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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

38th Congress—2d Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, 1864.

SENATE.—Mr. Davis gave notice of his intention to introduce a joint resolution for the restoration of peace in the Union, etc.

On motion of Mr. Anthony, the Senate proceeded to the election of the standing committees, and under suspension of the rule, he made full nominations, which were confirmed by the Senate. The only changes from last session are the following:—Mr. Sherman as chairman of the Finance Committee, in place of Mr. Fessenden, resigned, with the addition of Mr. Henderson to that committee; Mr. Grimes as chairman of the Naval Committee, in place of Mr. Hale, with Mr. Hendricks added to that committee; Mr. Lane, of Kansas, as chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, in place of Mr. Sherman, with Mr. Farwell added to the committee; Mr. Ford on the Judiciary Committee, in place of Mr. Howard; Mr. Hale as chairman of the District of Columbia Committee, in place of Mr. Grimes; Mr. Davis on the Committee on Claims, in place of Mr. Hendricks; Mr. Lane, of Indiana, on the Committee on Patents, in place of Mr. Sherman; Mr. Farwell on Public Buildings and Grounds, in place of Mr. Henderson; and Mr. Howard on the Committee on the Library, in place of Mr. Fessenden.

On motion of Mr. Morgan, the credentials of Messrs. King and Cutler, as Senators from Louisiana, were referred to the judiciary committee, and on motion of Mr. Wade the remonstrance of citizens of that State against their admission to seats, was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Grimes presented a memorial of the Washington Gas Light Company, praying for the repeal of the amendments to its charter, which restricts the price of gas. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition from Wm. O. Bryant, Henry W. Longfellow, Horace Greely, John A. Dix, Gen. U. S. Grant, Geo. Bancroft, and others, praying the founding and support of a National Home for totally disabled soldiers and sailors of the army and navy. Referred to the Military Committee.

The President *pro tem*, laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior relating its action under a resolution of the 30th of June last, authorizing him to reclaim and preserve certain lands of the United States. The Secretary says that he regarded the resolution as alluding, manifestly, among other things, to the public reservation on Pennsylvania avenue, between 4th and 9th streets west, on which the corporate authorities were then erecting a new and permanent building, to take the place of the present one as a public market-house; and, therefore, he notified the Mayor of the disapprobation which Congress had thus manifested, and desired that the progress of the building should be suspended, which was immediately done, and the work has not since been resumed.

The Commissioner of Public Buildings reports to the Secretary that three other public reservations are occupied by public market houses, erected by the city, apparently without any adequate authority yet brought to the notice of the Department, viz: one, the Western market; another, the Northern Liberties market, and the third, the Navy Yard market. Besides these, a number of buildings appear to have been erected by private individuals, which are now used as stables, warehouses, saw mills, coal, lime and wood offices, along the banks of the canal, in the neighborhood of the Centre market space; but when erected, or by what authority, has not yet been fully ascertained, but they are said to have been put up under the sanction of the city, and that annual rents are derived from them.

A part of Virginia avenue, corner of Sixth street west, has also been quite recently occupied as a lumber yard, and the Commissioner thinks will other public grounds are occupied for temporary purposes, without proper authority. The Secretary has therefore directed the Commissioner to cause the lumber yard on Virginia avenue to be removed, and should no more legal authority be shown than is now apparent for the occupation of the other places, he shall likewise order that they be vacated.

The Secretary calls the attention of Congress to the "Long Bridge" across the Potomac, and suggests whether it would not be wise and prudent to direct the transfer of the rails thereon (it not being designed for a railroad) to the new bridge since erected by the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Railroad Company, and to provide for the repair of the former, so as to fit it again for ordinary travel.

The communication was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Foot introduced a joint resolution in relation to the distribution of prize money. Referred to the Naval Committee.

Mr. Powell called up his resolution directing the Secretary of War, if not incompatible with the public interests, to transmit to the Senate the report and evidence taken by the military commission appointed to investigate the conduct of Brig. Gen. Payne, in and about Paducah, Kentucky.

Mr. Turpie asked whether the Senator was aware of the sort of report he was calling for. He knew it was in the discretion of the Secretary to communicate the report or not, but he would like to know before making such a call, whether the report was made by a commission of which Gen. Palce had no knowledge, or by some officer, and which in either case, would be a merely ex parte statement. He thought it probable that any officer in the field should be subject to having a report of that sort, reflecting upon his character, published to the world, and its statements accepted, without he having had an opportunity to meet its charges.

Mr. Powell said he did not know which was the report, but he had heard from others that it showed the most outrageous instances of cruelty and barbarity ever inflicted upon Christian people. He understood Gen. Payne did have notice of the commission at Paducah, and that he objected his staff with the members of his staff.

Mr. Doolittle inquired what Gen Payne's was that was referred to. There was an officer of that name from his State (Wisconsin), and he could not be him.

Mr. Powell said he did not know General Payne, but had understood he was from Illinois. He had seen it stated in the papers also that Gen. P. had resigned, and that his resignation had been accepted. He asserted that the General had knowledge that the Commission was to set to inquire into his conduct.

Mr. Trumbull said the gentleman from Kentucky admitted that the report was from a commission before which General Payne had not appeared, and as far as the Senator knew he had never had an opportunity to do so—General Payne was from his State and bore a good character there. The complaint was as to how he dealt with rebels and traitors in Kentucky. He was too severe upon the enemies of the country in the execution of those enemies. This report was one of a commission in a secret session, and assaults should not be made upon an officer in that way. Mr. Trumbull moved to refer the resolution to the Military Committee.

Mr. Powell urged its immediate passage, and said the Commission was ordered by the military commander and published through out that section. Therefore, it could not be said that it was a secret proceeding. He did not intend to make an attack on Gen Payne, but simply to call for the facts and see if they were proper or not. It was for the Secretary of War to determine if it were proper to communicate the report. If it was likely any guilty person would escape by reason of its publication, he could withhold it. He had heard of some of General Payne's operations in Tennessee. If these things were true, he had been a heartless and cruel robber, dealing so he pleased not only with the persons, but the property of the people.

Mr. Davis said he had seen the report in the case of General Payne in the newspapers, and it showed him guilty not only of offences but crimes. He thought that no discretion should be given the Secretary in regard to communicating the report.

Mr. Trumbull further urged the reference of the resolution denying that the report in question should be spoken of as a record and testimony against General Payne, when it was nothing of the kind, and made without his knowledge. He was the last person to scream any one, but protested against this sort of prosecution as injurious and unjust to an individual.

On motion of Mr. Lane, of Indiana, the Senate here went into Executive session, and after remaining a short time there, the doors were again opened.

The President *pro tem* laid before the Senate a communication from the President of the United States, in reply to Mr. Sumner's resolution requesting any information in the Department of State concerning any proposition or overture recently made by British subjects in aid of the rebellion. It embraces correspondence between Mr. Parker, of England, and Mr. Seward, as well as Mr. Adams, our Minister to England, and Mr. Seward, relative to the so-called peace address, signed by three hundred and fifty thousand persons in Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Sumner, the communication and accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

The Senate adjourned till Monday next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported back the joint resolution amendatory of the internal Revenue bill, relative to the tax on sugar. [The terms of this resolution were published on Wednesday.]

Mr. Brooks, thought further time should be allowed for consideration. The subject was an important one, and he wished to know what the committee proposed to do in relation to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury to tax leaf tobacco. He asked the Treasury tax of one or two cents on segars, as the only sure mode of obtaining revenue. Frauds and smuggling would otherwise be committed.

Mr. Stevens pointed out the large frauds committed upon the revenue by false returns, and said the bill was designed to remedy the evil. He believed that nine-tenths of cigars manufactured, which should pay a duty of $18 per thousand, were only paying $3.

The subject was further discussed in a desultory way by Messrs. Davis, Brooks, Kasson and Myers, after which, the resolution, on motion of Mr. Stevens, was made the special order for Monday next.

The various branches of the President's message were referred to the appropriate committees.

Messages were received from the President recommending votes of thanks to Captain Winslow and Lieut. Cushing, the former for the destruction of the Alabama by the Kearsarge and the latter for the destruction of the rebel ram Albemarle, the action being required to enable the President to advance the officer named one grade in the service.

Mr. Hascock reported the bill introduced by him last session to drop from the rolls the names of unemployed officers of the army, and moved its recommitment to the Military committee, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Schenck asked unanimous consent to offer a resolution instructing the Committee on Military affairs, to inquire into the expediency of so amending the naturalization laws that persons who have left their country to escape the draft or have deserted after being drafted, to avoid military services, shall be required to pass through the same term of probation, and comply with the same regulations as prescribed for aliens. Adopted.

Mr. Fernando Wood offered a resolution that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 6th section of the act relating to commercial intercourse between the loyal and insurrectionary States—adopted. The section referred to relates to the appointment of commercial agents.

Mr. Yeaman moved that the bill reported by him yesterday, to restore the civil law of the United States in certain States should be re-ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary instead of the Committee on Military Affairs, which was agreed to. The bill provides that whenever a Government, republican in form and compatible with the Union and Constitution of the United States shall be established by the people or administered as it existed on the 6th of November, 1860, in any State now or since that day not represented in Congress, such State shall in all matters be held and treated as a State of the Union and its government guaranteed.

The second section provides that in the organization or administration of any government in any such State, no person shall be entitled to vote except citizens having the qualifications presented by the laws thereof in force on the 6th of November, 1860. The third section provides that no law or usage of such State shall abridge the right of freedom of any person adjudged to be so entitled by a court of competent jurisdiction by virtue of any law of the United States or any proclamation of the President. The fourth section remits questions relating to the status of persons and rights of property to the Courts.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

THE CONVENTION OF THE CIGAR AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS.

Some three thousand persons connected with the cigar and tobacco trade were yesterday assembled at the Cooper Institute, for the purpose of devising measures to effect a modification of the Tax law.

The Convention organized at ten o'clock in the forenoon by nominating Mr. Joseph Hall temporary chairman. Mr. John F. Lee was appointed Secretary, whereupon the credentials of the various delegates were presented. A committee on organization was appointed, composed of the following members: T. M. Brown, of Connecticut; Henry Switzer, of Massachusette; David Campbell, of New Jersey; D. H. McAlpin, of New York; Mr. Tellhausen, of District of Columbia; F. H. Housey, of Missouri; Wm. H. Nassau, of Pennsylvania; W. S. Houthon, of Rhode Island, G. W. Gail, of Maryland; G. Schott, of Ohio.

Delegations were present from the following organizations:

Cigar packers of New York, Cigar Makers' Protective Union of New York, German journeymen cigar makers of New York.

Cigar manufacturers and dealers of Poughkeepsie.

Manufacturers and growers and dealers in tobacco of Broome county.

Manufacturers, dealers, jobbers and planters of tobacco of Egg Harbor city.

St. Louis Cigar Makers and Tobacconists' Society, St. Louis.

Cigar, tobacco and snuff manufacturers and dealers of Philadelphia.

Cigar, snuff and tobacco manufacturers of Boston.

Tobacco dealers of Baltimore.

Manufacturers and dealers in cigars and tobacco in the District of Columbia.

German New York Central Organization of Cigar Manufacturers.

Cigar manufacturers and dealers of Trenton.

Mr. Wm. Lawrence was elected permanent President of the Convention, and as Vice Presidents the following gentlemen were elected:—F. W. Tellhausen, District of Columbia; Joseph Hall, Hy. Bush, New York; Wm. H. Nessau, Pennsylvania; David Campbell, W. A. Brenzinghofer, New Jersey; J. W. Crane, Charles E. Mangol, D. Yager, G. W. Gail, Maryland; Samuel Segly, Massachusetts; Jas. Gallagher, Connecticut; August Schott, Henry Otten, Ohio; W. T. Hunboon, Rhode Island. Messrs. Edward Burke and A. R. Fougherty were appointed Secretaries.

On motion, a committee on resolutions was appointed, composed of the following members:—A. S. Bonn, Baltimore; W. A. Brenzinghofer, New Jersey; Mr. McAlpin, New York; Mr. Schrader, Pennsylvania; Joseph Wellhaus, G. W. Gail, Baltimore; Daniel Campbell, F. M. Brown, Thomas Hare, Edward Harris, Boston, F. H. Buse, St. Louis; Peter Lorillard, New York; W. H. Nassau and M. Grimm, of St. Louis, and a resolution was passed that all resolutions shall be referred to the above committee.

A paper, to be submitted to Congress, was read by Mr. Burk, which was referred to the committee on resolutions. The paper to be published.

A committee of one from each State was appointed to effect a permanent organization, which is to be located in New York. This committee was composed of the following members: D. H. McAlpin, of New York; James Gallager, of Connecticut; Valentine Grimm, of Missouri; Daniel Campbell, of New Jersey; A. R. Fougherty, of Pennsylvania; W. S Hunton, of Rhode Island; B. F. Parlett, of Maryland, and G. H. Switzer, of Massachusetts.

This organization is to be called the Central Tobacco and Segar Manufacturer's Association.

The Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to day.

During the evening a meeting took place at the Astor House, where the leading members of the Convention had a supper.

Among the persons present were several government officials, among others Messrs. Schaffer and Harney, government inspectors, Mr. Steinbrenner, the assessor; the officers of the Convention, Mr. Hoyt, the tobacconist; Mr. Crawford, Mr. Rash, the President of the German manufacturers; Mr. Moores, Mr. Hinton, of Providence, and others. After supper several toasts touching the tobacco interest were offered and responded to.

Among the statistics presented in Mr. Burke's paper, which was submitted to a long debate, mention was made of the fact that during the past year not less than 429,390,710 pounds of tobacco were produced in this country.—*N. Y. Herald.*

☞ About one hundred and fifty vessels are now in Boston harbor, and more than half are now on the way there from different parts of the world, mostly laden with large and valuable freights. Cargoes from India and distant Pacific ports, as large as those of 1864, have not been received there for many years.

☞ The money stolen from the banks at St. Albans by the raiders is still detained by the Canadian authorities, and freely displayed in court and elsewhere. Its owners begin to fear it will be stolen again, and this time beyond any hope of recovery.

☞ The ploughmakers of the Northwest had a convention at Chicago last week, at which it was resolved to advance the price of ploughs twenty per cent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Sunday School Teachers' Convention.—The Convention recommenced yesterday morning at half past nine o'clock. A half hour was devoted to religious exercises, after which the Convention proceeded with the regular business. The attendance of ladies was unusually large, and the proceedings of the morning were listened to with great attention. Rev. George P. Hays submitted a resolution, providing for the appointment of five delegates to attend the Sunday School Conventions held in sister States, and to report at the next Sunday School Convention. The resolution was adopted and the committee appointed.

A call was made for a report of the success attending the meetings of the Sunday Schools held on Wednesday afternoon. The report was a most satisfactory one.

The order of the day was next called, being a statement from the different Superintendents as to the method of conducting their Sunday Schools. The statements expressed were exceedingly interesting, and a great amount of valuable information in the way of conducting the schools was obtained.

The afternoon session was chiefly occupied by the discussion of the question of continuing the country Sunday Schools during the winter months and the best method for the retention of the older and grown scholars in Sunday Schools. The questions were largely discussed, and appeared to be fraught with considerable good.

At night a free interchange of sentiment, occupying the attention of the Convention for one hour and a half, took place in the main hall of the Church, after which the Convention adjourned sine die.

Supposed Spy.—A young man named Thos. Musgrave, was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Camden street railway depot, by a Government detective, on suspicion of being a bounty jumper or deserter. He was conducted to the Central Police Station, and upon searching him, papers were found showing that he was a resident of New Castle, Del., and enlisted as a private in Capt. Clements' (rebel) Battery, Baltimore Artillery, on the 9th of October, 1862. Musgrave states that he has served in the rebel army since the date above mentioned, and came through the lines for the purpose of visiting his home, and after remaining there a few days, it was his intention to return South upon a blockade runner. He was detained at the station-house and will be turned over to Colonel Woolley this morning. Upon his person there was found a well written journal of events, which have come within his observation while in the rebel army. It is a curious and interesting document.

Property Sales.—Adreon & Co, auctioneers, yesterday sold at auction that valuable and superbly constructed mansion, on the southwest corner of Fayette and Paca streets, to Jacob H. Taylor, Esq., for the sum of $75,750 in fee. The mansion fronts 48 feet on Fayette street, and has a depth of one hundred and forty-four feet. The house is a three story brown stone front, with a three story back building, constructed of the best materials, and one of the most desirable residences in Baltimore. The property was owned by the late Edward Williams.

Col. Samuel H. Grover, auctioneer, sold at auction yesterday, a three story dwelling with store attached, on Lombard street, near the Centre market. It was purchased by Mr. John Relly, for the sum of $500.

Champion Billiard Match.—An interesting game of billiards will be played to-night at the Franklin Hall, Mr. Andrew Bowen, proprietor, corner of Baltimore and South sts., between Mr. Frank Parker, of Chicago, and the Baltimore champion, Mr. J. W. Kirtley, for $500, the game to be the American Carom, 1,000 points. The game will prove the most interesting one that has been witnessed in this city in many years. During next week a tournament, in which the most skillful players of the city will engage, will be held at the above hall.

Award of Contracts.—Capt. Gilman, on Wednesday last, awarded the following contracts: A. Baker, N. York, 60,000 pounds of Beans, 4¾ cents per pound; 50,000 pounds at 5 cents per pound; 20,000 pounds at 5¼ cents per pound. A Groveman, 75,000 pounds Hosp at $12.60 per hundred. W. H. Morton, 60 barrels of Rye Whisky, $3,75 per gallon, cash. D. M. Barbour, 30 barrels Bourbon Whisky, $3.75 per gallon, cash. Pommarist & McCally, 30 barrels of Miller's Whisky, $3,92 per gallon, cash.

Collection of Fees and Licenses.—The following State dinnerr and fees have been collected by James D. Lowry, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, from June 1st, 1864, to November 30th, 1864: Traders $3,747 81; Trader's Liquor $451 62; Ordinaries $161.67; Oyster House $8 820 02; Peddlers $1,345 45; Auctioneers $261 67; Non Residents $1,475 00; Billiard Table $141.67; Exhibitions $12 00; Hucksters' Fees $100 00; Excess of Fees $332.21; 1,054 Marriages, $4,216 00; Total $21,398 02

National Union League—The National Union Leagues of America will hold their annual meeting in the city of Washington on the 14th instant, and it is probable that the attendance of delegates will be large. In this body Maryland has seven votes. The Great Council of the Union League in this State will be represented in the Convention by the following staunch Union men:—Franklin Stoples, William Schnauffer, John Dakehart, T. A. Cunningham, William Silverwood, James Young and Dr. James Armitage.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.—The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, was celebrated yesterday in the Catholic Churches throughout the world. It is a festival holy of the Catholic Church. The feast is a double of the first class and the vestments worn on the occasion were white, which will be worn every day during the octave, which lasts eight days, except on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th.

False Pretences.—John P. Jones, colored, was arrested yesterday, charged with obtaining, under false pretences, a horse, the property of John P. Jones, a white man. A letter, containing an order for the horse, addressed to the latter person, was obtained from the accused, who represented himself as the proper owner of the animal, and obtained possession of the property. Justice Spiker released Jones, colored, for a further hearing.

Sudden Death.—Yesterday morning, Mrs Helena Bean, aged 43 years, quitted her house, No. 147 Wolf street, for the purpose of taising her husband's dinner to him at his place of business on Fleet street. She had not proceeded far from her residence when she became faint and fell to the pavement. She was removed to her home where she expired. Dr. Dwinelle was called in and gave as his opinion that she died from an affection of the heart.

Committed to the Fort.—J. Wilson, claiming to be a rebel deserter, was sent to the office of Col. Woolley yesterday, for a hearing.—The Colonel being satisfied that Wilson was a rebel soldier, ordered him to be confined in Fort McHenry as a prisoner of war.

Ordered Back.—A refugee, named Cornelius Stephenson, was arrested yesterday, charged with failing to report at the proper headquarters, after entering the Union lines. Gen. Wallace has ordered him to return from whence he came. He was taken South yesterday.

Sudden Death.—Edward J. Peters, known through out the city for a score of years as a Justice of the Peace, died suddenly on Wednesday night at his residence, No. 53 Lexington street, from an attack of apoplexy. The deceased was advanced in years, and for a long time was scarcely able to walk.

Disregarding the Powder Law.—Jacob Johnson, charged with selling gunpowder, in violation of the law recently proclaimed by the military authorities, was arrested yesterday, and locked up in the military prison for trial.

Rebel Deserters.—John Johnson and Edward Rich, rebel deserters appeared at the office of Colonel Woolley on yesterday, and claimed protection under the amnesty act of the President. They took the oath of allegiance and were released.

Banished from the State.—George E. Layton, Daniel Hamelett, Octavis Davies, and Jeremiah Artis, arrested a few days since on the charge of being rebels, have been banished from the State, and ordered to reside north of Pennsylvania during the war.

A Refugee Boy.—Henry Spillman, a boy, claiming to be a refugee from the South, appeared at the office of Col. Woolley yesterday and took the oath of allegiance, after which he was released.

Sentence of a Rebel.—Howard Davis, whose arrest has been mentioned, has been sentenced to hard labor at Fort Dix until the war shall have ended, and to have a chain and ball attached to his leg during his confinement.

Selling Liquor to Soldiers.—Levi Stanley and Wm Johnson, charged with selling liquor to soldiers, were arrested on yesterday and committed to the military prison for trial.

☞ Garroting still flourishes in London. Lately a Frenchman, named Jules Petit, was garroted near Leicester Square, and robbed of nearly £600 which he had in his pockets. He was left for dead by the ruffians, with only three halfpence in his pockets. The proceeds of the robbery he could ill afford the money the poor young man had in the world, and was the produce of some property he had sold prior to going over to Havre to be married.

☞ In a speech in New Orleans, recently, Jacob Barker mentioned incidentally that when Robert Fulton's machinery for the first steamboat came from the manufactory in England to New York, it was consigned to him, and that it actually remained in his commission warehouse six months before the money could be raised to pay the charges of importation.

☞ A REAL SPY.—The son of ex-Gov. Cooper, of Delaware, was recently convicted of being a rebel spy. The President commuted his sentence to imprisonment for life, and it is stated he has been sent to the Albany penitentiary.

☞ Brig Emma Dean arrived in New York from Matamoras, confirms the arrival of the privateer Semmes at Matamoras, on the 10th November, and passed into Texas en route to Richmond.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Hidden Hand.—This highly interesting drama, dramatized by Mr. Harry Watkins will be presented at the Holliday Street Theatre to-night. This drama was performed at Ford's Theatre, Washington, one night last week, and witnessed by Mrs. Southworth, the author of the story. She complimented Mr. Watkins in a letter, stating that his version of the story was the best she had ever witnessed. Mrs. Watkins will sustain the character of Capitola, and Mr. W. that of the faithful Wool.

Front Street Theatre.—This evening the tragedy of "The Plebian's Daughter, or a Father's Vengeance," will be presented at the above theatre, for the benefit of Miss Virginia Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan will sustain the character of Odin, and his accomplished daughter that of Hilda. The Plebian's Daughter has met with great success in other cities.

The Institute.—Mr. John Dunier, the accomplished rope walker and stilt performer, will appear to-night in a series of his thrilling scenes. The panorama of the Kenton War will also be exhibited.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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

The trial of John Osborn, charged with having on the 6th of June last, killed his wife by striking her on the head with an axe, was set for three hours yesterday, but was postponed and discharged until Monday next.—It will be remembered that the evidence before the jury of inquest in this case was to the effect that the accused discovered his wife in illicit intercourse with a man named Peter Sheardon; that the husband killed his wife and inflicted severe injuries upon Sheardon.—The latter, since the murder, has quitted the city, and was the only witness for the State.

William Quright, indicted upon the charge of stealing a horse, buggy and harness, the property of J. S. Balgier, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Tried before the Court, and held sub curia.

Charles Herrold, charged with assault, was admitted to bail in the sum of $500, George Hurst becoming his bondsman.

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

George Willis, Jos. Revel vs. Ellen Sheppard and Thomas Jones, action for bad sold and delivered. Case tried before Court by consent of counsel. Judgment for plaintiff for $222

John J. Howes vs. Joseph Walker. Removed case from Baltimore county, action for damages against former Sheriff of Baltimore county. Judgment *si non pros.*

Elizabeth Voline vs. George Bremmer, Geo. Peppler. Judgment for plaintiff for $500 damages

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

Dalrymple vs. The Baltimore Marine Insurance Company. Before reported. Not concluded.

The jury, with the exception of those on the special panel, were finally discharged.

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

Thomas P. Summers vs. Mary A. Aydelotte, a lunatic. The Court passed an order appointing a committee to provide for her.

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

Letters testamentary were granted on the estate of John O. Ely to Wm. Ely.

The wills of Wm. Graham, John Stansbury and Charlotte Evans were admitted to probate.

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TOWSONTOWN, Dec. 8, 1864.

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

The jury in the case of the State vs. Hamilton R. Griffith, indicted for having a nuisance upon his premises, (before reported) brought in a verdict of guilty; not centenced. R. J. Gittings, Esq., for defence.

State vs. Hiram Cole, indicted for inspecting firewood without license, in violation of an Act of the Assembly, passed February 5th, 1864, to regulate the inspecting and vending of firewood in Baltimore County. Tried before the Court. Adjudged guilty; fined $200 and costs, said fine being the amount laid down by the Act of the Legislature. R. J. Gittings, Esq., assisting the State; R. R. Harrison, Esq., for defence.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Frederick Pinckney, Esq., who has served for about forty years as Deputy State's Attorney of the Baltimore Court, has resigned the office. R.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.]

TOWSONTOWN, Dec. 8, 1864.

The funeral of Dr. E. R. Tildings, which took place here to-day, was very largely attended. Besides a large number of relatives and friends it was attended by the members of Ridgely Encampment and Towson Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member.

The Odd Fellows met at their hall, and proceeded (under the marshalship of Mr. John Vanhorn,) to the residence of the deceased. The remains of the deceased were removed from his late residence to Trinity Church, followed by a large concourse of relatives and friends and the members of the fraternity of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased was a member.

After the services were concluded at the church, the remains were conveyed to Greenmount Cemetery. Wm. S Keech, Esq., chaplain, conducted the services of the "Odd Fellows" at the Cemetery. W B K.

Dickens and Sala.—Mr. Dickens, the proprietor of All the Year Round, and Mr. Sala, now in this country, who has been for some time writing a story for it, have recently had a controversy. Some time ago a break occurred between the periods of the arrival of the instalments of the tale. A similar break having occurred a second time, the conductor became irritated at the delay, and commissioned Mr. Halliday to finish the story thus interrupted. Mr. Halliday accepted the commission and published some two or three chapters. In the meantime Mr. Sala has sent over some more manuscript, which of course cannot be published, and a lawsuit is anticipated.

REBEL DESERTERS.—As the winter season advances the number of rebel deserters coming into our lines increases. The mail boat which arrived here this morning from City Point brought up sixty, of which number 14 were of Virginia regiments, 14 of North Carolina, 7 of Alabama, 7 of South Carolina, and 6 of Florida regiments, the remainder being unassigned conscripts, who state that the rebel authorities are vigorously enforcing the conscription law throughout the South.—*Wash. Star.*

☞ A gentleman in Chicago, who is poor and keeps "bachelor's hall", has been detected in filching sugar from the tables of eating houses in that city. He gave his name as George Parker, and offered as an excuse for what he had done that he "made his coffee at home and wanted a little sugar." He is evidently not in a needy condition, yet much have taken at different times, as now appears, of not pounds of sugar. He was allowed to depart on payment of a sufficient sum to cover the value.

☞ A tunnel was discovered at the conscript camp in New Haven, on the 25th ult., leading from the guard house toward the outside of the camp. The tunnel was 50 feet long and about the circumference of a flour barrel.

☞ The first Quaker that has been drafted in Portland, was accepted on Tuesday. He made no outcast demonstrations of reluctance to being arrayed in blue, and was sent to camp without a murmur of disapproval.

☞ Some engines at London have succeeded by scientific operations in giving sight to persons born blind. There are touching descriptions of the surprise and confusion to these to whom the world is first opened.

Tax total amount paid by the city of New York, on account of claims arising out of the riots in June 1863, up to November 29th ult., was $1,814,828 81. The outstanding claims will probably amount to $400,000.

☞ A fearful storm raged in Scotland lately. An immense amount of damage was done. In some places there were floods which carried off great quantities of property; in others there were a serious loss of life.

☞ A school of mines has been started at Columbia college, New York. Scientific men are in no regard to minerals and the art of working mines will be taught, and three years will constitute the course.

☞ The New York colored orphans, whose asylum was destroyed by the mob in 1863, had a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner from the citizens.

☞ Richmond papers have discovered that Sherman has flagrantly violated the rules of military etiquette. Sherman will feel badly about it.

☞ For the first time in a great many years, grapes have ripened well in the open air at Quebec this year.

☞ A young girl in an English village tried to drown herself because her mother refused to let her go to a tea party.

☞ Laura Keene is performing at the St. Louis Theatre.

☞ The New Yorkers are getting their skating parks in order.

☞ A French church is to be erected in Chicago.

☞ The Connecticut river was frozen over at Hadley, Mass., on Thursday last.

MINIATURE ALMANAC FOR 1864.

DECEMBER.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	DECEMBER.	D.	H.	M.
5-Monday	7 21	4 39	New	26	4	23
6-Tuesday	7 21	4 39	First qr	6	2	43m
7-Wednesday	7 22	4 38	Full	13	2	17m
8-Thursday	7 22	4 38	Last qr	21	12	4m
9-Friday	7 23	4 37				
10-Saturday	7 23	4 37				
11-Sunday	7 23	4 37				

MARINE AFFAIRS.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, December 8, 1864.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Georgeanna, Pearson, from Old Point, Va—to M N Falls.

Steamer Juniata, Phillips, from Havre de Grace—to Jos Jas Taylor.

Steamer Henry L Gaw, Iler, from Philadelphia—mdse to J A Shriver.

CLEARED.

Steamer Georgeanna, Pearson, Old Point, Va.

Steamer Juniata, Phillips, Havre de Grace.

Steamer Fanny Cadwallader, Pierson, Philadelphia.

Steamer Henry L Gaw, Iler, Philadelphia.

ARRIVALS FROM BALTIMORE.

Bark Mary & Louisa, Jones, Philadelphia, 7th instant.

Brig John Freeman, Growell, New York, 6th inst.

Schr E S Twisden, Fisk, Boston, 6th inst.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Maggie V Hall, Haines, from Taltabon for Boston, put into Valparaiso Oct 20, leaky, and remained Nov 2.

Ship David Stewart, Prentiss, washing copper, cleared Philadelphia, 6th inst.

Ship Leocadia, (Brem) Wenke, from Rotterdam, arrived at New York, 7th inst.

Bark Cordova, (Br) for Caldera, (Chanaral and Carrizal,) Reeder, from Baltimore, remained at Valparaiso Nov 24.

Bark Flora, Warren, sailed from Port Spain, Trinidad, 14th ult, for Cay Verde.

Brig Chas V Williams, Thompson, cleared at Philadelphia, 6th inst, for Key West.

Brig Monticello, Moon, cleared from Boston, 5th inst for Port Royal, S C.

Schr Mayflower, Woodburn, sailed from St Thomas, 12th ult, for Baltimore.

Schr Allen Middleton, Jr, Ames, from Providence for Baltimore, sailed from Newport, 5th inst.

Schr E H Farber, from Boston for Washington, sailed from Holmes' Hole 6th.

Schr Fanny Keating, Rich, cleared from Boston for Fortress Monroe, 6th inst.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

MONEY AND STOCKS.

THURSDAY, December 8, 1864.

More business was transacted at the Stock Board than on any previous day this week, but the market closed unsettled.

United States '61 Bonds brought ¼ ₩ cent. advance, selling at $116, but Five-Twenties were dull, and ¼ lower. Railroad Securities, Bank Shares and Baltimore city Sixes ruled firm, the latter closing with an upward tendency. Mining Shares were extremely heavy, and nearly the whole left off lower. Gold sold at 211@241¼, some $65,000 changing hands.

SALE AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

Furnished by Leonard J. Tormey, Stock and Bill Broker, No. 22 South Street.

Dec. 8, 1864.

3,120	American Gold (large)		241¼
5,000	do do (large)		241¼
8,000	do do (large)	b10	241¼
7,000	do do (large)		241
2,000	do do (large)	s5	241
1,000	do do (large)	b5	241
5,000	do do (large)	b15	241
2 000	do do D.E.		241¼
1,000	do do (large)	b5	241¼
4,000	U. S. 6-20's		116
4,500	do do		116
1,000	U. S. 6's, '81		116
50	Maryland Firemen's Ins. Co		15
800	Baltimore City 6's, '75		119
1,500	do do do	'75	119¼
500	shares Pennsylvania Oil Co.	b20	95
500	do do do		95
500	shares Maryland Copper Co		75
3,500	shares Balto. Chrome,	b30	1.50
3 000	do do do		1.55
6 000	Western Maryland R. R. Bds		90
1,000	do do do		89¾
300	shares Laurel Coal and Oil Co	b30	5.50
600	do do do	b30	5.55
500	do do do	s30	5.50
200	do do do		5.50
250	shares Sagata Clara,	b30	1.50
250	shares Atlantic Coal Co		1.55
1,000	do do do		1.50

SECOND BOARD.

7,000	American Gold, (large)		241¼
2,000	do do (large)	b5	241¼
2,000	do do (large)	s5	241¼
5,000	do do (large)	s10	240¾
3,000	do do (large)	b5	241
5,000	do do (large)		241
16	shares Union Bank		75
25	shares Md. Fire In. Co		2.10
300	shares Bare Hill,		2.10
400	do do do	b30	2.15
400	do do do	b30	2.05
100	do do do		2.00
500	shares Atlantic Coal Co.	b30	1.50
500	shares Laurel Coal & Oil Co.	b30	5.50
200	do do do	b30	5.45

Prices of Stocks and Bonds in N. York, Dec. 8.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Through L. J. Tormey, Stock and Bill Broker, No. 22 South Street.

	1st B'd.	2d B'd.
United States 6's, 1881, Coupon	116¼	116¼
" " 5-20's	106¼	106¾
" " in currency	97¾	97¾
American Gold	242	241
Tennessee 6's	55	56
Virginia 6's		
North Carolina 6's	61	
Missouri 6's	64	64
Canton Company	34	34¾
Cumberland Coal and Iron Co.	4	4¼
Quicksilver	57¾