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OFFICIAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1865

Information has been received at this Department from Mr. William B. Little, the Consul of the United States at Panama, of the death, on the 11th of November last, at the Panama Railroad Station of Herman Apeler, a naturalized American citizen, and late a native of Neustedt, in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. Also, on the 25th of October last on board of the American ship "Winfield Scott," of Michael Riley, aged 25 years a native of Canada.

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A note addressed to the Academy will meet with prompt attention. oc 4-tf

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TO THE PUBLIC.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that provision has been made for the removal of all deposits from the yards and cellars of the houses in our respective wards for the *space of twenty days from this date.*

Householders are therefore respectfully requested to cause accumulated deposits in their respective *yards and cellars* to be placed in the street in front of their premises, four feet from the gutter, when the same will be daily removed.

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OFFICE OF THE FRANKLIN INSURANCE CO. IN THE BUILDING OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, November 3, 1865.
A dividend of twelve and one half per cent. has been this day declared for the six months ending 31st ultimo, and is now payable to the stockholders.
CHAS. BRADLEY, Secretary.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS consists of the following-named persons, to wit:
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THE GLORY OF MAN IS STRENGTH—Therefore, the nervous and debilitated should immediately use HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU. no 8

TELEGRAMS, &c.

The steamer City of New York, from Liverpool on the 22d ult., via Queenstown on the 23d, arrived at New York yesterday evening. The ex-pirate Shenandoah sailed at noon, on the 21st, ult. for New York. The political news is unimportant. The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount to six per cent. Violent gales have occurred in England, with great damage to the shipping. The number of Fenians admitted to bail was regarded as an indication that only the chiefs were to be prosecuted. The underwriters and marine insurance companies of London and Liverpool are reported to have lost a half a million sterling by the destruction of three New Orleans cotton ships at Key West. A duel is reported to have taken place near Liverpool, between the Fenian General William Brown and an anti-Fenian of Liverpool. The former was slightly wounded in the hip. The reduction in the French army is 10,000, a saving of twelve or fifteen millions, and reductions in the navy save four millions. The *Times* says Russell is proceeding with the readjustment of the Ministry in the hope that when Parliament meets it will present a fair front. The *Times* repeats the rumor that Sir Robert Peel has resigned the Irish Secretaryship and is to be succeeded by Chichester Fortescue. Parliament has been further prorogued to the 28th of December. A Dublin despatch says Pigeon House Fort, commanding Dublin Bay, has been garrisoned since the 18th. The London *Morning Post* sees the indications of a reform bill in a certain steps taken by the Government.

The Cincinnati *Commercial* of yesterday morning, contains the report of Lieutenant General Grant, which was telegraphed from Pittsburg Tuesday night. Other papers of the country were furnished in advance with copies of the documents occupying the President's message, with the restrictions that they should not be published until ordered by the proper authorities. The above instance is the only one known where these restrictions have not been observed.

The Chicago *Times* says a contract has been concluded for the completion of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, including a bridge across the Missouri, on or before January 1, 1868. The contractors agree to build the road and receive their compensation in the shape of an annual rental for a number of years.

The California Legislature organized yesterday, electing the following officers in the Senate: S. P. Wright, president *pro tem*, and John Winter secretary. In the Senate a joint resolution was offered adopting the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery.

At Oil City, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, Mr. Uhler, the superintendent of the Ocean Oil Company, while on his way to Titusville, was waylaid and robbed of four thousand two hundred dollars in money and ten thousand dollars in checks

The Virginia Legislature, yesterday, passed a bill repealing the act allowing a transfer of the counties of Berkley and Jefferson to West Virginia.

John Poole, of Bertie county, North Carolina, was yesterday elected Senator from that State to fill the short term.

The Kentucky Legislature organized on Monday by electing Harrison Taylor speaker of the House, and J. R. Thomas clerk.

The steamer Waybassett, from Savannah with cotton, was burned in New York yesterday. Loss $250,000.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The report of Hon. D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, gives interesting details respecting the condition and wants of the several Indian tribes, and suggests a number of points requiring the action of Congress. His recommendations include legislation with reference to a more strict control of traders, and the punishment of agents for connivance with speculators, a more stringent law to prevent cattle stealing in the Indian territory; increase of pay of salaries of agents, superintendents, &c.; the reorganization of the working force of bureau, and increase of salary of the Commissioner; protection of Indian lands from taxation by State laws; an appropriation for the collection and preservation of information relative to, and memorials of the various tribes of Indians; revision of the list of agents, and provision for new ones, where changes of boundaries or new treaty provisions require it; appropriation for payment to Pottawatomies, who have taken steps to become citizens; provision for the purchase of land for reservations in California, and for the extinguishment of claims to improvements thereon; the organization of a territorial government for the Indian territory, and the settlement of friendly Indians therein, and the encouragement of a railroad from some point on the Missouri river to Galveston, Texas.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

The report of the Hon. Isaac Newton, Commissioner of Agriculture, gives a flattering statement of the agricultural prospects of the country. Tables are given showing the increase and decrease of stock, crops and prices for the year 1863 and 1864. This comparison exhibits that the increase in the bushels of grain is large, and the decrease in the pounds of tobacco raised is also great. The decrease in acres cultivated is 1,185,451, but the increase in the value of the above crops is $484,651,113.

In the Western States the wheat crop is very deficient in quality. It has been estimated by the department that the deficiency in both *quantity* and *quality* is 26,241,698 bushels; in quantity alone 12,172,944. The quality of the corn is excellent, and that of the remaining crops is believed to be an average. The number of bushels in 1865 exceeds those of 1864 by 215,071,411.

The Commissioner especially recommends the immediate action of Congress prohibiting the importation of farm stock during the prevalence of the cattle disease in Europe; and an appropriation for the erection of a building for the use of the Agricutural Department.

CONGRESSIONAL.

IN THE SENATE, yesterday, after the close of our report the President's message was read and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—After our report closed—

Mr. Washburne, of Ill., following a melancholy precedent, offered a resolution that a committee, consisting of one member from each State, be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what token of respect Congress shall adopt to express the deep sensibility of the nation on the event of the decease of President Lincoln; and that so much of the message as relates to the melancholy event be referred to the said committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Kelley, of Pa., introduced a bill to extend suffrage in the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, it was resolved that when the House adjourn to-morrow it be till Monday next. Adjourned.

THE MASON & HAMLIN CABINET ORGANS.—Those who are at all conversant with musical matters must have heard of the Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organs, which may be said to have achieved celebrity in a short time, commanding attention in foreign countries as well as at home. These makers had noted carefully the imperfections and the need of the reed instruments, and directed all their practical experience, and the knowledge derived from an extended series of experiments, to the correction of such imperfections, and to the supplying of these manifest needs. Their experiments on the single point of the reeds have resulted in the production of a quality of tone which assimilates so closely to the pipe organ quality, that it is difficult to distinguish between the two. This is the most important development of the reed instrument, as it obviates the popular objection to the reedy, thin, nasal quality of instruments of this class, and adapts it in a remarkable degree to the service of the church and to vocal accompaniments and music at home.

The Cabinet Organs are in point of fact most beautiful instruments; their tone is rich, pure, and full, and their mechanical arrangements are ample, and calculated to afford every assistance to the performer, while adding to the scope and power of the most charming instrument of modern time. They are made in every style of case; from the simplest to the most elaborate in design and finish, and at prices varying in accordance with the style.—*New York Tribune.*

On Monday night the bakery of Jamieson & Co., Alexandria, took fire, but was finally saved, although an adjoining stable and frame mess house were destroyed. Mr. Jamieson's loss was about $2,600 covered by insurance.

Com. Vanderbilt is seriously ill in New York.

LOCAL NEWS.

Corporation Affairs.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 4.—The President (Mr. T. E. Lloyd) in the chair. Present: Aldermen Barr, Brown, Canfield, Gulick, A. Lloyd, McCathran, Magruder, Noyes, and Turton.

A communication was presented from the Mayor announcing the approval of an act to lay a flag footway; authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners to create an additional steam fire engine company; to pave and grade the alley in square No. 518; to construct a sewer in 11th street, from the canal to N street north, and to curb and pave the footway on the south side of Rhode Island avenue, from 15th street west to Vermont avenue.

Also, a communication from the same, transmitting, in reply to a resolution of the board, a statement showing the number of men, horses and carts employed in the several wards for the removal of garbage, cleaning of alleys, streets, gutters, &c., together with the amount expended for the same from June 1, 1864, to August 31, 1865. Referred to drainage committee. [The expenditures were:—First Ward $14,185.17; Second Ward, $13,824.36; Third Ward, $9,900.45; Fourth Ward, $13,979.45; Fifth Ward, $7,754.62; Sixth Ward, $6,969.71; Seventh Ward, $6,914.78. Total $74,328.44.]

A communication was also presented from the corporation attorney, in response to a resolution of the Board, stating that under the act of Congress of February 23d, 1865, the corporation has the right to assess property bordering on streets newly graded and paved, to defray the expenses of the work, but has not the power to assess the property to defray the expense of grading alone; referred to committee on improvements and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gulick, from the finance committee, to whom was referred a bill increasing the salaries of the commissioners of the several wards, reported a new bill increasing the annual salaries of the respective commissioners to $1,000 from the 1st of July, 1865; passed.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on police, reported back the following nominations for superintendents of chimney-sweeps, and they were unanimously confirmed, viz: Second and Third Wards, A. Robertson; Fourth and Fifth Wards, W. W. Bean; Sixth and Seventh Wards, N. B. Wilkinson. The nomination of Wm. Acton as superintendent of sweeps for the First Ward was referred back to the committee.

Mr. Magruder objecting to the confirmation of Wm. Acton, of the First Ward, until further information could be obtained in his case, his nomination was referred back to the committee.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on health, reported adversely on the bill increasing the salaries of the Ward Physicians from $200 to $400 per annum; and the committee was discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. McCathran introduced a bill appropriating $500 for the establishment of an additional primary school in the Third School District; referred to committee on schools. Also, a bill appropriating $800 for the erection of a school building in the Third School District; referred to committee on schools.

Mr. A. Lloyd, from the committee on claims, asked to be discharged from the petition of Wm. D. Crampsey, and asked that it be referred to the Second Ward delegation.

Mr. Magruder offered a joint resolution instructing the Congressional committee to urge upon Congress the passage of an act compelling the Washington Gas Light Company to furnish a purer quality of gas at a reasonable price; laid over for future consideration.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on schools, reported a bill appropriating $500 for the establishment of a primary school in the 3d school district; passed.

Mr. Brown asked that the joint resolution relating to the city charter, offered by him last Monday night and made the special order for this evening, be laid over till next meeting; agreed to.

The following bills from the Common Council were taken up:—Bill allowing James McLaughlin to retain a frame building purchased of the Government on 22d street; referred to 1st ward delegation. Joint resolution requesting the Mayor to require the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to repair the crossing of their track at H street, and to keep at that point a flagman by day, and signal light by night; referred to police committee. Bill for the improvement of the asylum; referred to the committee on the asylum. Bill regulating the holding of markets; returned by Common Council with Board of Aldermen's amendments nonconcurred in. The Board of Aldermen insisted on its amendments. Bill to grade and pave the alley in square No. 539; passed. Bill (with amendments) for the relief of Samuel Gregy; amendments concurred in and passed. Joint resolution instructing the congressional committee to urge upon Congress the passage of an act reducing the price of gas to the rates of 1864.

Mr. Magruder called up his resolution previously offered on that subject, and moved its adoption as a substitute for the Common Council resolution; agreed to, and the substitute passed.

Bill prohibiting distillers and brewers of malt liquors and dyers from throwing their waste water into the gutters; passed. Bill increasing the compensation of the Tax Clerk; referred to finance committee. Joint resolution instructing the Mayor to request the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to clean out the Washington canal at G street, so as to allow the water of Rock Creek to flow into it; referred to the committee on canals. Bill to curb and pave the north side of N street south, from 4½ to 6th street west; referred to improvements committee.

Mr. Magruder offered a resolution requesting that in view of the large number of paupers from abroad in the Washington Asylum, the Mayor ask the Secretary of War for some of the abandoned structures about to be sold by the Government, the same to be removed to the Asylum; adopted.

Mr. Turton, from the drainage committee, reported a bill for the construction of a sewer in E street west; passed.

Mr. Barr offered a joint resolution instructing the Surveyor to provide the Assessors with plats of the subdivisions of lots made in the District during the year; adopted. Also, bill extending the term in which the Assesors of the District may sit as a board of appeals; passed. Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.—President Moore in the chair, and all the members present except Messrs. Joice and Williams.

A communication was received from the Mayor, announcing his approval of acts.

Mr. Stewart presented a paper from the Intendant of the Arylum, giving the number of persons in the almshouse department, in answer to his resolution asking the information, as 153—71 males and 82 females, the nativity of whom are as follows: Ireland, 49; Maryland, 24; Virginia, 15; District of Columbia, 36.

The following were introduced and referred By Mr. Edmonston—Bill to open North Capitol street, from L street north to New York avenue. By Mr. Anderson—Petition to pave alley in square 636. By Mr. Walker—Petition to grade and pave alley in square 297. By Mr. Peugh—Communication of Marshal & Co., complaining of the inaccuracy of one of the hay scales.

Mr. Wright introduced bill to grade and pave alley in square 539; passed.

Mr. Anderson offered resolution granting use of the hall to the workingmens' committee.

Mr. Rheem offered resolution directing the committee on the school-house to report the plan and estimates for the school-house at the corner of 13th and K streets; adopted.

Mr. Peugh introduced a resolution requesting the president of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to cause the same to be cleaned out at G street north, so as to admit water from Rock Creek.

Mr. Peugh moved to suspend the rules that the special committee on the canal might make a report. Lost—yeas 13, nays 7; a three-fourths vote being required.

Mr. Moore introduced a resolution instructing the inspector of gas metres to re-examine all metres, with a view to ascertain why so much more gas was burned now than formerly; also, a resolution instructing the committee attending to Corporation affairs to request Congress to inquire into the very bad quality of the gas now furnished, with the view of reducing the present price of gas; both of which were adopted.

Messrs. Moore and Ferguson spoke of the universal complaint of the citizens on this subject.

The following were reported from committees:—By Mr. Ferguson, (ways and means)—Granting additional compensation to the tax clerk for extra work; passed. By Mr. Rheem, (improvements)—To set curb and pave footway on north side of N street south, from 4½ to 6th west; passed. By Mr. Wright, (fire department)—Aldermen's bill to purchase lot and erect engine-house for the use of steamer Union No. 1, appropriating $12,000; passed.

Mr. Wright asked and obtained leave to withdraw the papers in the case of Thomas W. Riley.

The bill from the Aldermen (substitute for Council bill) fixing the compensation at $1,000 per annum, was taken up and passed.

Mr. Peugh, from the select committee on the canal, reported a bill for the improvement of the canal on Severson's plan, providing for narrowing it to ninety feet and turning Rock Creek into it, the outlet to be at the Navy