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PITTSBURGH:

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 16, 1858.

THE EXECUTION

Of Henry Fife and Charlotte Jones.

THE McKEESPORT MURDERERS!

The extreme penalty of the law was yesterday executed upon the bodies of the above mentioned criminals within the yard of the jail. The enclosure is admirably adapted to the carrying out of the statute of 1834, providing for private executions. The Sheriff too, deserves credit for having refused to issue tickets of admission within the precincts where the gallows stood.—None, we believe, not even reporters for the press were able to obtain admission. The gateways to the Court House along the three streets lesding past it on the north, east and south sides were thronged at an early hour and continued to be so until all was over. The gates themselves were locked, and in addition to the usual fastenings, a strong chain was passed around the heavy upright bars just above the lock. A military guard was posted at every entrance and all along the strong and unscalable iron fence that crowns the yard, which is itself from ten to twenty feet above the level of the road on all sides of the Court House. This guard was the Duquesne Greys, which turned out in full force. The Washington Blues were also on guard through the different avenues of the Court House and about the yard of the same. These precautions acted as a damper upon all such curious people as might wish to see "the hanging" by going inside the inner wall of the jail.

We expected to see the tops of houses, and of the churches in the immediate vicinity crowded with people, but the school in the Second Ward House, in the immediate vicinity, was dismissed on Thursday night until Saturday and the House locked and barred. At the University building the same thing had been done so that there was no opportunity of getting a view from the roof of that. Upon the top of the tower of the Rev. Mr. Brown's Church which commanded a perfect view of the scene, we judge, we saw one single man, no more. The fence around the church was thronged, but the church was locked and well taken care of by the Sexton. The Hill over above Hardscrabble was covered with people, although the distance from the jail to the top of it is at least 300 yards. There were women and children congregated, although there was not a single thing to be seen except the cross piece to which the hanging cord of the gallows was attached. Imagination probably eked out the rest of the scene to the anxious seekers for untold knowledge.

At about quarter before one o'clock, the High Sheriff came to the cell of the prisoners and, telling them that the hour was at hand, inquired if they must prepare for the end, asked them if they desired to have the death-warrant read to them again. Fife answered that he did not wish to hear it again. Officer Fox then read the writ from the jail; immediately behind him came the spiritual advisers and comforters of the wretched pair, Rev. Mr. Brown, of the church near the University, and Rev. Mr. Bell, of the Asbury Chapel. Then followed Fife and Charlotte Jones. Mr. Williamson, of the Episcopal Church,—(layman) an English gentleman who has taken great interest in Fife, together with Dr. Baldwin, Physician to the jail, and Dr. Pollock, came immediately behind the prisoners. As the procession moved forward from the cell, down the steps of the jail and again up those of the scaffold, the Rev. Mr. Brown read passages from the 51st Psalm. The prisoners, the Rev. gentlemen before mentioned and Mr. Williamson, all ascended the scaffold where were two chairs, one for Fife and the other for his partner in crime.

Fife was dressed in a neat and becoming dress; brown frock-coat and dark pants. The woman wore a common white dress, not a robe, but a neat simple white dress.

Fife then came forward to the edge of the scaffold and read his statement.

FIFE'S DYING DECLARATION.

GENTLEMEN:—In a few moments of time I shall have answered with my life for the terrible crime I have committed, and which I have already freely confessed. It must not be supposed from what has been published in the newspapers here from time to time since my arrest that I am indifferent or careless about the awful fate I am now to suffer, nor must it be supposed that I have suffered no compunction of conscience for the deed that has brought me to this death. Oh no! I have already undergone more torture of soul than a thousand deaths, and oh how often I have wished I could restore George Wilson and his sister back to life. Vain thought. Maddened with a thirst for gold, and stimulated by drink I gave them the fatal blow that robbed them of life, and sent their souls, without warning, to the bar of God. My fervent prayer now is, and long has been, that they have been made happy by my wickedness, and that their immortal souls are among the redeemed of Christ, and I pray Almighty God for his pardon, and that I may be permitted to hope that in the world of spirits, I may be there, and then beg there to be forgiven.

Since my arrest, much has been done of which I have a right to complain; not that I was arrested, tried and convicted, because that is a just penalty for my crime, but I do complain of some of the means used against me before my trial came on. The public press has been positively continued in that it was next to impossible to get a fair and impartial hearing of my case, and one of the papers, the very day before the jury was empannelled, published nearly two columns of an article upon me, in which it is charged that I was guilty beyond a doubt. How is it possible for prisoners to get an impartial jury if they are first tried and positively condemned by the newspapers? It ought to be sufficient for a prisoner to answer for his crime to an impartial court and jury. The prisoner confined within the walls of his cell has no opportunity to defend himself from these attacks, and *if it is* continued the innocent will suffer with the guilty. I do not complain of the jury that tried my case; I believe they did their duty conscientiously. During the eleven or twelve days I was on trial, my counsel took a great many exceptions to the opinion of the court on the admission of evidence, and when the case was reported from the Supreme Court, I observed none of those exceptions had been presented or argued; but I inquired of my counsel about this, and he told me they had been lost out of the Clerk's office and could not be found. There was a large number of these exceptions. Who carried them off? I will not charge that Mr. Horner, the Clerk of the Court, had anything to do with their being taken away. I believe he is a honest man. I do not believe the District Attorney had any knowledge of what became of these, and I believe that he acted in all things, acted in good faith towards me. Let the guilty party, whoever he may be, however high in power, answer it to his own conscience and to his God. There will be a judgment hereafter, not only for me the poor prisoner, but for some of those engaged in judging him. One of the witnesses at the trial swore to my singing a certain song, in the cell, at the Mayor's office, in which I was made to say that I killed George Wilson and his sister. It is my duty to myself and the people that I leave behind, to solemnly declare that I never sung that song. I did have a conversation with Charlotte and Stewart, and among other things I said to Stewart that I would do him justice; and with the last breath that God gives me in this world, I will reiterate my promise to him. I have been charged with the murder of White, in connection with others. Of his murder I am entirely innocent, and I repeat now, as I have before asserted, in confession, that I never saw Wm. Jones until the evening after the murder of White, and as to any participation or knowledge on my part as to who murdered White, I most solemnly declare I know nothing whatever. During my trial many witnesses were examined. What some of those swore to they were mistaken about. But I believe they were all honest except two, perhaps three. One was sworn, and the others; for he not only makes me admit the murder, but act like a swaggering, reckless fool. But I forgive them all, even him, and humbly pray Almighty God to forgive them.

Since my confinement in jail, I have always been treated with humanity and kindness by Sheriff Patterson, and God will reward him for his goodness of heart, even it should extend a little humane sympathy to me, so unfortunate as to become his prisoner. As to Jailor Phillips he has always treated me kindly. In this respect I have nothing to complain of; but he should be content to guard the body of the prisoners, and not try to get confessions out of them to be used against them on their trial.—What I have here said is from a sense of of duty, and not out of malice or bad feelings toward any one. I am in no situation to indulge in words of hatred or revenge, but rather in those of repentance and sorrow. During my confinement I have suffered more in mind a thousand times for the crime I have committed than the fear of this death that is so rapidly approaching. Here is the fatal rope, and the scaffold on which I shall stand but a few moments more, when my soul will be launched into eternity; but I do not fear; I have made my peace with all the world, and I trust in God. And now, before these witnesses, and in the presence of Almighty God, before whom in a moment of time I expect to appear, and with the last breath that I am permitted to breath on earth, with a full knowledge of my awful situation and my accountability, I solemnly protest and declare that Monroe Stewart is entirely innocent of the murder of George Wilson and his sister. The deed was planned and perpetrated by myself and Charlotte Jones, without an other human being to plan, aid or assist us. For our crime he has suffered a long imprisonment, but I pray God that the last words of a dying man, with no hopes or motives to deceive anything but the truth, while the just punishment of God would be visited by falsehood, will be taken and restore him to that liberty of which he has been so long deprived. In whatever was honest he was my friend, but no partner of mine in crime. He has suffered much for my crime and I beg his forgiveness. Monroe Stewart is innocent. May God have mercy on my soul.

HENRY FIFE.

After Fife had concluded his reading, Mr. Williamson came forward and read the written statement of Charlotte Jones:

DYING DECLARATIONS OF CHARLOTTE JONES.

I now have but a few moments to live, and I wish to make a statement of the truth. Since my arrest, I have been represented as a person hardened, and destitute of feeling, and without penitence for the crime in which I have been engaged. Any statements that I was not sorry, are untrue; because I have suffered continually since the perpetration of that offence—more than tongue can tell; and if I had the power to, retrace my steps, and restore my uncle and aunt to life, there is nothing I would not be willing to do to accomplish it. The reason why I did this, was the great love I had for Henry Fife, and his desire to get money to go to house-keeping with him. A short time before this crime was committed, Fife left me, against my earnest wish—giving me, as a reason for leaving me, that he was too poor to support me, and that he was compelled to leave me, and go and hunt work. He did leave me, and I was under some apprehension whether he would return. During his absence I suffered a great deal, and I would have done anything in the world to be with him. When I next saw him, it was at Columbia, Washington county, Pa. I was not willing he should leave me again, and I went with him —he going to McKeesport and I to my uncle's.—Then when I was at my uncle's house I first formed the idea of committing the crime, in order to get the money, so that I could live with Fife, as I was still afraid he would leave me again.

I also fully believed that Monroe Stewart was trying to get Fife to leave me, and therefore I had a great dislike for Stewart. The deed was planned and executed as I have stated in my confession to Mr. Phillips, and the statement of the murder, as I gave it to Mr. Phillips, is correct, all but this: I stated that I started to Washington to get the poison but concluded to stop in Monongahela City and get it, and that I tried there and failed to get it, but I also stated what Mr. Phillips did not take down: that I got another person to go for the poison, and this person stated that the poison could not be got without swearing what it was for. I did not go for it myself, and never intended to be so understood. I wished to say in making my confession that I did expect, from what Mr. Phillips said, that I would have been cleared and taken as a witness for the Commonwealth, and the reason that I put Stewart in was that I did not like him, because I believed he tried to get Fife to leave me, and I was afraid that the morning after the murder was committed he might have seen something and been used as a witness against Fife and myself. Since I have been in the jail here I have always been well treated by Sheriff Patterson and Mr. Phillips. Now I expect to die, and have tried to make my peace with everybody. I know the awful situation in which I am placed, and now at this time I shall tell nothing but the truth, because I fully believe that I shall be accountable hereafter for what I say. With this full knowledge I am willing to state, before man and before God, that Monroe Stewart is not guilty of the murder of my uncle or aunt, and I believe him to be entirely innocent. I am sorry that I ever put him in the situation that he is now in. I have been visited by clergymen and other religious people, and I feel as though I am prepared to die. I fully confess my crime, and admit that my punishment is just.

In regard to the murder of Mr. White, in Washington county, it is my wish to say that I do not know anything about it, and the first time Fife ever saw my brother, Wm. Jones, to my knowledge, was the next evening after Mr. White was killed. To my counsel, Mr. Howard, Esq., I desire to return my sincere thanks for his services in my behalf.—He has done everything for me that a counsel could do. I now bid the world and all my friends farewell, trust in God, and hope to be forgiven.

Her
CHARLOTTE ✕ JONES.
mark.

During the reading of this statement, the prisoners manifested the greatest tenderness for each other and appeared to realize that they stood each upon the verge of that eternity from which now but a few fleeting moments separated them.

When Mr. Williamson had concluded, Fife came forward and made several other incoherent statements and exclamations, mostly purporting exhortation of what he had already said and protesting his innocence, entire and complete of Monroe Stewart. Mr. Brown then offered a most fervent and melting prayer. Then the prisoners sat down and Charlotte Jones broke out into the most uncontrollable fit of weeping and groaning; these sobs and groans, mixed with incoherent beseechings and prayers to the throne of grace, complaints and moanings against those who had won from her as she said in her frantic exclamations an acknowledgment of her crime with the expectation on her part that she would be used as a witness for the Commonwealth. The scene became inexpressibly painful. Strong men broke down before the awful sight; men who had been on battle-fields turned their backs or withdrew; those whose general administration as ambassadors for God had lead the way ward feet of these poor criminals to the fold of Christ, as they had sometimes dared to hope, could scarcely bear the scene, so mixed of all that is awful and all that is painful in life and on the verge of death. Rev. Brown suggested to Rev. Bell that it might soothe the poor creature if he (Mr. Bell) would offer a prayer, with which suggestion the latter complied, and the effect was such as he had supposed it would be. When the prayer was over, then remained the final scene. The clergymen and Mr. Williamson came down from the scaffold: Fife called Jailor Phillips to him, bade him good-bye, and asked him to forgive whatever he had against him, if he had anything. The jailor shook him by the hand, assured him that he had nothing against him, and bade him good bye. Fife shook hands with almost every one in the jail yard. There were perhaps forty persons present. Then the man whose place it was to pinion the hands, adjust the rope, etc., came forward, wearing a mask and dressed in a fantastic sort of garb, and performed his duty.

The last words Fife said before the plank dropped from under his feet, were that "*he died game.*" This he did not say publicly but said it to a turnkey who stood near by. It is said that he assisted in adjusting the latter about his own neck. The other poor wretch had the fatal noose placed over her head while she was yet groaning, weeping and praying for mercy of heaven, to whose bar she has gone.

At from three to six minutes past two o'clock, the fatal spring was touched, and the law was vindicated. They both fell at the same instant of time. They had together planned and executed a murder that has scarcely a parallel in the criminal annals of this country—murdered two inoffensive and helpless old people, in the dead hour of night, for a few dollars. They had been arrested together, been tried together, convicted and sentenced together, and sent at the same moment of time to stand before that dread tribunal to the eyes of whose Judge all things are open and cannot be hid.

The bodies hung some 25 minutes. Fife dropped like lead, and scarcely moved a muscle of his body. In eight minutes his heart had ceased its beating, and he had passed into eternity beyond even the faintest sensation of present being. Charlotte Jones was dead in four minutes after she fell. Their remains were decently into coffins, and it was the understanding that Mrs. Wolf, a sister of Charlotte's, was to take charge of them, and have them interred in Washington county; but she not having the means to pay the expenses, they were given in the charge of Mr. Williams, undertaker, and buried in the Methodist burying-ground in the Seventh Ward. This coming to the ears of Mr. B. B. Hamilton, compositor in the *Gazette* office, who boards near the St. Nicholas Hotel, where Mrs. Wolf was stopping, that gentleman, from motives of charity, interested himself in the matter, and he and R. N. Avery, Esq., Principal of one of our Public Schools, went security at the Sheriff's office for the amount necessary to defray the expenses of removal of the bodies, and they were disinterred last night, and will be conveyed to Washington county to-day.

There were probably 2000 people around the Court House at one time during the day, but we heard of no fighting or disturbance except between two of the soldiers—one a "gray" and the other a "blue"—which ended without blood.

MRS. ANNA MANSFIELD—who has been at the Monongahela House during the past fortnight, departs this morning, for Louisville, where she expects to remain for a few days. Her rooms have been crowded by lady visitors during her stay in this city.

Our intercourse with the Doctor, who attends personally to his business, has been of the most agreeable character. We commend him to our friends of the Press with whom he may have business as an agreeable and honorable gentleman.

APPLICATION was made to Court last Saturday morning, by Benjamin Grant, Esq., President and Counsel of the Erie City Bank, for permission to change the name of that institution to the "Bank of Commerce." The Court disposed of the application by directing public notice to be given of the same, in accordance with the Act of Assembly, which requires three weeks publication in one or more of the County papers. It is confidently asserted that the Bank will resume payment in thirty days.—*Erie Gaz.*

LONDON BOOKS BY CATALOGUE.—The sale of London books, by catalogue, this evening, on the second floor of Davis' new auction building, Fifth street, is unusually attractive, being a continuation of the collection from private libraries. Scarce and fine works, on many subjects of pleasant reading and research, and which specially commend themselves to every variety of taste, will be found throughout it. They are now arranged for examination.

FORGERIES.—A young man who represented himself as a son of Com. Stockton, of New York, recently visited York, Pa., and presented at the counter of the York County Bank a draft for $50 on a New York bank, which was paid. It was subsequently ascertained to be a forgery. He afterwards obtained the same amount from the Inland Deposit Company, at Lancaster, on a similar draft, and then disappeared. He was no doubt, a "bogus" Stockton.

AT THE Presbyterian Synod now in session at Cincinnati, Prof. E. C. Wines made some very interesting remarks relative to the state of religion in Pittsburgh and at Washington where he is settled. A highly interesting and characteristic letter from Rev. Dr. Jacobus was received, read and published, regretting his inability to be present with them and sending his greetings and wishes for their good.

THEATRICAL.—It is now announced that the Athaneum is to be opened on Monday evening next under the management of Mr. Foster, of Pittsburg, with a talented company of twenty-four members. Mr. Gardner Coyne, the celebrated Irish comedian and vocalist is engaged.—*Wheeling Intel.*

THE Clearfield Co., paper, says:

"OUR County Commissioners have received a statement of the cost of keeping prisoners in the Western Penitentiary, from which it appears that, after deducting the amount of their earnings, there is a deficiency of $143 31 due the Penitentiary from this county."

City Councils.

SELECT COUNCIL.—Special meeting last night. Minutes of the two last meetings read and approved. Following members present: Bennett, Berger, Brown, Herdman, Kim, Miller, Chairman; Morrow, Moorhead, Pollock, Phillips, Totten, Ward.

Mr Brown, 4th Ward, laid before Council a report of the proceedings and resolutions of the meeting in the 5th Ward of Thursday evening, which we reported yesterday morning, protesting against the crossing of the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. over Penn Street. The paper was accepted and referred to the member of Councils from 5th Ward. In C. C. action concurred in

Unfinished business from C. C., of Feb. 4th, was taken up. First, a petition for the reduction of licenses on carts and drays. S. C. nonconcurred in action of C. C., referring to Street Committee, and referred to Finance Committee.

Remonstrance from citizens of Fifth ward, against R. R., referred to Street Committee S. C. concur.

Resolution in S. C. on a previous night, appointing a special committee on Railroad crossing, with power to act, amended, on Feb. 5, in C. C., by striking out "with power to act," and adding at close "and report an ordinance to Councils to carry such arrangement into effect," came back to S C (last night) and was non-concurred in.

Mr Bennett moved that the Street Committee be added to Select Committee. Yeas and nays as follow:

Yeas—Bennett, Brown, Herdman, Little, Pollock, Phillips—6

Nays—Berger, Kim, Miller, Morrow, Moorhead, Totten, Ward—7.

Mr. Morrow moved that S. C adhere to their former action.

Debate followed. Amendment was added to amendment, and motion piled upon motion, the yeas and nays being called at every step. All the amendments and amendments to amendments were voted down, and Council voted to adhere, as follows:

Yeas—Berger, Kim, Miller, Morrow, Moorhead, Pollock, Phillips, Totten, Ward —9.

Nays—Bennett, Brown, Herdman, Little —4

Chairman appointed Messrs. Morrow and Totten Committee of Conference.

Remonstrance of citizens of Ninth Ward against railroad crossing Penn street was ordered to lie on the table, and accepted.

Mr. Totten, a resolution in favor of establishing gas lights at corner of Ohio and Bedford and Ohio and Webster streets. Referred to Committee on Gas Lighting

A petition referred to Street Committee in C. C. on February 5th for paving portion of Crawford street and laying water pipe in same, in S. C., last night, non-concurred in.

Resolution from C. C., of 5th February, that the Council is in favor of P., Ft. W. and C. R. R. crossing Penn street under proper restrictions. S. C. concurred.

Report of the City Solicitor and Controller respecting the expenditure of $65 on Relief Engine house; accepted and referred back to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Herdman offered a resolution that the Market Committee enquire about arranging the Market House so that people who expose their vegetables, etc., in the street may get a place in the Market House. Referred to Market Committee. C. C. concurred.

City ordinances in bound volumes of City of Peoria, received, and vote of thanks to that city. C. C. concurred.

Bill of J. R. Hartley, for ice, read three times and passed. In C. C. action concurred.

A resolution that the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare a memorial asking the Legislature to authorize the city authorities to assess an additional tax of two mills on the dollar for city purposes, and also to levy a railroad tax of five mills to pay the interest on bonds issued by the city to railroad corporations who have failed to meet the interest on the same, was offered. Mr. Brown moved to lay on the table. Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Berger, Brown, Herdman, Kim, Little, Miller, Morrow, Ward—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bennett, Moorhead, Pollock, Phillips, Totten—5.

The Select Council then adjourned.

Common Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present all the members but Mr. Layton.—Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The clerk of the S. C. presented a report from the Finance Committee, with the ordinance making appropriations for the year 1858.

In S. C. report accepted and ordinance read three times and passed.

Mr. Campbell moved to concur.

Mr. Snyser objected and asked for the second reading of the ordinance.

Mr. Snyser then moved that the appropriation to the Firemen be amended, by making it $600 to each company. Lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Bailey, Norris, Snyser—3.

Nays—Barnhill, Caldwell, Campbell, Darlington, Dickson, Digam, Errett, Fulton, Floyd, Gildes, Hamilton, Hunter, Hutchison, Little, Mellon, M'Candless, M'Geary, Reed, Rees, Ross, Robb, Sergeant, Sterling, Thompson, Ward, Pres't. M'Kelvy—26.

Mr. Reed moved to proceed a third reading and there being objection the rules were suspended by the following vote:

Ayes—Bailey, Barnhill, Caldwell, Campbell, Dickson, Digham, Fulton, Floyd, Hamilton, Hunter, Hutchison, Little, M'Candless, M'Geary, Norris, Reed, Rees, Robb, Robb, Sergeant, Snyser, Sterling, Thompson, Ward, Pres't M'Kelvy—24.

The ordinance was then read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes—Bailey, Caldwell, Darlington, Dickson, Digham, Fulton, Floyd, Hunter, Hutchison, Little, M'Candless, M'Geary, Reed, Ross, Robb, Snyser, Thompson, Ward, Pres't. M'Kelvy—19.

Nays—Barnhill, Campbell, Errett, Gildes, Hamilton, Mellon, Norris, Rees, Sterling—9.

A resolution authorizing the Finance Committee in conjunction with the Committees on Fire Engines and Hose and Police to devise a permanent organization of those departments. In S. C. read three times and passed. Action concurred in.

Mr. Hunter presented a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the citizens of the Fifth Ward relative to the R. R. crossing Penn street. Read and referred to the members from the Fifth Ward. In S. C. action concurred in.

Mr. Errett presented the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three from the Common and two from the Select Council in conjunction with the Mayor and Clerk of Councils, call on the gentlemen of the 1st and 2d branch of Councils of Baltimore, now in the city, and extend to them the hospitalities of the city.

Read three times and passed, and Messrs. Errett, Hamilton and Hunter appointed on the part of C. C. In S. C. action concurred in, and Messrs. Brown and Moorhead appointed.

Mr. Campbell offered the following:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be in structed to report a memorial to be addressed by the Councils to the Legislature asking for such additional legislation as will authorize the collection of a city tax of —— mills on the dollar on the assessed value of taxable property in the city—said tax to be called a fire and police tax, and to be exclusively appropriated to the maintenance of the police and fire organization, and any surplus thereof to be applied to the Sinking Fund.

On motion of Mr. Gildea, laid on the table, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Digham, Floyd, Gildea, Hamilton, Hutchison, Little, Mellon, McCandless, McGeary, Rees, Ross, Smyser, Sterling, Thompson, President McKelvy—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Barnhill, Caldwell, Campbell, Darlington, Dickson, Errett, Fulton, Hunter, Norris, Reed, Robb, Sergeant, Ward —14.

The resolutions, with the memorial to the Legislature, relative to licensing carts, drays, etc., were called up.

Mr. Errett offered a proposed Act of Assembly, with the following resolution as an amendment:

Resolved, That, in lieu of the Act now before the Legislature, we recommend the passage of the said proposed Act.

The amendment was adopted, and the resolution read three times and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Bailey, Barnhill, Caldwell, Darlington, Dickson, Digham, Errett, Fulton, Floyd, Gildes, Hamilton, Hunter, Little, Mellon, M'Geary, Norris, Reed, Rees, Robb, Ross, Sergeant, Smyser, Sterling, Thompson, Ward, Pres't M'Kelvy—26.

Nays—Hutchison, M'Candless—2.

The resolution relative to the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. crossing Penn street, came back from S. C., action adhered to, and Messrs. Morrow and Totten appointed a committee of conference. C. C. appoint Messrs. Errett and M'Candless conference committee. Mr. Errett, from the committee of conference, report that the committee were unable to agree.

Mr. M'Candless, from the same committee stated that the committee stood three for concurring in action of S. C., to one against, and moved that Council recede from its action, and concur.

Mr. Errett thought the motion out of order; the chair decided the motion in order. Mr. Errett appealed from the decision. The chair was sustained by the following vote:

Yeas—Bailey, Caldwell, Dickson, Digham, Fulton, Hunter, Hutchison, Mellon, M'Candless, M'Geary, Norris, Reed, Sergeant, Smyser, Sterling, Ward—16.

Nays—Bailey, Barnhill, Campbell, Darlington, Errett, Floyd, Gildes, Hamilton, Little, Rees, Ross, Thompson—11.

Mr. Darlington asked for a division of the question, and the yeas and nays were called on the motion to recede, with the following result:

Yeas—Caldwell, Dickson, Digham, Fulton, Hunter, Hutchison, Mellon, M'Candless, M'Geary, Norris, Snyser, Sterling, Ward, Pres't M'Kelvy—14.

Nays—Bailey, Barnhill, Campbell, Darlington, Errett, Floyd, Gildes, Hamilton, Little, Reed, Rees, Robb, Ross, Sergeant, Thompson—16.

Council then adjourned.

SUPREME JUDGE.—The Mercer Register announces that Hon. John S. McCalmont, of Franklin, now the president judge of that judicial district, will be a candidate for nomination in the 4th of March Democratic Convention for Supreme Judge, to supply the vacancy on the bench occasioned by the resignation of Judge Knox.

REV. DR. JACOBUS, will preach in the Central (late 5th.) Presbyterian Church, to morrow Sab. afternoon at 3 o'clock. The *morning* service will not take place until the *Sabbath following*.

THE post-office at Thompsonville, in Washington county, has been re-established, and Robert Caldwell appointed postmaster.

A GREAT slide of land occurred on Monday, just below Connellsville, and rushing on to the Railway track, so blocked it up that the trains were detained three hours.

Telegraphic.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, February 12.

The Senate is not in session to-day.

HOUSE.—The Sergeant-at-Arms having reported that he had, in obedience to the order of the House, arrested John W. Walcott, he was required to bring him before the bar. The Speaker, in pursuance of the resolution adopted on motion of Mr. Stanton, asked him what excuse he had for not answering the question, propounded by the Select Committee, whether he had received any money or securities from Lawrence, Stone & Co., sometime in March last, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, more or less; and whether he was now prepared to answer that and all other questions?

The witness was sworn by the Speaker he to the tenth of his written reply, which was to the effect that he was here in obedience to the order of the House, to answer for alleged contempt committed by him. He assured the House in all sincerity that he did not design nor suppose in was guilty of such an offence, and respectfully asked until Monday to purge himself of the charge of contempt, and fully ratify his conduct, and he wished again to consult his counsel.

Mr. Stanton moved the indulgence be granted, and that he be remanded into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and have the benefit of his counsel.

Mr. Stanton's resolution passed.

Mr. Boyce, from the Committee on Elections, made a report in the case of Brooks, who contests the seat of Mr. Haskin, of Maryland. The former charges fraud and violence, and asks for a new election; he says the authorities of Baltimore are implicated in the frauds, and cannot be depended upon to extend protection to society. Witnesses were examined before the Committee, after which a resolution was passed, deeming it inexpedient to grant the prayer of Brooks asking the appointment of a Committee to take testimony.

Mr. Phillips made a minority report, stigmatising the election proceedings in Baltimore as a gross mockery upon political independence and popular sovereignty, and concludes with a resolution empowering the Committee on Elections to send for persons and papers, and to report on the facts.

The consideration of the subject was postponed till Monday.

Mr. Howard said that rumors were afloat involving the rights and dignity of the House, and asked leave to offer a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to investigate whether attempts had been made by persons connected with the Executive Department or persons acting under their advice to influence the action of the House, directly or indirectly, by promise or intimidation, or giving or withholding patronage, &c.

Lively proceedings followed.

Mr. Warren objected to the reception of Mr. Hoard's resolution. If Mr. Hoard would put his finger on a person so offending, he would vote with him, but not for such a sweeping indefinite charge.

Mr. Houston—If the gentlemen would state on his own responsibility improper influences used, that would affect tangible ground for investigation, but not scurrilious articles from newspapers.

Mr. Hoard read from the Richmond South, which said that the President declared that he would put the Lecompton Constitution through in thirty days or bust, as four desirable votes could be procured by means of executive appointments, but it would require nice engineering.

The Speaker thought that this did present a question of privilege.

Mr. Hoard read from the correspondence of the Tribune:—"I learn that until Monday morning it was expected that Burns, of Ohio, would vote against the Lecomptonites. On the morning of that day, however, he came to another perception of his duty, on an understanding with the President that his son-in-law should retain the valuable place of Postmaster at Keokuk, Iowa, and that he himself should be gratified with the office of Marshal of the Northern District of Ohio when his present term in the House is completed." Mr. Hoard read from the Constitution showing that the President's power only extends to matters of legislation, and from Washington's Farewell Address against the trespassing on the rights of the National Legislature, adding that these are paper statements formed on basis of action for the House.

Mr. Warren said that if Mr. Hoard insinuated that men on the Democratic side were influenced by cowardice, or hope, or fear, he was very much mistaken. Neither the executive nor others could influence them. He was on the lookout for the distinguished reporter, and if he could find him would expel him.

Mr. Burns pronounced the statement of the Tribune a unqualified falsehood.

Mr. Stephens remarked that the movement of Mr. Hoard was bounded on vague rumor.

Mr. Washburne, of Me., accused Mr. Stephens of an attempt to strangle investigation.

Mr. Giddings was sorry to see such unnecessary excitement. It became Statesmen representing a free people to purge themselves of such charges of corruption. He referred to the fact that the Senate once expelled the reporter of the Tribune for stating that his colleague, Sawyer, ate sausages.

The House by a vote of 103 against 58, decided that Mr. Hoard's resolution was not a question of privilege.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

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