—either less. These dollars have to support a family; and—at least one half of this goes for rent, leaving a dollar and a half for food—a dollar and a half for food for five persons (the average number) for seven days! gives 30 cents each, or a little over 4 cents a head per day. Four cents a day, to feed, clothe and warm a toiling fellow creature! The report closes with the following appeal:

"Give us the means, and we will cause the poor in the narrow lanes, and sickly alleys—to rise up and call you blessed! You can do it—for with most of you the past year has been one of prosperity—will you do it? And when you do contribute in answer to our annual call, remember that coal this time last year was $8 per ton, now it is $12,—cotton flannel, which was then 40 cents is now 75. Remember, to do even the same amount of good this year that we did last, will require at least one third additional funds."

Health Report.—During the past week there were 89 deaths in this city, caused as follows: Abscess, 1; apoplexy, 3; bronchitis, 1; cancer, 1; casualty, 3; child bed, 1; cholera infantum, 1; colic, 1; consumption, 17; convulsions, 2; croup, 5; dropsy, 3; dropsy in the head, 1; diphtheria, 6; erysipelas, 1; catarrhal fever, 1; gastric fever, 1; intermittent fever, 1; scarlet fever, 2; typhoid fever, 2; hemorrhage, 1; inflammation of the brain, 4; inflammation of the lungs, 8; measles, 1; neuralgia, 1; old age, 4; palsy, 2; pleurisy, 1; small pox, 2; teething, 2; unknown adult, 2; unknown infantile, 9—Under one year, 13; between 1 and 2 years, 4; between 2 and 5, 10; between 5 and 10, 1; between 10 and 20, 1; between 20 and 30, 12; between 30 and 40, 10; between 40 and 50, 3; between 50 and 60, 8; between 60 and 70, 9; between 70 and 80, 3; between 80 and 90, 2. Males 46, females 43—of which number 17 were colored persons. Still births 2.

Military Arrest.—Thomas A. Mezzler, formerly of this city, and a surgeon of the U. S. gunboat Princeton, were arrested in this city yesterday by a Government detective, and locked up in the military prison. Mezzler was captured a short time since on a blockade-runner, on the coast of Georgia, and placed on board of the Princeton. The Princeton arrived in Philadelphia last week, when Mezzler was either paroled or released, we could not learn which. The report of the arrival of the steamer and Mezzler came to this city, the surgeon, it is alleged, intending to show his rebel friend the sights. They had not been many hours in this city, however, before they were arrested and shown the attractive sights centered within the walls of the prison attached to the head quarters of Col. Woolley. It is said that Mezzler holds a commission in the rebel navy.

A Large Yield of Honey.—For a number of years past, Richard Colvin, Esq., of this city, has devoted his time and expended a princely sum of money in the raising of foreign and domestic bees, and at the present time Mr C. has the largest collection of bees under his control of any person in the United States. He has invented a very ingenious hive, from which the honey can be extracted without disturbing in the least the bees—During the last season Mr. Colvin secured the large amount of twelve hundred pounds of honey, made principally by Italian bees, and expects to double that amount the coming season. Messrs. Smith & Faris, French Confectioners, opposite this office, have received the agency for the sale of the honey. Mr. Colvin has recently received from Greece, several swarms of bees, which are being acclimated.

Fatal Burning Accident.—On Sunday night three small children of Mr. Hyson, residing at No. 274 Eastern avenue, were locked in a room by their mother, and during her absence they began playing, and in their gambols, a lamp was overturned; the dress of a family situated and set fire to the dress of one of the children, aged five years. The other children not being able to quit the room for assistance, endeavored to extinguish the flames, and were themselves terribly burned. The screams attracted the attention of several persons passing the house, and when they entered the room, the youngest child was burned almost to a crisp. Its lingering death agony until yesterday morning, when death ended its sufferings.

Swindled.—Wm. F. Hawley, a resident of Pittson, Pa., was fleeced out of $50 yesterday afternoon by the old "money-changing" dodge. Hawley had just arrived in this city from Washington, and inquired of a well-dressed young man at the Camden Station the nearest way to the Northern Central depot. The young man replied that he was going that way, and would conduct Mr. Hawley thither; but, instead of proceeding to the depot, the sharper conducted his victim to the Exchange Reading Room, on Second street, and by the old dodge of getting change for a hundred dollar bill, succeeded in fleecing Mr. Hawley out of $50, all the cash he had. The thief, under pretence of going into an office in the building, handed to his victim a check for $3,000, and made his escape by a door leading to Lombard street.

Bequests.—The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Jelloy, lately deceased, was admitted to probate yesterday in the Orphan's Court, and among the bequests, the deceased made the following: To the American Bible Society formed in New York in 1816, $400; to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, $400, to Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, of Cincinnati, $200, to be appropriated by her to the relief of such ministers or preachers of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the State of Ohio, as may, in her judgment, require pecuniary aid. But if there shall be in existence a Preacher's Aid Society of the said church in the State of Ohio, then she shall pay over the same to the said society. To the Baltimore Humane Impartial Society and Aged Women's Home, $200; to the Baltimore Orphan Asylum, $100.

Released from Fort Dix.—Wm. Gladding and Wm. Rochester, arrested on the charge of enlisting soldiers at a mockey show, on Centre Market Space, were discharged from Fort Dix yesterday, where they have for the past sixty days been confined at hard labor. In conversation with Rochester he stated that the expenses of the mockey show were $12 per day, and that the legitimate receipts would average from twenty five cents to two dollars per day. The profits, however, realized from the sale of bogus jewelry to soldiers, it is stated, amounted to upwards of $30 per day. The proprietor of the show where Gladding and Rochester had been employed, left the city when he heard of their arrest, and has not since been heard of.

Accidental Shooting.—Yesterday morning a colored waiter, employed in the Howard House Hotel, on Howard street, was shot in the face by an aged servant of the hotel, who has been greatly annoyed of late by the mischievous tricks played upon him by his fellow waiters. Yesterday one of the boys began teasing him, when the old man seized a gun, not knowing that it was loaded, and discharged it. It was charged with small shot, and the tormentor received the full load in his face, but fortunately his eyesight was not injured. The old man, upon perceiving what he had done, became greatly alarmed, supposing from the quantity of blood drawn that he had killed his victim.

Fatal Accident.—Before noon yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, aged 55 years, residing No 159 East street, was accidentally killed on North street near the depot by a car running over her. The unfortunate lady was attempting to cross the street, and did not perceive a train of cars that were being backed into the depot. She was horribly mutilated, and expired before being removed from under the car.

For Court.—Wesley Watkins was arrested yesterday, charged with beating Mary Mitchell. Justice Pindell committed the accused to jail. Frederick Cole was arrested, charged with beating his wife. Justice Whalen committed him to jail.

A Rebel Surgeon Captured.—There arrived at the office of Colonel Woolley, yesterday, in charge of a guard, Wm. T. Hertsberger, a rebel surgeon, captured on Saturday last in Western Virginia. He was locked up for a hearing.

Supposed Spy.—John Quinn, charged with being a blockade runner and a rebel spy, was arrested yesterday by a Government detective and locked up in the military prison for trial. The accused hails from Prince George's county, and has made a number of trips to Dixie, from which he has realized several thousands of dollars.

Released.—James Magruder and Zachariah Magruder, father and son, were released from the city jail yesterday upon taking the oath of allegiance, and the son will reside north of Philadelphia during the war. The son was charged with being a rebel soldier, and was found secreted in the house of his father.

Charged with Shop Lifting.—Susan Davinney was arrested yesterday morning, charged with stealing ten yards of calico, from the dry goods store of Geo. H. G. Neal, No. 97 West Baltimore street. Justice Spicer committed her to jail.

AMUSEMENTS.

Holliday Street Theatre.—Mr. and Mrs. Watkins made their first appearance last night at the Holliday, and met with a hearty welcome. Mrs. Watkins is an old favorite with our amusement seekers, and her efforts last night exhibited no diminution of those rare dramatic abilities which have rendered her so great a favorite with the Baltimoreans. Mr. Watkins is an excellent actor, and received frequent attestations of approval from the large audience present. The new drama of Kathleen Mavourneen was produced in an admirable manner and gave the most unbounded satisfaction. The same play will be presented tonight.

Front Street Theatre.—Mr. Buchanan and his accomplished daughter met with a cordial reception last night. To night the tragedy of Macbeth will be performed, Mr. Buchanan sustaining the character of Macbeth and Miss Buchanan that of Lady Macbeth.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Criminal Court.—Judge Bond.—John L. Thomas, Esq., State's Attorney, prosecuting. The following business occupied the attention of this Court yesterday:

Martin Kolle, selling liquor on Sunday to William Tolbridge. Pleaded guilty; fined $20 and costs.

Henry Smith, charged with beating Thos. Williams; fined 25 cents and costs.

William Enright, charged with stealing a horse and buggy, owned by J. S. Swigler.—Postponed until Thursday.

Mary A. Johnson, charged with stealing a blanket, the property of Charles Dawson. Not guilty.

John Truxford, charged with beating Martin Trexford. Verdict, not guilty, it being proven that the accused was insane at the time of committing the assault.

John Crowly, assault with intent to murder Zachariah Andrews. Postponed until to-morrow.

Frederick Krummer, selling liquor on Sunday to John Morgan. Not guilty.

The Petit and Grand Juries were discharged until Wednesday.

City Circuit Court.—Before Judge Alexander.—The following business was transacted in this Court yesterday:

Mary H. Piatt vs. Richard S. Wright, decree passed, ordering the sale of certain property and providing for the appointment of a trustee.

Henry Gibbs and others vs. Henry Tartar and others. This is a case wherein an effort was made several months since to introduce music into the Sharp street Methodist (colored) Church. Judge Alexander yesterday ordered that the injunction heretofore granted in this case be continued and made perpetual, and ordered that the trustees of said Church should be held responsible for the fund set apart for the education of poor colored children.

Orphans' Court.—Before the Hon. Judges Audoun, Supplee and Hoffman. The following business occupied the attention of this Court yesterday:

The wills of Elizabeth Jelly, Joshua Ferrell and George Morrow, were admitted to probate.

Letters testamentary were granted on the estate of Elizabeth Jelly to John D. Toy, and on the estate of Joshua Ferrell to Mary Ferrell.

Superior Court.—Before Hon. Judge Martin. The following business occupied the attention of this Court on yesterday:

Edward W. Robinson vs. Ezra Whitman—Before report of trustee which, for a sale refused and defendant to his cross bill, &c.

Wm. F. Dalrymple vs. the Baltimore Insurance Company. On trial.

Court of Common Pleas.—Before Hon. Judge King. The following business occupied the attention of this court on yesterday:

Henry Eggeling and Caroline Eggeling vs. Alexander Steiner. Damages claimed for an assault committed on Caroline Eggeling. On trial.

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TOWSONTOWN, Dec. 5, 1864.

Circuit Court for Baltimore County.—Before Hon. Richard Grason, Judge. John T. Ricaut, Esq., prosecuting attorney for the State.

The December Term of the above Court assembled here this morning, with a very large attendance, the Baltimore bar being represented by quite a larger number of its members.

His Honor, Judge Grason (the newly elected Judge) having previously taken the oath of office, before the clerk, Mr. Longnecker, entered this morning upon the discharge of the duties of this court.

After transacting some unfinished business from the "August term," that term was adjourned *sine die* by the crier, Mr. Owings, and the present term called.

The Sheriff, Mr Thompson, then presented the list of jurors summoned.

His Honor then briefly charged the Grand Jury, referring them to the several acts of the code relating to treason, &c.

The different dockets were then called, resulting in the usual number of judgments by confession of default, *non pros*, &c.

Dominick McFadden being called and refusing to answer, his recognizances were forfeited, James McFee bondsman.

The case of the State vs. Louisa Sipple, indicted for larceny, was stetted by the State's Attorney.

Jacob Sheek, an applicant for the benefit of the insolvent laws, was discharged.

Wm. P. Preston, Esq., here arose, and after speaking in the highest terms of the character as a Judge of the Hon. John H. Price, late Judge of this Court, offered the following resolutions, which were concurred in by the Bar generally:

WHEREAS, The new Constitution, by making a new Judicial District of Baltimore County, has removed from the administration of the judicial office in said county the Hon. John H. Price, and the members of the Bar deem this a fitting occasion to express their appreciation of his valuable official services, and to wish him health and happiness in the sphere of labor allotted to him by said Constitution. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Bar of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County hereby express their high regard for the faithfulness, honesty and ability wherewith the Hon. John H. Price for nine years past, has administered the law, and promoted justice in said Court.

Resolved, That His Honor Judge Grason, be requested to have the foregoing resolutions entered upon the minutes of this Court as the recorded opinion and expression of the professional brethren of the retired Judge, and that the Clerk be directed to transmit to him a copy of these proceedings, signed by the Grand and Petit Juries.

After the reading of the resolutions they were seconded by R. J. Gittings, Esq., in a few well timed remarks, concurring fully in all that was contained in the resolutions. Mr. Gittings was followed by Messrs. W. S. Keech, John Ridgely, Esq. and R. R. Bateman, who spoke in the highest eulogy of Judge Price for honesty, ability, &c., while serving as Judge of this Court. His Honor, Judge Grason, after speaking also in the highest eulogy of Judge Price, &c., concurring fully in all that has been said, ordered the resolutions to be entered upon the minutes of the court, and that the clerk send a copy thereof to his Honor, Judge Price.

The Court then adjourned until to-morrow.

☞ A newspaper correspondent at Florence, South Carolina, states that there are over ten thousand Federal prisoners in the stockade there, and that one hundred have died from scurvy. They exchange rings, pipes, tobacco, and straw hats for potatoes, which are the only vegetables to be had.

☞ After some laborers who were blasting rocks at Wolborough, N. H., a few days since, had lighted a safety fuse and gone to a safe distance, a little girl, attracted by the smoking fuse, stepped upon the stone and pulled it from the charge. A moment later she would have been blown to atoms.

☞ Miss Anne Whitney's original piece of sculpture, "Africa," which is described as a fresh, genuine work, following no beaten tradition, is attracting much attention in Boston. Miss Whitney will probably take rank with Miss Hosmer and Miss Stebbins as an American lady sculptor.

☞ A gray eagle was shot near Utsonville, Md., last week, which measured six feet three inches from tip to tip of his wings, and had talons spanning a circle of at nine inches. A large American eagle was shot a few days ago, near St. Paul, Minn, measuring thirteen feet from wing to wing.

☞ A portion of the Penitentiary in New Orleans, the east wing, was burned on the night of Nov. 22d, the fire having been caused, it is supposed, by carelessness of negroes quartered in the hall long. The loss to the Government is set down at about $75,000.

☞ A Vicksburg paper says:—The report of Mrs Lucy Davis, a sister in law of Jeff Davis, was mostly beautifully illuminated last evening, in honor of the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States.

☞ The Secretary of War has given the Union prisoners just arrived at Annapolis, thirty days' furlough after they have been duly paid.

☞ A dire rumor of the abolishment of hoops in Paris pervades female circles.

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AUTUMN TWILIGHT.

BY JAMES BISTRIE.

The glorious season of the coloring leaf
Is verging to a close, and on the plains
The mountain and the grove, the golden sheaf
And withered stalk, and the wild pattering rains
That turn to ice drops in the frosty air,
Give to this hour, a wintry look of care.

But yesternorn, the summer beauty shone
In clustering verdure over hill and vales
Or gaudier splendor from the forest-throne
Flashed out, like sunlight, in October gales—
And now the creaking crow and hooden cloud
Presage the coming of the burial shroud.

The year is dying! From the mountain top
The lingering violet has gone forever,
And pilgrim wild-birds design not now to stop
Nor visit their pensile nests by wood and river.
The starry eyes of heaven through a tear
Gleam down at twilight on the forest-bier.

Yet in the magic of this sunset hour,
Though trees uprear their skeleton arms to God,
And the frail stems of many a blighted flower
Plead from the tomb of petals in the sod—
I see there pertaining to my future home
Where'er on sky or cloud the light is thrown.

The yellowing tints of the ungarnered grain,
The modest lustre of the violets blue,
The daisy's simple charm, and the ripe stain
That dyed the mulberry, and the "sweet rip of dew,
Glow with serener beauty now in heaven,
Imparting richness to the desert, even.

O twilight hour amid the leafless trees!
O though that moment in the voiceless vale!
O tone prophetic in the murmuring breeze,
Haunting the flower-graves of hill and dale!
I hear the eloquent music of thy tongue,
Hymning the stars, these lry shades among.

Those rainbow colors in the twilight sky
Extend the promise of the fallen bloom
Forth to that season, when the sun on high
Throws back the portals of the silken tomb,
And tender forms are responding rise again
From sunny mountain steps, to shouting plain!

The smile of beauty that has passed away,
The happier impulse of the childish heart,
The starry light of eyes now void of ray,
And all that death can take, can never depart,
Faith shall embalm beyond the power of death
When rings the clarion with its startling breath.

November 26th, 1864.

IMPORTANT TO GOLD BROKERS.

United States Circuit Court—Before Judge Nelson, Nov'r 28.—Rolly P. L. Kimbro vs. James B. Colgate and Charles Burrell Hoffman. This case was on a demurrer to the declaration which set up that on October 29, 1863, the defendants contracted with the plaintiff—a citizen of Tennessee—to sell him gold or silver bullion, and likewise to buy from him gold or silver bullion, the contract not to come into operation till after three days from the making of it; that the contract was not in writing and not stamped as required by the Internal Revenue act of July 1, 1862, and was in violation of sections 4 and 5 of the act amending that act, passed March 3, 1863; that under the contract the plaintiff paid the defendants at various times $22,537.36, and that there accrued to the plaintiff a right of action to recover back the said sums paid by him under the contract, which the defendants refused to pay. To this declaration the defendants interposed a general demurrer.

Judge Nelson reviewed the sections of the acts under which the action was brought, and the authorities quoted by counsel. The question was whether or not the suit was saved by a proviso in the 173d section of an act of Congress passed June 20, 1864; the proviso in substance being, that all provisions of the act repealed shall be in force on levying and collecting taxes, &c., and for maintaining and continuing liens, fines, penalties and forfeitures incurred under the said act.—The argument in favor of the application of this saving clause to the present suit is, that it is an action to recover a sum of money in the nature of a penalty or forfeiture, and hence within the clause. This cannot be so regarded, the saving clause having reference to an entirely different class of actions, arising from Internal Revenue cases and criminal proceedings. "As the money was paid under a contract made under a violation of law, there is no ground for the recovery of it back upon the principles of the common law, and as the statute which gave the remedy has been repealed, the cause of action and suit, upon established principles, must fall with the repeal." Judgment for the defendants on demurrer.

Mr. Nunes and Mr. Wyeth for plaintiff. Mr. Marbury for defendant.—*N. Y. Herald.*

English Congregations Abroad

Very curious is it to notice the various places abroad in which the English congregations assemble to worship. It is odd to witness at Venice the arrival of the congregation in a multitude of gondolas; the service is held in one of the old Venetian palaces. To the best of my recollection it is also held in a state palace at Coblentz. At Aix-la-Chapelle the clergyman mounts a pulpet of extraordinary height in a Lutheran church. At Baden-Baden the service is held in a Roman Catholic church. At Biebald it is held in a palace of the Grand Duke's, and commonly at a certain point of the service an appetizing odor is given out by the servants bearing dinner to the Serene Highness, through a gallery which is part of the room.

At Versailles there is an iron church. At Nice there is an exceedingly beautiful church, as beautiful as any one on the continent. At Malta there is a cathedral which will always be associated with the memory of Adelaide, the good Queen Dowager. In one place the service is held in the chapel of what was once a Jesuit college; another in an old Carmelite convent; in another in a convent of the Sœurs Blanches. Sometimes it is held in the *salon salle a manger* of a hotel, and in one instance it is held in a room of a public casino; sometimes in a little church or chapel attached.

☞ A DAY'S RATIONS.—Our soldiers, says the Washington Chronicle, confined in the hospitals provided for their benefit sometimes feel disposed to find fault with the liberal and comparatively bountiful supplies provided for their comfort and subsistence, which, we understand, generally consist of forty ounces of food of excellent and substantial quality, they should contrast their condition with that of their brave and gallant comrades who have unfortunately fallen into the hands of the enemy and been incarcerated in Southern camps and prisons. Mr. J. C. Wetmore, military State agent of Ohio, last evening, showed us a ration brought by one of the exchanged prisoners, who recently arrived at Annapolis, from Andersonville, Georgia.

It was tied up in a little cotton bag, and its weight was six and a half ounces. It consisted of four ounces of meal, two ounces of rice, and half an ounce of salt. Upon this scanty fare, an able-bodied man, in the full vigor of health, was compelled to subsist, and was often forced to cut the articles above referred to in their raw state. It is not to be wondered at that our men present such an emaciated and distressed appearance upon their return from the South, and if all the feelings of humanity had not been eradicated from the hearts of the chivalry, one would suppose that the healthy and comfortable condition in which the rebels are sent to their homes would induce them to treat the Union soldiers in a more humane manner.

WASHINGTON BRANCH, BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—We have the pleasure to announce that the double track of this important thoroughfare, from the National metropolis to Baltimore, is now completed. This entire work is executed in a most skilful and substantial manner; the bridges and culverts have been reconstructed with solid masonry, some of them at very heavy outlays, and the entire line put in such order that this morning it is pronounced "A No. 1," in every respect, probably not equalled by any other line of railroad in the United States.

The importance and success of the Washington Branch Railroad, the great artery connecting the national metropolis with the great North and West, from the commencement of the rebellion, has become a proverb throughout the land. With the myriads of patriotic troops which have passed and repassed over it, we are not aware of a single life lost or a broken bone in any way attributable to the road or its employees.

Months ago President Garrett and Wm Prescott Smith, the energetic master of transportation, assured the public that by this morning the double track should be finished. With such surprising results on a road only single tracked, what may not be expected in its present double-tracked permanent condition?—*Wash. Chronicle.*

☞ The King of Prussia is chief of all the lodges of Free Masons in his kingdom. On this position he has just taken advantage to transmit to the grand masters of all the lodges of Berlin an act that provides a circular, exhorting all the members of the order "faithful to the king," in the political struggles of the immediate future.

☞ Two fifteen-inch guns have been shipped from the Fort Pitt Foundry to Cincinnati, to go on board a monitor just finished there.—One of them arrived at its destination in safety on Friday night last, and the other left Allegheny yesterday morning, and is probably by this time at Cincinnati.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS.

☞ A Washington letter says: Yesterday evening a rather sizeable lady, closely veiled, took a seat in one of our street cars, and was behaving herself very well when a couple of "Uncle Sam's" detectives stepped in and asked the pleasure of her company to the nearest station house. The lady hesitated for a moment, not seeming to appreciate the honor, but seeing that their attachment was such it could not be put off, she nervously took "their army" and went. But her fellow passengers were indignant. They would not see such rude conduct without a protest. And they demanded of the officers an explanation, when to their utter confusion, they were informed that the lady in whose behalf they were expending their gallantry was nothing more nor less than a deserter, who was under taking to conceal himself under a "petty-coat." The passengers subsided.

☞ A few days ago Mr. Stanton dismissed twenty clerks from the Quartermaster's Department, some on a charge of disloyalty, and some for intense zeal in their opposition to Mr. Lincoln's re-election. One of them came directly into Mr. Stanton and asked him if he considered a man disloyal because he favored the election of General McClellan. "By no means," was the reply, "but when a young man receives his salary from an Administration, and spends his evenings in denouncing it in the most offensive language, he cannot complain if the Administration chooses one of its friends to take his place! This is what I have done in your case."

☞ The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette asserts that one of the last messages that passed over the telegraph wires to Atlanta, before that place was abandoned, was one of several thousand words in cipher, from Great Sherman, embodying the final counsels and directions of Jeff. Davis to General.

☞ The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg has presented the Presbyterian congregation of Chambersburg with a beautiful communion service, as a testimonial of Christian affection and sympathy. The service belonging to the church was destroyed by the locals in June last.

☞ It is probable that the debt of $50,000 on the Provincial Theological Seminary at Troy, N. Y., will soon be cancelled by the liberal collections taken up in the Roman Catholic Churches of that diocese. $1,900 was contributed in the churches of Troy recently.

☞ It is a rather significant fact that the only prominent hotel in the city of New York that will not attempt to feed or lodge on Friday last, was the New York Hotel, the general rendezvous and the hot-bed of the secessionists of that city.

☞ The Savings Bank of Walpole, N. H., was robbed of $10,400 in United States bonds and $2,800 in Cheshire Railroad bonds, last week. The burglars first entered the house of the treasurer and stole the bank keys from his pocket.

☞ The unexpired lease on the Burnett House, Cincinnati, was sold last week to Silas F. Miller, of the Galt House, Louisville, for the sum of $125,000, for lease, furniture, &c. The lease has five years to run.

SNOW—The snows fell on Sunday. Frederick—"There now, how very provoking. I've left the prayer books at home." Martha—"Well, never mind, dear; but do tell me, is my bonnet straight?"

☞ The minimum standard of height for recruits for the volunteer service has been fixed by the Secretary of War at five feet, instead of five feet three inches as heretofore established.

☞ The Atlantic rolling mill at Lewiston has 40,000 spindles, is 534 feet in length and 75 feet in width. The weight of the bell attached to this mill is said to be 11,000 pounds.

☞ A Washington dispatch says that an order has been issued prohibiting the wearing of shoulder straps, sashes, saddle trappings, or other prominent insignia of rank by officers in the field.

☞ William Smithson, the Washington banker, who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary for treasonable correspondence with the rebels, has been released by order of the President.

☞ Persons expecting to attend the inauguration ceremonies on the 4th of March next, are already beginning to apply for rooms.

☞ Several whales have been seen playing off the coast of Long Island during the past few weeks, but none of them have been captured.

☞ Hon. Reuben E. Fenton, Governor elect of New York, has written his resignation as member of Congress, to take effect December 20th.

☞ Mrs. George Mitchell, of Wilton, Me., who drowned herself in a half hogshead of water, carefully put on her rubbers before going out to do the deed.

☞ To the lover there are but two places in all the world—one where his sweet heart is, and the other where she isn't.

☞ The crops of Ireland are good. No danger of a famine this year.

MINIATURE ALMANAC FOR 1864.

DECEMBER.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Moon's Phases.	DECEMBER		
5-Monday	7 21	4 29				
6-Tuesday	7 22	4 29			H.	M.
7-Wednesday	7 22	4 28	New	23	4	22 a
8-Thursday	7 23	4 28	First qr	6	2	43m
9-Friday	7 23	4 27	Full	13	9	17m
10-Saturday	7 24	4 27	Last qr	21	12	4m
11-Sunday	7 23	4 27				

MARINE AFFAIRS.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, December 5, 1864.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Adelaide, Cannon, from Old Point, Va—to M N Falls.

Brig Fred Lapwing, Kean, before reported in Hampton Roads, from Rio Janeiro—to Hugh Jenkins & Co.

Brig Fred Wording, (Dutch) Cook, from Savannah, with rice—sugar and molasses to Keelsey & Gray. Sailed in company with bark Edmund Dwight, for Boston. Left in port brig Hancock for for do in ten days.

Brig William Allen (Br) Pratt, from Prince Edward's Island—potatoes to Thos R Matthews & Sons.

Brig Pizzistisme, James, from Havre—ballast to P Handel.

Schr Lookout, Wakefield, from Portland—mdse to Kelsey & Gray; fish to O M Jackson & Co.

Schr Hattie Rose, Poland, from Portland—to W Rhoads & Son; heading to Stirling & Ahrens; fish to order.

Schr Grapeshot, Snow, from Bangor—potatoes to W Hond.

Schr Alice Hall, Garfield, from New York—mdse to Kelsey & Gray.

Schr Glenwood, Bayles, from New York—apples and copper ore to ——

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