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FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A NEW FIFTEEN-ROOM HOUSE, with all modern conveniences, on G, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest. Will be ready for occupancy the first day of January next. Will sell the property for a low price to a purchaser. F. ASBLER SMITH, 502 B street.

FOR RENT—THE LARGE, WELL-LIGHTED front room over Teel's store, lately occupied by the agents of the Schomacker Piano Company. A lease, which will expire April 1, 1874, will be transferred to a responsible tenant. Apply to MILLS, DEAN, attorneys-at-law, southeast corner of Sixth street and Louisiana avenue. dec10-tf

FOR RENT—VERY DESIRABLE FURNISHED HOUSES IN GOOD LOCATIONS—No. 236 First street east, Capitol Hill, 10 rooms, $40; No. 452 E street, between Sixth and Seventh, 10 rooms, $40; No. 319 Ninth street, three-story brick, gas and water, 10 rooms, $35; No. 237 I Northwest, all modern improvements, 10 rooms, $75. Unfurnished—No. 20 E, between Sixth and Seventh, 11 rooms, $35; No. 730 Thirteenth street, thoroughly finished, all modern improvements, 10 rooms, $50; No. 1021, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, 10 rooms, $60. THOS. E. WADSWORTH, dec10-tf 426 Seventh street.

FOR RENT—A DESIRABLE LOCALITY, on F street, in the Federal buildings, for a painter or a model maker. Also, eligible offices for retail business, on F and Seventh streets. Inquire on Seventh street, Room No. 4. S. PRENTISS, Agent. dec9-3t

FOR RENT—TWO VERY PLEASANT ROOMS at No. 12 Sixth street northeast, between East Capitol street and A north; suitable for housekeeping. dec10-3t

FOUR UNFURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT at No. 703 Rhode Island avenue, corner of R and Seventh streets. dec12-3t

MADAME DEARIE OFFERS FOR RENT, at No. 480, elegant, near Tenth, elegantly furnished Parlor, with Bedroom, or Bedroom alone, or single; with fuel and cold water, dc. nov8-tf

STORE AND DWELLING FOR RENT.—A three-story Brick House with store-room. Suitable for any retail business. Situated on the corner of Ninth and E streets northwest. Inquire at No. 394 Rhode Island avenue. dec11-tf

FOR RENT—PLEASANT ROOMS ON CAPITOL Hill. Apply at No. 28 north B street, near Delaware avenue. jy10

FOR RENT—TWO LARGE, NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS, at No. 1218 G street northwest. oct-tf

PLEASANT FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH good board, can be obtained at No. 439 E street west. jy22-tf

STORES NO. 519 AND 521 NINTH STREET, for rent. Apply to G. M. HAYWARD & CO., 437 E. Room, next door. no23-tf

FOR RENT—PARLOR WITH CHAMBER attached, at No. 508 F street, with a small family. Terms moderate. References required. Also, front room on second floor. no26-tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A LARGE LIST OF DESIRABLE Building LOTS, at panic prices, and on long time. E. J. SWEET, dec9-eoim 511 Seventh street.

FOR SALE LOW—COMPLETE SETS OF DICKENS, WAVERLY, HOOD, &c. Also, a large lot of ALGER'S, LOLLIN'S ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSTORE, 7 and Fifteenth street, near the Treasury. dec10-2t

FOR SALE—TWO HOUSES, AT $10,000 each, four at $9,000, several at $8,000, many at $6,000, and large number at $5,000, well located and at a bargain. Good time given. dec10-eod E. J. SWEET, 511 Seventh street.

FOR SALE—A VERY DESIRABLE FARM, containing four hundred and fifty-eight acres, in Prince George's county, Md., which I offer cheap for a first-class farm. The land is well watered and wooded, and is located three miles from a station on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad. Will be sold low for cash; or interest-bearing bonds of the Board of Public Works will be taken in payment. J. A. OSBORN, 721 Twelfth street northwest. dec10-3t

FOR SALE—A FINE THREE-STORY AND basement and prepaid front RESIDENCE, with all modern improvements, in the finest portion of the city, for sale at a bargain. E. J. SWEET, dec10-tf 511 Seventh street northwest.

FOR SALE. A few lots of those desirable SMALL LOTS, in Square 448, fronting on Delaware avenue and G street (Market), building small monthly payments, per foot. THOS. E. WAGGAMAN, dc5-tf 519 Seventh street.

FOR SALE—A NEW BRICK HOUSE, CONTAINING seven rooms, with all modern improvements, situated on Tenth street, between N and O streets northwest, one of the best localities in the city. Inquire 1215 Vermont avenue, between M and N streets northwest. dc12-3t

FOR SALE AT A GREAT SACRIFICE—Two elegant Mansard roof, pressed-brick front houses, containing ten rooms each, with water and all modern improvements—marble mantles, ranges, and Latrobe stoves; street paved and parked, and in the vicinity of the new Post Office. Will take in exchange unimproved city or improved country property, or Board of Public Works certificates. Location first class. Real Estate Broker, dec12-tf 327 Pennsylvania avenue.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL OF THOSE ELEGANT BRICKS, now nearly complete, on Seventeenth, between E and I streets. The location is the most desirable in the city. Also, one new BRICK in that elegant row on G street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. Apply to W. D. HOWARD, nov29-tf 511 Seventh street.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR MERCHANDISE—Two dwelling-houses, with three lots, on Eighteenth street, between L and M streets, in Washington City. Also, a valuable HOTEL PROPERTY, in Baltimore, Maryland, on easy payments, or in cash, long time on the balance. Also, a valuable HOTEL PROPERTY, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on easy payments, or in cash, long time on the balance. Also, a valuable HOTEL PROPERTY, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on easy payments, or in cash, long time on the balance. Also, a valuable farm of 200 acres, rich farming land, one quarter mile from Columbia, D. C. Call at once. PHILIP ALEX. FRAZIER, 403 F street, Masonic Temple.

FOR SALE—A DESIRABLE THREE-STORY BRICK, 14 rooms, situated on Fourth, between I and K, with a two-story and Mansard, also one adjoining on Ninth street east, between I and K, with back building, and lot 30 feet wide, situated on Ohio avenue, between Thirteenth-and-a-half and Fourteenth streets, $3,200; No. 1, Ohio avenue, $3,000; No. 2, Ohio avenue, $3,000; No. 3, Ohio avenue, $3,000; No. 4, Ohio avenue, $3,000. Several very desirable lots in different parts of the city, the whole for $6,000. A. G. CLEMENTS, THOS. E. WADSWORTH, dec11-tf 426 Seventh street.

FOR SALE BY [illegible]

AUSTIN P. BROWN, Corner New York avenue and Fifteenth street, Office of LAND AGENT, Washington, D. C., offers for sale lots in price from $50,000 to $50,000; and several acres of the WHOLE SQUARE OF GROUND and lots in all parts of the city. HOUSES and LOTS at Mount Pleasant. jel4-tf

GOVERNMENT ARTILLERY WHEELS AND AXLES FOR SALE. The Wheels and Axles are very suitable for stone and brick wagons, drays, trucks, ox-carts, &c. Apply to G. WHEELER, Seventh and S streets, opposite Centre Market.

GOVERNMENT SALES.

GOVERNMENT SALE. WATERVLIET ARSENAL, N. Y., November 12, 1873. A quantity of Condemned Quartermaster's Stores, consisting of Camp and Garrison Equipage, Overcoats, Sack-coats, Caps, Knapsacks, Haversacks, &c., will be offered for sale at 12 m. on the 2d day of December, 1873, at this Post. List of articles and terms of sale can be had upon application to the undersigned. [illegible] Second Lieutenant of Ordnance, U. A. Q. M.

GOVERNMENT SALE. OFFICE POST QUARTERMASTER, FORT WADSWORTH, NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 1873. Will be sold at public auction, at this post, at 12 o'clock, on the 10th day of December, 1873, a large quantity of the last uniform clothing, &c., (new) pertaining to the United States army, consisting of uniform coats, uniform pantaloons, flannel shirts, flaled and unflaled; uniform hats and hat trimmings, forage caps, &c. Terms of sale: Cash; the property to be removed immediately after the sale. For further particulars apply until day of sale to LEWIS SMITH, First Lieutenant Third Artillery, Acting Assistant Quartermaster, Fort Wadsworth, New York.

GOVERNMENT SALE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND MATERIALS. DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21, 1873. Will be sold at public auction, at the Philadelphia Depot of the Quartermaster's Department, Schuylkill Arsenal, commencing on WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1874, at 10 o'clock a. m., under the direction of Capt. John F. Rodgers, M. S. K., the following army articles, a quantity of damaged and irregular army clothing and materials, consisting in part of: [illegible] Second Lieutenant of Ordnance, U. A. Q. M.

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OPTICIANS.

EXAMINE THE MICROSCOPE. $8.50. H. H. HEMPLER, 483 Pennsylvania ave., cor. Four-and-a-half street. octl0

TAPE-WORM REMOVED, WITH HEAD COMPLETE, IN A FEW HOURS. No detention from business; medicine perfectly harmless; purely vegetable; no fee asked till head has passed and a complete cure effected. Removed once from a clerk in Surgeon General's office who had been unsuccessfully treated by army and other physicians for ELEVEN YEARS. This and a number of other specimens, with head complete, can be seen at the Army Medical Museum. ONE HALF THE DISEASES ARE CAUSED BY TAPE AND OTHER WORMS EXISTING IN THE ALIMENTARY CANAL. Prominent citizens will certify that, after having been treated by different physicians for dyspepsia, liver complaint, and nervous debility, their health completely restored to health in a short time after Dr. Trallman's and none have been troubled with tape-worm since. Office and Consultation Rooms, 479 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. Hours—9 to 11 a. m., 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m. Sundays, 9 to 11 a. m. and 7 to 8 p. m. DR. HENRY WILSON, 452 Fourth street, bet. E and F N. W.

WANTS.

WANTED—TWO HUNDRED (200) MEN to work in a sewer on Boundary street, between First and Seventh streets northeast, opposite Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Work all winter. Apply on the premises. dec10-3t JAS. KENNEDY.

EUREKA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, NO. 1108 E street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. dc2-tf MRS. LOUISE C. BUTLER.

ALL KINDS OF CAST-OFF WEARING APPAREL can be sold to the very best advantage by addressing or calling on JUSTH, 439 D street, between Sixth and Seventh northwest. Notes by mail promptly attended to. Cash paid. fe18-tf

NOTICE—THAT E. S. JUSTH, 439 D street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, will rationemate second-hand Clothing at less than half the cost of ready-made new ones. N. B.—Second-hand clothing of all kinds bought at fair cash prices. no28-tf

WANTED—EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT the popular Sewing Machine "VICTOR" has its needle self-setting, the most perfect shuttle in use, resting on a carrier; needle-bar and works of steel; easy running, simple, and durable; the most desirable machine for all work in use. Agency No. 480 Pennsylvania avenue, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets. Also agent for Demorest's Patterns. aug31-tf T. W. SPICER, Agent.

LOST AND FOUND.

STRAYED—ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, a small white COW. A suitable reward will be given for her return, or information of her, at 22 Third street northwest. dec12-3t

PERSONAL.

GODEN'S HOUSEFURNISHING STORE, 1005 Seventh street, near Market Space. Useful Housekeeping Articles at low prices. Plated Castors, of excellent quality, at cost. dc12-2t

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT. The undersigned hereby give notice that RYAN HUGHES has made a general assignment to them, for the benefit of his creditors, by deed, dated December 1, 1873. Parties indebted to said Hughes will make immediate payment to the undersigned, and those having claims against him will file the same, properly attested, without delay. ALEXANDER HOOD, No. 415 Seventh street northwest. PHILIP RYAN, dec12-3t Corner Sixth st. and Louisiana ave.

REOPENED At my former place of business, 398 SEVENTH STREET, A few doors above I street. A. GODDARD. dec11-6t

TAX BILLS FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS and for sewerage settled at a discount of twenty-five to thirty-five per cent, by the ROGERS BANKING COMPANY, 513 Seventh street. dec11-3t

SAVE FROM TWENTY TO THIRTY PER CENT IN THE PAYMENT OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT BILLS AND GENERAL SEWER TAX BILLS. Real estate owners may save themselves the above reduction in their General Improvement and Sewer Taxes by placing their bills in my hands for settlement. B. M. BOHRER, dec9-10t Real Estate Broker, 513 Seventh st.

DR. JANE WILSON HAS REMOVED TO 512 Fourth street, between E and F streets northwest, and has pleasant rooms for ladies wishing medical treatment and the best of attendance. dec-tf

IMPORTANT NOTICE. GOOD INVESTMENTS FOR TAX-PAYERS. The general improvement and sewer taxes will be paid at the very lowest rates. Tax bills under $100 paid at a large discount. Information cheerfully furnished. Money to loan on approved security. B. H. WARNER, Real Estate Broker, dec-tf 729 Seventh street.

TO CAPITALISTS OR OTHERS DESIRING to embark one or more thousand dollars in a new but profitable business with a gentleman of this city, can have an interview by forwarding address in full to J. H. R., 2382 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. dec9-1f

SPECIAL NOTICE. That Ladies or Gentlemen will get the BEST CASH PRICES for their Cast-off Clothing, Boots, Shoes, &c., by calling or addressing M. WALSKY, 320 D street, bet. Eighth and Ninth northwest. All orders by mail will be promptly attended to. oct2-3m

"OLD DR. DARBY HAS BETTER FACILITIES than ever for practicing his great specialties. Only one charge made for advice and medicine. Office store corner Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue. (Colonnade Building.) no21-3m

HAS REMOVED TO NO. 425 LOUISIANA avenue, August 1, and opened with a fine stock of Guns, Pistols, Fishing Tackle and Sporting Goods. JOHN J. PEABODY. jy24-tf

PIANOS.

STEINWAY Grand, Square and Upright Pianos have obtained the highest honors ever awarded to any piano manufacturer in the world. First of the Grand Gold Medals of Honor. World's Fair, Paris, 1867—London, 1862. The world's greatest pianists and composers, including the renowned Dr. Franz Liszt and Anton Rubinstein, the Academies of Fine Arts of Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Rome, as well as the piano-purchasing public of Europe and America, unite in the unanimous verdict of the Superiority of the Steinway Pianos over all others. Prices as low as the exclusive use of the best materials and most thorough workmanship will permit. Old pianos taken in exchange. W. G. METZEROTT & CO., Sole Agents of Steinway Pianos, and Mason and Hamlin's Cabinet Organs. dc5-2t

PIANOS. In order to make room for my NEW STOCK OF PIANOS, which I am now receiving, I will sell, for a short time, AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. I mention in part a celebrated STECK FULL GRAND PIANO, a magnificent instrument; also, a fine SQUARE PIANO, by HALLET, DAVIS & CO., a GRAND PIANO of the world-renowning make of Wm. Knabe & Co., a beautiful present for the holidays; at the same time, I offer Hallet, Davis & Co. and J. M. Mecammon's celebrated pianos. PIANOS FOR RENT AND OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE. RICHMEIER'S PIANO WAREROOMS, 421 Eleventh st., above Penna. ave. de4-tf

SCHOMACKER PIANO COMPANY.—Parties indebted to the Schomacker Piano Company for Pianos bought on installments prior to the assignment of said Company, are hereby notified to pay the amount due on said pianos to the Attorney of the Company, CHAS. EGAN, Attorney-at-Law, southeast corner of Sixth street and Louisiana avenue, Washington, D. C. W. D. HOWARD, dec10-3t Assignee. (Star.) President.

G. MEYER'S PIANO AND ORGAN STORE, 482 New York avenue, N. W., the celebrated PATENT PIANOS of DECKER BROS., New York, and for the superior STERLING ORGANS. PIANOS from different manufactories at LOW PRICES and FORTY PER CENT. DISCOUNT. PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS, HARPS, &c., TUNED and REPAIRED. Used INSTRUMENTS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE. aug-tf

WOOD AND COAL.

GEO. BOGUE, DEALER IN WOOD AND COAL. Office 505 Ninth street, Between E and F. Yard, Fourteenth street, Between B and C. I have now a full assortment of all kinds of WOOD and COAL, which will be sold cheap for cash. ALL COAL KEPT UNDER COVER. A prime lot of HICKORY WOOD on hand. Consumers will find it to their advantage to give me a call. dec3-3t

Notice. BLACKSMITHS, MACHINISTS and others will find at my WOOD AND COAL YARD a well-selected stock of Best Quality GEORGE'S CREEK CUMBERLAND COAL, which I am selling at lowest market prices, delivered in any part of the District. R. T. HIESTON, Jefferson street and Canal, Georgetown. N. B.—Orders by mail promptly attended to. Box 1, Tech.

COAL AND WOOD! COAL AND WOOD! On hand, LYKENS VALLEY, RED ASH and WHITE ASH COAL, of all sizes; CUMBERLAND COAL, lump and run of mines; also, small lot of WOOD ASH CHESTNUT COAL. HICKORY, OAK and PINE WOOD, sawed and split, OAK and PINE KINDLINGS, which we offer to consumers at lowest rates. All coal kept on plank floors, and screened before delivery. STEPHENSON & BRO., Office, 1204 Pennsylvania avenue; Mill and Depot, Seventh-street Wharf. dc12

WOOD! COAL! WOOD! COAL! We respectfully invite the attention of the public to our well-assorted stock of WOOD, and all the best varieties of COAL, RED AND WHITE ASH AND THE CELEBRATED LYKENS VALLEY COAL, which we sell by the lowest rates. Orders left at W. B. Riley's dry goods store, Market Space, between Seventh and Eighth streets, or through the mail, will receive prompt attention. RILEY BROTHERS. Depot and Yard: Riley Wharves, foot of Eleventh and Twelfth streets southwest. apr-tf

JAS. O. CLEPHANE, Commissioner and Examiner in Chancery. E. S. BRAILEY. CLEPHANE & BRAILEY, SHORTHAND WRITERS AND LAW REPORTERS. Office—No. 493 C street, between First and Second streets, Indiana avenue. jy21

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

THE PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL TAXES.

SHALL TEA, COFFEE AND WHISKY BE FURTHER TAXED?—VIEWS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES—THE BANKRUPTCY ACT—BILLS INTRODUCED.

MONDAY, December 15, 1873.

SENATE.

Mr. Sumner presented memorial, signed by one thousand citizens of Pennsylvania, asking that Congress take steps to provide for the settlement of international disputes by a system of arbitration.

Also, memorial of Jno. Jos. Fourny, a deaf mute, of Georgia, on the subject of the Spanish complications.

Mr. Scott presented a petition, signed by over three hundred citizens of thirty-one States, complaining of the recent construction of section 13 of the act of 1866 by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in reference to stamp taxes. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anthony introduced bill for the relief of certain officers of the navy, who were dropped or furloughed under the act of February, 1865.

THE LOUISIANA CONTEST.

Mr. Morton, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported that the committee were about equally divided as to the respective right of Messrs. Pinchback and McMillan to a seat in the Senate from Louisiana; that the case be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be recommitted to the Senate for determination.

Mr. Morton then offered a resolution that the credentials of P. B. S. Pinchback as Senator from Louisiana for the term of six years from March 4, 1873, being in regular form, &c., he is entitled to admission, and that any contest as to his right to a seat will be properly decided hereafter.

Mr. Morton said as this was a question of privilege he should call it up to-morrow.

Mr. Ferry, of Conn., inquired whether the report and evidence in the Pinchback case be taken at the last session, were now before the Senate.

The Chair replied that it was not.

Mr. Ferry then moved that it be taken from the files of the Senate and laid on the table.

Mr. Morton said that the report and evidence was no part of the case of Mr. Pinchback, and while he did not object to its being availed of by Senators for information, he must object to its being considered as taking any formal cognizance of the case of Mr. Pinchback. The committee had taken no evidence at this session. The question now before the committee has been one simply of law. There was no controversy as to the facts. Mr. Pinchback was prima facie entitled to the seat. His case was the same as that of Mr. Goldthwaite, of Alabama. In reply to a question of Mr. Edmunds, he said that the opponent of Mr. Pinchback claimed that he was not duly elected, and that the Legislature which elected him was not a legal Legislature.

Mr. Edmunds stated that in his opinion the report and evidence in the last session were connected with this case and should come officially before the Senate when the case comes up.

Mr. Thurman denied that Mr. Pinchback had any *prima facie* case.

Mr. Ferry, for his part, never dreamed of any objection being made to have the papers of last session bearing on this case brought formally before the Senate. It was impossible to consider this case without the evidence. It would be impossible to go into the question of Mr. Pinchback's credentials without considering the gubernatorial character of Kellogg, who signed them, and the electoral power of the Legislature which elected him.

The motion of Mr. Ferry was then agreed to.

Mr. Sherman from the Finance Committee, reported House bill to provide for redemption of loan of 1858, with an amendment; which were agreed to, and the bill passed.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

Mr. Conkling presented petition of Moses Taylor and other shipowners of New York, stating that their vessels, which were uninsured, were destroyed during the war by Confederate cruisers other than the Alabama, Florida and Shenandoah, and asking that the Court be allowed to participate in the benefits of the Geneva award. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. West: To provide for the construction of the Fort St. Philip canal and its maintenance as a national public highway.

(It is the bill recommended by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, to the United States Senate Committee on Transportation, providing that a ship canal shall be constructed and maintained by the United States to connect the Mississippi River, near Fort St. Philip, with Breton Island Pass, at the Gulf of Mexico.)

By Mr. Chandler: To repeal the tax of ten per cent. on the circulation of bank notes, (to take effect January 1, 1874.)

By Mr. Hamlin: Relating to public lands in the State of California.

(It provides for joint entries, fixes a uniform price of $1.25 per acre for both mineral and agricultural lands, authorizes affidavits in all land cases to be taken before any officer authorized to administer oaths, and provides that no public land shall be excluded from homestead or exemption entry unless it be shown that some lode mining claims exist thereon.

Also, bill to promote the establishment of marine schools—authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to supply, upon requisition of the Secretary of the Treasury, or of the Governor of a State, a suitable vessel with the necessary instruments to be used in the establishment of public marine schools in each of the ports of San Francisco, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and such other ports as may be determined upon, and the material furnished from the Navy Department be given to the States comprising said ports, upon condition that they establish at their own expense nautical schools for youths desirous of entering the merchant marine service. The President is further authorized, upon application of the governors or school or college authorities, to detail, not exceeding thirty naval officers, to act as instructors or superintendents, any marine school or naval training school or college institution.

Also, bill amendatory or act of June 1, 1872, to further the administration of justice.

By Mr. Mitchell: Directing the Secretary of War to cause to be made a full report, showing the practicability and cost of avoiding the obstructions to navigation of the Columbia river, known as the Cascades and the Dalles, by constructing canals around them.

Also, bill to confirm officers confirmed March 3, 1869, for brevet appointments, from the operations of the second section of the act of March 1, 1869.

Mr. Hamilton, of Md.: Bill authorizing the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, hereafter, to change its location to Washington city, D. C., with the privilege of increasing its capital stock to $200,000.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following as a substitute for the resolution now lying on the table; and the substitute was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to report for the information of the Senate, first, what amount of expense, if any, has been saved to the Government by the abolition of the franking privilege, and that he state specifically and fully the items of expense, if any, which have been saved, and the amount so saved in each and every particular, separating in his report the amounts saved by said abolition as it relates to members of Congress and the Executive Department, and further if any, and what, expense has been incurred by reason of the abolition of the franking privilege; second, how many employees in the postal service have been discharged, and how much less is charged by railroads and other carriers of the mail since the abolition of said privilege; third, what additional clerks and expense have been added in the care, sale, &c., of postage stamps, and the amount of clear profit arising from the additional sale of stamps; third, the amount of revenue derived from each class of mailable matter and the registry and money-order business and the gross weight of each class transported; fourth, what, if any, change in the practice of the Departments to send by express documents or packages previously sent by mail, and out of what appropriation such expressage has been paid for; fifth, whether the Postmaster General construes the law as authorizing the Post Office Department to send mail matter free; sixth, how much less appropriation will be required for postal service now than prior to the abolition of such privilege.

NATIONAL FINANCES.

The resolution in reference to the finances and specie resumption, reported from the Finance Committee, was then taken up.

Mr. Ferry, of Mich., submitted, as a substitute for the resolution, instructions to the Finance Committee to report a measure to provide for the immediate issue of the Ferry-four million reserve, the issue of a 3-65 convertible bond, and for a currency exclusively of Government issue.

Mr. Pratt said it was nearly five years since Congress had solemnly pledged itself to specie payment at the earliest possible period. That time had not come yet, although never in its history had there been five years of such prosperity to the nation and such early since that promise was made. He saw no prospect of a return to specie payments while we kept up the constant importation of costly luxuries and there was the constant drain of gold abroad. He declared himself in favor of increased circulation, but merely for the benefit of business.

Mr. Morton said he would like to hear from the chairman of the Finance Committee on this subject.

Mr. Sherman said he did not propose to speak now, but would refer his friend to his speech of last session as he held the same views. He believed that if the Senate had then adopted his views that the day of specie resumption would be very near at hand. He believed that the way to do was to fix a time for specie resumption, say January 1, 1875, or even nearer date, and let the Government then make its transpositions and business people follow its example.

He, however, did not propose to be drawn into this discussion at this time, but would wait till Mr. Morton and other Senators had given their views. He would say that the Committee on Finance was not near so divided as had been represented, and would without doubt report just such a measure as it was instructed by the Senate to do.

The subject was then laid over.

Mr. Sherman called up the bill to authorize the organization of

NATIONAL BANKS WITHOUT CIRCULATION.

Mr. Bayard opposed the bill. He regarded it as opening an opportunity for irresponsible parties to all the advantages of the prestige conferred by the designation of "national bank," and as this may impose upon depositors. Every petty note shaver could then convert his "shop" into a national bank.

Mr. Morton said that there had been very few failures among national banks. The late failures had been almost altogether confined to the private banking houses. He was told now that there were private banking houses in New York, and no doubt elsewhere, doing a large business on the money of depositors, and without any capital whatever of their own. As national banks they would be open to the inspection of the Government officers, but as private establishments no one but the owners had any idea of how they were conducted.

Mr. Merrimon, while looking upon the national banks as having been of benefit to the country, believed that the whole banking system of the country must, in a short time, be changed. He did not favor the present bill, as it reduced the security to the depositor. He asked why the security to depositors should be reduced, especially as the bankers made such large profits on the money of depositors. The profits were so great that many banks paid interest on deposits, and this was one of the evils which had led to the recent financial troubles.

Pending further consideration the Senate, at 2:50 p. m., went into executive session, and then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under the usual Monday's call of States for bills, &c., for reference only, the following, among others, were introduced and referred, viz:

By Mr. Hale: Bill granting pensions to surviving soldiers of the war of 1812, or the widows of surviving soldiers in all cases where land warrants were not obtained.

By Mr. Frye, of Me.: Bill to employ a commission to consider the subject of the alcoholic liquor traffic.

By Mr. Poland, of Vt.: Bill to amend section 5 of the act in relation to the collection of abandoned property and to prevent frauds in insurrectionary districts.

By Mr. Pike, of N. H.: Bill to allow persons charged with crimes to be competent witnesses, and to testify at their own request, but not otherwise.

By Mr. Scudder, of N. Y.: Bill to secure the distribution of the proceeds of cotton taken at sea.

By Mr. Archer, of Md.: Bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

Also, bill in relation to promotions to the grade of rear admiral in the navy.

By Mr. Harris, of Va.: Bill to put printing paper, type and ink free; and on the free list.

Also, bill repealing the law prohibiting the payment by the United States of certain debts contracted before the war.

By Mr. Rice, of Mass.: Bill to provide for resumption of specie payments.

By Mr. Starkweather, of Conn.: Bill to equalize bounties of soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war.

By Mr. Duell, of N. Y.: Bill to enable honorably discharged soldiers to acquire homesteads on the public lands.

By Mr. Cobb, of N. C.: Bill for the relief of Allen Rhodes.

Also, bill to extend the time for filing claims before the Commission of Claims.

By Mr. Bromberg, of Ala.: Joint resolution for receipting the bonds between the United States and the Spanish American provinces.

By Mr. Sloss, of Ala.: Bill to exempt newspapers and periodicals from postage in the counties where published.

By Mr. Lynch, of La.: Bill to facilitate the execution of public works of improvement, and to protect the same.

By Mr. Bell, of Ga.: Bill to authorize farmers and producers of tobacco to sell at retail without paying taxes.

By Mr. Wood, of N. Y.: Bill to amend the internal tax act of March, 1873.

By Mr. Shoemaker, of Pa.: Bill for the better protection and preservation of the harbors, lakes and rivers of the United States.

Also, bill to repeal the oath required of applicants for pensions and to prescribe another oath.

By Mr. Hale, of N. Y.: Bill to give the mayor of the District of Columbia exclusive supervision of the jail of said district.

Also, bill to amend the act to revise and consolidate the statutes, approved March, 1873.

By Mr. Hazleton, of N. J.: Bill for the free transmission of all official matter through the United States mails.

By Mr. Kelly, of Pa.: Bill for the issue of convertible 3-65 Government bonds, with interest on the public debt of the United States.

By Mr. Strawbridge, of Pa.: Bill to authorize the Attorney General to adjust the claims in relation to the destruction of property at Harper's Ferry.

By Mr. Platt, of Va.: Bill to amend the national currency act of June, 1864.

Also, bill authorizing the appointment of superintendents and keepers of light-houses on the Atlantic coast.

Also, bill to establish a light-house on York river, Virginia.

By Mr. Young, of Ga.: Bill in relation to promotions in the ordnance department of the army.

By Mr. Hays, of Ala.: Bill for the establishment of iron ship-building yards on the Atlantic coast and on the Mississippi river, and to afford better protection to our commerce.

Also, bill in relation to rank and status of officers in the United States navy.

By Mr. Eldridge, of Wis.: Bill relating to evidence in the courts of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Chittenden, of N. Y.: Bill to authorize the construction of a railroad across the Eastern branch at or near the Anacostia bridge.

Also, bill to aid the public schools in the District of Columbia.

Also, bill to amend and consolidate the acts in relation to a Metropolitan police in the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Butler, of Mass.: Bill to require United States courts to hold their sessions in United States courts to return to the United States Treasurer any fees received in excess of those authorized by law.

By Mr. Manning: Bill for the relief of distillers by refunding money paid for Tax Meters.

By Mr. Maynard, of Tenn.: Bill to provide for refunding the national debt.

By Mr. Atkins, of Tenn.: Bill providing for uniform rates of transportation on certain railroads.

Also, bill for a redemption of the bonded debt of the United States by an issue of United States Treasury notes of $400,000,000.

By Mr. Atkins, of Tenn.: Bill for the relief of producers of leaf tobacco.

Also, bill for a commission to settle claims for Indian depredations.

By Mr. Coburn, of Ind.: Bill to authorize national banks to receive mortgages on real estate.

Also, bill granting a pension of $2,000 per annum to the widow of the late Gen. Canby.

By Mr. Packard, of Ind.: Bill for the construction of a ship-canal from Lake Michigan to the Wabash river, at a point near Lafayette, Ind.

Also, bill to encourage and promote telegraph communication between the United States and Asia.

By Mr. Holman, of Ind.: Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cancel all national bank notes received into the Treasury, and to issue legal tenders instead.

By Mr. Kerr, of Ind.: Bill to secure a more efficient administration of Indian affairs.

By Mr. Harlbut, of Ill.: Bill to regulate the distribution of public documents.

By Mr. Conger, of Mich.: Bill for the free delivery of newspapers and exchanges in the county where published.

By Mr. Field, of Mich.: Bill to authorize the issue of bonds in exchange for legal tenders.

By Mr. Kasson, of Iowa: Bill for a railroad from the Potomac river to the Ohio river, at a point at or below the mouth of the Great Kanawha river.

By Mr. Loughridge, of Iowa: Bill imposing a tax on tobacco, snuff and cigars.

By Mr. Waldron, of Mich.: Bill to amend the sundry civil appropriation bill of the last Congress so far as the same applies to the printing of statistics and census reports.

By Mr. Wells, of Fla.: Joint resolution recognizing the belligerency of Cuba.

Mr. Houghton, of Cal.: Bill to incorporate the Southern Transportation Central Railroad and telegraph company. Also, bill to grant the right of way through the public lands.

By Mr. Averill, of Minn.: Bill granting an extension of time for the construction of the St. Croix and Lake Superior railroad.

By Mr. Nesmith, of Oregon: Bill to transfer the central of Indian affairs to the War Department.

Under this call a larger number of bills were introduced than upon any previous occasion. The call was not completed until 2:30 o'clock. A large number of bills were to amend the previous laws and bills of a private nature. Those given above are only those of the more general interest.

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT.

Mr. E. R. Hoar, of Mass., offered a resolution directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the conduct of the United States judge of the District Court of Alabama; whether he has held his court as required by law; whether he has been guilty of any act of omission or commission in his office of judge; whether his action has been such as to deprive the people there of a District Court; and whether they had thus been deprived of their demands for justice. Adopted.

REPEAL OF THE BANKRUPT ACT.

Mr. Tremaine, of N. Y., said that the Committee on the Judiciary had directed him to report a bill for the repeal of the bankrupt act. He would move to suspend the rules and pass the bill, but before doing so he desired to explain the scope of the bill and the views of the committee.

Mr. Wilson, of Ind., asked if there could be debate. He desired to say that the other side wanted to be heard. He would object to Mr. Tremaine's speaking.

Mr. Wilson's objection was declared in order by the Speaker.

Mr. Tremaine said he would then move immediately to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Mr. G. F. Hoar, of Mass., suggested that it would be best to suspend the rules so that the bill could be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Poland, of Vt., said it was the understanding of the committee that that was the motion that was to be made.

Mr. Hale, of Me., inquired if such a motion would not put this bill in advance of all other business, even the salary bill.

The Speaker replied it would.

The bill was then read, and, after consultation with several members, Mr. Tremaine agreed to modify his resolution, so as to take the bill up for consideration and not to pass it under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Tremaine said he hoped to be permitted to explain his bill, and then to have a minority report read, but he could not forego his privilege of making an effort to pass the bill, because he believed the country demanded the repeal of the bankrupt act.

Mr. Scofield, of Pa., suggested that under a suspension of the rules the bill could be set for consideration to-morrow. A certain time could be given for debate, and then the House could take action on the bill in that dilatory motion.

This suggestion was finally accepted, and the order was made accordingly.

EXCESS OF TAXATION.

Mr. Dawes obtained the floor, and stated that it had become well known to the public that the Secretary of the Treasury has sent a communication to the Committee of Ways and Means, stating that he requires an excess of taxation to the amount of $40,000,000; and, in view of this important recommendation, the Committee of Ways and Means had instructed him to offer a resolution reciting that whereas the Secretary of the Treasury had recommended in an official letter an increase of taxation, and resolving that the heads of the several Departments be instructed to revise the estimates submitted, with a view to the changed condition of the country since said estimates were submitted, to the reduction of said estimates, to the end that all efforts at reduction may be exhausted before the taxes are increased.

Mr. Dawes remarked that after the committee had agreed to this resolution, it came to their knowledge that the Committee on Appropriations had had the matter under consideration, and the Committee of Ways and Means and Appropriations had a conference, and had come to an agreement to report a joint resolution, which the chairman of the Appropriations Committee would now offer and on the adoption of which he would move the previous question.

Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, who reported a resolution, reciting that—

Whereas it appears that since the estimates of appropriations have been laid before the House