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BOURBON BLUNDERING.

Democratic Disagreements Daily Developing.

Caucus Councils Cease to Conciliate—Czar's Commands Contemptuously Criticized—Compromise Commended and Condemned—Conflicting Combinations Cause Considerable Confusion, &c.

The Democratic Advisory Committees.

The advisory committees of the Senate and House Democratic caucuses held a joint meeting of about four hours' duration yesterday, with a view to framing recommendations on the subject of providing appropriations for the next year's judicial expenses, but adjourned until this morning without reaching the point of action. A large part of the session was consumed in discussion of the propriety of the stand taken by the Senate caucus on Monday. Several of the members of the House committee condemned it with great earnestness, and were replied to by Judge Thurman, who occupied about two hours in expressing his views in opposition to a proposition to adjourn Congress without another attempt to provide for the judicial expenses. He was followed by other Senators, who spoke in the same strain.

Although no action was taken at the joint meeting, the indications of the debate pointed with a great degree of probability toward the ultimate adoption of the following plan: That the vetoed bill be divested of its appropriation of "$600,000 for fees of United States marshals and their deputies," and of the legislation relating to title 26 of the Revised Statutes, concerning deputy marshals of elections, and be passed with all its remaining features unaltered, closely following which there would be sent to the President for his approval (or rather for his expected veto) a separate bill made up of the $600,000 item and the other clauses above indicated.

It is argued that by this means the courts would be provided for and the marshals, in the anticipated event of a veto of the supplemental bill, would continue to perform their functions and look forward to the passage of a deficiency bill for their relief next winter. One of the several plans considered advocated an immediate adjournment without preparing another bill. This proposition was supported by the House committee and opposed by the Senate members. A member of the committee, although personally opposed to separating the bills, said last night that the sentiment of the majority appeared decidedly in favor of it, and, while he could not make a positive assertion, he felt confident that such a plan would be adopted early to-day.

It is thought by members of the committee that the agreement reached by them will be submitted to a joint caucus of the two Houses before any action is taken in the House. Owing to the absence of several of the original members of the advisory committees new members have been added, as follows: Senator Morgan takes the place of Senator Voorhees and Senator McDonald that of Senator Lamar. Representatives Singleton and Phister are substituted for Messrs. Chalmers and Carlisle respectively.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS.

Bolivian Privateers.

The Treasury Department having received information that the government of Bolivia has decreed the issue of letters of marque, with authority to privateers to seize Chilian property in neutral vessels, and that agents of Bolivia have departed for the United States, Secretary Sherman has issued a circular to collectors of customs, in whose ports attempts may be made to fit out warlike expeditions in aid of either of the belligerent Powers, directing them to see that section 5290 of the Revised Statutes be vigilantly enforced against all vessels that appear to be destined to violate the neutrality laws of the United States. Section 5290 is as follows:

The several collectors of the customs shall detain any vessel manifestly built for warlike purposes, and about to depart the United States, the cargo of which principally consists of arms and munitions of war, when the number of men shipped on board or other circumstances render it probable that such vessel is intended to be employed by the owners to cruise or commit hostilities upon the subjects, citizens, or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States are at peace, until the decision of the President is had thereon, or until the owner gives such bond and security as is required of the owners of armed vessels by the preceding section.

Refrigerating Ship.

Since the National Board of Health indorsed the report of the naval board upon refrigerating ships, giving the preference to the plans of Professor Gamgee, and recommending their adoption, a strong effort has been made by other parties to secure a reconsideration of the subject in Congress, and in obedience to a request to that effect the Secretary of the Treasury will shortly transmit to the Senate all the papers in the case. The Secretary's authority to purchase a refrigerating ship will be remitted to the original source of power, and it is quite likely that the present law will be so amended as to give him specific instead of general instructions with regard thereto. It is understood that he has not as yet taken any action, except to provide for a full examination of the subject.

A Maritime Decision.

The Vice-Consul at Ghent informs the Department of State that the English courts have decided that Ghent is not a seaport. The case arose on a contract to deliver a cargo of rice to any port within a certain district. The purchaser selected Ghent, which is only to be reached by canal of twelve feet capacity, the vessel drawing twenty feet.

Capitol and Departmental Notes.

Revenue receipts on yesterday were—from internal revenue, $189,944.95; from customs, $517,945.00.

Outstanding circulation of legal-tender notes and fractional currency: United States notes, new issue, $16,017,470; United States notes, series 1869, $119,875,128; United States notes, series 1874, $30,952,065; United States notes, series 1875, $126,395,951; United States notes, series 1878, $52,540,402; total United States notes, $346,681,016; fractional currency, $15,866,610.11; grand total, $362,547,626.11; United States notes redeemed $549,000.

NOVEL WARFARE.

A Panama Insurrection Bought Off.

PANAMA, June 16.—General Aizpuru's attempt at overturning the legitimate government has proved a failure. He left Aspinwall on Monday, the 9th instant, and took up his position at Gatun. The government sent out forces to oppose him, but they were unable to cross the river, Aizpuru's men having taken possession of all the boats. On the 11th Aizpuru and his party disappeared from Gatun, and it was generally thought that they had gone to the interior to keep the contest alive until after the elections in September.

On the 12th, however, much to the surprise of the government troops, he opened fire upon them at Lion Hill Station, on the line of the railway, and kept up a sort of desultory fight until the morning of the 13th, when he saw that, although he was well intrenched, his cause was hopeless. He opened negotiations with the government, and on Sunday, the 15th, surrendered his force, arms, &c., to the government, the latter agreeing to pay the expenses of the revolution—a very good thing for Aizpuru, and in fact a triumph won over law and order. The victors and vanquished returned on the evening of the 15th, but although a large crowd was assembled to witness their entrance, not a cheer went up from either side.

SOUTH AMERICAN WAR.

The Cruise of the Iron-Clad Huascar.

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 24.—Late arrivals from the south coast state that the Huascar, after successfully running the gauntlet of the whole Chilian fleet, arrived at Callao safely. Her achievements have been unimportant. She captured one or two Chilian merchant vessels of no particular value, and threw a dozen shells into Autofagasta, but on perceiving that there was no chance of destroying the water condensers, the principal object of her mission, she returned to the North, passing within sight of, and running away from, the Chilian fleet, after having enjoyed a brief exchange of shots.

THE BLOCKADE OF IQUIQUE.

The blockade of Iquique, raised for a few days by the destruction of the Esmeralda and the hurried departure of the Conadonga and Lamar, has again been asserted by the Chilians, but the manner of its maintenance has been objected to by the commander of Her British Majesty's ship Turquoise. The Chilians have armed a number of merchant steamers as transports, and have now a formidable fleet. Chilians are pursuing men into the disputed territory and are pouring for a bitter struggle on land, while their superiority at sea is still undoubted. General Prado is at Iquique and Duza at Arica, both with their armies hundreds of miles from the real seat of war.

THE TURF.

Trotting at Toledo.

TOLEDO, June 24.—The summer meeting of the Tri-State Trotting Association began to-day. The weather and track were good and the attendance fair.

In the first race, 2:50 class, $800 divided, five started. Summary: Hambletonian, 5, 1, 1, 1; Lovingood, 1, 5, 4, 5; Palma, 4, 2, 2, 2; Jessie Dixon, 2, 3, 3, 3; Albert F., 3, 4, 5, 4. Time, 2:33½, 2:29½, 2:28½, 2:32. Hambletonian was the favorite.

In the second race, 2:27 class, purse same as above, seven started. Summary: Brigadier, 7, 1, 1, 1; Oceana Chief, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monarch Rule, 4, 3, 2, 5; Jessie Hayes, 2, 6, 5, 3; Convoy, 5, 4, 4, 2; Up-and-Up, 3, 5, 7, 6; Tola, 6, 7, 6, 7. Time, 2:30, 2:28, 2:27½, 2:28. Oceana Chief was the favorite.

Rarus will trot against the best time on a half-mile track—2:16—which was made by him last year on this track.

Baltimore Forgery Case.

BALTIMORE, June 24.—The trial of George W. Bishop and Isaac W. L. Helm, charged with forgery, which has been going on in the Criminal Court for the past week, before Judge Pinkney, (without a jury) was concluded today, the court finding both prisoners guilty as indicted. The forgery consisted of the assignment of city certificates issued to Frederick H. Ketchum, jr., for an orphan and half brother of Helm, by fraudulently writing the name of Ketchum on the bonds, and assigning them to a city savings bank. Bishop is an ex-judge of the Orphan's Court of this city, has been president of the first branch of the city council, and as such acting mayor in the absence of the mayor. An appeal was entered, and sentence suspended for the present.

Ohio Liquor Dealers.

TOLEDO, OHIO, June 24.—The Ohio Liquor-Dealers' Association met at Teutonia Hall at eleven o'clock this morning. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, every county in the State but five being represented. D. P. Foster, of Cleveland, president of the association, presided. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. A clause in the constitution provides that any member who shall sell liquors to any minor or habitual drunkard or drunken person shall be expelled from the association. A weekly paper, to advocate their principles, is to be started under the auspices of the association. President Foster made an eloquent and statistical speech. A declaration of principles will be published.

A Missing Bridegroom Reclaimed

NEW YORK, June 24.—John R. Miller, of Reading, Pa., whose disappearance in this city last Thursday created considerable excitement, had, it is learned, returned home with his friends. He was to have been married in Reading on Thursday last, and the fact of his disappearance caused many reports to be circulated that he had been murdered in this city. A detective learned that Miller had gone to Saratoga, and yesterday he sent Miller's friends there in search of him. He received a dispatch this morning that Mr. Miller had started with his friends for Reading and that all persons concerned were reconciled.

Retirement of Professors.

BOSTON, June 24.—The trustees of Andover Theological Seminary, at their meeting last evening, received the resignation of Rev. John L. Taylor Smith, professor of theology and homiletics in the special corps and lecturer on pastoral theology, and of Rev. Austin Phelps Bartlett, professor of sacred rhetoric. Professor Taylor has been connected with the seminary nearly thirty years. He leaves a parting gift to the treasury of $20,000. His health is so precarious that his resignation was an absolute necessity. Professor Phelps has been connected with the institution since 1846, and retires on account of impaired health. The seminary has, with Professor Taylor's gift, received in cash and subscriptions during the past year about $200,000.

The Press Excursionists.

CAPE MAY, N. J., June 24.—The great body of the Union Press excursion, composed of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania editors and families, arrived here at 11:25 this morning. The number of editors now registered at the Stockton numbers over six hundred. There are about one hundred and fifty more to come, who will arrive on the evening train.

Fatal Affray at a Picnic.

SAVANNAH, GA., June 24.—At a colored Masonic picnic at Thunderbolt this afternoon, on the Coast Line Railroad, a disturbance occurred on the dancing platform between two negro dancers about a woman. Three negroes were shot, one mortally. Edward Burke, who did the shooting, was arrested, brought to Savannah, and lodged in jail.

Fatal Accident.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24.—This afternoon, after the boat race was over, John J. Graham and his sister, Mrs. McFarland, were driving home through the park when their horses became unmanageable, upsetting the carriage and throwing Mrs. McFarland out, killing her instantly. Mr. Graham received dangerous injuries.

Canadians for South Africa.

MONTREAL, June 24.—An officer of militia here has made an offer to the home authorities to raise a corps of bush-fighters in Canada for service in South Africa.

Sentenced to be Hung.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 24.—Louis Guetig was to-day sentenced to be hanged September 19 for the murder of Mary McGlen last September.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

The Cary Greenback Meeting at Toledo.

Only Ten Districts Represented—Only Sympathizers with the Movement Admitted—Attempt to Sell Out the Party—Letter from Peter Cooper—The Sale Repudiated by the Greenbackers.

Sam Cary's Abortive Movement.

TOLEDO, OHIO, June 24.—A convention of Nationals who withdrew from the Columbus convention was held here to-day. There was a small attendance, ten of the twenty Congressional districts in the State being represented. A number of the supporters of the Columbus ticket and platform, under the lead of Robert Schilling, of Cleveland, were refused admission to the hall, tickets being issued only to those in sympathy with the movement. The convention was called to order by Mr. M. Odell Lucas. J. J. Throckmorton, of Ross County, was elected temporary chairman, and Charles Coughlin, editor of the *True Nationalist*, of Toledo, secretary. Greenback resolutions were reported by General Carey, chairman of the committee on resolutions, and adopted. A letter from Peter Cooper, advising the Ohio Greenbackers to vote for General Ewing, was received with great applause.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the extraordinary political situation, we deem it inexpedient to nominate a State ticket at this time.

The convention was almost evenly divided, and vigorous efforts were made to kill it by dilatory motions. The chair held that the motions to table the resolutions and to adjourn were both out of order and on a *viva voce* vote ruled that the resolutions were carried. Several speeches were made, after which the convention adjourned *sine die*.

A meeting of all those who propose to support the Columbus platform and ticket was called for this afternoon, at two o'clock, at the Boody House.

MEETING OF THE REGULARS.

A meeting of those who proposed to support the Columbus platform and ticket was held at the Boody House this afternoon. Platt Hamilton, county candidate on the regular ticket for member of the Board of Public Works, presided. Some sixty or eighty were present. The Hamilton County delegation, in a vote by themselves, resolved to support both the platform and ticket put forth at Columbus, and then the balance, who had refrained from voting, adopted a resolution to support the Columbus ticket, but not the platform. The meeting was exciting and the opera-house convention characterized it in bitter terms as "a sell-out" to the Democrats.

Maine Republican Convention.

BANGOR, ME., June 24.—Delegates to the Republican State Convention have already begun to arrive, and the prospects are it will be one of the largest gatherings ever held in the State. The names of four or five candidates have more or less support, but so far no prediction can be made as to the final choice. The delegates all express an earnest desire to unite on who may be the strongest candidate, and say the rivalry in the convention will be amicable and the action harmonious.

The Louisiana Debt Question.

NEW ORLEANS, June 24.—The Democrats caucused two hours to-night, discussing the State debt. A proposal to lay the debt question before the people was postponed. Several proposals in regard to scaling the debt and regulating the interest were defeated. A resolution that during that caucus deliberations on the debt question Democratic members shall offer no propositions in convention sessions was defeated—43 to 25. A proposition to pay 3 per cent. interest for ten years and 4 per cent. thereafter was defeated—40 to 33. Adjourned till to-morrow.

FALL RIVER SPINNERS.

A General Strike to Take Place To-Day.

FALL RIVER, MASS., June 24.—The spinners held a rousing meeting to-night in response to Secretary Howard's circular, issued this morning, and their hall was crowded as never before. The meeting was an enthusiastic one. It was voted to inaugurate a strike to-morrow in every mill in the city, except the Metacomet and Anawan. In these mills notice was not given as early as in the others, and the spinners will work there a day or two longer until the ten days' notice expires. Nothing was said about the King Philip, it being understood that no strike takes place there.

Another grand meeting will take place to-morrow. The spinners have procured Carroll's Hall, which is much larger than their own, and expect a full meeting. Its object is two-fold—first, they think there is a chance that the manufacturers may yield to-morrow, and, if so, they can hear reports from the manufacturers and all act in a body; second, they believe that if the manufacturers do not yield the meeting will strengthen the feeling to resist and hold out to the bitter end. There seems to be not the slightest indication of weakening on the part of the manufacturers.

THE NEGRO EXODUS.

Meeting of Sympathy in Boston.

BOSTON, MASS., June 24.—The meeting at Tremont Temple to-night in sympathy with the exodus of colored people from the South was fairly attended, about 1,200 persons being present, among whom were many colored people. A series of resolutions were adopted affirming it to be the duty of the Government promptly to see that the laws are observed and that colored men enjoy the rights of travel without restraint. A committee of five, consisting of Wendell Phillips, R. P. Hallowell, Henry J. Bowditch, James M. Buffam, and George W. Lowther, were appointed to solicit funds to aid colored people who are deprived of means in removing from the banks of the Mississippi. The audience was very enthusiastic and entered freely into sympathy with the speakers. Subscriptions amounting to $200 were taken up.

Bishop Reilley, of Mexico.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 24.—The solemn ceremonies consecrating the Rev. Henry Chauncey Reilley the first Episcopal Bishop of Mexico took place in Trinity Church, on Sixth avenue, this morning. At ten o'clock some fifty clergymen formed in procession and entered the main doors and proceeded down the aisle to the chancel, when the consecration was duly pronounced. The bishops present were the Right Revs. Lee, of Delaware, who presided, in the absence of the venerable Bishop Smith, of Kentucky, who was unable to be present because of illness; Stevens, of Pennsylvania; Howe, of Central New York; Kerfoot, of Pittsburg; Littlejohn, of Long Island; Bedell, of Ohio, and Coxe, of Western New York.

Silver Meeting in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 24.—A meeting was held here this afternoon to organize a bi-metallic league, the object, as stated in the call, being to promote the speedy restoration of silver to its old position as a money metal, with weights of coinage the same as gold, and to disseminate correct information on this subject. Ex-Mayor Mason presided. The name of the Bi-Metallic League of Chicago was adopted. Hon. C. B. Lawrence was elected president, John V. Farwell, first vice-president, with other vice-presidents, including L. Z. Leiter, Potter Palmer, J. R. Doolittle, E. A. Storrs, and Monroe Heath; secretary, George N. Jackson; treasurer, Henry N. Nash, and executive committee headed by Judge Henry Booth. The latter gentleman read a paper, setting forth his views on currency, which was adopted as the platform. Judges Doolittle and Miller, Colonel Daniels, and others made addresses.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Hanlan Coming Back.

LONDON, June 25.—The *Sportsman* says: "Hanlan will leave Newcastle on Thursday with Messrs. Ward and Coulson, of Toronto, and Heasely, his trainer. Preparations are making for giving them an enthusiastic farewell. Hanlan will be presented on Thursday evening, at the Theatre Royal, Manchester, with a valuable souvenir of his visit to England. He will appear in the regatta at Manchester on Friday and Saturday."

PARIS, June 24.—M. Rouher's organ, *L'Ordre*, contradicts the reports published by the Paris papers yesterday that Prince Jerome Napoleon would issue a manifesto declaring his intentions.

LONDON, June 25.—A telegram from the steamer Faraday says the shore end of the new French cable was landed on Monday. Up to nine o'clock on Tuesday morning 116 miles of cable had been laid. The insulation continues perfect.

VIENNA, June 25.—There is some fear in Constantinople that the Sultan, if he consents to the abdication of the Khedive, will no longer have any control over Egypt.

LONDON, June 25.—A dispatch from Lady Frere at Cape Town states that the body of the late Prince Imperial will arrive in London about the 28th of July.

LONDON, June 24.—The Press Association says President Grevy has officially sent a message of condolence to the ex-Empress Eugenie on behalf of the Republic.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 24.—The Grand Vizier has submitted to the Sultan a new programme of policy, and requested a modification of the present Ministry.

MADRID, June 24.—The *Epoca* says a band of blackmailing brigands in Catalonia have been dispersed by the *gendarmerie*. Six were killed and several wounded.

Arrested for Murder.

RICHMOND, VA., June 24.—Two negroes, named William S. Groome and James H. Clements, have been arrested in Louisa County for the murder of a colored woman whose body was found yesterday morning in the North Anna River. The body, when found, had several bruises upon it and the neck was broken. The head was enveloped in a bag and around the neck was a rope plaited out of hickory bark, with a hangman's noose in it. The woman's name was Ellen Coleman. The cause which led to the crime is not known.

Overissued Pennsylvania Bonds.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24.—The legislative committee appointed to investigate the overissue of State bonds of the loan of 1853 met here this morning, in continuance of the sessions which had previously been held in Harrisburg. Among the witnesses examined was Henry E. Stroup, transfer agent of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, who testified that there is no way of telling which of the bonds are genuine or who hold the overissue.

Terrific Rain Storm in Texas.

NEW ORLEANS, June 24.—A Galveston *News'* special from Fort Griffin says: "A terrific rain storm swept over that place on the night of the 20th instant. Over eight inches of water fell, flooding the town and causing Collins Creek to overflow. Three people were drowned in the town and four just below it. Immense damage has been done to the property in this vicinity."

Rough on a Jerseyman.

MONTREAL, June 24.—A New Jersey man named Lawther was to-day brought to the general hospital, suffering from serious injuries to his head, which he states were caused by his having been thrown from a Grand Trunk train by a brakeman because he had not paid his fare.

Death of a Journalist.

BOSTON, June 24.—Albert G. Hill, for many years on the staff of the Boston *Journal*, died this morning of Bright's disease of the kidneys. His younger brother Francis, also on the *Journal* staff, is hopelessly confined to his home from the effects of injuries received at the Silver Lake disaster.

Snow Sheds Burned by Tramps.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—A Reno dispatch says the snow sheds one and a half miles east of Cisco took fire at 12:30 this morning. The east-bound overland train ran through it. The west-bound train was detained six hours. Nine hundred feet of shed were burned. It is supposed tramps set fire to the sheds.

Class Day at Yale College.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., June 24.—To-day was celebrated as "class day" at Yale College. Louis D. Syle, of Baltimore, was poet, and George W. Kirchivey, of Albany, orator. The Ivy Ode was read by William W. Hawkes. Ivy was planted, and the various buildings visited and farewells bidden.

Visiting Knights Templar.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 24.—At noon the Boston Commandery of Knights Templar arrived here, and received by the St. John's Commandery of this city, and made a street parade, witnessed by a large crowd. The visitors are quartered at the Narragansett Hotel.

Suicide of a Wife-Murderer.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 24.—Thomas Dinkel, the alleged wife-murderer, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor, which had been given him to shave with, preparatory to going on trial.

Murdered the Wrong Man.

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 24.—A boy named George Smith has been arrested at Sackville for the attempted murder of Israel Atkinson. He had shot the wrong man, his intention being to shoot a man who detected him stealing some time ago.

Murdered by Tramps.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Mrs. McCullum, residing near Pleasant Grove, Sutter County, was attacked by tramps several days ago and outraged, from the effects of which she died on Saturday last. The perpetrators are unknown.

An Isthmus Railroad Grant.

PITTSFIELD, MO., June 24.—Hon. Edward Learned has received a grant from the Mexican government to assist in building a railroad one hundred and fifty miles in length across the Tehuantepec Isthmus.

Ex-Secretary Borie at Home.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24.—Adolph E. Borie, ex-Secretary of the Navy, who started from Paris in January last with General Grant on his trip around the world, arrived safely in Philadelphia this morning.

Wadsworth Monument Unveiled.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 24.—The monument erected to the memory of General John B. Wadsworth at Springville, this county, was unveiled to-day with imposing ceremonies by the Masonic fraternity.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Trustees Close Up the Business of the Year.

Various Propositions Received and Discussed—Changes Made in Teacherships—The Consideration of the Text-Book Report Again Postponed—Statistics of the Schools, &c., &c.

The School Board.

The last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools for the current scholastic year was held last evening at the Franklin School building, Mr. Curtis in the chair and Mr. Brooks secretary. A communication was read from Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, offering to sell certain ground near the corner of Second and G streets east to the board for a school building. He further states that if desired he will, upon reasonable terms, secure the erection of a school-house upon it; that the price is a secondary consideration and will be made low enough to meet the views of the board, should the site suit them. Referred to committee on buildings and repairs, with power to act.

Mr. B. H. Warner offered a site, corner of New Jersey avenue and Q or R streets northwest, which was referred to the same committee.

A communication to the District Commissioners from Mr. William Birney, asking that the subject of locating one of the new school buildings in the third division instead of the second be again referred to the board for inquiry into the prices at which the ground necessary can be bought in the third division and second division, was also referred to this committee.

Applications for positions as teachers were received from the following: Mr. E. R. Dawling, West Point, N. Y.; Miss M. K. Stuart, Mr. C. A. Caldwell, Mr. George M. Cook, Mr. B. W. Torreyson, and Miss Mamie Davis.

The resignations of Miss May Moran, of the fourth division, and Mrs. Jennie B. Springer, of the first division, to take effect June 30, 1879, were accepted.

Miss Annie F. Perrie was appointed to be acting teacher in the second grade. An application for the position of janitor in the Union building was received from Dennis Jenkins. Bills amounting to $1,129.68 were audited and ordered to be paid.

The superintendents submitted their reports for the month of June 30, showing the whole number of pupils enrolled was—White, 12,159; colored, 6,550; total, 18,709. Number of teachers employed—White schools, 261; colored schools, 140; total, 401.

Mr. Lovejoy offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Ordered, That all graduates of the Normal School for the current year be appointed teachers as vacancies occur, their pay to begin with actual assignment of duty.

The following graduates of the Normal School, having taught one year in the public schools, were granted the diploma of the Normal School: Mary Eugenia Anderson, Martha Washington Garges, Frances Nicholson Hepburn, Margaret Ellen Mitchell, Frances Marie Moore, Linda Schmidt, Helen Garden Watt, Susie King Woodward, Mary Lola Woodworth, Mary Buckly, Annie Augusta Chesney, Mary Rebecca Cunningham, Eva Isabel McKeon, Nellie Florence Pumphrey, Emma Katharine Scott, Sarah Van Allen Shields, Alice Emily Speake, Sarah Estella Wheelock, and Barbara Lowe Woodward.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on annual reports:

Resolved, That, with a view to economy in the expenditures of the board, the committee on printing be, and is hereby, requested to consider the propriety of reducing the size of the annual report of the board.

MUSICAL MATTERS.

The committee on music presented a report, in which they express regret at the proposition of the committee on text-books to abridge the means for instruction in this art, and their belief that music interspersed between other studies serves to brighten the scholars, and concludes by quoting words of Professor Mason, author of the music books, in which he says: "Most of your schools are second to none as far as the art of reading music goes, while your seventh, eighth, and ninth grades are equal in all respects."

A report from the committee on buildings and repairs was read and adopted, which requests that expenditures for repairs be authorized in the school buildings of the various divisions as follows: First division, $1,427.75; second, $1,868.50; third, $635; fourth, $1,898; fifth, $1,731; sixth, $2,673, and seventh, $3,859, making a total of $14,083.25.

A communication from Mr. Henry Hardy, in which he renews his application for the principal teachership of the school situated near the National Race-Course, was referred to the subboard of the sixth division.

A petition from Messrs. Jacob Frech, William Ginston, and D. W. Landvoight, representing the Mathematical Club, asking the use of a school-room one evening in a week for the purpose of developing a love for the study of mathematics, was referred to the subboard of the second division.

CHANGES IN TEACHERSHIPS.

The report of the committee on teachers shows the following changes for the ensuing year:

Miss Nellie F. Pumphrey appointed to Normal School, vice Miss Helena I. Schimmelfennig, transferred to school No. 4, grade 7, vice Mrs. Jennie B. Springer, resigned.

First Division—School No. 9, grade 2, Miss Rosie Kaufman, vice Miss Lucy E. Keibard.

Second Division—Miss M. E. Chase and Lillian Hedrick to Normal School; school No. 9, grade 4, Miss E. A. Farmer, vice Mary L. Johnson; school No. 1, grade 1, Miss Jones, vice Miss A. A. Chesney. Misses Florence Cook and Zaidee Per Lee are appointed teachers.

Fourth division—School 2, grade 8, Miss M. A. Carroll, sub-assistant, vice Miss Ella S. Cooke; school 7, grades 3 and 4, Miss Janie P. McCauley, vice Miss May Moran, resigned. Miss Mary E. McCartney was appointed a teacher.

Fifth Division—School 3, grade 1, Miss Hadassett Beale, vice Miss Esther M. Bootes, and school 4, grade 1, Miss Ella A. Norton, vice Miss Manette L. Smith.

Sixth Division—School 4, grades 1 to 3, Miss Jane A. Brown, vice Miss Cynthia D. Rockwell; school 8, grades 6 to 8, Miss Mittie F. Harmon, vice Mr. W. C. Lipscomb, jr.; school 12, grades 3 to 5, Miss Francis A. Springer; school 14, grade 4, Miss Annie J. Murray, vice Miss Annie J. Evans, and school 22, grades 1 to 5, Mr. James H. W. Waring, vice Mr. John M. Shippen.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The next business in order was the consideration of the report of the committee on text-books, heretofore published in THE REPUBLICAN.

Mr. Lovejoy submitted a minority report and Mr. Fairley a substitute for both reports.

After discussion it was decided to postpone any action in the matter until next Tuesday evening, all the papers in the case to be printed meanwhile. The board then adjourned.

THE COLORED SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

An Anti-Brooks Meeting—A Petition to the Commissioners.

A meeting of colored citizens of the first subschool division was held last night, in John Wesley Church, to recommend suitable persons to the District Commissioners for appointment as school trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of John H. Brooks, which takes place on the 30th instant. Jerome Johnson called the meeting to order. Dr. Watts was elected president and Jerome Johnson secretary.

Thomas Martin presented a petition, addressed to Commissioner Dent, praying for the appointment of another person as trustee in place of Mr. Brooks. The petition stated:

There are objections to Mr. Brooks. His manner of speaking to teachers and parents is obnoxious, domineering, and often insolent. The pupils are treated by him in a manner not to win their respect or affection, and is so objectionable as to materially weaken his influence where it is most desirable to be effective—that is, in the school-room. He continually indulges in threats as to his intention to remove without justifiable cause those who faithfully perform their duty, but fail to be obsequious to him.

We ask, honored sir, to be relieved from such petty tyranny, and that you give us a gentleman whom we can respect and confer with without being insulted.

The paper was signed by F. R. Moore, Thomas J. Harris, G. L. Green, William H. Dorsey, A. W. Dyson, Thomas Martin, John T. Harris, Samuel G. Hunter, J. C. Robinson, W. C. Callow, and others.

On motion of William Bell the chair appointed a committee, consisting of William H. Bell, Thomas Martin, and C. H. Lemos, to consider the petition and make recommendations. The committee retired, and, after due deliberation, returned a report recommending Rev. William J. Walker, Dr. S. Roger Watts, J. T. Greener, William L. Freeman, and Lindsey Muse to the District Commissioners as suitable persons to be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of J. H. Brooks.

W. C. Chase objected to the name of R. T. Greener, as that gentleman, he said, claimed citizenship in South Carolina. The objection was sustained by a vote of 17 to 7. Mr. Greener's name was stricken from the list and the name of Thomas H. Wright was inserted in its place.

The report of the committee as amended was then adopted.

The report also recommended that the petition be circulated for more signers. The committee agreed with the statements in the petition.

A committee, consisting of Charles H. Lemos, John Brent, sr., Thomas Martin, William H. Bell, and Thomas J. Harris, was appointed to present the action of the meeting to the Commissioners.

The meeting was then adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

A Railroad Accident.

An accident on the Baltimore and Ohio road at Annandale yesterday morning caused considerable embarrassment in the movement of trains to and from this city. An engine broke down and the freight train to which it was attached ran off the track, obstructing the way. A temporary track was built around the obstruction, so that about noon trains began to run regularly. A dispatch from Baltimore says:

The New York train which left Washington this morning by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, due at Camden Station at half-past nine, did not arrive until quarter past twelve. The cause of the delay was the breaking down of a freight engine. The freight train, which was laden with ties, broke down and ran off the track near Annandale, a small station between this city and Washington, and obstructed the track. The New York train was switched off on another track and arrived at the station in good order. The damage was slight.

St. John's Day.

St. John's day was appropriately observed in the Catholic churches yesterday by early masses. A large number of Masons joined with De Molay Mounted Commandery and Arminius Lodge, No. 25, F. A. A. M., in celebrating the day with the usual festivities. De Molay Commandery, accompanied by many guests from the order, went on an excursion to Forest Glen, on the Metropolitan Branch, where the day was spent in picnicking and in other rural pleasures. General Albert Pike delivered an eloquent oration. Arminius Lodge had their celebration at Loeffler's Garden. The colored Masons united in a grand celebration at Gales' woods and listened to an oration delivered by Mr. John H. Brooks.

Suing a Railroad Company.

The suit of the Fifth Baptist Church, South Washington, Rev. Mr. Meador, pastor, against the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company was commenced before Justice Wylie, in the Circuit Court, yesterday. Messrs. Merrick and Davenport appear for the complainant and Colonel Totten for the defendant. This is an action to recover damages by reason of the location of the shops of the company adjoining the church, as also in maintaining a switch from the main track to the yard, for which plaintiff claims they have no right under the charter. The first point made by the defense was the statute of limitation, which was overruled. The case is still on hearing.

Awarding Contracts for Street Paving.

The District Commissioners have awarded the contract for granite block pavement on C street, Seventh street and Louisiana avenue intersection; Ninth street, between P and U streets; First street, between Pennsylvania avenue and F streets, and H street, between North Capitol and Fourth streets northwest, to Messrs. McKnight, Burns & Co., at $1.87 per square yard, and the same kind of pavement on New Jersey avenue to William E. Vermillion, for $1.81 per square yard.

A Case of Sunstroke.

A colored man named Horace Wiggins was prostrated by a sunstroke yesterday afternoon while working in Marble Hall alley, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets northwest. He was taken to the office of Dr. Marstella, near by, where proper remedies were administered, and he soon recovered. Officer Byrnes then had him conveyed to his residence, No. 316 K street southwest. This is the first case reported this year.

BOHEMIAN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus.

CHICAGO, June 24.—The Bohemian sharpshooters were examined in the West Side Police Court this morning, and a further continuance without bail for a week was granted, to await the result of the wounds received by Donahue at their hands on Sunday. Late this afternoon the attorney for the nineteen prisoners appeared before Judge McAllister, with nineteen separate petitions for writs of *habeas corpus*, showing that the petitioners were all poor and could only prosecute their cases as paupers. An order was accordingly made, allowing them the right of hearing without costs. Their petitions declares that they are held without authority of law for supposed criminal matter, the precise nature whereof is unknown to the petitioners. They ask a preliminary examination by the court for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are entitled to bail. They will be heard to-morrow.

Public Health in the South.

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 24.—Official reports to the agent of the Western Associated Press at Memphis from the mayors and presidents of boards of health of the following cities and towns: Memphis, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss.; Canton, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; Collierville, Tenn.; Hickman, Ky.; Grenada, Miss.; Helena, Ark.; Holly Springs, Miss.; Decatur, Ala., and Tuscumbia, Ala., all bearing the date of June 20, bring the gratifying intelligence that in none of the places mentioned has the present health outlook been more favorable. In no instance has there been any indication of a return of the yellow fever. Better health than usual at this season of the year prevails, and every precaution that sanitary regulations can suggest has been accomplished toward preventing a recurrence of last year's epidemic. Quarantine regulations have been established, ready to be enforced should exigencies arise.

THE SOLVED MYSTERY.

Christine Cox in the Hands of the Police.

A Full Confession of the Crime—Detailed Statement of the Murder—His Victim's Plea for Her Life—Her Death Not Known to Cox—Hanging Preferred to Imprisonment—Jewelry Recovered.

Cox Sent Back to New York.

BOSTON, June 24.—Chestine Cox, alias Francis, the murderer of Mrs. Hull, was brought from the station-house this morning and placed in a cell in the basement of the City Hall, to await the arrival of Captain Williams, of the New York police force, who will reach Boston this afternoon. Cox will not put the officers to the trouble of procuring a requisition, but will return voluntarily to New York, to which place he will be taken to-night. This forenoon he was taken to Black's and photographed. A large crowd followed him to and from the City Hall, and the basement of the hall for a couple of hours was pretty well filled by a crowd, whose desire to gaze upon Cox was not gratified. Cox since his arrest has told the officer that he had no idea that Mrs. Hull was dead until twenty-four hours after he had committed the robbery.

This morning Cox gave the officers a minute description of how the murder was committed, saying that he smothered Mrs. Hull with his hands, and declaring that he did not intend to kill her. He also said that he had pawned the diamonds at Cohen's, at the corner of Greene and Pitts streets, and upon the description given the inspector of pawnbrokers went to Cohen's and procured the ring.

Mr. Sternberger, the pawnbroker, subsequently visited Cox, and he identified him as the man who had pawned the cameo set of jewelry which led to the arrest.

In conversation with Special Officer Wood Cox said: "I don't want my mother to know anything about this until after I am hung."

Mr. Wood—"Perhaps you won't be hung. There may be a chance of your being sentenced to State prison for life."

Cox—"I would rather be hung than to be shut up all my life, and when the time comes send my things to mother."

Cox appears nervous, apparently realizing the terrible position in which he is placed. To ordinary observers it appears as though he had lost heart and was resigned to the worst. On Tuesday last the officers who were on his track learned that he was down to Revere Beach, and a detective was sent there to apprehend him, but the bird had flown. On Wednesday Cox went to New York, and among other places visited a dance-house on Bleecker street and gave one of the inmates, a colored girl, a diamond ring belonging to Mrs. Hull, which she pawned and returned the money to him. This morning Wood telegraphed the fact to Captain Williams, Cox having told