

LATEST NEWS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 5.—There is heavy ice in the Potomac, and navigation to Aquia creek is difficult.

The removal of the whites from the Osage reservations has been ordered. They consist of 600 families, or 3,500 persons. Their removal at this season will cause much suffering.

The Northern train is an hour behind time, and will probably miss the connection South.

The attorney general writes to the secretary of war that a railroad, aided by donation of public lands, is a public highway throughout its length, and that the United States is not subject to a charge for the transportation of its property.

The National Tobacco Convention of the United States met to-day at the Metropolitan Hotel. The members here are acting President Lorin Palmer of New York; Vice-President Lewis H. Frayer, of Richmond, Va.; John Stratton, of New York; secretary; Dr. Joseph Hall, of New York; treasurer; Dr. Spence, of Cincinnati; and Mr. Pieper, of St. Louis.

The object of the Convention is to obtain a Federal tax of sixteen cents per pound on all kinds of manufactured tobacco, and to abolish the tax on sales now exacted of manufacturers and dealers.

Mr. Morton said much of the information called for was given in the message of the President, and he also considered that it was best to delay action until the report of the committee in the late insurrectionary States had been submitted.

Mr. Blair said the information called for was not given in the President's message. The President says he had information to justify him in his action, but does not state from whom he received it. He certainly did not get it from the committee, for the committee had authorized no one to give him any information, and as a member of the committee, he (Mr. B.) was of the opinion that no facts had been brought before the committee, which would justify his action.

Mr. Conkling was opposed to taking up the resolution for the reasons stated by Mr. Morton, and further because the resolution was not in the nature of good faith. It was full of assertion and intimations.

The motion to take up was then put and lost—yeas, 11; nays, 45.

Mr. Kellogg introduced a bill to reorganize the district courts of the United States in the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Wells introduced a bill to make appropriations for the erection of a court-house and postoffice building. Referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to issue one cent "correspondent" and "post" cards. Referred to the Committee on Postoffices.

On motion of Mr. Dawes, the House went into the Committee of the Whole on the President's Message, with Mr. Wheeler in the chair.

Mr. Dawes offered a resolution to refer the several parts of the President's Message to the appropriate committees.

Mr. Wood objected to the proposed reference of certain matters to the select committee on the insurrectionary States. There was no such a standing committee in this House. He denied that there were any such things in this country as insurrectionary States. A committee was appointed at last session to investigate certain matters in the South, and its functions ceased when that duty had been performed. It was improper to refer anything to the committee, as it would continue it, and that was not intended.

Mr. Dawes said he could not enter upon a discussion of a question of fact with Mr. Wood, and that gentleman must know that there is such a committee of the House as that on insurrectionary States.

Mr. Wood denied that the committee was intended to be continued in existence beyond the present session of Congress.

Last Congress we had a committee called the Committee on Reconstruction, and the gentleman who collected from Massachusetts (Mr. Butler) made numerous efforts to have it continued. The Committee on Insurrectionary States will cease after it shall have reported to the House. A reference of business to it was a recognition of the committee, and the effect of the reference would be to continue it. He was opposed to making committees in this manner.

Mr. Dawes said that if a simple reference would continue a committee, then this committee would already be continued, because matters had been referred to it yesterday. The committee has not reported yet, and until it does report, certainly all matters pertinent may be referred to it. The committee was made to inquire into disorders in the South, and no one could say whether its continuance would be necessary until after the report is made and presented.

Mr. Wood said that instead of leading to order, the committee was one which was calculated to promote disorder. He (Mr. W.) would go as far as any gentleman in the House, or as far as the administration, to promote peace and order in the South; but this was not the way to do it, and he protested against continuing committees as agencies to promote disorder in the South.

Mr. Dawes hailed with joy the announcement of Mr. Wood that the latter would unite with the Republicans and the administration for peace and order in the South, and if that was done he thought peace and order would soon be at hand.

Mr. Maynard said the committee referred to was started for a special purpose, and after its report, the report would demonstrate not only the necessity of continuing it, but the necessity of continuing it.

He did not want it to be thought that this proposition of reference was a mere side-wind to continue the committee.

After further discussion, the subject was referred to the Committee on Appropriations by a vote of 109 to 80.

The country, just now, has a very severe attack of the Blairs. Between the venerable Montgomery and the youthful Frank, the blaring is terrific. In fact, our ears are stunned with the thundering blare. The ancient fossil of Maryland has unbosomed himself to a newspaper reporter. Governor Grant Brown, the A. F. thinks, would make a splendid candidate for the hydro-magnetic battery. The Bohman that started the elder Blair from his brown study ought to be sent to Botany Bay. Frank at one end of the line, denouncing President Grant for nepotism, and Montgomery at the other end, throwing up his tie and cheering for Missouri's Governor, just as though the entire family were not blood relations. Cousin Gratz will, of course, in the estimation of Cousin Frank, make a splendid candidate. There is no doubt on this question whatever. The Blairs are a unit on Brown-Stout and Stout-Brown is a unit on the Blair. How interesting this tripartite would be at the head of National affairs. If the hope of the country is in the "Passive Policy," and the success of that policy is dependent on the truce made, we may as well throw up the sponge now.

A special from Hawley, Penn., states that a boiler of a locomotive in the Erie railway engine-house there exploded on Sunday, wrecking the building and doing considerable damage.

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ASSIGNEE SALES.

By Grubb & Williams, Auctioneers. VALUABLE LANDS IN CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

By virtue of a decree of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, I will sell, as assignee of J. Ambler Smith, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1872, (at 2 o'clock P. M.)

in front of the United States court-house, in the city of Richmond, the following real estate, surrendered by said bankrupt:

TRACT No. 1. CONTAINING 280 ACRES, called "Clifton," with improvements, well wooded and watered.

TRACT No. 2. CONTAINING 120 ACRES, called "Carter's No. 1," with good improvements.

TRACT No. 3. CONTAINING 60 ACRES, called "Carter's No. 2," with improvements.

TRACT No. 4. CONTAINING 143 ACRES, called "Cash's," with improvements.

TRACT No. 5. ONE-FOURTH OF AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST in a tract of land in same county, now held as dower by Mrs. Catherine Boutwell, called "Slady Grove."

These lands are situated about five miles from Port Royal, on the Rappahannock river. They are considered very valuable, and will be sold free from all liens and encumbrances.

TERMS—One-third cash; balance on a credit of three months, the purchaser to give notes, and the title to be retained by the assignee until the purchase money is paid.

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By J. L. Apperson, Auctioneer. ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT.

By virtue of an order of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, entered on the 7th day of October, 1871, in the matter of Isaac Coffey, bankrupt, the undersigned, assignee of said bankrupt, will sell at public auction, on

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