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The Constitutional Convention.

Thirty-Third Day's Proceedings. The special committee to which had been referred the ordinance offered by Mr. Blackburn in relation to the warrants issued by the convention, together with the substitute and minority report. The majority reported in favor of adoption of the substitute, and the minority in favor of the original ordinance. After a long discussion the majority report was accepted, and the substitute referred to a committee. The following is a copy:

Be it ordained by the constitutional convention of the state of Louisiana, Section 1. The ordinance passed by the convention on the twelfth day of December, 1867, providing for the raising of one hundred thousand dollars of bonds to raise money to pay the expenses of the convention, be and the same is hereby repealed, the party who engaged and obligated himself to discontinue the said bonds having completely failed to fulfill the contract. Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, That the warrants for the pay of members and officers under the said ordinance shall be paid by the treasurer of this state out of any funds to the credit of the state constitutional convention in the treasury of the state.

The convention then adopted a very few additional articles of the constitution, as follows: Article 21. The houses of representatives shall choose their speaker and other officers. Art. 24. Electors, in all cases, except treason, felony, or breach of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest during their attendance on, going to, and returning from elections.

Art. 25. At its first session under this constitution, the general assembly shall provide by law that the names and residences of all qualified electors shall be registered in order to be eligible to vote, and the registry shall be free of cost to the elector.

Art. 26. No person shall be entitled to vote at any election held in this state, except in the parish of his residence and at the election precinct in which he resides. Provided, That no voter on moving from one parish to another within the state shall lose the right of voting in the former until he shall have acquired it in the latter.

Art. 27. All members of the senate shall be eligible to the office of elector, and when assembled the senate shall have power to choose its own officers. Convention then adjourned till Thursday at eleven o'clock A. M.

CITY COUNCIL.

Board of Assistant Aldermen. Mr. Perkins was called to the chair. Nine members present. The treasurer's report showed, for the week: Receipts, \$24,377; expenditures, \$33,053; balance on hand, \$50,261.

Controller Mandell addressed the board, asking that some settlement be agreed upon which would prevent any collision of authority between him and the finance committee. Referred to special committee.

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Henry Williams, Harvey Hall, John Brown, and Abraham Robertson, arrested by Officer Gilman, corner St. Bernard and Broad streets, and charged as being vagrants, were each, in default of \$100 voucher, committed thirty days to the workhouse.

John Meyer, charged by H. B. Jackson with being a suspicious character and a vagrant, Jim Brown by Officer Jackson with being lascivious, and J. L. Marony by Ed. Dehlinger with violating city ordinance 881, were all discharged, the latter for want of prosecution.

AMUSEMENTS. Faust at the New Opera House. The patrons of the New Opera House will witness to-night the grand opera in five acts, entitled "Faust," in which the leading artists of the opera company have parts.

The New Opera House is under the immediate direction of Monsieur Paul Albaladeo, and this gentleman will be assisted by Mr. Lamotte. The latter gentleman has been known to all the habitués of the French opera in this city for the past fifteen years or more.

As to-day is the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, it is probable that the ladies will appear at the opera in their most fashionable attire, and that they will make a gala night of it. The New Opera House full of well-dressed people is a sight in itself well worth seeing.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER WELLS.

FROM CHICAGO.

DISASTROUS FIRE--LOSS \$100,000.

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS.

RIVER NEWS, MARKETS, ETC.

DISPATCHES TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—House.—Special

House Revenue Commissioner Wells' report was submitted.

The bill expediting the payment of bounties was resumed. An amendment referring the claims of negro soldiers to the freedmen's bureau for examination was adopted, and the bill passed.

The election committee reported in favor of Jefferson in Trimble, from Kentucky.

A joint resolution for the sale of Chattanooga railroad mill property was referred to the committee on military affairs.

A bill preventing wharfy tax frauds was introduced. It forbids the withdrawal of spirits from bond under any circumstances until the full tax is paid. Passed.

The house went into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union when Mr. Casey spoke in favor of paying the public debt in legal tenders. Adjourned.

Senate.—Mr. Sumner introduced a bill abolishing the Eastern and extending the jurisdiction of the Western district court over Texas.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill vacating certain offices in Georgia, and authorizing the convention to fill them. Ordered printed.

An unsatisfactory discussion arose as to whether the bill passed before the recess abolishing the color distinction in the District of Columbia was law. Matter referred to the judiciary committee.

The cotton tax question was resumed, and after a long argument and numerous amendments, the bill passed to the following effect:

The tax is suspended during 1868 on cotton growing during that year. This suspension not to be construed as to prevent the regular levy of twenty-two per cent. The duty on new cotton imported into the United States from April 1, 1868, to April 1, 1869, is suspended. The bill goes back to the house for concurrence. Adjourned.

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There was a short cabinet session to-day, Seward and Grant being absent.

Generals Grant and Sherman had a protracted interview to-day at the war office.

Mr. Wilson's bill presented to-day vacates the offices of governor, secretary of state, treasurer, controller, and surveyor general of Georgia.

Secretary Seward was before the senate committee on foreign relations regarding territorial acquisitions.

Mr. Schenck stated in congress that there was now four hundred thousand barrels of whisky in bond on which tax is due amounting to \$400,000.

Internal revenue receipts to-day, \$630,000.

The debt statement shows \$108,500,000 in coin, and \$25,730,000 in currency in the treasury.

The public debt has increased during the month nearly seven millions.

It is said that the president will assign General Granger to command the sub-district of Alabama.

The following were among the amendments to the cotton tax bill which was voted down in the senate: making the tax one cent per pound on the crop of 1868, relieving unused and uncontracted cotton of 1867. This was lost on the ground that it would open the door to universal swindling. Making the tax half a cent for 1868, and one cent afterward. The votes on these amendments were very close.

The Democratic dinner to-morrow, in honor of the battle of New Orleans, promises to be a magnificent affair.

The Herald's money article says that the total amount of gold certificates issued by the sub-treasury up to Saturday evening is \$242,732,680, of which \$268,575,000 outstanding. There is \$10,000,000 more in the cause for the advance, but the natural reaction from extreme depression was stimulated by purchases to cover short contracts, and the market is still largely over-sold, while in view of the financial situation and the prospect of the country the premium is by no means high.

The wife of James Robb, of New Orleans, died here yesterday.

CHICAGO, January 7.—Farrell Hall, a Young Men's Christian Association building, was burned to-day, losing \$100,000. Estimated loss \$300,000, and in Chicago for \$300,000. Two firemen are reported buried under the fallen walls.

FROM AUGUSTA.

AUGUSTA, January 7.—Poster Blodgett, postmaster of this city, has been suspended, and G. W. Sumner appointed special agent and taken charge of the office. A petition is being circulated for signatures among the citizens which will be presented to General Mead asking for the removal of Blodgett as military mayor of Augusta.

FROM RICHMOND.

RICHMOND, January 7.—In the reconstruction case the first section of the bill of rights, declaring all men by nature equally free and independent, was adopted.

FROM KEEPEE.

KEEPEE, January 7.—Lord Stanley is preparing a protest against Russian intrigues in Turkey.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 7.—Rich and extensive gold mines have been discovered on the Amoor river, and the natives are flocking to them by thousands. Conflicts between the natives have occurred, and troops have been sent to preserve order and guard the mines.

MISSISSIPPI RECONSTRUCTION CONVENTION.

JANUARY 7.—The convention to frame a constitution for Mississippi under the reconstruction acts met to-day. A. Mygatt, of Vicksburg, was chosen temporary secretary. Convention adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FINANCIAL MARKETS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Money easy. Call loans 6 per cent. Gold steady at 137. Sterling weaker at 104. Stocks buoyant. Government closed strong. Five-twenties, of 1867, with coupons 104.

River Intelligence.

LOUISIANA, January 7.—Departed, Laurel Hill and Southerner for New Orleans.

River rising fast, with twelve foot eight inches in the canal by the mark. Weather cloudy and growing cold.

LOUISIANA, January 7.—Passed up, Louisville at 8 P. M. Starlight at 5 P. M. Passed down, Bar Able at 9 A. M., Ruth at 12 M., Atlantic at 4, Alice Vivian at 5, and Magenta at 7 P. M. River rising.

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS.

SOUTHWEST PASS, January 7, 6 P. M.—Brometer 30.20. Wind southeast, light. Arrived: French bark Bon File, Frisco, master, general cargo to Malena & L. bordé.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS, January 7.—Tobacco quiet and unchanged. Cotton lower, 12c. Flour firm, \$5 50 to \$12 50. Wheat, 10c. Corn inactive, 89 to 90c. Oats better, 70 to 75c. Provisions firm. Pork, \$20 to 21. Beef shoulders, 10c to 12c; clear sides, 11 to 12c; lard 12c. Hogs higher, 6 to 7c.

CHICAGO, January 7.—Flour quiet. Family \$11 50. Wheat \$2 20. Corn market 80c. Oats advanced to 80c. Rice firm at \$1 65. Barley 21c. Cotton declining, middling 14c. Whisky unchanged. Hogs all at 12c. Live stock provisions dull. Pork \$20 to 21. Lard 12c. Bacon dull. Shoulders 9c to 10c; clear sides 11 to 12c.

LOUISVILLE, January 7.—Tobacco, low grades firmer; lugs \$4 40 to \$6; common to medium lugs \$3 75 to \$5; to \$10 to 14c. Flour firmer, \$7 75 to \$12 25. Wheat \$2 40 to \$2 45. Corn, new ear 70c to 75c; shelled 60c to 85c. Oats 67c to 68c. Bacon, shoulders 10c; clear sides 13c; and uncut 11c to 12c. Bulk mess, shoulders 2c; clear sides 11c. Whisky 28c to 30c in bond.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Cotton opened dull and lower, but closed steady. Sales to-day, 3000 bales; middling, 16 to 16c; closing at 16c. Flour, a shade firmer; state \$9 to 11 25. Southern \$9 50 to 15. Wheat firm. Corn unchanged; white Southern \$1 37 to 1 40. Oats 87c. Mess pork \$21. Lard 12 to 13c. Rice dull. Sugar in moderate demand at 11c to 12c. Orleans molasses 75 to 85c. Other groceries quiet. Turpentine 51 to 52c. Rosin \$2 50 to 7. Tallow 10 1/2 to 11c. Freight firm.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, January 7, Evening.—Consols, 92 1/2.

FRANKFURT, January 7.—Bonds, 76 1/2.

PARIS, January 7.—Rentes courtes, 47 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, January 7, Evening.—Cotton quiet and unchanged. Manchester advices unfavorable. Wheat 5s 3d. Sugar quiet and steady.

Secretary Stanton's Case Before the Senate.

The following was published in yesterday's evening papers:

WASHINGTON, January 7.—Howard's Stanton report takes the ground that Stanton favored the reconstruction acts, while the president evinced a disposition to disregard the constitution, and that it is possible, the reins of absolute power.

This startling purpose