

THE CRESCENT'S DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

AMENDMENT RECOGNIZING GOD.

Prize Money for Farragut's Sailors.

UNDERWOOD'S CASE.

Protection of Extradition Prisoners.

PAY OF SOUTHERN SENATORS.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Reported Increase in the Public Debt.

THE TEXAS DIVISION—A TEXAS CASE IN COURT.

ARGUMENT BY JUDGE PASCHAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Senate session last night was devoted to private law bills. The House session to general debate.

Senate.—Petitioners were presented for a constitutional amendment recognizing God.

A resolution for eight sessions, to consider the suffrage amendment is pending.

House.—Bentley from the judiciary committee, reported a bill to secure prize money to Farragut's force for the capture of New Orleans.

It allows any United States district court to take cognizance of suits for the recovery of such prize money.

The reconstruction committee refuse to hear further verbal testimony or speeches regarding Mississippi.

In the Supreme Court Underwood acknowledged service of the writ of prohibition. The case will come up on its merits at the next session of the court.

The right of Judge Underwood, of Virginia, to nullify Virginia judicial decisions, because officers of the court are ineligible under the fourth amendment is pending.

Senate.—The public lands committee reported adversely to the sale of public lands to aid the construction of the West Virginia Central Railroad.

The bill authorizing the president to employ troops to guard extradition prisoners, passed.

An ineffectual effort was made to pay Southern senators for the whole term of the fortieth Congress.

The suffrage amendment was resumed. Sumner advocated during the night and Congress passed it more speedily and certainly than by constitutional amendment. A long debate ensued. Recess was taken till 7 o'clock, when the discussion will be resumed.

A large number of private bills was passed.

Brooks moved that the recessant witness, Scamell, be discharged, as he was unable to pay the expenses of his arrest. Motion failed. Dingman, of Iowa, Lawrence of Ohio, and Poland of Virginia, were present.

The House then went into committee on the army appropriation bill.

There will be an inauguration ball.

A full cabinet present and a long session today.

The debt statement appears tomorrow. It is stated that it will show an increase of \$15,000,000.

The president made several important cabinet nominations today.

A treaty between the United States and North Germany for the better protection of emigrants in comfort, health and morals, is pending.

The revolving red light at Florida Point, north Cuba, is temporarily discontinued.

It is thought at Grant's headquarters that the delegation for the division of Texas will not make the trip.

Judge Paschal argued the case of Texas vs. White, Chiles and others today. The question argued was whether Texas is in such a state that she can sue in the Supreme Court, and if so, the effect of her legislation in aid of the rebellion.

Also what rights purchasers under White and Chiles acquire in the Texas U. S. indemnity bonds purchased after maturity. Paschal made an appeal in behalf of the children in Texas, to whose use the bonds in question were dedicated before being diverted to questionable military purposes.

The case attracts attention as involving important political questions.

FROM NEW YORK.

Movements of Great-South American News, Etc.

New York, Feb. 5.—Gen. Grant visited Appleton's book establishment this afternoon, attended a reception at the house of Mr. McKean on Second avenue this evening, dined with Hamilton Fish tonight, and is expected to leave to-morrow for Washington.

The bark America, supposed to have on board some of the passengers of the steamship Ibernia, is outside the bay.

In the examination to-day of parties charged with conspiring to obstruct the Union Pacific Railroad of \$120,000, the evidence of one of them, Frank A. Goodall, who turned State's evidence, was given.

The steamer Rising Star from Aspinwall brings \$1,000 in specie.

He reports fire at Valparaiso December 31, which occasioned a loss of several hundred thousand dollars. A number of persons perished in the flames.

A Mexican expedition under charge of ex-Armory Tucker, formerly of the Confederate army, has demonstrated that the Acayala river is the true source of the Amazon and not the Marañon, as formerly supposed.

A serious fire occurred at Aspinwall January 21, between some sailors from the U. S. steamer Tallapoosa and some 200 Jamaica negroes. One of the sailors was killed.

FROM MEMPHIS.

Various Matters.—Arrest of One of Clayton's Agents.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 5.—William Rice, who was nabbed at a ball on Wednesday night, is still in a critical condition. McGrath, who did the stabbing, was released on \$4,000 bail.

Rev. W. H. B. has been newly appointed superintendent of cotton, entered on the discharge of his duties today.

A dispatch from Gen. Clayton says Capt. Robera, of the Arkansas militia, against whom numerous charges have been preferred by citizens of Wood county for outrages and blackmailing, has been arrested and lodged in the penitentiary at Little Rock.

At the preliminary examination of Pender, the doctor, and Landrum, charged with the murder of Thomas Hennessey, last Sunday night, all were discharged but the former, who was held for trial.

At the session of the Mississippi press convention, just closed at Holly Springs, J. Augustus Signigo, the poet, was elected president.

FROM MOBILE.

Spring Hill College Sprung—Loss \$100,000.

MOBILE, Feb. 5.—Spring Hill College was entirely destroyed by fire last night. The students barely escaped with their lives, losing their dearest and valuable. The library and furniture of the museum were all lost. No one injured. Loss \$100,000. Insured for \$30,000.

FROM ATLANTA.

Georgia Legislature—Negro Eligibility.

ATLANTA, Feb. 5.—The House refused to reconsider resolutions referring negro eligibility to the Supreme Court. Members speaking in opposition to reconsideration of the action of the House said they were in favor of the amendment, but expressed no opinion on the language therein chosen. He said explicitly that the principle of impartial suffrage is right in itself, and added that we have through the reconstruction acts imposed negro suffrage on the Southern States, it is only fair that the Northern States should give the ballot to their own colored citizens. He thought the question at issue had better be disposed of as soon as possible, and he would not be an element out of our affairs, and indicated a hope that the amendment would be passed by Congress before the end of the present session.

See advertisement of mail lost.

FROM GALVESTON.

The Texas Convention—The Constitution to be Submitted to the People.

GALVESTON, Feb. 5.—The News special from Austin, 4th inst., says: "The Convention today engaged the ordinance to submit the Constitution to the people. The ordinance provides for the election of Congressmen and State officers on the first Monday in July. Motions to adjourn sine die for the purpose of defeating the adoption of the ordinance were voted down.

The action of Gov. Hamilton on the franchise question demands and will receive the thanks of Southern men, whether for or against negro suffrage.

FROM RICHMOND.

Meeting of Virginitians—Falling into the Republican Rank—Revenue Collections.

RICHMOND, Feb. 4.—A meeting of native Virginitians was held in Nottingham county, including farmers and professional men.

They adopted resolutions indorsing the new movement, deprecating further resistance to the reconstruction acts, and resolving the meeting into a political organization, with the name of the Republican party. This is the first movement of the sort in the State.

Revenue collections in this State for January were \$126,000 being four times as great as for the same time in 1858.

FROM MEXICO.

Various Matters.

MEXICO, Jan. 26, via Havana, Feb. 5.—The Mexican Congress adjourned on Thursday, after passing bills establishing the Guaymas and Rio Grande railroad and telegraph. The government decreed an extraordinary session of Congress.

The army and civil employes have been paid to January 1.

Mexican papers accuse President Johnson and Minister Sherman of hinting at annexation in their public utterances.

The report that Alvarez had pronounced against the government is not confirmed.

The rural police force has been largely augmented. A conductor leaves on the 25th for Vera Cruz.

FROM HAVANA.

West Indian News.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—The Diario has a long editorial attempting to prove that the revolutionary General Orango was assassinated by order of General Quesada.

St. Domingo advises state that the town of Seybo has pronounced against Baez.

Venezuela papers report the vomito still prevalent at Caracas. Count de Laville, the Italian minister, has died of it.

For several days a rumor has been current that the revolutionary general Céspedes and Aguilera, had surrendered to Valmaseda. It proves untrue.

Several journals of Havana have refrained for the past week from publishing news from the seat of war, understanding that they are not to inform the people of the condition of affairs.

The Diario says Gen. Augustin Arango was assassinated by his companions.

FROM EUROPE.

Peninsular—Carlists in Catalonia—The Peninsular—Spain—A Fairs—Clarendon's Health.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Appeal in the case of Costello, convicted of complicity in the Fenian revolt, has been denied.

MADRID, Feb. 4.—Bands of Carlists have made their appearance in Catalonia. They come from the valleys of Aragon, and seek to produce a rising against the provisional government. Troops have been sent out to disperse them.

The press of the city, fearing a civil war, urge the government to take active measures, and the people to unite against the reactionary party.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A large meeting was held last night in favor of amnestying the Fenian prisoners.

MADRID, Feb. 5.—Espartaco declines a seat in the Cortes.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Preparations for the meeting of Parliament are nearly complete.

Lord Clarendon's health is so much impaired that it is expected he will be obliged to retire from the foreign office.

The powers participating in the Paris conference have granted a brief time for Greece to decide on their proposals. King George has returned to Athens, and is engaged in forming a new cabinet. Scamell is considered to act as premier, and Delignas as minister of foreign affairs.

Both cabinets have been filled with ministers who will sign the protocol. Great excitement prevails in Athens. Bignardi, the retiring prime minister, is universally popular.

FROM THE PASSES.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Feb. 5.—Noon.—Barometer 30.35. Wind N. E. and light. No arrivals. Sailed: Schooner Joe Kelly.

PASS A L'OUVE, Feb. 5.—8 A. M.—Dredge boat "Lion" left against on the bar. Wind N. E. and fresh.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Feb. 5.—P. M.—Barometer 30.40. Wind northeast and fresh. Arrived: Bark Ada Carter, Kennedy, 24 days from New York. General cargo to master. No departures.

RIVER NEWS.

VICKSBURG, Feb. 5.—Passed down: J. D. Perry at night 8. Up: Robt. E. Lee at 8 last night, Lizzie Gill at 6 A. M. and Richmond at noon. River falling.

VICKSBURG, Feb. 5.—Passed down: Dexter and Louisiana at 2 and Arthur at 3 P. M.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—River falling; 8 feet water out to Cairo.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 5.—River rising; 7 feet, 8 inches in the canal.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 5.—Weather cool. River falling; Arkansas rising rapidly, now within two feet of high water mark. Fears are entertained of an overflow. Departed last night: Legal Tender for Louisville; this afternoon, Pauline Carroll for St. Louis.

MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Noon.—Consols 93. Bonds 74.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—Noon.—Cotton future: middling uplands 12 1/2; middling Orleans 12 1/2. Sales 15,000 bales. Sales for the week 140,000 bales, of which 13,000 bales were for export, and 65,000 bales for speculation. Stock 257,000 bales, of which 60,000 bales are American.

HAY, Feb. 5.—Cotton options quiet and steady; 1.40 on the spot, 1.41 abroad.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Afternoon.—Consols 93. Bonds quiet and steady. Stocks easier.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—Afternoon.—Cotton steady.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—P. M.—Yarns and fabrics at Manchester quiet and firm. Stock of cotton about 27,000 bales, of which 105,000 bales are American. Wheat and flour unchanged. Old corn 32s. 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—Evening.—Cotton easier, but not lower. Middling uplands 12 1/2; middling Orleans 12 1/2. Sales 15,000 bales. Sales for the week 140,000 bales, of which 13,000 bales were for export, and 65,000 bales for speculation. Stock 257,000 bales, of which 60,000 bales are American.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Evening.—5-20s of 1862 112 1/2; of 1863 108 1/2; of 1865 111, do. new 108 1/2; of 1867 109 1/2; of 1868 108 1/2.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Evening.—Money easy at 6 1/2 per cent. Prime discounts 7 1/2 per cent. Sterling worth at 104; governments strong and active, closing higher with a prospect for further advance.

Southern securities steady and unchanged. Stocks excited and feverish, closing more unsettled.

MOBILE, Feb. 5.—Receipts of cotton for the week 3635 bales. Exports to Great Britain 6751 bales; coastwise 934 bales. Stock 53,542 bales. Sales 8800 bales. Sales to-day 800 bales. Market dull. Low middling 27 1/2 @ 28c. Receipts to-day 1150 bales. Exports 3200 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—Flour and grain unchanged. Whisky 90c. Lard 20 1/2. Bacon shoulders 13 1/2. Sides 15 1/2. Bacon hams 14 1/2. Clear rib sides 17 1/2. Clear sides 18 1/2. Lard 20 1/2.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—Superfine flour \$5 50 @ 26c. Fall wheat \$1 50 @ 21c. Corn 75 @ 76c. Oats 63 @ 65c. Barley \$1 50 @ 21c. Rye \$1 25. Whisky 90c. Hides 17 1/2. Bacon shoulders 13 1/2. Sides 15 1/2. Bacon hams 14 1/2. Clear rib sides 17 1/2. Clear sides 18 1/2. Lard 20 1/2.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Four unchanged. No. 1 wheat \$1 23 @ 24. New Corn 58 1/2 @ 59c. Oats 52c. Rye \$1 16 @ 17. Barley \$1 83. High-wines 95c. Pork \$33. Lard 20 1/2. Bulk Shoulders 13c. Sides 15c. Hams 14 1/2.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 5.—Sales—hds, tobacco; new lungs to medium leaf \$4 50 @ 41c. Lard sides 21c. Bulk Meats—Shoulders 14c. Clear rib sides 17 1/2. Clear sides 17 1/2. Bacon shoulders 15c. Clear rib sides 17 1/2. Sides 18c. Lard 20 1/2. Hams 14 1/2.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 5.—Cotton easier, middlings 24 @ 25c. Receipts 1200 bales. Exports 1325 bales. Weekly receipts 10,100 bales; export 7504 bales. Stock on hand 21,558 bales.

Local Intelligence.

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A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE occurred on Poydras street early yesterday morning, breaking out about one o'clock in the unoccupied paint shop, No. 156 which was rapidly consumed by the flames. Water was so near at hand that the fire was extinguished in a few minutes, but the loss from some of the plugs, that, although the engines arrived on the spot and went to work with commendable alacrity, their efforts were in a measure neutralized and the fire gained a rapid headway, spreading to the adjoining drug store of F. H. Hilly, which with a gilt enterprise, shop, kept by Mr. Moran, was also destroyed. In the drug store was a considerable stock of goods, about one-third of which was destroyed, causing a loss of about fifteen hundred dollars, not covered by insurance.

Next to and in rear of the burning building was the marble yard of A. Barrett & Co. Here too the flames and heat did great damage, breaking and mauling valuable slabs to the value of several thousand dollars, upon which it is stated, there is no insurance.

The fire spreading towards St. Charles street, next caught the clothing stores of Henry Nathan and Charles Marks, both of which were destroyed; the former being insured by a policy of \$5000 in the Continental Insurance Company, the latter by a policy of \$4500 in the Merchants' Insurance Company. Considerable of the stock is reported saved, however.

At the corner of St. Charles was located the office of Geo. B. Ring, who has an insurance of \$1500 in the Merchants' Insurance Company. The building was gutted by the flames, although the frame work still stands, in a rickety and dangerous condition. The adjoining fruit stand, No. 154, was also destroyed, and the stock in the stock badly damaged by water. There was no insurance upon it.

Altogether the aggregate loss foots up about \$25,000. Nearly every one of the buildings destroyed were one-story high, and far from monumental to the central locality in which they stood. A fire occurred upon a portion of the same spot not longer than a year since. In this last case incendiarism is suspected, and lively efforts are being made to bring to justice the guilty party, if any there be.

THE ST. ANNA FAIR.

FOURTH NIGHT.

Certainly last night the lady managers of the entertainment that is now going on at Old Fellows' Hall, had no reason at all to complain of lack of patronage, for all the evening the two large rooms were filled, and a place at the refreshment tables was at one time quite difficult to find. The special attraction was a children's ball, which was given under the kindly volunteered direction of the well known Prof. Vegas. In order to make room for the dancers the refreshment tables, which had been previously in the ball room, were removed to the supper room in the rear.

By 8 o'clock the little damsels and their attendant juvenile cavaliers had assembled in their numbers that they quite filled the room, while the "grown folks," to whom dancing was interdicted until the children's ball was over, formed a deep fringe around the pretty variegated patch-work which the many colored dresses of the wee-winnies lassies made. The children kept their ball up until ten o'clock, when, tired out with their play, they reluctantly acknowledged the away of the sand man, and yielding their places upon the floor to their elders, went home to live over again the evening's pleasures in the sweet dreams which the sleep of childhood knows.

But the children were not alone in their presence at the fair. Children of a larger growth were also very numerous and proved themselves very appreciative of the efforts made by the lady managers by purchasing very liberally. Certainly, as with each article they bought they obtained the satisfaction of having done a deed of charity as a laudable, all their investments were very profitable to them. Their were bargains out of which both seller and buyer made something.

The donations which our people have sent to this fair are some of them very beautiful and of such value that their presence is a token of great good feeling on the part of the donors. We yesterday mentioned some of the principal ones. In the list, however, we failed to place a very handsome pyramid sent by the steamer Belle Lee, which formed the center of attraction on the table upon which it was placed. Nor must we forget to chronicle the fact that the Hancock Club again sent a superb gift to the table which bears their name—a large and handsome cake.

To-night will be the closing one of the fair. We can assure our friends that although the attendance was so large last evening, there is still enough left to satisfy the wants of every visitor who may call. It is probable that being Saturday, there will be but few entertainments to attract the young folks, and it is therefore to be hoped and expected that those whom other engagements have heretofore prevented from attending the fair will to-night find time to pass an hour or two there. The dancing will commence early, and will close in time to allow every one to get home before Sunday morning, and such inducements ought to draw a crowd.

This being the great auction sales day of the week, reminds us of a visit to the new magnificent auctioneers' exchange which has recently been established in the rotunda of the St. Charles Hotel. For capacity, comfort and elegance we doubt whether it has its superior in the United States. The auctioneers' stand occupies nearly two-thirds of the border of the rotunda, and when seen by us was crowded by over one hundred plans of property to be sold, advantageously placed on light frames and situated in a manner to be embraced at one glance. Over head, at intervals of a few feet, hang the signs of the following auctioneers:

J. B. Walton & Deslone, No. 6 Carondelet street; G. DePeriet, 86 Bienville street; Placide J. Spear, 36 Bienville street; Duchiron & Neuburger, 171 Gravier street; Chas. E. Fortier, 48 Exchange Alley; S. Guinault, corner of Bienville and Exchange Alley; E. F. Meunier, 82 Customhouse street; Montgomery, Bros. & Co., 89 Camp street; Chas. T. Nash, corner of St. Charles and Perdido; Alfred Bonlight, 54 Exchange Alley; J. Dejan, Jr., 183 Gravier, and W. I. Hodgson, 21 Commercial Place.

The signs are a feature in themselves, elliptical in form, about three feet in their largest diameters, and gotten up in the style that the incomparable Unickie, of Exchange Alley, does all work in the sign painting line which is entrusted to him. The letters are of gold on a dark velvet ground and beautifully symmetrical. The signs are, besides, uniform in design and size, and are hung against the wall by green wizen cords, the upper portion inclining forward after the style of pictures. Adjoining and communicating with the rotunda is a neatly furnished room which is intended as a private club room for the auctioneers who have combined in establishing the new exchange.

Two bars are attached to the exchange, one at which lager beer at 10 cents per glass is dispensed, and the other is for the sale of stronger liquors. To-day, beyond doubt, the curiosity will be great to see the new exchange, which, notwithstanding its capacious dimensions, will hardly be large enough to contain all the visitors. Thousands of dollars worth of property will, in all probability, have changed hands by three o'clock today, through the medium of the gentlemen named above.

THE OPERA.—To-night, fashionable night again at the Opera House, a sight at the auditorium of which alone will fully repay for the investment of the price of admission. "Orpheus in Hades," with Mme Lambéic Alkha as Eurydice, is to be performed for the first time this season. Secure your seats for Sunday night for Verdi's "Traviata" and a three act comedy entitled "The Two White Ravens," to be on the card on that night. "Don Juan," "Fortunio," and "Romeo and Juliet" are in rehearsal and will shortly be produced.

Keep & Hogan, 28 Tchoupitoulas street and 28 New Levee, keep on hand a large and extensive stock of hardware and cutlery, Jas. H. Hall & Co.'s Mayeville, Ky., plows, sugar and cotton.

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