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POETRY.

The Orphan's Lament.

In life's sunny morn, when my visions of bliss, Were a mother's caress—a fond parent's kiss; When the light of her love, with its pure steady ray...

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That day, sir, is past—the inquisitorial fires no longer consume that paper so true to the rights of men.

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I deny, sir, most emphatically that the teachings of myself or brethren nullified the acts of Congress, trampled on the rights of the South.

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now restored to their former relations to the government, by Executive clemency, were to show the same feelings of enmity to Union men that you have in this controversy, our prospects for getting out of the cold would be gloomy indeed.

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A communication was received from the House of Delegates stating that they had passed a joint resolution requesting the President of the United States to grant a general amnesty to the citizens of Virginia.

The joint resolution of Mr. Dulany, asking the liberation of Jefferson Davis and other political prisoners, and the restoration of the writ of *habeas corpus*, was called up, and after considerable discussion, was adopted.

The President appointed the following Senators on behalf of the Senate to carry out the joint resolution in regard to Mr. Davis and other political prisoners—Messrs. Dulany, Gilmer, Gray, Power and Ferguson.

A number of resolutions of inquiry were presented, after which the Senate adjourned.

House.—Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Price, of the Third Presbyterian Church.

Senate's joint resolution in reference to the appointment of a joint committee to take into consideration the subject of emigration was considered and passed.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Courts of Justice, to whom were committed the subject of reaffirming the act of the Alexandria Legislature ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery, reported that the committee deemed it unnecessary to legislate further on the subject, because they regarded an act of the General Assembly, passed February 9th, 1865, entitled "an act to ratify the joint resolution of Congress, passed January 31st, 1865, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States," as final and conclusive.

A number of resolutions of inquiry were presented, and at 2 o'clock the House adjourned.

Monday—Senate—Dec. 11, 1865.—Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Barton.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the bill in regard to the Southern Express Company, and that they had passed a bill chartering the National Express Company, and after some discussion was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

Here a number of resolutions of inquiry were presented.

On motion a committee was appointed to confer with the Governor in regard to dispensing with the offices of 2nd Auditor, and Register of the Land Office.

Mr. Gray reported a bill incorporating the Virginia Insurance Company.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate adjourned.

Monday—The House met at 12 o'clock, M. The chair announced several select committees.

The House Bill to amend and re-enact "an act to incorporate the Southern Express Company, passed March 22, 1861, and to incorporate the National Express & Transportation Company," was considered and passed.

By Mr. Waddell, of Augusta—A resolution that the Committee of Roads and Internal Navigation inquire into the expediency of providing by law—

1. For withdrawing all States Proxies and Directors from the control and management of the public improvements in which the State is interested, and leaving the interests of the State to be managed in common with those of the private stockholders.

2. For appointing inspectors and accountants to make annual examinations of the management and condition of such improvements.

3. For exchanging the Stock of the State in any such improvement for State stocks or bonds at par, whenever and by whomsoever presented for such exchange. Agreed to.

A number of resolutions of inquiry were presented, among them one to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill saying the collection of all debts for two years, except fines taxes, license, &c.

On motion of Mr. Baylor, of Augusta, the House adjourned, at 3 o'clock.

Tuesday—Senate—Dec. 12.—The Senate met at noon, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Barton.

Mr. Bolling, of Petersburg, reported the reply of the Governor to the committee appointed to wait upon him in reference to the propriety of dispensing with the offices of Second Auditor and Register of the Land Office, in writing, as follows:

"I am of the opinion that there is no necessity for the office of Second Auditor. The whole business of the office belongs properly to that of the Auditor—in my opinion."

"I think this office" (Register of the Land Office) "might be put under the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with authority to employ a chief clerk to attend to the business, and a chief clerk in regard to the price of land warrants, requiring at least fifty cents per acre, to be paid for all patents hereafter issued."

Mr. Trout, of Augusta, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, and referred as indicated.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Institutions inquire into the expediency of making a special appropriation to discharge the outstanding liabilities of the Western Lunatic Asylum.

Resolved, That the committee on Public Institutions inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, to dispense with the office of Treasurer to said institution.

Mr. Gray called up Joint House Resolution, declaring that the members of the Legislature of the State of Virginia, who were present at the adjournment of the Legislature on the 31st inst., to meet on the 3d proximo. Agreed to.

The Senate adjourned.

House.—The House was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Jeter, of the Baptist Church.

The bill incorporating the Virginia State Insurance Company was passed.

The House agreed to adjourn on the 21st inst., and meet again on the 3rd of January.

After the adoption of a large number of resolutions of inquiry the House adjourned.

"Shockoe," the intelligent Richmond correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette, writes as follows to that paper, under date of the 9th inst.:

"The Virginia Legislature has organized and gotten to work with an earnestness that augurs well for its efficiency. In both Houses there is a number of gentlemen, well known to the State, who have already established a position in the front rank of representative Virginians. In the House, the Speaker, Mr. John Baldwin, of Augusta, has held various positions of public trust, and in no one has there fallen a more perfect order in the Virginia Legislature, twenty years ago, when quite young, he occupied a leading position, and in the Convention of '60-'61, up to the very day of the passage of the ordinance of secession, he was recognized as the ablest Union man in the body. Subsequently, in the Confederate Congress, he distinguished himself by the independence and boldness with which he advocated whatever he deemed right, without regard to the prejudices or opinions of his colleagues. Only second to Russell, of Wheeling, the ablest of the Virginia delegation, he took issue with him on the proposition to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, and manfully did he sustain himself. He has every rule of Parliamentary law at his tongue's end, and manages, even at the beginning of the session, to keep the most perfect order in a body composed in the main of untried and inexperienced legislators.

The following anecdote appears in the New York Times:

The Louisiana Legislature were badly victimized a few days since. A communication was received by the Senate, of which the following is the opening: "The undersigned, as a committee of ladies, acting in the name of a large number of loyal ladies of New Orleans, wish to present your honorable body with a United States flag, etc."

The Senate received the communication, accepted the flag, and fixed an hour in the afternoon for its formal reception. Shortly after, they repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of electing a State Printer. That they performed, they returned to their own chamber, and ordered, for a while, that everything relating to the letter and the flag should be expunged from the journals of the Senate. In the interval the fact had leaked out that the ladies, desiring to make the presentation were colored.

The following resolution was offered in the Va. House of Delegates, by Mr. Hurst, of Norfolk:

Whereas, It is currently reported and generally believed that the celebrated Hydrostatic General, B. F. Butler, is about to take charge of this military department, with powers extraordinary, therefore,

Resolved, That whatever money may remain in the State Treasury be immediately divided among the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, and couriers be dispatched to the various counties requesting the people to secrete or bury their plate, considerable amount, and I shall endeavor to love all and pray for all whether they be friend or foe.

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