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Auction Sales.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auct'rs, Southeast corner Seventh and D streets.

ALL THE HANDSOME NEW FURNITURE AND HOUSEKEEPING ARTICLES IN ... PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE EAST, NATIONAL ... MORNING.

... Also, an extra large and fine plate Punch Bowl, with sterling silver Punch Ladle.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers.

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... J. A. WOODWARD, CHAS. BRADLEY, Trustees. GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers.

BY W. L. WALL & Co., Auctioneers, New Marble Building, No. 900 and 902 Pennsylvania avenue and Ninth street.

CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, NEAR CORNER OF SIXTH STREET WEST AND L STREET NORTH, IN WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

... CHAS. N. MATTHEWS, Trustee. WM. L. WALL & CO., Auctioneers.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs, (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A MAGNIFICENT RESIDENCE ...

... JOHN T. MITCHELL, Trustee. COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Prince George's county, sitting as a Court of Equity, ...

... T. B. OSBOURN, of Charles, Trustee.

GOVERNMENT SALE.

... Richmond, Va., March 8, 1870. Will be sold at public auction, on FRIDAY, April 8, 1870, ...

BY WM. L. WALL & CO., Aucts., New Marble Building, Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Ninth street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF RAILROAD ON OHIO AVENUE, NEAR TWELFTH STREET WEST.

... WM. L. WALL & CO., Auctioneers.

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THE EYESIGHT accurately suited with Pebbles or other Spectacles, and cheaper than elsewhere. H. H. HEMPLER, Optician, National Hotel.

Plumbing and Gas-Fitting.

BROWNE & POWER, PLUMBERS AND GAS-FITTERS, AND DEALERS IN GAS-FIXTURES, No. 488 Ninth street, between D and E streets, ...

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W. ... BOOK-BINDER AND PAPER-RULER, No. 321 Pennsylvania avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, south side. Books elegantly or plainly bound. Periodicals and newspaper carefully attended to.

Groceries.

ELPHONZO YOUNGS. E. M. BURCHARD.

ELPHONZO YOUNGS & CO., GROCERS, 354 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE COR. FOUR-AND-A-HALF ST.

SUGARS. Best New York Brands. ...

TEAS. Gunpowder, Japan, Oolong, Imperial, English Breakfast, &c., all grades and prices, guaranteed as LOW as any house in the city.

COFFEE. JAVA, choicest Old Government, roasted ... MARACAIBO ... Our Coffees are Roasted Fresh every day or two, and we Grind them for our customers WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

SYRUPS. Stewart's Silver and White Drips, and other brands, which can only be appreciated by examining price, quality and flavor.

MOLASSES. A genuine article of choice New Orleans always on hand; as also other lower grades; prices low.

FLOUR. Welch's best Family $8.25 per sack. ...

SOAP. Several brands of C. S. Jewell's, several brands of B. T. Babbitt's, Dobbins' Electric, Keys' Tallow. In fact twenty-five kinds or more, all at the lowest prices.

PRUNES, FIGS, Dates, Raisins, Paper Shell Almonds, and Nuts of all kinds.

APPLES. Several choice varieties, by the barrel or basket.

POTATOES. Several choice varieties, by the barrel or basket.

BUTTER. Particular attention given to this one article in our trade, ...

FAMILY TRADE, ... ELPHONZO YOUNGS & CO., GROCERS, 354 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, CORNER FOUR-AND-A-HALF ST.

5,000 ... BRYAN BROS.

GROCERIES. FRESH, GOOD AND CHEAP AT THE TEMPERANCE GROCERY OF A. S. TAYLOR, Corner Twentieth and I streets, northwest.

SUGAR-CURED HAMS ... BRYAN BROS., No. 608 Pennsylvania avenue, opposite Metropolitan Hotel.

Horatio Browning. Alpheus Middleton. **BROWNING & MIDDLETON,** WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS, AND DEALERS IN TEAS, WINES, WHISKY, CIGARS, TOBACCO, &C., At the Old Stand of GEO. & THOS. PARKER & CO., 592 Pennsylvania avenue, Opposite Metropolitan Hotel, Washington, D. C.

W. J. REDSTRAKE, GROCERY AND VARIETY STORE, No. 368 New York avenue, Corner of Sixth street.

Interior Adornments.

GEORGE WILNER, PAPERHANGER AND UPHOLSTERER, Importer and Dealer in FRENCH AND AMERICAN PAPERHANGINGS and UPHOLSTERY GOODS, 486 Ninth st. west, bet. D and E sts., Washington, D. C.

HOW'S THIS! FAVORITE DOLLAR STORE, 308 Pennsylvania avenue, bet. 9th and 10th sts. ...

ART REPOSITORY. No. 833 F street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. OIL PAINTINGS, FOREIGN AND AMERICAN CHROMOS, ENGRAVINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND LITHOGRAPHS, ARTISTS' MATERIALS of all kinds, STEREOSCOPES AND STEREOSCOPIC VIEWS, ... "ROGERS' GROUPS OF SCULPTURE," ... SMITH & STRONG.

Scales.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES. The attention of GROCERS AND BUTCHERS is called to my large and complete assortment of PLATFORM AND Counter Scales, Which will be sold at Low Prices, and quality warranted. JOS. L. SAVAGE, Penn. ave. and Tenth street.

Dry Goods.

DRY GOODS AT GOLD PRICES. Black Silks, ... Irish Poplins, ... SELBY & NAUDAIN, New No. 626, Old No. 322, Pennsylvania avenue, south side.

DRY GOODS AT GOLD VALUE. We shall continue for a few weeks longer the sale of our stock of DRY GOODS AT AND BELOW COST FOR CASH ONLY. Many of these Goods are reduced to their Gold Value, and we intend to meet the market price, regardless of COST. S. TAYLOR & CO., No. 793 Centre Market Space.

CHEAP BLACK GOODS. We are selling GOOD SILKS at $1.75 per yard. ... ALL LINEN TOWELS, ... LUTTRELL, WINE & CO., Corner of Twentieth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

NEW STORE! NEW STORE!! GREAT INDUCEMENTS OFFERED TO ALL IN WANT OF DRY GOODS. ... EMORY BAXTER, 1940 Pennsylvania avenue.

Attorneys, Agents, Etc.

HENRY LYLES, LATE ASSISTANT ASSESSOR INTERNAL REVENUE, ... Special attention given to INTERNAL REVENUE BUSINESS, and the making up of Income Statements.

E. C. WEAVER, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, CONVEYANCER, REAL ESTATE AND GENERAL AGENT, No. 1903 Seventh street, bet. S and T streets.

ANDREW B. DUVALL, Attorney-at-Law, Office No. 432 Louisiana av., cor. 6th st., opposite City Hall.

L. G. HINE. THOMAS WILSON. **HINE & WILSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,** No. 4 Four-and-a-half St., Washington.

RICHARD T. MERRICK, Counsellor-at-Law. Office removed from No. 430 D street to No. ... F street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

Real Estate Agents.

JOHN R. ARRISON, REAL ESTATE AGENT, First street east and Pennsylvania avenue, Capitol Hill. CHOICE BUILDING LOTS on Capitol Hill, for sale on monthly payments. HOUSES AND LOTS in all parts of the city for sale and rent.

Stoves, Etc.

REPAIRS FOR STOVES, RANGES, &c., CAN BE HAD AT BOYD'S STOVE FACTORY, 470 NINTH STREET, Between D and E. ... ROBERT BOYD.

Architects.

HENRY R. SEARLE & CO. ARCHITECTS, ... E Street, opposite Post Office Department.

Carpeting.

SELLING OFF CARPETS. JOHNSON & COLLEY, No. 38 MARKET SPACE, Are selling off their stock of Carpets at great bargains, to close out that branch of their business. Also receiving new spring Cassimeres, Dress Goods and Calicoes.

Special Notice.

The citizens of the District are respectfully informed that ROBERT FULTON & CO., 314 NINTH STREET, Between D street and Pennsylvania avenue, Have recently made extensive arrangements for LOANING MONEY ON Merchandise of Every Description AT THE LOWEST RATES. SUMS OF $1,000 AND OVER AT TEN PER CENT. Open EVERY DAY (Sundays excepted) from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. N. B.—The only Christian Loan Office in the District.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22, 1870. ... GEO. M. NICHOLS.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7, 1870. On the petition of EDWARD A. TUTTLE, of Brooklyn, New York, praying for the extension of a patent ... SAMUEL S. FISHER, Commissioner of Patents.

PUMPS, WELLS, &c. MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8, 1870. Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, m., on FRIDAY, April 8, 1870, for the Digging of Wells, and Erection and Repairs of Pumps and Hydrants for the year commencing May 1, 1870. ... S. J. BOWEN, Mayor.

WRAPPING PAPER FOR SALE AT THIS Office.

WASHINGTON FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS yesterday were $356,967.57.

REV. J. A. WALTER, pastor of St. Patrick's church, who has been dangerously ill for some time past, we are glad to learn is convalescing, and was yesterday able to leave his room.

THE PRESIDENT visited Secretary Boutwell at his office yesterday morning, and discussed financial matters for over an hour. At noon he went to the Capitol and remained there for several hours.

MESSRS. JAY COOKE AND HENRY D. COOKE dined with the President and his family yesterday. Last night General Sherman and Miss Minnie Sherman spent the evening with the President and Mrs. Grant.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PETER A. LAUTZ, 30th United States infantry, convicted by court-martial of presenting a fraudulent claim against the United States, has been sentenced to be cashiered and confined in the penitentiary for one year, though the President has remitted that portion of the sentence relating to imprisonment.

THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY.—This world-renowned troupe of singers are to favor the citizens of Washington with one concert in Lincoln Hall on Saturday evening next. They are on their way to fulfil an engagement to sing in the principal cities of the South. A crowded house will undoubtedly greet these popular singers.

FIRST LIEUT. M. B. ADAMS, corps of engineers, has been relieved from duty on the staff of the commanding general of the department of the Platte, and ordered to report for duty to Brevet Major General G. Weitzel, major corps of engineers, Louisville, Ky. First Lieutenant Sam. E. Armstrong, unattached, has been relieved from duty in the Fifth military district and ordered home.

THE BILL REPEALING THE DISTRICT USURY LAW.—The District Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday reconsidered their action in regard to the bill for the repeal of the usury law, and will to-day report a bill allowing interest by contract at ten per cent., following the general features of the present law of Illinois in regard to the subject.

SECRETARY BOUTWELL was before the Committee on Ways and Means yesterday, in reference to the Funding Bill, and argued in favor of the modification of the bill so far as it relates to the payment of interest on the bonds, he being in favor of paying interest in foreign countries, which clause was stricken out of the original bill when under consideration in the Senate.

WALL'S OPERA HOUSE.—A bill of unusual attractiveness will be presented to-night for Mr. E. B. Bishop's benefit. The farce of the "Pet of the Petticoats" and "Aladdin, or the Wonderful Scamp," will afford the beneficiary an opportunity for keeping his audience in the most perfect good humor. Mr. Bishop is a most excellent comedian, and his benefit should be a "rouser."

NATIONAL THEATRE.—Mr. John E. Owens appeared last night in his famous character of John Unit in Bateman's comedy of "Self" to an extremely large audience. This character is one of Mr. Owens' most successful impersonations, and he will repeat it at his benefit to-night, together with the laughable "Toodles." There is no necessity for bespeaking for him a crowded house.

IT IS STATED that the appropriation bill as amended by the Senate committee makes no provision for the Superintendent of the Treasury Building and his two clerks, which is understood to be equivalent to an abolition of the office. In that event, the care of the building reverts to the supervising architect. The same committee have also stricken out the appropriation for the nine clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury having charge of divisions, and whose pay is at the rate of $2,500 per annum. In the committee of conference proposed it is believed the appropriation will stand as recommended by the Secretary.

RED CLOUD AND HIS BAND SEEKING FOR PEACE.—There is a fair prospect that Red Cloud, chief of a warlike band of Sioux, will want to negotiate with the Government and go on to a reservation in the coming spring. This will make quite a change in the current of Indian affairs in the Northwest. As he is the most formidable man chief of the Sioux, having under his control 500 lodges, 2,500 people, besides a large influence over many other Indians. John Risbean, the noted half-breed, says that Red Cloud is eager for peace. Spotted Tail, chief of the Brules, a peaceful Indian and tribe, will work well with Red Cloud on the same reservation.

BY DIRECTION of the Secretary of War a board of officers, to consist of Col. J. G. Barnard, corps of engineers; Col. John E. Smith, unattached; Col. P. V. Hagner, ordnance department; Lieut. Col. Thomas J. Rodman, ordnance department; Major C. H. Morgan, 4th U. S. artillery; Major Thomas G. Taylor, ordnance department, and Capt. J. C. Audenreid, 6th U. S. cavalry, are appointed to meet in this city to examine and report upon such matters connected with ordnance and ordnance stores as may be referred to it by the Secretary of War and the chief of ordnance. The board will convene for duty without delay, and are expected to enter upon the duties assigned them on Monday next.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations: Consuls—Alman A. Thompson, at Goderich; James F. Weaver, at Antwerp; David J. Williamson, at Callao. Collectors of Customs—John L. Regna, St. John's, Fla.; Luther Lee, Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va.; David Turner, Alexandria, Va. Collector of Internal Revenue—Abram H. Bowman, Seventh district of Kentucky. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory—Orange Jacobs. Postmasters—John H. Eames, Medford, Mass.; J. C. C. Hoskins, Sioux City, Kansas; Jas. A. B. Stone, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Artemus Doolittle, Calumet, Mich.; F. J. Bromburg, Mobile, Ala.; George E. Paine, Painesville, Ohio; George F. Weston, Plymouth, Mass.

Rejected—T. M. Campbell, postmaster at Booneville, Mo.

INCREASE IN RECEIPTS FROM TOBACCO TAX IN VIRGINIA.—Supervisor Presbury, of Virginia, informs the Revenue Department that the collections from tobacco in that State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1866, were $235,908.56; for 1867, $374,092.94; for 1868, $419,912.35, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869, $1,472,373.75, making the total collections for tobacco for four years $6,396,600.12. The collections made by stamps on tobacco for eight months of the present fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1869, amount to $3,791,712.79, or $395,804.67 more than was collected in the four years previous.

The collections for the remaining four months of the present fiscal year will make the aggregate tax from tobacco at least $4,250,000. There has been shipped in bond the last eight months 11,796,239 pounds, the tax upon which is largely paid in Northern cities. The prospects of the trade for the coming season are very flattering. The revenue service, under the administration of the present officers, promises large additions to the collections during the coming year.

NAVAL ORDERS.—The following naval orders were issued yesterday: Detached—Ensign Richardson Clover from the Naval Observatory and ordered to signal duty. Ensign Edward K. Moore from signal duty at Washington and ordered to the "Colorado." Ensign Charles W. Jarboe from signal duty at Washington and ordered to the Naval Observatory. Surgeon D. Kindleberger from duty at the naval rendezvous, San Francisco, and ordered to the receiving ship "Independence." Paymaster John B. Rittenhouse from duty as inspector of provisions and clothing at the navy yard, Philadelphia, on the 30th of April next and ordered to settle his accounts. First Assistant Engineer David Jones from the "Michigan" and placed on waiting orders. Second Assistant Engineer James Entwistle from the "Michigan" and ordered to Philadelphia for examination for promotion.

Ordered—Paymaster Robert H. Clark to duty as inspector of provisions and clothing at the navy yard, Philadelphia, on the 30th of April next.

The orders of Passed Assistant Surgeon Frank L. DuBois, detaching him from the naval hospital, Massachusetts, have been revoked.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CONSULAR SERVICE.—In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to amend the act to regulate the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States. It provides for one consul general at London, $6,000 per annum; one at Calcutta, $5,000; one at Montreal, $4,000; one at Paris, $6,000; one at Havana, $6,000; one at Berlin, $3,000; one at Constantinople, $3,000; one at Beirut, $2,000; one at Alexandria, Egypt, $3,500; one at Shanghai, China, $5,000; one at Vienna, Austria, $3,000. Forty-nine consuls are authorized for Great Britain and the English Possessions, at salaries ranging from $1,500 to $4,000.

The consulates at Falmouth, Plymouth, Galway, Londonderry, Calcutta, Bombay, Leychelles, Sierra Leone, Bathurst, Montreal, P. Q., Gaspe, Basin, St. John's, Victoria, V. I., Trinidad, Antigua, St. Christopher, and Belize, are abolished.

Three Consulates are authorized in Russia, at $200 each. Eight are authorized in the French Dominions, those at Strasburg, La Rochelle, Boulogne, and Napoleon Vendee being abolished. Nine are authorized in the Spanish Dominions, the Consulate at Havana being the only one abolished. In the Portuguese Dominions four are authorized, located at Lisbon, Oporto, Funchal, Fayal Azores, that at Santiago, Cape Verde, being abolished. In Belgium three only are authorized, those at Liege and Ghent being consolidated. In the Danish Dominions the Consulate at Elsinore is abolished, St. Thomas, Santa Cruz, and Copenhagen remaining on the list. In the North German Union ten Consulates are authorized, those at Brunswick, Lubec, Hesse Cassel, Stettin, and Altona being abolished. In Bavaria, Wurtemburg, Baden, Hesse Darmstadt, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Papal Dominions, and Turkish Dominions, they remain as usual, except the Consul at Venice is raised to Consul General, and that at Beirut, Turkish Dominions, is abolished. The Consulate at Tetuan, Barbary States, is abolished; but those at Tangier, Tripoli, and Tunis remain. The Consulate at Yeddo, Japan, is stricken out, leaving those at Kanagawa, Nagasaki, Hakodadi and Hiogo.

Those in China are located at Canton, Foo-Chow, Amoy, Hankow, Tien-Tsin and Ningpo. In Mexico they are located at Mexico, Tampico, Vera Cruz, Acapulco, Matamoras and Guaymas. That at Para, Brazil, is abolished. The salary of the Consul at Ceylon is fixed at $1,000; also those at Stettin, North Germany, Batavia, Cape Haytien, Maranhaur, Para, and Rio Grande, Brazil, Montevideo, Omoa, and Truxillo, Honduras, Tahiti, Society Islands, Talcahuano, Chili, Zanzibar, Apia, Gaboon, St. Paul de Loando, and Lanthala. The salaries of the Consuls at the largest cities are as follows: Liverpool, $6,000; Melbourne, $4,000; Hong Kong, $3,500; Singapore, $2,500; Dublin, $2,000; Manchester, $3,500; Southampton, Leeds, Cardiff, Tunstall, Dundee, Leith and Cork, $2,000 each; Glasgow, $3,000; Sheffield and Bradford, $2,500 each; Gibraltar, Malta, Capetown, St. Helena, Windsor and Quebec, $1,500 each.

Those at Havre, Matanzas, Trinidad de Cuba, Dresden, St. Thomas, Naples, Rome, Corinto, Aspinwall, at $2,500 each; Tangier, Tripoli, Tunis, Nagasaki, Hakodadi, Hiogo, Bangkok, Ningpo, Callao, Buenos Ayres, Valparaiso and Panama, $2,000 each; Canton, Foochow, Amoy, Hankow and Tien-Tsin, China, $3,000 each; Honolulu, $4,000; Mexico, Tampico, Acapulco and Matamoras, $2,000 each. Provision is made for clerk hire, &c., at the various consulates, salaries to be paid to clerks, &c.

The bill authorizes, in the aggregate, 11 consuls general, 146 consuls at salaries from $1,500 to $6,000, 21 consuls at salaries from $5,000 to $1,000, and 4 commercial agents at salaries of $1,000 each.

Personal.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson, the comedian, arrived in the city last night, and has taken rooms in a private family. He has not yet recovered from his recent illness.

We notice among the arrivals at Naples, Consul General John Hitz and lady, of this city.

A Western paper says that Anna Dickinson "has lost the girlish roguishness which would dimple out in the midst of the serious business of the lecture-room."

Mrs. Sarah A. Ould, wife of Judge Robert Ould, died on Tuesday night last in Richmond.

Major General Augur is in Omaha.

It is reported that the Empress Eugenie has instructed Octave Feuillet to write her memoirs, from materials furnished by herself.

Fanny Fern is again quite sick in New York.

Samuel Wilkinson, formerly a Washington correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, has been elected secretary of the Northern Pacific railroad.

FROM J. Shillington, corner Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue, we have the April number of Hurd & Houghton's new monthly, *Old and New*; and from Parker, Seventh street, opposite the Post Office, we have *Lippincott's Magazine* for April.

THE severest snow storm and gale known for many years in Vermont raged all day on Wednesday. Mount Anthony Observatory was blown down, and much other damage was inflicted by the storm.

THE funeral of General James W. Ripley, who died at Hartford on Wednesday night, will take place to-day. General Ripley was the commandant at the armory at Springfield, Mass., from 1840 to 1854.

THE St. Patrick societies of Norfolk and Portsmouth paraded the streets in a long procession. The celebration of the day closed with a banquet at night at Portsmouth. The weather is clear and pleasant.

ST. PATRICK was celebrated in Baltimore yesterday by a parade of the 5th regiment Maryland National Guard and a large number of Catholic benevolent societies.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY was generally observed in New York, Boston, Providence, and at other points in the New England States.

Senator Harlan and the Law of Contract.

Senator Harlan has evidently not familiarized himself with the law of contract. The bill which he recently introduced in the Senate to pay the Cherokees two millions of dollars for their lands is a case directly in point. Let us illustrate it.

A is the owner of a farm. The Government wishes to purchase it for the purpose of settling B on it.

A and the Government enter into a contract with that view. One condition of the contract is that A shall retain possession of the land until the money is paid. Another provision is that A and B shall agree on the price to be paid if they can, but in the event they cannot agree, the President, as an arbiter, shall fix the price.

Before this is done, and before a dollar is paid, the Government finds A not in the immediate possession of the farm, and thereupon puts B in possession, who is not able to pay a farthing himself, and when A wants his pay refuses to comply with the contract, *i. e.*, the President and Interior Department, or the Indian Bureau, acting under the Interior Secretary, agrees that A shall have $3,300,000 for his farm, and submits the contract to the Senate for its approval. At this stage of the proceeding Mr. Harlan introduces into the Senate a bill proposing to pay A $2,000,000 for the farm instead of paying him what it is worth, and what the President, as arbiter, decided it to be worth, to wit: $3,300,000, as he was authorized and required to do in case the parties in interest did not agree on the price.

More than this, the Government took a part of the farm, alias the strip in Kansas, and gave it away under the homestead law to settlers, when, by the terms of the contract, it was only conveyed to it in trust to be sold for the benefit of A.

Thus has Mr. Harlan introduced new features into the law of contract entirely unknown to Chitty, Story, and other eminent writers on that subject—features equally opposed to human, moral, and Divine law. The Government has no more legal or moral right to disregard its obligations than an individual. The honorable Senator has not, evidently, studied the effect of his bill. His pursuits have been other than those of a lawyer, and he is to be excused for his mistake. Will he right it?

Latest Telegraphic Brevities.

Napoleon has consented to arbitrate in the "Tornado" case.

In a difficulty in Vicksburg yesterday between J. G. Rohrbacker and Captain Jasper Myers, U. S. A., the latter was dangerously injured.

No tidings of Yerger, the murderer, yet. The horse he rode away has been found within a few miles of Jackson.

The board of managers of the Avondale relief association has determined to commence suit against all delinquent subscribers.

American newspapers were distributed in Paris yesterday for the first time in twelve days. There is great complaint about ocean mail facilities.

Mr. Southerly, a book auctioneer of London, yesterday sold a copy of Shakespeare's works, first full edition, for £360 sterling.

The Irish citizens of St. Louis celebrated St. Patrick's day on a grander scale than former years, by a procession; religious services, and a ball and banquet in the evening. The day was also appropriately celebrated in New York, Albany, Brooklyn, Chicago and elsewhere.

Rockland, Maine, had a severe storm yesterday.

Four men and a boy were killed yesterday by explosion of a nitro glycerine factory at Hackensack, N. J.

The first steamboat since Feb. 3 reached her dock at Poughkeepsie from New York yesterday.

Theron V. Shaw, a boot and shoe dealer of Boston, died suddenly yesterday while visiting Quincy market.

Wm. M. Evarts has been retained by the English stockholders who compose the Erie Protective League as leading counsel in their suit against Fisk and Gould.

Mike McCoole has abandoned St. Louis and gone to California. Domestic troubles, loss of prestige and coldness of friends is given as the cause.

Appointments of the Methodist Protestant Conference.

The Methodist Protestant Conference recently in session at Westminster has made the following appointments:

Stations—East Baltimore, J. T. Murray; West Baltimore, J. J. Murray, D. D., T. McOrin, sups.; South Baltimore, James Thompson; Washington Street, J. Shreeve; Starr church, R. R. Morris; Lexington Street, J. E. Reed, A. Richards, H. F. Jordan; Georgetown, L. W. Bates, W. C. Lipscomb; Laurel, M. M. Strayer; Salem, Q. D. B. Strayer; Newtown, J. E. Maloy; Centreville, T. D. Valiant; Cumberland, Henry Nice.

Circuits—Anne Arundel, C. Rivers, J. W. Charlton, C. M. Thompson; Belair, D. M. Sherman, J. G. Hestzler; Baltimore, D. W. Bates, H. B. Hargood, L. J. Cox, sups.; Bedford, G. D. Edmonston, one to be supplied; Black Rock, A. W. Mattlin; Clarkesville, J. E. Darby; Caroline, S. Clawson; Cambridge, W. H. Lane, Cecil, H. S. Eversole, H. Brunner; Chesapeake, J. W. Gray; Concord, W. H. Crouse; Dorchester, S. J. Graham; Frederick, W. T. Damin, G. Baker; Finksburg, J. H. Ellegood; Howard, John Roberts; Jefferson and Frederick City Missions, J. K. Nichols and F. L. Strong; Leipsic, A. D. Dick; Kent, H. C. Curtain, S. G. Valiant; Kennedyville, H. E. Miskimner; Liberty, F. S. Wentzel; Milton, A. T. Melvin; Pipe Creek, David Wilson, J. T. Ward, sup.; Pocomoke, S. T. Ferguson; Somerset, C. H. Littleton; Stewartstown, R. Whitner; Susquehanna, C. T. Cochel; Sussex, J. M. Elderdice; Talbot, D. C. Reese, D. G. Greenfield; Union, S. A. Hoblitzell; Warwick, D. F. Ewell; Whaleyville, J. B. Jones; Queen Ann's, T. D. Valiant, F. T. Tagg; Swan Hill, J. T. Lassel.

Missions—Alexandria, B. F. Benson; Broadway, J. R. Nicholls; Choptank, W. G. Holmes; East Washington, Jos. P. Wilson; Ninth street Washington, E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.; Newark, N. J., W. S. Hammond; Potomac, W. C. Ames; Harmony, J. E. T. Ewell; St. Michaels, J. M. Holmes, W. M. Poisal, sup.; Lower Sussex, J. T. Atkins; Salisbury, J. L. Wales; Tyaskin, C. O. Melvin; Harper's Ferry, M. E. Hysore; Patapsco, W. J. Floyd; Kent Island, W. D. Litsinger; Montgomery avenue, R. Semple Howe; Lewistown, J. Clay; Williamsport and Berkeley, J. C. Stewart. Conference Agent for Western Maryland College, F. L. Wilson. Left without appointment at their own request—J. D. Kinzer, to supply Montgomery, Ala.; D. Bowers, A. Webster, D. D., W. W. Reese. Superannuated—John Morgan, J. W. Everest, C. Eversole, J. A. McFadden, J. Elderdice, H. J. Day, J. M. Bryan, Thomas Lee.

THE STORM yesterday continued at Rochester, New York. The snow is wet and heavily packed. All the trains were behind time and crowded with famished passengers. About eight o'clock yesterday morning the roof of a carpenter shop on Greenwood avenue, Rochester, was crushed by the snow. The brick walls of the building were forced out, and one of the walls fell on an adjoining dwelling house, burying in the ruins an old lady named Mrs. Loop. Her injuries are supposed to be fatal. A man named William Dody, engaged in shovelling snow in the rear of the carpenter shop at the time of the disaster, had his leg broken, and was otherwise injured, but not fatal. Several barns and other buildings have been crushed by the snow, and further disasters are apprehended.

THE NEWS BY CABLES

GREAT BRITAIN.

Proceedings in Parliament—The City of Boston Canard.

LONDON, March 17.—The session of the House of Lords this evening was very short. No business of any interest was transacted.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lefevre, the member for Reading, replied to Sir J. Packingham, relative to the overloading of the steamer City of Boston. He said that the managers of the Inman line positively denied that the steamer was overladen with coin in bulk, as has been charged. They believed her to be still afloat.

The Right Hon. William Monsell, under secretary of the Colonial department, in reply to a question, stated that he must decline to express an opinion at present on the troubles in the Red River district. He would say, however, that a delegation had gone from Canada to arrange matters, and further, that he exonerated Catholic priests from all responsibility in lawlessness.

Gladstone, in replying to Moore, said the Fenian prisoners were well treated, but the Government courted an inquiry on the subject. Two of the prisoners had certainly gone mad, and had therefore been released. One of these, Rourke, concerned in the Clerkenwell affair, was slowly recovering at an asylum. Amnesty to the Fenian prisoners, he said, was untimely in the presence of continued violence. [Cheers.] The tranquility of Ireland was an essential preliminary. When loyal men are able to pursue a livelihood in peace and confidence, then amnesty will be proper.

The Right Hon. Chichester Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, gave notice of a bill for the protection of life and property in Ireland. In his remarks he recapitulated the outrages in that island since 1866. Nine murders had been committed, yet two murderers only had been brought to trial. The outrages aggregated about eighteen hundred, mainly consisting in threatening letters and unlawful oaths. The Government needed more power to repress lawlessness and terrorism in Ireland, which were mainly due to Fenianism.

The bill limits the possession of arms to the holders of game licenses. Revolvers require special licenses. Imprisonment for two years at hard labor is to be the penalty for unlawfully having possession of arms in the proclaimed districts. The supposed senders of threatening letters are to be subject to imprisonment. Inns are to be closed at sunset, &c.

A desultory debate on the bill followed, in which Heygate, Connolly and Patten participated.

LONDON, March 17.—The *Times* prints the City of Boston canard uncorrected this morning. The underwriters have exacted seven guineas premium on the overdue steamer Samaria, while the premium on the City of Boston has again been reduced.

The question put by Sir J. Parkington, in the House of Commons, as to the rumored overlading of the steamer the City of Boston, has called from the Board of Trade a report giving extended rules and regulations for the interior loading of ships, &c.

SPAIN.

MADRID, March 17.—The controversy among the newspapers relative to the cession of the Island of Cuba to the United States still continues. Some argue that now the insurrection there is nearly quelled, and the dignity of Spain is properly asserted, it would be better to cede Cuba, and thus avoid internal troubles hereafter.

Their opponents advise them not to crave for gold, but for Spanish interests, and others still are opposed to all agitation of the question at present.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 17.—The specie in the Bank of France has increased 10,000,000 francs since last Thursday.

Henri Rochefort has been taken to Tours, where he is to appear as a witness in the Bonaparte-Noir homicide case.

Louis Noir announces in the public prints to-day that he has now been admitted as a *partie civile* against Prince Bonaparte.

The Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, March 17.—In the House of Commons last night Mr. Huntington made a speech in favor of a customs union with the United States, contending that that was the only way to keep the population here and promote the prosperity of the country.

He admitted that the British empire could be kept together with a differential duty against British goods.

Sir Francis Hincks responded, contending that Canada was immensely prosperous, and that Huntington's argument was a slander. He stated that the shutting out of British manufactures, which are the cheapest in the world, by the high tariff of the United States, which we should have to adopt in order to carry out Mr. Huntington's proposition, would impose a crushing burden on the Canadians.

Hon. Mr. Darien said reciprocity was necessary for the prosperity of the country. The people were leaving the country, and the sentiment of the country should be in favor of obtaining commercial relations with the United States, which should strengthen our trade.

Sir George C. Cartier replied to Mr. Huntington at great length, supporting the argument of Mr. Hincks.

The City of Boston Canard—How It Originated.

The agent of the Associated Press in London telegraphs as follows in relation to the canard about the safe arrival of the steamer City of Boston at Queenstown:

"At dawn yesterday a copy of a private telegram was handed to me by the Government superintendent of the Stock Exchange Telegraph office, announcing the arrival of the City of Boston at Queenstown, in tow of the City of Durham. The dispatch had reached London via Manchester, a demand ... in case of a gorge on the direct Liverpool lines. The news was accepted here without question. The wildest enthusiasm was manifested in the Exchange of Liverpool, and excited crowds gathered under the windows of the Inman's office. Equal excitement and enthusiasm prevailed in all the Exchanges of London.

"The evening papers, even as late as 7 o'clock, published the announcement of the steamer's arrival as an undoubted fact. Having telegraphed to you the news as furnished me, thus apparently from reliable authority, I sent off dispatches to Queenstown and Liverpool, seeking confirmation and details. That the Inman and Lookout at Queenstown had not heard of the City of Boston, I sent to you, and you received the dispatch hours before any doubt existed in London or on the continent as to the safety of the vessel.

"ALEXANDER C. WILSON,

"Agent New York Associated Press."

A dispatch from London, received last night, says:

"The *Post* says that the false report of the arrival of the City of Boston, originated at the Stock Exchange in this city. There is universal indignation expressed on account of the cruel hoax."

AN attempt was made in Norfolk early yesterday morning by an incendiary to destroy the bark Aphrodite lying at the dock. The fire was communicated to the forecastle, but was extinguished by the watchman before much damage was done. The bark was loaded with cotton, but no damage was done to the cargo.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, March 17.—The lower House yesterday passed a bill providing that whenever a county, city or town issues bonds for public improvements, that the proceeds of State and county taxes, except for school purposes, that are derived from the increased valuation of the taxable property over the assessment last made prior to the creation of the debt shall be applied for ten years to the payment of the principal and interest of such debt.

These taxes to be collected through the ordinary State machinery, and paid into the State treasury. The State Treasury to pay the interest on such debts in the same manner that it pays the interest on the State bonds.

No county, city or town, or municipal township is hereafter permitted to incur a debt to exceed ten per cent. of the assessed value of the taxable property.

MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON, MISS., March 17—8:45 p. m.—In the Legislature yesterday a resolution indorsing its own action in the election of Gen. Ames to the United States Senate was passed, and concurrence of Senate asked. The resolution came up in the Senate to-day and was laid on the table.

A bill was to-day introduced by a colored Senator guaranteeing equal public and civil rights. Many features of the bill are considered objectionable by most radical white Senators. The colored Senators all support it. It will not pass unless very much modified.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—The Legislature adjourned last night. Among the last acts was the passage of a bill giving four hundred thousand dollars in State bonds to the company for the improvement of Bayou Rapids. The appropriations made by the regular and extra sessions amount to about thirteen million dollars.

THE RICHMOND TROUBLES.

Conflict of Authority—Governor Walker Sustains Ellison—Cahoon Besieged in the Station House—The Varying Fortunes of War—The Parties Resting on their Arms.

RICHMOND, March 17.—For some time there have been rumors that the present authorities in office by military appointment intended resisting any movement to dispossess them till their successors were elected by the people, as they held the enabling act declaring the offices vacant to be unconstitutional. Last night the City Council appointed by Governor Walker under the enabling act elected Henry K. Ellison Mayor, and chose a new chief and captains of the police. This morning, about daybreak, the new chief, Major John Poe, applied at the lower station-house for possession, but was refused.

Later in the day Mayor Ellison applied to Mayor Cahoon for the Mayor's office, books, &c., and was refused, Cahoon declaring that he was in office by law, and would not yield until elected by a process from the courts. Cahoon, who held possession of the lower station-house, proceeded to swear in special constables to the number of 150, including twenty colored men. Ellison then proceeded to swear in about 200 special officers, and at 2 o'clock surrounded the lower station-house, where Cahoon and his specials are, the plan being to arrest any of them who came out.

Mayor Ellison has possession of the City Hall and all other public buildings, except the station-house, which are held by the opposite party. The old police force is divided equally between the two Mayors. There is now a crowd of a thousand blacks and many whites congregated about the lower station-house, which is the point of interest. Cahoon has sent through his counsel, ex-Gov. Wise, a letter to Governor Walker, stating his position, and asking assistance to maintain his authority.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

Gov. Walker, in reply to Mayor Cahoon's application, says that Mayor Ellison being legally elected under the act of the Legislature, he cannot recognize any one else as Mayor; that Cahoon is incapable of holding the office under the Virginia law, as he already holds a federal office; that no breach of peace can occur without Cahoon's act or approval; that he should resort to peaceful, judicial remedy if he wants to test the question of right; and, finally, that he should obey the constitutional authorities.

Edgar Wise, Judge R. W. Hughes and L. T. Chandler are counsel for Mayor Cahoon, who, with about thirty men, is still in the lower station-house. The besieging force have cut off the gas and water and forbid any provisions being sent to them. A crowd of men bought out a bake-shop and commenced throwing bread up to the besieged, but they were driven away by the special police.

All quiet at 6 o'clock. Weather bitter cold, with high wind. The police telegraph was cut to prevent them from being used by the besieged parties.

[LATER.]

RICHMOND, VA., March 17.—At dark Mayor Ellison, Chief of Police Poe, and others, were arrested by the United States marshal for having refused a revenue officer permission to see Cahoon in his character as United States commissioner. They were bailed until to-morrow. A company of troops has been brought into the city by order of Gen. Canby. It is stated that Judge Underwood will arrive to-morrow and issue an injunction prohibiting Ellison and the other officers from exercising the duties of their offices. Excitement in city all day so great that very little business has been done. Cahoon is still besieged.

THE DOUGLASS ESTATE.

Mrs. Gen. Williams Files a Bill of Review.

CHICAGO, March 17.—A bill of review has been filed in our Circuit Court by Adele Williams, of Washington, late widow of Stephen A. Douglass, against Daniel P. Rhodes, executor of the Douglass estate, Jos. S. Soutter et al., to reverse a decree to set aside a sale under a mortgage held by him to secure a note for $11,903, money loaned by him to Mr. Douglass in 1859.

Rhode Island Democratic Nominations.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 17.—The Democratic Convention to-day nominated the following ticket: Lyman Pierce, of Providence, for Governor; Chas. R. Cutter, of Warren, Lieutenant Governor; William J. Miller, of Bristol, Secretary of State; Geo. H. Hiles, of East Providence, Attorney General, and Philip Ryder, of Newport, General Treasurer.

The Pacific Railroad.

CHICAGO, March 17.—The agent of the Union Pacific railroad in this city has received dispatches from Omaha to-day stating that the severest snow storm since the line was built has been raging for three days, but the road is open during its entire length, and the trains are running regularly.