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AMUSEMENTS.

BIDWELL'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Monday Evening, December 15, 1873.
Second and last week of the brilliant young actress,
MISS KATIE PUTNAM.

TUESDAY, December 15.	JANE EYRE.
WEDNESDAY, December 16.	NEW MAGDALEN.
THURSDAY, December 18.	HOUSEHOLD TREASURE AND LITTLE MOTHER.
FRIDAY, December 19.	Farewell Benefit of Katie Putnam. POCAHONTAS, AND GRIST TO THE MILL.
SATURDAY NOON, December 20.	POCAHONTAS, AND GRIST TO THE MILL.
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Doors open at 6.30, performance commences precisely at seven o'clock. de16 1t

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE TO PATIENTS.

STAFF SURGEON L. H. EVERITT, M. D., has now returned from his visit to the navy yard, Warrington, Florida, and may, as usual, be consulted at his office and residence, No. 163 Bienville street, corner of Rampart, two squares below Canal street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
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LOUISIANA JOCKEY CLUB.

Fall Meeting.

To-day we must make good the laurels we failed to win last Saturday. The elements have smiled upon us, and the blue empyrean, undimmed save by the hazy nightfall and morning dew, gives promise of fine weather. Nothing has been neglected by the club to have everything in order, and public enthusiasm has notably enkindled.

There will be three races to-day, full particulars of which are given elsewhere in our advertising columns.

For the first race, a two mile dash for all ages (known as the Orleans stake), we read twenty entries named. Of this number probably not more than seven will start. For this race at the pool sales last night Western Star was by long odds the favorite, the aggregate pools summing up as follows:

Western Star, $300; Ryan's entry, $220; Edwin Adams, $190; Bonnabel's entries, $175; Meta H., $140; Philomena, $110.

Pools for the second race disclosed Silent Friend as the choice at say $350; Carrington coming next, $180; Nellie R., $120; Port Leonard, $90.

Bidding for pools in the third race was somewhat shifting. Wanderer, however, had the call throughout, figuring at $150; Cape Race, $130; Cottrill's entry, $110; Falmouth, $85; the field at $10.

We produce three pools actually sold as showing the relative status of the flying steeds among those inclined to sport:

FIRST RACE.

Western Star	$30
Ryan's entry	20
Edwin Adams	23
Bonnabel's entries	10
Meta H	9
Philomena	4
Total	$96

SECOND RACE.

Silent Friend	$50
Carrington	26
Nellie R	14
Port Leonard	12
Total	$102

THIRD RACE.

Wanderer	$30
Cape Race	17
Falmouth	13
Cottrill's entries	11
Warwick	11
The field	10
Total	$92

Quite a large crowd was assembled at Hawkins's club room over his well known salon, to bid in the pools, but the present stringency of money and a dearth of business was plainly demonstrated in the ridiculous smallness of the ventures. We don't reproach anybody because they don't bet on our horse races, but the manner in which this community is forced to play at sporting on the turf is painfully ludicrous. Enthusiasm is not wanting; there is here an innate love of the turf; Southerners are born riders, they are natural cavaliers, but just now it would seem that a first class race meet is an impossibility in our midst.

Some of the finest gentlemen in the land are at the head of our turf organization, but somehow or other our masses lack the pelt and power to make a proper response to their efforts. Our natural love of the noblest animal given to man's service is in no ways disproven by lack of attendance on his triumphs on the field. When stern necessity over-rides inclination, when the Lares and Penates put to flight all thought of Olympian games, we can not charge our people with apathy, and can only hope for better days when the race track will be used less as a gambling medium, and more as a means of developing the noble horse.

This morning sales of pools will be resumed by Mr. Baker and Captain W. N. Conner at Hawkins's club room at half-past nine o'clock.

Billiards.

Professor Garnier continues to delight large audiences at Charlie Lacoume's amphitheatre in the St. Charles Hotel rotunda. Twice a day he plays either Messrs. Coste, Abrams, Maggioli or others of our best players, whose efforts only serve as a foil to the execution of the master.

In a few days, Wednesday, perhaps, Mr. Slosson will arrive, and then the billiard world will go crazy.

Returned.

Napier Bartlett, Esq., returned to this city on the Steamer Juniata, which reached this port on Sunday morning. Mr. Bartlett has been spending some weeks in Havana. He represents affairs there to be in a very feverish condition, the feeling of the people running high on account of the recent complications. A few nights before he left, an attempt was made to burn the Virginius, lying in the harbor.

Personal.

The recently elected Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, Colonel Davis, in company with Hon. S. J. Ireland, is in the city. We welcome such staunch champions of Republicanism as they have proven themselves in the recent conflict in our sister State, and are gratified that their many friends in New Orleans are showing them the attentions their high deserts merit.

Mrs. F. G. O'Byrne, the accomplished elocutionist, and a writer of considerable talent, known by the *nom de plume* of "Pips," has arrived in this city, and it is not improbable that she may be induced to give one or two of her reading entertainments. In the West, where she has been very successful, she is considered by many to be the equal of Mrs. Scott Siddons in this line of amusement.

Assessment notice Nos. 152 and 153. See special notice column. Death of Joseph Wald and J. L. Levy, payable at the office of the Mutual Aid and Benevolent Life Insurance Association of Louisiana, No. 19 Camp street. Amount paid since organization, August, 1868, $350,455.

THE NEW ORLEANS PICAYUNE NEWSPAPER AT AUCTION BY THE SHERIFF.—Attention is called to the sale at auction to be made this day at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by the sheriff of the parish of Orleans, of the New Orleans *Picayune* newspaper, say the printing and job office, good will, material, etc. For full particulars and terms see advertisement.

SHERIFF'S SALE AT AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE FOR STATE TAXES FOR THE YEARS 1870 AND 1871.—Attention is called to the sales at auction to be made this day at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by the sheriff of the parish of Orleans, of real estate situated in the First and Second Districts of this city. For particulars and terms see advertisements.

Hon. A. H. Stephens and the "Salary Grabbers."

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

The *Picayune*, as usual, "with its head in the clouds and heels in the dust," delivers a lecture to Mr. Stephens on his recent speech in the House.

The *Picayune* demands infallibility in everything human, albeit it admits now and then its own fallibility.

It appears to scorn all means to accomplish an end, and expects our rulers to be of that immaculate nature which is beyond all gross, human, material aids to a correct life. God bless us! Won't it be glorious when that time comes?

The *Pic* tells us that "the men who have capacity for high duties of statesmanship have never depended on official salaries for support." Hence wealth must qualify "mental calibre, information, education, virtue, trustworthiness," which Mr. Stephens says should make up the statesman.

Then no one but the wealthy must run for office, and the self-made men who have sprung up from the ranks of the poor, and know how to represent their kind, must stand aside. Attainments and virtue are nothing without full pockets.

Too many of our best and noblest statesmen in the past have been forced to the humiliation of borrowing from their friends, enough to take the spirit out of any man, when the government, by paying them liberally, would have saved them this humiliation.

Who does not remember poor Jefferson's embarrassments, when finally he was compelled to sell his valuable library to relieve himself from debts contracted in entertaining the guests of the nation? His friends finally came to his assistance, finding that he was in real trouble; but who does not admire that proud independent spirit which prompted Jefferson to extricate himself without aid from others?

It is because men do not wish to burden their friends that Credit Mobiliers are made possible. These take away the causes that drive men to acts that seem to them less humiliating than begging.

Are our rulers too extravagant? Doubtless many are, but they are the reflex of ourselves.

The *Times* puts it thus:

If he be a man of family, and wisdom would suggest that heads of households make the truest rulers, it is essential that his wife and daughters should appear upon state occasions in toilettes at least presentable; and what man conversant with modern fashions can properly estimate this expense?

Certainly the ladies will defend the increase of pay.

Is the *Picayune* wiser than the Great Teacher of 1800 years ago, who taught the people then that temptations were not to be despised? COMMON SENSE.

Life of Edwin Forrest.

"The Life, Reminiscences and Personal Recollections of Edwin Forrest, the Great American Tragedian," by James Rees (Colley Cibber), which has been appearing for several months past, in weekly installments, in the Philadelphia *Sunday Mercury*, is now in press, and will be published in a few days, in book form, by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, No. 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. The author has written and added to the work several introductory chapters, which contain a full and complete history of Mr. Forrest's life, from the time of his birth, until his first appearance on the stage. He has also carefully revised and rewritten the whole of the balance of the work, which will now be published in one large duodecimo volume of over 400 pages, and be printed from new type on the finest white paper. Every copy of the work will contain a portrait of Edwin Forrest, engraved on steel, in line and stipple, in the finest style of the engraver's art, from the last picture for which Mr. Forrest sat, as well as a copy of his autograph, and his last will in full. The work will be bound in morocco cloth, gilt back, and be sold to subscribers at the low price of two dollars a copy. Advance copies will be sent to all subscribers prior to the day of publication, upon any one remitting the price at once to the publishers, T. B. Peterson & Brothers, No. 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. All copies subscribed for prior to the day of publication will contain proof impressions of the portrait of Edwin Forrest, on India proof paper; therefore, all persons wishing proof impressions of Mr. Forrest's portrait had better send their orders at once to the publishers, as the first impressions are always the best, and all copies of the work will be sent to subscribers in the order they are subscribed for. Agents and canvassers are wanted everywhere to engage in the sale of the above work, who can make large wages at it. Address all orders and letters to the publishers.

DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, ETC.—This day, at half-past ten o'clock, at Hart's loan office, corner Gravier and St. Charles streets, a large assortment of diamonds, jewelry, watches, etc.; also, a very large lot of silverware—Messrs. Montgomery are the auctioneers. For full particulars, see advertisement.

Meteorological and River Report.

The signal service, United States army, reports, for the benefit of commerce, the meteorological record, and rise or fall of the rivers, at 3:43 P. M., local time, yesterday, as follows:

Place.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
Cairo	49	S. E.	Fair.
Chicago	40	S.	Fair.
Cincinnati	49	S. E.	Fair.
Davenport	40	S. W.	Clear.
Dubuque	59	.....	Clear.
Galveston	58	S. E.	Clear.
Indianola	58	E.	Clear.
Keokuk	46	S.	Clear.
Leavenworth	50	S.	Clear.
Louisville	45	S. E.	Fair.
Memphis	48	S.	Fair.
Nashville	48	.....	Fair.
New Orleans	58	N.	Clear.
Omaha	42	S.	Clear.
Pittsburg	42	S.	Fair.
Shreveport	57	S.	Clear.
St. Louis	48	S. E.	Clear.
St. Paul	39	S. E.	Clear.
Vicksburg	56	.....	Clear.
Fort Gibson	55	E.	Clear.

THE RIVERS.

Stations.	Rise, inches.	Fall, inches.	Above low water mark. Ft.	In.
Cairo	..	..	31	7
Cincinnati	13	..	26	9
Davenport	..	..	3	1
Dubuque	..	2	6	4
Keokuk	..	1	1	6
Leavenworth	..	..	3	8
Louisville	4	..	14	0
Memphis	13	..	22	2
Nashville	..	30	17	0
New Orleans	4	..	..	..
Pittsburg	..	83	17	7
Shreveport	3	..	17	2
St. Louis	16	..	16	4
Vicksburg	..	..	27	0

The river here is ten feet below high water mark of 1871.

The fashionable ladies of New York have decided to offer no wine to their guests on new year's day.

The Clearing House and the Banks.

The REPUBLICAN stated on Saturday morning that—

All the banks in the city are in line and fully competent to resume payment, except one, which, it is stated, is indebted to the Clearing House some $292,000, with nothing to meet it with, and that the Clearing House has decided to "carry" the bank through to prevent its absolute bankruptcy. A committee of the Clearing House has been appointed to report on Monday on the propriety of resuming, and it is thought by those best informed that resumption will not be delayed beyond next week.

On Sunday morning Messrs. Schneider, Jonas and Irwin, trustees of the Clearing House, published a card in reference to this article, in which they state that—

Every Clearing House certificate issued to any debtor bank is fully secured by undoubted collaterals, valued at thirty-three and one-third per cent in excess of such certificates, and that said article is entirely untrue.

The REPUBLICAN is pleased that the responsible gentlemen of the Clearing House have been induced to come to the front. Now if they will go further, and publish a statement of the condition of all the banks in the Clearing House Association as they stood at the hour of clearing on Saturday morning, they will be doing what the public ask, and have a right to demand. Either these banks are in danger of crumbling into bankruptcy upon resumption, or else they are hoarding up the people's money for improper purposes. Which is it?

New York is afflicted with a financial "Star Chamber" very much as we are, and the *Herald* of the eleventh makes this demand upon it:

The banks are said to be still increasing in their gain of legal tenders. It would be eminently satisfactory to the public if a daily statement of the condition of these institutions were made known, and as soon as there is a complete recuperation—a condition of affairs which will enable some future "Committee of Nine" to declare that the Clearing House Association is not carrying as dead weight one fifth of the fiduciary institutions of the city—we trust the policy will be adopted and perpetuated. The business men of the country would like to know the status of their financial representatives.

We hold that the public have a right to know these things, and a newspaper is untrue to its readers that neglects to furnish the facts when it is in its power to give them. We know the gentlemen of the Clearing House do not take this view of it, otherwise they would not have kept secret the condition of the New Orleans Banking Association so many days previous to its failure, after they had exhausted its last available collateral.

The trustees of the Clearing House pronounce our article of Saturday false. As to this, time will tell, and the public shall be the judge. We gave as the reason why the banks did not resume that one of them was weak and was indebted to the Clearing House in the sum of $292,000, "with nothing to meet it with." Perhaps these were not the words that should have been used to convey our meaning. Perhaps the bank has furnished collateral—and it is pretty well understood what that collateral consists of—but we assert that at the time the article was written and printed the figures were correct; and this fact we are prepared to prove by one of the very men who signed the card denouncing our article as "entirely false;" for it was from his own lips the statement came. We assert, furthermore, that at the hour of clearing, say eleven o'clock, yesterday morning, the amount had been decreased only $9000, leaving the amount of the bank's indebtedness to the Clearing House still exceeding $283,000.

We assert, furthermore, that, although the three banks which these gentlemen are at the head of, are shown and believed to be fully capable of resuming any day, and have been so for nearly a month, they have made publicly the same excuse for themselves that we have made for them—that they were waiting for other banks to get in line with them; and because certain other banks could not resume, they would not.

Henry Rufus Swazey.

On Sunday, at half-past three o'clock, quietly yielded up his life of useful labor the distinguished citizen whose name heads this paragraph. For forty years he had been a resident of this city, and has left upon many of our institutions the impress of his usefulness. He was an active and valued member of the Mechanics' Society and of many other bodies, but it was in the Masonic fraternity that his sterling virtues won for him his proudest preferment. He was an active working member, and had received the highest honors in every grade of Masonry. He was past master, and for a great many years treasurer of George Washington Lodge No. 65, and in 1868 was elected grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State. He had been for several years grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge, which office he held at the time of his death. He was past high priest and treasurer of Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 15, and in 1862 was chosen grand high priest of the Grand Chapter. He was grand treasurer of the Grand Chapter for fourteen years. In 1869 he was most puissant grand master of Royal and Select Masters. He was past eminent commander of Jacques de Molay Commandery of Knights Templar, and in 1861, on the organization of the Grand Commandery, he was chosen its first right eminent grand commander. He was also an earnest worker in the mysteries of the ancient and accepted Scottish rite, and was an active member of the Thirty-third Degree of the Grand Consistory.

He was buried yesterday from Masonic Hall. His remains were deposited in the tomb of George Washington Lodge in the Masonic Cemetery, on Bienville street, at Metairie ridge. The following was the order of procession:

Joseph's Silver Cornet Band.
Knights Templar.
Orleans Commandery No. 3.
Jacques De Molay Commandery No. 2.
Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1.
Officers of the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana.
George Washington Lodge No. 65.
Visiting Brethren.
Officers and Companions of Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 15.
Members of the Grand Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, State of Louisiana.
Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

Then came the hearse, flanked by pallbearers detailed from each Masonic body, and a large number of carriages containing the family and friends of deceased and the members of the Mechanics' Society.

Arriving at the cemetery, the Knights Templar formed a triangle at the tomb. Deputy Grand Master John G. Fleming advanced to its apex and read the beautiful ritual of the brotherhood, assisted by Rev. J. C. Carpenter, grand chaplain. Sprigs of evergreen, emblems of his mortality, hid the coffin from sight, and bereaved hearts bade their last adieu. Worthy brother! Excellent companion! Valient knight! Hail! and farewell!

AMUSEMENTS.

Varieties Theatre.

This fine theatre was opened last night for a short dramatic season by the Rose and Harry Watkins combination. As theatres are patronized now, the house was a good one. In other days, and on the stage of the old Varieties, when opened under the management of Mr. Thomas Placide, Mrs. Watkins (then known as Mrs. Charles Howard), was leading lady, although then a mere girl, and for five consecutive seasons she continued to act in this city, and achieved a popularity without a parallel. She possessed a remarkably fine contralto voice, and successfully performed characters in burlesque and in every range of the drama. She comes back to us with the same charm of song and manner about her as of old, and was warmly welcomed by her friends. Time has touched her with a light hand, and she still remains the beautiful woman and accomplished actress. Mr. Harry Watkins is a clever comedian, particularly so in Irish characters. The play last night was their specialty of "Kathleen Mavourneen," and in it the lady sings with good effect the songs of "Kathleen Mavourneen," "Terence O'Moore," and "Come to me, Darling." An additional attraction to the drama was the appearance of Miss Amy Lee, a remarkably brilliant child actress, who played *Meg Murdock*, with songs. The company is a very good one, and has been materially strengthened by the addition of Mr. J. P. Kilbourne, the excellent comedian, and several others, late of the Academy of Music. "Kathleen Mavourneen" will be repeated again to-night.

St. Charles Theatre.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers and Mr. J. C. McCollom appeared at this theatre last night in the new drama of "Lady Madge," for the first time here. It is a fair version of Charles Gibbon's novel entitled "For the King." The scene is laid in Scotland, amid revolution and civil war. *Malcolm*, the husband of *Lady Madge*, played by Mr. McCollom, is an officer under the king, and his wife's father, Earl of Strathroy, is the leader of the rebellion. The earl comes to his daughter's house in disguise, and demands that she abandon her husband and fly with him. She refuses, and as *Malcolm* approaches she conceals him. *Malcolm* has just received important dispatches, and orders to join the army. These the earl steals and escapes through a window. This loss *Malcolm* communicates to his friend of the army, *Colonel Strange*. He is not believed, and is arrested for treason and condemned to be shot. In disgrace he joins the army under an assumed name, and becomes greatly distinguised as a soldier. *Strang* pursues his supposed widow with offers of marriage, and plays a villainous part against the unfortunate *Malcolm*. Finally the earl is captured, and reveals to the General that *Strang* is a traitor, and he is accordingly punished, and *Malcolm* is restored to rank and honor. The acting of the heroine affords fine scope for the various emotions of conflicting love for father and husband, who are directly opposed to each other, and is well suited to the great genius of Mrs. Bowers. She will repeat the same character this evening.

Academy of Music.

Miss Katie Putnam played *Meg*, in "Meg's Diversion," at the Academy last night; and also *Sally Scraggs* in "Sketches in India," in both of which she appeared to good advantage. The comedy of "Meg's Diversion" is one sparkling with wit, and has not a dull scene in it. The performance was greatly enjoyed. To-night "Jane Eyre" will be produced, with Miss Putnam as the heroine. Mr. J. E. Nugent, who proves to be an excellant leading actor, of more than average ability, will be the *Rochester*.

The Opera.

The presentation of "La Muette de Portici" last night was a grand success. For a future time must be reserved a full notice of this matchless entertainment. The attendance was a marked improvement in point of numbers upon the usual Monday night audiences.

To-night "La Favorite," grand opera in four acts, by Donizetti, will be given, with M. Gadilhe in the role of *Fernande*, M. Lourde as *Alphonse*, M. Conveau as *Don Gaspar*, and M. Mayan as *Balthazar*. Mlle. Denain will appear in her great character of *Leonore*, and the role of *Ines* will be sustained by Mlle. Thiebaut.

Underlined for production at an early date we read "Charles VI.," "La Dame Blanche" and "Robert le Diable."

Grand Review and Parade.

Five companies of the Metropolitan brigade, together with Troop A, were paraded last Sunday in Annunciation square, at 10 A. M., and inspected by Colonel Wright, of General Longstreet's staff.

The five companies were Company A under Captain Gaster, Company B commanded by Captain Fertier, Company D under Captain McCann, Company F under Captain Robinson, and Company J under Captain Schrieber. Troop A was commanded by Captain Taylor.

The drill was conducted according to Upton's tactics and the various evolutions were gone through with remarkable precision. The appearance of the troops was fine and their general bearing would compare favorably with some of the finest regular troops. Colonel Flanagan, the commanding officer of the batallion is to be congratulated on the excellent discipline and drill of his corps.

During the pauses of review and military evolutions, the hospitable quarters of General Beckwith, the worthy Commissary General of this department, were visited by many friends. The General, all life and soul and energy, received his visitors in his usual open hearted way and by his own enthousiasm at the fine display caused each one to feel additional interest.

Next Sunday the other half of the Metropolitan brigade will parade and go through a similar drill.

Sam Weller and the Arapiles.

[From the Brooklyn Argus.]

Sam Weller was seated on the quarter-deck of a coal barge, not far from the Brooklyn navy yard, sunning himself, a day or two ago, when the following incident occurred, which he relates in his own characteristic way: I was sittin' takin' it easy like, says Sam, when up steps a gen'l'm'n, and says: "You don't remember me?" "Can't say I do," says I. "Oh, I know you," says the gen'l'm'n; "know'd you when you was a boy," says he. "Well, I don't remember you," says I. "That's wery odd," says the gen'l'm'n. "Wery," says I. "You must have a bad mem'ry," says the gen'l'm'n. "Well, it isn't very prime on recollectin'," says I. Then he grows more confidenc'ider and says, "it's a werry narrer channel here for a Spanish brig 'un to get through?" "It is rather narrer," says I. "Nasty bit," says he, "and more speciaier if suthin' should upset" and get stuck in the mud what couldn't be dug up less nor a fortnight or so, till this Cuby question's riz off the public mind?" "Wery nasty sitiwation," says I. "Well," says the gen'l'm'n, "you're a wery good bargeman as can do what he likes with his own barge." "It's wery kind o' you," says I, concealin' suthin' as he handed over to me. "Good arternoon," says the gen'l'm'n. "Good arternoon," says I. And you wouldn't b'lieve, p'raps, but next mornin' afore daybreak a barge was upset on that wery spot as the gen'l'm'n pinted out.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CONGRESS.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections—Sumner absent—report themselves equally divided upon the merits of the case as between McMillen and Pinchback.

The committee is divided thus: Morton, Logan, Anthony and Mitchell for seating Pinchback on prima facie; opposed, Carpenter, Alcorn, Hamilton and Saulsbury.

There was little done in the Louisiana case.

Mr. Morton, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted a report that the committee had considered the contested election case of P. B. S. Pinchback and General McMillen, claiming seats as Senators from Louisiana, and were evenly divided as to which one should be admitted. He, therefore, asked that the committee be discharged from a further consideration of the subject, and that the whole matter be referred to the Senate. Mr. Morton introduced a resolution that the credentials of P. B. S. Pinchback are formal, and he is entitled to a seat in the Senate, he having prima facie case, and gave notice that to-morrow morning, after the expiration of the morning hour, he would ask the Senate to proceed to a consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, hoped so early a day would not be fixed for the consideration of the resolution. He thought the Senate should have time to examine the facts of the case.

Mr. Ferry, of Connecticut, asked if the reports and testimony in regard to Louisiana taken by the committee last session were before the Senate. The chair replied in the negative. Ferry asked that those documents be taken from the files and laid before the Senate.

Mr. Conkling, of New York, inquired if the Committee on Privileges and Elections had reported the evidence taken in regard to Pinchback.

Mr. Morton replied that the committee had taken no evidence. He introduced the resolution as a question of right, the credentials of Pinchback being regular. The report and testimony taken by the committee at the last session could be referred to by the Senator from Connecticut, but he must object to their being made a basis for action in this case.

Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, inquired if there was any state of facts behind of the credentials to show that Pinchback had not been duly elected in case the Senate should admit him on his credentials on being prima facie.

Mr. Morton replied that the other side would contend that Mr. Pinchback had not been duly elected, and that the Legislature electing him was not the legitimate Legislature of the State.

Mr. Boreman, of West Virginia, thought all the documents before the Committee on Privileges and Elections should be printed and laid before the Senate before discussion be commenced.

Mr. Conkling, of New York, thought the motion of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Ferry) to make the report and testimony in the Louisiana case last session as the basis for action now, by taking them from the files, should not pass. Mr. Pinchback was not a party to that investigation.

Mr. Ferry did not see why there should be an objection to bringing in that report and testimony. Every citizen of the United States was a party to that proceeding and every citizen is a party to this. The resolution now before the Senate was introduced by a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and was not a report from that committee. He was surprised that Senators objected to bringing in evidence which has been taken by a committee of the Senate in order to enable Senators to arrive at a conclusion. If the Senate went into the inquiry as to the prima facie case of Mr. Pinchback, it must also inquire as to the gubernatorial capacity of Mr. Kellogg and the power of the Legislature electing Mr. Pinchback.

The morning hour having expired, Mr. Sherman objected to further debate, and called up the resolution reported by him from the Finance Committee on Wednesday in regard to the present monetary derangement.

After the Louisiana contest the subject of finances was resumed.

The House bill for the redemption of the loan of 1858 passed, with several unimportant amendments.

Mr. West introduced a bill regarding the Fort St. Philip ship canal, as recommended by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

House.

Senator Gordon's resolution of inquiry regarding postal affairs, with some modifications, passed the House.

A large number of bills under regular call for commission on alcoholic drinks, amending third section of act No. 12, of March, 1863, for the collection of abandoned property in the insurrectionary States; to establish lighthouses on York river, Virginia; granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican war; allowing producers of leaf tobacco to sell without tax; to establish an iron ship building navy yard on the Southern coast; granting public lands in Alabama to public schools and internal improvements; for public buildings at Oxford, Mississippi; for the construction of Fort St. Philip ship canal as suggested by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, introduced by Mr. Sypher; for internal improvements in Louisiana, by Mr. Darrall; building the Mississippi levees, by Mr. Morey; for a canal over Muscle shoals, Tennessee river; declaring the Memphis City and Kansas railroad a postroad, for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of Florida, and for granting belligerent rights to Cuba, by Mr. Walls; for the improvement of Galveston harbor and buildings at Houston, by Mr. Giddings, and for removing all tax on apple whisky. There were 300 bills read.

A petition from 3000 druggists representing 275 cities ask a repeal of the stamp tax on medicines, or a modification to confine the tax to patent medicines.

The Judiciary Committee reported a bill repealing the bankrupt act.

Mr. Tremaine moved to suspend the rules, but finally the bill was made the special order for to-morrow. The first section repeals the bankrupt law and all of its amendments; the second provides that where there are bankruptcy proceedings pending, a majority in value of the creditors whose claims have been proved, or are favorable, shall determine in what manner, and on what terms and conditions the estate of the bankrupt shall be administered, and such resolution shall be immediately confirmed by the court.

Further sections arrange the details. There was a long debate in the House on a proposition from the Committees on Ways and Means and Appropriations, to refer back the annual estimate to the heads of departments, for the purpose of having them reduced; the object being to avoid, if possible, the necessity of having to meet the estimated deficit of $42,000,000, by imposing a duty on tea and coffee, and by increasing taxation on whisky, tobacco and other articles. The party of inflationists was headed by Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, who favored the issue of convertible bonds to meet the deficit.

The resolution was finally adopted. The House then passed a resolution to adjourn over the Christmas holidays, from Friday, December 19, until Tuesday, January 6.

E. R. Hoar, of Massachusetts, offered a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire and report whether the action of the House is required concerning the official conduct of the judge of the United States court of the district of Alabama; and especially whether the judge has held the terms of his court required by law; and whether he has continuously and persistently absented himself from the State; and whether his acts and omissions, in his office of judge, have been such as, in any degree, to deprive the people of that State of the benefit of the district court therein, to amount to a denial of justice. Adopted.

Judge Harris, of Virginia, offered a bill to abolish the tariff on printing paper, type and type metal; also, a bill to pay old soldiers and the widows of soldiers of the war of 1812, without proof of locality.

General Wigfall was on the floor of the Senate and House, to-day, and attracted courtesy from all parties.

WASHINGTON

The Monitor Montauk.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The monitor Montauk is being towed by two tugs to New York.

War Claims Committee.

The War Claims Committee of the House ask for power to send for persons and papers.

Nominations To-Day.

John L. Pennington, of Alabama, as Governor of Dakota; James W. Watson as postmaster at Helena, Arkansas; Governor Sam Bard to be postmaster at Atlanta; Colonel R. W. Hughes to be district judge of the eastern district of Virginia; William H. Hunt as marshal, southern district of Florida, and Thomas F. Purnell as marshall western district of Texas.

No Action on Williams' Case.

The confirmation of Judge Williams as Chief Justice hangs fire. The case was up to-day, without conclusive action.

Colored Texans at the White House.

In the absence of Senator Flanagan, of Texas, United States Marshal Ochiltree, of that State, accompanied by Hon. G. T. Ruby, chairman of the State Republican executive committee, and other delegates to the civil rights convention, called on the President, Secretary Richardson and Attorney General Williams to-day, in relation to political matters in Texas. The delegation was cordially received, and departed with the impression that the Union interests of Texas would not be sacrificed on the part of the national administration.

Robbing Dead Letters.

John A. Mitchner, in charge of the dead letter office, is held in $5000 bail, charged with stealing money from dead letters.

The Louisiana Case.

The Conservatives are gratified by to-days proceedings, though the partisans of Mr. Pinchback still express the hope of seating him before the recess upon his credentials, allowing General McMillen full privileges of the contest. Mr. Pinchback's friends claim for him twelve majority in the Senate, four of whom, however, are not in their seats, and think the only thing that can defeat their wishes will be the power of opposition to talk it over. The best opinion is the contest will be a prolonged one.

NEW YORK.

Arrest of a Barge Captain.

NEW YORK, December 15.—John Wilson, captain of the barge Virginia, has been arrested, charged with pushing overboard Ed. McGoodrich, who was found drowned.

Steamer Aground.

The steamer Green is in the mud off Bedloe island. She was compelled to partially discharge her c