XXXIXth Congress—First Session.

[CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—The special order of the day, the bill for the relief of certain naval contractors, was taken up.

The pending question was the motion of Mr. Henderson to postpone the bill till the first Monday in December.

Messrs. Hendricks and Nye spoke in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Clark and Riddle against. The discussion occupied three hours on the motion to postpone the bill till December. The vote resulted, yeas 11, nays 25, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Clark, Davis, Doolittle, Guthrie, Henderson, Howe, Kirkwood, Riddle, Sherman, Trumbull and Wade.

NAYS—Messrs. Anthony, Chandler, Conness, Cragin, Foster, Grimes, Harris, Hendricks, Howard, Johnson, McDougall, Morgan, Morrill, Nesmith, Nye, Poland, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Van Winkle, Willey, Williams and Wilson.

Mr. Henderson then moved to recommit the bill and amendments to the Committee on Naval Affairs. Not agreed to.

The Senate refused to recommit the bill—yeas 13, nays 33.

The bill was then passed. It provides as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to the several parties the awards made in their favor by the Naval Board organized under the resolution of the Senate adopted March 9th, 1865, the awards being made under date of December 23d, 1865, reported to the Secretary of the Navy; Provided, That the payment shall not in any case exceed 12 per cent. upon the contract price, except in the case of the Camanche, in which case the award shall be paid in full.

SEC. 2. That in the cases of Donald McKay, of Boston, Mass., who built the Ashuelot and machinery, and Miles Greenwood, of Cincinnati, whose contracts have been completed to the satisfaction of the department, and who were prevented from appearing before the naval board, shall be entitled to the same rate of compensation as is authorized to be paid to other parties building the same class of vessels and machinery, and such payment shall be made to them out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Navy; provided the evidence submitted for his examination fully establishes the right of said parties to such amount of compensation.

Section third provides that the sums named shall be in full for all claims of said parties in said contracts.

Mr. Wilson offerred a joint resolution for the following amendment to the Constitution:

No payment shall ever be made by the United States or any State for or on account of the emancipation of any slave or slaves, or for on account of any debt contracted or incurred in aid of insurrection against the United States.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State; but whenever, in any State, the elective franchise shall be denied to any of its inhabitants, being male citizens of the United States above the age of twenty-one years, for any cause except insurrection or rebellion against the United States, the basis of representation in such States shall be reduced in the proportion in which the number of male citizens so excluded shall bear to the whole number of male citizens over twenty-one years of age.

The second clause of the resolution provides that whenever any of the States lately in rebellion shall ratify the foregoing articles, Senators and Representatives from such State or States shall be admitted in Congress. Ordered to be printed.

Adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.—Mr. Morrill gave notice that the bill to amend the Internal Revenue act, which was made the special order for Thursday next, would not be called up till Monday week.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Northern Pacific Railroad bill, and the clerk read the substitute offered by Mr. Stevens, as modified by him.

The modifications consist of the following: Strike out section 3, and insert as an addition to section 2, as follows: "And upon failure of the part of the company for the period of ninety days to pay the interest on said stock as the same may mature and become due, the Treasurer of the United States may have power to sell so much of the said lands as reserved as aforesaid, at public auction or private sale, as will reimburse the government for the payment of said interest, provided that said lands shall not be sold for less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre," and also to add to the proviso at the end of the bill the following: "Provided further, That at least three-fourths of the Board of Directors shall always be citizens of the United States; and provided further, that the government shall not be called upon to pay the interest on the cost of construction of more than forty miles of said road for the first year, nor for more than one hundred miles additional for the second year, nor for more than two hundred miles additional for the third year, nor for more than two hundred miles additional for the fourth year, and after that time on no more than three hundred additional miles per year till such road is completed."

Mr. Bingham addressed the House in support of the bill. He said that the substitute just read removed and silenced every objection urged by gentlemen who had spoken against the adoption of the measure. The bill should receive the vote of every member of the House.

Mr. Rogers (N. J.) next made an argument in support of the bill. He declared that there was no fraud or taint of fraud upon the bill, and there should be no imputation on the character of gentlemen who were here urging its passage.

Mr. Driggs (Mich.) next addressed the House in support of the bill. He regarded the matter as a national work of great importance, and one which members from all sections of the country should sustain.

Mr. Grinnell (Ohio) followed on the same side. The immense grant of land, he said, owned by the company, was not worth more than so much moonshine or clear sky; not worth a penny an acre without access to it by railroad. No man was rich enough to own and pay taxes on it without access to it. Although the Central Pacific Railroad passed his door, he was willing to have the Northern Railroad also constructed, and as many other railroads to the Pacific as could be built.

Mr. Wright (N. J.) addressed the House in opposition to the measure, which he denominated as a sort of gift enterprise, where much was promised and very little performed. He thought it was extremely dangerous for the government to become godfather to all these railroad enterprises. He contended that Congress had no right to give away the national domain, and likened the attempt to the occasion when the devil brought the Saviour to the top of an exceeding high mountain, from which he showed him much property, and offered him a very large tract of public land; but our Saviour knew that the devil did not own it, and said to him, "Get thee behind me, Satan." He did not expect so much conscientiousness, however, from this railroad company, which would take all the land offered, although Congress had no right to give it away. He thought that the soldiers were far better entitled to the bounty of Congress than this railroad company, and he suggested that he had some idea of inviting the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company to come and get its share of the public lands.

Mr. Broomall (Pa.) next addressed the House. He said he had just received by mail, a circular from the Treasury Department, the reading of which had caused him much discomfort. The purport of the circular was, that in consequence of the enormous indebtedness of the government, and the heavy taxation imposed on the people, it was utterly impossible for the government to equalize the bounties of the soldiers. Many members had come to Congress with a fixed determination not to adjourn without passing that most righteous measure, and he was still not without hope that the Secretary of the Treasury might be mistaken, but he would not allow himself to give a vote in this House which should tie up his hands from voting for that measure.

After reading the Secretary's circular, he came to the House this morning, not at all disposed to vote away to a private corporation sixty million dollars, nearly half of what would be required to equalize the bounties of soldiers. The bill, he said, pointed out the means by which this money was to be got out of the Treasury, but he saw a mighty small chance of its being got back into it. The original bill was so drawn up as to make no provision for the money being paid up, and he believed that that was never intended. The alterations made in the bill by his colleague (Mr. Stevens) had not helped the bill much; it had only covered up the bad intentions of the person who had drafted the bill. He had inquired all day yesterday as to who had drafted the bill, and had not been able to find it out.

Mr. Harding (Ill.) followed in a speech against the bill, declaring his unwillingness to add a dollar to the obligations of the country, except for a measure of very great national importance. He denied that this was a great national measure. It was but a great individual speculation. The country was no more interested in building a railroad from Lake Superior to Puget's Sound than in any other portion of the country.

Mr. Stevens addressed the House in support of the bill. He said that this question, like all national questions, ought not to be discussed or decided either by buffoonery or vulgar denunciation. Such things were out of place in the consideration of questions of great national importance. There were large minds which could take in the whole nation, and there were small ones which could see only the interest of Delaware county and other localities. This was a subject worthy to command the deepest consideration.

Mr. Stevens went to the Clerk's desk and had had a letter read from J. Gregory Smith, President of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, in reply to a letter of inquiry written by him.

The letter showed that the company was organized on the 7th of December, 1864, in accordance with the provisions of its charter; that its present board of directors consist of the following persons: J. Gregory Smith, St. Alban's, Vt.; Onslow Stearns, Concord, N. H.; George Stark, Nashua, N. H.; R. D. Rice, Augusta, Me.; Edward S. Foley, George C. Richardson, James C. Converse, Benjamin P. Cheny and George H. Gordon, of Boston; Frank Fidler, George Briggs and Philander Reed, of New York, and L. D. M. Swett, of Portland, Me.; that the change in the board of directors had been effected at the solicitation of the members of the old board, who had been unable to obtain the confidence of capitalists, and that if this bill was passed the stock would acquire a value which would induce capitalists to invest in the enterprise.

Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Banks to inform the House of the character of the gentlemen who composed the Board of Directors.

Mr. Banks said he would not interrupt the gentleman in his speech, but should like to say a few words after he had got through.

Mr. Stevens, in discussing the question as to the importance of the measure, said he believed that the country through which the road was to pass was the richest mineral region on the face of the globe. It contained more solid acres of gold, silver, cinnibar and other precious metals than any other portion of the United States, or of the world. Its soil was richer than that even of the garden spot of his own county, highly as it was cultivated.

One of the directors, a large shipping merchant in Boston, had informed him that he was preparing a line of vessels to send to the north of Europe, to take from Germany from Norway, and from Scotland, this very season, a large number of emigrants to plant along the line of the railroad, and if this bill failed, it would be the destruction not only of the railroad enterprise, but that of shipping enterprise.

Mr. Banks (Mass.), in reference to the question of Mr. Stevens, as to the character of the gentlemen comprising the Board of Directors, said they were certainly most excellent men; among the best representatives of the people of the East, and especially of the city of Boston. There were no more honorable men in the country; none more interested in the welfare of the government and of the people.

Mr. Spaulding moved that the bill and pending amendments be laid on the table. Questions of order having been raised as to whether Mr. Price could thus be cut out of his right to close the debate, the motion to lay on the table being undebatable, the Speaker decided that although it was the understanding of the House that the previous question was to be seconded, and that the gentleman from Iowa was to close the debate; and although a motion to lay on the table was very rare under such circumstances, yet the gentleman from Ohio (Mr.) Spaulding,) had the right to make that motion.

Mr. Price asked whether he had not the right to the floor for an hour?

The Speaker replied that if the gentleman from Ohio insisted on this motion, that cut off all debate.

Mr. Spaulding did insist on his motion, and called for the yeas and nays on it.

The question was taken on the motion to lay on the table, intense interest being manifested, as it became evident that the motion was to succeed, and it resulted yeas 76, nays 56. So the bill and amendments were laid on the table.

The following is the vote in detail:

YEAS—Messrs. Ancona, Baker, Benjamin, Bergen, Blow, Boyer, Bromwell, Buckland, Bundy, Chanler, Clarke (Ohio), Cobb, Conkling, Cook, Cullom, Defree, Delano, Deming, Denelson, Dumont, Eggleston, Eldridge, Farnsworth, Farquhar, Finck, Glossbrenner, Grider, Hale, Harding (Ky.) Harding (Ill.), Hayes, Hubbard (Conn.) Hubbell (Ohio), Humphrey, Jenckes, Julian, Kasson, Ketchum, Latham, Lawrence (Pa.) Lawrence (Ohio) Le Blond, Marshall, Miller, Moorhead, Morrill, Morris, Moulton, Newell Niblack, Nicholson, Orth, Pike, Plants, Randall (Pa.), Randall (Ky.) Ritter, Ross, Sawyer, Schofield, Shanklin, Shellabarger, Spaulding, Stillwell, Taber, Taylor, Thayer, Francis Thomas, Thornton, Ward, Washburne (Ill.) Washburne (Ind.), Wentworth, Williams, Winfield and Wright—76.

NAYS—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Anderson, Ashley (Nevada), Banks, Baxter, Beaman, Bidwell, Bingham, Boutwell, Clarke (Kansas) Darling, Dawes, Dodge, Donnelly, Driggs, Ferry, Grinnell, Griswold, Harris, Henderson, Higby, Hotchkiss, Hubbard (Iowa), Hubbard (West Va.) Hulburd, Kelley, Kelso, Kuykendall, Laflin, Loan, Longyear, Lynch, Marston, Marvin, McClurg, McKee, McRuer, Myers, Patterson, Perham Price, Rice (Maine), Rogers, Rollins Rosseau Stevens, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Horn (N. Y.) Van Horn (Mo.) Warner Washburn (Mass.) Wilson (Iowa), Windom Woodbridge—56.

The following pairs were announced:—Messrs. Blaine and J. L. Thomas, Dixon and Elliot, Hubbell (N. Y.) and Baldwin, O'Neil and Sitgreaves, Whalley and Smith, Ingersoll and Welker.

Mr. Wright moved to reconsider the vote and to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Mr. Darling, with a view to prevent the vote being made final, moved an adjournment.

The House refused to adjourn—yeas, 52; nays, 69.

The motion to reconsider was then laid on the table without a division.

On motion of Mr. Elliot (Mass.), a Committee of Conference was ordered on the West India Telegraph bill.

Mr. Ross asked to call up the motion to reconsider the vote recommitting the question of the admission of Tennessee to the Committee on Reconstruction, when he designated as a putrid, corrupt carcass; a stench in the nostrils of the people, which should be abated, now that the cholera was approaching.

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N. B.—Goods arranged for examination and catalogues ready early on morning of sale.

LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF FRENCH, SAXONY, BRITISH AND ITALIAN DRY GOODS, &c.

NOTICE—Included in our sale on MONDAY, April 30, will be found in part the following, viz.:

A Large Special Offering of Rich Imported Dry Goods, of the celebrated manufacture of Messrs. L. MAILLARD & CO.

For particulars see display advertisement on fourth page.

DRESS GOODS.

— pieces pure mohair alling diagonal stripes.
do emb'd, plain, check and fancy poplins.
do fine blk and col'd alpacas and mohairs.
do Paris printed challies and mohairs.
do Paris plaid and striped grenadines.
do Paris all wool and silk toll de sack.
do Paris printed and blk and col'd de laines.
do melanges, crepe Eugenies, poil de chevres.
do plain checked and striped mozambiques.
do rich organdies, percales, lawns, &c.

DRESS SILKS.

— pieces Lyons black and colored taffetas; gros de Rhin.
do drap de France, drap de Lyon, brilliants.
do solid colors and fancy poult de soie.
do blk gros grains cadrilles, foulards, &c.
SHAWLS, CLOAKS, &c.

Plain and fancy silk, grenadine and lama shawls.
Plain and fancy mozambique and barege do
silk and cloth basques, mantels, circulars, &c.
100 DOZEN SCARFS.
100 dozen Paris all silk fancy scarfs, very rich.
2000 DOZEN HANDKERCHIEFS.
200 dozen Madras, gingham cotton and linen hdkfs.
WHITE GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, &c.
— pieces plain, dotted and jac'd Swiss muslins.
do white Marseilles, piques, brilliants.
do Nainsooks, jaconets, fine embroideries, &c.
3000 DOZEN GLOVES AND GAUNTLETS.

To be sold at 10 o'clock precisely—

— dozen ladies' colored Berlin gloves.
do do do Berlin dest-gauntlets.
do do do Berlin gauntlets.
do men's do Berlin gloves

The above are all fresh and desirable goods comprising the best and newest shades of the favorite make.

60 CASES UMBRELLAS AND PARASOLS.

Also, 60 cases silk and gingham sun and rain umbrellas and parasols.

Also, full lines of balmoral and hoop skirts, silk and gingham sun and rain umbrellas and parasols, laces, veils, head nets, ties, fancy trimmings, &c.

LARGE PEREMPTORY SALE OF BOOTS, SHOES, BROGANS, TRAVELING BAGS, &c.
ON TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 1,

Will be sold, at 10 o'clock, by catalogue, on four months' credit, about 1,200 package Boots, Shoes, Balmorals, &c., of City and Eastern manufacture. Open for examination with catalogues early on the morning of sale.

LARGE PEREMPTORY SALE OF BOOTS, SHOES, &c., &c.

NOTICE—Included in our large sale of boots, shoes, &c., on TUESDAY MORNING, May 1, will be found in part the following fresh and desirable assortment, viz:

Men's, boys' and youths' calf, double sole, half welt and pump sole dress boots; men's, boys' and youths kip and buff leather boots; men's fine grain, long leg dress boots; men's and boys' calf, buff leather Congress boots and balmorals; men's, boys' and youths' super kip, buff and polished grain half welt and pump sole brogans; ladies' fine kid, goat, morocco, and enameled patent sewed balmorals and Congress gaiters; women's, misses' and children's calf and buff leather balmorals and lace boots; children's fine kid, sewed, city made lace boots; fancy sewed balmorals and ankle ties; ladies' fine black and colored lasting Congress and side lace gaiters; womens', misses and children's goat and morocco copper-nailed lace boots; ladies' fine kid slippers; traveling bags; metallic overshoes &c.

LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS.

We will hold a Large Sale of Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, by catalogue, on four months' credit and part for cash,

ON THURSDAY MORNING,

May 3, at 10 oclock, embracing about 900 packages and lots of staple and fancy articles, in woolens, worsteds, linens, silks and cottons.

N. B.—Goods arranged for examination and catalogues ready early on the morning of sale.

LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF CARPETINGS, CANTON AVD COIR MATTINGS, &c.
ON FRIDAY MORNING,

May 4, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, by catalogue, on four months' credit, about 250 pieces of superior and fine ingrain, royal damask, Venetian, list, hemp, cottage and rag carpetings, which may be examined early on the morning of sale.

PHILIP FORD & CO., AUCTIONEERS,
No. 506 MARKET street.

SALE OF 1400 CASES BOOTS AND SHOES.
ON MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 30,

Commencing at 10 o'clock, we will sell by catalogue, for cash, 1400 cases men's, boys' and youths' Boots, Shoes, Brogans, Balmorals, Congress Gaiters, Slippers, &c., also, women's, misses' and children's Boots, Shoes, Balmorals, Slippers, Buskins, Side Lace Gaiters, Slippers, &c., comprising a general assortment of first-class goods, to which the attention of buyers is called.

SALE OF 1500 CASES BOOTS AND SHOES.
ON THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 3,

Commencing at 10 o'clock, we will sell by catalogue, for cash, 1500 cases prime Boots, Shoes, Brogans, Balmorals, Congress Boots Slippers, Buskins, &c., comprising a general assortment of first class goods

B. SCOTT, JR., AUCTIONEER,
1020 CHESTNUT street.

Sale No. 622 South Washington square.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO-FORTE, CARPETS, &c.
ON MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 30,

At 10 o'clock, at No. 622 South Washington Square, by catalogue, the superior household furniture, comprising the general assortment of parlor, dining-room, chamber and kitchen furniture, superior carpets, &c.

Also, 7½ octavo piano-forte, best make.

May be examined at 8 o'clock on morning of sale.

AUCTION SALES.

M. THOMAS & SONS, AUCTIONEERS,
Nos. 139 and 141 South FOURTH street.

STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE—TUESDAY NEXT.

Pamphlet catalogues now ready, containing full descriptions of all the Property to be sold on TUESDAY NEXT, May 1st, with a list of sales May 2d, 5th, 8th, 15th and 22d, comprising a large amount and great variety of very desirable and valuable Property, by order of Orphans' Court, Executors, Trustees, and others, to be sold peremptorily.

SALES OF STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE

At the Exchange, every TUESDAY, at 12 o'clock noon.

Handbills of each property issued separately, and on the Saturday previous to each sale 2000 catalogues in pamphlet form, giving full descriptions.

REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE.

Printed catalogues, comprising several hundred thousand dollars, including every description of city and country property, from the smallest dwellings to the most elegant mansions, elegant country seats, farms, business properties, &c.

FURNITURE SALES at the Auction Store EVERY THURSDAY.

Particular attention given to sales at Private Residences, &c.

STOCKS, LOANS, &c.
ON TUESDAY, MAY 1,
At 12 o'clock noon, at the Philadelphia Exchange,
Executors' Sale.

$9000 Ridge Avenue and Manayunk Passenger Railway, secured by mortgage 7 per cent coupon bonds, interest January and July, due 1880.
$2000 Williamsport and Elmira 7 per cent. bonds, interest January and July.
100 shares Commonwealth National Bank.
50 shares Reliance Insurance Co.
50 shares Union Mutual Insurance Co.
Pew No. 16 north aisle Church Holy Trinity.
1 share Philadelphia Library Co.

To Close a Concern—

80 shares Union Bank of Tennessee.
540 shares Penn'a. Middle Coal Field and Railroad Company.

For other accounts—

3 bonds, $1000 each, Consolidated 1st mortgage 7 per cent (coupon registered) Huntingdon and Broad Top Mountain Railroad and Coal Co.
21 shares preferred stock Huntingdon and Broad Top Mountain Railroad and Coal Co.
4 bonds, $1050 each, 1st mortgage 7 per cent, Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railroad Co.
1 bond, $1000, 2d mortgage 7 per cent. Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railroad Co
19 shares Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railway Co.
38 shares Philadelphia City Passenger Railway Co., (Fifth and Sixth Streets).
15 shares do do do do do
16 shares preferred stock Continental Hotel Co.
50 shares Shafton Coal Co.
20 shares Home Insurance Co. of Phila.
1000 shares Great Central Oil Co. of Pa.
500 shares Plymouth Rock Oil Co. of Pa.
1000 shares Winslow Oil Co.
46 shares, $