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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

38th Congress—2d Session.

WASHINGTON, January 10, 1865.

SENATE.—Mr. Grimes introduced a bill for the better organization of the pay department of the Navy. Referred to Naval Committee.

Mr. Dixon from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the memorial of the Franklin Insurance Company of Washington, reported a bill to extend and amend the charter of that Company. The bill gives an extension of twenty years, and authorizes an increase of capital to the amount of 250,000. It was at once passed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Adjutant General of the Army was directed to report to the Senate a complete list of all the Major and Brigadier Generals of the volunteer forces, and how and where such officers were employed on the 1st of January last:—and also a like list of all such officers of the regular Army, and their location and employment at the same date.

Mr. Wilson introduced a joint resolution to authorize and direct an inventory of articles in the Arsenals of the United States. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Buckalew introduced a bill to repeal the existing provisions of law for recruiting in the rebel States. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Saulsbury rose and said that before the holidays he had offered a resolution directing the Secretary of War to inform the Senate on what authority he had enlisted soldiers for thirty and ninety days in Delaware. The Senate had adopted that resolution, but the Secretary of War had not replied to it. He held that members of the Cabinet were bound to obey an order of the American Senate; and as Mr. Stanton was a member of the Cabinet and had not complied with the resolution, he desired to renew the call upon him.

The Vice President suggested the necessity of a new resolution, and Mr. Saulsbury submitted one asking for information as to such alleged enlistments, prior to Dec 23, or preceding the two last drafts in Delaware, and whether recruits were promised they should not be subject to draft, or to be required to serve out of the State.

Mr. Clark objected, and the resolution lies over.

Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported adversely on the bill to grant lands for a railroad and telegraph from Lake Superior to Puget's Sound. The report was agreed to.

Mr. Sumner said he had this morning intended to call up the joint resolution for giving notice for the termination of the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty with Great Britain, but the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. Howe, had appealed to him to defer it, as he desired further information for its discussion. He gave notice now that he should call it up tomorrow.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, reported back the Canadian and Mexican frontier appropriation bill for 1866, without amendment.

The bill being taken up, Mr. Hale said there was an important amendment to be proposed to the bill under consideration in the Committee of Commerce—that is the increase of the salaries of our consuls at Halifax and Nova Scotia, in regard to which they were awaiting answer to an inquiry made of the Secretary of State. He would therefore desire to have the bill postponed.

Mr. Sherman said that the matter of the increase of the salaries of our consuls generally had been considered at the last session, and decided against.

Mr. Hale explained that in consequence of Halifax being the great resort of blockade runners since the rebellion broke out, the centre of the Southern trade, the entries of the consul at that point and at Nova Scotia had now largely increased, requiring much vigilance and care. The salary was now only $7,000, out of which an assistant and expenses had to be paid. He thought it ought to be increased to $4 600. The government should not expect a gentleman to hold such a position as important a point on such a restricted income.

The bill was then postponed till Friday.

Mr. Fessenden reported back from the finance committee the bill making appropriations for deficiences of expenses for 1865, with amendments, and it was taken up.

The amendments of the committee, including one striking out the appropriation for increased compensation of the employees of Congress, were agreed to.

Mr. Harlan offered an amendment appropriating $6 000 to compensate ex-Gov. Jos. D. Wright, of Indiana, for his services as American Commissioner to the International Fair at Brussels, which elicited considerable debate, Messrs. Sumner, Sherman, Davis and others opposing it on the ground that Congress had, prior to the holding of the Fair, declined to appropriate money for the purpose, in view of the condition of the country. It was admitted, however, that Mr. Wright's services had been of advantage to the country, especially the agricultural interest.

The amendment was rejected.

An amendment was accepted appropriating $3,000 for a medal to Cornelius Vanderbilt, in accordance with the joint resolution of last session, for his present of a steamship to the Government.

The bill was then passed.

Mr. Wilson, from the Military Committee, reported back the House bill to extend to civilians in the Government employ the benefits of the Asylum for the Insane, in the District of Columbia. Such persons are to be admitted on order of the Secretary of War, the same as persons in the army and navy.—The bill was considered and passed.

On motion of Mr. Foster, the bill for the relief of Alex J. Atocha was taken up and passed. It relates to a claim upon the treaty with Mexico, for about $200,000.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to authorize the appointment for one year at a salary of $3,000, of a second assistant Secretary of War. Referred to the Military Committee.

The Senate went into executive session, and shortly after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. Kernan introduced a resolution directing the committee on Military Affairs to report what legislation, if any, is necessary to secure to persons arrested and imprisoned by military authority a prompt examination into the causes of their arrest, and their discharge if no cause for their detention exists, and insuring to them, if such cause exists, a speedy trial.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Senate resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, abolishing slavery.

Mr. Rawson, of Iowa, replied to the remarks of Mr. Mallory of Kentucky, delivered yesterday. He said that new habits had been brought to bear in favor of the adoption of the amendment. The Baltimore Convention of last June challenged the entire nation to its consideration, by declaring that the best interests of the country required that it shall be adopted; and when the gentleman's friends assembled at Chicago they did not dare to take up the issue, and presented no counter statement.

He found sufficient justification of the sound statesmanship of the proposition now pending in the testimony of our democratic fathers.—Democracy is obedience to the will of the people, constitutionally expressed, and a large majority of the people have spoken in favor of the constitutional amendment. The fundamental principle of the Constitution is the extension of civil and religious liberty.—At the very inception of the Government that subject of slavery was considered a legitimate subject of legislation. The uniform rule had been emancipation without compensation, and that the idea that a slave is property, as a horse or ass, is a modern heresy. This doctrine was unknown to our fathers and the judicial authorities, as administered in early times. Congress had a right to amend the Constitution, if it be done according to its provisions.

Another question to be considered was that of sound policy in making the amendment.—He proceeded to show that it was politic, and that the doctrine of State rights could not stand in the way. He denied the modern theory that the Constitution is a compact between States. It was the work of the people of the United States to form a more perfect union; and not a compact between sovereign States. It took away from the States certain rights, that of coining money, and forming alliances and vested them in the general Government.

Mr. Voorhees called the attention of Mr. Kasson to the fact that a Republican Convention had passed a resolution denying the right of Congress to interfere with slavery in the States.

Mr. Kasson admitted that such a declaration had been made, but now, by amending the Constitution, it was proposed to lay the foundation for such interference.

Mr. Cox conceded the power to amend the Constitution, and that two-thirds of the States could even erect a monarchy. He was opposed to the pending amendment, because it would consolidate power and had a tendency to monarchy and despotism.

Mr. Kasson desired to know if the gentleman was afraid to trust the people to pass upon it.

Mr. Cox—I would give them the opportunity, if I did not believe——

Mr. Kasson—That they would adopt it.

Mr. Cox said he would afford them the opportunity if he did not believe it would tend to disturb the balance of power between the States, and destroy our peculiar representative system.

Mr. Kasson said that modern democracy distrusts the intellects of the people, while the old democracy in which he was raised, trusted them. The proposition now before the House does not appeal to the war power, but to the people in the manner prescribed by the Constitution itself.

Mr. Fernando Wood spoke at some length against the amendment. He did not believe democratic members should go counter to their convictions because the evil was inevitable. Nor did he know that the passage of the amendment was inevitable. The next Congress might hold different opinions from what was anticipated. By the time it met, slavery might have ceased to exist, even if passed; the measure will not have the effect of freeing a single slave.

The President's proclamation had freed none, and was, as he himself had characterized it, as ineffectual as the Pope's bull against the comet. The rebel States would put their strength into any amendment of the Constitution. Slaves would only be freed by the triumphant march of our armies, and then would remain free only so long as the territory was occupied. He admitted that it might be politic to fail in what the people desired, but for his part he would continue as he had always done, to speak and vote his honest convictions. The gentleman from Kentucky had raised the question, what was to be done with the freed slaves? Wendell Phillips had thrown some light on it, and shown that it was proposed to build up a superior race by a large infusion of African blood. He did not believe in negro equality. We might overrun the territory of the South, and devastate their territory, but we could not abrogate the laws of God. He then proceeded to argue that African character reached its highest development in a state of servitude.

He alluded to the condition of native Africans, and contended that slavery was an instrument in the hands of God to benefit that people. Even admitting that slavery was an evil, there was a still greater evil—the destruction and ruin of the entire country—which would follow the passage of this amendment. He should vote against it, because it was not within the power of Congress to adopt it; because it was unwise and impolitic; because it was another wedge to widen the breach between the Northern and Southern people; because he wanted to remove every obstacle to a return of the seceded States. He argued that it would be found impossible to subjugate the South, and in favor of conciliation. He closed with an eloquent and earnest invocation for peace.

Mr. Eldridge, of Wisconsin, spoke briefly against the resolutions, and in favor of the rights of States to regulate their institutions in their own way. The proposed amendment, he said, would disturb the balance of power. He was not satisfied that Congress had the power to pass such a measure. He regarded it as unjust for three-fourths of the States to legislate away the property of the other fourth. The adoption of the measure would tend to arouse the Southern people to renewed activity in raising armies and would tend to prolong the war. All amendments to the Constitution should be made in times of peace, and in fraternal kindness to all sections of the country.

Mr. King, of Missouri, spoke in favor of the resolution. If slavery, which has been the disturbing element for thirty years, was doomed to perish, the Southern people have no right to complain, for they have been the architects of their own ruin. If the sovereign citizens of Southern States are not here to attend to their own interests it is their own fault. He was in favor of removing the only discordant element in our Government, so that we might enjoy a permanent peace.

Mr. King proceeded to review the history of the slavery agitation from the time of Calhoun's attempt to unite the South on the tariff question, up to the secession of the Southern States.

Mr. Grinnell, of Iowa, was happy to find a gentleman from a slave State, and a slaveholder, (Mr. King,) advocating this amendment. He denied the right of property in man. His reading of the law and of God's word was against such theory. Slavery exists without law, and he hoped to see it wiped out by law, in the manner proposed by this resolution. The gentleman from New York (Mr. Wood) stood up in defence of those in rebellion, and denied that slavery had ruled the country. He could have asked that the gentleman had read less of, and written less for newspapers, and studied more American history. He then proceeded to review the history of slavery, and the influence it had exerted upon the destinies of our country.

Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, discussed the question of property in man, and the rights of slaveholders. He said there could be no rights dearer than the rights of a man to his life, liberty, and the society of his family, of which slavery robbed a portion of our fellow men.

Mr. McBride, of Oregon, addressed the House in relation to the right of Congress to amend the Constitution, and the reasons why it should be done, and declaring that if the negro should prove worthy in time, he should not object to them having the right of suffrage.

The House then adjourned.

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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1-65.

SENATE.—All the Senators responded to their names to-day excepting Messrs. Davis, of Washington, Jones, of Kent, and Waters, of Somerset, and those who had not previously done so took the oath of office.

Mr. Turner, of Baltimore city, obtained leave to report a bill to incorporate the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore.

Mr. McMasters obtained leave to report a bill to incorporate the town of New Town, in Worcester county.

Mr. Clark, of Prince George's, gave notice of a motion to amend the rules of the Senate so as to appoint the standing committees of the Senate by the vote of a majority of the Senators present

Mr. Earle, of Queen Anne's county, offered an order for the appointment of a committee to superintend the arrangements necessary to carry out the provisions of the Constitution relating to the classification of Senators, and the determination of their respective terms by lot; which was adopted, and the President appointed Messrs. Earle, Billingslea and Carroll the committee.

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Mr. Silver, of Harford, presented a petition from the Commissioners of Harford county, in favor of repairing or rebuilding the jail of that county.

Mr. Anderson, of Washington, presented a petition from the Mayor and citizens of Hagerstown, for the passage of an act to authorize the levying of $35,000 to pay for the liabilities incurred by the Rebel Assessment of 1-64.

Mr. Pitzington, of Baltimore, presented a petition from the Charles Street Avenue Company for certain amendments to their charter, allowing them to increase their capital stock from $20 000 to $100,000, &c.

Mr. Harris, of Baltimore, presented a petition from Samuel M. Lawder, formerly a magistrate of Baltimore city, asking the refunding of certain fines imposed by the Criminal Court for receiving illegal fees.

Mr. Shoemaker, of Baltimore, presented a petition from the employees of the State Tobacco Warehouses for increase of compensation.

Mr. Lusby, of Baltimore county, presented the petition of J. F. Sharrats and others, of Baltimore, for the passage of an act granting bounty to volunteers.

Mr. Jamieson, of St. Mary's, presented a petition from citizens of that county asking that mileage be allowed to grand and petit jurors in that county.

Mr. Lee, of Baltimore, offered an order, which was adopted, instructing the Librarian to furnish each member with a copy of the Code of Laws.

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On motion of Mr. Bartol, of Baltimore, an order was adopted requiring that 1 000 copies of Governor Bradford's message be printed in German for the use of members.

Leave was granted to reported bills on the subjects named.

To Mr. King, of Baltimore county—To allow the Baltimore county delegation to introduce an act for the refinancing of the records of Baltimore county.

To Mr. Lusby, of Baltimore county—To allow the Committee on Ways and Means to report an act granting bounties to volunteers.

To Mr. Pilkington, of Baltimore city—Providing for the registration of vot ers.

To Mr. Anderson, of Washington—To allow the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to issue $35,000, and for other purposes.

To Mr. Hynes, of Baltimore—To incorporate the Canton Marine Railway Company of Baltimore city.

To Mr. Myles, of Baltimore city—To incorporate the Herring Run Railroad Company of Baltimore city.

To Mr. Brown, of Allegany—To make valid the acts of certain Justices of the Peace of Allegany county.

To Mr. Pilkington, of Baltimore city—To amend the act of incorporation of the Charles Street Avenue Company, and to allow the construction of a passenger railway on said avenue.

To Mr. Smith, of Frederick—To legalize all acts of the Commissioner of Frederick county in raising a loan to fill its quota of volunteers.

To Mr. Hoffman, of Baltimore county—To require the Commissioners of Baltimore county to levy a tax in aid of a loan for the purpose of providing bounties to volunteers under the last call for 300,000 men.

A bill reported by Mr. Miller, of Anne Arundel, providing for a special term of the Court of Appeals, commencing on the 24th instant, was passed, the rules being suspended for that purpose.

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Mr. Poteet, of Baltimore county, submitted a message to the Senate proposing that the returns of the late election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor be opened and counted at one o'clock, in the presence of both Houses, which was adopted. A message was received from the Senate concurring in the action of the House, and at the appointed hour the Senators appeared and took seats in the House.

Speaker Frazier said that in accordance with the Constitution of Maryland, he would now proceed to count the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, which was announced as follows:

The Speaker, on the conclusion of the count, announced that Hon. Thos. Swann had received 37,739 of the home vote, and 2,841 of the soldiers' vote for Governor, and Hon. E. F. Chambers 31,801 of the home vote and 267 of the soldiers' vote; Hon. C. C. Cox 37,998 of the home vote for Lieutenant Governor, and Hon. Thomas F. Bowie 31,871 of the home vote and 283 of the soldiers' vote for the same office, and that Messrs. Swann and Cox were respectively elected for the term of four years.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

AMUSEMENTS.

Enoch Arden—Another jam was experienced last night at the Holliday Street Theatre, and standing room again obtained. The attendance of the fair sex was exceedingly large, the greater portion of the parquette being occupied by them. The different artists engaged in the representation of Enoch Arden, received fresh laurels for their truthful conceptions, and at times the theatre echoed with the heartfelt applause of the delighted audience. The play is repeated to-night, but we have evidence last night that he is possessed of sufficient metal to constitute an excellent actor. The same bill will be presented to-night.

Cherry and Fairy Star.—Thursday night next will witness the last representation of this glorious spectacle, as it will be withdrawn from the play-bills on Saturday night. Notwithstanding the disagreeable character of the weather which has prevailed since the play was presented to the public, the attendance has been very large, and all who have witnessed the production have pronounced it the most substantial success that has ever attended a scenic play in this city.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

FIRST BRANCH, January 10, 1864.—James Young, Esq., President.

The bounty ordinance, which was under consideration when the Branch adjourned on Monday evening, was taken up, amended and passed.

A communication was received from Henry Tyson, Esq., President of the City Passenger Railway Company, giving a statement of the losses of the said road; referred. Also a communication from Wm. Schley, Esq., in relation to the relief of the city poor in the Mount Hope Hospital; referred.

Mr. Cox submitted a resolution in relation to the ownership of the Liberty engine-house; adopted.

Mr. Evans called up the resolution in relation to the Mayor and City Council, assuming sole control of the Police Department; adopted.

Several other resolutions of a minor character were presented and passed, after which the Branch adjourned.

SECOND BRANCH.—Daniel Harvey, Esq., President.

The resolution appropriating $600 to clean the walls of the new market-house hall on Broadway, was called up and passed, after which the Branch adjourned.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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

Frederick William Becker vs. Carrigunda Becker—petition for divorce *a vinculo matrimonii*.

Isabella V. Marian vs. Peter Marian—decree divorcing complainant *a vinculo matrimonii*.

Sarah J. Barrett vs. Daniel Barrett—decree divorcing complainant *a vinculo matrimonii*.

Andrew B. Cross and others vs. George W. Brown and others—decree ordering the conveyance of certain property to complainants.

Orphans' Court—Judge Todd.—A. M. Rogers, Esq., Deputy State's Attorney, prosecuting. The following business occupied the attention of this court on yesterday:

The only business transacted in this court yesterday was the transferring to Howard county the case of Geo. W. Fowler, indicted with Wm. Kemble and Wm. Smallwood on two indictments, one charging an aggravating assault upon David White. The court adjourned until Saturday.

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

Letters of administration were granted on the estate of Charles Henry Brown to Charles Brown.

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

The trial docket was called yesterday, when defaults, rules, and judgements were entered.

The trials by jury will commence on Monday next.

U. S. District Court.—There was no business transacted in this court yesterday.

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TOWSONTOWN, January 10, 1865.

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

Henry B. Lippey vs. Francis Shanabrock. An action of trespass—*quare clausum fregit*. It appears from the article of agreement that the said Lippey leased from the said Shanabrock a farm for the space of five years, (said farm being situated on the Belvidere six miles from the city,) and the action in the above case is for trespass by defendant upon said farm, by taking away hay from the premises in violation of the article of agreement. The defence is that the defendant had a right to said hay on account of rents and agreements which had been passed between said parties in reference to said article of agreement previous to the alleged trespass, &c.—The examination of witnesses and the argument of counsel before the jury in this case occupied the attention of the Court all day. Not concluded.

Wm. H. Gittings, Esq., for plaintiff. Wm. P. Preston, Esq., for defendant.

The Court adjourned until to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock.

☞An accident occurred on the Michigan Central Railroad, on Tuesday last, by which a mail agent named John Callahan was instantly killed. Two trains came in collision, and Callahan was wedged between two cars, which is supposed to have killed him instantly. This is not certain, however, for the cars were set on fire by the overturning of the stoves, the flames reached the body of Callahan before assistance could be rendered, and only a charred mass remained of the body when the fire ceased.

☞The Dallas (Oregon) Mountaineer says: "We learn of a shooting affair which came off at Walla-Walla, a few days ago, in which two brothers were the principals.—Five shots were exchanged, but fortunately neither of the parties to this unnatural affray was injured."

☞A letter received at Washington from General Sherman states that if he had been able to feed the negroes who desired to accompany him on his recent march through Georgia, he could have brought a hundred thousand away with him.

☞That gigantic piece of fireworks which was recently set off in the vicinity of Fort Fisher contained 320,000 pounds of powder, and its aggregate cost to the Government was slightly in excess of a quarter of a million of dollars.

☞Upon careful calculation, it is estimated that President Lincoln, in the two hours of his levee, on Monday, shook hands with about seven thousand persons, men, women and children of all ages, rank and races.

☞A cavalry force, from General Sheridan's army, visited the neighborhood of Upperville and Middleburg, and destroyed and carried away a large amount of property.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Finale of the Trunk Mystery.—The female, Maria Louisa Linder, was it will be remembered by our readers, was connected with the late trunk mystery, has been tried in Norfolk, and sentenced to pay a fine of $500 and be imprisoned two years at hard labor.—She stated during the trial that the soldier had cut a small hole in the trunk, through which he gained his breath by means of a pipe-stem, and that when she entered the room in the boarding house on Watson street in this city, she locked the door and kicked the trunk, exclaiming, "Now, Johnny, you are all right" Receiving no answer, she opened the trunk and discovered that Freeborn was dead. We here quote her own language:

"I dropped the lid of the trunk, and "was crazy in my head." I saw a card on the mantel piece of the room, and I wrote the word "Chicago" on it, and rang immediately for a servant. He got me a hackman and I told him I wanted to get right away to Chicago. He said he would take me to the Calvert street station for two dollars. I told him I would give him that, and handed him a five dollar bill, when as gave me back three dollars. He put the trunk behind the carriage, and when we got to the depot he asked me if I wanted it checked; I told him yes. He said, "Go and get your ticket and I will get it checked for you" I was scared almost to death; I never felt so funny before in my life. I wanted it found out and I hadn't the heart to tell any one. I went to get my ticket, and instead of doing so I walked up the street; I do not know what made me, but I couldn't help it. I saw a policeman coming down on me and I wanted to tell him, but I did not know how. I walked the streets all night; no one said anything to me, and I did not say a word to any one. The next morning I heard some say something about a trunk, and I thanked God that it had been found out. I walked through the streets during all the morning, and finally I felt so bad that I went and told on myself. This was all done upon the moment. I was perfectly crazy after I found out that the soldier was dead."

There is no doubt whatever that the woman is in a state of intense misery. Her opinion, from the moment of her first examination in this city, has been that she would be hung.—But as a matter of course, it was not a case of murder. On the part of the man it was voluntary death; on that of the woman it was aiding and abetting desertion. The fact of the man having died does not alter the punishment which is due the woman. Had she have gotten even to Chicago with her burden, and at that city the affair to have been discovered, she would have been returned to Norfolk, and her punishment would not have been a whit different.

The Control of the Police Department.—In the First Branch of the City Council, last evening, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That a joint special committee be appointed of three members, in conjunction with the President of each Branch and his Honor the Mayor, to request the members from Baltimore city in both branches of the Legislature of this State to enact such laws as will endeavor to secure the passage of a law to invest in the Mayor and City Council the power of controlling the Police Department entirely.

Mr. Cox, member from the 13th ward, opposed the passage of the resolution, remarking that when the Mayor and City Council had charge of the police, they (the police) assumed entire control of all elections, and that since the introduction of the present system, the elections have been conducted in an orderly and just manner, and he feared that if the power was again vested in the Mayor and City Council the fearful scenes of the past would be revived.

Mr. Evans, member from the 6th ward, was of a different opinion. He feared no such results. It was his opinion that a better day of morality was now being observed in the conduct of elections. The world favor of the Mayor and City Council controlling the police force, as it is paid by the city. To strengthen his argument, he asked if the residents of the counties would be willing for the City Council of Baltimore to pass laws for the government of the counties.

A Bold Robbery.—Shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon, the boldest robbery of the age was perpetrated on Baltimore street, in front of the Adams Express office. A youth by the name of Myers, a clerk in the store of Myer & Bro., fruit dealers, No. 112 Lombard street, had been entrusted with several packages of money amounting to upwards of $10,000, for deposit in one of the city banks. He placed packages in his outside coat pockets, and as he was passing the Express office, he discovered that one package was being abstracted from one of his pockets. Instantly turning around, he encountered a man by his side, and naturally concluded that the man had stolen the money. The man denied the charge, and in a moment a large crowd of persons had collected about the man and boy. Detective officer Houck, who was standing on the corner of Calvert and Baltimore streets, hastened to the spot and arrested the man, and conducted him to the office of Marshal Carmichael. The accused at first observed a sullen silence, and refused to give his name, occupation or place of residence. He afterwards stated that his name was James Curtis, and that he was a resident of Chicago, but further than this the prisoner would not communicate. He was conducted to the Central Station house and locked up for a hearing. The package taken from the boy amounted to upwards of $2,700, one of the notes being for $1,000, and the others for $500, and $1 bills. When the boy secured Curtis of having stolen the money, a third party interfered and stated to the boy that Curtis was not the guilty party. He then moved off, and was lost sight of in the crowd.

The City Passenger Railway.—In the First Branch of the City Council last evening, the following communication was read and referred to the Committee on the City Passenger Railway:

To the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore:

Gentlemen:—The unprecedented advance in the cost of labor, materials and horse feed, continue further to embarrass the operations of this company.

During the last six months its receipts have failed to the short of current working expenses.

The interest of the city of Baltimore, in maintaining in proper condition its system of passenger railway, prompts the company again to call upon your honorable body to co-operate with it in effecting measures to obtain the necessary relief.

Very respectfully submitted,

HENRY TYSON,
President Balt. City Pas. R. R. Co.

A Noble Proposition.—Manager Kunkel, of the Front Street Theatre, upon learning of the destitute condition of the families of the unfortunate men who were killed on Saturday last on Holliday street, has tendered to them a complimentary benefit, to take place to-morrow afternoon. The company attached to the theatre have nobly seconded Mr. Kunkel in his praiseworthy offer, and will give their services gratuitously. The families alluded to are in a distressing situation, and we earnestly hope that the proposition of the worthy manager of the Front will be handsomely answered by our philanthropic citizens. The beautiful scenic play of Cherry and Fair Star, and other attractions, will be presented on the occasion alluded to.

Fight at a Ball.—On Monday night a masquerade ball was held at the New Assembly Rooms, and everything passed off in a pleasant manner until midnight, when a party of drunken rowdies engaged in a fight, and for several moments considerable excitement was experienced among the ladies. The rioters composed of their ruffian and revilers, and had it not been for the prompt interference of the police, a serious affray would have been witnessed. Thos. F. Burns, Paul Dairey, Jos. Hughes and Samuel Jones were arrested and taken to the Central Police Station, and were confined until yesterday morning, when Justice Spicer committed them to jail.

The Rowdy Ordinance.—In the First Branch of the City Council last evening, this stubborn question was disposed of. The section giving to volunteers for one year $150, two years, $225, and for three years $350, was stricken out, and the blank filled with $300 for one year's volunteers. The objection for not making provision for two and three years volunteers was that volunteers for these terms would not be credited on the present call, for succeeding calls. The ordinances will be called up in the second branch to day, and no doubt will pass.

Robbing Substitutes.—For several weeks past a system of robbery has been perpetrated upon substitutes who have been forwarded from this city to City Point, by the guard who took them on their way. On yesterday morning thirty-five men belonging to the 22d company, 21 battalion, veteran corps, were brought to this city from City Point by orders of General Grant, charged with having on several occasions robbed substitutes who had been placed under their charge. The accused were locked up in the city jail for a hearing.

Destruction.—Lewis Metz, residing on Bethel street, was arrested on Monday night, on the charge of threatening to kill his wife and children, and with breaking the dishes that had been placed upon the table. Metz, upon entering his house on Monday evening, became chagrined because his wife had stepped out for a few moments, and when she returned he overturned the table, broke several chairs, and finally attempted to kill his wife and a little daughter with a chair. He was committed to jail by Justice Whalen.

A Dangerous Beast.—A man calling himself Wm. Wilson was arrested in the Eastern section of the city on Monday night, charged with being drunk and asserting that he was the Captain of a guerilla band that recently made a raid on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and destroyed a train of cars. He was locked up in the Eastern station house until yesterday morning, when he was handed over to Col. Woolley.

Assault and Robbery—George Bowers was arrested on Monday night on the charge of being accessory to the assault and robbery of John T. Rote on the night of the 17th of November last, in Mosher's lager beer saloon, on the Belair road.

Justice Spicer committed the accused for a further hearing.

The Public School Board—At the weekly meeting of the Public School Commissioners last evening, the following business was transacted:—Bills to the amount of $5 796 36 were referred by the committee on accounts, and ordered to be paid. Free admissions to the number of 46, with 2 transfers, were reported. Miss E Ireland, as principal of Male Primary No. 2, and Miss E. A. Wilson, as an assistant in Female Grammar School No. 16, were elected; while Miss Slattery was nominated by Mr. Plummer as an assistant in Male Primary No. 13. Applications for positions as teachers were received from Misses Laura A. Love and Maggie M. Sewell, the latter desiring to be reinstated as principal of Female Primary No. 17, which position she resigned three months ago; these were filed. The resignation of Miss Mary C. Roche, assistant teacher in Male Primary No. 13, was read and accepted. An amendment to the 11th section of article 21 of the Rules, was offered by Mr. Eaton—that no subscription nor contribution for any purpose whatever shall be introduced into any public school, nor shall there be allowed any exhibition for money in the same, by any of the members thereof. It lays on the table under the rules. An application from Miss Frances Rittenburg to be received into one of the High Schools, in order to the completion of her education, the having but recently removed from Syracuse, New York, was presented and referred to the committee on High Schools, with power to act. The Board adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon.

Lectures on Chemistry.—A course of lectures on the Chemistry of the four elements—fire, earth, air and water, will be delivered during the winter, at the Maryland Institute, by Prof. W. E. A. Aiken, Swann lecturer on applied chemistry. The lectures will be given in the Chemical Hall of the Institute, on Friday evening in each week, beginning on Friday evening next. These lectures will prove a grand treat to persons fond of such matters.

Accidental Fire.—Shortly before 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the boot and shoe store of Pierre Thomas, No. 5 South Gay street, was discovered to be on fire. The flames, however, were suppressed by the members of Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, before much damage had been sustained. It is thought that the fire was caused by Mr. Thomas throwing a lighted match upon a pile of waste paper on Monday night when he locked up the store.

Election of Officers.—The Third Ward Mutual Exemption Club No. 1, have elected the following officers:—Samuel M. Evans, President; F. H. Flaherty, Vice President; George W. Gibson, Treasurer; Benjamin McCormick, Recording Secretary; John Henderson, Financial Secretary.

Stealing Government Property.—Frederick Eitzell, residing No. 42 Lombard street, was arrested yesterday morning charged with stealing several bushels of corn, the property of the government. The accused was locked up for the consideration of Col. Woolley.

Took the Oath.—S. S. Dawson, arrested November 1st, charged with disloyalty, was released from the city jail yesterday, upon taking the oath of allegiance and giving bond in the sum of $2,000 for his future good behavior.

Beating a Female.—George Armicost was arrested at a late hour on Monday night on the charge of beating Nelly Wood, residing at No. 68 East street. The accused was fined $1 and costs by Justice Spicer.

Absconding Seamen.—John Gilley, colored, was arrested on Monday night, charged with being an absconding seaman. He was locked up in the Eastern police station-house for a hearing.

Beating.—P. D. Riley was arrested yesterday, charged with beating John Callahan.—The accused was released on security for court by Justice McKinley.

Locked Up.—James Malley, was arrested yesterday, charged with selling liquor to soldiers. James was locked up in the military prison for a hearing.

Common Pleas.—There was no business transacted in this Court yesterday; the trial docket will be called this morning.

Aiding Desertion.—George Bawyer was arrested yesterday, charged with aiding soldiers to desert. He was locked up for a hearing.

☞The Chicago Times is of the opinion that the failure of the Wilmington Torpedo was because it was exploded in the water. Instead of communicating the shock directly to the shore, it was weakened and wasted by the yielding character of the water. Had the same amount been exploded at the same distance on earth which communicated with the fort, it is probable that its destructive effects would have been apparent.

☞Gen. Thomas has been appointed Major General in the Regular Army, vice John C. Fremont, resigned, to date from December 15, the day of his great victory over Hood. The appointment is said to have been made at the request of Gen. Grant. Brevet Maj. Gen. Crook has been made full Major General of Volunteers.

MARINE AFFAIRS.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, January 10, 1865.

ARRIVED.

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

CLEARED.

Steamer Adelaide, Cannon, Old Point.

Brig Romance, Navassa—in tow of Fiona.

ARRIVALS FROM BALTIMORE.

Schr Wm. Slocomb, Wass, Boston, 5th inst.

Schr Ida A. Jayne, Corbett, Philadelphia.

Schr Wm Arthur, Loring, Portland, 7th.

MEMORANDA.

Schr Whitney Long, Hayes, hence for Portsmouth, N. H., arrived at New York 9th instant.

Schr Sea Nymph, Conner, hence for Port Morris, arrived at New York 9th inst.