

SELECTIONS.

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In one of the stories of the American War of Independence, a British officer... In the present war, the rifle is the most important element of the soldier's armament.

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Congressional.

(WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.)

HOUSE.—Mr. Pettit, of Ind., asked whether the Secretary had made the contract for the Paraguay Expedition on any other authority than that contained in the joint resolution.

Mr. Boeck replied that that was all and sufficient. Mr. Pettit said that this act of the Secretary was a usurpation of power not granted from the beginning of this Confederacy.

Mr. Clark, of N.Y., was not without apprehension that the American people were in the wrong. If the President and Secretary had a right to build a navy, they had a right to add additional regiments to the army.

Mr. Davis, of Md., said that the joint resolution virtually conferred on the President the war-making power, and we are now beginning to reap the fruit of that most impudent usurpation.

Mr. Phelps, of Mo., said that Congress intended to take the initiative in this matter, and he believed the exhibition of a few small vessels would procure a settlement of the difficulty, and no necessity would occur for the use of force.

Mr. Groves, of Penn., said that the Secretary had clearly exceeded his authority in chartering vessels. Mr. Leitcher, Mr. Garnett and Mr. Howard, Mr. Lovejoy, of Ill., proposed to suspend all proceedings, and recall the vessels.

Rejected.—Yeas 35; nays not counted. Mr. Ritchie, of Penn., said that he thought there was cause for the passage of the resolution, and he thought so now. The Committee on Foreign Affairs had reported it unanimously.

Mr. Brack, of N.C., was for recalling the fleet when Paraguay was sufficiently chastised. Mr. Burlingame, of Mass., thought that he hoped wherever American citizens are injured the country would be ready to vindicate its honor, but he did not wish to vote against the resolution.

After further debate, the Senate's Paraguay amendment, as amended by Mr. Boeck, was agreed to by the majority. It was subsequently concurred in by the House—Yeas 84; nays 77. All the other amendments were then acted on.

The report of the Committee on the Consular and Diplomatic Bill was agreed to. Mr. Benjamin, of La., moved an amendment to appropriate \$500,000 to continue the Custom-house at New Orleans. Yeas 119; nays 29.

Mr. Davis, from the committee, moved an amendment appropriating \$250,000 to complete the aqueduct. Agreed to. Mr. Bright, of Ind., from the Committee on Finance, moved to amend so that Senators shall be allowed mileage for the extra sessions, but not constructive mileage in any case.

Agreed to. Protracted discussions occurred on various trivial items, such as furniture, etc. At one o'clock, without taking any action on the bill, the Senate agreed to adjourn.

Mr. Nichols, of Ohio, called up the report of the special committee on the charge against Mr. Nichols, of N.Y., of having accepted an offer of \$4,000 for engineering a claim through the Committee on Accounts, but that no money was ever paid him.

Mr. Kebley, of N.Y., said that the committee should have either reported that there were no grounds for the charge, or that the accusation was true, and Mr. Kebley be placed on trial.

The Speaker overruled the motion. Mr. Stanton, of O., was not prepared to vote, and ineffectually moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

The House adopted the committee's resolution that the evidence would not warrant a conviction, nor subject him to expulsion. The House concurred in the report of the Committee on Conference on the Army Bill.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, of Mo., the Senate's amendments to the Post-office Appropriation Bill were taken up. Mr. Groves, of Penn., rose to a privileged question, and offered a resolution that the bill, as amended, be returned to the Senate, as the thirtieth section thereof, proposing an increase in the rate of postage, which is in the nature of a revenue bill, and according to the Constitution, can only originate in the House.

Mr. Phelps, of Mo., briefly argued that the Constitution was not applicable to a case of this kind. The Speaker decided that Mr. Groves's question was properly submitted.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved an amendment to Mr. Groves's proposition, so as to assert that the Senate's amendment is not a violation of the Constitution. The 13th section above alluded to proposes five and ten cents as the letter rates and abolishes the franking privileges.

Mr. Jones withdrew his amendment. Mr. Groves's resolution was adopted. Yeas 117; nays 77. Mr. English, of Indiana, said that some time since the House passed a Post-office Bill exclusively, which was sent to the Senate, but it was returned with amendments for the increase on the postage rates, abolishing the franking privilege and relating to the compensation of postmen.

As the House had just acted adversely on similar amendments to the Postoffice Appropriation Bill, he thought it but right to introduce a new Post-office Bill. On his motion, the rule which requires the reading of bills was dispensed with.

Mr. Milson, of Virginia, claimed that he had a right to hear the bill read before voting on it. The Speaker remarked that he had decided according to precedents that the rules could be suspended.

Mr. Milson's appeal was tabled. Mr. English proposed several Post-office amendments, which were adopted and the bill passed. Mr. Clay, of Ky., was excused from voting, on the ground that he did not know what was in the bill.

MARKETS.

Cincinnati Produce Market.

Flour.—The market continues active, and prices are again higher. The sales for the week are \$1,500,000. The receipts were 1,200 barrels, during the last 24 hours.

Wheat.—The market was dull today, and prices were lower. The sales for the week are \$1,200,000. The receipts were 1,000 barrels, during the last 24 hours.

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Auction Sales.

By C. J. W. Smith, Auctioneer, 221 Vine Street. FINE DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT. No. 412 Seventh Street.

Between Line and Baymiller streets. Will be sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY AFTERNOON, March 7th, 1858, at 3 o'clock, on the premises, that certain dwelling house, situated on the corner of Line and Baymiller streets, containing a large front porch, summer kitchen and cellar, a large front and back yard, and a well, and a large lot of ground, fronting on Baymiller street, and containing 100 feet front by 100 feet deep. Terms: One-half cash, balance in 30 days, with 5 per cent interest.

By Kellogg, Williams & Co., Auctioneers, 22 and 24 East Third Street. Special Sale of Staple Dry Goods. At Auction, in Lots to the Trade. On FRIDAY MORNING, March 6th, at 9 o'clock, the following assortment of seasonable Dry Goods and Notions.

45 pieces black and fancy Cassimeres; 40 pieces assorted Jeans; 20 pieces black and white Cloth; 10 pieces English Brussels Carpeting; 10 pieces white and blue Flannel; 10 pieces Hemp do.

By Cooper & Stokes, Auctioneers, No. 18 East Fourth Street. Very Desirable Residence. At No. 26 Clinton Street. Will be sold at Public Auction, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, March 6th, at 3 o'clock, on the premises, a very desirable dwelling house, situated on the corner of Clinton and Walnut streets, containing a large front porch, summer kitchen and cellar, a large front and back yard, and a well, and a large lot of ground, fronting on Clinton street, and containing 100 feet front by 100 feet deep. Terms: One-half cash, balance in 30 days, with 5 per cent interest.

By S. G. Hubbard, Auctioneer, No. 21 West Fifth Street. Books at Auction. On THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS, March 6th and 7th, at 7 o'clock, will be sold by Catalogue a large collection of Historical, Classical, Scientific, and Miscellaneous Books, comprising many valuable standard works, some of which are rare.

By S. G. Hubbard, Auctioneer, No. 21 West Fifth Street. Valuable Business Property. Corner Western Row and Wade sts. THREE HOUSES. No. 634, 636 and 638, at Auction. Will be sold at Public Auction, on FRIDAY MORNING, March 6th, at 10 o'clock, on the premises, three houses, situated on the corner of Western Row and Wade streets, containing a large front porch, summer kitchen and cellar, a large front and back yard, and a well, and a large lot of ground, fronting on Western Row, and containing 100 feet front by 100 feet deep. Terms: One-half cash, balance in 30 days, with 5 per cent interest.

By S. G. Hubbard, Auctioneer, No. 21 West Fifth Street. Railroads. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1858. Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad. Four daily trains leave the Sixth-street Depot as follows: 6 A. M.—Dayton, Toledo, Sandusky and Detroit; 8 A. M.—Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton; 10 A. M.—Richmond, Indianapolis and Chicago Express; 12 P. M.—Cleveland and Pittsburgh Express; 2 P. M.—Dayton, Chicago and Sandusky Night Express; 4 P. M.—Richmond, Indianapolis and Chicago Express; 6 P. M.—Hamilton Accommodation; Dayton trains run through to Sandusky and Lima without change of cars.

Connections. 6 A. M.—Dayton Mail Train—For Springfield, Sandusky and all points on that road. Connects at Urbana for Columbus; arrives at Columbus at 12 noon; 1 o'clock for Cincinnati; 2 o'clock for Toledo and Detroit; at 7:30 P. M. Also at Clyde with trains for Cleveland, Buffalo, etc. Passengers by this train dine at 12:30 P. M. This train also connects at Dayton with Dayton and Hamilton, and with Hamilton and Dayton, and connects at Lima for Fort Wayne and Chicago, reaching Chicago at 10 P. M. Also, connects at Dayton with Dayton and Richmond, and with Greenville and Miami Road for Greenville, Union, Winchester, and Miami; 6 A. M. Train for Richmond connects with Indiana Central Road for Indianapolis, Chicago, Lafayette, Terre Haute, St. Louis, and all points on the Cincinnati and Chicago Road for Anderson, Kokomo, Logansport and all points on the Washburn Valley Road; 8:40 A. M.—Cleveland and Pittsburgh Express, via Erie and all Eastern cities; 10:30 A. M.—New York and Boston. Also, makes close connections at Cincinnati for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and all Eastern cities; 12:30 P. M.—Dayton Express, for Sandusky, Lima and Chicago; at Fort Wayne, connects with the train of Sandusky with C. and T. Road for Cleveland, Dunkirk and Buffalo. This train connects with Dayton and Michigan Road for Troy, Piqua, Sidney and Chicago; at Sidney with the trains on the B. and O. Road for Pittsburgh and the East; 4:30 P. M.—Indianapolis and Chicago Express, connects at Richmond with Hamilton, Cincinnati and Miami; 6 P. M.—Dayton, Chicago and Sandusky Night Express; 8:30 P. M.—Cincinnati and Dayton Express, connects at all points on the Cincinnati and Dayton Road.

Returning Trains. Leave Dayton at 8:30 A. M., 4:15 P. M., and 7:30 P. M.; leave Hamilton at 7 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 11:30 A. M., 2 P. M., 4 P. M., and 6:30 P. M.; leave Cincinnati at 6:30 P. M. For further information and Tickets apply at the Ticket Office, north-east corner of Front and Broadway; No. 109 Walnut-street, near Fourth, or at the several east corner of Fourth and Vine streets, or at the Sixth Street Depot. D. McLAREN, Superintendent.

1858-9. 1858-9. CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS. Through without Change of Cars. OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD. (BROAD GAUGE). Two daily trains for Vincennes, Cairo and St. Louis, 6 A. M. and 10:30 P. M. Three daily trains for Louisville, at 9 A. M., 4:15 P. M., and 10:30 P. M. The daily Train for Evansville, at 10:30 P. M. The trains connect at St. Louis for all points in Kansas and Nebraska, and at P. M. and 10:30 P. M. at St. Louis and Cairo for Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and New Orleans. On THURSDAY, March 6th, at 10:30 P. M. RETURNING.—Fast Line—Leave East St. Louis (Sundays excepted) at 7 A. M., arriving at Cincinnati at 10:30 P. M. EXPRESS TRAIN—Leave East St. Louis daily at 3:30 P. M., arriving at Cincinnati at 7:30 A. M. FOR THROUGH TICKETS To all points West and South please apply at the offices, No. 1 Burnett House, corner office, north-west corner of Fourth and Third streets, or at the Depot, corner Front and Third streets. 6 P. M. Omnibus call for passengers.

LITTLE MIAMI AND COLUMBUS & XENIA RAILROAD. On and after Monday, November 29