Fortieth Congress—Third Session.

[CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—The expiration of the morning hour brought up the unfinished business of yesterday, the constitutional amendment.

The pending amendment was that moved by Mr. Stewart, to substitute for the joint resolution as reported the House—the report of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate—

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote and hold office shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Mr. Yerry addressed the Senate at length upon the subject, objecting that the proposition had not said anything against the amendment on its own merits, but had opposed it on the ground of not submitting it for ratification.

Mr. Morton briefly discussed the question as to the best form of words in which to put the amendment. He objected to the form reported by the Judiciary Committee, because it merely provided that no citizen should be deprived of the right to vote or hold office on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, leaving it still in the power of the States to disqualify for other causes. He liked the form of words submitted by Mr. Howard, yesterday, as an amendment, providing that citizens of the United States of African descent shall have the same right to vote and hold office as other citizens; but this, too was open to objection, because the State might establish an educational test which, while it disqualified some white men, would disqualify most of the blacks. He preferred, therefore, an affirmative amendment, declaring who shall have the right of suffrage, making it uniform, and leaving nothing on that subject open to the future creation of any State.

Mr. Warner read an argument in favor of an affirmative amendment.

Mr. Williams offered the following amendment, upon which he will speak to-morrow:

"Congress shall have power to regulate or modify any restriction on the right to vote or hold office prescribed by the constitution or law of any State."

The Senate took up and passed the bill to provide for the meeting of the Forty-first Congress on January an ! February, 1869.

Mr. Cattell introduced a bill to provide for the conversion of registered bonds of the United States into coupon bonds, and to amend the laws in relation to the Treasury.

It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue upon such terms and under such regulation as he may prescribe from time to time coupon bonds in exchange for and in lieu of any registered bonds which have been or may hereafter be issued; and such coupon bonds to be similar in all respects to the coupon bonds issued under the acts authorizing the issue of the registered bonds for exchange.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably a bill to pay loyal citizens in the States lately in rebellion for stores taken during the United States census of 1860.

Mr. Conness introduced a bill to provide for an American line of mail and emigrant passenger steamships between certain Atlantic ports of the United States and one or more European ports. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The steamers are to run from Fernandina, Fla., to Savannah, Ga., to Liverpool, England, and Bremen, and receive $1,000,000 annually for carrying the mails.

The Senate took a recess till 7.30 P. M.

Evening Session.—A few private bills, of no public interest, were taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Senate took up the bill to amend an act, passed March 3, 1865, for the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad of California, to Portland, Oregon. Messrs. Williams and Corbett advocated it, and Mr. Howard opposed it, and the bill was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the bill to legalize certain land appropriations of agricultural land scrip was taken up, and Mr. Morrill moved an amendment providing that the act shall not be construed to affect the location of scrip issued prior to its approval, and also that such scrip shall be received from actual settlers, in payment of pre-emption claims.

Mr. Pomeroy moved to strike out the second clause of Mr. Cowling's amendment, which was discussed briefly by several Senators, after which it was laid on the table.

HOUSE.—Mr Schenck offered the following privileged resolution:

Resolved, That James F. Wilson, of Iowa, and John V. L. Hooper, of New York, be appointed tellers on the part of the House of Representatives to count the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States.

The speaker stated that for the same reasons the Chair desired the House to take the responsibility of making those appointments instead of himself.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Logan introduced a bill providing for the payment of the national debt and for the reduction of the rate of interest thereon. Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ward asked to be excused, pass that bill at once.

The Speaker—Yes, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ward—I hope the House will pass something that it will pay to pass.

The House then, at 3 P. M., proceeded to the business of the morning hour, being the bill reported yesterday from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to authorize the building of a military and postal railroad from Washington to New York.

The morning hour having expired, the bill went over till Tuesday next.

The Senate joint resolution extending to the reconstructed States the benefits of the Agricultural College Bill, was passed by the Senate on Public Lands.

The Senate bill to amend the act of 19th of February, 1862, to prohibit the Coolie trade in American ships, passed.

The House then, at half-past four, took a recess till half-past seven, the evening session to be for de-bate only.

Evening Session.—The House resumed its session at half-past seven, on the committee of the Whole on the President's annual message of 1868, Mr. Chanler, Democrat, in the chair.

Mr. Eliot made a speech on the subject of currency and finance, taking ground in favor of reference of paper money.

Mr. Harding spoke in favor of the public lands Mr. Williams (Ind.) in favor of speedy resumption and payment of the public debt. Mr. Shanks, on the Union Pacific Railroad, and Mr. Kelley (Pa.), opposing what he termed the talented Commissioner Wells' Revenue Report. Adjourned.

MR. DE CORDOVA.

His Lecture at Concert Hall.

Last evening Concert Hall was filled to hear a lecture on "Miss Jones's Wedding Cards," by Mr. De Cordova. The story is as follows: A Mr. Jones, farmer, "only a clod," and poor, discovers petroleum on his land, and, in consequence, becomes rich. He sells out his land, goes to New York with his wife and daughter, purchases a costly residence, and plunges into all sorts of extravagance. He affects become deranged, and he is finally ruined by the failure of his son, a stock broker, Brown by name, appears upon the scene who sees in Miss Jones the heiress he passes himself off to her as a gentleman, and proposes to her. He woos Miss Jones, and takes her to balls and operas, and gives her presents of diamonds. But his affairs become more entangled than ever, but he has to be married. He engages the services and bonds of sundry thrifty individuals, and concludes to appropriate the property for the present, thinking he can pay it off when he is married to the very good Fire Insurance Company of the old man's stamps. Great preparations are made for the wedding. Cards with delicate devices are sent around. The day arrives, the fashionable people assemble, the bride is waiting in the vestry, but no Brown appears. The party wait and grow impatient, but still no Brown is forthcoming, and he never will be forthcoming. For he is locked up in Tombs prison. Then the bride screams and groans, the guests laugh, the church disgusted, and "I told you so," "I know there was something wrong," with that young man," and sundry other comments which people will make on like occasions. But unobserved sat in the corner a "young man from the country," Frank by name, Miss Jones's first love. He sees an opportunity to press his suit; it is accepted, and the whole affair is paid off in an adjournment (the ministers do-lined marrying them), and Miss Jones and Mr. Smith are united, return to their country home and live in happiness thereafter. The story is in verse, humorous and rational, and with a good strong foundation of common sense.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

[CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—Mr. Randall offered a resolution, which was passed, authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to report to the next Legislature on the expediency of purchasing for the State the property between Walnut and Fourth streets, in the rear of the arsenal, in Harrisburg, and report by bill.

Mr. Connell offered a resolution requesting the Attorney-General to give his opinion as to the constitutionality or the act modifying and changing the revenues derived from taxes on taverns and vocations and collateral inheritances to the use of the sinking fund, and applying the same to the ordinary expenses of the State, which was discussed at length, and finally passed by a party vote, adjourned.

HOUSE.—Joint resolutions urging Congress to oppose any new treaties looking to the annexation of the United States under the control of the National Government was considered.

Mr. Nicholson was opposed to the Government assuming any change of the telegraph lines.

Mr. Rogers took the same position, because he desired to restrict Government operations within their legitimate sphere, and for other reasons which he narrated at length.

Mr. Burritt, of Susquehanna, favored the control by the Government, because the Western Union Telegraph Company was a monopoly which was crushing out the business interests of the country.

The resolution passed. Adjourned.

CITY BULLETIN.

CITY COUNCILS.—A stated meeting was held yesterday afternoon.

Select Branch.—A communication was received from the Receiver of Taxes, presenting the information the names of Captain John Z. Reilly and John Haugh as clerks in the office, and the latter's salary as receiver of taxes for the Twenty-third Ward.

Mr. Seidgdon, of the Committee on Water Works, reported an ordinance making an appropriation of $450,000 for the extension of the Water Works. For Belmont Water Works, $150,000 are appropriated; for the Roxborough Works, $11,000; Mt. Airy Works, $83,000; Schuylkill Water Works, $50,000, and Fairmount Works, $146,000. The ordinance was passed.

The same committee reported a resolution approving of certain contracts for furnishing the department with materials. Adopted. The successful bidders for pipe are S. Fulton & Co., and for iron castings, Sheppard & Co.

Mr. Baum submitted a resolution instructing the Law Committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting an ordinance to the Commissioners allowing the refuse of their establishment to run into the sewers. Adopted.

Mr. Smith presented a resolution instructing the Finance Committee to inquire into the conditions of the agreement existing between the Select and the Americus Fire Engine Company, and to report an ordinance providing means for compensating the latter company for its building in Girard street, below Chestnut. Adopted.

Mr. Hamm moved the Common Council providing for grading and curbing Main street, Twenty-second to Twenty-fifth. Adopted.

Also a resolution for the opening of Graham street, from Eighteenth to Nineteenth, and Thompson street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-first street.

Also, a resolution for the grading of Twenty-seventh street, from Brown to Poplar.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to revoke the order relative to the distribution of bread to the poor from the Fifth Ward was referred to the Committee on Police.

A resolution requesting the Legislature not to pass an act to authorize the Northern Liberties Gas Company to increase its capital stock was indefinitely postponed.

A resolution changing the location of the new public buildings to Penn Square, which was passed by Common Council last week, came up.

Mr. Bomm moved that the bill be inoffinitely postponed.

Mr. Barlow opposed the motion. He had originally voted for the Independence Square site, but believed that it was large enough to accomodate the buildings. The Commission had been appointed, and the Committee on Architecture had been at work, and the public satisfied that the site was large enough. He was in favor of Penn Square now, because he did not like the people disturbed in the three-story offices.

Mr. Bloss thought that Councils had received no official information from the Building Commissioners relative to the independence Square site, the purposes indicated in the ordinance the county passed. He believed that Independence Square is the only proper place for the public buildings. The centre of business is the proper location for such buildings. The next best site for them is to be taken, then the buildings had better be on Broad street than at Market street.

Mr. Hodgson opposed the change in location. The commissioners had not said that Independence Square is not large enough. He thought Penn Squares is sufficiently large, and three or four more lots would have to be used. The public buildings should be in the centre of business, and that is the only position Horse cars, passenger, banking institutions, insurance offices and business houses are located. While the Delaware river remains where it is the centre of business will remain in this section. If the Delaware could be turned to the Broad street it might be proper to put the buildings further west.

Mr. Smith opposed the last to last motion for Independence Square, but this is an important matter, and the ordinance should be postponed until further information could be had. Then the Councils by Surveyor should be asked for their opinion as to how much of Independence Square will be necessary to use. The speaker thought that the city hall should be on Broad street and the courts on Independence Square.

The motion to indefinitely postpone the ordinance was agreed to. Yeas, 19; nays, 10, as follows:

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After considerable discussion the bill was passed.

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The resolution from Common Council making an appropriation of $560 to extend the fire-alarm telegraph to the house of the Delaware Fire Company, in Frankford, was passed. Adjourned.

Common Branch.—A communication from Thomas Pollitt was read, tendering his resignation as a Trustee of the Northern Liberties Gas Works. Accepted.

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Those who are willing to contribute to the building fund will please send their subscriptions to F. R. Starr, 626 Walnut street, and William C. Atwood, 619 Chestnut street, or to any of the other officers of the society.

FURTHER HEARING.—Yesterday afternoon Jas. Burk, alias Sailor Burk, and Hugh Green were to have had a final hearing before Alderman Reed, having entered and robbed the money drawer of the saloon of Thomas Stocker, at Eighth and Catharine streets, on last Saturday night. It will be remembered that a portion of $197 Stocker had counted out of the latter's pocket, while the other helped himself to the till. Upon the attendance of the prosecutor at the hearing, but Burk was not. It seems that on the day of the preliminary hearing an individual giving the name of H. W. Donnell appeared before the Police Department and entered bail for the gang of bail for Burk. He exhibited deeds, and represented that he was the owner of residences Nos. 2045 and 2047 Ritchenouse street, assessed at $16,000. He was accepted, but the next day Chief Enos ascertained that Mr. Thos. Hagerty and Mr. Thomas Taylor owned the properties referred to, and they were assessed for $1,200 each. Donnell has his residence at No. 1220 South Fourth street, which was found untrue, Mr. Charles Perrine having resided there for the eighteen years. Green was committed for trial.

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.—The work of building railroads throughout South Jersey during the past few years has received an impetus which bids fair to continue until all the large business towns and villages in the First Congressional District are connected. In addition to those which are in active operation, others are being graded, and others again are contemplated.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House in Camden and vicinity held a meeting, which was largely attended, to take active steps in the matter of erecting a railroad from that place to the White House Station, on the Camden and Amboy road, and the gentlemen interested in the enterprise are determined that the work shall be accomplished at as early a day as possible. It is completed it will open to speedy communication with the city a large area of valuable agricultural lands, and will form a connecting link between the two points of the road which will be built from Vineland and eastwardly to the Camden and Mount Holly railroad, and from Mount Holly to Pemberton road, and can scarcely fail to be a paying one.

LONDON.—The present cold snap again crowds the stables of horses in London. Before last Wednesday night eighteen were lodged there, and last night many found shelter from the inclement weather at the same place. Some of these, no doubt, are worthy of philanthropic assistance, but many have brought their present destitution upon themselves by dissipated habits. These generally beg through the day sufficient food to keep them alive, and when they have obtain is spent for intoxicating liquors, and they seek the stables because for lodgings at night. To make a regular business of begging, and the stables of Camden are resolved to punish all who may be arrested for impudence and disorderly behavior.

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MEMORANDA.

Ship Savannah, Stafford, from Liverpool, went to sea from Mobile 31st ult.

Ship Ellen Jackson, Field, sailed from Calcutta 14th ult. for Boston.

Ship Fontine, Skilling, from St. Jacobs 4th Dec. in ballast, arrived at Boston 31st ult.

Ship James Cheston, Smith, from Calling 31st Oct. for Philadelphia, was at Anjier 1st Nov. in ballast.

Ship Ocean Monarch, Simpson, cleared at Galveston 27th ult. for New York.

Ship Ocean Rover, Hall, cleared at New Orleans 30th ult. for New York.

Ship Sea Witch, Hall, cleared at New York 3d inst. for Liverpool.

Steamer Jesse Chisholm (NG), Brickenstaffer, for Brazos, sailed from New Orleans 30th ult.

Steamer Juniata, Myers, hence at Havana 29th ult.

Steamer Montgomery, Hall, hence at New Orleans 31st ult.

Steamer Wm. Penn, Crowell, hence at Charleston 3d inst.

Bark J. F. Stocker, Bibber, sailed from Matanzas 26th ult. for this port.

Bark Rose Greene (Br), Garvin, cleared at Portland 3d inst. for Philadelphia, with deals.

Bark Sarah Frances, Hall, sailed from Cardenas 31st ult. for Philadelphia.

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Brig Frank E Allen (Br), sailed from Cardenas 31st ult. for Philadelphia, with molasses.

Brig Anna M Knight, Knight, at Cardenas 30th ult. from Boston, to load for Philadelphia.

Brig J Smith, Knowlton, for this port, sailed from Cardenas 31st ult.

Brig Mary E Long, Hadley, hence at Matanzas 26d ult. via Havana.

Brig W Thomas, Wimsmore, hence at Cardenas 31st ult.

Sche Lucius, Nevens, from Savannah 30th ult. for this port, put into Norfolk yesterday, leaky and with loss of deck load.

Sche Elizabeth Magee, Smith, hence at Cardenas 31st ult.

Sche Mary A Holt, Holt, sailed from Cardenas 30th ult. for this port, but put into Key West.

Sche Jas F Wheeler, Iiver, for Sagua, and S W Ged-ney, for Nuevitas, sailed from Cardenas 31st ult. for this port.

Sche Wm Bacon, Somers, sailed from Cardenas 31st ult. for Wilmington, NC.

Sche Wm Bacon, Somers, hence at Wilmington, NC, via Spring at New Inlet, NC, inst., waiting to get to sea.

Sche Wm Bacon, Somers, sailed from Wilmington, NC, 2d inst. for Philadelphia, with naval stores