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WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 6, 1859.

Eds. Gazette—The Republican side of the House behaved much better to-day than yesterday. Its members almost redeemed themselves. They behaved throughout the day with great coolness and decision and did not repeat the blunders of the previous day. Abundant provocations were given them, but they did not even lose their presence of mind throughout a very exciting session.

As I anticipated, no progress was made in the work of organization. After a protracted session of five hours, the House adjourned without having had a second ballot; and from present appearances, the minority will filibuster this week away and perhaps the next, without permitting the majority to come to a vote.

As soon as the minutes were read, Mr. Clark, of Mo., resumed his speech on "the everlasting nigger." He repeated his remarks of yesterday, denouncing the fifty-two Republicans who signed the rec ommendation of Helper's book as men who had incited the slaves to rebellion and had done their best to promote a servile war. He said that not one of them was fit to be Speaker, and that if the prayers of such men were necessary to his eternal salvation, he would prefer to sink to the nethermost regions of hell. The man who could utter such a blasphemous sentiment as this, has but little chance of heaven.

As soon as Mr. Clark had concluded his treasonable and blasphemous harangue, much to the disgust of every decent man in the House, Mr. Gilmer, of N. C., offered a substitute for Clark's resolutions. It set forth the pledge adopted by the Union-savers in 1850, that they would not vote for any man who was not in favor of the Compromise measures of 1850; also the resolutions adopted by the Democratic and Whig National Conventions in 1852, in favor of those measures and denouncing the repeal of slavery agitation; and ended with a resolution that no one should be elected Speaker who was not in favor of those measures.

Mr. Barnett, of Ky., appealed to Mr. Gilmer to withdraw his substitute. He could offer it as an independent proposition, or let it come in after Clark's resolution as an addition; but he begged Mr. Gilmer not to prevent it as an amendment. He wound up by declaring that he was for standing by the Union-savers to the last ditch. If the Republicans succeeded, a declaration which was received with mingled hisses and cheers.

Mr. Gilmer very politely declined to accede to the beggarly position of his democratic brethren. They had once passed resolutions against Slavery agitation, and he wanted them to renew the pledge, instead of renewing the agitation, as they had been doing yesterday and to-day.

Mr. Stewart, of Pa., moved to lay the whole matter upon the table. The yeas and nays were ordered and resulted yeas 116, nays 114, but the impartial Clerk, Mr. Allen, who wants the Republicans to re elect him, announced the nays up to 116, and decided the motion to be lost. Yesterday there were but 236 members present and voting; to day Mr. Rust appeared, but Mr. Adrain was absent; so that but 236 votes were cast to-day, and of these the Republicans had 116; but the clerk knows how to favor the Democratic side in such extremities. Many Republican votes for his re-election, he had better make his will politically. He almost uniformly awards the five to democrats; and if he does not decide points of order in their favor, at first, he invariably reverses it on his own decision at the demand of the Southern members.

At this stage, Mr. Millson, of Va., got the floor, and rather threw cold water upon his Southern brethren. He said that he regretted the introduction of Mr. Clark's resolution, although he could vote for it; and he regretted the introduction of Mr. Gilmore's resolutions, although he could very freely vote for it, also. His regret arose from the fact that his friends, instead of attacking the other side of the House, had not waited for some explanation from that quarter. If that attack had not been made, he had hoped that gentlemen on the other side would have offered an assurance, voluntarily and gratuitously, at the opening of the session, that they did not sympathize with the Harper's Ferry inroad; and if that assurance had been given, it would have quieted the fears of the South, and the House could have been organized at once. But now, since this Helper book had been introduced, and attacks had been made upon those who recommended it, the one side was lashing themselves into fury, and the other, instead of replying or explaining, sat by in sullen, almost contemptuous, silence.

Several gentlemen on the Republican side of the House here jumped to their feet, but the floor was awarded to Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, who sent to the Clerk's desk to be read a letter from F. P. Blair, Sr., which stated that Mr. Helper had submitted his book to him before it was published—that he had pointed out to him certain passages (those published in the N. Y. *Herald* lately) which were objectionable and which he (general) would strike out; that upon the conviction that these passages had been struck out he recommended it to the Republican members of Congress; that in acting upon his recommendation, had signed the circular recommending it, the circular having been signed before the work was published—its contents known, except upon his (mistaken) representation of them.

Mr. Sherman said that he had intended to remain entirely silent; but the kind remarks of the gentleman Mr. Millson had afforded him an opportunity for saying that he had no recollection of having signed the circular; he supposed, however, that he had signed it; but that he had never seen the book, or the compendium of it, and knew nothing whatever of what they contained. So far as his own sentiments were concerned, they were upon the records. During his four years' service in that body, and upon the stump at home, he had frequently declared his views upon the Slavery question, and had always said, as he said now, that he was utterly opposed to any interference whatever with the relation of master and slave as it existed at the South.

Mr. Leake, of Va., tried to break the force of that speech by ridiculing it; and then he turned upon Gilmer, whom he tried to browbeat out of his position. He talked through his nose, and cracked the whip like an overseer. No one, however, paid any attention to him.

Mr. Horace F. Clark, anti Lecompton democrat, got the floor, and made a half and-half speech. He endorsed Mr. Gilmer's resolution. The compromise measures of 1850 he fully approved. He was for returning to that platform. The North was not responsible for the agitation of slavery. The compromise measures had been departed from in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and, since then, the agitation had been kept up by the efforts of the administration to extend slavery into Kansas against the will of that people. Recurring to Mr Millson's speech, he said that he knew no reason why the Northern members had not come forward with assurances of their disapproval of Brown's foray, which was no worse than the incursions from Missouri to Kansas, was because they did not know and never suspected that the South for a moment believed that the North favored that foray. The North, almost to a man, condemned Brown.

Keitt, the South Carolinian who was knocked down by Grow, followed. He is not a pretty man, and his manner of delivery is so highly pugilistic, and he works his ugly mug into so many ugly shapes, that his speech making is as good as a circus. He mixed up the air, tortured his phiz into all sorts of shapes, spread himself all over the house, roared like bully Bottom, and made himself ridiculous generally. He repeated his old saw of destroying the Republic "from turret to foundation stone," if the South does not have its way, and sat down, looking as much excited as if somebody were after him.

Here a scene ensued as thrilling as John Gilpin's race. I am glad I was there to see it. Thaddeus Stevens, "old Thad," got the floor, and instantly the whole House, scattered by Keitt's speech, began to gather into the seats to hear him. He said he was not going to make a speech. The whole violent discussion carried on by the other side, was a striking proof of the correctness of his point of order, raised yesterday, that the whole thing was out of order. At 10 o'clock he moved to adjourn. He would say, however, while he was up, that he did not intend to let Southern members for their course. It was quite natural. This thing of threatening to destroy God's creation, from "turret to foundation stone," was an old trick. It had been tried before, to scare the timid doughfaces of the North, and with such success that he did not wonder at their trying it again. They might possibly scare somebody with it now.

Here the Southern members, who had gathered near the Clerk's desk, got into commotion. Mr. Crawford, of Ga., worked himself into a tremendous spasm, gesticulated, roared, talked wildly, but so incoherently as to be incomprehensible. What he said (some knows) but Keitt and Barnett urged him on, the while feeling for their revolvers and bowie knives; the whole mass gradually working up before Stevens' seat, (which is in the front row immediately before the Clerk's desk); but while this was going on, Millward and Owen Lovejoy, and sundry other members of decided fighting capacity, walked up to Stevens' side, the Northern members closing up in mass behind. For a moment the scene looked threatening. There was a calm waiting on the part of the Northern men for the first blow, and an excited flashing of feets among the chivalry; but Stevens stood cool and calm through it all, and the blusterers, finding they could not intimidate him nor those who stood beside him, backed out and slunk away to their seats.

Mr. Stevens then said that he insisted upon his point of order, upon which he called the previous question—on this call, which seemed to take the chivalry all aback, as it cuts off further debate, if ordered, he demanded the yeas and nays. Mr. Florence moved to adjourn, and called for the yeas and nays: lost, yeas 100, nays 130; and the question recurring on the call for the previous question, Mr. Houston, of Ala., said he desired in good faith to examine the question as to the effect of the previous question, if ordered, and the House, with the aid of some weak members on our side, at 5 o'clock adjourned. (On these motions to adjourn, the Republican members from Pa. in a body uniformly vote No. Hickman and Swartz do the same.)

Thus has ended the second day. It has been characterized by great violence and hot blood on the part of the South and great coolness on the part of the north. If our men keep this up—suffer these hotheads to blaze away until they exhaust themselves, and not feed the fire by replying, the fight will come to end sooner than expected. The effect of to-day's violence has been to drive our men together firmly, and a little more of it will make them invincible.

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Mercantile Library Lectures.

Messrs. Editors: I listened to both of the lectures of Rev. Mr. Giles before the M. L. A. and was much pleased with the style and thoughts of the speaker. Such lectures as this Association intend to secure cannot fail to be interesting and profitable to all who attend and endeavor to derive the instruction from them they may. They are a recreation without any of the evil tendencies to be found in many other amusements. They enable us to see some of the best writers in our country, and serve to raise the tone of a community, as well as to impart much valuable information. They also have a tendency, so far as they are patronized, to counteract the evil influences of vicious and sensational entertainments. Nearly all persons seek occasionally some kind of relaxation from the ordinary pursuits of life. This is more true of youth than of older persons. And as I, especially at the last lecture, saw the empty seats and the very few young persons present, it occurred to me that many parents might be committing a great and perhaps fatal error in neglecting to attend these lectures in company with their sons and daughters. If they do not provide a means of recreation, combined and elevating, their children will be likely to resort to such as are injurious and even fatal to all their happiness. May not parents, by attending these literary gatherings, afford aid and encouragement to a useful institution, be themselves profited, elevate and refine the tastes of their children, and also raise the literary character of society. If does seem to me that pleasure duty to themselves and their children, the peace, purity and elevation of society, all demand that these lectures be fully attended. I am a stranger and dependent that Theatres are closed through out every night of the week, while our course of lectures carefully elaborated by distinguished men, is but thinly attended.

A PARENT.

CITY AFFAIRS.

MAYOR'S COURT—Wednesday evening about eight o'clock, a man named Robert P. Kitts, aged about 21 years, of Coraopolis, Fayette county. We were not present at the inquest, which was held at a late hour on Wednesday night. We learn, however, that it appeared the man came to the city on the Cleveland train on Wednesday night, and registered his name A M Thompson. A woman named Anne Wagner, arrived in the East Wayne train, who he said was a lady placed under his charge. They put up at the Mansion House. They stood there all day Wednesday, and at about eight o'clock in the evening all but Thompson or Kitts, shot himself with a revolver, in the hall of the third floor. He lived but three or four minutes after the wound, which was through the region of the heart. The testimony of the girl, Anne Wagner, will throw some light upon the case, and other

Anne Wagner, sworn—Resides in Baltimore; left there three years ago. Was in Lonsville a short time, and went from there to Cincinnati, remained there a short time. Was acquainted with deceased; he came to Baltimore; knew him he had from 1 to 1,500 in Fayette county; has now about thirty or forty. He knew Mr. Kitts; he is Mr. Harris's son, of Westmoreland county. Deceased and myself have been acquainted for about three years. We left Cincinnati together, but he bought the wrong ticket and came by the way of Newark. We got to the room with the valise from before the conference. He said he was troubled about something which had occurred in the house, asked why he did not leave. I told him no, and rushed out of the room. Did not see him destroy himself; have been sick and was on bed at the time he came in. He said previously that he had a pistol in his pocket, and that he had been very successful in money, and was distressed about his father owing a debt he could not pay. He said he was going to pay it. I was going to pay it myself. I had no difficulty with deceased. I heard the report of the pistol and saw him fall. Deceased was about twenty-one years of age.

A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

On Thursday, Geo. Shriver, a resident of Allegheny, lives in Chickasaw, and is employed with Graff, Bennett & Co., was committed to jail by Alderman Kerr, on the information of Mr. Bennett, on a charge of larceny. It appears that Mr. Bennett had missed a number of articles from the store, and suspected Shriver, and had him arrested. Shriver had been in the employment of the firm for some time, and had access to the store at all hours. Mr. Bennett, on searching Shriver's house, found a number of articles belonging to the firm, and had him committed to jail.

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PLEASANT PARTING.—We are pleased to be able to publish the following account of the pleasant leave taking of two of the late Teachers at the House of Refuge, who seem to go forth with the kindest wishes and blessing of the present Superintendent:

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Oh, Monday evening last, all the officers, numbering some sixteen or eighteen, and assembled in the Superintendent's parlor to bid a good bye Mr. Lowry, the present Superintendent, came in, bearing an elegant *papier mache rocking chair*, and a beautiful fancy *Cake*, and addressed those about to leave as follows:

Mr. Ferry and the Women—[illegible] officers: I the House of Refuge, and a resolve request, I attend here to perform a pleasant and [illegible] some time a very painful duty. I feel greatly embarrassed because officiating [illegible] the youngest. I those now present, because my intercourse with you has been shorter; because I have not enjoyed that length of time of intimacy, and have not, consequently, learned to appreciate and love, and respect you, as have those who now surround us.

It is pleasant for me to represent the donors here in the presentation of gifts appropriate and deserved.

It is painful, because it is the cause of parting with the companions of [illegible] that bind closely all mankind. [illegible] endeared by mutual sympathy and [illegible]

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I am instructed to say that these gifts are a slight token of the affectionate regard and high esteem entertained by the donors for your merits, as friends, as Christians.

Your many excellent qualities of head and heart have endeared you to them. Your efficient connection with the House has been characterized by pleasant and agreeable. They have ever found you active, zealous, efficient in promoting the highest motives, actuated by the honest impulses, and governed by a uniformly sincere desire to promote the highest and best interests of those entrusted to your care. Socially, your intercourse with them has proved the sincerity of parent friendship.

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