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ja23:1w Tu6td JAS. MARTIN.

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For terms apply to ALEX. H. MILLER,
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FIFTH STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The business stand No. 50 FIFTH STREET, opposite Masonic Hall, two doors above the Theatre, at present occupied by John Hays, Tobacconist. The lot is 20 feet front by 120 feet in depth. For particulars enquire of
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JEFF DAVIS, whose faculty for cool lying is one of the most valuable moral qualities, or faculties, that fits him for his position, has often asserted that the blockade was only a paper blockade—and called on the governments of Europe to regard it as such. But, like many other calls from the same quarter, this one, too, will meet with no attention. If George Francis Train had not claimed to be "the best played out man-in America," we should have claimed that distinction for Jefferson Davis. But the latter is at least the best played out liar. In this matter of the blockade, which we may take as an instance, just look at what an Englishman, who lately arrived at Fortress Monroe from Savannah, testifies. Having remained at Savannah till nearly all the stores in the place were closed, the stock of goods having been exhausted, and no further supply being attainable, he went first to Florida, thinking to escape to Nassau on a blockade runner; but finding every chink of the coast closed, he was forced to return. He was in Charleston two weeks ago. The city was entirely deserted by the inhabitants, and hundreds of houses had been destroyed by shells from Gillmore's batteries. At Wilmington he found the blockade running business nearly dead—so nearly, that the prospect of getting away from the "Confederacy" by that avenue was very remote, and he was obliged to go to Richmond.

This is what you call a paper blockade, O Mr. Jefferson Davis!

The Capture of the Blockade Runner Rosita.

That was a gallant feat of the steamship Western Metropolis, which arrived in New York on Wednesday, from New Orleans, which she left on the 26th ult. She met the Rosita on the 28th, and captured her—not because she was really able to do it, but because her officers had the pluck to make the attempt. The Captain informed them that he was from Havana on the 25th, bound to Nassau. Our officers on taking charge of her found her to be in a sinking condition, and could keep her water in her hold. In a short time she was reported safe, and to be quite free from water. The engineer on taking charge of her engine, found less than one-inch of water in her boiler, with 35 pounds pressure steam, and the safety valve fastened down. It is evident that they intended to destroy her, and her officers and crew, learning that they had been captured by an unarmed transport, were somewhat vexed, and said, "had they been aware of the fact, they would have given us much more trouble." After proper preparation the prize arrived at Key West on the 30th. On her arrival Captain Hilton immediately reported to Admiral Bailey, and delivered up to him the steamer, with her officers and crew, for condemnation as a blockade runner and prize. The officers and crew on being searched, were found to have on their persons over $1,000 in gold.

Exempts from Draft.

It is the opinion of leading men in Congress that no able-bodied man will be exempted from service under the amended conscription law, except aliens; and they are only exempted because the law of nations throws its broad shield over them. Therefore let all those who expected to escape because they are the only sons of aged parents, or because they have been elected by parents, or because two or more members of the same household may be in service, or because they may have motherless children, or brothers and sisters under twelve years of age, or because they were in service on the 3d of March, go in and assist in freeing their sub-districts from the draft; for Congress seems to be determined that the coming draft, where the people suffer it to fall upon them, shall not be an abortion.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S SPEECHES.—From an article in the *Independent*, on reminiscences of Webster, we clip the following:

"Mr. Webster," said a friend of ours once to the great expounder, "which of your own productions do you place first?" He replied: "Sir, I place the speech of Woodward, on General Jackson's protest. The mass of my countrymen probably prefer my reply to Colonel Hayne. But I prefer the first speech I ever made at Plymouth Rock." Perhaps the great statesman was right. In there days of our dear country's fiery purification, when to the thrilling music of falling chains the Republic is marching up to her destiny, it is meet be confessed that Daniel Webster never stood so strong and never so glorious as when he stood forth the champion of freedom on Plymouth Rock.

AN extraordinary *battue* has just taken place in the sewers of Paris. Taking advantage of the frost, which drives this particular game into covert, the owner invited a Christmas party to a grand display of sport at rat killing. All the great sewers were driven in one direction till millions of rats, which fought among themselves like tigers as they were hunted along, were collected in the large drain by the bridge of Asnieres. Forty dogs were then let down into the sewers, and after a fight which lasted forty-five hours, in which four dogs were killed and some blinded, no less than 110,000 rats were despatched.

TWO Venetians had a serious quarrel, recently and agreed to settle their differences by an American duel. They drew lots, and he who drew the shortest straw was to blow out his own brains—a deed performed solo, and without seconds. The unlucky man retired to shoot himself at home. The fortunate hero went to the *cafe* and had a "poncho." Before he had finished it, in walks his adversary, or his ghost. "Not dead?" angrily asked punch-drinker. "No," replied the other; "the police have refused me a shooting certificate."

IT is more than a hundred years since an heir apparent to the British crown has had a son. The eldest son of George II. died a few years before his father, leaving his son, afterwards George III., surviving. Since that time there has been no such state of things as now exists. The children of George III. were all born while he was on the throne. George IV. had no son either before or after he ascended the throne. William IV. had no children.

MR. BURKE, an auctioneer at Sligo, was selling goods recently in a loft, surrounded by about fifty people, and while he was with uplifted hammer crying, "Going, going, gone!" the loft gave way with a crash, and the whole party were precipitated upon an earthern floor, a distance of about twelve feet.

A MYSTERIOUS disease has broken out in Somerset County, Mo., which has so far baffled the medical men. Several persons have already died, and many more are sick—six in one family. The disease resembles the cold fever that raged so fatally in this section forty years ago.

The Montreal *Witness* asks for a scientific explanation of the fact that this has been the mildest Winter ever known in Lower Canada, and the severest, perhaps, ever known in the Western States, and even as far South as St. Louis and Washington.

SAMUEL P. IVINS, editor of the Athens, (Tenn.) *Post*, having been taken prisoner, Gen. Howard proposes to exchange him for Mr. A. D. Richardson, of the New York *Tribune*, now confined in "Libby."

A PARIS paper states that the Florida is ready for sea, and she has accepted the challenge of the Union corvette Kearsarge, to engage in a fight at six miles beyond the French limits.

EVENING GAZETTE TELEGRAMS.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES,

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 1864.

WHISKY DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE.

The whisky discussion took up the time of the Senate to-day. The first vote adopted the Committee's report striking out Fernando Woods's amendment and increasing the tax gradually, by vote of thirty to eight. A motion to recommend to the Finance Committee, with instructions to lay a tax of twenty cents on all stock on hand, after a tedious debate, was finally voted down by twenty-nine to fourteen. The Bill then passed. The matter now goes back to the House on the question whether the House will agree to the Senate amendments. If it do not, then comes the Committee on Conference. The scene in the Senate during the final votes was curious. A great throng of speculators filled the galleries nearest the Senate telegraph office, and after every vote there was a general rush to the telegraph office, and then back to the galleries to watch the further proceedings of the Senate.

CONSTRUCTION AND PRESERVATION OF FORTIFICATIONS.

The appropriations of a bill for the construction and preservation of fortifications, amount to about five millions of dollars. Among the items are those of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars for the surveys of northern and western lakes, three hundred thousand for placing obstructions in the Potomac for the defence of an attack by water, and three hundred thousand for other defences of Washington.

CONSCRIPTION IN THE HOUSE—FRANK BLAIR.

The House took up the conscription resolution to-day, as reported from the Judiciary Committee, which amended the bill of last session, so as simply to recite the words of the constitution, concerning the duration of the conscription, and thus leave a proper interpretation to the decision of the courts. A discussion proceeded for some time, when the administration side cut off the debate by the application of the previous question, and after a closing speech from the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, sought to come to vote at this stage.

Gen. Frank Blair asked the unanimous consent of the House to make a speech. Objections were made to suspending the rules for such a purpose after a full debate, and after the previous question had been sustained.

The Democrats immediately began to filibuster, and kept it up throughout the remainder of the session. They explained privately that they insisted on more speeches, and particularly on Frank Blair being permitted to speak, after the chairman of the Judiciary had closed the debate.

The Administration men simply insisted on enforcing the rules and coming to a vote.

Filibustering continued till half past four, the usual hour for adjourning, when Winter Davis, saying that if the opposition meant to carry on this sort of thing they could do it just as well to-morrow, moved an adjournment, and the Administration side carried it.

To-morrow the question comes up just where it was left off to-day, and the country will see whether the progress of business is to be still further delayed by the new found champions of Mr. Frank Blair, that that gentleman may be permitted, out of order, to force a speech upon the House. The prevailing disposition on the Administration side is to press steadily for a vote, and to refuse any bargains. During the filibustering this afternoon, some democrats jeered and jeered proposed to Thaddeus Stevens to have a compromise. "Well, I propose a compromise," said old Thad. "Let's compromise on this good democratic proposition, that the majority shall govern." No other resons now likely to be offered them. The fact that the democrats chose to make this struggle for Frank Blair, is significant. It is the most open alliance with them in which he has yet been publicly concerned.

THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF COTTON.

Mr. Hasson, of Iowa to-day introduced an important bill concerning the proposed purchase of cotton from points outside of our lines, on the Government's account. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, through such military officers as he may designate, to issue certificates of indebtedness payable at the close of the war, or at the restoration of the authority of the United States in the insurrectionary districts concerned, for the purchase of cotton, at rates not greater than half the estimated price then prevailing in the open sea ports of the States. These certificates are not assignable. The Secretary of the Treasury is to be notified of their issue immediately, and the cotton is sent under military protection to the sea-board market, where it is to be sold, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the proceeds returned to the Treasury. In the military lines it is believed that the effect of this will be to induce the immediate sale of cotton in such district, since half the present price at seaboard is greater than the whole price in the interior will be when the war ends, and that at the same time the issue of these certificates will not be payable till the end of the war. It will at once give the communities the strongest inducement to seek the earliest possible restoration of the national authority.

MR. BENNETT, Of Colorado, has signalized his seat for the preservation of animal wealth of the Western Plains, by getting through the House to-day, the resolution for a law, restraining the wanton destruction of buffalo, by white emigrants during the spring and summer months.

Mr. Bennett also introduced a bill to amend the law establishing a land office in that territory, so that the pre-emption claims shall hereafter be regulated by the general provisions of the pre-emption acts of 1841 and 1843, and an act of May 30th, 1862, to reduce the expenses of survey and the sale of public lands.

NATIONAL ARSENALS.

Mr. Washburne's bill, introduced in the House to-day, in addition to the act for the establishment of certain national arsenals, provides for taking permanent possession of Rock Island by the Secretary of war, and prescribes the mode of settlement for lands and property thus taken in case of disagreement between the claimants and Secretary, the Commissioners and Courts. It debars any payment when the claims are presented, beyond a limit of three years, except in cases of minors, females, idiots and persons beyond the seas.

THE NAVAL COMMITTEE.

The Naval Committee to-day examined several witnesses from the Navy Department on subjects of naval engineering, a general discussion of which was aroused by the Sickles cut-off case.

The witnesses on the side subject, from Philadelphia and Baltimore, will be examined to-morrow.

HORATIO BALLARD,

The President's nominee for Consul to Havana, has the misfortune to be considered as the appointment of Thurlow Weed. Possibly not for this reason, but certainly for some one, his nomination has been hung up in the Senate by the Commerce Committee, and Havana will wait for her new Consul.

RECRUITING FOR NEGRO REGIMENTS.

Col. Birney has been authorized to raise another negro regiment in Maryland, and has opened recruiting offices at Fort Monroe, along the eastern shore.

It is the policy of the War Department to continue recruiting for negro regiments through the border States, and possibly to tend it still further.

NEW RAILROAD.

The War Department has sent in to Select Committee on the new railroad between New York and Washington, some communications tending to show the necessity for such road.

NOMINATION APPROVED.

The nomination of Caleb Lyon for Governor of Idaho, was approved this morning, by the Senate Committee.

FROM HARRISBURG.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 5, 1864.

HOUSE.—The bills reported as committed are as follows:

Bill attaching Erie county to the Western District of the Supreme Court.

Bill to compel the Erie Canal Company to construct and keep in repair bridges made necessary by their canal.

Bill to authorize Erie county to sell her stock in the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

Bill to divide the borough of Titusville, Crawford county, into two wards.

Bill to incorporate the Johnstown Hall and Market Company.

The above bills were passed finally.

Bill compelling the collectors of taxes to take an oath that they have tried to collect all the taxes before they can be exonerated.

Bill requiring parties to write off partition pay and costs proportionate to their interest.

Mr. Conrad asked leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the National Express Company. Leave was not granted.

The Senate refused to proceed to the thirteenth ballot for Speaker.

On motion, adjourned until Tuesday at eight, A. M.

A. D. MORRISON,
Proprietor and Manager.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN HARTFORD, CONN.

Colt's Pistol Factory Burned.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST.

HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 5.—A fire broke out in Colt's Pistol Factory at 8 o'clock this morning. The fire is terrible and rages furiously, and the chance of extinguishing it is small. The loss will be immense.

LATER.—The Arsenal building of Colt's pistol factory was destroyed by fire this morning, with all the machinery and other property. The building was five hundred feet long and sixty feet wide, with a wing 100 by 60 feet long, and an office building three stories in height. The new building in which the Minie rifles were made is saved.

The name of the company is Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. Several lives have been lost. Names unknown. The loss, it is said, will exceed one million of dollars. The fire is still raging, with indications that the new factory will also be destroyed.

10.20 A. M.—Several lives have been lost by the falling in of the roof of one of the buildings.

Seventeen hundred workmen are employed in the works, about nine hundred of whom will be thrown out of employment, and the loss will reach at least $500,000. Indeed, the machinery alone was valued at $150,000. There is an insurance of $150,000 in New York and New England offices.

LATER—9.40 A. M.—The oldest and largest building facing the Connecticut river, is a mass of ruins. There appears to be but one wall on the north side standing. The fire was been arrested on the Connecticut building, and hopes are entertained that the new building will be saved. The office, a large building, separate from the others, is now in flames.

FIGHTING IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Earley Driven Back.

ENGAGEMENT PROGRESSING AT SOUTH FORK.

WHEELING, Feb. 5.—Gov. Boreman received the following from Gen. Kelley this morning:

I have just received a dispatch from Colonel Mulligan, saying that after six hours hard fighting he has driven Early from Moorefield, and his cavalry was pursuing. He was sharply engaged with Rosser on the South Fork at the date of his dispatch.

Two Steamers Burned—Two Men Probably Drowned.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 5.—At two o'clock this morning the steamer D. G. Taylor, took fire from her oil room, and was supposed to be the work of an incendiary. She was owned in St. Louis, and valued at $42,000. There was an insurance on her of $8,000. The flames communicated to the tow boat R. E. Lee, and consuming her. She was valued at $2,000, and had no insurance. The Taylor had on board seven hundred tons of commission stores for Nashville, and a loss of $40,000 to the Government.

Capt. Rhodes and engineer Jones, of Pittsburgh, are missing, and are thought to have been drowned. A negro boy of the Taylor is also missing. Both boats are a total loss.

Gen. Thomas to Command the Potomac Army.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The *Herald's* special Washington dispatch says that Gen. Thomas is to command the Army of the Potomac, and Gen. Hooker the Army of the Cumberland.

France and the United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The rumors recently put forth of real or apprehended difficulties between the United States and France are without any foundation.

The Steamer Whirlwind.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The steamer Whirlwind, from Boston for Fortress Monroe with troops, has put into this port with her machinery deranged.

Senate not in Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Senate is not in session to day, having adjourned over till Monday.

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