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The conscription bill has at last passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 119 yeas to 45 nays, and now only needs the signature of the President to become a law. It is a bill with whose provisions no one can find fault, since it treats all alike. The only office holders exempted are the Vice-President, the Heads of Departments, the Governors of States, and the Judiciary.

An attempt was made to shoot Gen. Banks, in New Orleans, on the 12th instant, as he was about entering his carriage at the ladies' entrance of the City Hotel, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The weapon used was an air-gun, and the bullet after passing near where the General stood, was found on the opposite sidewalk. The person who made the attempt, it is stated, disappeared at once, and the last accounts the police had not been successful in tracing out his identity.

For a week or two there have been rumors floating about of troubles with France; that Napoleon was becoming impatient and rather pressing in his offers of good neighborhood, &c.; but it is shown, unequivocally, that such is not the fact. The French Minister at Washington gives the Secretary of State the strongest assurances of the Emperor's highest consideration and good will toward the Government and the people of the United States.

Gen. Grant, it is stated on good authority, has now employed in opening the old canal or water way, in the rear of Vicksburg, nearly 3500 negroes—Trees, stumps, logs, &c., are removed and the channel thus deepened in order to float the gunboats. When once completed, Vicksburg will be surrounded, and being cut off from all supplies, he will take the place and capture the whole rebel army by regular siege approaches.

General Butler, if anybody ever believed the report, is not going back to New Orleans, but has just been assigned a very important command. This command is not stated, but we should not be at all surprised if it will turn out to be the leadership of the army at Suffolk, in its active movement on Richmond. Or it may be Texas.

The New York Tribune says that it is understood that as soon as the conscription bill shall have passed the House, there will be a call for six or eight hundred thousand men. It is expected that the soldiers whose terms of service are about expiring will offer themselves as substitutes for unwilling conscripts.

The opening of the new Philadelphia post office took place on Monday last. A grand dinner was given at the Girard House to the invited guests and speeches were made by Mayor Henry, Postmaster General Blair, Governor Curtin and others.

A large frame house tipped over in Portland on Wednesday in consequence of workmen undermining one side and putting jack-screws under the other to lift it. It fell over upon a house in which thirty little boys were playing but fortunately they escaped without injury.

General Haynes, who not long since took part in the affairs of Electoral House, and who was dismissed from his functions in consequence of an "affair of honor," has just blown out his brains.

The omnibus is not a very modern kind of carriage. In the year 1662 some French noblemen were privileged by letters patent to establish coaches of precisely the same description.

Ex-Governor Roger Sherman Baldwin, of Connecticut, died in New Haven, on the 19th of February, aged 70 years. He was a grandson of Roger Sherman.

Pennsylvania contains ninety-three anthracite furnaces, one hundred and fifty charcoal and coke furnaces, one hundred and ten refining forges, and ninety-one rolling mills.

Mr. Walter Colton saw at Rio a woman only twelve years old, who had two children. She was married at the age of ten to a man sixty-five.

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH'S WILL.—The will of Nicholas Longworth has been filed. He leaves all his property to his widow and children, and not one cent to any charitable or benevolent object. His estate is estimated from six to seven millions. He leaves his widow the homestead and an annuity of \$6,000 free from all taxes. The balance is divided between her son Joseph Longworth, his daughters, Mrs. Flegg, and Mrs. Larz Anderson, and his grandson, John L. Stettinas. He gives his faithful colored servant, who has been with him over twenty years, the pitiful sum of \$500. To the children of a deceased sister, he gives \$500 each. The will was executed in 1859, with a codicil in 1862.—From his great wealth, it was supposed that he would have endowed or founded some college, hospital, or other public institution, or left legacies to the many benevolent societies in Cincinnati, but he has not. His charitable acts during his lifetime were few, and were more the results of his eccentricities than of genuine benevolence.

On Friday last, the sale of the New York World was stopped at Falmouth Station, and throughout the camps, by orders from the Provost Marshal General. The agents, with their bundles, were ordered back to Acquia Creek, and were not allowed to sell one of these papers along the road. The cause of this proceeding is stated to be that these papers disseminate disloyal sentiments prejudicial to the discipline of the army. Gen. Hooker has expressed a determination to stop the circulation in camp of all newspapers of a disloyal character.

The appraising of the property of Charles Carroll, one of the largest slave owners of Maryland, have made their return to the Orphans' Court, assessing the value of the hundred and thirty slaves at the average of only five dollars; this, they say, was the highest rate they could name after consultation with various slave owners and dealers. A slave dealer told the appraiser that he would not give 600 dollars for the whole lot. This is considered a striking illustration of the depreciation of slave property by rebellion, and will have a powerful influence in that State.

Gen. J. K. Duncan, of the rebel army is reported to have died at Knoxville, Tenn., on the 18th of December, last.

He commanded the forts below New Orleans at the time of the capture of that place, and was taken prisoner. He was chief Gen. Bragg's staff at the time of his death. He was a son of Andrew Duncan formerly sheriff of York County and was well known to many of our citizens.

The feat of the Federal ram Queen of the West in running the Vicksburg gauntlet of a hundred heavy siege guns and the artillery of a rebel steamer, being under fire three-quarters of an hour was an extraordinary one. He or she (we hardly know which to say, for ram is the one and Queen the other) is worthy of all honor. As a Queen she has won the crown, and as a ram he bears off the horns.

Gen. John Cochrane suffering under a chronic illness excited anew by the exposure of winter service on the Rappahannock, has expressed to the President his apprehension that he will be compelled to ask permission to resign his command. This is to be deeply regretted both on his own account and that of the public service.

One would think, on looking over the newspapers from different sections of the so-called Confederacy, that the rebel army would get considerably thinned out by the military executions that are continually taking place. Hardly a paper but contains in its local columns accounts of soldiers being shot to death—generally for desertion.

The Air-Line railway bill before Congress provides for a road to be done in two years from New York to Washington; first class trains to go through in eight hours; fare not exceed 2 1/2 cents per mile; first class freight not over 5 cents per ton per mile; Government to have priority of business at 2 cents per mile for troops, and 3 cents for freight.

When our soldiers, wounded in the Blackwater fight, were being carried into Suffolk, many senseless women stood at the windows and jeered in such a disgusting manner, that it was necessary to set a guard about the house, not only to stop the insults but also to save them from summary destruction.

Mrs. Rebecca Wells, who was born in New York in the year 1760, was found dead in her bed on Saturday. Deceased was 103 years of age, and enjoyed good health till within three months of her death, and was able to attend to all her own immediate domestic wants.

Joseph Gleim, Esq., a well known citizen of Lebanon, and also extensively known over the State, died at his residence in that borough, of dropsy, on the 9th inst.

The Jews in Boston have purchased the church of the Fifth Universalist Society, on Warren street, for \$16,000, for a synagogue.

Short Scraps of News from our Exchanges.

Paper collars have advanced from 25 cents to 40 cents per dozen.

Prof. Agassiz has declared his intention to become a naturalized citizen of the United States.

It is said that the Marquis de Moustier has really informed his Government that the Sultan is insane.

About a dozen New Hampshire papers have been stopped in consequence of the pressure of the times.

The number of sea-going vessels in the world is about sixty-five thousand, two thirds of which belong to England and the United States.

Maj. Gen. George W. Morgan, the Cumberland Gap hero, is compelled to retire for a time from active service, owing to impaired health.

The total foreign debt of Ohio is \$14,141,662. The debt of Illinois is \$13,337,381, most of which is foreign. The public debt of Pennsylvania is \$40,448,213.

It is stated that, with 145 presses, the Treasury Department is just able to print enough green-backs in two-thirds of a day to pay the expenses of the Government for one day.

The adoption by Congress of the National Banking Bill has already had an excellent influence upon United States securities, as well as depressing the price of gold.

Henry VIII made a law that all men might read the Scriptures except servants; but no woman except ladies, no gentlemen except such as had leisure and might ask somebody the meaning.

In the New Jersey Legislature, a resolution has been introduced declaring that New Jersey will pay her quota of the \$10,000,000 for the purchase and emancipation of the slaves in Missouri.

Three rebel ladies announce in the Raleigh Standard, that they will provide clothes for three soldiers as long as the war continues, if the soldiers whom they shall select will consent to marry them when the war is over!

In the New York State Senate the resolutions inviting Gen. McClellan to visit the capital were rejected by a vote of 14 to 9. Gen. Corcoran was complimented by receiving the privileges of the floor.

Bills will probably soon be reported in Congress for aiding in slavery Emancipation, in Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia; also to establish a Bureau of Emigration and Colonization in the War Department.

It is proposed to pass in Massachusetts, a statute of limitations against the early marriages of army widows. Several who have gone off in new bonds of wedlock, are perplexed by hearing that their patriot husbands "still live."

Jesse Harbor, of Concord township, Champaign county, Ohio, who died on the 26th ult., at the age of seventy-six, was married twice, and was the father of thirty-one children, the youngest of whom is about two years old.

Gen. Cameron, of the Washington Star says, has resigned his office as Minister to St. Petersburg, and Cassius M. Clay, who has been re-appointed, is only waiting instructions to proceed at once to that point.

A gentleman who called upon Gov. Andrew, some days since, found him eating his dinner on the same table used by him as a writing desk; his duties are so arduous he can scarcely find time to leave his room in working hours.

It is stated that colored men are being recruited in Philadelphia for regiments in Massachusetts, and that the experiment has been very successful.—Several squads have already been sent East.

Gen. Benham, who was suspended from duty on charges respecting his conduct at the battle of James Island, near Charleston, has been restored by the President, on the recommendation of Judge Holt, who investigated the matter.

In Maury county, Tenn., the rebels were lately scourging the country, taking conscripts; and while attempting to arrest a Mr. Dillaha, he drew his knife and cut his throat from ear to ear, preferring death to such a fate. He died in a short time.

The Richmond Whig of the 20th inst., urges that not a plant of tobacco be raised this year in Virginia or North Carolina, as to support their armies in these States it is absolutely necessary to cultivate the whole tillable area of earth in breadstuffs, &c.

Large sums of money are expended annually in obtaining the fertilizing material, guano, from distant islands, in the sea; while in our cities vast quantities of materials embracing the same properties are allowed to pollute the sewers and flow un reclaimed into the sea.

The skate factory of Messrs. Williams, Morse & Co., in Skowhegan, Maine, has manufactured over 30,000 pairs the present season, all of which were sold to a single firm in Boston. They make nineteen different varieties of skates, and nearly every process in the manufacture is performed by machinery.

U. S. NOTES.—The counterfeiters having commenced altering some of these notes to those of a higher value, we give below an accurate description of each denomination of the genuine notes. If our readers will preserve this list, and in cases of doubt compare the descriptions with notes that are offered to them, they will be in no danger of being imposed upon by the altered ones.

1s.—upper left end, a large oval portrait of Secretary Chase; 1 in green below an accurate description of each denomination of the genuine notes. If our readers will preserve this list, and in cases of doubt compare the descriptions with notes that are offered to them, they will be in no danger of being imposed upon by the altered ones.

2s.—lower left end, a large oval portrait of Alexander Hamilton—left end 2 on a die; II below on a green die; right end two on a die; signatures below on a green tint separated by two strips of black lathwork.

5s.—in centre, FIVE DOLLARS across a green five and six work; right end an oval male portrait, 5 above; left end female statue erect, with sword and shield on a black ground work; fancy green back.

10s.—upper centre, eagle on a shield; 10 in green die each side; a strip of green lathwork below; right end female erect by pedestal holding tablet, etc.; left end a large oval portrait of President Lincoln; fancy green back.

20s.—in centre a female erect with sword and shield between figure 20 and two green dies; figure 20 each side; TWENTY DOLLARS across each end in green die work; fancy green back.

50s.—left centre oval portrait of Hamilton; Treasury die in pink on right of vig; 50 on die on each end of note.

100s.—upper left centre, large spread eagle sitting on a rock; Treasurer's die in pink and 100 on a green die on right of vig; right upper corner, 100 on a black die; lower left corner, 100 on a black die.

500s.—in centre portrait of Albert Gallatin encircled in a green die right end 500; FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS below; left end same as right.

1000s.—in centre portrait of Robert Morris in green circle; right end M with 1000 across it; ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS on a green die below; left end same as right.

Speaking of the proposed increased tax on Lager, the Harrisburg Telegraph says: "We heard an inveterate lager beer drinker declare to-day, that the consumers of that article intended to resist the proposed increase of the price of the beverage. If they are stout in their resistance, many a sugar bowl in Harrisburg will be better supplied than ever, notwithstanding the raise of lager—while headaches and blistered cheeks will become as scarce as nickle pennies."

Samuel Moore, of Warwick, Mass., committed suicide on the 1st inst. He had seen much affliction. His wife became insane 37 years ago. She still survives him. His eldest son, Alfred, 20 years ago was found dead in his chamber, wounded by the discharge of a gun. Six years ago last October, his only daughter was found dead in her bed. And two years ago last August his horse was burnt down, and he was left without a house for shelter.

We are gratified to notice that the Senate has confirmed the re-appointment of P. H. Watson, Esq., as Assistant Secretary of War. Mr. Watson has discharged the duties of this important office for the year past, with distinguished zeal and fidelity; and his re-appointment and confirmation are honorable testimonials to his fitness for the position. We could wish that all our public offices were filled with men of equal worth and integrity.

The Committee on Railroads of the New York State Senate and several other distinguished gentlemen, says the Jersey City Standard, made an excursion over the Jersey City and Bergen Point railroad on Monday, for the purpose of inspecting and testing the dummy cars. They were highly pleased with the working of the engines, and deem them preferable to horse power on city railroads.

The postage reform bill, which originated in the Senate, by Mr. Colman, a former Postmaster-General, passed finally in the House on Saturday, with an amendment to allow soldiers in hospitals the privilege of receiving and transmitting letters and newspapers by mail free of postage.

Capitalists seem likely to avail themselves promptly of the advantages of the new banking law. An application for an organization of a banking association in Washington city, with a capital of \$500,000, was filed in the Treasury Department on Saturday last.

Through the intercession of Miss Kate Chase, daughter of the Treasury, Mrs. H. Gillespie, an exile from her home in Virginia, has been appointed to a clerkship in the internal revenue bureau at Washington.

They say if the politicians attempt to brow-beat or manage Joe Hooker they will wake up the ugliest customer on this hemisphere. He has carte blanche from the President, and from the nation too.

WHO ARE ENTITLED TO PENSIONS?

This question is often asked. "Who are entitled to pensions?" The act of Congress, passed July, 1862, made liberal provisions for granting pensions to disabled or invalid soldiers who have served in the army of the Union since the 4th of March, 1862, and also to all widows and children (under sixteen years of age), as well as mothers and dependent sisters of soldiers killed in battle or who shall die by reason of wounds received or disease contracted while in service and in the line of duty. The provisions, as a whole, are much more liberal than the old pensions laws for the Revolutions or the war 1812.—The amount of pensions for all disability are fixed as follows: Non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, per month. \$8 15 Second Lieutenants, 17 17 First Lieutenants, 20 20 Captains, 25 25 Majors, 30 30 All officers of higher rank, 30 30 But a large majority of those accepted as pensioners are only partially disabled and the amount of pension is rated according to their disability, which may be one fourth, one-third, one half two thirds, three fourths, &c. The disability is based on the proportion which the effects of a wound received or disease contracted in public service actually disables one from obtaining a livelihood.

THE MEXICAN ARMY.—A Mexican writing to a California paper says: "The Mexicans are some forty-two thousand men strong, and well provided with artillery, and determined to find defend every inch of their soil. The people are united as never they were before—all politics are laid aside for the one grand purpose, to defend the country, and the greatest sacrifices are willingly submitted to. Congress sustains the President in all his actions. Women and children, even, contribute to help the prosecution of the war, and large sums of money arrive, for the same purpose, from nearly all parts of the globe. The few traitors that have joined the French are not worthy the name of Mexicans. The war in fact, is immensely popular, and no peace will be made until the French have left Mexico."

PRICE OF GOLD IN 1812.—During the war of 1812 gold was sold at premium of 35 per cent, so that the present rates are not much above the mark of the olden times. In 1812 we had a Democratic Administration, genuinely Democratic, and a very able one. Yet the finances and currency of the country were greatly deranged; simply because it does not rest in human power to prevent the disturbing influences of war, and the speculation which war engenders. Democratic politicians, who are making capital out of the present currency derangements, are guilty of an unscrupulous means that only themselves could be capable of.

SECESSION IN BALTIMORE.—Some of the Union people having placed a national flag over the Southern Methodist Church, in Biddle street, the minister, Rev. John Dashiell, who is a Secessionist, came to the church and tore it down, for which act he was arrested and is now in custody. The secessionists worshipping at the New Assembly Rooms were unwilling to meet there, because Gen. Schneck ordered a national flag to be displayed on the building.

STUART'S RAID INTO PENNSYLVANIA.—The citizens of Adams county, Pa., have petitioned Congress to compensate them for losses sustained by a raid of a large body of rebel cavalry, commanded by Gen. Stuart, on the 11th of October, who passed through Carroll's tract and Fairfield, committing extensive depredations and violently seizing and carrying off horses and other personal property.

Protestantism is gaining ground in China. The converts now number more than two thousand. Italy is also undergoing a religious revolution. Now all Italy is free in religion except Rome and the Venetian cities not under Victor Emmanuel's rule, and Protestant churches are everywhere springing into existence, while the Bible is circulated as freely as any other book.

The Commission appointed to examine the case of Rev. Dr. Wilmer have made their report, which has been approved by the Secretary of War, and it is said that the reverend gentleman will be kept in prison during the continuance of the rebellion.

The Brazilian ladies have live bugs and fireflies collected, to wear in their hair and attach them by a delicate wire or needle passed through the vital part of the body. This gives such extreme pain as to cause the little creatures to emit intense sparks, thus imparting to the evening a dazzling and extraordinary effect.

Cassius M. Clay has finally determined to abandon his Major-General's commission, and return to Russia. He will start in a short time, and will at once relieve Bayard Taylor, who has been acting as minister since Mr. Cameron's departure. Mr. Taylor will not remain as Secretary of Legation after Mr. Clay's arrival.

RICHMOND GOSSIP.—We glean from the Richmond papers the following:

Dr Holland of Texas, who bore a useful and distinguished part in the recent capture of the Harriet Lane, at Galveston, arrived in town the day before yesterday, bringing with him the signal book which was taken by the gallant Leon Smith in that splendid engagement. This book is worth perhaps more to the Confederacy than all the prizes that were secured, even more possibly than the prestige of the victory. It was found upon the dead body of Commander Wainwright, and was worn by him in the breast pocket of his coat, where it was pierced by the bullet of a navy revolver, discharged by Captain Smith, whose second fire killed his antagonist. Dr. Holland was one of the boarding party that cleared the decks of the Harriet Lane. Some of the scenes and incidents he describes, transcends in strange interest the narratives of Alexander Dumas.

Some years ago when the famous Merrimac, afterward changed into a ram by the Confederate Government, made her trial trip across the Atlantic, she entered, as we all remember, Southampton waters, and her officers were received with great hospitality by the authorities of Southampton. Commander Wainwright was then the Merrimac's First Lieutenant; and on going to London was entertained by Dr. Holland, who was then living in the great metropolis. The Doctor never saw him again alive, and recognized with a feeling of astonishment in the dead body of the commander of the Harriet Lane, lying upon her decks, his guest of some years ago, in London! The saddest of all terrible tragedies of this infernal war was enacted upon the same crimsoned and slippery stage, when Major Lee of the Confederate Army, encountered in the dying Lieutenant of the Federal steamer, his own son! Can history or fiction afford any parallel to this? It is a curious fact, too, which has not been stated, that Capt. Leon Smith, to whose skill and gallantry Gen. Magruder attributes the entire success of the attack on the enemy's fleet in Galveston Bay, is the brother of Caleb B. Smith, until very recently the Secretary of the Interior in Mr. Lincoln's cabinet.

REDEMPTION OF THE SOILED STAMPS.—The postage stamps formerly in use by the community, as currency, are being redeemed by the Government, through the Post-office Department, as rapidly as possible, and many ludicrous scenes naturally occur during the hours allotted for the reception of them. One day last week two individuals were seen on their way to the post office in this city, with a huge bag containing \$8,400 worth of the sticky tender. The bag held about a bushel of the stamps, and was altogether quite a formidable purse; it was the property of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company. The history of each of these little bits of paper would be curious reading.—Scientific American.

A SHOCKING RECORD.—The suicides in France now average ten a day; the number for the present century, thus far, is over three hundred thousand.—Not a day passes in which a suicide may not be directly traced to want of success in life; to the false moralities inculcated by wicked or ignorant writers; to the failure of parents in obtaining a proper influence over their children; to unrestrained appetites and passions; and to the inability of multitudes "to get along in the world" prosperously, for want of thoroughness of preparation for their calling or station in life.—Hall's Journal of Health.

SHOCKING MURDERS.—Two murders were perpetrated in Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday night. Michael McLaughlin is charged with kicking his wife to death while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, in Park Avenue, near Cannon street. Thomas Banks, a man 60 years of age, while intoxicated got into a dispute with his wife, when he took a kettle of boiling water from the stove, and poured its contents over her neck and breast. He was arrested and committed to await the result of the injuries to his wife.

TELEGRAPH LINE TO THE HOLY CITY.—It is reported that the Syrian telegraph is already in operation as far as Ourla, at the top of the Desert, beyond the Euphrates, and a branch line will soon be extended to Aleppo, Damascus and Beyrout, from which latter station a line will run north to Joppa and Jerusalem. Travelers in the East may therefore soon order apartments in Jerusalem by telegraph.

HONORABLE.—At Clinton, Illinois, a company of boys, from eight to fourteen years of age, assemble every Saturday to cut and split wood for the wives and families of volunteers. They parade the streets with drum and fife, and working for the needy widows, one-half of them working while other half rest, until an ample supply of wood is ready for the stove.

VOLUNTEERS ATTENTION!—For the derangements of the system incidental to the change of diet, Wounds, Eruptions, and exposures which every Volunteer is liable to, there are no remedies so safe, convenient, and reliable as Holloway's Pills and Ointment, 25 cts. per box. 249