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At public auction, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, consisting of hospital and other tents, clothing, blankets, etc., harness, army wagons, wagon covers, cooking utensils, flags, and numerous other articles, all to be sold, without reserve, to the highest bidder.

Sale to take place at Fort Gibson, C. N., on the 13th day of July, 1868, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Terms: Cash, in Government funds; to be paid on the day of sale.

Successful bidders to remove stores within twenty-four hours.

By order of Major General Sheridan.

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- 16 gallons Cucumber Pickles.
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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, June 22, 1868.

Proposals will be received until 12 m. of July 22, next, for furnishing Postage Stamps for a term of four years, commencing 23d of September next.

Bidders will state the price per thousand Stamps, deliverable in packages of ten thousand each, at the Post Office Department in Washington.

Also, the price per thousand in similar packages deliverable to the agent of the Department at the place of manufacture.

Also, the price per thousand delivered in larger packages, as required either at the Department or place of manufacture.

Also, the price per thousand separated in such quantities as may be duly ordered for the use of post offices, never less than two hundred stamps, and securely packed in tin cases, suitable binders'-board boxes, with muslin or other equally strong covers, or in suitable envelopes, according to the quantity and distance to be conveyed, as may be required by the Department, stating the difference, if any, between the cost of delivery to an agent at the place of manufacture and at Washington, D. C. All such packages, before mailing, to be re-examined and recounted by an agent of this Department.

Bidders will also give the additional cost for directing packages for the mails and preparing blank receipts, under the direction of an agent of the Department, either at the Department or manufactory.

Proposals must be made for the Stamps in sheets, perfectly gummed, and perforated in such manner that each separate Stamp can be readily detached and used.

The denominations of Stamps now in use are one cent, two cents, three cents, five cents, ten cents, twelve cents, fifteen cents, twenty-four cents, thirty cents, and ninety cents; and five cents, ten cents, and fifteen cents for periodicals. The supervisors of the periodical Stamps will be about ten times that of the letter Stamps. On all of the Stamps the denomination must be given distinctly, in figures as well as letters, and the whole work must be executed in the best style.

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Special proposals for Stamps on embossed paper, as now in use, are invited.

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From past experience it is supposed that the number of packages mailed will average above two hundred daily, varying in size from two half sheets, or 200 stamps, up to the 500 half sheets, or 50,000 stamps; but by far the larger proportion of packages contain not more than 20 half sheets or 2,000 stamps.

Each bid is to be accompanied with a specimen of the style of engraving and quality of the paper to be furnished, which will be submitted to competent persons, to be selected by the Postmaster General, for examination; and the accepted bidder, before the final consummation of a contract, will be required to prepare sixty-two full sets of proof impressions of the engravings of the several denominations of stamps. There should be variety in the sizes as well as the designs of the stamps.

Specimens of wood and die boxes and cases for the transmission of stamps must also be submitted with each bid. It is necessary to protect the boxes by muslin or other covers in the most effectual manner against wet or abrasion.

The contract will require all dies and plates to be prepared and kept in repair, and that new dies and plates shall be made, either for the present denominations of stamps or others, without charge, at the pleasure of the Department; and all such dies and plates are to be the property of the United States for the service of the Post Office Department.

No bids will be considered except from parties who have been actually engaged in the business of copper-plate printing and steel engraving, and are thus engaged at the time of bidding, and who are occupying suitable fire-proof premises, and provided with all the necessary facilities to execute the work promptly, and give the requisite protection to the stamps, dies, and plates in their possession.

Parties not known to the Department will furnish proof as to these points with their bids.

The Postmaster General reserves the right of deciding which bid, in its practical results, may be most to the interest of the Department, having reference to the style of the work, security, facility of packing, &c., as well as to the terms, and also of rejecting any or all bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Department require it.

Proposals should be carefully sealed, and marked "Proposals for Postage Stamps," and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

ALEX. W. RANDALL, Postmaster General.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, June 15, 1868.

On the petition of WILLIAM TWADDELL, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 18th day of September, 1854, for an improvement in Safety Washer for Securing Wheels to Axles; for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 19th day of September, 1868;

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY the 31st day of August next, at 12 o'clock, m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

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A. M. STOUT, Acting Commissioner of Patents.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, June 15, 1868.

On the petition of ARNER WHITELEY, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, now of Platte county, Missouri, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 19th day of September, 1854, for an improvement in Grain and Grass Harvesters, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 19th day of September, 1868;

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 31st day of August next, at 12 o'clock m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, June 20, 1868.

On the petition of JOHN WINTER, of Roudout, N. Y., administratrix, and WILLIAM WINTER of said Roudout, administrator of the estate of Archibald Winter, deceased, praying for the extension of a patent granted to the said Archibald Winter, the 18th day of September, 1854, for an improvement in Machine for Sawing Fire Wood, &c., for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 18th day of September, 1868:

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 14th day of September next, at 12 o'clock, m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

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A. M. STOUT, Acting Commissioner of Patents.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, July 30, 1868.

On the petition of JULES DEBAUVAIS, of New York, N. Y., executor of the estate of Victor Beaumont, deceased, praying for the extension of a patent granted to the said Victor Beaumont, the 25th day of October, 1854, for an improvement in Steam Gauge, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 24 day of October, 1868:

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 14th day of September next, at 12 o'clock, m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

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A. M. STOUT, Acting Commissioner of Patents.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, June 25, 1868.

On the petition of HORACE W. FISELER, of Mahan Bridge, N. Y., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 24th day of January, 1855, antedated September 24th, 1854, reissued January 8th, 1856, and again reissued March 15th, 1867, for an improvement in Machines for Washing Paper Stock, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 24th day of September, 1868;

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 31st day of August next, at 12 o'clock m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

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A. M. STOUT, Acting Commissioner of Patents.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, June 27, 1868.

On the petition of JOEL F. KELLER, of Pittsburg, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 25th day of September, 1854, for an improvement in Platform Scales, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 25th day of September, 1868:

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 7th day of September next, at 12 o'clock, m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

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A. M. STOUT, jy3-F3w Acting Commissioner of Patents.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, July 1, 1868.

On the petition of GARDNER S. BLODGETT and PAUL T. SWEET, of Burlington, Vermont, praying for the extension of a patent granted to them the 5th day of December, 1854, for an improvement in oven for baking, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 5th day of December, 1868:

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday the 14th day of November next, at 12 o'clock, m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

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A. M. STOUT, jy10-F3w Acting Commissioner of Patents.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Fortieth Congress—Second Session.

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1868.

SENATE.

Mr. Vickers presenting the credentials of Mr. Pinckney Whyte, appointed as Senator from the State of Maryland to fill the unexpired term of Hon. Reverdy Johnson, expiring March 4, 1869.

The credentials were read and Mr. Whyte then came forward and was sworn in.

Mr Trumbull called up the bill authorizing the temporary supplying of vacancies in the Executive Departments.

The Judiciary Committee reported an amendment that in case of temporary vacancy in the office of Commissioner of Patents, it shall be temporarily supplied by appointment by the President of one of the Examiners-in-Chief.

Mr. Edmunds offered a further amendment that no appointment, designation or assignment shall be made otherwise than herein provided except in case of vacancy during the recess of the Senate. Adopted.

The House amendment, which is in the nature of a substitute, was then agreed to, and the bill passed.

Mr. Cattell called up the bill to authorize the issue of three per cent. temporary loan certificates to redeem the compound interest notes; the question being on the amendment of Mr. Trumbull to provide for monthly sales of gold by the Treasury Department not exceeding $10,000,000 per month, and to commence in August; said sales to continue until the amount of gold in the Treasury is reduced to forty millions.

Mr. Trumbull could see no use of keeping this gold in the Treasury; if it had been sold last year it would have saved the Government at least ten millions.

Mr. Cattell said the provisions of the bill were so simple and its advantages so obvious that he wondered at the opposition of the Senator, [Mr. Trumbull] it is a proposition to convert a debt upon which we are paying six per cent. coin interest into a debt to pay three per cent currency interest, and it certainly should be the aim of Congress to reduce the interest on the public debt as much as possible. Suppose there is more gold in the Treasury than there ought to be, that furnishes no reason why such a bill as this should not pass. But the Senator is incorrect as to his figures. It is true that on the first of July there was nominally $99,000,000 in gold in the Treasury, but from that there must be deducted the cash payments in gold interest, and other liabilities of the Government would actually reduce the coin in the Treasury to $37,000,000, which is below the limit mentioned by the Senator. It would be unsafe to depend upon our receipts from customs and internal tax to pay the thirty millions compound interest notes which come due between now and October, and hence the simplest and easiest way was to adopt this measure, which had been unanimously agreed upon by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Trumbull thought it was a strange way to ascertain the amount of coin in the Treasury to state only the liabilities and not say anything about the receipts. He thought twenty-five millions would be ample to keep in the Treasury, although in reference to the views of others he had placed the limit at forty millions. It was a fact that during the last year the amount of coin kept idle in the Treasury had averaged eighty-three millions per month

Mr Cameron advocated the amendment of Mr. Trumbull, and again expressed his wish that Congress would allow the whole financial question to go over until next fall.

Mr. Morton was in favor of fixing a time when the Government would resume specie payment

The committee of conference report on the bill to incorporate the Washington Target Shooting Association was concurred in

Mr. Howe took the floor in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Williams, in referring to the amount of gold in the Treasury, said the very fact that seventy-five to eighty millions of gold were constantly in the Treasury, tended in a great manner to a feeling of security among the creditors of the Government and the people generally.

Mr. Morton moved an amendment that the surplus gold now in the Treasury, and what may accumulate during the present and next fiscal year, shall be applied to the payment of the legal-tender notes, and gave it as his belief that in the adoption of such a measure as he proposed the premium in gold would go down to one half.

Mr. Conkling favored the spirit of the amendment, but regarded it as inoperative and should not vote for it.

Mr. Frelinghuysen said the doctrine enunciated on the floor yesterday by Mr. Morton was calculated to do more injury to the credit of the Government than anything else which possibly could be done. He did not think it just to the American people to intimate that they were unwilling to pay their obligations in coin.

The amendment of Mr. Morton was rejected, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Corbett, Edmunds, Morton, Osborn, Patterson of Tennessee, Pomeroy, Ramsey, and Wade—8.

Nays—Messrs. Anthony, Cameron, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Conness, Ferry, Fessenden, Frelinghuysen, Harlan, Henderson, Hendricks, Howard, McCreery, McDonald, Morgan, Patterson of New Hampshire, Rice, Ross, Sherman, Sumner, Tipton, Trumbull, Vickers, Welch, Whyte, Willey, Williams, and Wilson—30.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. Trumbull.

After further discussion, Mr. Sherman insisted that the regular order, the funding bill, should be proceeded with.

The funding bill was then taken up.

Mr Hendricks spoke of the great expenses of the Government for the last three years, and said the people in the coming canvass would want to know of the majority in Congress what had become of all the money.

In the course of his remarks Mr. H contrasted the Chicago platform with the New York platform; the man who runs may read the latter. There is no mistake as to what it means in any section of the Union. The former is full of equivocation; it may mean one thing as well as another. The financial clause, the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. Frelinghuysen] would no doubt interpret one way, and his colleague [Mr. Norton] would interpret it another.

Mr. Sherman asked whether the Democratic platform counseled the payment of the five-twenties in gold or greenbacks.

Mr Hendricks would read the resolution [Laughter on the Republican side] It spoke for itself, and could mean only one thing. Mr. H. then read the resolution, and maintained that it meant distinctly that the debt should be paid in coin where expressly stipulated by the law, and not otherwise.

Mr. Sherman asked what was the opinion of Gov. Seymour and Mr. Belmont and the New York *World* on this subject.

Mr Hendricks had no authority to speak for other gentlemen, but Mr. Seymour had said that he stood on the platform, and that was sufficient.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Morrill, of Maine, from the committee of conference on the appropriation bill, made a report, which was concurred in.

Mr. Stewart took the floor in reply to Mr. Hendricks, and quoted from the speeches of Governor Seymour to the New York draft rioters in 1863, and styled him a representative of the treasonable peace democracy, and that he sneered at all the efforts of the Government to put down the rebellion.

Mr. Cattell argued in favor of the bill, when the question was taken on the amendment of Mr. Wilson, reported yesterday, when it was rejected.

Mr. Howard moved an amendment to the section making gold contracts valid, providing that it shall not apply to the renewal or extension of any contract previously existing.

Mr. Sherman suggested to Mr. Howard to amend, that where the interest on coin is intended as a device to gain usurious or unusual interest, it shall not be valid.

At 4:35, the Senate went into executive session, and after some time spent therein adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Senate reassembled at 7:30 p. m

The bill to provide for the discontinuance of the Freedmen's Bureau was taken up, and the House amendments thereto concurred in.

Mr. Howe called up the bill appropriating $20,000 for Mrs. L. T. Potter, of Charleston, S. C., for services rendered by her to the Union cause during the rebellion, and attending to the Union prisoners.

Mr. Stewart objected to the passage of such a bill as this without a quorum was present.

Mr. Harlan called for the reading of the report in the case, from which it appeared that Mrs. Potter had spent of her own fortune over $40,000 in ministering to the sick and wounded Union prisoners.

Mr. Harlan desired to call attention to this class of claims. It was true that this was only the second one so far, but there were a thousand such cases. We had thought that the reward which our noble women received for their attention to our brave men was laid up in a higher place. If the nation was to pay for the charity that was bestowed upon our soldiers during the war, where would it stop?

Mr. Doolittle asked that some general provision be inserted in the bill to remove the political disabilities from all those citizens of North Carolina who had been lately elected to offices. It was very improper to pass a bill of this kind. This list was, of course, furnished by those who had their own particular friends, and it was not just that all others should be excluded.

Mr. Stewart said that could be done in some other bill, and appealed to Mr. Doolittle to let this bill pass.

The bill was then passed.

The pending bill was then taken up, the motion being on the amendment of Mr. Howard.

Mr. Cameron, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to remit the duties on a certain statue intended to surmount the soldiers' monument at Harrisburg, Pa. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Williams moved an amendment to Mr. Howard's amendment, that no coin interest shall be exacted on loans in currency, which was accepted by Mr. Howard, and the amendment as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Ramsey then moved an amendment that the section shall not take effect until January, 1870, which was rejected.

Mr. Ferry moved an amendment to the first section, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the payment of the outstanding five twenty bonds otherwise than in coin.

Mr. Ferry alluded to the views of Mr. Sherman, the chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mr. Morton, that the five-twenty bonds were redeemable only in greenbacks; and if we should have a Secretary of the Treasury who held the same views as these two Senators, it might be that the holders of these bonds would be forced to accept compulsory payment in greenbacks. If the party in favor of the New York platform came into power, such might be the case.

Mr. Sherman hoped the amendment would be withdrawn, as it was very unwise. Even if the amendment was adopted it would not settle the question, and would prevent the passage of the bill. He deprecated the idea of introducing the question into the bill.

Mr. Davis moved to lay the bill on the table, which was rejected—yeas 9; nays 34.

After a lengthy debate the bill was passed, and the Senate at 10:40 p. m., adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. McCarthy, of N. Y., from Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill to build a wagon road for the use of the Military Academy at West Point. Passed.

Mr. Koontz, of Pa., from the Committee on the District of Columbia, asked leave to report a substitute for the Senate bill to provide for lighting the streets of Washington with gas.

Mr. Washburne, of Ill., objected.

Mr. Koontz hoped the gentleman would withdraw his objection.

Mr. Washburne said he did not make his objection in any factious spirit, but this matter had been fully discussed in Committee of the Whole, and it was decided that Washington city should light her own streets. He had no objection to the substitute being read, but would reserve his right to object.

[The substitute was read. It authorizes the corporate authorities of Washington to levy a tax upon property in said city, to enable the lighting of the streets and avenues with gas, with six-feet burners, twenty-one nights in each month, from dark until daylight. The Mayor of Washington and the Secretary of the Interior are appointed a commission to enter into a contract with the Washington Gaslight Company for the term of fifteen years for all the illuminating gas required, the price in said fifteen years not to exceed what is charged the citizens of Washington for gas; and the said Secretary of the Interior and Mayor of Washington may annul said contract at the end of ten years upon giving two years' notice to the Gaslight Company. The Mayor and City Councils may increase the number of street lamps at any time, and levy a special tax therefor at any time. If the corporation fails to levy and collect the tax, the power of doing so is conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior, who may levy and collect the tax until the corporation passes the proper law.]

The bill was objected to, and was not considered.

The regular order of business having been demanded, the Speaker announced that to be the consideration of the Alaska bill in Committee of the Whole, without debate.

On motion of Mr. Banks, of Massachusetts, the House went into Committee of the Whole upon that bill, Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, in the chair.

The Chair stated that the pending question was upon an appeal from the decision of the Chair. Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, had submitted an amendment to reserve $500,000 of the amount appropriated until Russia agrees to submit to a commission the claims of certain American citizens. Upon this amendment, Mr. Banks made the point of order that it was not in order, as it imposed a condition. The Chair sustained the point of order, and Mr. Butler appealed from the decision of the Chair, and that was now the question before the committee.

The vote was taken, and the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question was then taken upon the amendment hitherto offered by Mr. Loughridge, of Iowa, which recognizes the treaty with Russia and declares in favor of the payment of the money, but recognizes the right of the House to participate in the treaty-making power and gives the assent of Congress to this treaty.

Mr. Loughridge's amendment was adopted.

Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, suggested that an amendment ought now to be adopted declaring as the sense of this House that all members of the House ought to be taken into the secret sessions of the Senate when they come to consider a treaty. [Laughter.]

Mr. Eliot, of Massachusetts, moved an amendment by adding a proviso so that hereafter there shall be no acquisition of foreign territory until Congress has made an appropriation for the purchase money. This was adopted.

Mr. Butler again renewed his amendment imposing as a condition that certain claims should be first settled, and it was again declared out of order.

The committee then rose, and the bill and amendments were reported to the House.

Mr. Banks then rose to close debate, and having an hour yielded to various gentlemen portions of his time.

Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, made an argument admitting the right of the President and Senate, generally, to make treaties; but he insisted that additional territory could not be acquired nor could our people be changed except by consent of the House, which was a co-ordinate branch of the Government.

Mr. Delano, of Ohio, argued in favor of the bill, but believed the House had a right to participate in the treaty power.

Mr. Stevens, of Pa., thought the amendment of Mr. Loughridge, which had been adopted in Committee of the Whole, was a most extraordinary amendment. The President and the Senate had the right alone to make treaties, he contended, and nowhere was a right reserved to the House to participate in the making of that treaty. The agreement made by the President and Senate with Russia either was or was not a treaty. If it was a treaty under the Constitution, the House had nothing to do with it except to carry it into effect. No condition precedent was named that the treaty should be ratified only after the House had made the appropriation. The Senate and President made a perfect obligation, and it was the duty of the House to carry out that obligation without further question.

Mr. Banks, of Mass., closed the debate in favor of the bill.

Mr. Banks argued that as the President and Senate was recognized as the treaty making power of the country the House could do nothing else than make the necessary appropriation.

Debate was closed at 2 o'clock, and the vote was then taken upon the bill and amendments.

The question was then taken upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Loughridge, and it was agreed to by a vote of 98 yeas to 49 nays.

The question was then taken upon Mr. Eliot's amendment, and it was rejected by a vote of 78 yeas to 80 nays.

The question then recurred upon the passage of the bill as amended by Mr. Loughridge, and it was passed by yeas 114, nays 42.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of War, in relation to the number of troops on the Union Pacific railroad between Omaha and Salt Lake city. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, communication from the same, in relation to the best means for the protection of the harbor of Galveston, Texas. Referred to Committ