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Daring Attempt to Break Jail.

For two or three days the jailor and turnkeys at the county prison have been aware that James M. Bannon and James Copper, of Lawrence county, confined on a charge of counterfeiting, were making arrangements to escape. A watch was kept on their movements during Tuesday and Wednesday nights, but they did not attempt to get out. On Thursday night, about ten o'clock, the jailor, in company with his assistants, entered the cell, and made a thorough examination of the place. They discovered that several bars and rods of iron had been cut or sawed off from the bedstead, and used in removing the stone and plaster which secured the iron window plate of the cell. The removal of this plate would have enabled the prisoners to get into the jail yard, after which they could have escaped by scaling the wall. The damage done to the plate was carefully concealed in daylight, by being stuffed with bread, and covered with a thin coating of Paris plaster. They had a new rope, supposed to have been conveyed to Bannon by his wife, secreted in the bed, with an iron hook attached to one end. The cell was in the second tier, south side, and after the removal of the plate the rope would have been used for the purpose of letting themselves down, and also in scaling the jail wall. Pieces of meat, and a quantity of white powder, resembling arsenic, were also found in the cell, supposed to have been intended to be used in silencing the watch dogs in the jail yard. The inside door of the cell had been broken off, and the hinges removed—so that it would seem they had in view two avenues of escape, inside as well as outside. The prisoners were both secured, and chained in a lower cell. They endeavored to induce the jailor to believe that the preparations for escape had been made by the deserting Sergeant Smith, who had occupied the cell previous to being sent East. Their plans were well laid, and but for the vigilance of the jailor would have been successfully carried out.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.—One night in the early part of last week the hardware store of P. H. Laufman & Bro., Wood street, was entered by burglars, who effected an entrance into the third story from the roof of Wilson's coach factory, on Diamond alley, and then gained access to the store by removing a panel and drawing a bolt upon a door which leads to the second story. They carried off a quantity of fine hardware and cutlery, knives, powder flasks, &c., to the value of about $200, and also a clock, which was in the back part of the store. A desk was broken open and robbed of its contents, which were of little value. The Mayor's police learned of the robbery that morning and immediately set to work to find out the thieves. They soon discovered who the guilty parties, three in number, were, and succeeded in getting some knives, given away by one of the parties, which were identified, and are now in the Mayor's possession. Alderman Donaldson's police were also engaged in the search, but all efforts to secure the offenders bags so far proved unsuccessful, though the police have been engaged night and day in endeavoring to catch them. Yesterday reliable information was received that the suspected parties had been seen in Butler county, and Chief of Police Hague and officer Moore, with a pair of horses, started in pursuit. They will probably return in a day or two, with the perpetrators of this bold burglary in custody, as they have an accurate knowledge of their whereabouts.

—Last evening, about 7 o'clock, a wagon arrived from Butler, bringing with him a quantity of table cutlery and pocket knives, which had been sold by the suspected thieves at such a price as created suspicion. He states that he knew the house in which they were concealed, and, to make assurance doubly sure, officers Patterson and Hamilton were dispatched to arrest them. The point for which officers Hague and Moore started is about four miles from the house to which the other officers went. With four officers so energetic as these on their track the thieves will hardly escape.

Sale of H. H. Ryan's Property.

It may be seen that the sale of the residue of the real estate of Howard H. Ryan, will take place at the Court House, on Wednesday, February 13, at 10 o'clock. The property now offered is among the most valuable and desirable that has been offered for years. We would especially call attention to the "Spring Hill" property. This place adjoins the residence of Adam Reineman, Esq., and commanding, as it does, a most beautiful prospect of the city and surrounding country, is at the same time surpassed by none in point of healthy location. It is within a short hour's walk of the city. The buildings on the premises consist, as we are informed, of one two story brick mansion, with fourteen rooms and all the modern improvements, such as marble mantles, &c., &c., one large stone basement stable with a good tenant and carriage house attached, a handsomely finished hot-house, with a choice assortment of flowers, also a number of hot beds. There is also a never failing spring, covered by a good substantial stone house, &c., &c.

In addition to the above, we may mention that the ground attached to the mansion contains eight acres, all in an excellent state of cultivation; two acres of which are planted with the best Catawba and foreign grapes, and have yielded for several years from seven hundred to one thousand gallons of excellent wine; one half acre is planted with the choicest varieties of strawberries, gooseberries, &c., &c., and a great variety of the best qualities of plum, pear, apple, apricot and cherry trees. The above property and the adjoining pieces are already desirable, not only for their short distance from the city, but also by reason of their great prospective increase in value. We may at some other time call attention to the property on Ferry street. Mr. C. E. Roper, at "Ryan's buildings," the gentleman now residing on the Spring Hill property, will cheerfully give any information concerning it to persons who may call upon him. Application may be made to John J. Mitchel, Esq., No. 87 Fifth street, or to J. M. Fass, No. 21 Pennsylvania Avenue, for hand bills.

A PITTSBURGER IN LUCK.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, writing from the Washington county, Ohio, oil district says: "On Thursday last, a Mr. Smith, member of a Pittsburgh firm, struck oil at sixty-eight feet, near what is known as the Dutton well, which promises to rival the Lewellen or Rathbone wells of Virginia. The first barrel was pumped in five minutes, with a hand-pump, and afterwards four barrels were pumped in fifteen minutes! Mr. Smith instantly telegraphed his friends in Pittsburgh to burn up their old clothes, get new ones and come down. He was offered $10,000 for this well the second day after it went into operation. California, at Suter's mill, never exhibited a more novel sight than in the oil region; every acre along the valley has its shanty and its miners—the click of the drill is heard on every hill-side; anon the party strikes the carboniferous compound—a loud shout and waving of hates and the miners resume their labors."

NOVEL LECTRE.—A lecture on a rather novel subject is announced for Saturday evening next, by Mr. Benton Halstead, of Cincinnati, at City Hall. The subject is: "The rich man and his peculiar institution—the poor man and his."

WASHINGTON COUNTY has, so far, contributed $1,089.93 to the Kansas relief fund.

Amusements in the City.

Never in our experience, has the show business been at so perfect a stand still in our city as at the present time. On last Saturday evening, though managed, for the past two seasons, better than for years previous, the Pittsburgh theatre, a most admirable place of amusement, was closed for want of patronage. Two days before the Morris & Wilson Minstrels, excellent representations of an ever-popular class of amusement, left us, (the first instance, in many years, where a really meritorious troupe, failed to do a paying business,) having suffered a heavy pecuniary loss. Hamblujer, a good wizard, is performing to empty benches, notwithstanding the attraction of gifts to every visitor. Even concerts and lectures, among our reading and musical population, are not patronized as they should be; while the proprietors of "ten cent. shows," with, perhaps, one exception, are doing a starving business. What is the cause of this? We are daily asked. We can scarcely answer—but believe the chief cause to be the political excitement of the time and the fear of "hard times ahead." Money is not scarce in the city, but there is an evident dread that it may be, and our citizens regulate their expenditures accordingly, amusements being among the first luxuries dispensed with. Be this as it may, amusements are so "stale flat and unprofitable," that it will take some time to galvanize the public into renewing their support of them.

Galloway's Castle Burned Down.

Nearly every resident of Allegheny knows the location of the old rookery, known as Galloway's Castle, occupied by eight or ten colored families, which has always furnished fees to police officers and items to newspapers. On Thursday night its inhabitants had been up late with their drunken orgies and some had scarcely got into a comfortable sleep, when, about four o'clock in the morning, the building was discovered to be on fire, having caught from a defective stove pipe. The inmates of the Castle managed to escape, some with and some without clothing, but none were able to save any great proportion of the scanty household goods they had in the Castle. The building was soon burned down and not a vestige of it now remains. The Castle belonged to the heirs of Geo. Galloway, and was of little value.

The building contained ten rooms, occupied by as many families, among them Charles Ross, John Thornton, George Sizemore, James Williams, Thos. Jones and daughter, and John Jackson and wife, all colored, together with one or two white families. The destruction of this old building will be a relief to the neighborhood to which it was a great nuisance. The unhoused families who were taken care of during the night by the neighbors, will soon find new quarters.

ALLEGHENY CITY ITEMS.—At a meeting of Allegheny Councils, on Thursday evening, an appropriation ordinance was adopted, levying a tax of ten mills on the dollar for city purposes, one mill poor tax and half a mill business tax. The appropriations were as follows:

1 Salaries	$ 1,500 00
2 Interest	30,000 00
3 Engines and Firemen	2,200 00
4 Printing	600 00
5 Streets and Bridges	3,000 00
6 Wharves and Landings	1,000 00
7 Rent	700 00
8 Surveys	1,000 00
9 Contingent	2,500 00
10 Poor Farm	4,000 00
11 Water Works	13,000 00
12 Outstanding Warrants	8,000 00
Total	$67,619 23

The revenue from the Diamond scales for the month of January was $1,565.45.

Resolutions were passed authorizing the payment of $841 to the Manchester Passenger Railway company, the city's share of the expense of constructing a bridge over the canal on Lacock street, and $67.5 to A. Davidson for erecting a new bridge on Sandusky street.

DROWNED.—A small boy named Joseph Applegate, aged about six years, son of Walter Applegate, of East Williamsport, Washington County, was drowned in Pigeon Creek, opposite the island, on last Thursday afternoon, in a hole made by the river workers. It is not known how he got in the water, as the first intimation they had of his death was the discovery of the body floating on top, by his older brother. Every effort was made to restore life, but without avail.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Nancy Beal, aged eighty four years, died very suddenly at the residence of her son, Thomas Beal, in Forkstown township, on last Thursday evening. It is supposed, from the effects of a fall received some years ago, while in a board walk in her garden, over which time she was confined and frequently the sufferer of a severe side.

HEAD CUT OFF.—Patrick Lynch was killed instantly a few days ago, at Rockport, by the bursting of the circular saw at the wood depot of the Ohio Central Railroad. A fragment of the saw struck him in the neck, severing his head from his body. He represented as being a worthy man, and he the sole stay and leaves a widow and five children.

SUPPOSED HARPERS CAUGHT.—On Thursday afternoon John R. Redick was arrested for disorderly conduct in a beer hall and taken before Alderman Taylor's office, where he attempted to burn a package of notes, addressed to gentlemen in this city, evidently written for the purpose of raising the wind. He was committed to jail for the night. Yesterday afternoon Mayor Wilson's police arrested a man on Grant street, for raising a disturbance, who is also believed to be an impostor. He was locked up in the tombs.

MORE MONEY FOR KANSAS.—Mayor Wilson yesterday received $7.75 for the Kansas fund—$10 from one gentleman, $3 from another and $4.75 from citizens of Manchester. This cold weather seems to stir up the sympathies of our citizens in behalf of the suffering people of Kansas.

In the afternoon $30 more were contributed—$10 by John Black, $10 by the clerks at H. L. Fahnestock and Co.'s, and $10 by a gentleman who does not wish his name published.

MORTUARY.—Dr. Murdoch, Physician to the Board of Health, reports, for the week ending 5th inst., 19 deaths, 17 males, 2 females. Of these 8 were adults, of whom 3 died of consumption; of the 11 children, all under ten years, 3 died of inflammation of the brain and and 2 of pneumonia.

CATHOLIC FAIR.—The members of St. John's Church, Birmingham, are making preparations for a fair, to be held in that borough on the week after Easter. Its object is to meet the expenses incurred by the purchase of a pastoral residence, recently made.

THE PALMETTO FLAG.—We acknowledge the receipt of a picture of the palmetto flag of South Carolina, from the office of the Charleston *Mercury*. Those who have any curiosity to examine it can be gratified by dropping into our counting-room.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Friday last, in Carroll township, Washington county, Simon Eagye, an aged gentleman, residing three miles above Monongahela City, was killed by the falling upon him of a load of wood which he was hauling.

COLD LODGINGS.—Mayor Drum yesterday morning imposed fines for drunkenness on Edward and Catharine Doyle, found the night before, lying on the pavement, in the Diamond, both very drunk and almost frozen to death. A happy couple, truly.

THE District Court was not in session yesterday, Judge Williams being still unable to hold Court. When he recovers, the case of Munn & Barton vs. the city will be resumed.

THE oil fever is raging to a tremendous extent in Muskingum and Morgan counties, Ohio. Preparations for boring on an extensive scale are being made.

ORGANIZED.—The Board of Guardians of the Poor have organized by appointing Geo. Albree, President, and George Fortune, Secretary.

Oil on the Mahoning.

The New Castle *Courant*, in an article on the all prolific subject, oil—gives the following list of wells preparing to pump.

Moore, Book & Co., at Lowellville, have a fine show of oil, and are getting ready to pump. The well will probably be tested this week.

Raney, Kirker & Co., on Mrs. Robinson's farm, down 315 feet. This is considered a good well, and the boring has been stopped, and preparations are in progress for pumping.

The Power well has been pumped a few days and was yielding handsomely, when something got wrong with the seed bag, letting in too much water. This difficulty was speedily remedied. It is probably pumping before we go to press.

Power, No 2, which we mentioned last week, has the pumps already on the ground, and will soon be tested. It is on the Walters place.

Nesbit is reaming to make room for a larger pump. He doubtless has an excellent well.—On the M'Bride farm, a little over 300 feet deep.

Kessick & Bryson were pumping quite a nice stream of oil on Monday, with flattering prospects. On the farm of Wm. Douglas, 310 feet.

Stevenson, Philips & Co., on the James Ripple farm, have an excellent show at 280 feet, and will be pumping within a week.

C. M. & Thos. Phillips, on the same farm, and at the same depth, have oil in considerable quantity, and are getting ready to pump.

Phillips, Stevenson & Co., at the brickyard on Parks & Stevenson's farm, have a good show, at 282 feet. Bothered some with gas.

Weyman, Allen & Co., on Mrs. Ashton's place, have a very fine show of oil, and have sent for a pump, 297 feet.

Pearson & Co., on the M'Ginthery farm, have a good show, at about 300 feet.

The *Courant* says of the oil from the wells: "From nearly all these wells, we have seen specimens of oil. It is uniformly pure and transparent—entirely different from that found in Venango county and at Moxra, and much more valuable."

The *Courant* mentions several wells in process of boring, and adds:

"Every day we hear of new developments on the Mahoning, going to show that Lawrence county is probably the best oil territory, all things considered, in the State. So far we have not heard of a single failure to procure abundance of oil on or before reaching the depth of 300 feet. From the number of wells, and the flattering prospects of all, we may look for great developments within the next thirty days. It is only about six months since the first oil was pumped on Mahoning at the Strawbridge well. Companies were soon formed, and operations have been commenced at various times since, and pushed rapidly as all the circumstances would permit."

The same paper says: "We learn that on Tuesday evening the Union Company, a short distance above Strawbridge on the opposite side of the river, have struck a good vein, and are about stopping the work of boring and preparing to pump. They are down between 200 and 250 feet.

A GOOD MOVE.—A company is now being formed, for the purpose of sinking a shaft to the depth of 300 feet, in the valley of the Allegheny near Ellinburgh with a view to ascertaining just how it comes. This is an excellent idea, and we hope it will be speedily carried out. The expense is estimated not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

OIL IN THE MONONGAHELA VALLEY.—It is now thought that oil wells are not confined to the Allegheny valley. A number of persons are prospecting along the Monongahela at different points, and several experienced persons have given it as their opinion that by sinking wells oil will be found in great abundance.—Mr. N. B. Ryden, of this place, has opened an old salt well, about a mile from the Cheat River, and the indications are quite favorable. Several years ago, before such a thing as oil wells were thought of—this well yielded a considerable amount of oil, but nothing was done with it, as it was considered of no value.

We learn that a company from Pittsburgh has leased several farms along the different creeks emptying into the river above this place, and will commence boring immediately. We hope their greatest anticipations may be realized. *Brownsville Times.*

DISTRESSED WOMAN.—A few days since a well dressed and respectable looking female was seen standing on Fifth street, and questioned a stranger as to a place, which, when found, she entered to the charge of Mrs. Meyers. It appears she is from Pennsylvania by birth. Her story, as we understand it, is as follows: Her husband, a merchant, left home about a week ago, and sent a boy out with the goods, the woman taking a different direction when the boy left out of the store. When the boy joined Mrs. Dickson, who said she had never seen the goods, but could not divine why the woman was that had attempted to impose upon the proprietors of the store.

AN AFFECTIONATE SON is said to have taken place at New Castle, on last Monday, when Rev. E. E. Swift, pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at that place, a position he has held for seven years, tendered his resignation at a Congregational meeting. Mr. Swift having been called to assist his father, who is growing infirm, at his church in Allegheny. At the meeting, Mr. S. was so in addressing the congregation as to be unable to go on for a time, so overcome by emotion, that many of the congregation were in tears, and the only way in which a vote granting the request of Mr. S. could be taken was by rising. Complimentary resolutions were adopted. Mr. Swift comes to us about the first of April.

ST. MARY'S CEMETARY.—Four hundred and seventy six interments were made in this cemetary last year. Nearly $2,000 was received for grave lots, and $719.50 for single graves. The cemetary owes yet some $26,000, but has assets enough on hand to almost wipe out the debt.

THE arrangements for the banquet on the 22nd are going on rapidly. It comes off in City Hall, and the supper is to be prepared by Col. Fricker.

THE morning mail on the Pennsylvania Railroad was delayed yesterday, by the breaking of a rail and throwing off the track of the Express train.

THE Ebensburghers have got the oil fever.

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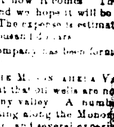

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THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb 8—HOUSE.—The House passed the bill for the adjustment of the claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company under the treaty with Great Britain. It authorizes persons residing in Washington Territory within one year to make application for the confirmation of their title to lands claimed by them.

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President, including the correspondence with Col. Hayne. It was referred to the Select Committee of five and ordered to be printed.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Thirty-three.

Mr. Hatton, of Tenn., contended with regard to the principal question at issue, namely, slavery in the territories that has been decided in favor of the South, and that slavery was entitled to protection in the territories.

Mr. Kellogg, of Ill., said that if the country is to be saved, parties and platforms must be sunk and buried in oblivion. This is a subject on which it is useless to legislate now. The proposition introduced by him several days ago was to amend the Constitution, as our fathers have before us. How was the question in 1787 settled? A remedy was at once applied; a line drawn between the free and slave States, saying that North of that line slavery should not be, but South of it slavery might exist. The result was that peace was restored to the country, and an undisturbed peace of thirty years, during which time the country devoted itself to the development of their national resources. He further explained his proposition, believing that it would be the opinion of the American people in six months. He did not talk to politicians; they are joined to their idols—let them alone.

Mr. Smith, of N. C., in the course of his remarks, said that his State would not be a party to the destruction of the government so long as her rights and honor are safe within the Union. He concluded by advocating the Crittenden compromise.

The House then took a recess till 7 o'clock.

SENATE.—Mr. Wade, of Ohio, moved to take up the resolution extending the time for taking testimony in regard to the patent for McCormick's reaper.

Mr. Fitch said he had the protest of the commission against an extention of the time. He moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on patents.

Mr. Pearce, of Md., from the committee of Conference, reported on an amendment to the effect that the amount accuring from the former loan shall be applied to the redemption of the treasury notes, issued under the Act of the 17th of December, 1860, and for no other purpose. The report was agreed to.

Still further discussion ensued on the resolution, till the Chair announced that the hour had arrived for the consideration of the special order, which was the private calendar.

Mr. Bayard contended that the wording of the resolution would not allow testimony to be taken in the part of Mr. McCormick. This gave rise to an angry discussion between Messrs. Fessenden and Douglas.

Mr. Douglas moved to amend the resolution, so as to extend the time for taking testimony, in favor of a opposition to the renewal of the patent. Last—Yeas, 13; Nays, 25.

The resolution then passed—Yeas, 25; Nays, 13.

HAVANA, Feb. 8—The royal mail steamship Canada from Liverpool on Saturday the 26th ult. via Queenstown, on Sunday, arrived at this port this morning. She brings $2,000 in specie.

The steamship Australasian, from New York, had arrived out.

LIVERPOOL, SATURDAY.—Cotton.—The sales today are estimated at 6,000 bales. All qualities have slightly declined and buyers demand further reductions. The market is dull.—Breadstuffs are declining.

Hogers decline to reduce the prices for low three pressed standard.

LONDON, SATURDAY.—Consols, etc.—The Sardinians had entered the Roman States and dispersed the revolutionary bands. They had also burnt the Convent at Casteccia.

Prince Carignan was about to proceed to Naples.

The Gaeta and Chiavone fortresses had been taken. Even advices have been already communicated by telegraph.

The Paris Bourse closed firm, yesterday.

The steamship Kangaroo had arrived out.

The China mail for America was put on board the Canada at Queenstown.

HAVANA.—There is great activity in all the French arsenals and forts. A camp will be formed early in the spring at Chalons of sixty thousand men, under Marshal McMahon.

PARIS.—The London *Globe* asserts that the King of Naples has resolved to hold out at Gaeta under the advice of the foreign Ministers.

AUSTRIA.—Austria has issued an official ordinance relative to the thirty million loan already announced.

CHINA.—The Chinese had paid an instalment of the indemnity required in the treaty with the allied forces.

The greater portion of the French and English troops had reached Hong Kong.

Lord Elgin and Sir Hope Grant had sailed for Japan.

Mr. Ward the American Minister had been at Canton.

FT. KEARNEY, Feb. 8.—The Pony Express passed here at 5 A. M., having left San Francisco on the 23d of January, at 3:40 P. M. The Legislature has done but little as yet. Three out of Union resolutions have been introduced, with the intention of disposing of that subject before electing a United States Senator. The Douglas Democracy appeared to be divided, part favoring coalition with the Republicans to elect a Senator, and part favoring a similar coalition with the Breckinridgers. The Republicans propose giving Sibley, who ran for Congress in 1857, a complimentary vote for Senator, with a view of aiding him in his aspirations for the appointment of U. S. Minister to Chili. All the senatorial candidates have been invited to address the Legislature on Saturday evening.

A grand military Union demonstration is in preparation at San Francisco, to take place on the 22d of February.

British Columbia dates, from Victoria, are to the 12th instant. The amount of gold shipped from that port for San Francisco, during the last two and a half years, is $2,850,000.—A great number of shipwrecks are reported in the northern waters, principally small crafts engaged in the lumber trade. The British gun-boat, Forward, is among those believed to be lost. About half the cargo of the Menette had been recovered from the wreck. There is nothing of interest from Oregon and Washington.

Sandwich Islands dates, received per Yankee, to the 31st, state that on December 29th the largest fire ever known took place at Honolulu, destroying a steam flouring mill valued at $22,000, and thirteen other buildings, among them store houses, iron foundrys, machine shops, &c. Total loss about $50,000.

The sugar crop was coming in, promising a large yield of superior quality, a portion of which was selling for export to British Columbia at six cents. Mercantile affairs were extremely dull.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. The Ocean Spice Mills, on Fulton street, were destroyed by fire this morning. The flames spread to the adjoining warehouses of Hedges & Co., liquor dealers. This property was badly damaged. Two firemen were killed by the falling of a chimney.

FROM THE TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The Answer to South Carolina.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1861.—The Secretary of war communicated late this evening the reply to Col. Hayne's letter. It calls for an answer from Col. H., which will be made tomorrow, and which will close the correspondence.

The Government respectfully *refuse to comply with the propositions of South Carolina for the surrender of Fort Sumpter.* All hope of a solution of this question has been abandoned for some time, but there has been an apparent disposition on both sides to delay matters, in the hope that an amicable adjustment might be made, and which would lead to a peaceable termination of affairs in Charleston harbor.—The matter cannot be farther postponed.—South Carolina has presented her ultimatum. The Government have positively refused to comply. Thus the affair stands.

It now only remains for South Carolina to carry out her purpose of taking the fort.

The President's course in relation to the proposition of Colonel Hayne is similar to that towards the former Commissioners from South Carolina, namely:—That he has no authority to treat for the sale, or make any other disposition whatever of the forts or other public property in that State; that it is his duty to defend the forts to the best of his ability, and that the consequences of doing so must fall on those who attack them. Colonel Hayne will now return to South Carolina.

THE WASHINGTON PEACE CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1861.—The Peace Congress is making little progress. They move slowly and surely. Their sessions still incline to be secret. At their meeting this morning, after adopting rules by which they are to be governed, Mr. Guthrie, of Kentucky, offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee, one from each State, to be selected by the delegates of each State—on whom is to devolve the important duty of reporting some plan of adjustment.

Mr. Guthrie sustained his motion in a powerful and patriotic speech, in which he showed the great importance of a speedy settlement of the political differences now distracting the country. The great Mississippi Valley, he stated, had a right to be heard on this vital question. She had more at stake in this matter than any other section of the Union, and he called upon the Convention to come forward and in a proper spirit, laying aside all prejudice and bias, adjust the differences which had well nigh destroyed, and if not speedily settled, would entirely destroy our glorious Union.

Mr. William C. Rives, of Virginia, followed in the same strain, making a patriotic appeal to the conservatives, urging the adoption of Mr. Guthrie's resolution.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith, of Indiana, also spoke in favor of the resolution. He was for doing everything that was honorable and just to bring about an amicable settlement.

Mr. Chase, of Ohio, also sustained the resolution, and made an exceeding conservative speech. He was willing to concede everything that was proper and right to the border States, and he thought that by mutual concessions on all sides the troubles that now menaced the Union might be happily and speedily averted.

Mr. Seddon, of Va., coincided with much that had been said. He hoped the resolution would be adopted, and that the Convention would proceed at once to the important matter for which they assembled.

Judge Ruffin, of North Carolina, made a powerful appeal in behalf, as he said, of the Old North State, whose people were anxious for a settlement of the questions at issue between the two sections. He alluded to the alarming posture of affairs, and the imminent peril of the country. The questions before this Convention were of the highest importance, and he urged every member to lay aside all party feelings and devote himself to the cause of his country. His speech was listened to with profound attention.

Mr. Atwood, of N. H., spoke in favor of the resolution. He, too, was anxious for an early settlement of the agitating questions that divide the two sections.

Our speeches were made, and the debate was continued until near three o'clock, when the question was put and unanimously carried.

The delegations will make their selections, also report to the Convention to morrow morning.

In the Peace Convention to day a resolution was introduced proposing to conduct the proceedings with open doors. This was earnestly discussed, and the result was a restriction upon the Commissioners from communicating their doings to outside parties.

After some further preliminary business, among which was a motion that the Convention furnish the press with a synopsis of their proceedings each day, which was referred to a committee, who are to report upon it to morrow, the Convention adjourned.

The parading of United States troops on Pennsylvania avenue every morning, by order of General Scott, causes deep indignation in the minds of Southern delegates to the Peace Congress. They regard these movements as a menace and threat on the part of the North, and it will undoubtedly have the effect to retard a peaceable solution of the difficulties which the Convention have assembled to overcome.

Minnesota will appoint delegates to the Peace Conference. Judge Goodrich and Captain Blakely, now here, will probably be appointed by Governor Ramsey.

The latest speculations in republican circles about the Peace Conference are to the effect that the proceedings will be protracted until after the 4th of March. Delay is desired by non-compromisers, in order that Mr. Lincoln shall have the *eclat* presenting propositions in his inaugural that will lead to a peaceful solution of the difficulties.

A report was current to-night that New Jersey had sent rival delegations to the Conference. It arose from the circumstance that a delegation of Jerseymen had arrived, with instruction to advocate the support of the proposition of the Committee of Thirty-three before the Congressmen from New Jersey.

THINGS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Mr. Morris' Committee of Five on the abstracted bonds have closed the evidence, and will report in a day or two. The investigations of the Committee have developed several cases of corruption not heretofore known to the public.

All government telegraphic communication with New Orleans is cut off. The Secretary of the Treasury, however, is taking action in regard to the late obstruction of the revenue laws by the Collector of that city.

It is ascertained from an authentic source that the laws will be enforced to the greatest extent practicable, and on a Union basis.

Governor Winslow, of North Carolina, is classed by many Southern papers as a disunionist. This excites surprise here, as he is and has been most urgent for an adjustment on the basis of the Crittenden proposition.

Chief Justice Ruffin, one of the Commissioners from the State of North Carolina, will it is understood, be tendered the position of Chief Justice of the Southern Republic.

A number of the Republican members of the State Legislature of New Jersey, and others belonging to the same party, are here urging their representatives not to agree to any compromise which will compromit their principles.

The steamer Michigan, at Lake Erie, will be put in commission on the 1st of March.

The returns from Virginia gave a hopeful turn to conversation, and the opinion seemed to prevail that the border slave States were not to be seduced from their allegiance to the Union.

THREATENED ATTACK ON FORTS WASHITA, COBB AND ARBUCKLE—THE LITTLE ROCK, ARK., ARSENAL SEIZED.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 6.—Advices received to-day by the editor of the *Thirty-Fifth Parallel* state that the Texans have threatened to take possession of Forts Washita, Cobb and Arbuckle, in the Indian Territory.

It is thought that the force at each of these stations is sufficient to protect them.

The conductor of the overland mail from Little Rock, Ark., reports that the arsenal there was taken possession of by the State troops on Saturday evening last.

THE secessionists have four mounted guns which carry two miles, at Castle Pickney.

VAN BUREN, Feb. 8.—The conductor of the overland mail from Little Rock report that the rumor that the Arsenal at that point had been seized, is false. He says that a party of men came up from below to take the Arsenal, but were told by the citizens of Little Rock that they would be resisted, and they consequently abstained from any attempt.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—At sunrise this morning the mercury fell to 18° below zero.

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 8.—The thermometer indicates 32° below zero. It is the same at Montreal.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The Wisconsin Legislature yesterday appointed Senators Doolittle and Durkie representatives at Washington, and Messrs. Burne and Potter representatives of that State in the Washington Convention.

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—The Democratic State Convention to nominate a Judge of the Supreme Court, met in this city yesterday. Resolutions declaring devotion to the Union, opposing coercion, and favoring compromise were adopted. These resolutions are to be forwarded to the Washington Convention, claiming to represent the views of the majority of the people of the State. The Convention adjourned till the 7th of March without making a nomination.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8