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AUCTION SALES.

To-Day.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers, No. 1001 northwest corner Tenth and D streets.

SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE, CONSISTING IN PART OF WALNUT AND OAK BOOKCASES, WIRE SCREENS, SEVERAL DESKS OF DIFFERENT PATTERNS, OFFICE CHAIRS AND STOOLS, IRON HAT-RACK, UMBRELLA STAND, &c.

On SATURDAY MORNING, May 17, 1873, at 10 o'clock, in front of our auction rooms, we shall sell the above-described furniture.

Terms cash.

my16 (star) GREEN & WILLIAMS, Aucts.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers, No. 1001, northwest corner Tenth and D streets.

ON SATURDAY MORNING, May 17, 1873, at 10 o'clock, we shall sell the following described furniture in front of our auction rooms:

Twenty rolls White and Checked Matting, One Walnut Marble-top Chamber Set, One Green Rep Parlor Suite, (nearly new,) Several Walnut and Oak Extension Tables, Walnut Bedsteads and Bureaus, Walnut M. T. Tables and Washstands, Painted Bedsteads, Bureaus, and Washstands, Common Oak and Walnut Dining Chairs, Window Shades, Lounges, Leaf Tables, and Oilcloths, Walnut Book Case, Several fine Brussels Carpets, (nearly new,) Bureaus, Crockery and Glassware, Barrels and other Carpets, Parlor, Chamber, and Cooking Stoves, &c.

Terms cash. GREEN & WILLIAMS, my16 Auctioneers.

BY LATIMER & CLEARY, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, Southwest corner of Penn. ave. and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

Will be sold at public auction, on SATURDAY, May 10, at 5 o'clock p. m., unless previously sold at private sale—

Lots numbered 19, 63, 64, 65, 83, 84, 85, north half of 1 and 2, north half of 19 and 20.

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, north half of 7, in block section; 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in second section; 1, 2, 4, and 5, in fourth section of F. Brown's subdivision.

Also, a fine cottage, containing ten rooms, with stable and two acres of ground.

Terms easy.

For particulars apply to S. P. BROWN, my14-tf Corner Fifteenth street and N. Y. avenue.

IF THE ABOVE SALE IS POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, May 17, same hour and place.

S. P. BROWN, my13 Corner Fifteenth st. and N. Y. ave.

Future Days.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers, 1001, northwest corner of Tenth and D streets.

TWO FIRST-CLASS PRIVATE RESIDENCES, FRONTING ON LITTLE E STREET, NORTH, THIRD STREET WEST, AND NEAR THE CITY HALL, AT AUCTION.

On TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 o'clock p. m., we shall sell, on the premises, two four-story mastic front Brick Houses, line cellars and tile roofs, with all modern improvements, consisting of gas, water, bath-rooms, &c., making first-class residences, being numbers Nos. 301 and 303, and having good fronts and depths.

Terms—One fourth cash; balance in one, two and three years for notes bearing seven per cent. interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises sold. Conveyancing, &c., at cost of purchaser. One hundred dollars down on each house at time of sale.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, my13-td (Star.) Auctioneers.

BY DUNCANSON, DOWLING & CO., Auctioneers, corner Ninth and D streets northwest.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY IN SQUARE No. 393 AT AUCTION.

By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date on the 11 day of November, 1870, and recorded in Liber 838, folio 198, one of the land records for Washington, District of Columbia, I will, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of June, A. D. 1873, at 4 o'clock p. m., offer for sale, in front of the premises, Lot numbered eighty-four (84) of Keirle's subdivision of square numbered three hundred and sixty-five, (365,) in Washington city, in the District of Columbia, with the improvements thereon.

Terms—Three-fourths cash, the balance in one and two years, in equal installments, secured by the notes of the purchaser, bearing interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and a deed of trust on the property drawn and executed to the satisfaction of the trustee. $200 deposit on acceptance of the bid. If the terms of sale are not complied with in five days from the day of sale, the trustee reserves the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Conveyancing at purchaser's cost.

ROBT. W. MCPHERSON, Trustee. my13-2awds DUNCANSON, DOWLING & CO., Auctioneers.

BY LATIMER & CLEARY, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, Southwest corner of Pennsylvania ave. and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF SIXTH STREET, NEAR D STREET NORTHWEST, AT AUCTION.

Und r and by virtue of a decree passed by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in a cause depending in said court, wherein Alexander Lee et al. are plaintiffs and Frank Chase and others defendants (No. 7324, Equity Doc. 11) the undersigned, trustee, will sell at public auction, in front of the premises, to the highest bidder, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of May, 1873, at 5 o'clock p. m., Parts of Lots 1, 2 and 28, in square 376, in square 376, fronting on the west side of Sixth street, near D street north, and improved by a handsome three-story brick Residence.

The terms of sale are: One third of the purchase money cash and the balance in equal payments in twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months, the purchaser to give for the deferred payments his promissory notes, indorsed or secured to the satisfaction of the trustee, and bearing interest from date of sale. All conveyancing at cost of purchaser. If terms are not complied with in five days the trustee reserves the right to resell at the risk and cost of purchaser. One hundred dollars down at time of sale.

ROBT. W. MCPHERSON, Trustee. my10-cokds LATIMER & CLEARY, Aucts.

BY W.M. L. WALL & CO., Auctioneers No. 509 Ninth Street Marble Building. Nos. 909 and 911 Pennsylvania avenue.

CHANCERY SALE OF DESIRABLE PROPERTY, NO. 420 M STREET NORTHWEST, RESIDENCE OF THE LATE JAMES V. DAVIS.

By virtue of a decree passed by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1873, in a cause pending in said court, being No. 7,336, Equity Docket, wherein Benjamin and Mary M. Davis et al. are defendants, being cause No. 8,501, Equity Doc. 12, the undersigned trustee will offer, at public sale, on the premises, on THURSDAY, the 22d of May, 1873, at 6 o'clock, p. m., the following described property, to wit: Lot 19, in square 351, with the improvements, consisting of a handsome double dwelling house, brick, with stone trimmings, with all the modern improvements, having a handsome garden, containing shrubbery and fruit trees.

This is one of the most attractive and desirable residences in the city, either been in the market for the use of its late owner. The lot has a front of 40 feet on M street and a depth of 180 feet to a 20-foot alley.

Terms of sale: $10,000 in cash; and the remainder in two equal installments at one and two years, bearing interest, and secured by the notes of the purchaser and a lien upon the property, or the purchaser may pay all cash at his option; $500 to be paid at time of sale, if the purchaser elects to comply with the terms within thirty days after the sale, the property may be resold at his risk and cost. All conveyancing at the cost of purchaser.

JAMES O. PAYNE, Trustee. my9-cokds (Star) W. L. WALL & CO., Auctioneers.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers, No. 1001, northwest corner Tenth and D streets.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE AND VACANT LOT FRONTING ON THIRD AND FOURTH-AND-A-HALF STREETS WEST, (ISLAND) AT AUCTION.

On MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 5 o'clock p. m., we shall sell, on the premises, lot 30 (the trust, by the feet deep, to an alley, with the improvements, consisting of a Brick Dwelling-House, No. 317; also, one Frame Dwelling House, fronting on the alley. And immediately after the above sale we shall sell a good two-story Frame Dwelling House, fronting on G street south, between Third and Four-and-a-half streets west, (island,) 16 feet 8 feet front, by 73 feet 3 inches deep, with a Frame Dwelling House fronting on the alley, being lot 8, in square No. 356.

Terms: One third cash; balance six and twelve months, for notes bearing interest, and secured by a deed of trust on the premises sold. Conveyancing at cost of the purchaser. Fifty dollars down on each house at the time of sale.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, Aucts. my13-3 (Star)

AUCTION SALES.

Future Days.

BY LATIMER & CLEARY, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, Southwest corner of Penn. ave. and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

800,000 FEET SPRUCE LUMBER AT AUCTION.

We will sell at the wharf, foot of South Capitol street, on MONDAY, May 19, at 4 o'clock p. m., about eight hundred thousand feet of Spruce Lumber, (suitable for paving or general building purposes,) in lots to suit purchasers.

Terms cash. LATIMER & CLEARY, my16-d3t Auctioneers.

BY LATIMER & CLEARY, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, Southwest corner Penn. avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

SALE OF CONDEMNED STORES AT MARINE BARRACKS.

On TUESDAY, the 20th day of May, will be offered for sale at the Marine Barracks, Washington, a lot of Condemned Stores of the Quartermaster's Department. Among them are a large lot of Persian caps for muskets, Swords, Soldiers' Iron, 50 lbs. of Copper, Old Iron, 5,000 lbs. Lead, 200 lbs. Powder, together with Belts, Cartridge Boxes, &c., &c. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

Terms cash. Purchasers will be required to remove the articles purchased with a five days. my15-d3t LATIMER & CLEARY, Auctioneers.

BY KELLEY & GATCHEL, Auctioneers, Southeast corner of Eleventh and F streets northwest.

SALE OF FINE PROPERTY ON D AND FIRST STREETS SOUTHWEST, (ISLAND,) IMPROVED BY SMALL TENEMENTS, AT AUCTION.

On MONDAY NEXT, the 19th instant, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., on the premises, we shall sell lots 1, 2, 3 and part of lot 14, in square 500, fronting 100 feet on the north side of South D street, between First and Second streets, and running back from 15 to 100 feet to an alley, and improved by small frame tenements, containing from two to four rooms each. Part of lot 14 fronts 18 feet on First street, running back 90 feet, and improved by a frame dwelling, containing four rooms.

Terms—One-third of the purchase money cash, balance in one, two and three years. On the other part one half cash, balance in six and twelve months, all with interest from sale at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and secured by deed of trust on the property sold. Conveyancing at the cost of purchaser; $50 down on each piece of property when sold.

my15-4t (Star) KELLY & GATCHEL, Aucts.

BY LATIMER & CLEARY, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON NORTH K STREET, BETWEEN FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH STREETS WEST.

By virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, passed on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1873, in chancery cause No. 884, where in Theodorus Bailey and Sarah A. Bailey are complainants, and J. F. Bond and others defendants, I shall offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the premises, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of May, 1873, at 5 o'clock p. m., the property described in said decree, to wit: Lot numbered 64, in Allen and Falconer's subdivision of a part of the east half of square numbered 274, with improvements, being one small brick house.

Terms: One third cash; balance in six and twelve months from day of sale, and secured by purchaser's notes and deed of trust upon the premises. Conveyancing at purchaser's cost. $50 when bid is accepted. CHARLES W. HAVENNER, Trustee.

THOS. E. WAGGAMAN, my12- Auctioneer.

BY DUNCANSON, DOWLING & CO., AUCTIONEERS, Southeast corner Ninth and D streets northwest.

VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS IN FIRST WARD AT AUCTION.

On SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 24, at 5 o'clock, we will sell, upon the premises, all of Lot 17, in Square 32, having a front of 50 feet 6 inches with an average depth of 80 feet. This lot will be subdivided upon day of sale, giving purchasers a chance to buy a portion or all. This property is situated on Virginia avenue, near the corner of Twenty-fourth street northwest, and the attention of buyers is called to this sale, as property in that part of the city is rapidly advancing in price.

Terms: One third cash; balance in six and twelve months, notes bearing interest, and secured by deed of trust. Conveyancing, &c., at purchaser's cost. A deposit of $100 will be required as soon as the property is sold.

my12 DUNCANSON, DOWLING & CO., Aucts.

BY DUNCANSON, DOWLING & CO., Auctioneers, southeast corner Ninth and streets northwest.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED PROPERTY ON SOUTH D STREET, BETWEEN SOUTH CAPITOL STREET AND NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SOUTHWEST.

By virtue of a deed of trust, dated December 19, 1868, and duly recorded in Liber No. 617, folio 19, one of the land records for the District of Columbia, and by direction of the parties secured thereby, we will sell at public auction, on TUESDAY, June 3, at 5 o'clock, part of Lot numbered 3, in square numbered 686, with the improvements thereon.

Terms of sale: One third cash; the balance in two equal installments of six and twelve months from day of sale, deferred payments to bear 8 per cent. interest, and to be secured by deed of trust on the property; $100 to be paid at the time of sale. Conveyancing at purchaser's cost. If the terms of sale are not complied with within ten days thereafter the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days public notice.

SAMUEL CROSS, my12-td JOHN R. RAGAN, Trustees. DUNCANSON, DOWLING & CO., Auctioneers.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

UNIVERSALIST SERVICES—REV. C. H. Fay, of Middletown, Conn., will preach in Masonic Temple to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Seats free. my17-*

FOUNDRY CHURCH, FOURTEENTH STREET: Rev. H. A. Cleveland, pastor. TO-MORROW, at 11 a. m., ordination and baptism and reception of members; at 8 p. m., "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" my17-*

THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION of the Oldest Inhabitants will please attend funeral of their late brother member, Mr. Hassett, at Presbyterian Church, Ninth street, tomorrow (Sunday) evening, at 3 o'clock. my17 JOHN CARROLL BRENT, Rec. Sec.

PREACHING IN GURLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Boundary street, between Sixth and Seventh, every SABBATH, at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. REV. W. H. LOGAN, my17* Pastor.

ATTENTION, CORCORAN ZOUAVES! Every member is urgently requested to attend a special meeting of the Company on MONDAY EVENING, May 19, 1873, at 8 o'clock. By order of the Captain.

my17-2t L. BENNER, Secretary.

DR. S. J. RADCLIFFE HAS REMOVED HIS Office and Residence to 1211 F street N. W. my15-2t*

THE LATEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE MUSIC for Commencements, Exercises, Parties, &c., &c., will be furnished by Richard Wolfe, Wolfe's Band, the leader's residence, 537 Eighth street southeast, or the music stores, will receive prompt attention. my6-1m*

DR. SALTER will hereafter BE FOUND AT HIS FORMER OFFICE, my14-tf No. 452 Louisiana avenue.

REMOVAL.

GEORGE BOOGS, dealer in Wood and Coal, has removed his office to 406 Ninth street, three doors above E street, where he will be pleased to meet his friends and customers. Constantly on hand a full assortment of Wood and Coal at the lowest cash rates. Yard, Fourteenth street, between B and C Wharf, Thirteen and-a-half street, river front. my9-1f

PURE SODA AND MINERAL WATERS at Temple Drug Store, drawn from Improved Apparatus. apl3

WASHINGTON TELEGRAPH SCHOOL, INCORPORATED 1873.

Ladies and gentlemen can receive a thorough education in the art of Telegraphy, in this institution, in the seventh street, (old number 423.) Call and inquire terms. mh15-tf J. E. CRAWFORD.

MILBURN'S NEW DRUG STORE, No. 1439 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. DEPOT FOR SODA AND MINERAL WATERS. feb26-dtf

PRESCRIPTIONS COMPOUNDED at moderate prices, at the TEMPLE DRUG STORE, Masonic Temple.

DR. A. PRATT, GRADUATE OF Ohio College of Dental Surgery, 411 Seventh street, between D and E streets, combined Old Fellows' Hall, Washington. Half price to laboring persons. Refers to Dr. R. A. Bacon and Rev W. B. Evans. aug-tf

ALL THE GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES at New York prices, at the TEMPLE DRUG STORE.

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES AND specifics at the TEMPLE DRUG STORE corner F and Ninth streets.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PERFUMERIES, Po mades, Toilet Articles, &c., at lowest rates, ATTEMPLE DRUG STORE.

ATTENTION.

Spring is coming with its lovely breeze and charming weather, but is bringing also many diseases more or less alarming, yet easily overcome or prevented if necessary precautions are taken in time. There is no season in the year when the house or system needs to be invigorated by some medicine which will purify the blood and give to the organs the necessary strength to bear those first warm days so prostrating and weakening. Biliousness and sometimes chills follow this general debility, and those who do not pay attention to the first symptoms become sick and affected with some of those pernicious diseases, such as fevers of all kinds, especially what is called spring fever, bilious headache, diphtheria, &c. A great many persons do take the precaution we speak of; but could not call enough the attention of the public on the subject of invigorating medicine at this season. The body requires not only a stimulant, but above all a medicine, always harmless and prepared with care and perfect knowledge of its effects, such as for this reason Dr. L. G. BERTHAM'S LONG LIFE BITTERS are superior to all cordials of this kind. They are composed of the purest Jamaica spirits, medicinal ingredients, and the best of Madeira wine, and there is no fear of their being abused, as they can be used without the Medical Academy's approval, as the best tonic, restorer and purifier. my14-2t* DR. L. G. BERTHAM, Agent.

SOUTH WASHINGTON.—PERSONS residing in South Washington can have the REPUBLICAN left at their residence promptly every morning by leaving their names and address at the Clear Store of E. J. BURTT, No. 339 Seventh street, between Virginia avenue and D street southwest.

FIRST WARD.—PERSONS RESIDING in the First Ward can have the REPUBLICAN delivered promptly at their residences by leaving their name and address at the Clear Store of PHILIP H. WARD, No. 139 Pennsylvania avenue corner of Eighteenth street.

GEORGETOWN.—PERSONS DESIRING the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN can have it delivered regularly for FIFTY CENTS per month, by leaving their names at the Clear Store of AMOS E. STAKE, 136 Bridge street.

FOREIGN NOTES.

A birth of united twins is reported to have lately taken place at Gyongyos, in Hungary. The children, females, lived only one day.

The Earl of Pembroke, as visitor of Jesus college, Oxford, England, has decided that a widower without children is eligible to fellowship.

The copyrights of all the published and unpublished works of the late Lord Lytton have been purchased by Messrs. George Routledge & Sons.

The declared value of printed books exported from England in the last three months was $783,000, and of scrap-iron, more than $30,000 in the like period of the previous year.

Tom Taylor, the biographer, dramatist and critic, who has retired from the English civil service with a £2,000 pension, at the age of fifty-five years, thinks that his best work is yet to be done.

The herring fisheries on the Scottish coast are growing annually, and last year proved a season of remarkable success among the fishermen, whose boats will be increased in future.

Prince Bismarck is a great consumer of lager beer, introducing it into his dwelling-house in small kegs, which are on tap at all hours of the day and night, and on all occasions.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.

For the Middle States and lower lakes northwesterly to northeasterly winds, rising barometer, cool and generally clear weather. For Canada and New England northwesterly and northerly winds, cool and clear weather. For the south Atlantic and Gulf States northeasterly and southeasterly winds, rising temperature, clear weather in the former and falling barometer and partly cloudy weather in the latter. For the Northwest and upper lakes, and thence southward to the Ohio and lower Missouri valleys northeasterly to southeasterly winds, clear and partly cloudy weather. In the mid Mississippi valley and thence to Kansas southeasterly winds, falling barometer, cloudy weather and rain.

Wm. M. Tweed Pleads Not Guilty.

New York, May 16.—Wm. M. Tweed appeared in court to-day and pleaded not guilty to the fifteen new indictments found against him on February 26, reserving, however, all his rights as to any future motions to quash or otherwise.

PRESBYTERIANISM

SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Church to Take Part in the Centennial Celebration of Independence—A Series of Historical Discourses to be Prepared and Delivered—The Use of Intoxicating Liquors.

Baltimore, May 16.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States met promptly at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. David Hovey.

The committee on standing committees submitted a report, embracing and naming a list of the standing committees, which was adopted.

The moderator stated that according to rule the committee should organize this afternoon.

Dr. Hatfield, stated clerk, read the docket or order of business of the assembly, containing thirty-three subjects, some of them including many subdivisions.

The docket was adopted.

The roll of the assembly was ordered printed.

The synods were then called upon for synodical records, and the following answered and handed in their records: Baltimore, Cleveland, Erie, Albany, Harrisburg, Illinois, Central Iowa, North Iowa, South Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee and New York.

The presbyteries were then called upon for statistical reports, narratives and other presbyterial papers. Some were handed in, but the majority were reported "not yet ready," or on their way by mail. The reports were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Atterbury and Chambers.

The annual reports of the board of home missions and of education were handed in.

Monday, from 12 to 2 p. m., was set apart for receiving and considering the report of the committee on benevolence and finance.

The report of the special committee on masses was submitted and read by the chairman, Rev. Joseph M. Wilson. It recommends that the assembly issue a deliverance, covering the necessity of building churches; recognizing their importance as a depository for the history of the church; and to this end the synods and presbyteries be requested to take proper action. The report was referred to the committee on church extension.

THE CENTENNIAL.

The report of the committee of thirteen, of which James Ross Snowden is chairman, appointed by the last general Assembly to consider and report upon the question whether it was expedient and appropriate that the Presbyterian Church of the United States should take part in the centennial celebration of American independence in 1876, was read. It says, in substance, that it is appropriate and expedient that the Presbyterian Church of the United States should participate in the centennial of American independence and in the international exhibition to be held in Philadelphia, and they recommend that several persons be designated to prepare historical discourses, to be delivered at such time as may be hereafter appointed. They also suggest the following subdivisions of periods and subjects for said historical discourses:

1. A discourse upon the period from the founding of the Church in this country to the commencement of the war of the Revolution.

2. From the latter period to the adoption of the Presbyterian form of government in 1788.

3. From the latter period to the present time.

4. The present condition, prospects, beneficent works, agencies and influence of the church.

5. Education under Presbyterian influences.

6. Historical sketches of the several boards and other agencies established by the General Assembly.

The report also recommends that the Assembly request the appropriate committee of the Centennial Commission, who have charge of buildings, to set apart so much space as may be required for a Presbyterian Hall, to be used by the Presbyterian board of publication and other works of American Presbyterian authors, ancient books, &c., pertaining to Presbyterianism; that the board of publication be authorized to prepare and publish an illustrated volume to commemorate the National Centennial; also, that the first Sabbath in July, 1876, be designated as a day of praise and thanksgiving to God for the manifold blessings with which he has crowned us as a people, and it is recommended that the pastors of churches and ministers of the Gospel, in their respective pulpits, deliver a discourse on the history of his church, and that a collection be taken on that day for the erection of a suitable fire-proof building for a Presbyterian Historical Society, and the endowment of said society.

The report was made the special order for Monday morning next.

The committee on voluntary societies was not ready to report, and was continued to the next assembly.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The committee to consider the subject of the publication of a portrait of Gillespie, with a distribution, reported favorably, and the report was placed on the docket.

Dr. Hendrick Johnson, from the special committee of fifteen appointed at the last assembly to consider the subject of representation in the assemblies, submitted a report to the effect that while the plan now in use is in some respects unequal, a change, at present, is inexpedient, and recommends that the subject be indefinitely postponed. The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

The report of the committee on vacant churches was read and referred to the committee on church polity.

Revs. R. R. Booth, H. L. Hitchcock, and Hon. Horace Maynard were appointed a committee to consider and report the next place of meeting of the General Assembly.

Thursday and Friday of next week were designated to hear delegates from corresponding bodies.

A resolution, offered by Rev. Mr. Lockwood, for the appointment of a committee to consider and report on the tenure of office of elders, whether they should hold office for life, or the rotary system be adopted, was referred to the committee on bills and overtures.

A resolution by Rev. Mr. Hoddington, relative to what action should be taken by the Church on the use of intoxicating liquors, was referred to the same committee.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the assembly adjourned and engaged in religious exercises.

BIDS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.

Letter of George H. Stuart to the Secretary of the Interior.

Philadelphia, May 16.—The following letter was to-day sent to the Secretary of the Interior:

Hon. C. Delano, Secretary of the Interior, Washington:

Sir: My attention as chairman of the purchasing committee of the Board of Indian Commissioners has been called to charges of unfairness and irregularities in the recent awards of contracts for Indian supplies, and having learned that it is your intention to investigate any cases in which complaints are made, I write in behalf of myself and colleagues to say that a full and thorough examination will meet with our most hearty approval.

The Board of Indian Commissioners having no selfish ends to serve and nothing to hide, desire that all their actions shall be open to the public, and even when complaints are indefinite and totally unsupported, they are in the present case, we ask that the fullest opportunity be given all parties to be heard, and the result of such hearing given to the public press. It may be well to refer to the fact that all awards were made by us, as authorized by law, by the Hon. E. P. Smith, and not by our board, which is an advisory board.

We are glad to say, however, that every award met with the unanimous approval of our committee, consisting of Messrs. Robert Campbell, of St. Louis; John V. Farwell, of Chicago; William E. Dodge, of New York, and myself; as also of Messrs. Felix R. Brunot, of Pittsburg, and Nathan Bishop, of New York. The members of the board were present. The representatives of the Interior Department, consisting of Hon. B. R. Cowan, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and others associated by you with him, most cordially concurred in the decisions of the committee in every award.

In no case was an award made without the unanimous approval of these three bodies—representatives of the Government. When our board was called upon to supervise the awarding of these Indian contracts, we found little or no fair competition. Scarcely more than a score of bids were received, and a half dozen contracts covered all lettings. We found powerful rings opposed to at very low rates. Our desire was to open competition. To do this it was necessary to remove all suspicion of unfairness.

With this end in view the receiving of bids and awarding of contracts were transferred from Washington to New York, the largest market in the country, where the bids were opened and read in public, and after a careful comparison of the bids and samples awards were made, which were published in the daily press, the contracts being open to the inspection of any one wishing to see them.

The following clause is part of all advertisements: "The right is reserved to reject any or all such proposals if such course should be deemed for the interest of the Government." Our committee, acting in concert with their colleagues, exercised this right so far as they deemed it necessary to protect the Government from persons, either as principals or partners, who have, in the past, been connected with or been members of the old Indian rings, who are afraid to bid in their own names, constantly using the names of others.

In regard to the awards we would say that in every case they were made to the lowest and best bidders. As to the present system of letting it is only necessary to say that two hundred and eighty-four bids, representing over two hundred different firms and individual bidders, were received and fifty-seven contracts awarded.

As to the prices obtained, compared with those of the old system, beef ranged from $1.95 to $2.76 per hundred pounds, against as high as $6.50 per hundred pounds; flour from $1.50 to $3.50 per hundred pounds, against prices on the agencies ranging as high at times as $14 per hundred pounds, and other articles were at almost as marked difference. That the parties who have in the past supplied the Indian department with goods at these prices should be dissatisfied with the present is not to be wondered at.

Again expressing the wish that every opportunity for investigation may be given all persons who are dissatisfied with the awards, and knowing that your action in the premises will meet with our approval, I am, with much respect, yours truly, George H. Stuart, Chairman Purchasing Committee, Board Indian Commissioners.

THE LAVA BEDS.

The Present Position of the Modocs—Col. Mason Supposed to be Engaged with the Indians.

San Francisco, May 16.—The following has been received here from camp south of Tule lake:

Lava Beds, May 13 and 14.—The Modocs now are entrenched in Crater butte, or Mass lava, some little southeast of this camp, and distant from fifteen to eighteen miles. Captain Hasbrouck is camped within watching distance of the enemy, with two hundred and ten men, where he awaits the arrival of Colonel Mason, who yesterday morning started from Captain Jack's old stronghold with one hundred and seventy men, taking a southeasterly course. It is intended the two commands shall be united, under Col. Mason, and hold the Indians at bay until the mortar command is forwarded and a scout is made around the boundary of lava beds by way of Ticknor roads.

At last accounts the Indians were fortifying their present position, with the evident intention of giving battle on the first opportunity.

[SECOND DISPATCH—11 P. M.]

Colonel Mason signaled his knowledge of the whereabouts of the Indians this afternoon by way of Jack's old stronghold, and that both himself and Hasbrouck were ordered to obtain favorable positions during the night and make an attack on the enemy at 3 o'clock to-morrow morning. This news is known only to a few in camp, and therefore has not yet created any excitement.

[THIRD DISPATCH.]

Lava Beds, May 14, 7 a. m.—A sentinel reports he heard firing in an easterly direction from camp at an early hour this morning. It is inferred from this that Colonel Mason has begun his work.

The body of Lieut. Harris arrived at Yreka today.

FUNERAL OF LIEUT. SHERWOOD.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 16.—The funeral of Lieut. Sherwood, one of the victims of the Modoc treachery, was attended this afternoon by an escort of United States troops, with United States officers as pall-bearers, and a large concourse of citizens and officers of the New York State volunteers.

The body of Captain Albon Howe, another Modoc victim, will reach here to-night, and be buried with military honors on Sunday next.

COUNCIL OF THE PIT RIVER INDIANS.

San Francisco, May 16.—The following was received from Yreka to-night: J. W. Dates arrived here to-day from Hot Spring valley via Burgoutville, having left the former place Tuesday last, at which time the Pit River Indians, numbering 300 warriors, had gathered together in council, having been called by "Old Dick," their head chief. Dick is peaceably inclined and very friendly towards white settlers.

Dick stated to the council in him. He was anxious that his tribe should all move to the east side of Pitt river so that they would not be blamed for the depredations that might be committed north and west of there. He said he did not know what the result of the council would be, but some Indians, headed by old "Shave Head," wanted to fight, and talked of putting him (Dick) down, and making some one else chief, and should they do so the settlers might know that some trouble was intended. Old Shave Head some time ago went off, and some think he has been up to the lava bed holding conference with Captain Jack. Dates says the settlers were not apprehensive, but were collecting together of such a band at this time looks suspicious.

THE ERIE INVESTIGATION.

Report of the Legislative Committee.

Albany, May 16.—The Erie railroad investigating committee of the Legislature in their report state that they are restricted in their investigation by the nature of their instructions and the limited time they had to act in. The books of the company could not be examined as thoroughly as necessary, nor could all the testimony be obtained requisite to complete an understanding of affairs as to the dividend declared in February, 1872.

The committee declare that, owing to the confusion of accounts incident on a change of directors, the statements of the direct earnings of the road are conflicting. They also believe that the present officers of the road have falsified its accounts, and express the fullest confidence in the ability and integrity of President Watson, who they believe is earnestly endeavoring to protect the interests of the road, but they are unable to come to any absolute conclusion as to whether the dividend was paid out of the net earnings.

They condemn as improper the expenditure of money in the recent transfer of the management and its reimbursement from the treasury of the company. They say this was done largely in the interest of foreign stockholders and for their benefit, and the part taken in this operation by General Sickles is denounced in strong terms, as follows:

The spectacle of a United States minister to a foreign court leaving his duties there and lending himself to the carrying out of a scheme of this kind is not calculated to heighten our respect for or inspire confidence in the integrity of the public service under our Government.

The committee exonerates Attorney General Barlow, finding no reason to doubt that he acted from proper motives throughout.

THE TURF.

The Races at Nashville.

Nashville, May 16.—The first race, two-mile dash, was won by Euchre, beating Frank Hampton. Time 3:40.

The second race, mile heats, best three in five: Quartermaster, 3, 1, 1, 1; Mariposa, 1, 2, 2, 2; Norwood, 2, 3, distanced. Time, 1:47½, 1:48, 1:51½, 1:51. The track was in good condition and the attendance large.

THE LEXINGTON RACES.

Lexington, Ky., May 16.—The best three-year-old race on record has just been made. The attendance was immense and was caused by the announcement that Lucy would come to make his first appearance on the turf, and the result shows that he is all his friends claimed him. The race was well contested, Sallie Watson making close scores in both heats. The following is the result: Mr. Lewis's b. c. Kentucky Lucy, 1; Colonel's Sallie Watson, 2, 2. Time, 1:49½, 1:47½.

The second race for the citizens' stakes for three year olds, one and a half mile dash, was won by Grinstead's Crackforde, W. Gr. Grath's Artist was second; Keene's War Cry third, and Reynold's Buchn third. Time, 2:40½.

THE NATIONAL TROTTING ASSOCIATION.

New York, May 16.—At a meeting of the National Trotting Association, held to-day, the fashionable to trainers and drivers were rescinded. The National Association, which hitherto had power to adjourn a trot to any day they chose, must now adjourn to the first good day and first good track. The rule now in force requires trotters to call on any driver and oblige him to drive has been changed so that they will be obliged to pay him $50 for his services whenever they insist on his driving.

LOUISIANA.

Arrival of Col. DeBlanc at New Orleans.

New Orleans, May 16.—Col. DeBlanc, Declonet and others, from St. Martin, arrived this evening in charge of a deputy marshal and a squad of Federal soldiers. They reached the railroad ferry landing from Jackson square about five o'clock. Upon stepping from the boat they were received with tremendous cheers by from five to seven thousand persons who had assembled to welcome them. They were taken to the custom-house and released on bond before the United States commission to-morrow.

Hon. John W. Foster, United States Minister to Mexico, arrived yesterday, and will address the cotton exchange to-morrow evening by invitation, and will probably leave Monday by steamer for Vera Cruz.

The Execution of Nixon.

New York, May 16.—Nixon, the murderer of Charles H. Pfeifer, made his will yesterday, bequeathing his property to his wife and daughter. He was hanged this morning. The doomed man, after taking farewell of his family and friends last evening, ate a hearty supper, and remarked to the keeper: "This is my last night on earth, and I have done what I never did before—taken two cups of coffee." He then prayed with Father Duranquet, the prison chaplain, and fell asleep at 12 o'clock. He was awakened at 5 o'clock this a. m., and having dressed, attended mass, read by Father Duranquet, and received the sacraments of the Catholic Church. The only words he spoke afterwards were: "My Saviour was crucified; this is nothing." The crowd inside the prison yard and outside was very large. At 9:03 o'clock he left his cell and walked firmly to the scaffold, Fathers Duranquet and McKenna walking on each side. Nixon carried a large crucifix in his hands, which he repeatedly kissed fervently on the way. Arriving at the scaffold he knelt between the clergymen and repeated the Lord's Prayer and several credos. The prayers over, the rope was cut, and the body was launched up several feet. After hanging several minutes a tremor of the limbs and heavings of the chest were perceptible. At 9:16 the physicians pronounced life extinct, and at 9:20 the body was cut down, when the medical men ascertained that the neck was not broken, and that death resulted from strangulation.

Daly Wins the Champion Billiard Match.

New York, May 16.—The billiard match for the championship of the United States, diamond cue and $1,000, 1,500 points, between Maurice Daly and Cyrille Dion, was played to-night at Tammany Hall, in the presence of a very large audience. The score at the conclusion of the fifty-fifth inning was 1,340 to 1,461, when Daly then, by a series of brilliant shots, brought the balls together and ran the game out. Average—Daly, 26 9-10; Dion, 22 9-10. Time of game five hours. Daly's majority, 941.

Holohan to be Executed.

Baltimore, May 16.—The death warrant of Holohan was read to him this morning by Sheriff Kane at the city prison. After it had been read Holohan remarked that it was hard to die for the crimes of others.

The Frolic Ordered to St. Johns.

New York, May 16.—Secretary Robeson, having received a dispatch from St. Johns that the harbor is now clear of ice, has ordered the gunboat Frolic to sail from this port to-day to bring back the Polaris' crew.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS.

THE CONFEDERATE CRUISER FLORIDA.

Return of the President—Mr. Casserly Deposits His Back Pay in the Treasury Instead of in the Bank of California—Recognition of Consuls—Miscellaneous News and Notes.

RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President, General Sherman, Secretary Belknap and General Babcock returned to the city yesterday afternoon.

THE WEST POINT ACADEMY.

A board, to consist of Surgeon T. A. McParlin and Assistant Surgeons John S. Billings and J. A. Fitzgerald, has been ordered to meet at the West Point Military Academy, on the 20th inst., to examine into the physical qualifications of the members of the graduating class and the candidates for admission into the academy.

GENERAL A. S. DYER,

chief of ordnance United States army, submitted to a severe operation on Thursday last for the dropsy, which is a sequence of his disease. The operation was entirely successful and has so far relieved him that