THE FINANCIAL FLURRY.

The Causes of the Recent Crisis to be Investigated.

Further Debate on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Bill.

A Petition to Inquire Into the Adulteration of Food in the District.

The House Passes Three Appropriation Bills Without Debate.

THE SENATE.

The regular order of business in the senate yesterday was the Utah bill, but Mr. Blair succeeded in inducing Mr. Hoar, who had charge of that bill, to let it go over until to-day, and in getting up his own bill for the creation of a bureau of labor statistics.

Mr. Morgan resumed his remarks in support of Mr. Garland's amendments, which places the collection of labor statistics in the charge of the statistical bureau of the treasury department. He thought the bill did not and could not, without very great expense, provide adequate means to carry out its provisions which established a most elaborate system of economical and social inquiries, requiring the employment of experts on many subjects.

Mr. Van Wyck moved to amend by requiring that the chief of the bureau should be a person identified with the laboring classes and prohibiting the importation of foreign laborers from any country under contract. If the bill were properly amended Mr. Van Wick said he would support it. What labor most needed, however, was less taxation, and the return to the public domain of the millions of acres of unearned land grants made to railroad companies. Mr. Call supported the bill as it stood. He thought its purpose a most beneficient one, and the means provided by the bill sufficient for the present demand.

Mr. Blair sent to the desk and had the clerk read a letter from Mr. Nimmo, chief of the bureau of statistics of the treasury department, in which he [Mr. Nimmo] expresses the belief that adding to that bureau the functions of a bureau of labor statistics would be an incongruity and very undesirable.

Mr. Blair defended the bill. It was doubtless imperfect, he said, but the bureau which it created would have a continuous life, and could be improved and made more perfect by congress from time to time. He did not think that any of the criticisms made on the bill were unfavorable to the object which the bill had in view, the only difference between senators seemed to be as to the methods of accomplishing that object, and as the vast mass of the wage earners of the country were specially desirous that this bill should pass as it stood, he hoped there would be no objection. As to the amendment suggested, he said the chief of the bureau should certainly be identified with the labor interests, and the expectation was that the President would appoint a proper person. The bill already provided, Mr. Blair thought, against the importation of laborers under contract.

Pending debate, the senate went into executive session.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

Mr. Call presented a petition from five thousand citizens of the District of Columbia praying for legislation to protect the people against the adulteration of food, especially in the matter of poisonous canned goods.

PENSION MATTERS.

By Mr. Blair, from the committee on pensions: To amend the pension laws by increasing the pensions of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm or a leg and for other disabilities contracted in service.

A MOSAIC OF GARFIELD.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee on the library, reported a concurrent resolution, which the senate agreed to, accepting a portrait in mosaic of the late President Garfield, the work of Dr. Salviati, of Venice, Italy, transmitted through Messrs. Tiffany & Co., of New York, to the secretary of state of the United States, and by him to congress. The resolution also conveys the thanks of congress to Dr. Salviati.

When the resolution offered last Thursday by Mr. Morgan, directing the committee on finance to examine the causes of the recent failures of national banks, and whether such failures are due to violations and evasions of law on the part of the officers or directors of the bank, came up, Mr. Morrill moved to amend by substituting for the purposes of the investigation, the comptroller of the currency for the finance committee. Mr. Morgan said that the very reason why he had moved to devolve the duty on a committee was because the officers who had been appointed to see that the banks complied with the laws had not performed their duty. There was, for instance, a law against over certification of checks, which it had become notorious was utterly disregarded. On the occasion of the passage of the law on the subject in July, 1882, the New York newspapers had broken out into spasms of merriment, and told congress that the banks laughed at the acts of congress, and were beyond congressional control. The failure of the Marine bank was due to the fact that the bank was connected with a firm of brokers. That bank had supported the firm of Grant & Ward in all the wild schemes in which a young speculator saw proper to engage. A spectacle had been presented to the world that argued a painful condition of commercial honor in the city of New York.

There had been a time when the honor of New York merchants was a standard for the world, and was the synonym for probity. What has it now become? It has become a by-word, a reproach, and a cause of suspicion. It had only to be said of a man that he was engaged in speculative transactions in New York to carry against him the impression that he was a robber and a gambler—a man of no honesty or commercial integrity. Mr. Morgan said he did not himself make such accusation; he spoke of it with painful feelings, but he believed that what he had said represented the sentiments of the country. He complimented Mr. Beck for the foresight and persistence displayed by him in placing in the act of congress the clause against over-certification.

Mr. Morrill modified his motion by moving a reference of the resolution to the finance committee.

Mr. Bayard supported this motion. Although it might be that further legislation was necessary, he thought the laws now on the statute books were sufficient if enforced. He agreed that it had been a wise provision to put into the act of congress the clause preventing over-certification of checks.

Mr. Morrill said there had in this instance been no money lost from over-certification, except in the case of the Marine bank, and there had been no disturbance of credit outside of New York.

Mr. Sherman supported the reference. The senate ought, he said, be very careful in a question of this kind. He had been in New York on the day when the trouble referred to occurred, and he could assure the senate that although there might here and there have been an over-certification of checks, yet that had not been the trouble at all. In every case the trouble had been caused by speculative operations of the officers of the banks affected, and in some cases not by certifying checks but rather by non-certification. The proper remedy would be to prescribe severe penalties against any dealing in speculative transactions by officers of banks, or the using of the money of the bank in any transactions that such officers might engage in. Mr. Sherman saw no special use in a committee investigation in New York. We had government officers there who could give us all needed information. If a committee were to go there to make a commotion, and keep up an agitation in regard to the failures there, it might embarrass others. To call the recent trouble a panic was applying to it a misnomer. There had been no panic; the people of New York had not been alarmed.

The securities especially affected had been those involved in the transactions exposed by the failures; but confidence in the standard securities of the country had not suffered. It was like the case of a storm confined to the locality of New York city and not extending over any other part of the country. It had resulted in a clearing of the atmosphere, and Mr. Sherman believed the present commercial position to be better than it had been before the recent trouble.

Mr. Morgan said the fears of the senator from Ohio [Mr. Sherman] were groundless if he supposed that injury could come to the proper business of the country by the investigation proposed. The business of the country did not mean the operations of stock gamblers. Mr. Morgan criticized the action of the secretary of the treasury for his interference in the late troubles; and the officers of the government generally for not seeing that the banking laws were enforced. We might as well, he said, farm out the credit of the United States to the faro dealers on Pennsylvania avenue as to allow the national banks of New York to farm out their credit to the stock gambling and other speculative operators, men who made a business of buying and selling things that had no existence, and that were well characterized by the question on imaginary and mythical existences propounded a few days ago in New York by Mr. Francis N. Banus to Mr. Ferdinand Ward.

Mr. Morgan feared much, however, that the parties who had so long been the pets of the government would at last be permitted to subside into quietude and peace among the millions that they had laid aside, while those who had been wronged would remain unavenged. "Let the committee on finance," said Mr. Morgan, in conclusion, "for once do its duty to the government."

The resolution was, without objection by Mr. Morgan, referred to the committee on finance.

THE HOUSE.

The most important work of the house yesterday was the consideration of the appropriation bills.

Mr. Cannon moved to recommit the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, with instructions, to the committee on appropriations to report back a bill carrying appropriations similar to those for the current year, with certain specified exceptions. Lost—yeas 83, nays 136.

The bill was then passed—yeas 129, nays 85.

The army and District of Columbia appropriation bills were passed without opposition.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

Mr. Collins, from the committee on the judiciary, moved to suspend the rules and adopt a resolution making the senate bankruptcy bill a special order for Tuesday, June 10.

The measure was discussed by Messrs. Culberson, Willis, Holman, Moulton, Adams, and Calkins, and then the motion was lost—yeas 137, nays 113—not the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative.

The banking and currency committee was next on the list, and Mr. Wilkins, of Ohio, was ready with a resolution fixing a day for the consideration of the McPherson bill, but a motion to adjourn was interjected and carried.

THE WALLACE-M'KINLEY CONTEST.

Mr. Turner, chairman of the committee on elections, said that, owing to the fact that the report in the contested election case of Wallace vs. McKinley had not been properly distributed, he would not call up that case for consideration yesterday, but would postpone doing so until to-day.

Mr. McKinley hoped that the case would be disposed of at once or that its consideration would be postponed for one week. He had important business to attend to during the remainder of the week, and it would be very inconvenient for him to be present.

Mr. Turner expressed his unwillingness to accommodate Mr. McKinley by proceeding with the case, but yielded to Mr. Randall, who wished to secure the passage of three appropriation bills which were agreed to in committee of the whole on Friday last.

To this, however, Mr. Collins objected. This was probably the last committee suspension day there would be during the session, and there were several important measures to be considered.

Mr. Turner gave notice that he would not call up the Wallace-McKinley case until Monday next.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among the bills introduced and referred under the call of states were the following:

By Mr. Weller: Authorizing the secretary of the treasury to use, as soon as may be, all the surplus money in the treasury for the redemption of bonds outstanding, at a price not above par.

By Mr. King: Directing the secretary of the treasury to allow a rebate of 10 per cent. on all goods imported in vessels of American register.

MORE CENSUS REPORTS TO BE PUBLISHED.

Mr. Cox, of New York, from the committee on the census, moved to suspend the rules and pass a bill appropriating $60,000 for the publication of 25,000 additional copies of the compendium of the census, and from 2,000 to 3,000 copies of various monograph reports.

After a brief debate, the motion was agreed to and the bill passed.

DUTIES ON WORKS OF ART.

Mr. Hurd, from the committee on ways and means, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill to abolish discriminating duties on works of art the production of foreign and American artists. [The bill imposes a duty of 10 per cent. ad valorem on works of art, whether the production of foreign or American artists.]

The bill was supported by Messrs. Kasson, Belmont, and Hurd and opposed by Messrs. Dunn, Mills, Warner, and Boutelle, and the motion was lost—yeas 52, nays 179.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the senate yesterday:

Postmasters—John W. Raborn, at Union Springs, Ala.; Shelby Sexton, at North Manchester, Ind.; Thomas H. Daily, at New Lisbon, Ohio; Lammon E. Sampson, at Tacoma, Washington territory; Littleton S. Crum, at Oswego, Kan.

HOW ENO MANAGED IT.

Losing the Bank's Money and Deceiving the Cashier.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The methods employed by young Eno, the defaulting president of the Second National bank, to rob that institution are thus explained: The bank has a vault in one of the down town safe depositories, the Merchantile, I think, for the safe keeping of its securities, and much of its business is done down town. For example, there is very little demand up town for loans and discounts. Young Eno would stay down town nearly all day, and when he would lose $100,000, $20,000, or $300,000, as the case might be, he would give a check for that amount on the bank. Then when he returned to the band he would write a fictitious name upon a slip of paper, hand it to the cashier, and say that he had made a loan for the amount and to the person indicated, on good securities, which he had examined and deposited in the bank's compartment in the safe deposit. Generally he would take the precaution to enumerate the mythical securities upon the slip of paper. In that way he completely averted suspicion, and led the cashier, whose integrity is unquestioned, to believe that the money had all gone out on loans in the regular course of business. I understand that Mr. Eno, sr., has said that his son's defalting operations began soon after he was made president of the bank, somewhat more than two years ago.

THE UNION VETERANS.

Arrangements for Decoration Day Ceremonies at Fredericksburg—The Brooklyn Trip.

At a regular meeting of the Union Veteran corps held last evening the committee on transportation stated that arrangements had been made with the Pennsylvania Railroad company to have cars enough on hand to carry at least 1,500 people to Fredericksburg, Va., on Decoration day. Robert E. Lee camp (Richmond) and Maury camp (Fredericksburg, Va.), Confederate Veterans, and the Fredericksburg Greys, 1st Virginia Volunteers, will meet the Union Veterans on arrival, and escort them and their guests, Custer camp, Sons of Veterans, Capt. Gifford; George G. Meade post, No. 5, G. A. R., Maj. Dillon, and the Washington Continental Guards, Capt. Timms, to the national cemetery, where all will join in doing honor to the memory of the union soldiers buried there. Orations will be delivered by Commissioner James R. West, Hons. A. H. Pettibone, C. A. Boutelle, and Horatio Bisbee, jr., and the music will be by the celebrated Arion Quartette club and Pistorio's Veteran band. The corps will decorate the graves in the cemetery with small American flags, and will request all persons going with them to bring a contribution of flowers—no matter how small the offering may be. The corps—each comrade having a bouquet in the muzzle of his gun—will make a short parade in the morning, escorting their guests to the depot. Visitors will have at least seven hours to visit the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and the Wilderness. The veterans of Lee, Jackson, Longstreet, and Johnston and the people of Fredericksburg have promised the Union Veterans and their friends a warm reception. Tickets can only be had at the depot on the morning of the 30th. The train will start at 8 a. m. sharp, and will return to Washington at 8 p. m.

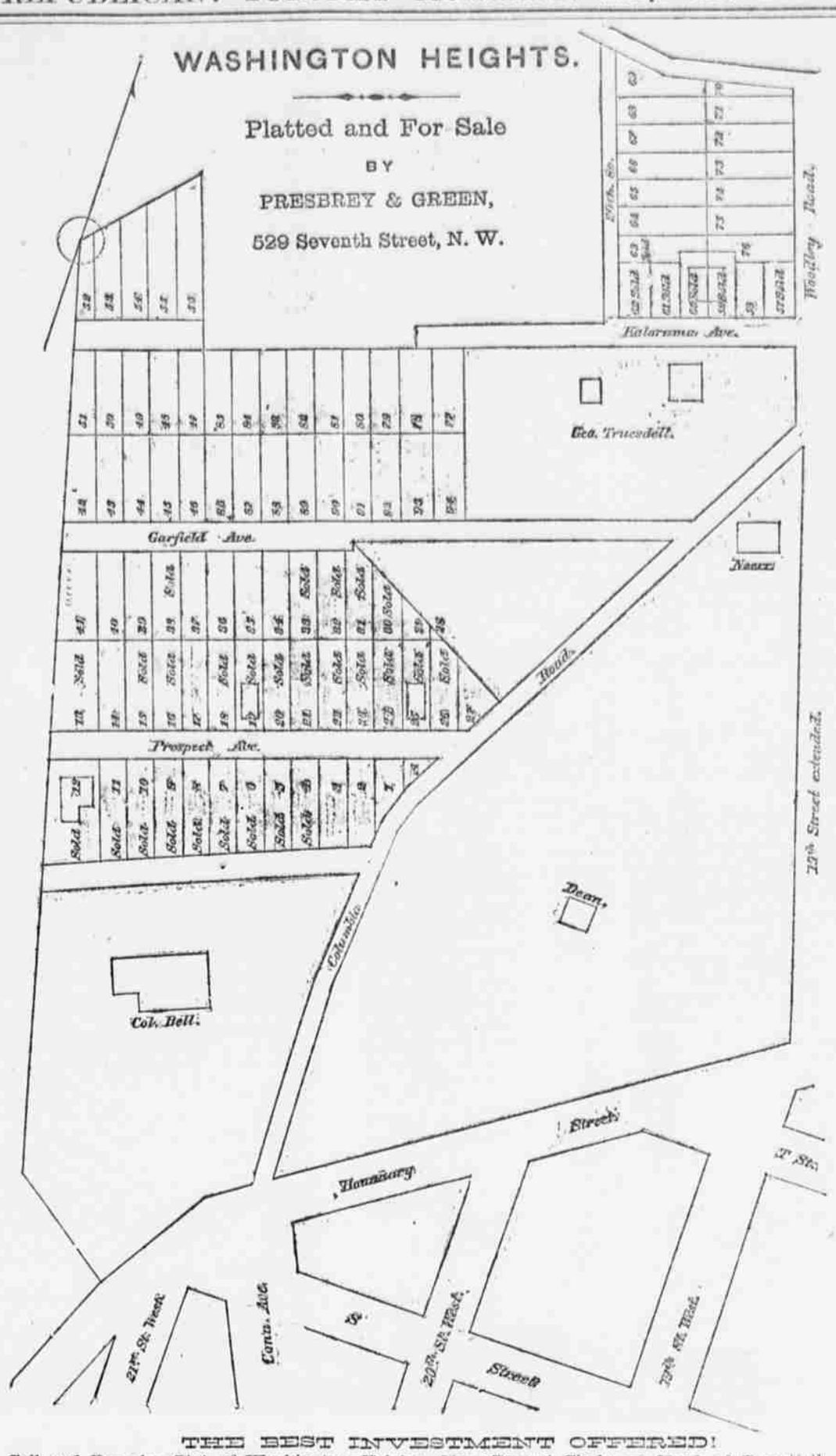
The corps decided to leave on the Brooklyn trip on the night of June 10, arriving in Brooklyn at 7 a. m. next morning without change of cars. Two new members were elected to active membership, and one applicant was "turned down" because he was not a war veteran, and could not wear a corps badge legitimately. The corps is composed entirely of men who were in battle under fire. From the returns received from the sale of tickets for the benefit of the corps by the Fay-Templeton opera company, there is no doubt but the week commencing May 26th will be the crowning success of the season at Ford's opera house. The corps decided to attend in a body the first night to welcome Miss Templeton on her first visit to the capital.

Tasistro's Friends at Miss Ransom's.

A noble octogenarian, a Christian gentleman, a brilliant writer, and linguist, now in the infirmities of age, is not forgotten by his younger friends, though many of the beautiful and distinguished persons with whom he was once so intimately associated have passed away; nor are his long services to our government, nor his claims to honorable authorship forced yet from memory. Miss Ransom has kindly consented to throw open her parlors, at 915 F street northwest, this evening, at 8 o'clock, for the reception of his friends.

Music and recitations are included in the programme. Mr. Tasistro himself will recite "The Vagabonds" and several of his own most popular pieces. Miss Ransom's studio itself is an admirable attraction of the Ruskin type. All who can appreciate the motive of this evening's assembly will no doubt seize the opportunity to gladden the heart of the aged scholar as well as enjoy the entertainment.

Sunday being the nineteenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lane, they gave a pleasant "tea" to a few intimate friends Sunday evening at their residence, No. 206 D street northwest. The table decorations of choice cut flowers were the gift of the friends present.



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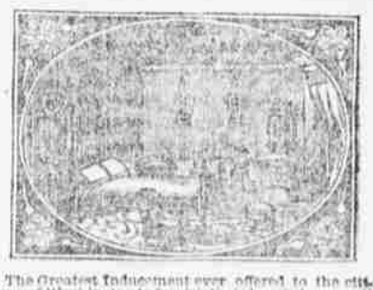

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