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Attorneys.

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MILTON J. RAPPOLD, (FORMERLY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,) ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW, WASHINGTON, D. C. Office: No. 439 D street, opposite the City Hall, WILL PRACTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, COURT OF CLAIMS, AND THE COURTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Claims and Department Business will receive prompt attention. sept5-tf

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That R. W. BARKER is competent to perform all the duties pertaining to the Cabinet and undertaking business. SAMUEL KIRBY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Almira C. Allen, vs. John S. Allen. } 1166 Equity Docket 8.

The subpœna issued to compel the defendant's appearance having been returned by the Marshal, "Not to be found;" and the complainant having filed an affidavit that the defendant is a non-resident of this District, on motion of the complainant, by her attorney, it is this 15th day of January, A. D. 1868, ordered by the court that the defendant cause his appearance to be entered herein, on or before the first Rule day occurring forty days after this day, otherwise the cause will be proceeded with as in case of default.

By the Court.

A true copy: Test: R. J. MEIGS, Clerk. jan20-law6w

PROPOSALS. OFFICE OF LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, BUFFALO, February, 1868.

Proposals will be received at this office until the 7th day of February, 1868, for setting the buoys at Manitou Reef, Falcon Point, Point Mouille, and Detroit river.

Also, for Niagara Reef, Portage River, Sandusky River, and Sandusky Bay.

Separate contracts will be made in the division and order named of the foregoing point, and will embrace the taking up the buoys before the close of navigation this year, and replacing them with temporary substitutes.

The buoys to be furnished by the Government.

By order of the Light-House Board.

FRANCIS H. ELLISON, Inspector. feb20-td

New Advertisement.

THE INDEPENDENT.

HENRY C. BOWEN, PUBLISHER, No. 5 ANN STREET, NEW YORK.

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ITS CASH RECEIPTS in January larger than ever before.

ITS PROSPERITY IS UNPRECEDENTED in the history of religious journalism.

IT IS THE ONLY PAPER SOLD to any extent by news agents and booksellers in all parts of the country.

IT EMPLOYS THE ABLEST WRITERS IN THE COUNTRY.

ITS ARTICLES are always readable, racy, and practical; not dull, metaphysical, and stupid.

IT PAYS more for its weekly contributions than any other THREE religious papers in the country.

IT HAS THE ABLEST CORRESPONDENTS in all parts of the country and Europe.

IT DON'T FILL UP its columns with "selected contributions."

IT DISCUSSES BOLDLY and fearlessly all religious, moral, and political topics.

IT HAS MORE ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS and other reading matter than any other weekly religious paper.

ITS WRITERS are chosen from all the leading Christian denominations.

ITS READERS are the thinking, progressive, wide-awake, and most active men and women of the times.

IT AIMS TO BE A CHAMPION FOR TRUTH and equity.

IT IS AS RADICAL AS TRUTH and justice can make it, and means to be so always and forever.

IT IS UNSECTARIAN and earnestly seeks Christian union.

ITS EXPENDITURES the present year will be far greater than ever before.

IT WILL HAVE MORE SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS than ever before.

IT WILL HAVE MORE RELIGIOUS NEWS THAN ever before.

IT WILL TAKE A DECIDED INTEREST in the coming great Presidential contest.

IT WILL EARNESTLY SEEK the moral, political, and religious interests of the whole people of the nation, irrespective of race, color, or condition.

IT WILL DISCUSS FREELY ALL FINANCIAL matters from a high moral stand-point.

IT WILL INSIST that every engagement and obligation of the country shall be promptly met with gold, as agreed.

IT WILL OPPOSE, under present circumstances, any further contraction of the currency.

IT WILL NOT BE IN HASTE to give political power to those who have been rebels.

IT WILL ADVOCATE RECONSTRUCTION on a basis (and that only) of exact and impartial justice.

IT WILL OPPOSE ALL POLITICAL MANŒUVERING and machinery calculated to lower the standard of national honor and integrity.

IT WILL CONSECRATE ITSELF WITH all its power and influence to the great work of moral, political and religious reform and Christian freedom, the world over.

IT IS THE PAPER FOR FARMERS, having weekly produce and market reports and prices current.

IT IS THE PAPER FOR BANKERS and Capitalists, having weekly money articles, financial news, Wall street gossip, &c.

IT IS THE PAPER FOR MERCHANTS, having weekly dry goods reports, with latest quotations and general prices current.

IT IS THE PAPER FOR BUSINESS MEN OF ALL classes, having weekly discussions on business matters.

IT IS A GREAT FAVORITE WITH CHILDREN, having weekly stories from the ablest writers.

IT IS THE BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM, it is believed, in country.

WE ASK NO SUBSCRIPTIONS to support us as a charitable institution.

WE ASK FRIENDS to help us in increasing our circulation and usefulness, if they believe we are doing good—and not otherwise.

WE EXPECT TO GIVE IN EVERY NUMBER of this paper through the year reading matter to the extent of any ordinary-sized volume of 300 pages sold at the bookstores.

WE EXPECT EVERY SUBSCRIBER of this paper to say that the money paid for THE INDEPENDENT IS THE BEST INVESTMENT of the kind ever made.

We expect to have a good measure of success in what we shall aim to do. We expect some opposition from rival newspapers, some criticisms for mistakes of judgment, some fault-finding because we are radical, and lots of advice, as usual, from all quarters; but, notwithstanding, we expect to live and thrive, and do more good, perhaps, than ever before.

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GREAT NUMBER THIS WEEK, FEBRUARY 6.

Attractions as follows:

TOO FAST—TOO SLOW; Or what the great masses have done for Freedom and what they propose to do.

BY HON. HENRY WILSON, United States Senator from Massachusetts.

GRANT AND COLFAX, REPRESENTATIVE PUBLIC MEN, The People's Choice for PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

TENDENCIES OF REACTION; WOUNDS OF THE WAR; TAXATION; THE PARTY FOR FREEDOM IN PERIL. By Rev. T. M. POST, St. Louis, Missouri.

KEEPING ALIVE. AN APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS. By Rev. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST. THE GREAT EXPERIMENT. By Rev. GEO. B. CHEEVER, D. D., New York.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON. Election of General Beatty from Ohio. The first gun at the White House. Hopeful advices from the South. New Hampshire and Connecticut Elections. Supreme Court on Reconstruction. The President and his Cabinet after General Grant. Speaker Colfax's Receptions, &c. By our Washington Correspondent, D. W. BARTLETT.

THE LOST IMAGE. Chapter IX of an Original Story. Written by an Orthodox Clergyman expressly for the Independent, and declined to be, we believe, one of the most popular, racy, and instructive series of contributions ever given to a religious newspaper.

BOSTON CHIT-CHAT. Boston never says die. Religious Prosperity. Art. Crown of New England. Gould's Address. Law and Disorder. A Trick on Messrs. Harper. Gray, Otis, &c. By our Boston Correspondent, HARITE. One of the ablest and most spicy writers in the country.

HENRY WARD BEECHER AND OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. THE GUARDIAN ANGEL AND NORWOOD. By SUSAN PODBY.

DECEMBER WOODS. An Original Poem. By JOEL BENTON, Amenia, N. Y.

A COMPANION FOR THE WINTER. MAPLE WOOD FIRE. Indorsed by a "Blessed Old Black Woman."

A STORY WITHOUT A MORAL. FOR CHILDREN. By ABBY SAGE, Charlestown, Mass.

Editorials as follows:

THE TONGUE OF FIRE, OR EXTEMPORANEOUS PREACHING. QUEEN VICTORIA'S EXPERIENCES. TWO WAYS OF LOVING—Loving the Good and Loving the Wicked. THE METHODIST BISHOPS—Thompson, Morris, Janes, Scott, Simpson, Baker, Ames, Clark, Dr. Kinsley, Edward, Thomson—"as able men as any Christian Denomination can boast." AN OLD NEWSPAPER—The Federal Spy and Daily Advertiser, of December 2, 1794. INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT. SHALL WE LOSE THE EXCISE LAW? WEEK OF PRAYER. EDITORIAL NOTES. PERSONAL NEWS. NEW YORK AND VICINITY. RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. REVIVAL RECORD. GENERAL NEWS. MINISTERIAL REGISTER. BOOK TABLE. SABBATH SCHOOLS. FOREIGN NEWS. PEBBLES. SELECTIONS.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT As follows:

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL—TALK, NEWS, AND GOSSIP IN WALL STREET—IMPORTANT NEWS FOR CAPITALISTS, BANKERS, AND BUSINESS MEN—MONEY MARKET—CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD. DRY GOODS REPORT—DRY GOODS QUOTATIONS—PRODUCE MARKET REPORTS—PRICES CURRENT—NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET—FARMERS' COLUMN.

The whole comprising ATTRACTIONS NEVER EQUALLED IN ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

GREAT PREMIUMS.

HOWE SEWING MACHINE.

We have made a special contract with the Howe Sewing Machine Company to furnish their world-renowned machine as a PREMIUM FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THE INDEPENDENT during the present year. Any person who will send us the names of twenty-four new yearly subscribers, at our regular subscription price, (see terms as above) will be presented with one of these celebrated machines, the lowest price of which is $50. It will be packed and shipped free of expense, or otherwise, as directed.

We simply want the names (with the money) of twenty-four persons who do not take our paper, and who really subscribe for it; they may be sent one at a time, or all together; they may be at one post office, or more than one—we care only particular that they shall be bona fide new subscribers.

Any one person subscribing for 24 years, or any two persons for 12 years, or any three persons for 8 years, will be entitled to the machine under above offer.

Persons intending to take advantage of this offer, and sending the subscribers' names as they obtain them, will please state in each instance that they are sent in this category.

All subscriptions sent under this offer must begin with the number of OUR PAPER NEXT AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE MONEY.

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Any person who will send us the name of a new subscriber for THE INDEPENDENT, for one year, with the money, will be presented with this book. It will be sent by mail, postage paid, or delivered at the desk of our publishing office. Old subscribers, not in arrears, on renewing their subscriptions and sending us fifty cents extra, will also be presented with a copy of the book. We have already given away more than twelve thousand copies of this remarkable volume, and the demand continues unabated. It ought to be in every family in the country. The retail price at the bookstores is $1.00.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

The demand for this periodical continues; and we have every family which is not already supplied will at once allow us to present them with a copy for one year, on the simple condition that a new subscriber with the money be sent us. Old subscribers, not in arrears, will be supplied also, if they will, on renewing their subscriptions, send us fifty cents extra. No more appropriate or valuable present could be desired, or one which would be so gladly looked for, from month to month, as this monthly magazine of brilliant stories and beautiful illustrations. The publisher's price is $2.

Fun, Pomell, and Scissors.

BARNARD, with his Holy Land, is in Hartford.

DICKENS and Dolby, last night, in Hartford.

THE "book trade" of winter has mapped.

FAUCHEFORT, the actor, has been Mormonized.

HELLER is diabolizing successfully in London.

CLEVELAND rejoices in a female barber.

OF COURSE you know that this is the anniversary of the birth of the "Father of his Country."

A CINCINNATI LADY has seven husbands living. Her address is the city jail.

MAINE is taking measures to restore sea fish to her inland waters.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS Gen. FORREST has filed a petition of bankruptcy in Memphis.

GAMS in Florida camps to the hunters to be killed.

THE *Air Line Eagle* is the name of a paper published in Georgia.

THERE have been no divorce cases in Chicago for two days.

THE Mississippi convention adopted three additional sections of the bill of rights Thursday.

THE floating ice on the Hudson river has recently destroyed a large amount of property.

NEW YORK is expecting twenty-five female ladies with teas to arrive shortly from China.

WHY is a blush like a little girl? Because it becomes a woman.

ADVICE to parties in doubt whether to buy or hire a house—of two houses choose the leased.

THE Patterson *Press* calls for the suppression of indecent newspapers.

DOW five pints of liquor were sold in Pittsfield, Vt., last year.

THE fabulous monster cuttle fish has been seen north of Tenerife.

A NEW BOOK by Jean Ingelow will soon be issued.

CYRUS W. FIELD sailed for England Thursday on cable business.

THERE is a monthly published in Tennessee called *The Southern Pen and Pulpit.*

SUGAR-MAKING has been commenced at New Albany, Indiana. Spring is almost here.

Or two hundred and sixty-eight Fenians arrested by the British Government ninety-five are Americans.

MRS JAMES GORDON BENNETT, for a lady of her age, is said to be one of the best preserved women in New York.

THERE is reason to believe that Shakspeare had an idea of the inevitable George Francis, when he wrote, "That (s) Train again!!"

TILTON with his "Women," and Griswold with his "Injin Meal," arest Springfield, Illinois.

A COLORED MAN named "CESAR," who recently died at the almshouse in Waterbury, was the last relic of slavery in Connecticut.

THE Duke of Argyle has established a strict Maine law on his island of Tiree, one of the inner Hebrides.

THE very latest Boston notion—A "Marriage Fund Association." The agents do not state how the victims are to be benefited.

THE Douglas tract, at Hyde Park, near Chicago, embracing 208 acres, is to be offered for sale at public auction, in half-acre parcels.

SEWARD, Vanderbilt and Astor have, within a few weeks, invested about $10,000,000 in uptown New York real estate.

A DISHONEST POST OFFICE CLERK in Richmond is unfilial enough to lay all his crime to the "spirit of the devil."

THE Georgia convention has exempted all manufactures and institutions of learning from taxation.

SIX HIGHWAY robbers have been sent from Buffalo to the Auburn State prison for an aggregate term of sixty-four years.

THE Meigs County (Ohio) *Press* says the capacity of all the salt furnaces in that vicinity is 2,500,000 bushels per annum.

MR. BURLINGAME is very happy with his suite of thirty Chinese officials and salary of $55,000 in gold from the Chinese government.

PEOPLE who have no enemies and are never "talked about" are very apt to be a sort of humanity run in exceedingly slender moulds.

ABOUT thirty firemen and civilians were injured by an explosion which occurred at a fire in Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday night.

A DESPERATE BOW occurred at a funeral in Albany a day or two since. Five of the belligerents are under arrest.

SALEM, Massachusetts, is said to be experiencing a genuine business revival. Other places need not despair.

MR. E. L. DAVENPORT, the popular tragedian, is soon to make a professional visit to California. He, doubtless, will win golden opinions.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, is to have this year a completed college, a $30,000 hotel and an "opera-house."

THE old Franklin Bank of Columbus, a branch of the old State Bank of Ohio, still has out, unredeemed, $17,000 of its circulating notes. Where they are, nobody knows.

IT IS STATED that there are now from 20,000 to 25,000 men out of employment in Chicago, and that from 15,000 to 20,000 persons are being sustained in whole or in part by charity.

A CURIOUS disease, having its seat in the heart, kills, by the hundred, the English horses taken to Abyssinia. None of the horse-doctors in Europe can explain it.

NOTHING is equal to thoroughness. A writer upon projectiles commences the history of shot from the "stone which whistled from David's sling."

ANOTHER PISTOL AFFRAY between lawyer and witness in Memphis. The papers urge the impropriety of "such meetings on the public street," as they endanger passers.

THE list of American sports have been increased by the introduction of dog and pig fights, the first one of which came off in Williamsburg last Saturday, pig victorious.

BRIGHAM YOUNG proposes to send teams with a quantity of dried fruit from Salt Lake City to the terminus of the Union Pacific railroad for the benefit of his immigrants.

THE Rocky Mountain *Herald* advertises for single women. A thousand Yankee girls, it says, could get husbands and homes in Colorado before spring.

A COMPANY of eastern capitalists, with a capital of two million dollars, are endeavoring to purchase the Southern Pacific railroad of Missouri.

DUMAS has improved Shakespeare's "Hamlet" out of all recognition. He strikes out much of the ghost and lets Hamlet survive to marry Ophelia.

A NEW YORK billiardist punched his cue entirely through a billiard ball the other day, in proof of which curious story the ball is shown with the hole.

A YOUNG Men's Christian Association in Northampton county, Pa., has been converted into an Ethiopian minstrel troupe, and is giving concerts in that county for the benefit of the poor.

A MASSACHUSETTS farmer, who owns the hardest-looking farming country to be found anywhere, is going into the business of raising goats, in imitation of the squatters around Central Park.

IN THE library of the New Hampshire Historical Society are the volumes of Napoleon's Life of Cæsar, presented by the Emperor, with two or three lines in his own handwriting on one of the blank leaves.

PENOBSCOT BAY, Maine, was frozen over last Thursday—the western bay to Searsport and Belfast, and the eastern to Isleborough and North Haven. This is of rare occurrence, happening but once or twice in half a century.

TWO TONS OF GUNPOWDER are stored next door to the Parliament buildings at Toronto, and through fear of Fawkes, or some other Guy, that body is endeavoring to legislate it to some less neighborly locality.

FRUGALITY is one of the virtues in Vermont. An old settler eighty years of age in a country town, who had not been to the "shire town" for forty years, lately walked there, twenty miles, looked about the town, dined on two cents' worth of crackers, and then walked back the same day.

THE King of Prussia has given ten thousand dollars to the starving people of East Prussia. A fair for their benefit is being held in the picture gallery of the royal palace in Berlin. Sixty ladies of the aristocracy, headed by the Crown Princess Victoria, act as saleswomen. About five thousand dollars' worth of goods are sold every day.

THE buffalo robe crop from the Red river country will, this winter, be half of that usually gathered. Other prairie furs will also be scarcer than last year, though bears, otter, beaver, badger and skunk, will hold their own. Rats and mink will show an increase.

THE little son of a Pittsfield (Mass.) clergyman, seeing his mother making biscuit on Sunday for supper, asked her if it wasn't wicked to work on Sunday? Being answered in the affirmative, the three-year old rejoined, "Ou'll catch it when 'ou get to heaven!"

THE superintendent of the braid mill at the falls in Norwich, Connecticut, has notified the thirty girls at work there that after March 1st they must work eleven hours for the same wages they have received for ten. Thirteen girls have consequently served notice to quit.

OF the three Bowdoinham, Me., bank robbers, one is learning how to make jimmies into horse shoes in the blacksmith shop; a second is pegging away at the boot and shoe business, and the other is acquiring the rudiments of the carriage-making trade.

THE Swedenborgian church in Thirty-fifth street, New York, took up a contribution of $500, on the last Sabbath, for the relief of the famine stricken people of Northern Sweden; the birthland of their founder.

THE largest and heaviest leather belt ever manufactured is now in course of construction by Messrs. Heim & Zimmerman, New York. The belt in question is 47 inches in width, 105 feet long, and weighs 1,800 pounds, and the cost of it will exceed $2,000. It is composed of triplicate layers of leather, making a thickness of three quarters of an inch.

DENVER CITY has been treated to a series of religious dances, as practiced among the Indians in the days of Montezuma, and handed down to the present day in tradition. The dances were performed by fifteen Mexicans, dressed in suits of many colors, their faces masked, according to custom, while they made music from gourd shells.

THE steamer China, which sailed from San Francisco on the 17th of last month, took out to Yokohama 1,323 trees, 165 bushes, 3,500 plants, and 10,000 grape cuttings, covering every variety of fruitful vegetation which that bounteous State affords. In return for these, arrangements have been made with the late Japanese Commissioner Judiyn, now superintendent of agriculture, to send back a full assortment of Japanese native trees and plants.

THE tow-boat Hovey, owned by Capt. Skinner, of Jersey City, while landing a schooner off the Morris Canal Basin, on Thursday morning, was struck by a large field of ice, nearly ten acres, which caught the boat at the end of the pier, carried her out about 200 yards, overturned and sunk her. The crew escaped in time to save themselves. The boat was insured for $5,000 in the Marine Insurance Company, New York.

OHIO was admitted into the Union in 1802. At that time there were about 40,000 inhabitants in the State. There are now in the State seventeen millions acres of cleared land, and about nine millions of woodland and forest. There are about one thousand miles of canal, and upwards of three thousand miles of railroad in active operation in the State.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Fortieth Congress—Second Session.

FRIDAY, February 21, 1868.

SENATE.

Mr. Sumner presented a memorial, largely signed by colored citizens of Kentucky setting forth that they have no rights under the laws of that State; that they are not allowed to testify in the courts of justice, but are maltreated and abused and robbed without any hopes of redress, and they ask Congress, by the powers conferred on that body under the amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery, and in pursuance of the provisions of the civil rights bill, to enact such legislation as will give them equality before the law, and also to confer upon them the right of suffrage.

Mr. Sumner had no doubt of the truth of the circumstances as detailed by the petitioners. They had before been made, and no attempt had ever been made to discredit them. He had no doubt of the absolute power of Congress to extend the redress to these injured people that they asked for, and he earnestly commended their prayer to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harlan, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported with an amendment the bill to amend the usury laws of the District.

Mr. Howe introduced a bill to provide for the establishment of a commission to examine and audit claims in the War Department. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sumner, the President was requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any official correspondence relative to the abduction of Allen McDonald, a citizen of the United States, in Canada.

The bill providing that a majority of the registered voters shall determine the adoption of the constitutions of the rebel States was taken up.

Mr. Conkling had considerable doubt of the efficacy of this measure, and thought the door would not be closed against any means by its passage, but he was ready to try the experiment and to hope that the good would result which was expected from it. But whatever the result of this measure, it should not and could not prove detrimental to the cause which both Houses of Congress had at heart since the spring of 1865. The country demanded that as loyal blood had ransomed that section, loyal hands and heads should now control it, and although he voted for this measure, he did not intend that his hands should be tied, and he hoped he would not be accused of inconsistency hereafter if he should find it necessary to vote for any other measure supplementary or additional to this to prevent the domination of those who had lost not only their right to dominate, but some of them the right, as he thought, to have their being. Inconsistency had been charged over and over again upon the majority, because of these supplementary acts.

At 2:20 p. m. the Senate went into executive session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Wood, of New York moved that when the House adjourn to-day it be until Monday next, but he gave way to a suggestion of

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, that the House have a session to-morrow for debate only.

Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill to establish a uniform system of small coin. Referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

The Speaker laid before House the following communication from A. W. Randall, Postmaster General:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, February 21, 1868.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have just read with astonishment a detail of some testimony in the Daily *Globe* seeking to implicate me in fraudulent transactions in certain contracts for carrying Southern mails. I have never heard of some of the men named in the testimony before. No man ever approached me with any such proposition as indicated in that testimony. I never heard of such a project before. I never do business in that way, or any of that kind of business. I ask a thorough, searching investigation, not only into the matter indicated in that testimony, but also into every other official transaction of the Post Office Department since I have been connected with it. I also respectfully ask that this investigation be open and public to the world. If this is the proper mode of presenting my wishes to the House of Representatives, I will be obliged if this letter can be laid before that body.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. W. RANDALL, Postmaster General.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Expenditures of the Post Office Department.

On motion of Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and proceeded to the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. It appropriates in all the sum of $18,096,045.

Mr. Washburne explained the bill.

Mr. Pike, of Maine, sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a part of a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, showing that the appropriations were much below what was required for the efficient service of the Department.

In reply to some remarks made by Mr. Washburne, Mr. Pike said that no matter how much the House might differ politically with the Secretary of the Navy, all candid men must admit that the affairs of the Department were economically managed.

Mr. Logan, of Ill., called attention of the House to what he said was a fact, that the $50,000,000 in excess in the hands of the Secretary of the Navy last year had not been conveyed into the Treasury of the United States, as required by law, and he read from reports of the Secretary of the Treasury in proof of his assertion.

Mr. Washburne, of Ill., referred to the fact that the estimates of the Secretary of the Navy were originally over $48,000,000. He had subsequently reduced his estimates to $24,000,000, and the Committee on Appropriations made a still further reduction.

Mr. Archer, of Md., said the Secretary had reduced his estimates in consequence of the resolution adopted by this House, declaring retrenchment as the policy of the country in conducting the affairs of the navy. But the appropriations were entirely too low, and he gave this House notice that if it was the purpose to protect our people abroad, the appropriations must be increased, and in such a way as would enable the Navy Department to enforce our rights abroad.

The committee rose for the purpose of closing debate, and the chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress to the House.

A motion was then made to go into a Committee of the Whole again, pending which

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of War, in relation to the order of the President removing him from office as Secretary of War.

Mr. Washburne, of Ill., moved its reference to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Lawrence, of Ohio, hoped it would be sent to a select committee.

The first motion was agreed to.

The House then again went into committee on the naval appropriation bill

Mr. Banks moved to amend by a proviso that the heads of the different mechanics and laborers of the departments in the Navy Yard shall be persons skilled in the trade which he is appointed to superintend.

The proviso is the appropriation for the Naval Academy that "the professorships of mathematics, astronomy, natural and experimental philosophy, drawing, and ethics shall be abolished at the end of the fiscal year, 1868, and filled by naval officers to be detailed by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy," was stricken out, as being independent legislation.

At this point Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, moved that the committee rise for the purpose of fixing for a session to-morrow for business.

Mr. Washburne hoped not.

Mr. Boutwell said while the Government was being subverted and a Secretary of War had been illegally removed, as much attention as possible should be devoted to business.

The Clerk then proceeded to read the pending bill further.

Mr. Butler, of Mass., then moved that the committee rise; which motion prevailed, and the progress made was reported to the House.

Mr. Butler, of Mass. Mr. Speaker, I move to rescind the order of the House, that the session of to-morrow be devoted to debate only; and I will state that my reason for making this motion is because of the communication of the Secretary of War, which was read to the House. We have now two Secretaries of War.

Mr. Eldridge, of Wis. I rise to a point of order, that this is a motion to reconsider the vote whereby to-morrow's session was to be for debate, and it is not debatable.

The Speaker sustained the point of order, and the question was put upon the motion to re