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Auction Sales.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs (Successors to James C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF HIGHLY VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY, OLD No. 493 SEVENTH STREET, ONE DOOR WEST OF FIFTEENTH STREET.

By virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 6th day of December, 1866, and duly recorded in Liber T and E, No. 6, folio 188, etc., one of the land records for Washington county, in District of Columbia, I shall sell at public auction, on TUESDAY, the 22th day of February, 1870, at 5 o'clock p. m., in front of the premises parts of Lots 24 and 25, in Square 459, according to the subdivision of original lots numbered 5, 24 and 25, in said Square, made under decree in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, in the cause of Smith vs. Marshall et al., beginning at a point on Seventh street north, being the southeast corner of original lot No. 5, running thence due north 126 feet, thence due east 21 feet, thence due south 126 feet, and thence due west with the line of M street to place of beginning, with the privilege of using the alley or right of way ten feet wide in the rear, improved by a three-story BRICK DWELLING, with back building, containing sixteen rooms, gas and water. Brick stable in rear of lot. Situated on the north side of M street, between Fifteenth street and Vermont avenue.

Terms of sale: One-third cash; the residue at six and twelve months, secured by a deed of trust, with notes bearing interest. Conveyance and stamps at cost of purchaser. A deposit of $500 will be required at time of sale.

H. D. G. WILSON, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auct's.

BY THE ABOVE SALE IS POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 22d, same hour and place. By order of the Trustee. COOPER & LATIMER. (Star) Auctioneers.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs (Successors to J. C. McGuire & Co.), Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF FRENCH PLATE MIRROR, PARLOR AND WHITE SILK DAMASK PARLOR SUITS, WALNUT AND MAHOGANY PARLOR AND CHAMBER FURNITURE, OIL CLOTHS, CHAMBER SUITS, FRENCH CHINA DINNER SETS, CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE, DINING ROOM AND KITCHEN REQUISITES, &c., AT AUCTION.

By virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 6th day of December, 1869, and duly recorded in Liber No. 1, folio 30, etc., one of the land records of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, I shall sell at public auction, on WEDNESDAY, February 23, 1870, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., in house No. 330 Ninth street, N street, between Fifteenth street and Vermont avenue, a very excellent assortment of Household Furniture, as follows, viz: Walnut Parlor Suits, Upholstered in Plush, 8 pieces; French Plate Mantel and Pier Mirrors; Walnut Sofas and other Tables; Brussels, Three-ply and Ingrain Carpets; Gilt and Brass Chandeliers and Chandelabras; Walnut and Mahogany Tables; Fine Mahogany Book Cases; Mahogany Hair-cloth Sofa and Chairs; Walnut Extension Dining Table; French China Dinner Set; Crockery and Glassware, Refrigerators; Walnut and Mahogany Bedsteads, Bureaus and Washstands; Mahogany Wardrobes, Window Shades; Oak Cottage Chamber Suite, 10 pieces; Walnut Dressing Table, with Glass; Hair and Husk Mattresses; Feather Bolsters and Pillows; Cedar Refrigerator, 3 Hall Sets; Cooking and Heating Stoves; Kitchen Requisites, &c.

Terms cash. H. D. G. WILSON, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.

BY THE ABOVE SALE IS POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY, February 24th, same hour and place. By order of the Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, No. 386 Southeast corner of Seventh and D sts.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF BRICK DWELLING AND VACANT LOT ADJOINING, ON NEW YORK AVENUE, BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS WEST.

By virtue of a decree passed by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in Equity Cause No. 1794, Pontius Payne vs. John Kai et al., I will sell at public auction, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, A. D. 1870, at 5 o'clock p. m., in front of the premises, the west part of Lot No. 5, in Square No. 452, fronting 15 feet 9 inches on New York avenue, and extending back the depth of the lot. The west 22 feet 3 inches is improved with a two-story brick dwelling house. The adjoining 22 feet 3 inches is a vacant lot. These two parcels will be sold separately.

Terms of sale: One third cash; balance at six and twelve months, for which the notes of the purchaser, secured to the satisfaction of the trustee, bearing interest from the day of sale, will be taken, and a lien retained on the premises sold. A deposit of $75 on each parcel will be required at the time of sale. All conveyancing and revenue stamps at cost of purchaser.

WM. F. MATTINGLY, Trustee.
GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF MEDICINES, INSTRUMENTS AND CONDEMNED HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

Will be offered at public sale, in this city, at Judiciary Square Depot, 3 street, between Fourth and Fifth, on TUESDAY, the 22d day of March, 1870, at 10 a. m., a large quantity of Hospital Property which has been in use, embracing Surgical Instruments, Medicines, Surgical Clothing, Iron Bedsteads, Stoves, Chairs, Tables, Fire Buckets, Cooking Utensils, Drums, Old Band Instruments, Wooden and Leather Buckets, Medicine and Meat Chests, Tin Cups, Desks, Brooms, Needles and Weights, Bair Plates, Books, Clocks, Gum Bottles, Iron Bars and Rods, Water Pipe, &c., &c. Also, a considerable quantity and variety of Medicines, in fair order, Hospital Stores, Beef Extract, &c., &c.

Also, two second Wagons, new and in superior order.

Terms cash. A deposit at time of sale will be required. All goods purchased must be removed with 48 hours after which date no responsibility for them will be assumed at this office.

Catalogues ready by the 1st of March.

C. SUTHERLAND, Assistant Medical Purveyor, Brevet Colonel U. S. Army. feb7-6t

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auct'rs, southeast corner Seventh and D street.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING LOT, FRONTING ON NORTH M STREET, BETWEEN FIFTEENTH AND SEVENTH STREETS WEST, AT AUCTION.

On MONDAY, the 28th of February, A. D. 1870, at 5 o'clock p. m., I shall sell on the premises that valuable building lot, known as part of Lot No. 16, in square No. 396, having a front of 22 feet 11 inches on North M street, running back with a depth of 120 feet, containing 2,750 square feet.

Terms: One-third cash; balance in six and twelve months, with interest, and secured by a deed of trust on the premises. All conveyancing and revenue stamps at purchaser's cost. One hundred dollars will be required down on the day of sale.

GEORGE MASON, Assignee.
GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auct. & Chron.)

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs. (Successors to J. C. McGuire & Co.), Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY ON OTSEGO, BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH STREETS, IN THE REAR OF THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date July 6, 1864, from John W. Morrell and Mary E. Morrell, his wife, and Richard T. Morrell, trustee, to the city of Washington, D. C., to secure William J. Stone, Jr., of the same place, recorded in Liber E O T, No. 26, folio 203, &c., and by virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of Equity, bearing date the 19th day of April, 1869, sitting in the earlier trustee, in the place of William J. Stone, deceased, the undersigned will sell at public auction, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, at 4 o'clock p. m., on the premises, lot numbered 8, in square numbered 406, fronting 25 feet on Otsego street, with improvements.

Terms of sale: One half the purchase money cash; the residue in two equal installments at six and twelve months from day of sale, with interest, for which the purchaser's notes secured by a deed of trust on the property sold, will be taken, and conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

JOHN D. McPHERSON, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27, 1870.

In pursuance of the provisions of the act of Congress of the United States to provide internal Revenue to support the Government, and to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes, I have seized and shall offer for sale, at public auction, on the premises, Street north, between Fourth and Fifth streets West, Washington city, D. C., on

THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1870, at 12 o'clock, m., all the right, title and interest of Frederick Deitz in and to all that certain PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situate, lying and being in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, known as part of Lot twenty-three (23), in square five hundred and sixteen (516), and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning for the same at a point 18 feet west from the northeast corner of said lot numbered 23, and running thence west fourteen (14) feet, and through said lot, ninety-three feet; thence east fourteen (14) feet, and thence north ninety-three feet, (93), to the place of beginning, together with all improvements thereon, which have seized to satisfy a claim of the United States for tax on 17,800 Cheats manufactured at 65 per M, $17.30 for tax for delinquency in account from January 1, 1869, to September 15, 1869, and four dollars and thirty-five cents ($4.35) as penalty for non-payment according to law, amounting in all to ninety-one dollars and eighty-five cents, ($91.65).

H. C. ADDISON, Deputy Collector D. C. Internal Revenue. 1a31:F2&9t for the District of Columbia.

Opticians.

THE EYESIGHT accurately suited with Pebbles or other Spectacles by merely answering a few questions.

H. H. HEMPLER, Optician, National Hotel. ja14-1y

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Henrietta De C. May et al. vs. John F. May et al. } 1281 Equity Doc. 9.

Ordered, This twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1870, that the sale made and this day reported by William T. Fendall, trustee for the sale of the real estate in the above cause mentioned, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 8th day of February, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Washington city, D. C., once in each of three successive weeks prior to said day. The report states the amount of sale to be $7,[illegible].

A true copy. A. B. OLIN, Justice.
Test: R. T. MEIGS, Clerk. ja25-T&w

WASHINGTON FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS on Saturday were $[illegible].

THE REVENUES reported yesterday amounted to $6,700. Of this amount $4,000 was in wines seized in the twenty-eighth New York district.

THE "GERMAN" CLUB had another of their delightful re-unions last night, at Masonic Temple. A gay, brilliant and distinguished company were assembled, comprising many of the notable young ladies and gentlemen now residing in Washington. The festivities were continued until an early hour this morning.

READJUSTMENT OF SALARIES.—The biennial statements of postmasters, on which their salaries for two years from July next, are to be readjusted, have been very generally sent in, and are now receiving attention at the Post Office Department. Some half dozen clerks from the Treasury Department have been detailed to assist in the work of readjustment.

THE United States steamer Plymouth, which accompanied the English steamer Monarch to this country with the remains of Mr. Peabody, will sail from the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard, to return to her station on the European fleet, in the course of a month or six weeks, which time will be consumed in making the necessary repairs to the vessel.

POSTAL CHANGES IN MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA.—The following postal changes have been made by the Postmaster General: Andrew T. Mason, postmaster at Hillsboro', Caroline county, Md., vice Dallas M. See, declined; Dr. Edward Bayard, Gravel Hill, Va., vice B. E. Johnson, resigned; John A. Humbird, Patterson's Depot, Hampshire county, West Virginia, vice B. T. Keller, resigned. The offices at New Plymouth and Tuscekiah, in Lunenburg county, Va., have been discontinued.

SOME TIME SINCE an order was sent to Gen. Alfred Sully to proceed from Montana to this city if the condition of affairs in that department were in a condition, in his opinion, to warrant his leaving his post. Gen. Sully has not promptly complied with the order on account of the uncertainty as to the result of the recent movements among some of the tribes in that vicinity. It is probable that he will report here as soon as the intentions of those tribes are fully developed.

LAST EVENING a sumptuous private dinner party was given at the Arlington, in honor of the trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund. The dinner was laid in one of the private parlors of the house, and the following ladies and gentlemen were present: Admiral and Mrs. Farragut, Governor, Mrs. and Miss Clifford, George Peabody Russell and Mrs. Russell, Samuel Wetmore and Mrs. Wetmore, Major Montgomery, Bishop McIlvaine and daughter, Mrs. and Miss Harris, Mr. McAllister and daughter, Dr. B. Sears and daughter, and Hon. Robt. C. Winthrop.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE has detached the Territory of Wyoming from Supervisor Drummond's district, and Montana from Supervisor Bailey's district and added them to the district of Supervisor Mann. The State of Missouri has been detached from Mann's district and added to that of Supervisor McDonald. This was done to enable the supervisors beyond the Mississippi to traverse their respective districts without interfering with the boundaries of each other; besides it is believed that it will facilitate the transaction of business.

SPEAKER BLAINE has invited Hon. Wm. A. Wheeler, of New York, to act as chairman of the Committee of the Whole during the consideration of the tariff bill. In view of the vigorous, if not strong character of the discussion that is likely to ensue, the selection is more than an ordinary compliment, and in this case is certainly well bestowed. Mr. Wheeler possesses coolness, firmness and quick perception, with a good judicial mind; and is further qualified by a former experience in Congress, and an experience as a presiding officer in the last Constitutional Convention of New York.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, after business hours, Mrs. Senator Sprague, in company with Miss Alice Topp, the celebrated pianist, called at the Executive Mansion, and they were cordially received by the President and Mrs. Grant, in the red room, where the members of the President's family, Generals Porter and Babcock, were assembled. An hour was agreeably spent in conversation, interspersed with music by Miss Topp, who performed, among other pieces, "Sweet Home." Both the President and his lady complimented her execution, and expressed themselves as highly appreciating the enjoyment afforded.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE TO PERU, BOLIVIA, ECUADOR AND CHILI.—We are requested to state that the postage chargeable upon correspondence posted in the United States, and addressed to Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Chili, respectively, has been reduced to the following amounts, *prepayment compulsory*, to take effect immediately:

On letters twenty-two cents per each half ounce, or under.

On newspapers, four cents each, if not exceeding four ounces, and four cents additional for every excess of four ounces, and on book packets, and samples of merchandise, ten cents per each four ounces or fraction thereof.

WALL'S OPERA HOUSE.—"Hunted Down" was produced for the third time last night, and a large, fashionable and enthusiastic audience was in attendance. This is one of the best of Boucicault's more recent productions, and affords an opportunity for some excellent acting. Miss Laura Keene as Mary Leigh gives a faithful picture of a noble woman weighed down by a terrible secret and struggling between what she believes to be her duty and the great love she bears for her husband, whose wife she thinks she has no legal right to be. Mr. Frank Mordaunt as John Leigh is most *natural* in his acting, which is the highest compliment that can be paid to an actor. Messrs. Colin Stuart and W. H. Otis are very effective in their respective *roles*, as are also Misses Anderson and Carr. "Hunted Down" will be repeated to-night for the last time. It should also be remembered that this is the last week of the engagement of Miss Keene and her talented company.

DISCONTINUANCE OF NAVAL ENLISTMENTS.—The Navy Department yesterday ordered to be discontinued recruiting at the stations of Portsmouth, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk navy-yards. This order is issued in consequence of the limited number (8,500) authorized by recent act of Congress having been reached. The effect of this order will be to detain the Colorado, now fitting out at New York to relieve the Delaware as flag-ship of the East India quadron, the terms of service of the men on that station having already expired, and there is the most pressing need for men on that station. The other stations are also in want of men to relieve those whose terms have expired. The Navy Department has urged upon Congress to increase the number of enlisted men to meet this contingency, but no action has been taken in the matter, and the result is that no men can now be enlisted to meet the most pressing emergencies. Hence vessels on foreign stations must return to the United States and have their crews discharged, leaving vacancies on those stations.

ARMY ORDERS.—The order transferring Lieutenant Colonel W. L. Elliott, 1st United States cavalry, from duty in the department of the Lakes to Fort Vancouver has been revoked. The superintendent of general recruiting service at Cincinnati has been directed to forward all available recruits to the commanding general of the Fifth military district for assignment to the 11th United States infantry. Captain John Power, reported absent since September 16, 1869, has been ordered to be dropped from the rolls of his regiment.

The following officers, unassigned, have been ordered to report as follows: Captain William T. Gentry, to the 10th United States infantry, company C; Captain William M. Wherry, to the 6th United States infantry, company K; Captain Charles A. Whittier, to the 19th United States infantry, company C. Captain James McMillan, unassigned, has been transferred to the 11th United States infantry, company H, to report for duty on the 1st of July next.

Major Charles E. Norris, 1st United States cavalry, has been dismissed the service by court-martial, and the findings of the court have been approved.

NATIONAL THEATER.—Maggie Mitchell attracted another brilliant array of ladies at this theatre last night, to witness her charming performance of Marie, the "Pearl of Savoy." This evening she presents to us her last new play, an adaptation from the French by J. H. Rosewald, with the very pleasing title of "Lorle." A rose called by any other name might, and probably does, smell as sweet, for dramas nor women can afford to be as gloriously independent as the "Queen of Flowers." So "Lorle" we deem a most happy selection. It drops easily and tenderly from the lips and nestles lovingly in the ear. It was surely coined expressly for Maggie Mitchell. "Lorle" is one of the best of this lady's *repertoire*, and a decided dramatic success through the entire five acts. The story is told with a simplicity and beauty quite refreshing. Through all the piece there runs a pure pathos, never coarse, never strained, but always refined, always true to nature. "Lorle" captivates us from the beginning, and the fascination continues to the end. The play is strongly cast, and will be placed before the public in the best style.

An attractive entertainment will be given for the matinee on Saturday, arranged for the special pleasure of the juveniles—"Aladdin, or the Wonderful Lamp." Mr. F. Foster, the famous pantomimist, has been engaged especially for the the character of Kasarac.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING PAPER.—It will be remembered that last summer the Secretary of the Treasury decided to adopt as Government note paper for printing bonds, [illegible] tain kind of paper made of linen stock and silk fibre, at the same time announcing that the Government had selected this for special purposes, and making it a felony for any one to imitate it. This was done after mature deliberation, and regarded as the safest means for preventing counterfeits. Since then it has been ascertained that paper of the above description has been manufactured abroad, and Secretary Boutwell will to-day issue the following circular of instructions to all the collectors of customs throughout the country:

The Treasury Department under authority of law has designated a paper upon which all notes, securities and obligations of the United States Government are to be printed. The paper contains a colored fibre which distinguishes it from ordinary bank note paper, the character of which you can better understand by examining a bank note of the new issue. This letter is for the purpose of calling your attention specially to the importation of paper in order that any paper resembling that used by the Government arriving at your port may be seized, and the parties importing it arrested under the statute. You will give directions to the appraisers, examiners and inspectors, and any other officers in your district, whose duties may be such as to give them information upon the subject to use great diligence in preventing the importation of paper resembling that adopted by our Government.

The Peabody Educational Fund.

The trustees of the Peabody educational fund held another session yesterday morning. The President of the United States and all the members were present. The time of the session was occupied in hearing read the report of Dr. Sears, the general agent of the board. This report is a somewhat lengthy but very interesting document, containing much information of the great good accomplished throughout the South by the outlay of a small amount of the fund, which had the effect to stir up the people to see the necessity for providing generous appropriations to be used for educational purposes.

The board held another session to-day. This evening the members will be entertained at dinner by Secretary Fish, and to-morrow they will, in accordance with the invitation extended by President Grant, dine at the Executive Mansion. A portion of the gentlemen composing the board propose to be present in Baltimore on Friday to hear the oration on George Peabody, delivered by S. Teackle Wallis, esq.

THE case of Schoppe looks bad for that speculative doctor. The court that has reviewed the proceedings of his trial has failed to find any error of law, and thus the trial stands, and the sentence must be enforced.

THE London *Telegraph* (Liberal) in reviewing the debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the introduction of the "Irish land bill," expresses great satisfaction with the proceedings. The writer thinks the real union of Great Britain and Ireland may be dated with last night. The new bill is so perfect that it is invulnerable in all points.

THE new telegraphic system in England is hardly in complete working order yet, complaints of delay are still numerous. The usual channels for messages have been temporarily closed in some instances, and in this the great number of the dispatches must be first forced through a pneumatic tube, a half a mile to the post office, before they get on the wires. The service, however, is gradually becoming better and better.

Hugh Johnson, who was wounded at the time Greenwald was killed in Havana, is out of danger. Foster, who was more dangerously wounded, will probably recover.

THE weather for the past week has been unusually cold, not only in England, but throughout Europe.

NAVAL RANK.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S VIEWS.

Hon. Gleni W. Scofield, chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, yesterday received the following letter through Admiral Porter. General Sherman wrote the letter at Admiral Porter's request, and is intended to affect the action of the committee in determining the question of naval rank:

HEADQ'R'S ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES, February 16, 1870.

Admiral David D. Porter, Navy Department:

ADMIRAL: I have your letter of yesterday, and hope you are mistaken in supposing that my opinion can in any manner affect the result of the question of the rank (positive or assimilated) of the staff officers of the navy.

I have observed the feeling which has been developed by the controversy, and have naturally deferred to the judgment of such naval officers, like yourself, as have spent their whole lives at sea, and have risen from the bottom to the very top of your profession. As you remark, I have had good opportunities to study the subject at sea, having made several voyages in all sorts of craft, both sailing and steam, and on war vessels as well as packets; one of these being from New York to California in the Lexington, naval store ship, commanded by the present Admiral Dahlgren, and the result or conclusion is that I don't want to go to sea in any vessel with more than one captain, or when in case of accident to him the rights and powers of his successor are not clearly prescribed by law or naval custom.

If by conferring actual naval rank on the surgeons, paymasters, engineers, &c., the power of the captain, executive officer, (first lieutenant,) or of the officer of the deck, is impaired, or made doubtful, I would consider the change very damaging to the service. The object of all rank is not so much to confer power or honor as to fix responsibility. Thus, if changes at sea on a long voyage would leave the ship with a staff officer on board senior to the actual naval commander, the Government could not afford to let that commander risk its men or its character or defeat. Therefore I take it for granted that no law will be enacted that will leave it doubtful who is to be the responsible commander in any event. In the army all our staff officers have actual rank. They hold commissions from the President as generals, colonels, majors, captains, &c., which fixes their pay, allowance, precedence and privileges generally. But the sixty-second Article of War clearly establishes who is to command.

"If open marches, guards or in quarters different corps of the army shall happen to join or do duty together the officer highest in rank of the line of the army, marine corps or militia, by commission, then on duty or in quarters, shall command the whole and give orders for what is needful to the service, unless otherwise specially directed by the President of the United States, according to the nature of the case."

Therefore, (and it frequently happens,) when a captain or lieutenant finds himself senior, he commands the whole, although there may be under him surgeons, paymasters, quartermasters, &c., with commissions of colonel or major, who must obey his orders. So long as a line officer is present for duty he must command. He must ever remain, in fact, the responsible man personally responsible for whatever duty or enterprise the command may be engaged in. This is true as to the commanding officer, and it is practically true as to the "officer of the day," who corresponds with your "officer of the deck," as also the adjutant, who simply takes the order of the commanding officer.

In all other respects the staff officers have their full advantages of their rank.

On the whole our army system seems to work well in practice, but I do not feel justified in saying, therefore, that the same plan would work in the navy. Of this you must be the better judge.

As a matter of course, all kinds of bills find easy admission into Congress for debate; but I feel certain the majority of the members will not force on you any system of naval government that you think will result in the "demoralization" of the service. I rather think they will defer to those who go down to the sea in great ships to make the laws which will preserve the discipline of the navy, and make it what it has always been—the pride of our country.

With great respect, your sincere friend,
W. T. SHERMAN, General.

The President's State Dinner.

The fifth state dinner of the season was given at the Executive Mansion last night. The following is the manner in which the guests were placed at the table: The President was seated at the centre on the north, having on his right Mrs. Senator Harlan, on his left Mrs. Senator Morrill. Mrs. Grant was seated opposite, having on her right Senator Harlan, on her left Senator Ramsey. To the right of Mrs. Senator Harlan were seated Senator Buckingham, Senator Morrill, Mrs. Butler, Hon. Job Stevenson, Hon. Mr. Van Auken, Mrs. McCarthy. To the left of Mrs. Morrill were seated Senator Cragin, Gen. Butler, Mrs. Van Auken, Hon. Mr. Williams, Hon. Mr. Ketcham, Mrs. Stevenson. To the right of Senator Harlan sat Mrs. Tipton, Mr. Boreman, Lieut. Gen. Sheridan, Mrs. Sargent, Mr. Schofield, Hon. D. McCarthy. To the left of Senator Ramsey sat Senator Tipton, Mrs. Cragin, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Washburn, Mrs. Schofield and Mr. Sargent.

At the west end of the table were seated Mrs. Ketcham, Hon. Mr. Lash and Hon. Mr. Tucker.

At the east end were Hon. Mr. Stokes, Hon. Mr. Roots, and Jesse R. Grant, esq., the venerable father of the President.

Mrs. Grant was most becomingly attired in a maroon colored silk, cut with low corsage, with overskirt and flounces trimmed with guipure lace. She wore coral ornaments, the necklace being a magnificent work of art.

The dinner table was handsomely decorated, and presented an elegant appearance. The guests rose about 9:30.

THE RELAPSING FEVER.—This disease, which is now so prevalent in New York, is also raging in London, and has visited St. Petersburg and other great cities of Europe, attacking large numbers of people, it being exceedingly contagious. Its victims are found chiefly among the poor, ill-fed, badly housed and dissolute classes of the community. The symptoms are sudden headache, shivering and high fever, the pulse rising to 144 per minute, in the course of twenty-four hours, and the heat increasing to 105 degrees. Excessive painfulness, especially in the shoulders and legs, continues for three or four days, and about the sixth, sometimes as early as the fifth day, after the onset, the patient begins to sweat so excessively that the temperature is reduced in the course of a single day to a point two or three degrees below the natural heat of the body, that is, down to 95 or 96 degrees. During the first stage of the fever there is usually much vomiting and disturbance of the bowels. Now comes on a period of rest, and the symptoms of disease disappear for a week or ten days, when they return, and the patient suffers a more protracted attack than in the first instance. At the end of twenty-one days, if alive, the convalescent begins to hope that all is over with his sickness, and finds, on attempting to leave his bed, painfulness and excessive weakness of his muscles, a blanched and sallow skin, and an absence of all energy and strength, that make every hour and every day wretched and miserable, and if not carefully nourished and surrounded by good sanitary circumstances is quite sure to have a second relapse. It is said that in London and St. Petersburg three, four, and even five relapses have been by no means uncommon. The only treatment of any value is good nursing and good nourishment. It is a peculiarity of the fever that a large proportion of its victims so far recover from the first sharp attack, that after six or seven days of sickness they rise, walk about and journey whither they please, and may so journey for a whole week, or more, not knowing the danger to themselves or others.

PRIVATE intelligence has been received at Des Moines, Iowa, from Senator Grimes, in Europe, to the effect that his health is failing fast, and he will probably not survive the journey home.

THE NEWS BY CABLES

ENGLAND.

Unimportant Session of the Commons—Loss of the Ship Rita and Eight Lives.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The House of Commons held a short and unimportant session to-day.

The Nova Scotia ship Rita was lost off the coast of Lincolnshire. Eight lives were lost.

SPAIN.

Excitement in the Cortes—The Government Charged with Defeating Carlist Candidates.

MADRID, Feb. 16.—The Carlist deputies created the wildest excitement in the Cortes to-day by charging that in the recent elections their candidates in many districts were defeated by the interference of the Government. The accusation was pronounced false, and a stormy scene followed. After a violent debate the Cortes was adjourned.

PERE HYACINTHE.

Probable Release From His Vows.

PARIS, February 16.—Father Hyacinthe has been silent since his return to France. It is asserted on reliable authority that he will be relieved by the Pope from the obligations of his vows as Carmelite Monk, and be permitted to continue in holy orders as an ordinary priest.

MURDER.

A Wife Shot and Killed by Her Husband.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Margaret Sheridan, who has lived for three years with a person named Mitchell Powell, by whom she has had one child, was shot and instantly killed by her husband.

Sheridan is in custody.

Latest Telegraphic Brevities.

The Brooklyn master mechanics and master builders, at a meeting yesterday, expressed the determination to arrest the course of such midnight assassins as the murderer of the late Mr. Voorhees.

Several revenue officers while seizing a still in Dickens' alley, Brooklyn, were attacked by roughs yesterday, and would have been severely handled but for the arrival of the police, who dispersed the assailants.

The stockholders of the Pacific Mail Company at New York yesterday drew up a memorial to the Legislature favoring a reduction of their capital stock from twenty to ten millions dollars.

The New York board of health has resolved that the relapsing fever is not of sufficient extent and severity to cause public alarm or to require extraordinary action upon the part of the board. This action defeats the plan, said to have been urged, of expending $50,000 in hospitals.

Mr. Seward sailed from Havana for Baltimore yesterday.

The City Council of Baltimore will visit the Monarch at Annapolis, and extend the hospitalities of their city to her officers.

At a meeting of the Baptists in the First church, in Baltimore yesterday, $25,000 were collected in less than an hour in aid of the new Eutaw Baptist church, now in course of erection.

The Cardiff Giant Exposed.

It was stated, a few days since, that the Cardiff giant humbug had been exposed by a resident of Chicago, who declared that he had carved it from a block of gypsum during the months of July, August, September and October, 1868, for a man named Hull. The letter of this manufacturer gives some particulars of the way in which the swindle was made up. He says:

"Hair had been carved on the head and beard on the chin. Hull did not like this when he saw it, and said he would see about it. When he came the next time he told us that he had consulted with a geologist, and was informed that hair would not petrify. So he ordered it to be clipped off, and we shaved the giant.

"Several ways were tried to make the figure look old, and at last one was invented. Quite a number of needles were placed in lead, with their points protruding, and the figure was pricked over with this. Two days were occupied in this work, as the chisel left marks on the stone, which had to be effaced by this slow process of pricking. Some vitriol, sulphuric acid and English ink were next procured and rubbed on, which gave the antiquated look required. Hull thought at first it would be best to put on a clay covering, but concluded it had better not be done, as the clay where the statue was to be buried might be different. He was undecided where to bury it at first, and suggested Mexico. I told him I thought that would be a good place, but finally concluded not to take it there, as the distance was so great.

"During the course of the next week a truck was engaged, and the box taken to the Michigan depot. It went over that road, so I was told, and was buried—how or by whom I do not know—on Newell's farm.

"Hull at one time proposed that we should insert in the figure here and there petrified pieces of wood or stone, so that when geologists called to see it he could chip off a small piece and give it to them to examine. This, however, was not done, as he could not find the pieces."

Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.

Miss Anthony was fifty years old on Tuesday, and she not only broke through all feminine conventionalities, by announcing it, but actually made it the occasion of a grand semi-centennial re-union, at the women's bureau, in Twenty-third street, New York. Who will now dare to say that this is not a progressive age, and that woman is not breaking the thraldom that has bound her? Miss Anthony's appearance upon the occasion, is thus described by a New York paper:

"Miss Susan B. Anthony stood at the top of the staircase to receive her numerous friends. She wore a dress of rich shot silk, dark red and black, cut square in front, with a stomacher of white lace, and a pretty little cameo brooch. All female vanities she rigorously disarmed—no hoop, no train, no bustle, no panier, no chignon, no powder, no paint, no rugs, no patches, no nonsense of any kind. But there was one female weakness to which even Susan must yield. Like Miss Bimber, she appeared with a new pair of gold spectacles. And from her kindly eyes, and from her gentle lips, there beamed out the sweetest smiles to all her loving friends."

Quite a large assemblage of "the women of the day" were present, including Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, Mrs. Allen, of Jamestown; Mrs. Dr. Lozier, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Munson, Miss Clara Norris, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Mary Clemmer Ames, Mrs. Wetherbee, Mrs. Tilton, Mr. Sewall, of Boston; Prof. Lyman, Mr. Conant, Mr. Munson, Junius Henry Browne and others.

Many pleasant notes and telegrams from absent friends were received during the day and evening.

A poem, written for the occasion by Phebe Carey, was read by Mrs. Hooker, and the reading of other poems and letters and recitations were among the interesting exercises.

Mrs. Anthony made a pretty speech; Professor Lyman and Miss Clara Norris gave the "closet scene" from "Hamlet," and Mrs. Randall, of Oswego, recited, in a most effective style, "The Chiming of the Bells."

During the evening the ladies were invited to take the gentlemen down stairs and offer them some refreshments. A handsome cake was especially recommended by Mrs. Wetherbee, on the ground that it was made by a country schoolmistress. Ice-cream and confectionery were also passed around, and the scene in the dining-room was both social and pleasant. One gentleman, of an inquiring turn of mind, noticing a vase of cigar-lighters on the mantel, became horrified at the idea of the ladies of the "bureau" smoking, but on being informed that the room was occupied by Parker Pillsbury, recovered his equanimity.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

GEORGIA.

Organization of the Georgia Legislature—Election of United States Senators—Governor Bullock's Message—State Contracts Declared Valid and Binding—Hon. Foster Blodgett, Senator-Elect, Declines His Certificate of Election Until the Indictment Pending Against Him is Withdrawn.

ATLANTA, GA., February 16.—The House and Senate met this morning at 11 o'clock. At 12 o'clock the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and organized a joint convention for the purpose of comparing the Senatorial vote.

Upon adding up the vote in joint convention the president of the Senate announced that the Hon. Foster Blodgett having received 115 votes, being a majority, was declared elected United States Senator for the term of six years from March 4, 1871. Hon. H. P. Farrow having received 109 votes, being a majority, was declared elected United States Senator for the term ending March 4, 1873. Hon. Richard H. Whiteley having received 110 votes, was declared elected United States Senator for the term ending March 4, 1871.

Governor Bullock sent a message to the Legislature this morning making an elaborate argument to establish the fact that the act of Congress of December 22, and the previous reconstruction acts do not render invalid any of the ordinary laws passed by the several Legislatures. All contracts entered into by the State or the corporations under the State authority are legal and binding.

The Governor closes as follows: "The impression which is sought to be created that local laws are invalidated, State bonds repudiated, and corporations organized upon the basis of State legislation, without legal foundation, is entirely groundless. Such an impression is only created for the purpose of misleading the public mind and defeating the full effect and true intent and purpose of the reconstruction acts. The argument upon this point seems to be superfluous, in the face of the material fact that our bonds are saleable at a higher rate than those of any other Southern States, and bonds of railroads which have been endorsed under authority of the legislation of 1868 are selling at their full value."

The Legislature then adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Foster Blodgett this evening addressed a letter to the Governor, requesting him to withhold the certificate of his election as Senator.

Mr. Blodgett explains his previous political course, referring to that of having been indicted by political opponents for the purpose of breaking down and destroying his influence, and closes as follows:

"Although those who procured the indictment alluded to now confess it was only done for political effect, and recte unsupported by any proof, yet it is there, and never until it is withdrawn, or I have been triumphantly acquitted, can I, or will I accept of the position to which the honorable suffrages of my political fellow-citizens have elected me."

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Feb. 16.—The House resolution asking the Government to accord belligerent rights to Cuba was referred.

A bill was reported declaring vacant the place on the bench of the Court of Appeals now held by Major Burnham, of the United States army.

The Senate adopted a resolution that it is not necessary to elect a United States Senator for the term ending March, 1870.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—The three million loan bond has passed the Senate, and goes to the Governor for approval.

The mixed school bill has passed the House, and the election bill was resumed.

MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—Both Houses of the Legislature to-day resolved to extend the freedom of the floors of each to the officers of the Monarch on her arrival.

CALIFORNIA.

Mining Assessment—Billiard Match Postponed—Counterfeit Notes in Circulation—Sudden Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 16.—The Imperial Mining Company has levied an assessment of $10 per share.

The billiard match between Rudolphe and Deery, for the championship of America, has been postponed until the 8th of March in consequence of the prolongation of the Camilla Urso festival.

Several counterfeit $20 notes of the National Bank of Commerce, at New York, have been received at the sub-Treasury here during the past two weeks.

Major Howson, for eight years deputy comptroller of the State, died suddenly yesterday.

The Municipal Troubles in Mobile.

MOBILE, Feb. 16.—The contest for the mayoralty is still progressing. Price holds his seal, and has no present thought of yielding the office without a struggle. The