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SPECIAL NOTICES. WILLIAM A. WYATT, HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER, No. 704 F. GRACE STREET, CORNER SEVENTH.

As engaged in the above business in this city for the past twenty years, I am prepared to fill all orders with promptness and in a satisfactory manner. My old customers and public generally are invited to extend me their patronage.

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AMUSEMENTS. RICHMOND THEATRE. THREE NIGHTS ONLY—MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17TH, 18TH AND 19TH.

CARNROSS & DIXEY'S MINSTRELS. (Organized in 1860.) J. L. CARNROSS & E. F. DIXEY, Prof'rs.

THE GREAT STAR TROUPE OF FROM THE ELEVENTH STREET OPERA HOUSE PHILADELPHIA.

Now on an extended tour of the entire United States and will have the pleasure of introducing THE STAR COMBINATION, that for 12 consecutive years played nightly, to crowded houses and where for the greater part of that time STANDING ROOM ONLY was the universal rule.

A. J. TALBOT, THE GREAT COMEDIAN, appears nightly with this organization. The programme replete with ENTIRELY NEW BURLESQUES.

SCALE OF PRICES: Private Boxes, \$5.00; Reserved Seats, \$3.00; Orchestra, 75; Dress Circle, 50; Parquet, 25; Family Circle and Gallery, 10; Seats secured at Musical Eq. J. H. LAINE, General Agent.

ON THE WAY AND IN STOCK. 300 SETS X and XX HUBS from 4 to 11 inches.

500 SETS EASTERN and BEST BELLETT VIRGINIA and NORTH CAROLINA SPOKES from 1 to 3 inches.

350 SETS EASTERN and NORTHERN SPOKES from 1 to 3 inches, at reduced prices.

150 SETS IRON AXLES from 1 to 2 1/2 inches, at reduced prices.

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30 KEGS BUREN'S HORSE SHOES. J. H. LAINE, 1415 Main Street, Richmond.

LOST. Between Levy's store, and corner of Ninth and Franklin streets, a small red Turkey leather SATCHEL with belt, containing a buckskin purse with a sum of money—kid gloves, &c. A liberal reward will be given for its delivery at DR. GEO. ROSS'S, No. 701 Franklin street.

LOST. About two weeks ago several RAILROAD PASSES over Virginia roads, good for no person but myself. Any one finding them will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at the office of the State Journal.

WANTED. We will give energetic men and women BUSINESS THAT WILL PAY From \$4 to \$8 per day, can be pursued in your own neighborhood, and is strictly honorable.

FARM HANDS WANTED. Two Good colored FARM HANDS can get steady employment by an early application at the JOURNAL OFFICE. References required.

HOUSES FOR SALE. A number of neatly-built brick and frame SMALL HOUSES, desirably located.

SEVERAL MEDIUM-SIZE DWELLINGS, centrally located and conveniently arranged.

A HANDSOME BRICK RESIDENCE, in the most fashionable part of the city, with all the modern improvements and conveniences, for sale privately upon reasonable terms.

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TAKEN UP IN MY OAT-FIELD ON the 13th instant, one yellow MARE AND COLT about twelve months old. The owner will please come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away.

DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS. FOR NEW YORK. THE OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S REGULAR SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: BELL, Capt. BLAKEMAN, will sail TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, at 7 A. M.

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION RAFFLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE Widows and Orphans of the Southern States. DISTRIBUTION No. 178. EVENING, FEB. 15.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—That on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1873, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Virginia, against the estate of John T. Moreland, of York county, and State of Virginia, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on petition of his creditors: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law—That a meeting of his creditors will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be held at the Court House of W. W. FOSTER, Esq., register, on the 12th day of MARCH, A. D. 1873, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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The Daily State Journal.

RICHMOND, VA., MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17, 1873. VOL. V—NO. 93.

Evening State Journal.

AN EXPLANATION. An extract from the New National Era which appeared in Friday's JOURNAL, in which an invidious comparison is made between the Hon. Charles H. Porter, of Virginia, and other Republican representatives, surprised no one more than the editor of THE JOURNAL, at that time absent. It came to this office marked, in an envelope directed in a script resembling our own, and our assistant in charge gave it place. We have always been ready to do justice to Mr. Porter, but we do not consider it necessary to make damaging comparisons for that purpose. The Republican members from Virginia have all been true upon the vital questions of personal liberty and civil rights without distinction of color. They may have been compelled to differ as to the best means of securing those rights. But we are sure that the freedmen have no more faithful vigilant and earnest friend than Colonel Platt, and no truer champion than Mr. Stowell. However it may be in other States we are sure that the colored constituents of these gentlemen have no good reason to complain. We desire to be wholly just to every man. Our columns are not open to make political capital for any one. We aim to commend every man for his good work, and to strengthen the Republican party by keeping it true to the cause of the people.

Special Message From the Governor. Governor Walker sent in a special message to-day upon the finances of the State. It came too late for publication in full, but the extract which we give below states the main propositions, which are ably set forth. The views contained in this message are well worthy of the serious attention of the Legislature and of the country:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS, RICHMOND, February 17, 1873. Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates: The financial condition of our own state finances and the want of certain statistical information deterred me from laying before you, in my last annual message, some suggestions upon a subject of the highest importance to the whole country, and especially to the people of Virginia. And while the causes for that delay have not been entirely removed, yet the magnitude of the questions involved and the growing necessity for their early solution render a longer postponement in their consideration both unwise and impolitic.

The present condition of the country and of public sentiment justifies the opinion, that the opportune moment has arrived when the real merits of the subject to which I refer may be candidly and impartially discussed and wise and patriotic conclusions reached.

This subject embodies two propositions, distinct in character, but harmonious in the results sought to be obtained. They are, first, the assumption and payment by the United States government of all the present legal indebtedness of the several states; and, second, to prevent the recurrence of a necessity for similar action hereafter, the solemn agreement by and between the states to abstain from contracting any debts in the future except such as may be found necessary of the legitimate and effective operations of the governmental functions, or, as may be required by sudden and great emergencies.

The former of these propositions must be accomplished by an act of Congress, while the latter can be achieved only through an amendment to the Federal Constitution, which will require the concurrence of three-fourths of all these states. I am aware that grave objections may be urged against these propositions, but the immense advantages which would accrue from their adoption appear to me to far outweigh them in importance. They may be opposed because of the great inequality in the amount of the debts of the several states and the consequent unequal distribution of benefits and burdens which might flow from their adoption. But this difference is more apparent than real, especially if the present market value of state securities be taken as the basis of computation. And further, while some of the states owe large debts and others comparatively little or nothing, yet, when the amount which each state contributes to the Federal revenues and the great impetus which relief from a large proportion of state taxation would give to commerce, manufactures and production of all kinds, and everywhere throughout the country, are taken into consideration, it will be found that this objection dwindles to little importance. And, further considerations, to be applied to another and more potent objection which may be raised, viz: the increase of the national debt which the assumption of the state debt would cause and the deleterious effect upon our national credit which might be thereby produced.

Let us examine this objection carefully, and ascertain if it has any substantial foundation. The debts of the several states reckoned at par at the beginning of the present year, and the amount of the sinking fund or assets available for the reduction of the principal, as ascertained from their executives or chief financial officers, were as follows:

[Here follows a detailed statement of the debts of the several states.]

From this statement it appears that the total indebtedness of all the states, after deducting the assets which should be applied to their liquidation, amounts to the sum of \$292,195,150 45. And this sum would be further reduced by several millions if that portion of the debt of North Carolina, and some other states, claimed to have been fraudulently contracted, be thrown out of the calculation. But to be entirely safe, take as a round sum \$300,000,000 (counting all bonds, fraudulent as well as the unquestioned, as par, for all the purposes of this objection even in its most questionable form.) as the total of state indebtedness, and we have the utmost possible increase of the national debt, which by the assumption of the state debt, and the payment of the same, would be reduced to the sum of \$300,000,000.

But could this comparatively small sum cause any embarrassment or necessitate any increase of Federal taxation? or effect prejudicially our national credit? We

the present revenues of the general government are sufficient to meet all its current expenses, including the interest upon the public debt, and leave a balance of nearly \$100,000,000 to be applied to the payment of the principal of the public debt, and that, too, in advance of its maturity.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17. SENATE.—Senator Quesberry in the chair. No prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. Mr. Fitzpatrick, from the committee on general laws, House bill entitled an act to incorporate the Virginia coal company, with amendments.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. By Mr. Fitzpatrick: Bill to fix the pay and mileage of the members of the General Assembly.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR. Colonel Owens, aid to the governor, presented a message from his excellency, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Penn, laid on the table and the usual number of copies directed to be printed for the use of the Senate.

BILLS PASSED. Senate bill requiring the treasurer of the joint ferry committee of Norfolk county and the city of Portsmouth to report; and Senate bill authorizing the governor to appoint a state assayer and chemist; and Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act as to maintenance of illegitimate children; and Senate bill to incorporate the Masonic relief association of the city of Norfolk; and Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for a general election; and Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act in relation to taking claims in certain waters of the state; and Senate bill to protect butter and cheese manufacturers; and Senate bill to incorporate the trustees of the Presbyterian committee of publication.

A number of bills were advanced on the calendar, and a number of resolutions of inquiry, bills, &c., referred to committees and adversely reported upon, were taken up and reports of committees concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Nowlin, Senate adjourned at 2:10 o'clock.

HOUSE.—Speaker Hanger in the chair. Prayer by Dr. T. L. Preston, of the Presbyterian Church.

DELIQUENT COLLECTORS. The speaker laid before the House a communication from the auditor of public accounts in relation to delinquent tax-collectors. Several bills, &c., were reported and put on calendar.

RESOLUTIONS. Mr. P. K. Jones offered the following: Resolved, That three hundred additional copies of the report of the special committee of the Hampton normal school be ordered to be printed. Agreed to.

By Mr. Barkholder: A resolution instructing the board of public works to inform the House whether they have made an inquiry and examination into the acts, &c., of the railroad and canal companies in the state, required by the 5th section of the act passed March 2, 1867, and also the result of their examination, and whether these companies have complied with the requirements of said act, &c.

On motion of Mr. Matthew, of Loudoun, Senate bill for the assessment of taxes, &c., was postponed till to-morrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE. was granted Messrs. Sutherland two days and Elliott three days.

THE CALENDAR. A number of bills were advanced on the calendar. On motion of Mr. Brooks, House bill to amend section 19 chapter 160 of the acts 1871-72, in relation to roads, was dismissed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR. Col. Owens, secretary to His Excellency the Governor, brought a message from the Governor, which, on motion of Mr. Deane, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

PER DIEM OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. House bill to fix the pay and mileage of members of the General Assembly came up in its regular order. This bill fixes the pay of each member at \$3 per day, with mileage at five cents per mile.

Mr. Paige moved to dismiss the bill. Rejected—ayes 30 noes 52. Those voting aye were Messrs. Allen, Bagwell, Beaton, Booker, Bristow, Bryant, Clifton, Critz, Daniel, Dungey, Evans, Gilliam, Gresham, Hamilton, Hill, Jones, (P. K.) Lightner, (A. B.) Lovenshain, Noble, Norton, Paiger, Patterson, Robertson, Rolke, Snidow, Southall, Turpin, Wall, Walker, Wentworth.

Mr. Hill moved to strike out all of the first section (leaving the per diem as it now is at \$6) and allow members ten instead of twenty cents for mileage.

Mr. Critz said he could not think of voting to decrease the pay of his successors after receiving \$6 per day himself. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hill said he had always opposed and always intended to oppose any decrease of pay for members of the General Assembly, as the pay they now received was not a whit too much.

Mr. Fitzgerald also opposed a decrease. Pending the discussion the hour of 1 p. m. arrived, when the special order, being the taking up, the pending question being the amendment offered by Mr. Daniel as amended by Mr. Suttie, making the rate of interest 9 per cent and Mr. Dooley obtained and the floor and made a lengthy speech in favor of the amendment.

Several bills, &c., were presented and referred. Adjourned.

Scotch Proverbs. Do nothing in haste but gripping of fleas. —George MacDonald, speaking of Bugs, says the mission of the Scotch lyrist was to show men that there was poetry around them and that their very doors. Wordsworth says that the meanest flower so completely captivated his mind by its unutterable beauty that thoughts crowded on him too vast for expression, too deep for tears; and at the feet of the man whose artistic capacities have received not cultivation, and in consequence are so moment and lethargic, there lies an undiscovered world more valuable than that which meets the superficial glance, and having more numerous and deeper sources of pleasure. Beauty and utility go hand in hand in nature.

LOCAL MATTERS.

EMMET CRUMP, as assignee of Thomas Worsham, will sell at 1 p. m., this day, in front of Moody & Royal's office, Manchester, valuable farm in Chesterfield.

W. H. ALLDERDICE, as assignee of D. C. Mayo, will sell this day, on the premises, at 1 p. m., the valuable tobacco factory, corner Main and Twenty fifth streets, together with the machinery, fixtures, and office furniture.

R. D. WARD, as assignee of A. W. Traube, will sell, at 12 m., this day, in front of United States Custom house, valuable farm and personal property in Chesterfield county. Also, horse and lot in this city.

C. H. WENDLINGER, as assignee will sell this day at 11 a. m. at the store of A. D. Chester, on Brook Avenue, STOCK OF GROCERIES, &c.

W. H. ALLDERDICE, as assignee, will sell this day, in front of U. S. Court-house, a large quantity of valuable farm lands situated in various counties of the State.

C. H. WENDLINGER, as assignee and James Neeson, trustee, will sell this day at 12 m., in front of United States Court-house, valuable market Farm, near this city. At the same time and place, will be sold a Valuable Store-house & Acre lot, at Tunstall's station, New Kent county.

THE ROADS.—The condition of the county roads may be inferred from the request of the grand jury on Saturday to be instructed to bring in an indictment against them. They were then reported to be in a horrible condition, being almost wholly impassable in many places. The heavy rains since then have not improved them we presume. The leading into Manchester are also said to be in wretched condition. But, bad as they are, they are little worse than some of the streets into which they lead.

CONFERENCE WITH THE BONDHOLDERS.—The joint committee of the General Assembly held a conference with a few of the state bondholders Saturday night. Twenty-three creditors were present, representing \$1,870,371.34 of the \$22,000,000 of the state debt. No proposition whatever looking to an amicable adjustment of the state debt was made, and the conference was finally adjourned until to-morrow (Tuesday) night.

THE STATE JOURNAL.—The Virginia People, a live paper published at Snowden, this speaks of the STATE JOURNAL: "The prospectus of the STATE JOURNAL, published at Richmond, Virginia, will be found in our columns this week. The JOURNAL is the organ of the Republican party of Virginia; it is ably edited, and aside from its politics is of most excellent paper."

JAMES RIVER.—James River is rising rapidly at this point. From five to twelve o'clock to-day it had risen something over three feet. Telegrams from above state that the river is rising at Lynchburg and other places. If the rains of Saturday and Sunday have been general, we may expect a still further rise here of three or four feet.

THE MINSTRELS.—Carnross and Dixey's minstrels, one of the oldest and most successful organizations of the kind in the country, will open an engagement of three evenings at the Theatre to-night. The lovers of fine instrumental and vocal music, fun, &c., will no doubt be present in large numbers to greet the veteran band.

NORTHERN MAIL TRAIN DELAYED.—The northern mail train due here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, is five hours behind time, and will probably not arrive before seven o'clock. The detention was occasioned by a landslide near Woodbridge, eight or twenty miles this side of Alexandria.

PERSONAL.—Mr. George C. Wedderburn assumed the business management of the Richmond Enquirer to-day.

—Colonel Thomas H. Wynne, who has been detained from his seat in the Senate for some time on account of sickness, was in his place this morning.

UP GOES THE EAGLE.—A large gilt eagle was to-day placed upon the top of the new building, corner Main and Eleventh streets, occupied by Messrs. Levy Brothers. Quite a large audience assembled in the adjacent streets to witness the performance.

MARCH MAGAZINES.—Captain C. F. Johnston, news and music dealer, has received the following magazines for March: Atlantic, Galaxy, Metropolitan, Godey, and Demorest, besides the current weekly illustrated and literary papers.

ROBERT MACAIRE AND TODDLES.—The Jefferson Literary and social circle, of this city, will render these celebrated pieces, at Virginia Hall, Wednesday evening, February 19.

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS.—Charles B. F. Adams, of Boston, has been appointed commissioner of deeds for Virginia.

NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTED.—The governor to-day appointed John H. Mathews, of Spence's Store, notary public for Henry county.

HUSTINGS COURT.—The hustings court has adjourned until Wednesday, at which time the case of W. J. Anable will come up for trial.

FINE WEATHER.—The weather has been warm and pleasant to-day, attracting to the streets many people.

CORNER APPOINTED.—George Harland has been appointed corner for the city of Staunton.

LOST.—See notice of lost in another column.

THE TEMPERATURE.—The following is the range of the thermometer to-day at C. F. Johnston's news and music store, 915 Main street: 9 a. m., 42; 12 m., 52; 3 p. m., 54.

LOCAL NOTES. —The German bark Lede cleared from the Custom-house on Saturday.

Amount of fines collected in the police court to-day, \$20.

—One-half of the new tin roof has been placed upon Assembly Hall building.

—Rain fell almost continuously from 8 o'clock Saturday night until 4 p. m. yesterday.

—Four pardoned South Carolina kluks passed through the city Saturday, on their way home.

—Stuart, Buchanan & Co. presented a bill amounting to over twenty-six thousand

dollars, for salt furnished the county in 1863, to the supervisors of Henrico county Saturday last.

—Many cellars, especially in the upper part of the city, are flooded with water from the late rains.

—The German bark Pepita entered this port to-day from Boston, to load for Rio Grande.

—A colored man named Richard John. A. Patterson died suddenly Saturday in R. A. Patterson & Co.'s foundry, where he was employed.

VIRGINIA NEWS. —Mr. Joseph J. Gouldman died recently in Essex county, in the fifty-fourth year of age.

—Dr. Thomas M. Bond died in Waterford, Loudoun county, a week ago, in the 72d year of his age.

—Lynchburg has received two car loads of coal from the Kanawha valley via the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

—The peaks of Otter are to be turned into a summer resort. They order be turned to some use.

—Mr. R. O. Tompkins, of Fauquier, lost eleven valuable sheep a few nights since by the dogs, and several others were badly maimed.

—The residence of James E. Fogg, known as "Prospect Hill," three miles from Tappahannock, was destroyed by fire last week.

—A company has been organizing at Urbana, Middlesex county, for the purpose of canning oysters, fruit, &c., and the buildings of the company are in course of erection.

—The number of persons entitled to school privilege in Chesterfield county is 5,765; number enrolled as scholars in public schools, 2,394; number of schools in operation, 61.

—A correspondent writing us from Henry Courthouse gives the following items: A new store or two are in contemplation, and the most active exertions are making for a high school, which are likely to succeed. The school system is generally approved, and the attendance of both races will compare favorably with other counties. The colored schools, as a rule, are well attended, and number among them some of our most earnest and progressive scholars. A most interesting revival of religion has been in progress here for a week. Among the twenty converts are some of our most intelligent and most worthy citizens, including our county judge, Rev. Mr. Moorman, of the Virginia Conference, was the only minister present, and he has labored with a zeal and earnestness. Rev. Mr. Bowles arrived yesterday, and the meeting is still progressing. Rev. Mr. Pinckard, of the African church, has also witnessed a revival among his congregation, and his meetings are well attended. Rev. Mr. Pinckard is a gentleman, orderly, sober, well-behaved, and an effective minister; one to whom both races are much indebted.

President Grant and Senator Wilson notified of their Election. The joint committee on the part of the two houses of Congress, consisting of Senator Sherman and Representatives H. L. Dawes and James B. Beck, appointed to officially notify General Grant and Senator Wilson of their election to the presidency and vice-presidency for four years from the 4th of March next, performed that duty Saturday. The committee presented each with a letter containing sentiments of respect and confidence. In reply President Grant said:

"I sincerely appreciate this renewed evidence of satisfaction with my administration. When I was elected four years ago there was less regard for party lines. In the last campaign political differences and personal hostility were clearly defined by the line of party, but notwithstanding this, I shall continue to endeavor to make my administration of the government one which will meet not only the approval of the great party which elected me, but as well of all the people of the United States."

The committee then called upon the Vice-President elect. Mr. Wilson thanked the committee for their congratulation and for the assurance of the good will of both Houses of Congress. He gratefully accepted the high trust confided to him by the people of the United States, and said he should strive to discharge the duties of the position assigned to him with zeal, fidelity and impartiality. He expressed, too, the hope that the coming four years would be consecrated by those entrusted with power to the peace, unity and development of the country, and that those in every department of the government might retire at the close of their official career with the consciousness of duties well done and with the approval of their countrymen.

OLD WHISKY! OLD WHISKY! CORNER MAIN AND 23RD STREETS. 20 Barrels, five years old, made out of CANADA RYE, 1868. 20 Barrels, of his own brand XXXX MALTED RYE.

Also Fine Castillon and James Hennessy & Co. COGNAC BRANDIES, of 1865. Port and Sherry WOODS, for sale very low. The above liquors will be sold in quantities desired.

For Sale in Installments, "DOMESTIC BLESSINGS." The "DOMESTIC" runs so light, it is running away from all competitors. The "DOMESTIC" works so easy, it is working its way into every family. The "DOMESTIC" is the best Sewing Machine for family or manufacturing purposes.

Try a Light Running "DOMESTIC." It will fill more than its promise. Office 921 Main street.

Writing Desks and Work Boxes at \$1; Albums at 50 cents, at EDWARDS' Third and Broad streets.

The Place to Buy Books, Stationery, Toys, Games, Pictures, Books, Writing Desks, Albums, Portfolios, Work Boxes, &c., at the lowest prices for cash, is at EDWARDS' Book Store, corner Third and Broad streets.

The Largest Assortment of Holiday Goods to be found in the city at EDWARDS' Third and Broad streets.

Go to EDWARDS' for Toy-Books and Games.

A LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, FURNISHING GOODS, &c., for sale very low. L. LICHTENSTEIN, Importer of Seine Thread, Nos. 1705 & 1707 Franklin street.

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SPECIAL TO THE STATE JOURNAL. FROM WASHINGTON.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS—THIRD SESSION. Saturday's Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, February 15. SENATE.—The consular report on the diplomatic bill was concurred in. The rule limiting the debates on the amendments to five minutes and excluding amendments not germane was adopted. The appropriations were discussed until adjournment.

HOUSE.—Mr. Willard, of Vermont asked unanimous consent to offer a joint resolution congratulating the people of Spain upon the establishment of a republican form of government in that country.

Mr. Banks, of Massachusetts—I object to that. I object to that. It is inappropriate to approve of slavery in the colonies of Spain.

The bill removing the political disabilities of Wm. Smith, of Fauquier county, Va., was passed. The Geneva distribution bill was passed, with interest on claims from date of award.

The New Postoffice Bill—Newspaper Exchanges not to be sent free through the Mails.

WASHINGTON, February 15.—Mr. Cole, from the committee on appropriations, reported the postoffice appropriation bill, with amendments, among which are the following: Prohibiting the transmission by mail of any free matter whatever, not excepting newspaper exchanges; requiring all persons receiving their mails by carriers to provide paper boxes or other receptacles for their dwellings or offices; authorizing the employment of one additional special agent to detect persons engaged in sending obscene matter through the mails; striking out the provision requiring railroad companies to make contracts for postal car service as a condition of receiving increased pay, and providing that additional pay may be allowed for daily postal car service at rates not exceeding \$25 per mile per annum for cars forty feet in length; \$30 for forty-five foot cars; \$40 for fifty foot cars, and \$50 for cars from fifty-five to sixty feet long; the length of cars for any particular service to be determined by the postmaster general.

Louisiana Admits. WASHINGTON, February 17.—The committee on privileges and elections met to-morrow for consultation, and will report Wednesday. It is thought in Republican circles that Morton will make a report, sustained by Anthony and Alcorn, in favor of Kellogg; Carpenter will make a report, supported by Hill and Logan, for a new election. Trumbull will report for McEnery.

The committee desire a compromise, but that failing, a bill carefully drawn for a new election under the supervision of a federal judge, other than Judge Durrell, probably Judge