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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

38th Congress—2d Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1865.

SENATE.—Mr. Sumner presented a petition from colored soldiers at Camp Casey, in Virginia, praying that their pay be made the same, according to the date of enlistment, of white soldiers. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Wilson, from the Military Committee, reported back the joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Major General A. H. Terry, his officers and men, for their unsurpassed gallantry and skill in the capture of Fort Fisher; and their brave and faithful service to the country, and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Grimes, from the Naval Committee, reported back the similar resolution of thanks to Rear Admiral Porter, his officers and men of the fleet, for their gallantry and skill in the capture of Fort Fisher, and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to amend the act of July 4, 1864, to encourage emigration, and the act of 1855, to regulate the carrying of passengers in steamships and other vessels. (Its design is to protect and prevent the defrauding of emigrants.) Referred to the Finance Committee.

[The bill forbids, under penalty of imprisonment and heavy fine, any intercourse with immigrants before they are landed, except by permission of the Commissioners of Immigration; and any restraint of the liberty of an emigrant, or any attempt to induce them, by any improper means, to enlist in our army or navy, are similarly protected. It authorizes Inspectors of Passengers also to arrest any person violating the act to regulate the carriage of passengers, and amends said act, in several sections, the better to ensure the comfort and protection of the immigrant, and requiring lists to be kept of the age, description, nativity, and proposed place of settlement of the immigrant, with statement of the death of the latter, the cause manifest to be sworn to by the captain or master. It also requires the captain to pay, for every death of every person over eight years of age, the sum of ten dollars to the Collector of Customs, or Superintendent of Immigration, to be a fund for the relief of sick or destitute immigrants. It authorizes the Superintendent to sue for the collection of fines incurred under this act, and empowers him to employ clerks for his duties, to be under direction of the Secretary of State.]

Mr. Wilson introduced the following joint resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the special income tax authorized by joint resolution, approved July 4, 1864, now remaining paid by persons in the receipt of salaries from the United States Government shall be levied and collected in monthly instalments of equal amounts, by the proper disbursing officers during the year 1865, the first instalment thereof to be deducted from the first payment of salary following the passage of this resolution; *Provided*, that if any persons now in the employ of the Government shall resign or be discharged prior to the 1st of January, 1865, the amount of such special tax remaining unpaid at the date of such resignation or discharge shall be deducted from the final payment to be made to such person.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to secure impartiality in the administration of justice in the District of Columbia. (It provides that in any case of facts before a court where a corporation is a party thereto it shall be lawful, in ground for challenge of jurors who pay taxes or contributes to support such corporation.) Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Doolittle called up the joint resolution directing inquiry into the condition of the Indian tribes and their treatment by the civil and military authorities. It provides for a joint committee, consisting of three Senators and four members of the present House, (the latter to be appointed by the Speaker,) who may sit during the recess, with power to send for persons and papers, examine Indian Chiefs and others, and report at the next session.—For the expenses of the committee $15,000 are appropriated, and a new policy in the government of the Indians is looked to.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. Wilson called up the bill to amend the 21st section of the act of July 17, 1863, relative to pay and emoluments of army officers, so as to declare that officers on whom brevet rank is conferred shall not be entitled to additional pay thereby, and regulate the descent of the beauty of deceased soldiers; and it was amended and passed.

Mr. Chandler called up the bill to regulate commerce among the several States, by authorizing any railroad operated by steam to transport over its lines and connections passengers from one State to another.

Mr. Johnson spoke at length against the bill. He held that since the foundation of the government all of the statesman who had influenced the legislation of the country had denied the Constitutional power of Congress to pass such an act, or authorize any jurisdiction over the territory of a State, without the States' permission. If the United States wanted to put up a court house or a custom-house within the limits of a State, it could only obtain jurisdiction over that portion of her territory necessary for the purpose by the State specially conferring it. Under cover of the first article of the Constitution, giving Congress the power to establish post-offices and post roads, the question arose what was the proper meaning of the word "establish" in that case, and it was finally decided by the courts that Congress thereby had the power only to designate what roads already existing should be designated as post-roads.

In this connection Mr. Johnson referred to the passage of the Cumberland Road bill before the era of railroads, and in behalf of which a donation of lands was made to the State of Ohio. The road was to pass through a part of Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, but no one then claimed that Congress had the power to make the road through these States without their consent, and the act itself provides for obtaining that consent. The State of New Jersey, in the infancy of the railroad system, as far back as 1830, authorized the construction of a railroad under a charter to the Camden and Amboy Company, and also the making of the Delaware and Raritan canal. The works would cost millions, and it was not at that time known that they would be remunerative. Therefore New Jersey held out inducements to individuals to invest their capital in them, and authorized the Company to lay tolls and gave them an exclusive privilege. The works were thus constructed to the convenience of the citizens of New Jersey as well as those of the whole United States. New Jersey was certainly under no obligation to spend her money for the benefit of citizens other than her own. She was in the possession of the power, however, to make the road just as she did, and on such terms as she chose to prescribe, who then has a legal or constitutional right to complain if her citizens do so?

Mr. Johnson went on to show that New Jersey had proposed to the company a surrender of the works to the State on liberal terms, but the company holding the State to its contract, declined the offer, and for the purpose of inducing them to release a large portion of the transportation tolls had stipulated by statute to grant no other charter for a railroad between Camden and Amboy up to 1859. These grants or privileges were contracts, and the courts had so decided, as in the case of Wharton vs. the Tax Court of Maryland, when the State having granted charters to certain Banks on condition of a given amount of toll in making the road to Cumberland, other taxes were subsequently attempted to be levied on those institutions, which they successfully resisted. Mr. Johnson referred to the conditions also which had been imposed by Maryland on the construction of her roads, and the fact that she gave the privilege for the Washington Branch road with the understanding that the corporations were to receive four fifths and the State one fifth of the fare for each passenger, Maryland was thus a quasi corporator, and she was the only party who could abolish the contract. In conclusion, Mr. Johnson reminded Senators that in passing such a bill as this they would be attacking the sovereignty and necessary privileges of their own States also. He would be in favor of a great principle, and he warned all against it.

The bill was then postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill for the relief of Henry A. Bingham, a gauger, who, in drawing a check upon a New York sub-Treasury for $20,000, chose to have received only $8,000 in currency, and being refused a correction of the error, subsequently drew $2,000 on another check to meet his necessary demands, was, after considerable discussion, passed. The bill relieves him from responsibility for the $2,000.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The Speaker announced the following as a special committee to carry out the objects contemplated by the resolution passed yesterday in regard to charges of fraud, malfeasance, &c., against Hon. Lucius Anderson Smith, of Kentucky; Schofield of Pennsylvania; J. C. Allen, of Illinois; Hubbard, of Connecticut; and Rivers, of Wisconsin.

Mr. Miller, of New York, introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of exempting a tax of one per cent. on the first $600 of income now exempt.

Mr. Wilson introduced a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the imprisonment of juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States in houses of refuge instead of jails and penitentiaries.

Mr. Cole, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, reported a bill to aid in the construction of a railroad connecting with the Pacific railroad, from California to the Columbia river, Oregon. The consideration of the bill was postponed for one week from Friday.

Mr. Elliot offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the expediency of amending the steamboat law of 1852 by providing safeguards in the appointment of pilots by the local boards appointed for that purpose, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Pendleton introduced a joint resolution that the additional duty of fifty per cent. on imports, under the act temporarily increasing duties, was payable only while the said act was in operation, and that all excess of duties be refunded. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, called the attention of the House to the finding of a court martial lately held in this city before which Major David H. Hastings was arranged, on three charges viz: Embezzling money belonging to the United States; knowingly issuing false vouchers and forging vouchers. He was convicted on each charge and sentenced to be cashiered, utterly disqualified from here after holding any office of honor or emolument in the service of the United States, and to refund to the treasury $26,675, to pay a fine of $5,000, and to be imprisoned at such place as the Secretary of War may direct for one year, or until the whole amount be paid into the Treasury—the entire term of imprisonment however not to exceed five years. The proceedings and findings of the court were reported to the War Department, which did not interfere with the verdict of guilty, but commuted the sentence to suspension of rank, pay and emolument for the period of six months.

Mr. Dawes offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Secretary of War to communicate to the House the record of said court martial.

Mr. Noble introduced a joint resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, that the Secretary of War be instructed to give credit in any draft hereafter to be made for the hundred days' men from Ohio and other States.

Mr. Hubbard, of Connecticut, offered the following:

Whereas, A circular has been issued from the office of Provost Marshal General Fry, which reads as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, 1865.

Circular No. 1.—The attention of acting assistant Provost Marshals is directed to the fact that the quotas assigned under the call of December 19, 1864, for 300,000 men, must not be reduced except by actual enlistments in the army, navy or marine corps, since the 19th ultimo.

JAMES B. FRY,
Provost Marshal General.

And Whereas, Said order is manifestly unjust, in such localities as have, in good faith, filled their quotas by enlistments in advance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire whether some measure should not be adopted to obviate the hardships that will result from such a construction of the law, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Brainerd said he had been assured that the result apprehended by the gentleman from Connecticut need not be feared.

Mr. Schenck remarked that the Provost Marshal General had in a conversation with him explained the order away. Full credit would be given for all men put in before the 19th December. There was no necessity for the passage of the resolution, as no injustice was designed to any section or locality.

Mr. Hubbard was happy to be assured that the circular did not mean what it said, and withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Schenck announced that the bill heretofore offered by the committee of ways and means was now printed. The Committee on Military Affairs had made the amendments as few as possible, but had in view greater efficiency in its operations.

The consideration of the bill was assigned for two weeks from to-day.

Mr. Brandegee, of Connecticut, offered a joint resolution, tendering thanks to General Terry and Rear Admiral Porter, and through them to the gallant officers and men under their respective commands, for their splendid operations by sea and land, which resulted in the capture of one of the strongest fortresses ever defended, and closed the only port through which the rebels received supplies.

Mr. Schenck, while declaring his readiness to tender thanks, suggested that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, following the precedent established in the case of the resolution of thanks to Gen Sherman.

Mr. Brandegee urged the passage of the resolution. The people, in view of the recent brilliant result, were willing to thank these officers and men, and surely Congress should not hesitate to make the declaration.

Mr. Farnsworth said that when the resolution of thanks to Sherman was referred, he asked for an immediate vote upon it, but the House decided to refer the resolution. They should treat all alike, and although he did not approve the references in that case, they should not depart from the precedent in this.

Mr. Grider hoped that every man would be willing to tender thanks to Gen. Thomas also, for his brilliant achievements.

The resolution, after further debate, was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cox introduced a resolution of thanks to General Thomas, and the army under his command, for their skill, courage and endurance, which resulted in the expulsion of the rebel forces of General Hood from Tennessee.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. O'Neil presented a memorial from the Philadelphia Board of Trade, recommending the levying of dues on foreign vessels. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, and resumed the consideration of the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill.

The clause appropriating $2,000,000 to pay necessary expenses of carrying into effect the several acts of Congress authorizing loans and the issue of Treasury notes, having been read,

Mr. Morrill offered an amendment appropriating, in addition $1,775, for procuring dies, stamps, paper, printing, circulating notes, etc.

Mr. Washburne offered an amendment to the above, that no further expenditure shall be made for the experimental system of hydrostatic printing until such experiments shall have been definitely authorized by law, and a distinct appropriation made therefor. This mode of printing was the revival of an experiment which, after a trial of more than twenty years, had been abandoned; $30,000 had been expended in printing $312,000 in notes. The money had been lost by Spencer M. Clark and Dr. S. Gwin, for the purpose of testing the experiment, and three men had filed a caveat for a patent at the expense of the Government.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, said some of the statements of Mr. Washburne were accurate, and some were not. Congress have authorized the Treasury Department to establish a printing bureau without limitation. What had been done was in pursuance of positive law. His information was, that there had been losses incurred in obtaining some machinery which was now useless, but he had ascertained at the Treasury Department that more than four times as much had been saved as was lost.

Mr. Morrill's amendment, as amended, on motion of Mr. Washburne, was agreed to.

The bill mainly provides for the salaries of officers employed in the various departments of the Government, the expenses of the Territories, contingent expenses, etc. Among the items is one of $600,000 for payment of judgments to be rendered by the Court of Claims.

The second section of the bill was amended, so as to fix the compensation of the United States Treasurer at $6,000; the Assistant Treasurer at New York at $6,000, and the Assistant Treasurers at Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis, at $5,000 per annum, to commence from the 4th of March next—this increased compensation to continue in force for two years from the 4th of March next and no longer. A motion was made to strike out this section and agreed to—yeas 79, nays 39.

The bill as amended was then passed.

The House adjourned.

☞ Herschel V. Johnson, the Douglas candidate for Vice President in 1860, had all his silver ware and household valuables taken from him by the Yankees during the march through Georgia. He had everything buried in his gardens and cellars, a species of cabbage, growing over it, but the patriots, in extensive grubbs along the route, "dug out the jobs," and unearthed and appropriated its treasure.

☞ Mr. Hall, ex-President of the Chicago and Galena Railroad Company who left Detroit some days since for Washington in behalf of the Central and other railroad companies, to procure reasons in favor of the revocation of the passport order to Secretary Seward, returned on Friday. He says that the order would not be revoked.

☞ A lady, named Luckman, visiting at Clifton, left her bedroom the other night in a state of somnambulism, entered the drawing-room, gained access to a verandah, and fell into the garden, a distance of sixteen or twenty feet. One of her legs was broken.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

During Attempt at Murder.—The most daring attempt at murder that has ever come within our notice, transpired yesterday afternoon on Pratt street, near Eutaw. The circumstance are as follows:—A. Hartwell, belonging to the 23d U. S. colored troops, had been at the office of Colonel Woolley for the purpose of getting transportation, and upon quitting the office it was discovered that he was possessed of a revolver, and from some statements it was deemed unsafe for him to have it. Owen McCarthy, belonging to the Provost Guard was ordered to possess after Hartwell and get possession of the pistol. He was halted on Pratt street near Eutaw, but instead of obeying the summons of McCarthy, he drew his revolver and aimed at the soldier. The latter jumped behind a passing wagon, and as the soldier, Hartwell discharged the barrel of the pistol at Mr. W. H. Stewart, residing No. 115 Franklin street, the bullet entering his left cheek and lodging in the back of his neck.

The would be assassin then ran down Pratt street and turned into Howard, pursued by Mr. Stewart, McCarthy, a large number of citizens, and a provost guard, from the office of Col. Woosley, who had been attracted by the firing. The colored man was pursued up Howard street to Lombard, where he sought refuge behind a train of cars, the citizens firing rapidly at the fugitive, but without injuring him. Hartwell, finding himself hard pressed, started off again, but by this time McCarthy was close upon him, seeing which the maddened desperado turned and discharged three barrels of his revolver in quick succession at McCarthy, but did not hit him. Charles Wells, an orderly sergeant at the office of Col. Woolley, however, was not so fortunate, one of the bullets struck him in the abdomen, inflicting a fright wound.

The excitement now became intense, the citizens firing their revolvers with a will at the flying negro. When at the corner of Baltimore and Howard streets, McCarty succeeded in overtaking him and knocked him down with the butt of his revolver. The negro, however, attempted to rise, and was in the act of discharging another load at McCarty, when the latter kicked him in the face, rendering him insensible. At this juncture, Mr. Stewart reached the prostrate man and jumped upon his stomach. The crowd, which had increased to several hundred, surrounded them, and excited cries of "hang him," "kill him," and like expressions, were heard on all sides.

McCarty perceiving that the citizens were ripe for any act of violence, drew his revolver and kept the crowd at bay until the arrival of the Provost Guard. Hartwell was escorted to the office of Col. Woolley, and on hearing the particulars of the affair, delivered the accused over to the civil authorities. He was removed to the Western Station House, and afterwards committed to jail by Justice Meredith. When it is taken into consideration that there were at least forty shots fired at the accused, and the street was crowded with pedestrians, it is a source of wonderment that no person was injured by the flying bullets. The injuries of Mr. Stewart are not of a serious character, but from the character of the wound the bullet will not be extracted for several days to come. It is suppposed that the accused party was laboring from the effects of *delirium tremens*.

The Court Martial and Military Commission.—The court martial, Major General Stanbl President, and Captain Hermitsee Judge Advocate, was in session at its rooms, No. 6 South Gay street, yesterday, trying the case of William H. Waltemeyer, of Cole's Maryland Cavalry. He is charged with desertion, and with fraudulently obtaining money from the wife of a soldier. Several witnesses were examined on the part of the prosecution, when the court adjourned until ten o'clock this morning to proceed with the case. John Wills and T. P. Hammett, Esqrs., are counsel for the accused.

The military commission, Major General McCook President, and Major Lord Judge Advocate, was in session a short time yesterday at its rooms, No. 39 Lexington street, but, owing to the absence of important witnesses, nothing was done, when the commission adjourned to meet again at ten o'clock this morning. It is not known what case will be taken up

Beating Females.—George Ringler, residing on Eastern avenue, near Broadway, was arrested on Wednesday night, charged with beating his wife and Mrs Catherine Davis, residing in the same house. Mrs. Davis interfered for the purpose of protecting Mrs. Ringler, and was herself badly beaten by the monster. Justice Whalen committed him to jail.

Bad Boys.—Frederick Ogle and Lewis Nisching, small boys, were arrested on Wednesday night, charged with stealing brass nuts from a locomotive at the President street depot. The youngsters were provided with monkey wrenches, and were busily engaged in removing the brass when detected. Justice Whalen committed them to jail.

Supposed Deserters.—John Tewesbury, Geo. Watson, Jacob Marsch and John Riley, supposed to be rebel deserters, were received at the office of Colonel Woolley, yesterday, and after an examination, were locked up for a hearing. Marsch and Riley were sent from Delaware by Captain Miley, Provost Marshal of that place.

Threatening to Shoot.—W. R. Chapman and Manson J. Wallet, members of the First Regiment Eastern Shore Volunteers, were arrested on Wednesday night, charged with being drunk and threatening to shoot Wm. Warner. The accused were turned over to Col. Woolley.

A Tug Boat on Fire.—The tug boat Emily, owned by Captain Shaw, while lying at the Commercial wharf, caught fire from the boiler a few minutes past one o'clock yesterday morning and was damaged to the extent of $1,000.

Locked Up.—Thomas Horseman, residing at No. 155 Fremont street, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with purchasing United States blankets and muskets from soldiers. He was locked up in the military prison for a hearing.

Fast Driving.—Joseph Gill was arrested on Wednesday night, charged with being drunk and fast driving through the streets. He was fined $5 and costs by Justice Meredith.

Retreat.—Frederick Sharp, arrested several days since, charged with disloyalty, was released from the city jail yesterday, on his parole of honor, it having been proven that he was a British subject.

Peddling without a License.—G. C. Hale was arrested yesterday charged with peddling goods without a license. Justice Johnson fined him $25 and costs.

Without Numbers.—James Thompson, charged with running his wagon without numbers, was arrested on yesterday and fined $1 and costs by Justice Meredith.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.]

TOWSONTOWN, Jan'y 19, 1865.

Mr. Editor:—An adjourned meeting of those subject to the draft in the Ninth District, and others interested, was held in the Court House, in this place, yesterday, to further the arrangements to exempt the district from the pending draft.

John H. Longnecker, Esq., was called to the chair and Mr. J. Nelson Wisner appointed Secretary. The committee, consisting of Messrs. L. F. Church, Lewis Roberts, Augustus W. Sweeney, Henry L. Bosley and Caleb B. Taylor, appointed at the last meeting to go to Annapolis to ascertain the action of the Legislature in reference to appropriating money as bounty to volunteers, &c., reported favorably, expecting the Legislature to pass a bill to said effect, (which bill has since passed.) The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the meeting be hereby authorized, in the event of the State bounty bill being passed by the Legislature of Maryland, to call a meeting of the people of the 9th district, and also to ask the co-operation of the other districts of the county for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of urging upon the county authorities some action by which its citizens might be relieved by the offering of a local bounty, &c. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call, as stated in the above resolution.

YOURS, &c. K.

PRACTICAL JOKES PLAYED BY A HORSE.—The following anecdote is from an English paper:—"There was, some years ago, a very fine horse in the possession of Henry Meux & Co., the eminent brewers, used as a dray horse, but was so tractable that he was left sometimes without any restraint to walk about the yard, and return to the stable according to his fancy. In the yard there were also a few pigs of peculiar breed, fed on grain and corn, and to these pigs the horse had evidently an insuperable objection. There was a deep trough in the yard holding water for the horses, where the horse went often taking his mouth full of corn. When he reached the trough he let the corn fall near it on the ground, and when the young swine approached it (for the old ones kept aloof,) he would suddenly seize one of them by the tail, pop him into the trough, and then caper about the yard, seemingly delighted with the frolic. The noise of the pig soon brought the men to his assistance, who knew from experience what was the matter, while the horse indulged in all sorts of antics, to show his glee, and then returned quietly to his stable.

☞ The Richmond Examiner of Friday has a long letter from Edward Pollard, giving an account of what he saw and heard in the North, while on parole there. He says the peace party up there never was very strong, has grown weaker and weaker with every military success since the Presidential election, and has now been reduced to about zero. The whole tenor of this letter is calculated to be not very encouraging to the South.

☞ There are two hundred and five captured rebel flags stowed away in the War Office at Washington.

AMUSEMENTS.

Booth Airlee.—Manager Ford will, on tomorrow afternoon, present the above play in all its purity, for the pleasure of ladies who are unable to be absent from their homes at night. Each and every lady who attends the "Black Crook Festival" in this connection, will receive a copy of the poem as published by Tabnor & Fields. How Mr. Ford can realize a profit from such an enterprise, is more than we can understand, as the price of the poem is double the cost of admission to the theatre. Friend Ford, however, is noted for his liberality, and no lady in the city should neglect to visit his temple of pleasure on Saturday and receive a copy of Enoch Arden.

The Streets of New York.—Mr. Hall, the efficient stage manager of the Holliday Street Theatre, deserves the thanks of the public for the admirable manner in which he has placed the above interesting drama upon the stage. His rendition of Fatty, the Baker, in the play, is also worthy of special mention. It is in such characters as these that Mr. Hall excels, and a more able representation of "eccentric old men" cannot be found in the country. Madame Ruhediler, last night, was deservedly applauded for her beautiful analysis of the rich baker's daughter, and portrayed with great truthfulness the aristocratic notions of upper tendom. To-morrow afternoon Enoch Arden will be revived.

Something New.—To-night Miss Kate Fisher will take her first benefit at the Front Street Theatre, and will present to our citizens a novelty hitherto unknown to the world, viz: that of the French Spy on Horseback, the fair Miss Kate personating the character of the Wild Arab Boy—a character well adapted to her talents and exquisite form. Miss Fisher will also appear in the character of Mazeppa. This is an extraordinary bill, and should command an overwhelming audience. A grand family matinee will be held to-morrow afternoon.

Dramatic Reading.—Miss Hannah Ridley, the talented elocutionist, will give her last reading at Temperance Temple to-night. She has selected a variety of interesting subjects for the occasion, and we can assure our readers that a delightful entertainment will be presented.

Gottschalk is Coming.—Mr. Chas. Lyel, the agent of the great pianist, is in town making arrangements for Mr. Gottschalk's concert at the Monumental Assembly Rooms, on the 27th inst. Full particulars hereafter.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

FIRST BRANCH, January 19, 1864.—James Young, Esq., President.

There was no quorum present in this Branch yesterday afternoon.

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

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Street M. E. Church, asking permission to erect an iron railing in front of their edifice. Referred.

The resolution in relation to the petition of Wm. McKim and Frederick Eiterman was called up and adopted.

The petition of Charles E. Monmonier to erect two frame kitchens on his premises, was presented and passed.

Mr. Robinson called up the resolution for the appointment of a committee to confer with our representatives in the General Assembly, in order to get a law passed to levy the entire district of the city for the support of the police force in the Mayor and City Council, which was read.

Mr. Irelan moved to amend so as simply to control the pay of the department, which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Messrs. Robinson, Nally, and Valiant were appointed the committee on the part of this Branch.

The resolutions providing for the shelling of Harford Avenue at certain points was called up and adopted.

The bill providing for the fishing of the town ball of the Hollins street market was called up and passed.

The resolution in relation to changing the time for the meeting of the Councils was amended and passed. Adjourned.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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

John Mitchell, charged with threatening to kill Mary Kelly and Caroline Rotzum, they testified against one Charles Carroll and others, indicted for committing a rape. The accused failing to answer to his name, his recognizance was forfeited.

Lawrence Fahey, indicted for an attempt to kill officer John H. Harrison, of the Eastern station, by cutting him with a knife. It will be remembered that the officer attempted to arrest Fahey for committing a breach of the peace, and was dangerously stabbed by Fahey. The case was postponed until Monday next.

Ellen Lucyce alias Ellen Porto, indicted for keeping a bawdy house; postponed until Tuesday the 31st instant. Mary E. Carroll, colored, charged with stealing a dress valued at $6, the property of Rebecca Shultz; postponed until the 23d instant. Harriet Jones, colored, charged with stealing a gold watch, the property of Godfrey Mosher; stetted by order of the court. Sarah Powell, colored, charged with keeping a bawdy house, &c. Stetted by order of the court. Caleb Cushing, with intent to kill Frederick Hensley and Ferdinand Weber. Reported yesterday. The State changes the scenes with the shooting, at the grand ball of Darby Park, on the Harford road, in August last. The defence does not deny the shooting, but says it was in self-defence, it was the substance of the evidence on the part of the defence. This case was concluded to-day, and submitted to the jury after having been ably argued both by the State and defence. Verdict not guilty of an assault with intent to kill, but guilty of common assault on Hensley; not guilty of the assault on Weber. R. J. Gittings, Esq., for defence. File suspended.

The case of Marshall vs. Slater was continued until the first Tuesday in next term.

The case of Harrison vs. Gambrill until the first Thursday in next term.

State vs. Louis Zang, indicted for keeping an ordinary without the accommodations required by law. Fined before the court. Acknowledged and paid. Fine suspended. R. R. Bowersox, Esq., for defence.

Oliver Beaumont, and others, indicted for riot, &c., gave bail for their appearance.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THE FIG TREE.

"Why cumbereth it the ground?"
Alas! how many years have come and gone!
The gardener looked, but found no fruit thereon!
Leaves, only leaves, he found.

Earth was not given to thee,
Nor branches thy heavens o'erhead; nor drought at noon
Dried up thy roots; for thee the helping sun
Drew water from the soil.

And dressed it came to thee,
And trained thy branches to the friendly wall;
And green thou grewest up, and straight and tall;
Whence, then, this barrenness?

Cast not thy fruit, nor be
As clouds without their water. Spare, oh! spare,
Thou husbandman; perchance it yet may be
O'er thine leaves for me.

Then he, the husbandman,
Spoke graciously, and that sweet grace bestowed
Was not in vain; through all the fibrous wood
The juices flowed amain.

Then came the tender leaves;
Like promises the blossoms shone, and fair;
And fruits, wrought in the loom where Summer weaves,
Made fragrant all the air.

For Summer mornings rose,
And nightly dews their precious drops sent down.
And every season angels came to crown
Its branches all with clouds.

My soul! thou art that tree;
Divinely planted, and yet fruitless all;
Thine, too, the water-brooks, the showers
that fall
In gracious drops large and free.

No worm is at thy root
That shall not die when Christ shall bid me live;
Nor branch so barren that shall not revive
And blossom, and bear fruit.

My soul, thy leaves put on;
Seeking for fruit the Master comes, and see
He finds there not, as erst he found the tree
That withered at early noon.

Lord of the vineyard! come,
And eat thy pleasant Summer-fruit; for thou,
Thou only, canst with fruitage load the bough,
And make the barren bloom.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

EXPANDING THE LUNGS.—Step out into the purest air you can find, stand perfectly erect, with the head shoulders back, and then, fixing the lips as though you were going to whistle, draw the air through the mouths into the lungs. When the chest is about full, raise the arms, keeping them extended, with the palms of the hands down, as you suck in the air, so as to bring them over the head just as the lungs are quite full. Then drop the thumbs inward, and, after gently forcing the arms backward, and the chest open, reverse the process by which you drew your breath, till the lungs are perfectly empty. This process should be repeated three or four times a day. It is impossible to describe to any one who has never tried it the glorious sense of vigor which follows the exercise. It is about the best expectorant in the world. We know a gentleman the measure of whose chest has been increased some three inches during so many months.

HON. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.—The London correspondent of the Toronto Globe says:

The United States have never been represented in this country by a man who has performed the most difficult duties with more tact and ability than Mr. Adams has done. His status so much in society, he is so acute in his knowledge of character, and he watches so closely every turn of opinion, that he must be able to render invaluable services to his own Government.

☞ The Progress, of Lyons, announces that the cotton crisis is drawing to a close in the department of the Rhone, where considerable arrivals of the raw material have revived that branch of industry. Hopes are entertained that the spinning mills and looms will now be abundantly supplied during the winter. In the market of Villefranche the price of cotton wove goods has considerably fallen.

☞ Mr. A. D. Richardson, one of the correspondents of the Tribune, thus announces from Knoxville, Tennessee, date of January 13, his release:

"Out of the jaws of death; out of the jaws of hell."

Richardson had been in prison since before the fall of Vicksburg.

☞ The Philadelphia Press says a gentleman of that city recently paid $1,200 for the thirteen volumes which have thus far appeared of Holtzwell's folio "forty guinea" Shakspeare. This was the highest price ever paid for one set of books in the city. The work will be completed in three more volumes.

☞ The Toronto Globe says, "the protection of the frontier will have cost Canada not less than one million of dollars by the first of May next, all in consequence of the rebels who have striven so assiduously to embitter the American people against us."

☞ Lord Palmerston and a large party from Broadlands visited the Ordnance Survey Department at Southampton, on the 14th ult., and were shown by Sir Henry Jacob, and, notwithstanding the extreme coldness of the weather, to wore only a frock coat.

☞ The Newburyport Herald publishes a list of the incomes in that city. The largest is that of C. A. Cofin, $33,000. Caleb Cushing, hitherto regarded as one of the rich men of the day, is taxed on an income of $4,200.

☞ A good many Southerners in New York are taking the oath of allegiance. They do it secretly, because they are not quite "in with the powers" at present, but their confidential friends are reported by the rebel government.

☞ A son of Mr. David Patterson, hotel-keeper, of Freehold, N. J., aged about eight years, was drowned on Tuesday in the sewer that crosses Main street, opposite the academy.

☞ It is said that a new journal is about to appear in Paris, for the express purpose of treating of Algerian affairs, and that the necessary funds have been found by Arab chiefs.

☞ The ex King of Naples has not got much royalty, property, kingdom, or crown left, but he wants to borrow $3,000,000 on what there is of it.

☞ The rebel army, says the Southern press, is advantageously disposed along the line of the road between Hardeeville and Charleston.

☞ Memphis has had an orphan fair, with an exciting sword voting contest. The weapon was given to Gen. W. J. T. Dana, who received 2,077 votes in a total of 4,551

☞ A public lecturer in England has selected the curious title and subject of "Old Women of both sexes." The theme is suggestive to say the least.

☞ The French Council of State has been charged to make an inquiry into the usury laws in force in France, with a view to their modification or abolition.

☞ One of the Brooklyn, N. Y., clergymen has "struck lie," and realized $750,000 from an investment in oil lands.

☞ "The great beauty of a wife is," said a hen pecked husband, "that if she abuses you herself, she won't let any one else abuse you."

☞ The Swedish papers, at present, are earnestly advocating the abolition of capital punishment in that kingdom.

☞ The Turkish Government has decided on establishing "a school of bridges and highways."

☞ The King of Prussia is almost as hard on Berlin newspapers as the paper manufacturers on American.

☞ Teamsters, overtaken by the late storms in the Sierras, think the road to Washoe a hard one to travel.

☞ It costs $20 an hour in Washington to indulge in the luxury of sleigh riding.

☞ Arkansas wishes to borrow $300,000, and offers all her bowie knives as security.

MINIATURE ALMANAC FOR 1865.

JANUARY.	Sun rises	Sun sets.	Moon's Phases.
16—Monday	7 18	4 41	JANUARY.
17—Tuesday	7 18	4 43	D. H. M.
18—Wednesday	7 18	4 45	New 27 7 00pm
19—Thursday	7 18	4 47	First qr 4 10 42m
20—Friday	7 18	4 48	Full 11 5 59 e
21—Saturday	7 18	4 49	Last qr 19 9 35 e
22—Sunday	7 19	4 50	

MARINE AFFAIRS.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, January 19, 1865.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Louisiana, Porter, from Norfolk, Va—to M'K'N Falls.

CLEARED.

Steamer Louisiana, Porter, Norfolk.

ARRIVALS FROM BALTIMORE

Brig H Means, Hall, Havana, 13th inst.

Schr Ocean Bird, Conly, Providence, 16th instant.

Schr Samuel N Smith, Avery, New York, 17th inst.

Sloop Thos Hall, Hall, Bristol, 16th inst.

CLEARANCES FOR BALTIMORE.

Bark Edward Everett, Harding, Boston, 17th inst.

Schr O W Dwier, Pierce, Boston, 17th inst.

Schr J J Worthington, Worthington, New York, 17th inst.

MEMORANDA.

Ship La Marie, (Am) Wiley, for United States, was at Talcahuano Dec 10th.

Ship Ellen Stewart, Griffin, for Newport, Wales, remained at St Thomas, 21st ult, discharging.

Brig Chowan, (Br) Forbes, from New York, arrived at Havana, 16th inst.

Schr S H Jackson, Tracy, from New York, arrived at Havana 12th inst.

Schr John Price Pocklington, hence for Fall river, arrived at New York, 17th inst.

Schrs Julia Anne, Harding, and Campbell, Soule, from Baltimore for Boston, arrived at Holmes' hole, 15th inst.

Schr Adrianna, Williams, hence for Boston, arrived at Holmes' Hole, 16th inst.

Schr Speedwell Hammond, from Patuxent river, arrived at Providence, 16th inst.

Schr Anna Myrick, Newcomb, from Boston for Baltimore, arrived at Newport 14th inst.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALE AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

Furnished by Leonard J. Tormey, Stock and Bill Broker, No. 22 South Street, Jan 19, 1865.

10,000	American Gold (large)		214⅜
15,000	do	do (large)	214⅜
5 000	do	do (large)	214⅜
1 000	do	do (large)	214⅜
5,000	do	do (large)	214⅜
500	do	do (large)	214⅜
19 000	do	do (large)	214⅜
4,000	do	do (large)	213⅜
2,000	do	do (large)	213⅜
11 000	do	do (large)	213⅜
1,000	do	do (large)	213
13	do	do (large)	212⅜
		do (large)	212⅜
		do (large)	212⅜
		do (large)	212⅜
1,000	U. S. 5-20s		109⅜
	3 shares Union Bank		71
	100 shares City Passenger R.		13⅜
	100 do do do b30		17⅜