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THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1866.

OUR CANDIDATES.

The Allegheny County Convention which assembled on Tuesday last was composed of thoughtful, loyal men. The resolutions expressing the political creed of the party are toned in the true spirit of patriotism and forbearance. Every patriotic citizen of the county cannot fail endorsing them. The candidates nominated are men of sterling worth and integrity, eminently deserving of the suffrage of the loyal masses. We have placed the ticket at the head of our second page, and a brief review of the social and political record of the individual candidates will not be out of place.

For the office of Sheriff, a very important one, SAMUEL B. CLULEY has been nominated. He was born in Philadelphia in 1826, but at a very early age came to this city and made it his home. He learned the carpenter trade, which he successfully followed for a number of years. Possessing a naturally gifted mind, he abandoned the trade and became one of the reportorial corps of the Pittsburgh *Dispatch*. His connection with that journal was of the most pleasing and satisfactory nature, and the warm manner in which our neighbor advocated his nomination may be attributed to old associations. In 1857 he was chosen by Sheriff ROOT PATTERSON as his Deputy, which position he held up to the close of that official's term of office. Sheriff PATTERSON was succeeded in office by JAMES L. GRAHAM, who reappointed Mr. CLULEY as Deputy. In 1860, Sheriff GRAHAM was succeeded in office by the lamented HARRY WOODS, who, upon assuming his duties, retained Mr. CLULEY as Deputy. In August, 1863, Sheriff Woods was summoned to eternity, and the community strongly urged upon Governor CURTIN the appointment of Mr. CLULEY to fill the vacancy thus occasioned. He consented to accept the office for the unexpired term, three months, and permitted the widow of his predecessor to draw the emoluments accruing from the office. At the expiration of his brief term, the present incumbent, JOHN H. STEWART, Esq., was chosen by the people his successor. Upon entrance to office he acknowledged the ability of Mr. CLULEY by conferring upon him the office of Deputy Sheriff, which position he has honorably and faithfully filled up to the present time.

Mr. CLULEY is a pleasant, affable gentleman, a firm advocate of human liberty, and a faithful, trustworthy member of the Union Republican party. He is immensely popular with the voters of the county, and no better man could have been selected to lead the ticket. The public interest demands that he be elected to an office in which he has had such ripe experience.

For Clerk of the Courts, also an important office, the Convention wisely conferred the nomination upon an empty-sleeve patriot, JOHN G. BROWN, Hampton township, late of Company H 102d Pa. Volunteers. Mr. B. was a brave and gallant soldier, and received the wound which renders him incapable of performing manual labor at the Battle of Seven Pines. He is a gentleman of good business qualifications and scholastic attainments. He won for himself an enviable reputation as a clerk in Provost Marshal EOSTER's office of this district. He is a plain, unassuming gentleman, and numbers a host of friends. His nomination conclusively proves that the patriotic masses are willing to recognize the claims of a wounded soldier upon their gratitude, and to acknowledge in a substantial manner the services rendered our flag in the hour of trial.

Upon ALEXANDER HILANDS was conferred the nomination of Clerk of the Orphans' Court. Mr. H. is a thorough gentleman, and in every respect worthy of the nomination. It was given him as a recognition of his unfaltering devotion to the principles of the party. If elected he will make an attentive and efficient officer. There is not a more popular man upon the ticket than Mr. HILANDS, and he will poll a very heavy vote.

HENRY SNIVELY is the candidate for Recorder. He is a gentleman thoroughly experienced in business matters, and no wiser selection could have been made. At present he is employed as chief clerk in the County Controller's office. He is a true patriot, and has ever been a working member of the party which places him in the field as a candidate.

JOSEPH H. GRAY, of Plum township, late private in the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers, has been nominated for Register. This brave gentleman enlisted in 1861, and served with honor and distinction until wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, in 1862. He was shot in the leg and rendered a cripple for life. Mr. GRAY is a gentleman, endowed with superior business talent and is a ripe scholar. He will make an energetic and capable officer.

For Commissioner GEORGE HAMILTON, has been nominated. We feel that Mr. HAMILTON is too well known throughout the county to need any word of commendation from us. He is a firm, unflinching Republican, and worthy of the suffrage of every loyal voter.

JOHN F. DRAVO, Mifflin township, has been nominated for Director of the Poor. The Convention, in selecting Mr. DRAVO for this office, took into consideration his goodness of heart and humane, Christian character. If elected, the charitable community may rest assured that the duties of the office will not be neglected. He is a staunch, reliable Union Republican.

Perhaps the most important object to the people is to secure intelligent and trustworthy representatives in the Assembly. They should be experienced, shrewd men; men who fear not doing their duty and whose integrity is unimpeachable. Such have been placed in nomination, and we doubt whether better citizens could be found in the county. Messrs. GEORGE WILSON, of Pitt township; GEORGE Y. McKEE, North Fayette township; WILLIAM PETER, Ross township; R. A. COLVILLE, city; SAMUEL CHADWICK, Collins township, and JOHN P. GLASS, city, are the candidates. Col. JOHN P. GLASS has already served three consecutive terms in the House of Representatives, and being nominated for the fourth, speaks volumes in his favor. He is abundantly qualified to represent our interests, while his integrity and honesty of purpose is above suspicion. He is a great favorite with his constituents and will poll a heavy vote. His political record is clear and unblemished.

The name of Hon. GEORGE WILSON is too familiar with our citizens to require any biographical sketch from us. He has always been recognized as one of the most active and reliable members of the Union party. He served with honor for a number of years in both branches of the City Councils, as the representative of the Second Ward. In 1860 he was elected Chief Magistrate of the city. In that position he numbered for himself as friends all classes of the community. He possesses rare executive abilities, and performed the duties of that office in a manner calculated to win the approbation and esteem of the public. He will make a model Representative.

SAMUEL CHADWICK is also well and favorably known to the public. In the fall of 1859 he was nominated and elected by the Republican party to the Legislature, and served one term with much honor to himself and credit to his constituents. He has long been identified with the principles of the party, and by no means will he prove the weakest man upon the ticket.

R. A. COLVILLE represented this county in the Legislature in 1864. He proved a trustworthy and reliable member, and as he has labored hard and earnestly for the party, it is but mete and just that a liberal support be given him.

WILLIAM PETER is a fair representative of the German element. He is a butcher by occupation, and an honest, fair-dealing, trustworthy gentleman, possessing sound thinking abilities, and will make one of our shrewdest Legislators. He has always been a strong advocate of Republican principles, and if elected it will be his advent into office. He is a German with good English education, and will make a very efficient legislator.

GEORGE Y. MCKEE, of North Fayette township, was a member of the last Assembly. He served his constituents faithfully, and in return has again been placed in nomination. He is an upright gentleman, and if honesty of purpose, devotion to principle, or attention to duties, go to make up a perfect Legislator, Mr. MCKEE can justly claim the title.

Thus, as will be perceived, the ticket has been made up of the best representatives of the party, and the wise men who made the choice for the people are entitled to their gratitude. The nominees are combined elements of strength, which would even secure victory were our county less loyal in its politics.

CITY ITEMS.

Humphrey's Homeopathic
Medicines for sale at Fulton's Drug store, No. 108 Smithfield street.

Muslins at Old Prices.
On the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets.
C. HANSON LOVE & BRO.

Dress Goods.
A complete line for the present season, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets.
C. HANSON LOVE & BRO.

Men's Fine French Calf,
custom made, hand-sewed Boots, at a reasonable price, at Opera House Shoe Store, 59 Fifth street. 31

The way to Make Money
is to save it. You can save money by buying your Boots and Shoes at 61 Market street.
J. A. ROBINSON & CO.

Dress Goods,
Cheap for cash, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets.
C. HANSON LOVE & BRO.

Dress Goods,
A good assortment, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets.
C. HANSON LOVE & BRO.

J. A. Robinson & Co.,
61 Market street, have just received a very large stock of Mens Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, Balmorals, &c., which they are selling at very low prices.

House in Allegheny at Auction.
The brick house, 107 Webster street, Second ward, Allegheny, with lot 20x100, will be sold by A. Leggate, Auctioneer, on Saturday, at 10 o'clock.

One of the Best Assortments
of Mens, Ladies, Misses, Boys, Youths, and Childrens, Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, Balmorals, Slippers, Oxford Ties, Buckle Shoes, &c., is to be found at 61 Market street.
J. A. ROBINSON & Co.

We Advise
our friends in search of anything in the Boot or Shoe line to call at J. A. Robinson & Co's. 61 Market street. They are selling a very fine article of Men's hand sewed calf Boots, for eight dollars, and all other goods in proportion.

An Infallible Cure
For diarrhœa, dysentery, and cholera, is found in the medicine prepared only by Jos. Fleming, druggist, No. 81 Market street. In view of the approach of the cholera, no family should be without this valuable medicine. Sold only at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Store, No. 81 Market street.

25 Cents, 25 Cents, 25 Cents.

Now Open.	Now Open.
Now Open.	Now Open.
At 63 Fifth street,	
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M. A. Evans & Co.	
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Entirely Original.	
Entirely Original.	
Twenty-five Cents.	
Twenty-five Cents.	
Or One Dollar.	
Or One Dollar.	

Is all that is asked for any article. By this arrangement you may get

A Gold Watch for $1 00.

A Silver Watch for $1 00.

A Silver Plated Tea Set for $1 00.

A Silver Plated Castor, Butter Dish, Ice Pitcher, Goblet, Set of Forks, Cake Basket, rich Jewelry, Fans, Opera Glasses, Table and Fine Cutlery and a great variety of other goods, all for the disposal of at Twenty-five Cents or one Dollar each.

Call and See.	Call and See.
What 25 Cents will do.	
What 25 Cents will do.	
At 63 Fifth street.	
At 63 Fifth street.	

Be On the Alert! Danger is at Hand.
This has been a sickly season. The medical faculty prophesy evil in the future. They think pestilence is on the wing for America. Suppose this to be true, what is the best defense against it? REDOUBLED NERVOUS VIGOR. This is the only protection against DISEASE, as well as against the PRINCIPLE OF INFECTION. Why do not those who predict the epidemic propose an adequate preventive? There is one; a tonic, a nervine and alterative, competent to shield the system against the subtle elements of disease, whether they float hither on the winds from distant lands or rise like vapor from our own soil, or are incorporated with the universal fluid. This ONE PREVENTIVE, of which there is no duplicate among the compounds either of the Old World or the New, is

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

Remember that it is a specific for all the complaints which lay the system open to visitations of deadly epidemics. If you are dyspeptic, it renews the vigor of your digestive powers, gives you appetite, and restores your cheerfulness. If you are nervous, it invigorates every fibre of your nervous system; from the base of the brain, where it begins, to the extremities, where it terminates. If you are bilious, it disciplines your unruly liver and brings the action of that organ into harmony with the laws of health. It is, in short, an invigorant and alterative so powerful that Nature, with Hostetter's Bitters for her ally, may bid defiance alike to native malaria and foreign infection. If this enemy we hear of, this disease which is desolating Europe, is really bound hitherward, it behooves the *prudent to put on their armor*, to clothe themselves with invulnerability as far as human means will permit, by preparing the system for resistance with this pure vegetable antidote.

Hostetter's Bitters
Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 84 Market street, corner of the Diamond and Market, near Fourth street.

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THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

DEATH OF GENERAL SCOTT.

Orders from Adjutant General's Office.

OFFICERS DETAILED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The following orders were issued to-day:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 30, 1866.

General Orders No. 35.—With profound sorrow the General-in-Chief announces to the army the death, at West Point, New York, on the twenty-ninth inst., of its late illustrious Commander, Brevet Lieutenant General Winfield Scott. His history is part of the history of the country. It is almost needless to recall it to those who have venerated him so long. Entering the army as a Captain in 1808, at the close of the war of 1812 and 1814 he had already, by the force of merit, won his way to the rank of Brevet Major General. In 1841 Major General Scott was assigned to the command of the army. In the spring of 1847, the Mexican war having already begun, he commenced, as Commander-in-Chief of the army in Mexico, the execution of a plan of the campaign, the success of which was as complete as its conception was bold, and which established his reputation as one of the first soldiers of the age. A grateful country conferred on him, in 1848, the rank of Brevet Lieutenant General as a token of its estimate of his brilliant services. As the vigor of his life, whether in peace or war, had been devoted to the service of the country he loved so well, so in his age the country gave to him in return, that veneration, reverence and esteem which, won by a life of the most commanding greatness, and united to great breadth and vigor, pure in life, his memory will preserve in the minds of those who have reverenced him so long.

As a testimony of respect the officers of the army will wear the badge of mourning for six months, on the left arm and hilt of the sword or saber. The General-in-Chief directs that at sunrise on the day succeeding the receipt of this order, and at meridian on the day of the funeral, thereafter, thirty minutes to one o'clock, P. M., and this order to be read at the head of every regiment, battalion and detachment serving with the army.

By command of Lieutenant General SCOTT.
E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adjutant General.

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E. D. TOWNSEND, Asst. Adj't Gen'l.

The Department announces to the Navy and Marine Corps the death of Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, of the United States army. This illustrious officer departed this life at West Point, New York, on the 29th inst., at seven o'clock, P. M. In honor of this distinguished general, the commandants of the navy yards and stations will direct the flags of their several commands to be hoisted at half mast until sunset, and fifteen minute guns to be fired at sunrise, meridian and sunset on the day of the funeral, or on the day after the receipt of this order, if subsequent thereto.

THEODORUS BAILEY,
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

The Chief Clerk of the Treasury having been arranged to take part in the Funeral Ceremonies of the province, the Custom Houses of the United States are, in honor of this event, directed to be closed that day as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased. Flags of revenue cutters will be displayed at half mast.

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CHOLERA IN NEW YORK.

Two Deaths Yesterday

MEETING TO SUSTAIN THE EXCISE LAW.

Reward Offered for Incendiaries

EMIGRANTS ARRIVED THIS YEAR.

Submarine Exploding Apparatus Experiments.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Two deaths from cholera occurred in the city to-day. The deceased were John Fitzgerald, No. 31 Thirty street, and a woman named Corrigan, No. 86 Sixth avenue.

A meeting in favor of sustaining the Excise law was held at Cooper Institute to-night. It was largely attended. Addresses were made by Horace Greeley, Judge Robinson, Rev. J. H. Dunn and others. A private circular is being read, addressed to liquor dealers in New York, declaring that they have formed a league of 100,000 voters, and asking them to pledge themselves that they will vote for no candidate not opposed to the oppressive law.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners to-day, a reward of one thousand dollars was offered for the discovery of the incendiaries who fired the Academy of Music, and the same reward for any other incendiaries discovered in the next six months.

There was a trot over the Union Course this afternoon, the best three in five, for two thousand dollars, between Lady Emma and Shark. Time 2:28¼, 2:30, 2:28½, 2:25¼, 2:26.

The Commissioners of Emigration, at the semi-monthly meeting to-day, denounced the irregularity of the railway agents in overcharging emigrants and taking luggage passing through Castle Garden. The time of arrivals to the present date this year was 24,393.

Successful experiments by the new submarine exploding apparatus, were made this afternoon at Williamsburg. The vessel was submerged for an hour and a half, and travelled the bed of the river in that time. A public exhibition will be given in a few days.

At the meeting of the shipwrights to-day in the city they resolved to adhere to the original purpose in their strike.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Paper Circulation on the 1st of May—No More Austrian Troops for Mexico—Appointments by the President—Master Gut of Captains and Paymasters.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The amount of paper circulation on May 1st, 1866, was $630,180,477, including the national currency $290,460,085; State circulation 45,000,000; United States notes $415,354,518; fractional currency $28,922,073; compound notes $107,012,241; one and two years 5 per cent. loan $6,656,900.

It is estimated that ten millions per year will be necessary for the payment of the guaranteed bonds of the Pacific railroad, the total estimate being $73,240,000. The balance of the unpaid claims of the States, under the act of July 27th, 1861, including the three months' expenses incurred, amounts to $12,285,187. The estimated amount of the claims of individuals on file in the Third Auditor's office is $2,301,058. In the Third Auditor's office the claims in the pay and bounty loans are estimated at $18,000,000, on account of recruiting service, $12,096,000; moneys deposited by recruits $54,941; in the Ordnance, Miscellaneous and Medical branch, $117,927. All claims in the Record and Pension office are $18,15,000.

The State Department learns that no Austrian troops have been sent to Mexico, and it does not expect that any will be sent.

The President has directed the following appointments:—Col. Andrew J. Fuller, Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Pennsylvania, in place of Horace Bonham; Cyrus D. Lewis, Assessor of the first District of Michigan, vice Joseph R. Bennett; Maxwell Undilla, Assessor of the second District of Ohio, vice James Fullen.

According to a special order from the War Department, about forty Captains and Assistant Paymasters, their services being no longer needed, will be mustered out of service within the next few days. They will receive no final pay until the Pay Department is satisfied that they are no longer indebted to the United States.

Tournament at Clarksville, Kentucky —Colored Emigration Society Organized.

NASHVILLE, May 30.—A grand tournament will take place at Clarksville to-morrow.

The Colored Emigration Society, recently incorporated by Legislature, has been organized by the election of the following officers: President, General George N. Thomas; Vice President, General H. W. Johnson, Secretary, F. B. Chatham; Treasurer, Anson Nelson.

The Fenians—Another "Scare"—Preparations for an Emergency.

BUFFALO, May 30.—A dispatch from Toronto says: In consequence of news from Buffalo of arrivals of Fenians, the military here are on the alert, and preparations have been made for any emergency.

ADDITIONAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Earl Clarendon on the Situation.

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS IN PROGRESS.

Proposals to the Proposed European Congress.

GARIBALDI ACCEPTS THE COMMAND OF THE ITALIAN TROOPS.

Embargo on the Italian Press.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The following additional advices are furnished by the latest arrival:

In the House of Lords, May 18, Earl Clarendon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in response to certain inquiries relative to foreign affairs, stated, "It is impossible to aggravate the gravity of the crisis. I can reply that both official and confidential communications are in progress at this moment. I can scarcely, as yet, give them the character of negotiations, but they are going on at this moment, and I hope that they may result in a meeting together of all the powers of Europe, both of those who are neutral and of those who are arming, but I cannot hold out a hope that they will terminate in peace, although I think a meeting together of all the powers of Europe may give some hope of an amicable issue. I can only say that no effort on the part of Her Majesty's government will be wanting to bring about such a result. I believe, also, Commander-in-Chief of the army in Mexico, the execution of a plan of the campaign, the success of which was as complete as its conception was bold, and which established his reputation as one of the first soldiers of the age. A grateful country conferred on him, in 1848, the rank of Brevet Lieutenant General as a token of its estimate of his brilliant services. As the vigor of his life, whether in peace or war, had been devoted to the service of the country he loved so well, so in his age the country gave to him in return, that veneration, reverence and esteem which, won by a life of the most commanding greatness, and united to great breadth and vigor, pure in life, his memory will preserve in the minds of those who have reverenced him so long.

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THE MEMPHIS RIOT.

Report of General Stoneman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30.—The Secretary of War, to-day, sent to the House, in compliance with a resolution of that body, the report of General Stoneman relative to the recent Memphis riots. The latter says that upon an investigation by the Commissioners it appears there were 46 persons outright killed, and eight negroes, eight of whom were discharged soldiers. The Third Colored Artillery had been stationed at Memphis since its organization, and consequently were not under the best control. Late arrivers of the men had their wives and families living in town, and were contiguous to the fort, in which the soldiers were quartered. The Commissioners report the instruments to execute the orders of the Government, such as provost marshals' bureau agents, and provost guards, had been more or less brought directly in contact with the late uprising portion of the community, and the police, which is far from being efficient, and in these cases the difficulties here, but principally of the latter, which consider the negro his competitor and enemy. Many negroes, it appears from time to time, have been arrested by the police, and many whites, by the leading men of the police, have been arrested by the negroes, and in both cases those arrested have not unfrequently been harshly dealt with. General Stoneman concludes that the riot must have been composed of the police, firemen and the rabble, and was not the act of a general, with a sprinkling of yankee haters, all of whom were encouraged by demagogues and their allies, a great many of whom resigned their office of whiskey.

In their evidence before the Commissioners, Judge Creighton, Recorder of the city, made a speech to the rioters, in which he said: "We are not prepared to say that we regret to clean every negro son of a bitch out of town as we have, for paroled Confederates were mixed up with the rioters on Tuesday, and Wednesday the large proportion of the rioters being negroes. A riot commenced the incendiarism on Wednesday night remains to be seen.

MEMPHIS, May 30.—The Congressional Committee have already examined over a hundred witnesses in this city, and are now engaged in proceeding rigorously. Investigation, and are before they will complete their work.

Since the burning of the colored school-house at the time of the riot, a building of sufficient capacity for the accommodation of four or five hundred scholars has been erected by the Freedmen's Bureau, with the name of Lincoln Educational Institute, and was opened to-day with a good deal of ceremony. Speeches are made by General Fiske, General Hurlbut and others. Arrangements are being made for a grand celebration by the citizens generally of the federal occupation of the city by the Union troops, on the 6th of June.

THE MEMORIAL TO COM. VANDERBILT.

Interesting Account of the Presentation of the "Vanderbilt."

NEW YORK, May 30.—Commodore Vanderbilt, in his letter to the Secretary of State, acknowledging the receipt of a memorial gold medal, gives the following interesting account of the presentation of the steamer of that name to the Government:

On the 26th of March, 1862, I received at my residence in this city a letter from the War Department inquiring if I would undertake to prevent the Confederate steamer Merrimac from coming out of the harbor of Norfolk, and urging my immediate attention. As the danger was most imminent, and there was no time to be lost, I answered by telegraph that I would go to Washington the next day.

On the morning of the 27th of March, I called at the War Department, where I saw for the first time Mr. Stanton, the Secretary of War. He requested me to accompany him to the Executive mansion, where I was introduced to Mr. Lincoln, to whom I was then personally a stranger. The President asked me if I thought I could, with the aid of my steamships, do anything to prevent the Merrimac from getting out of Hampton Roads. I replied to him that I was my opinion that if the steamer Vanderbilt was there, properly manned, the Merrimac would not venture to come out, or if she did, that the chances were ten to one that the Vanderbilt would sink and destroy her. Mr. Lincoln asked me to name the sum of money for which I would undertake the service. I replied to him that nothing would induce me to become a speculator upon the necessities of the Government, and should not mention a sum as the value of his charter, but that I would make a gift of her to the Government for the service proposed. The President replied, "I accept her." I left him, promising that the steamer Vanderbilt would be at Fortress Monroe, properly equipped and officered, under my direction, within three or four days at the farthest, and she was there within the time. The requisite instrument of transfer was subsequently executed by me and transmitted to the War Department.

FROM HAVANA.

Small-pox at Porto Rico—The Rebellion in St. Domingo—President Baez Going to Leave the Country—Newspaper Circulation Suppressed.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The steamer Columbia arrived to-day, bringing Havana dates to the 26th.

The small-pox continued at Puerto Rico and had spread to several places near Ponce, though it was decreasing at the latter place.

The *Bulletin* says President Baez is unable to put down the revolution in St. Domingo. He has determined to leave the country. This statement, however, is doubted, as the revolution is said to be on a small scale.

Great preparations are making for the reception of the new Captain General.

The circulation of the *Orondon* of Tour, in Havana, has been suppressed on account of an article against the Censor at Havana. The Cuban subsidy of three thousand dollars to the *Cronica* has been suspended also.

Fire in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—The storage warehouse of Freeman & Co., on Elm street, between Second and Third, containing three hundred bales of cotton, four hundred barrels of flour, sixteen hundred barrels of salt, and two hundred bales of hay, was burned to-night. All the contents were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $10,000; insured mainly in Eastern companies. The United States Bonded Warehouse, on Third street, connecting in the rear of the burned warehouse, belonging to the same firm, containing five thousand barrels of whiskey, was also considerably damaged, but the whiskey was saved.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, May 30, 1866.

SENATE.

Mr. Grimes reported adversely on the petitions for an increase of pay of naval officers.

Mr. Sprague called up the joint resolution for the payment of certain Kentucky home guards, called into the United States service to repel a rebel invasion under John Morgan in 1862, which was passed.

At one o'clock Mr. Howard called up the reconstruction resolution.

Mr. Anthony asked that the Senate insist on its amendments to the West Point Academy Bill, and call for a Committee of Conference. The amendment, disagreed to by the House, is a provision that in making nominations for admission to West Point, members of Congress shall name five persons from whom selection shall be made upon the result of competitive examination. The Committee of Conference was ordered.

Discussion followed on Mr. Howard's amendment to the Reconstruction Report.

Mr. Doolittle moved to amend by inserting the words "excluding Indians not taxed."

Mr. Cowan wanted the word "citizen" defined, and thought it belonged to the States to say who were citizens.

Mr. Johnson said the Senate was not to be inflamed that very serious questions had arisen, and because of them, had given rise to much embarrassment as to who are citizens of the United States and what are the rights which belong to them as such. The object of Mr. Howard's amendment was to settle that question. He thought, therefore, that the committee to whom the subject was referred and by whom the report had been made, had acted very wisely in defining what citizenship was. He knew of no better way of accomplishing that than the one adopted by the committee. There was no definition in the Constitution, as it now stands, as to what constitutes a citizen of the United States. That was an open question in that instrument. The courts had decided that any man who is a citizen of a State becomes *ipso facto* a citizen of the United States. But there was no provision at all as to how citizenship can exist, except through the medium ship of the citizenship of a State. All that the Constitutional Amendment provided was that all persons born in the United States, and not subject to some foreign power, shall be considered citizens of the United States, and that would seem to be not only a wise but a necessary provision. There should be some definition of what citizenship is.

Mr. Johnson next passed to the amendment of Mr. Doolittle, and expressed himself in favor of it. He hoped the friends of the joint resolution would adopt it.

Mr. Howard said that the great objection to Mr. Doolittle's amendment was that its effect would be to naturalize all Indians who paid taxes. He believed, with Mr. Trumbull, that the Indian tribes were foreign powers, and were treated as such, and so regarded by the Constitution, in which is conferred power to treat not only with foreign nations, but with Indian tribes.

Mr. Doolittle said that the words proposed in his amendment were in the civil rights bill, in a provision similar to that which was now proposed as a constitutional amendment. The civil rights bill undertook to do this same thing which is now proposed here, in declaring which shall be citizens.

The Committee of Fifteen, fearing that this declaration by Congress was without validity, unless a constitutional amendment should be adopted to that effect, reported it, thought proper to report this amendment.

Mr. Fessenden said he desire to say that in all the senator says on this subject in connection with the Committee of Fifteen, he is drawing upon his imagination. There is not one word of correctness in all he says.

Mr. Doolittle said he would take issue with Mr. Fessenden on that point as a question of fact.

Mr. Grimes said that Mr. Doolittle's charge was not only an imputation upon the Committee of Fifteen, but an imputation upon every senator who voted for the Civil Rights bill. It was an imputation that they had voted for a bill which they believed unconstitutional.

Mr. Doolittle said he meant no such imputation. He meant to say there were doubts as to the constitutionality of the Civil Rights bill.

Mr. Fessenden said that no such doubt in regard to the Civil Rights bill were ever expressed in the Committee of Fifteen. During all the discussion in the Committee the subject was not mentioned.

After some remarks by Mr. Sanisbury, the yeas and nays were demanded on the adoption of Mr. Doolittle's amendments, to insert the words "excluding Indians not taxed," which was disagreed to—yeas 10, nays 35, as follows: Messrs. Buckalew, Cowan, Doolittle, Guthrie, Hendricks, Johnson, Nelson, Saulsbury and Riddle.

Mr. Wilson offered a concurrent resolution that the Military Committee of the two houses constitute a joint committee to take into consideration the message of the President announcing General Scott's death, and report what steps should be taken by Congress to express its appreciation of the character and public services of the late Lieutenant General.

The question then was upon the adoption of the following as a substitute for the first section of the House resolution, reported yesterday:

Mr. Hendricks moved to amend the above by inserting after the word "shall" and before the words "have engaged," the words "or offering to be a term of office."

Mr. Hendricks, in advocacy of this amendment, said that an official oath was binding only during the term of office.

Mr. Guthrie said he was opposed to the section above quoted, because of its proscriptive character, and he would vote for the amendment of Mr. Hendricks, because it was a little less proscriptive.

Mr. Johnson spoke in favor of the amendment of Mr. Hendrick.

Mr. Sherman thought the amendment of Mr. Hendricks' amendment, all who voluntarily left offices would be relieved from the operations of the third section.

Mr. Hendricks called for the yeas and nays on the adoption of his amendment.

The amendment was rejected—yeas by yeas, 8; nays, 34. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Buckalew, Davis, Guthrie, Hendricks, Johnson, Riddle, Saulsbury and Van Winkle.

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the section by striking out the words "or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an Executive or Judicial officer of any State." The yeas and nays were demanded on this amendment and it was disagreed to by yeas 10, nays 32.

Mr. Johnson moved to strike out the words "having previously taken," and insert the words "at any time after the Rebellion began," making the first of January, 1861, had taken. The yeas and nays were demanded on this and it was disagreed to by yeas 10, nays 32.

Mr. Van Winkle inquired if the last clause of the section referred to a general amnesty of disability in individual cases.

Mr. Howard said it might be applied either in general or individual cases. It was intended to have a discretionary power in such cases.

Mr. Saulsbury moved to amend by inserting the words "in each House," in the last line of the words "And the President may, by the exercise of the pardoning power." The yeas and nays were demanded upon this, and it was disagreed to, by yeas 10, nays 32.

Mr. Doolittle addressed the Senate in opposition to the pending section.

The Senate then, at five o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. Blaine, from the Select Committee on the War Debt of the loyal States, reported a bill to reimburse the States which furnished troops to the Union army, for advances made and expenses incurred in raising the same.

Mr. Blaine said that after conference with the members of the Committee, and friends of the bill, he found an indisposition to consider the bill at this time. He therefore yielded his own judgment, and moved the bill be recommitted to the Select Committee, and that the Committee be continued as now organized, with leave to report during the next session.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Blaine, the Select Committee on the War Debt was discharged from the further consideration of the resolution offered by the State of Kansas for monies expended in furnishing troops, and it was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Stevens, from the Select Committee on a Military and Postal Railroad from Washington to New York, reported back the bill to authorize the building of a Military and Postal Railroad from Washington to New York, which was recommitted, with a notice by Mr. Stevens that he would call it up in a week.

The bill to promote the construction of a line of railway between the city of Washington and the Northwest, for national purposes; and the bill to authorize the Cleveland and Mahoning Railroad Company to continue and construct their railway from Youngstown, Ohio, to Pittsburgh, Pa., and make it a military and post road, were reported, but the morning hour expired before action could be had upon them.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting the report from Major General Stoneman, concerning the recent riot at Memphis, which was laid on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for restoring the States lately in insurrection to their full political rights.

Mr. Broomwell, of Illinois, addressed the House. He supported thoroughly and completely the report of the Reconstruction Committee.

On motion of Mr. Schenck, further consideration of the subject was postponed until next Monday.

The House then proceeded to consider the action of the next Special Order, it being the bill reported by Mr. Schenck from the Committee of Military Affairs, to reduce and establish the pay of officers and to regulate the pay of soldiers of the army of the United States.

Mr. Schenck detailed at length the object of the bill, and the operations of the present cumbrous and roundabout mode of calculating the pay and allowances of officers. He indicated several amendments which he desired to offer to the bill. These were to make the pay of a General $15,000, and all of the Lieutenant Generals $10,000; to allow to officers, in lieu of the present longevity rations, ten per cent. additional for every five years' continuous and faithful service. The amendments were incorporated in the bill.

Mr. Blaine exposed the inequality of abolishing commutation of rations, showing the cost of living at Fort Bridger, where the Government had contracted for wood at fifty dollars per cord, for oats at twelve dollars a bushel, and for flour at seventy-five dollars a barrel, and where, he said, a Brigadier General could not support two horses and two children on his pay of $5,500. Officers on the Utah expedition could not have lived on double their pay, if they had not been allowed commutation of rations.

Mr. Farquhar inquired whether the difficulty could not be obviated by allowing rations in kind at certain posts.

Mr. Garfield admitted that that would make a great difference. But there was no such provision in the bill.

Mr. Thayer observed the bill. He held it to be manifest in this country, covering such a vast extent of territory, the expenses of living must differ widely in different parts of the country, and that in equality had been always remedied here, and in other countries by making the government the purchaser of the necessaries of life, and furnishing them to officers and men as part of their pay. The cost inequality, and common sense and common justice were against the proposed change.

The Speaker interrupted Mr. Thayer to present a message from the President and Senate in reference to the death of Lieutenant General Scott, when Mr. Schenk expressed the hope that no other business would be done by the House to-day, except