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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

38th Congress—2d Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.

SENATE.—Mr. Willey presented a remonstrance from citizens of Alexandria, Va., against the substitution of a Territorial for the present loyal State government, as petitioned for by some parties recently. They say such substitution would subject loyal and Union loving citizens to vexatious annoyances, and discouraged hopes of restoration which those who knew the secret opinions of the people of Virginia, declare to exist. He also presented a like petition from citizens of Loudoun county, Va. Referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Sumner presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Boston, setting forth that 160 to 200 millions were due to parties in the North from persons in the rebel States—therefore praying the postponement of the pending bankrupt bill until such time as Northern creditors may have the opportunity to negotiate with their debtors. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Cowan presented a petition from the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, in favor of a tax on the tonnage of vessels, for the support of lighthouses and buoys. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howard presented a petition from Gen. Hammond, the late Surgeon General, setting forth that he had been deprived of his commission unjustly, and asking the Senate not to confirm his successor until some points in his case shall be re-investigated. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lane, of Indiana, presented a petition of the Western Associated Press, praying the repeal of the duty on printing paper. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Willey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported on the memorial of the House of the Friendless and its bill to the establishment of a House of Refuge, asking to be discharged from their further consideration. So discharged.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on the Library, reported the resolution appointing General Delafield to the Regent of the Smithsonian Institution in place of General Joseph G. Totten, and it was passed.

Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to regulate the management of captured and abandoned property in rebel States, and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

This bill directs the President to appoint a Board of five persons who shall have the management of abandoned rebel lands, or lands forfeited for non-payment of taxes, make regulations for leasing them, and employ freedmen, and sell captured or abandoned personal property. The doings of each member in every transaction must be recorded, and the regulations, subject to approval by the President, be published in a proclamation. Any member of the Board directly or indirectly concerned in dealings not relating to matters with which they are charged, shall be subject to a fine of $1,000. All traffic is utterly forbidden during the war, beyond the military lines, and all permits for such purposes are annulled. A detailed quarterly report must be published in at least one newspaper in each State. The Board shall also render a quarterly account of transactions and money received to the Treasurer of the United States. Three of the Board are competent to act.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, the Secretary of the Interior was directed to communicate to the Senate the expense of all projects in the District in the years 1863 and 1864, and the number of prisoners supported.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Secretary of War was directed to send to the Senate the original or copies of all rolls of those persons enlisted in the military service in Maryland, who were slaves at the time of their enlistment.

Mr. Wilson called up the bill directing the Secretary of War to make a strict inspection of the Quartermaster's Department.

Mr. Hale moved to amend to require the Secretary of the Navy to furnish an inventory of all property in the several naval stores.

The amendment was adopted and the resolution passed.

Mr. Morrill called up the bill to incorporate the Baltimore and Washington Railroad and Potomac Ferry Company.

Mr. Sumner offered an amendment, as a proviso to the first section, that "No person shall be excluded from any car on account of color"—which was agreed to—Yeas 24, nays 6—the nays being Messrs. Davis, Hendricks, Powell, Richardson, Biddle and Saulsbury.

Mr. Sumner reported the House joint resolution terminating the Treaty of 1817, and offering a substitute, preceded by a preamble declaring that the President, by proclamation of November 23, 1864, has proceeded to give the required notice.

That the notice given by the President of the United States to the Government of Great Britain and Ireland, to terminate the treaty of 1817, regulating the naval force upon the Lakes, is hereby ratified, and if the same had been authorized by Congress.

Mr. Trumbull introduced a bill to amend the judicial system of the United States. He said that the amount of business accumulating before the Supreme Court of the United States was so great as to work a practical denial of justice, and it was necessary that a change should be made affording a mode of relief. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Collamer called up the House bill to amend the act for carrying mails to foreign parts, and by which periodicals, magazines, and exchanges are put on the same footing of newspapers going from an office of publication, one copy each, to bona fide subscribers, and it was passed.

Mr. Morrill also called up the bill relative to clerkships in the Post Office Department. It authorizing the appointment of a chief clerk to each of the three Assistant Postmaster-Generals, and two clerks of class 3, two clerks of class 2, and five clerks of class 1. It also requires all unclaimed money found in dead letters, and money derived from sales of waste paper, &c., to be deposited in the United States Treasury, and makes it a felony for any one having temporary custody of such not to so deposit it, with the penalty of a fine not exceeding double the amount retained, or imprisonment not exceeding three years, or both, at the discretion of the Court. The bill was passed.

The Senate went into Executive Session and shortly after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. Sloan offered a resolution directing the Committee of Ways and Means to report a bill increasing the duties 33⅓ per cent.

Mr. Stevens had no objection to an inquiry, but was opposed to making the instruction direct. He objected to the resolution in its present form.

Mr. Schenck introduced a resolution making an inquiry of the Secretary of War in regard to the preparation of a full army register.

Mr. Windom offered the following:

Whereas, It is believed and alleged by many persons that the troubles in which the United States are involved with various Indian tribes, are the result of an unwise Indian policy, and of fraudulent dealings with said Indians by the whites; and whereas, an investigation of these facts may enable the Government to adopt a better policy, and also to correct any abuses that may exist; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to investigate, so far as they may deem necessary, all dealings and transactions of the Government, through its agents or officers, with said Indians, and that said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Holman, of Indiana, introduced a bill donating public lands to States and Territories, to the extent of 30,000 acres for each Senator, Representative or Delegate for the purpose of founding homes for disabled soldiers and seamen, and for the education of the orphans of deceased soldiers and seamen.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the bill relative to the increase in the duty on tobacco. It provides that after the 1st of July, 1865, there shall be levied, collected, and paid on all manufactured and leaf tobacco, tobacco stems, and scraps of tobacco produced in the United States a tax of 20 cents per pound; and on all leaf tobacco known as strips, and of like production, 20 cents per pound; and on all manufactured and leaf tobacco, tobacco stems, and scraps of tobacco produced in the United States, after the said date, a tax of 20 cents per pound.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the Army appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1866—also the Indian appropriation bill. The Army bill appropriates five hundred and eleven million of dollars. The Navy appropriation bill reported yesterday calls for $65,875,740.

The House resumed the consideration of Mr. Ashley's bill for the reconstruction of rebellious States.

Mr. Eliot, of Massachusetts, stated at some length his objections to Mr. Ashley's bill, and proposed a substitute for it before.

Mr. Wilson moved the postponement of the further consideration of the bill until two weeks from to-morrow.

Mr. Davis, of Maryland, said that would be equivalent to a defeat of the bill.

The motion of Mr. Wilson was agreed to—yeas 113, nays 34.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and considered the West Point Military Academy bill.

On motion of Mr. Blaine, the clause which forbids the re-admission of deficient cadets except upon recommendation of the Military Board, was so amended as to permit the Secretary of War to restore such cadets to the privileges of the Academy.

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House.

The Committee then took up the Civil Appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1866.

Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, moved an amendment, making an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the purpose of removing the unsightly fence erected in the Old Hall.

The amendment of Mr. Schenck was not agreed to.

The Committee rose pending the consideration of the bill.

The House passed the Military Academy bill.

The House adjourned.

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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 17.

SENATE.—Present, Lieut.-Gov. Cox, President, and 23 Senators.

On motion of Mr. Ohr, a message was sent to the House of Delegates, proposing the appointment of a joint special committee to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the General Assembly on the death of the Hon. Edward Everett. The President appointed the following committee on the part of the Senate:—Messrs. Ohr, Carroll and Mantz.

The Chair laid before the Senate testimony in relation to the contested seat of the Senator for Howard county.—*Referred.*

Leave to Report Bills.—Mr. McNeal, of Talbot, obtained leave to report a bill for the better regulation of the fees at present accorded by law to the clerks of the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore. Mr. Toone obtained leave to report a bill to amend the charter of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad Company, passed in 1852, chapter 320. By Mr. Ohr, to report bills in compliance with the requirements of section 41, article 3. Also to report bills providing for the registration of births, deaths and marriages.

The bill to amend the charter of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore was passed.

Measurement of Property.—Mr. Billingslea, of Carroll, offered an order that a special committee of three be appointed consisting of one from the Eastern Shore counties, one from the Western counties, and one from the city of Baltimore, to take into consideration the propriety of a measurement of the real and personal property of the State, which was adopted, and the chair appointed Messrs. Billingslea, McMasters and Turner.

The Senate went into executive session, and confirmed the appointments made by the Governor during the recess, with a few exceptions, which were laid over.

Classification of Senators.—The hour having arrived for considering the order of the day, being the classification of Senators, the President appointed Messrs. Earle and Tomlinson, who, upon drawing the ballots, announced the following result:

The counties which drew the four years term are as follows: Caroline, Harford, Somerset, Howard, Baltimore county, Cecil, Frederick, Carroll, Washington, Dorchester, Calvert and Kent.

The counties which drew the two years term are as follows: Allegany, Queen Anne's, Prince George's, Charles, Worcester, St. Mary's, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Talbot, and the first, second and third legislative districts of Baltimore city.

It was ordered that when the Senate adjourns to-morrow, it stand adjourned until Monday.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.—Hon. John M. Frazier, Speaker, and 77 delegates.

The chair appointed John M. Dean a committee clerk, in place of T. H. W. Lamdin, resigned.

Petitions Presented.—By Mr. Poteet, from Caleb Taylor and others, of Baltimore county, for a change in the game laws; referred. A petition was presented from P. T. Kenny, of Anne Arundel county, asking compensation for slaves emancipated under the new constitution. A number of other petitions were presented, asking for unconstitutional acts, and also the usual number from public officers of the State asking an increase of fees.

[At this point a dispatch was read announcing the capture of Fort Fisher by assault.]

Leave Obtained to Report Bills.—By Mr. Faunt, prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors in the vicinity of the Soldiers' Home on the day of election; referred to a select committee. By Mr. McCauley, to incorporate the McCullough Iron Company of Cecil county. By Mr. Sherry, to incorporate the Lincoln Coal and Iron Company. By Mr. Wooden, to authorize the justices of the peace of the several counties and the city of Baltimore to charge mileage when required to leave their respective offices to take acknowledgements of deeds and all other instruments.

On motion of Mr. King, leave was granted the committee on elections to report a bill authorizing the commissioners of the several counties within the State to locate, alter or change the place of holding elections in the election districts or townships in their respective counties.

On motion of Mr. Rider, leave was granted a select committee of five to report a bill to provide for removing county seats, and changing county lines and boundaries. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Rider, Markey, Shaw, Watkins and McCullough, said committee.

A message was received from the Senate proposing the appointment of a joint committee to prepare resolutions in relation to the death of Edward Everett, which was concurred in, and the chair appointed Messrs. Piper, Lurby, Markey and Smith, of Allegany, on the part of the House.

Mr. McCauley, chairman of the special committee upon the subject, made a report distributing the various subjects in the new Constitution requiring legislation, and also the various subjects in the Governor's message, to appropriate committees—which was adopted.

Bills Reported.—By Mr. Anderson, chairman Committee of Judiciary, to amend the general laws in relation to the publication of laws, which was read a second and third time and passed.

[The law provides that every public act to take effect June first, and which is required to be published, shall be published at the expense of the State, and every public local act shall be published at the expense of the county or city authorities, &c.]

The House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

☞ There has been quite a little tempest at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, during the past week, resulting out of a reduction of the wages of the employees in some of the departments. The painters have been cut down seventy-five cents per day, and the coppersmiths in like proportion. The workmen do not take kindly to the reduction, and have ventured to protest to the authorities at Washington. They have sent a special messenger to look after their interests, but the result of his mission has not yet been disclosed.

☞ Almost throughout Africa there is some superstition connected with sneezing. In Senaar, courtiers turn the back and slap the right thigh. Old authors tell us that when the "King of Monomotapa" sneezed it became a national concern. Those nearest the royal person howled salutation, which was taken up by the ante-chamber; and, when the horrid cry had run through the palace, it was re-echoed by the whole city.

☞ At the Theatre Royal, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a Herr Tolmeque has been giving performances of the Davenport brothers, successfully performing all of their so-called spiritual manifestations, even to the production of the ghostly hands, at which the natives are much delighted—for to be mystified by a pair of Yankees was "very laticerable and not to be endured."

☞ The President has promoted Brevet-Major General Godfrey Weitzel to a full Major-Generalship, at the suggestion of Gen. Grant and Secretary Stanton. This may, perhaps, be taken as an indication that General Weitzel does not rest under the censure of the authorities for his share in the late Fort Fisher business.

☞ Archbishop McCloskey, of New York, is at once to open subscriptions for the completion of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral in that city, which is designed to be the most costly and the most beautiful church in the United States, exceeding even the magnificent Philadelphia Cathedral.

☞ Mr. Murdoch read in Boston, the other evening, Whittier's new poem, "The Battle of John De Mahn," which will appear in the next Atlantic. The story can be read in Mrs. Jameson's Legends of the Monastic Orders.

☞ A French theatrical manager has addressed Dickens in regard to his poem of "Mazeppa," which the Merkin is playing in London. The manager's idea of English literature is rather confused.

☞ The Auditor's Report shows that the State of Ohio has furnished two hundred and eleven thousand soldiers and marines—five hundred died in service, and 16,500 were disabled.

☞ The expedition sent from Cape Girardeau to Cherokee Bayou, Arkansas, under Lieut. Rehne, a few days since, killed sixteen guerillas, and captured a number of prisoners and fifty horses.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Report of the Water Department.—From the annual report of the Water Department, we find that during the past year 1,296 new supplies, at various rates, were made for dwellings, &c., the rent being $10,683; for building purposes, 72, at an aggregate of $681.43; 13 public baths, 102 private baths, 47 water closets, 60 hose, 236 hydrants, 12 urinals, 197 cows, 3 extra families, yielding $1,344; 606 special supplies for steam engines and factories, &c., $7,188; and 29 increased rates, $572, making a total of $19,694.43. The amount charged to the Engineer's account for use of water for hospitals and camps paid by United States Government, $3,811, 15,464 for transports, $134 75; received from street sprinklers, $453 25; water boats, $151 66; and miscellaneous, $47.71; together with an amount for new supplies, $10,907.63, making a total of $16,997 60. There have been stopped, by orders from the Registrar, 861 supplies; resumed, 474; drawn, 182; and replaced, 119 fixtures; abatements were made of $11,553.21; $2,836 of which was from duplicating the rents of houses fronting on two streets in 1862. The collectable bills last year was $212,462 27, of which there was collected $194,480 47, less discount.

The new high service main from Mount Royal Reservoir, has been finished to the new gatehouse, and now all the high points elevated 300 feet above tide around the city have an abundance of water. With the single exception of a portion of the residents at Canton, to supply whom a main of 3,000 feet will be laid as speedily as possible, all our citizens have within reach water supplied by the works. The mains have been extended east Decker street in the northwestern section so as to supply those residing south of the Cattle Show Grounds, as also to a part of the Canton grounds lying on the Joppa road and East avenue, besides other sections of the city. 182 new buildings being added to be taxed the present year. The expenditures in the Engineer's Department were as follows:—Distributing mains, $62,492 09; repairs, $4,197 73; plumbing department, $14,882 14; Swan Lake, $1 846 23; Hampden Reservoir, $262 40; Mount Royal do., $569; fire plugs, (of which there have been erected 84 new ones, making a total of 615, in the city,) $5,133 54; pumps, (601 repaired,) $2 619 41; salaries and office expenses, $3,351 17; Lake Chapman, $90,333 02, and repairs of mills, $60 10, making a total of $162,856 22.

The number of feet of pipe laid was 56,361 from 1½ to 20 inches, making a total with previous years of 633 628 feet, or 119¾ miles, of which 34,000 is 20 inches, 21,681 20 inches, and 6,980 18 inch. The work of constructing Lake Chapman has steadily progressed during the year, but unforeseen difficulties have been presented in the great depth necessary to obtain a good foundation for the puddle ditch, which is 30 feet wide, as also encountering rock in the excavation for the lake, both having the tendency to retard the labor and increase the amount thereof. About 65,000 cubic yards of earth have been excavated and placed in the foundation of the dams. To facilitate the work another locomotive has been engaged, and it is designed to lay an additional railway track so as to keep the excavator constantly employed. To make the dam more secure a bonded wall five feet high has been commenced on the crest of the ravine. When completed and filled the lake will show a waterring surface of 55 acres, the greatest length being 3 200 feet, width 900 feet; greatest depth 91 feet, and at its upper end, within the Park enclosure, 20 feet—the surface water when full being 217 feet above tide.

The Military Commission.—This tribunal, Major General McCook President, and Major Lord Judge Advocate, has been regularly in session at its rooms, No. 32 Lexington street. It was engaged all last Monday on the case of Edward R. Rich, which was commenced some days ago. He is a son of the late Doctor Rich, of Baltimore, and went over some years ago and joined the rebel army. The charges against him are for being a rebel spy and conveying munitions of war to the lines of the United States. Quite a number of witnesses in the case were examined *pro* and *con*. The accused had no counsel. As he is a young man of education and talent, he chose to make his own defence, which, after hearing several witnesses, was read yesterday by himself before the Commission. He stated he came over for the purpose of availing himself of the President's amnesty proclamation; that he deserted from the rebel army to return home obedient thereto, take the oath of allegiance, and become a good and true citizen of the country he had so thoughtlessly and foolishly forsaken, under an excitement at the time making more to do as he had unguardedly done. He wholly disclaimed having any design whatever of acting as a spy, and most solemnly declared his purity of intention in deserting the rebel cause.

There were passages in his defense quite eloquent and touching. The Commission, after a very deliberating space then took up the evidence in the case of Thomas Watson, charged with stealing an anxiety to give the prisoner a fair chance, and every benefit he could desire, after due deliberation, rendered its verdict, which will be sent to headquarters for final decision.

The case of Ebenezer Walston, a young man of Worcester county, Md., charged with sedition and an attempt to enlist in the United States soldier, also with entering the house of a Union citizen, breaking things, &c., and with threatening to kill a colored soldier, was brought up for trial yesterday morning. All the testimony upon the part of the government was heard, when the trial was postponed to procure important witnesses upon the part of the defense. John Wills and J. P. Hammitt, Esqs., are his counsel. A young man named Robert Smith, from the same place, alleged to have been in company with Walston, charged with the same offense, was next brought up for trial. He pleaded guilty to part of the indictment in so far as he was in company with the party who committed the alleged depredations; that his object was not to do harm, but, on the contrary, to prevent others from violating the law or perpetrating wrongful acts. His case will be up again to day. John Wills and T. P. Hammitt, Esqs., are his counsel.

The City Jail.—The annual report of the Board of Visitors to the City Jail shows that the expenses of the prisoners of the institution have been $36,652 02. The approximate payments made during the last year, together with the large collections made by the Warden, not only enables them to meet all obligations, but left in hand at the close of the year a cash balance of $2 332 47; a claim against the United States of $3 116 31 for the maintenance of political and other prisoners, and bank-note and stock valued at $905. During the year the Warden paid for flour per barrel $12 000; bacon, per pound 21 cts; molasses per gallon 95 cents; codfish per pound 5 cents; and coal per ton $9 25. The report concludes as follows: "The library for the use of the prisoners has been in successful operation, and during the past year many of them have availed themselves of its benefits. The religious services in the chapel, for the benefit of the prisoners, have been regularly continued on Sunday afternoons, under the management of a committee of the Maryland Tract Society, O. S. Griffith, Esq., chairman, assisted by clergymen of various denominations, and also by the choirs of Christ and Monument Street Methodist and Second Presbyterian Churches, and others, all of whom by their earnestness and the zeal they have manifested in the promotion of this good work, are entitled to our cordial appreciation and hearty thanks.

A Difference.—We stated yesterday that an accident had occurred on the Western Maryland Railroad, involving a loss of $5 000. From Mr. P. H. Irvin, President of the road, we learn that the matter had been misrepresented. The truth is, that an axle of a car on the freight train south, broke in rounding a curve a short distance west of Finksburg, partially throwing from the track seven cars loaded with flour, four barrels of which were slightly injured, the injury to the cars will not exceed $200; the track was cleared early in the evening, and the freight trains went through the same night. The passenger train was delayed about two hours. We cheerfully make the above correction, as the article yesterday had a tendency of damaging the reputation of the road.

Accident Insurance.—It is thought that the ordinance providing for a bounty to volunteers, under the last call for troops, will go into effect to day, or to-morrow at the farthest. But three weeks remain of the time previous to the day named for the draft, and it will require prompt action on the part of the various wards to enable them to fill their quotas. The enlistment brokers in this State and Delaware will be required to renew their licenses, as it is learned at the City Hall from Browne, Acting Provost Marshal, that these heretofore issued will expire on the 20th inst.

Stealing Postage Stamps.—Charles Johnson, a colored boy, was arrested yesterday morning, charged with stealing postage stamps from the office of Mr. Gilbert Jones, corner of St. Paul and Fayette streets. The second had been employed by Mr. Gilbert, who has missed postage stamps for several weeks past, and yesterday a trap was set for the boy Johnson, and he pocketed them upon entering the office. Justice Spicer committed him to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Cutting Affray.—M. J. Gordon was arrested on Monday night, charged with severely cutting James Cullen, residing at No. 740 German street. The accused was committed to jail for trial. The affray transpired between 10 and 11 o'clock, in a tight house of ill-fame, opposite the Cathedral, and adjoining buildings. Cullen was horribly cut about the face, and will bear the marks made by the knife during life.

Charge Not Sustained.—Alexander Cunningham was arrested on Monday night, on the charge of having stolen eight slices, stolen T. McGee, corner of Caroline street and Fratt-st. He accused, for want of evidence to warrant his further detention, was released from custody by Justice Whalen.

Resignation and Appointment.—Mr. John H. Sauvely, having resigned his position as Captain of Police of the Western district, Mr. W. H. Cassell, late detective, has been selected by the Board of Police Commissioners to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cassell is an excellent officer, and his promotion will meet with universal satisfaction.

Removal of Office.—For the more convenient transaction of business, Col. Newport, Chief Quartermaster of this Depot, has found it necessary to take possession of the building on South Gay street, adjoining the First National Bank, and facing North this and within the past few days his office has been removed to this building, front room, second story. The third story is occupied by the auditor and clerks more particularly appertaining to his department. The back room of the second story is devoted to the use of the cashier. The rooms in the second story of the National Bank building are retained in use by the department. Capt. A. M. Cumming, Assistant Quartermaster, in charge of the Transportation Department, is eligibly located on this floor, room No. 2, and the opposite room, No. 1, is occupied by Captain Henry Bowman, A. Q. M., a recent appointee, vice Captain B. H. Dunn, A. Q. M., relieved and ordered to report at Boston, Mass. The railroad department, G. W. Knowles auditor, and employing a large corps of clerks, may also be found in this building. The desk of the purchase clerk, Mr. C. H. Beach, is in the room occupied by Col. Newport.

A doorway has been opened, affording easy passage between the buildings, on the second story, and it is thought the present arrangement will greatly conduce to the prompt and rapid transaction of business, as well as to the health and comfort of the officers and clerks, the department having heretofore been very much crippled for want of room.

The transportation department has always been especially laborious, but under its energetic management the requirements of the service have always been promptly met—Captain Cumming is materially assisted in his duties by his intelligent chief clerk, Mr. M. G. Cohen, whose experience has been derived from long continued service in the department. The increasing daily arrivals of furloughed soldiers requiring transportation to their homes augment the duties of the transportation office, but the men are forwarded without delay, a fact which is due to an earnest desire on the part of Captain Cumming and his subordinates to accommodate the soldier and fulfill the demands of the Government.

The fourth story of the building, occupied by Chief Quartermaster, is used for court martial purposes.

Accident in a City Car.—Yesterday morning as one of the Charles street avenue cars was rounding the corner of Lexington and North streets, it collided with a dray, the shafts of which pierced one of the windows and severely injured a young lady on the interior, the shafts entering the dining room, where her injuries were dressed by Doctor James Hall, who chanced to be passing at the time of the accident. The lady was in company with a bridal party at the time, and it was feared, from the quantity of blood which covered her fine lace garments, that the occasion would terminate in mourning rather than that of joy. After she had recovered from her fright, she was conveyed to her home in East Baltimore in a carriage.

Druid Hill Skating Pond.—There was upwards of one thousand ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, yesterday afternoon, enjoying themselves upon the beautiful Druid Hill Park. The ice is of the excellent condition, and the ladies enjoyed the sport amazingly. Several of them glided over the pond in a swift and graceful manner, and in many instances by their artful like movements put to blush their male companions. The ladies of our city have entered into the spirit of learning to skate very much more readily than the ladies of other places them on an equality with their sisters of the Northern cities.

Garroted.—Shortly after ten o'clock on Monday night Mr. James E. Roberts, while passing along Baltimore street, near Howard, was accosted by three men, who, after asking him a few questions, grasped him by the throat and garroted him till he fell. They then knocked him down and ran away. Shortly after the occurrence Mr. Roberts caused the arrest of one Charles Duncan, accusing him of being one of the garroters. Justice Meredith committed the accused to jail for court.

The Draft Convention.—This body held a meeting yesterday afternoon, to take into consideration the question of offering ward bounties in addition to that already offered by the City Council. Several resolutions were submitted, but the only one adopted was that of requesting the wards to place their bounties at $25. Take with the proposed bounty bill now before the Legislature, will make the sum of $625 for each recruit.

A Dishonest Guardian.—Certain developments have recently transpired which place a former guardian of the safety and property of our citizens in an unpleasant situation. The party referred to has been arrested and was detected in the act of forcibly entering a store in the rear of a Bank. As the matter has been referred to the Criminal Court for adjustment we refrain from giving the name of the accused party at present.

Banished.—Smith W. Floyd, a resident of Worcester county, Md., who was drafted under the call for nine month's soldiers, and deserted his home, surrendered himself yesterday to Colonel Welley. After a hearing of his case, the Colonel released him upon taking the oath of allegiance, and ordered him to reside North of Philadelphia during the war.

Serious Accident.—Shortly after 5 o'clock, on Monday afternoon, Henry Lancaster, a brakeman, employed at Locust Point, was dangerously injured by being jammed between two coal cars, which he was attempting to couple. He was conveyed to his residence in the western section of the city by his father.

Petty Theft.—Alverta Aikins, colored, was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing a pair of gold rings valued at $10, the property of Sarah White. Justice Johnson committed the accused to jail for the action of the Grand Jury.

Dedication of the Aged Men's Home.—This institution, situated on West Lexington street will be dedicated to-morrow morning. The Mayor and city council, and other distinguished gentlemen, will participate in the ceremonies.

Wife Beater.—Charles Gold mith was arrested on Monday night, charged with beating his wife. He was fined one dollar and costs by Justice Spicer, and committed to jail in default of payment.

Released.—Patrick McNiff, arrested December 19th, charged with aiding soldiers to desert, was released from the city jail yesterday by orders from General Wallace.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Streets of New York.—This sensation drama attracted to the Holliday Street Theatre last night a large audience, and the play was received with the liveliest satisfaction. The fire scene was a master effort, and was vociferously applauded. The drama is one of thrilling interest, and should be witnessed by those persons fond of the sensational.

Mazeppa.—Miss Kate Fisher was welcomed last night by another splendid audience. Her ideas relative to the conception of the character were admirably presented and gave unbounded satisfaction. Her fine Wandar is truly a wonder, and appears to be endowed with intelligence rarely witnessed in dumb animals. Mazeppa will be given again to-night. In addition to Mazeppa, Miss Fisher will appear in the highly amusing act of the stirring drama entitled "The Ride for Life." To-morrow night the French Spy and Mazeppa will be given.

Rive Boiby.—This beautiful and accomplished young lady gave her best Shakspearian reading to a Baltimore audience on Monday last, at the Maryland Institute, and was complimented by always numerous audiences of the *literati* of our city. Her rendering of reading was excellent, and gave the utmost pleasure. Her second reading will take place to-night.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

FIRST BRANCH, January 17, 1864.—James Young, Esq., President. There was no quorum present at this Branch yesterday afternoon.

SECOND BRANCH.—Daniel Harvey, Esq., President.—A communication was received from the City Commissioners stating that it will cost $600 to supply heating apparatus &c., for the Hollins street Market.

The resolution to allow the Northern Central Railway to change the grade of a street, &c., was called up, read and adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department submitted reports favorable to Augustus Hardy for permission to use of a frame stable. Also to allow James H. Wakely to enlarge a machine shop on his premises. Also, favorable to the petition of Abraham Cassell.

A resolution of inquiry addressed to the City Comptroller as to the probable cost of an illuminated clock, five feet in diameter, for the Broadway market hall, was adopted. Adjourned.

SEARCH FOR THE GAS HOLES, LOUISVILLE.—The Gulf Stone, destroyed by fire on the 11th instant, is one of the landmarks of Louisville, and the West. It is among the oldest buildings in the city, having been built as early as 1825, and has been noted from time immemorial as the best hotel in the West. Charles Dickens gave it high praise and reputation in his diary of his travels in this country, alluding to its air of luxuriance and cleanliness. Next to the Lindell House, at St. Louis, it was the largest hotel in the West. During the present war it has been the scene of many important and interesting events. In 1861 General Sherman, Buell, Anderson, and others made it their headquarters there. In September, 1862, General Jeff. C. Davis shot General William Nelson in the public hall of the building. Many not less interesting but less public scenes have been enacted here, not the least interesting of which were the conference with Secretary Cameron, which resulted in General Sherman's resignation from command in 1861, and the grand council of war which removed Gen. Buell from the same command in 1862. The house had just changed hands, Captain Silas Miller, who was the lessee last year, retiring in favor of Mrs. Benjamin J. Adams, the present lessee. The building was owned by a stock company.

A dispatch from Louisville mentions that the remains of two bodies were discovered after the fire.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Criminal Court.—Judge Bond.—A. M. Eugene, Esq., Deputy State's Attorney, presented.

The following business occupied the attention of this court yesterday:

The following bawdy house cases were heard yesterday: Selina Cotsburn, No. 6 South Caroline street; postponed until Monday next. Catherine Waite, colored, Granby street, also charged with renting a house to John Green for bawdy purposes; postponed until Monday next. Elizabeth Miller, No. 151 East Lombard street; tried by a jury and adjudged not guilty. John Capron; judgment of not guilty confessed by the State. Thomas McKersar, charged with renting a house to Elizabeth Brooks for bawdy purposes; pleaded guilty, fined $20 and costs. Francis McEwen, renting a house to George T. Elliott for bawdy purposes; pleaded guilty, fined $20 and costs. Mrs. Mary Moodie, renting a house to Jennie Smith for bawdy purposes; postponed until Monday next. Mary Barber, colored, keeping a bawdy house, No. 5 Hulf's lane; fined $10 and costs. Martha Schriner, renting said house to Mary Barber; postponed until Monday next. George Frey, keeping a bawdy house, No. 4 Hammond Alley; fined $50 and costs.

The following liquor cases were disposed of: John O. Imbert, selling liquor on Sunday to George J. Valkmar, fined $20 and costs, also to Henry Swing; stetted upon paying costs—John Warfield, fined on six different charges of peddling without a license, by Justice Shewacre; judgment reversed. Moses H. Weil, fined by Justice Hiss for selling a bagatelle table without a license; not heard and case postponed generally. The case of Gessner, the alleged forger, will be called this morning, and attachments will be issued for all absent witnesses.

Court of Common Pleas.—Before Judge King. The following business was transacted in this court on yesterday:

Philip Haller vs. Frederick Gabrio—appeal from Shewacre; dismissed.

Charles Dunn vs. F. Somerlott—appeal from Meredith; dismissed.

Martha Guinea vs. Francis McGee—appeal from Shewacre; dismissed.

E. Wilmore vs. Henry Mertz—appeal from Blake; dismissed.

John T. McAbee vs. R. F. Tabmar—appeal from Blake; dismissed.

Wm. Slade vs. Martin L. Hatcher—appeal from Forrester; judgment reversed.

Joseph Hagy vs. Henry Knell—appeal from Forrester; dismissed.

Assignment for to day from 156 to 166.

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

Catharine A. Hall, by her next friend, Oscar A. Hare, vs. W. Hall—decree passed directing the petitioner a *vinculo matrimonii* from the defendant, and committing to her guardianship her infant child, Ann Ford Hall.

Humphrey Moore vs. Reit & Turner—petition praying that the defendants may receive $250 held by the plaintiff.

Florence and others vs. Dolan and others—decree ordering the sale of a certain leasehold, and appointing S. Teackle Wallis and Edward O. Hinkley trustees.

Jas. Lee vs. Stanislaus Teofilo vs. Washington C. Lockerman—bill of complaint for a deed of land lying in Dorchester county.

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

The will of Peter Della Torre, formerly of California, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary were granted on his estate to Mary D. Torre. Letters of administration were granted on the estate of Catherine Brown to John K. Carroll, and administration *de bonis non* on the estate of Philip Wagner to Lewis Wagner.

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

The State, use of Hardesty, vs. Turner and others. Before reported. Verdict for the defendants.

The case of Horn, vs. the City, will be taken up to-day.

United States Circuit Court.—Before Judge Giles. The following business occupied the attention of the Court on yesterday:

The United States vs. John Wesley Wathins, late United States Marshal—before reported. Not concluded.

[Reported for the Baltimore Clipper.]

TOWSONTOWN, January 17, 1865.

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

State vs. Xavier Fiegelberger, indicted for an assault and battery, was taken on his own recognizance in the sum of $200, for the appearance.

State vs. Lewis Ziegler, indicted for keeping an ordinary without the proper recognizance; gave bail in the sum of $300 with Nicholas Klaus.

State vs. Herbert Blackstone, indicted for keeping an ordinary without the proper recognizance, as required by law; tried before the court. Adjudged not guilty. R. J. Gittings, Esq., for defence.

State vs. Wm Blackstone, indicted for the same offence. Plea of not guilty entered by the State's Attorney. R. J. Gittings, Esq., for defense.

Frank Bowman, indicted for larceny, was arraigned and plead not guilty. Bowman is the man shot by the tenant of Mr. Samuel Rankin, while he was in the act of committing the alleged larceny.

Adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

☞ Goldwin Smith's letters from this country have hit the mark straight as an arrow every time, for they have stirred up the ladies, the Civil Service Reformers, the rail bird, and to intimate that his dismissal from his professorship at Oxford might be required for the honor of the University.

MINIATURE ALMANAC FOR 1865.

JANUARY.	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon's Phases.
16-Monday	7 16	4 41	
17-Tuesday	7 15	4 42	JANUARY.
18-Wednesday	7 14	4 43	D. H. M.
19-Thursday	7 13	4 47	New 07 7 36m
20-Friday	7 12	4 48	First qr. 14 10 42m
21-Saturday	7 11	4 49	Full 21 5 59 e
22-Sunday	7 10	4 50	Last qr 29 9 36 e

MARINE AFFAIRS.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, January 17, 1865.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Louisiana, Porter, from Norfolk—to M. N. Falls. Reports off Sandy Point bark Adelaide, from Rio Janeiro, at anchor.

Bark P. C. Warwick, Chichester, from New York—ballast to Pendergast, Fenwick & Co.

CLEARED.

Steamer Louisiana, Porter, Norf