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Auction Sales.

BY WM. L. WALL & CO., Auctn., New Marble Building, Store Nos. 315 and 317 south ner. Pennsylvania avenue and Ninth street.

ENTIRE STOCK OF CLOTHING, MERCHANT TAILOR, GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS, TRUNKS, UMBRELLAS, PICTURES, &c., AT AUCTION.

On SATURDAY MORNING, January 15, commencing at 10 o'clock and evening at 7 o'clock, we will sell, at No. 315 Pennsylvania avenue, twenty thousand fresh merchandise, the entire stock of CLOTHING, &c., of the late T. A. Stephens, known as the Star.

STEPHENS & CO., Clothiers.

We name in part, viz:

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits in Broadcloth, Cassimere, Melton and Beaver, Coats, Vests, Pants, Vests, Morning Gowns, Silk Velvet Vests.

OVERCOATS.

Beaver, Melton, Cassimere, Water Proof and Spring Overcoats.

BOYS' CLOTHING.

A large stock of Boys' Clothing in suits.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

Cassimeres, Doeskins, Beavers, Broadcloths, Fur and Mosaic, Sacque, Silk Velvet, Fancy Duck, Alpaca, Brown Linen, Silk Velvet, Large lot Trimmings.

FURNISHING GOODS.

Undershirts, Drawers, Overshirts, Ties, Tie Scarves and Domestic Half Hose, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Neckties, Kid, Buckskin, Wool and Silk Gloves, Trunks, Valises, Satchels, &c., &c.

FIXTURES.

Plate Mirror, Shelving, Desk, Counters, Stoves, &c.

P. S. Sale to continue day and evening until the entire stock is disposed of.

We call especial attention of dealers and private buyers to the above sale, as the goods are all first class, and were made especially for private sale.

Store for rent. W. L. WALL & CO.,
jan7 [Star.] Auctioneers.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs. (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON EIGHTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN B AND C STREETS NORTH, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1869, and recorded among the land records of Washington county, District of Columbia, in Liber T and E, No. 5, folio 68, *et seq.*, and by direction of the party secured thereby, we will sell, at public auction, in front of the premises, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of February next, at 4 o'clock, p. m., all the undivided three-fourths of the premises lying and being in the said city of Washington, and known and described as being a part of lots numbered twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27,) in the recorded subdivision of Duxon's land, being numbered lot one hundred and ninety-nine (199,) and being assessed to Joseph Regnier, and bounded as follows, beginning at the line of Eighth street west, "one hundred and sixty-five feet south from the south line of Florida avenue, thence south with said line of said street twenty (20) feet, thence west one hundred and twenty-five feet, thence north with the line of a private alley, thence east with the south line of said alley to the southwest corner of Jonathan Carter's lot, and thence with the south line of said Carter's lot to the beginning.

The attention of capitalists is called to this property, as it is one of most eligible building lots now for sale. It is directly opposite Colonel Ingersoll's and near R. H. Lathbrop's fine residence.

Terms: One half cash; balance in six and twelve months with interest, and secured on the property. A deposit of $100 will be required at sale, or the property to be knocked down, or it will be immediately resold. If the terms of sale are not complied with within five days, the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser.

All conveyancing and revenue stamps at purchaser's cost. WILLIAM A. PENWICK, Trustee.
jan7-Sawtr COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs. (Successors to Jas. C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON NORTH STREET, BETWEEN VERMONT AVENUE AND 10TH STREET WEST, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date on 17th day of November, A. D. 1869, and recorded among the land records of Washington county, District of Columbia, in Liber T and E, No. 5, folio 68, *et seq.*, and by direction of the trustee of the Franklin Building Association, we will sell, at public auction, in front of the premises, on MONDAY, the 7th day of February next, at 4 o'clock p. m., all that piece or parcel of ground and premises lying and being in the said city of Washington, and known and described as being part of lot numbered twenty (20) in square numbered one hundred and sixty-four (164), fronting twenty (20) feet on said north street, and running back one hundred and six (106) feet to a 20 feet alley.

Terms: One half cash; balance in 6 and 12 months, for notes bearing interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises. Conveyancing and stamps at purchaser's cost; $200 will be required on day of sale. GREEN & WILLIAMS,
jan8-eod&s Auctioneers.

BY THOMAS DOWLING, Auctioneer, 498 BRIDGE STREET, GEORGETOWN.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE ON GEORGETOWN HEIGHTS FOR SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 15th of December, A. D. 1869, and duly recorded in Liber T and E, No. 5, folio 128, and at the request of the party secured thereby, will offer for sale, on the premises, on the 22d day of February next, at 5 o'clock p. m., all that valuable building lot or parcel of ground and premises lying and being in the said city of Washington, and known and described as being part of lot numbered three (3) in square numbered three hundred and sixty-one (361), the said part of lot (3) being the east twenty-two (22) feet front and running back one hundred and fifty-three (153) feet to the alley, the depth of the lot.

Terms of Sale: One third cash, (of which $100 must be paid at the time of sale,) the balance in six and twelve months, with interest, to be secured by a deed of trust on the premises. Conveyancing and stamps at purchaser's cost. In default of a compliance with the terms of sale the trustee reserves the right to resell at the risk and cost of the first purchaser, after one week's public notice.

All conveyancing and revenue stamps at purchaser's cost. JOHN B. DONNELLY, Trustee.
THOMAS DOWLING, (Succ.) Auctioneer.
jan4-eod&s

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers, 319 Southeast corner of Seventh and D streets.

TWO-STORY AND ATTIC BRICK DWELLING, FRONTING ON SIXTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN O AND N STREETS NORTH, AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

On MONDAY NEXT, the 17th instant, at 4 o'clock, p. m., we shall sell, in front of the premises, Nos. 307 and 309 Sixth street west, and the lot on which it stands, having eight good rooms, water and gas, and running back to a 20 foot alley.

Terms: One half cash; balance in 6 and 12 months, for notes bearing interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises. Conveyancing and stamps at purchaser's cost; $200 will be required on day of sale. GREEN & WILLIAMS,
jan13-eod&s Auctioneers.

Auction Sales.

BY WM. L. WALL & CO., Auctn., New Marble Building, Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Ninth street.

URGENCY SALE OF A VALUABLE THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING AND STORE, ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WEST, BETWEEN 9 AND 10 STREETS NORTH.

By virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, passed the 20th day of December, 1869, in Equity No. 1,081, in Equity, wherein Horace Mulloy is complainant and John J. McCollum et al. are defendants, and by virtue of a further order or decree made in said cause on the 5th day of November, 1869, we shall expose to sale, on the premises, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of January, 1870, at 4 o'clock, all that certain land situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and being that part of lot number eight, (No. 8,) in square number four hundred and forty-seven, (No. 447,) contained within the following metes and bounds: Beginning on the line of Seventh street, at a point distant twenty feet from the southwest corner of said lot, and running thence north twenty feet; thence east one hundred and sixteen feet to an alley; thence south with said alley twenty feet; thence west to the place of beginning.

The improvements consist of a newly-built Three-story Brick House, with good storerooms on the first floor and dwellings above the store.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by the decree, are: One third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, the balance in two equal installments, at six and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by a deed of trust on the property, and a conveyance to be withheld until they are paid. Stamps and conveyancing at purchaser's cost. A bond with good security will be required to be given before the property is sold.

WM. A. EDMONSTON,
jan7-Sawtr W. L. WALL & CO., Trustees. Auctioneers.

BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs. (Successors to James C. McGuire & Co.) Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE ON SIXTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN B AND C STREETS NORTH, FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

By virtue of two deeds of trust, from William Quigley to Joseph Casanave, dated Nov. 1, 1867, in Liber T and E, No. 3, Folio 38, and Liber T and E, No. 4, folio 377, of the land records for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, I will offer for sale, at public auction, on MONDAY, the 24th day of January, 1870, at 5 o'clock, in front of the premises, to the highest bidder, all that parcel of ground situate in the city of Washington, in said District of Columbia, and being part of lot No. 5, in square No. 448, fronting in the ground plat of said city, and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the line of said street, distant twenty (20) feet south from the southwest corner of said lot, running thence south with the line of said street twenty (20) feet; thence west 85 feet 3 inches to the rear line of said lot; thence north with said line twenty (20) feet; thence east 85 feet 3 inches to the point of beginning.

Terms of sale: One third of the purchase money cash, residue in 6 and 12 months from day of sale, with interest. The purchaser to give his promissory notes, and to be required to give the property for the deferred payments; $50 down at time of sale. All conveyancing and stamps at purchaser's expense. The sale to be made under the first of said deeds of trust to $1,000, with interest from May 1, 1869, and under the second the sum of $600, with interest from Nov. 1, 1869.

The improvements consist of TWO TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSES.

WM. A. GUNCARUS, Trustee.
COOPER & LATIMER,
jan7-eod Auctioneers.

For Sale or Rent.

FOR SALE—At a Bearable Price, TWO BEAUTIFUL GIT PAINTINGS, BY HAMMON, "MOZART PERFORMING ON THE PIANO," "BEETHOVEN PERFORMING ON THE ORGAN," BEFORE THE COURT OF VIENNA. Now on exhibition at Clark's and Moore's Warerooms of JOHN F. ELLIS, 345 Pennsylvania avenue, near Tenth street. jan13-3t

FOR RENT.—THREE SUITE OF NEW AND handsomely furnished ROOMS for new renters, in one of the most fashionable and pleasant locations in the city, with all the modern improvements, and all the conveniences, and with good closets on each floor. Inquire southeast corner of Fourteenth and I streets, opposite Franklin Square. jan13-4t

FOR SALE—A SMALL COTTAGE WITH SIX ROOMS, Bowling Alley, North Street, MARY'S bet. Twelfth and Thirteenth sts.

FOR EXCHANGE—A SMALL LITTLE HOUSE. Complete in all respects, in Paterson, Philadelphia, will be exchanged for Washington property. Apply to J. W. King, U. S. N., Navy Department. jan11-3m

HOG AND CATTLE FOOD.

FOR SALE—A large quantity of mixed Vegetable for cattle and hog food. It has been pronounced by those who have used it as a superior article.

Will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers. Apply to E. G. WHEELER, Seventh street and Maryland avenue, Washington, D. C.; or H. P. Gilbert & Co., 107 Water street, Georgetown, D. C.
jan7-3w

MEMBERS, SENATORS AND OTHERS, CAN be accommodated with elegant ROOMS, with or without board, at No. 307 H street north, between Eighth and Ninth streets west, convenient to both Departments. Three stories, south front, elegantly lighted and ventilated, fine location for summer as well as winter, being so near the Departments, with all modern conveniences. Apply at house.

JAMES TOWLES.
jan8-eod7t

FOR RENT—FRAME HOUSE, FOUR ROOMS, front yard in front and side, with excellent water, situated south side of E street, next to corner of Twenty-fourth street, inquire of S. H. STEWARDT, 106 Pennsylvania avenue. jan7-tf

A EXCELLENT THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE with extensive back buildings, No. 416 F street, two doors east of Four-teenth street; bay window; set back from the street, and room in front inclosed with iron railing. No more desirable residence in the city. Possession given at any time after 10 o'clock p. m. Price $9,000.

ELEGANT! ATTRACTIVE! CONVENIENT!

We offer for sale the THREE FOUR-STORY PARKER BRICK FRONT DWELLINGS, just being completed, on the north side of O street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

They contain Mansards, water closets, china closets, kitchen pressers, hot and cold water throughout; a furnace heats the entire house; back windows and balconies, marble mantels, 3 coats of the best of paint throughout.

These houses have a south front, and are made different to any bay windows, terraced yards, and balconies and terrace steps; lot 20 feet front, with or without stable.

To parties desiring first-class Dwelling houses we can offer as great bargains as any one in the city. These are well built, located in the centre of the city, and convenient to all the street railways.

For prices and terms apply to or address JOSHUA WHITNEY & CO., Bankers, Old No. 416 Seventh street, between G and H streets.

FINE FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT—IN a desirable location. Inquire at No. 338 G street, near Fifteenth.

FOR RENT.—AN ELEGANT SUITE OF ROOMS, with Bath Room and Water Closet attached; also several single Rooms for gentlemen. Apply 381 Fifteenth, east side, a few doors north of G street. novl-tf

FOR SALE.—A FINE NEW HOUSE, SITUATED in the most desirable locality in the city. Terms liberal. Inquire at No. 1 F street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets. octl-tf

Wants.

WANTED—A LOT ON THE ISLAND, BETWEEN Sixth and Tenth streets. Address "T," at this Office, with price and location.

WANTED—A RESTAURANT COOK. APPLY at JOSEPH H. SHAFFIELD'S, 346 Pennsylvania avenue. jan13-3t bet. Twelfth and Thirteenth streets.

I. GRADWOHL, NO. 1126 SEVENTH street, between L and M, (west side,) buys and sells all kinds of ladies', gents, and children's cast-off clothing, underclothing, boots and shoes, watches, jewelry, blankets, bedsteads, stoves, &c. Any note by mail or otherwise promptly attended to. jan 1-tf

GRUSTH PAYS FAIR (CASH) PRICES FOR Ladies' and Gent's And Children's Second-hand Clothing, Boots and Shoes. Leave orders at 508 Sixth street, between D and E streets, third door from Young Men's Christian Association Building. N. B.—Any Note by Mail promptly attended to. novl5-3t

TO THE WORKING CLASS.—We are now prepared to furnish all classes with constant employment at home, the whole of the time or for the spare moments. Business new, light and profitable. Persons of either sex easily earn from 50 cents to $5 per evening, and a proportional sum by devoting their whole time to the business. Boys and girls earn nearly as much as men. That all who see this notice may send their address, and test the business, we make this unparalleled offer: To each person who writes we will send $5 to pay for the trouble of writing. Full particulars, a valuable sample, which will do to commence work on, and a copy of the Peoples' Literary Companion—one of the largest and best family newspapers published—all sent free by mail. Reader, if you want permanent, profitable work, address E. C. ALLEN & CO., Augusta, Maine. octl-3m

WANTED—NEW AND CAST OFF CLOTHING, old Gold and Silver, or any other articles of value, at the highest price. Address Mrs. Powers, broker store of E. FULTON & CO., 311 Ninth street, 4 doors north of Pennsylvania avenue.
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Boarding.

BOARDING.
RUFUS SMITH,
of Loudoun county, Va., has removed from No. 459 Tenth street, between D and E streets, and has made comfortable arrangements for keeping a good class of BOARDERS HOME BY THE DAY OR MONTH. Bath, rooms on all floors. Meals single or in suits, with or without board.
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FIRST-CLASS TABLE BOARD CAN BE HAD at the ARLINGTON HOUSE, corner of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, for $30 per month. sept23-tf

WASHINGTON FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS yesterday were $300,611.82.

JOHN T. SNOW has been appointed inspector in the custom-house at Saco, Me.

THE RUSSIAN NEW YEAR, which commenced at 12 o'clock Wednesday night, was appropriately welcomed at the Russian Legation on Wednesday evening, the occasion being marked by a brilliant dinner party to a number of the personal friends of M. and Madam Catacazy.

AMONG the executive communications laid before the House yesterday was one from the Secretary of the Interior, inclosing the estimates of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the survey of the Indian reserves for the year ending June 30, 1871, and for the present fiscal year. The estimated amount is $480,296.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The Senate, in executive session yesterday, confirmed the following nominations: Edward B. Moore, appraiser of merchandise at the port of Philadelphia; Richard Beardsley, of Indiana, consul at Jerusalem; Thomas Biddle, of Pennsylvania, consul general at Havana; and Woodbury Dennis postmaster at Portland, Me.

BY GENERAL ORDER, issued yesterday from the War Department, the 13th and 7th United States infantry and the 8th and 5th United States cavalry are ordered to interchange posts during the coming spring and summer. The execution of the order is entrusted to General Sheridan. The 3d cavalry regiment is ordered to Arizona, and the 9th regiment to New Mexico.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY AND THE NAVAL STAFF.—A petition from the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, praying Congress to give attention to the unnatural and injuriously degrading position of the medical staff of the United States navy in regard to rank and authority on account of the unnecessary and ungracious orders lately issued from the Navy Department, was presented in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Scott, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

NOMINATIONS.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday:

J. C. F. Bayland to be collector of internal revenue for the Seventh district of New York, in place of M. H. Treadwell, withdrawn. John A. F. Allen to be collector of customs at New Bedford, Massachusetts. Timothy G. Phelps to be collector of customs at San Francisco, California. Charles S. Cooper to be surveyor of customs at Memphis, Tennessee.

THE DYER CASE REVIVED.—A lengthy petition, signed by Horatio Ames and Clifford Axtick, in which they make various charges of conspiracy, &c., against Brigadier and Brevet Major General A. B. Dyer, Chief of Ordnance, United States army, was presented by Mr. Howard in the Senate yesterday. The petitioners ask Congress to take cognizance of these matters and punish all who, no matter what their standing, have conspired to thwart the ends of public justice. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

NOTWITHSTANDING the pressure made for the removal of General Hickenlooper, United States marshal for the Southern district of Ohio, the President has determined to adhere to the soldier rather than to the civilian so prominently urged. The administration of General Hickenlooper thus far has been entirely satisfactory to the Administration, and although an appointee of the last Administration, the present incumbent is regarded as sound on the political issues of the day. In fact President Grant has already intimated that he is in favor of rotation in office, and the applicant so strongly urged served in that office nearly five years.

LETTER-CARRIERS' CONVENTION.—It is understood that there is to be a convention of letter-carriers from the different cities in this country held in this city next month to discuss these matters and wait upon the committees of Congress and lay their alleged grievances before them. A circular letter from the letter-carriers of the Philadelphia post office has been addressed to all the letter-carriers in the country, asking co-operation in a movement to obtain an advance of pay, and detailing the disadvantages under which they are laboring; also, inclosing a form of petition to Congress asking appropriate legislation in their behalf.

NAVY ORDERS.—Detached—Lieut. S. P. Baird, from the navy yard, Boston, and ordered to the Benicia; Lieut. Geo. M. Brooks, from the Benicia, and granted sick leave; Passed Assistant Surgeon Geo. W. Woods, from the Pensacola, and ordered to the receiving ship Independence; Chief Engineer A. Henderson, from special duty at Boston, and ordered to the United States steamer Colorado, and as fleet engineer of the Asiatic fleet.

Ordered—Lieut. S. L. Wilson, to Washington, for examination for promotion. First Assistant Engineer H. D. McEwan, to League Island, Pa.; Boatswain Jas. Walker, to the Boston navy yard. The orders of Surgeon James McMaster to the receiving ship Vermont have been revoked, and also the detachment of Surgeon D. Bloodgood from the receiving ship Vermont.

IN RESPONSE to a resolution offered some days ago by Mr. Swann, the Secretary of War sent to the House yesterday a communication enclosing a report from J. H. Simpson, engineer in charge of the work of widening and deepening the channel of the Patapsco river, in which that officer gives an elaborate review of the work done in that direction from the start, in 1859, by the city of Baltimore, the State of Maryland and the General Government, by which it appears that there was expended prior to 1866, $394,317.06, from which time to 1866 nothing was done. Since 1866 there has been expended $158,800, and the amount now required to complete the work is estimated at $107,800. A map showing the work performed, and necessary to be performed, accompanies the report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

SOME DAYS SINCE the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for the report of a board of naval officers, which had been convened to consider the question of relative rank of the medical staff of the navy, and the Secretary yesterday sent a response to the effect that the board of officers thus convened had not yet finally adjourned, and that when it should have completed all its duties, and submitted its final record, a copy of it and all papers pertaining thereto would be forwarded without delay.

He also sent a communication stating that the report of the board of admirals, which assembled in 1865, of which Admiral Farragut was president, had been submitted to a former Secretary, and could not now be found, and that a duplicate of it was not preserved by the board. He was therefore unable to comply with the request of the House for a copy of said report.

THE APPLICATION of the Kentucky distillers for a longer time than is allowed at present for the storage of whisky in bond is likely to provoke a discussion in Congress. Certain distillers in that state allege that the grain used requires between two and three years storage before the liquor is fit for market. Deputy Commissioner Given will arrive here on Saturday, and will be prepared to report the results of his investigations in Louisville, Bardstown and other parts of Kentucky where he made investigations.

The chemists of the Kentucky distillers differ from those of the distillers north of the Ohio, and the Commissioner, it is understood, favors the claims of the petitioners from Kentucky, under certain restrictions.

RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE WILSON STRANGE.—A meeting of the members of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States met at the court-room in the Capitol at 10 o'clock yesterday, to take appropriate action in relation to the death of the late Edwin M. Stanton. A large number of the members were present. Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, was called upon to preside, and R. W. Corwine, of Ohio, was chosen secretary. The Chair stated the objects of the meeting. On motion of the Attorney General, a committee of three was appointed to draft suitable resolutions to submit to the Court at its reassembling on Monday next. The Chair appointed the Attorney General, J. M. Carlisle and Judge Hall the committee. On motion, the meeting adjourned until next Monday at 10 o'clock a. m., to hear the report of the committee.

FORTRESS MONROE.—Among the executive documents laid before the House yesterday was a communication from the Secretary of War, recommending the purchase of certain lands at Fortress Monroe for the use of the United States Artillery School. The extent and estimated value of the property, which is all improved, is as follows:

Names.	Acres.	Estimated value.
Joseph Regnier	207	$41,400
R. H. Clary	5	10,400
G. Mann	1	7,100
L. C. Perry, (small lot,)		1,750
" "		800
W. R. Murry	4	8,800
Joseph Tuttle	1	9,000
Col. Curry	1½	7,000
Mr. Willard	10	4,800
Chesapeake Female College	48	60,000
Total		$150,000

The Chesapeake Female College property is one half held by the Freedmen's Bureau and one half in trust for the loyal stockholders.

IT IS NOW KNOWN that Attorney General Hoar's nomination will not be recalled, and that the Senate will have to decide on his confirmation or rejection. Neither Mr. Hoar nor the President look at the question from a personal stand-point, but consider that a grave constitutional question underlies the result. They say, shall the Senate continue to exercise forever those powers which it assumed for the first time in the Johnsonian controversy, when it was believed necessary to curb a President? Shall the President be permitted to select the best man for any existing vacancy, or shall he be obliged to nominate from local considerations and within the boundaries of the circuit where the court will be held? and shall a combination of Senators be able to cause the rejection of one whose chief offence is that he does not so distribute his offices as shall best aid them in strengthening the Senatorial seat? If rejected, Mr. Hoar will certainly retain his seat in the Cabinet.—Wash. *Cor. N. Y. Tribune.*

THE POSTAL CONFERENCE.—The postal conference did not close yesterday as was anticipated, but will meet again to-day and perhaps on Saturday. The subjects considered yesterday were a continuance of the registered letter and money-order systems, and that bugbear of the Department, the collection of newspaper postage and the abuses of the postal service by the transmission of so-called newspapers, which are mere advertising mediums. In regard to registered letters it was proposed to reduce the postage upon them, and (the name of the sender being upon the outside) to authorize the postmaster, when a registered letter cannot be delivered, to return it directly to the mailing office without the delay incident to its return through the dead letter office. Other methods were suggested to popularize the system.

The establishment of a new rate for the money-order office by which sums of $10 and less can be sent for five cents was warmly urged. The views of the conference are to be embodied in a report to the Postmaster General at the close of its labors. The manner in which the mails are used to swindle the public, through the lottery, gift enterprises and other schemes, was alluded to, but as a bill had been already drafted (presented in the House by Mr. Farnsworth yesterday) the subject was not generally discussed.

The conference adjourned at 4 o'clock, and the members by invitation dined with Postmaster General Creswell, after which they called upon the President.

Mr. Creswell is much pleased with the result of the conference thus far, and devotes his time to it, refusing to see all visitors while the conference is in session.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—Another overflowing house witnessed last night Miss Bateman's impersonation of "Mary Warner." The plot is interesting throughout, and the feelings of the auditors are wrought up to the highest point as scene succeeds scene. Your sympathies are enlisted from the very first with the devoted wife who confesses to have committed a crime of which she is guiltless to save her husband. The interview behind the prison bars of the innocent woman with her husband is thrilling in the extreme. The proud man looking upon his wife, for whom he has cherished the highest respect, as having degraded herself, gives her no kind words, but rather upbraids her for bringing disgrace upon his name. Then it is that all the impassioned nature of the woman who has made this great sacrifice is aroused. Believing that her husband was guilty of the crime which she for his sake has voluntarily assumed, and meeting coldness instead of gratitude, her woman's heart is stung to the quick, and after a torrent of bitter reproach, she leaves him, and refuses to see him again. Miss Bateman makes of this scene a finished and most natural piece of acting, while Mr. Jordan as George Warner is equally natural in his part. In the successive trials which Mary undergoes after leaving the prison, and the final reconciliation of husband and wife, after each is more acquainted with the innocence of the other by the confession of Bob Levitt, Miss Bateman and Mr. Jordan leave no opportunity for criticism. Miss May Seville as Milly Rigg, is very saucy and charming as the maiden devoted to her friend when in trouble, and evincing the true spirit of woman as the faithful wife. "Mary Warner" is, in a word, a play which every American should see and should take his wife and children to see, not alone for the pleasure it will afford them, but for the good it will do them.

REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY.—Mr. Logan, from the Committee on Military Affairs, presented to the House two bills for the reorganization of the army which were recommitted and ordered to be printed.

The first was drawn by Mr. Logan, and proposes that the Secretary of War shall assemble a board of three general officers to examine into the qualification, fitness and previous military record of all officers of the army who are supernumerary or in excess of the organization or waiting orders, and recommend for appointment to vacancies to the President, and that the remainder after six months shall cease to be officers of the army, but shall be entitled to one day's pay for one year from the date of mustering out. The bill places the number of officers to be on retired list at the discretion of the President, but not to exceed two hundred and fifty. It further provides that no officer on the retired list shall be assigned to duty, and all assignments which have heretofore been made shall cease on the passage of the act.

It also provides that the office of General and Lieutenant General of the Army shall continue until a vacancy shall occur in the same, and no longer; and when such vacancies occur all laws and parts of laws creating such office shall become inoperative.

Also, a bill drafted at the War Department, which provides that artillery, cavalry and infantry regiments shall have the same organization, viz: one colonel, one lieutenant colonel, two majors, and to consist of twelve companies, which shall have one captain, two first lieutenants and one second lieutenant; one first sergeant, four sergeants, four corporals, two musicians, two artificers, farriers or saddlers, and seventy-five privates.

Adjutants, quartermasters and commissaries of subsistence are to be detailed from the first lieutenants of such regiments. One veterinary surgeon in each regiment of cavalry, and one chaplain to each regiment of infantry, cavalry or artillery. The office of post chaplain is abolished.

The Secretary of War is authorized to select from the present number of lieutenants and majors to fill the vacancies those not required to be held as supernumeraries and placed on list of officers waiting orders, subject to transfer, appointment or separation from the army, as provided below.

When the above provisions are complied with, a board of three general officers are to be convened in the manner and for the purpose specified in Mr. Logan's bill.

The War Department bill gives to substitutes acting as assistant quartermasters or assistant commissaries $10 per month extra pay, where the garrison is less than two companies, and $20 per month when over two companies.

THE CONGRESSIONAL PRINTER.—As we gave yesterday the purport of charges which, according to report, would be made before the Congressional Printing Committee against the management of the Government printing office, we feel it due to Mr. Clapp to present what his friends assert are the real facts in the case, to the following effect, and which we find published in the *Star* yesterday afternoon:

Certain charges were made some time since in an anonymous and irresponsible publication, not one of which, they say, can be sustained by fact. These and other charges made by the same or other correspondents of the press since, but as yet no charges have been made public through the action of Congress, and none have been referred to the Committee on Printing or to any other committee for investigation.

The Congressional Printer not only does not fear any charges that may be made of mismanagement and a misappropriation of the funds of the Government entrusted to his official care and appropriation, but he invokes the most thorough and searching investigation of his official conduct during the few months he has been in office, by any tribunal, either legislative or judicial. Every legitimate source of information may be resorted to, and every means of reaching the truth may be adopted, and he will welcome the result of the effort to impeach the integrity, economy or efficiency of his administration. He has been inspired by a single purpose in his official action—to increase the usefulness of the Government printing office, and to elevate the character of its work. In this he trusts that he has been successful, while he is not unmindful of the fact that in accomplishing this result he has awakened the hostility of those who would have had it otherwise if they could have controlled the result.

Endeavors have been made from the outset of the administration of the present Congressional Printer, by those who were in no degree entitled to control its policy, to direct the internal management of the Government printing office, and his resistance of this interference has challenged the hostility of a large class, who are now busily engaged in an effort to discredit and ruin an administration that they could not shape in accordance with their own behests. All that the Congressional printer asks, now that war has been declared against him, is a clear field and a fair fight, and he will be enabled to show not only the animus but the importance of his assailants. He asks no immunities, but courts truth and justice in the broadest and fullest sense. He does insist, however, that he shall not be judged hastily, under malicious and groundless allegations, before the truth shall be reached and the justice of the case be fully established through incontrovertible proofs.

In addition to the above we have received the following communication on this subject, and as we want to do justice to all sides we give it herewith:

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—SIR: Permit me to call the attention of your readers to the paragraph in the REPUBLICAN of yesterday with regard to charges made against the Congressional Printer. Hardly have the wanton and untruthful statements made against Collector Boswell been well refuted, ere the public are treated to another dish of a similar nature, substituting for Mr. Boswell the name of Mr. Clapp. In view of an investigation, it is almost useless to attempt a refutation of the charges made against the Congressional Printer. That, at least, they are partly incorrect any person of ordinary intelligence would find little difficulty in proving. The charge of mismanagement and reckless expenditure is a base, wanton, and malicious untruth, circulated by a few wretched and miserable outcasts of the Government printing office. It is, however, a matter of deep regret that these impotent falsifiers should have had the power to impose their base fabrications upon any respectable individual, much less upon an honorable member of Congress, who, acting upon the representations of half a dozen low, unprincipled, and disappointed printers, has absolutely moved for legislation on the subject.

The "rumor" did not originate a "few" days ago, as the correspondent of the New York *Post* would have his readers believe, but had its origin in an anonymous and irresponsible pamphlet, circulated more than a month ago, by the half dozen "miserables" already referred to, and in reference to which Mr. Clapp invited a thorough investigation into the workings of the Government printing office.

It is not so much a matter of surprise that a few men, who had already been discharged from the Government printing office by Mr. Clapp, should seek some method by which the reputation of that gentleman might be injured and their own aggrandisement secured. Neither the correspondent of the *Post* nor General Negley could possibly be actuated by any such motives, however, and it would have been much more creditable, especially to the latter gentleman, if he would have taken the trouble, before taking any action in the matter, to have first ascertained the correctness of the statements made. Had he have done this he would undoubtedly have saved himself the odium which must follow an investigation of the matter; as there can be no doubt that Mr. Clapp's administration has been characterized by the strictest integrity, economy and skill. JUSTITIA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.

THE RECEPTIONS

PRESIDENT GRANT AT HOME

FIRST EVENING RECEPTION

THE INTELLIGENCE, BEAUTY AND FASHION OF THE METROPOLIS PRESENT.

President Grant's first evening reception was held last evening, and from 8 o'clock to 11 p. m. there was a constant stream of visitors pouring into the Executive Mansion. As usual the President and Mrs. Grant received their visitors in the Blue Room, which, with the new Axminster medallion carpet and its rich and costly furniture, presented a most brilliant appearance.

Dr. Alex. Sharpe, United States Marshal for the District, presented the visitors to the President, while General Michler, Commissioner of Public Buildings, performed the same duty to Mrs. Grant, who was exquisitely attired in a rich crimson silk, elegantly trimmed with black guipure lace. She was surrounded by Mrs. Secretary Fish, Mrs. Secretary Belknap, Mrs. Borie, Miss Borie, Mrs. General Dent, Mrs. General Porter, Mrs. General Babcock, and Misses Nellie Grant and Madeie Dent. Generals Dent, Porter and Babcock, and Colonel Douglass, President Grant's secretaries, assisted him in receiving the mass of callers who thronged upon him.

Among the distinguished persons who called to pay their respects to our honored Chief Magistrate were noticed Secretaries Robeson, Fish, Belknap and Cox; General Sherman and wife, Commissioner Fisher, Judge Casey, of the Court of Claims; ex-Secretary Borie, Commodore Sands, United States navy, and daughter; General Zellen, of the Marine Corps; General John C. Fremont and his wife, who was magnificently dressed in a lilac moire antique, with costly lace body and overskirt, having suspended from a chain around her neck a massive gold cross, set with carbuncles of unusual size and brilliancy; Hon. Horace Capron, Commissioner of Agriculture, and wife; Hon. Thomas A. Jenckes, member of Congress from Rhode Island; ex-Postmaster General King and wife, Senator Stewart, Commodore Smith, United States navy; N. P. Banks, Hon. Amasa Cobb, Captain Parrott, United States army; W. W. Corcoran, esq., Geo. W. Riggs, Judge Geo. P. Fisher, and hundreds of others.

Kentucky was represented by two of her fairest daughters—Mrs. Secretary Belknap (formerly Miss Tomlinson, of Harrodsburg) and Miss Beck, daughter of the Hon. J. B. Beck, of the Ashland district. Miss Beck, (though quite young,) in grace of carriage, elegance, and dignity of person, recalled the graces of Mrs. Crittenden, Mrs. Preston, and other notable Kentucky ladies of the old *regime*.

About half-past nine o'clock Vice President Colfax made his appearance, and was immediately set upon by the assembled throng and those newly entering, all eager to pay their respects to the popular and distinguished Vice President.

The Marine band, under the leadership of Professor Scala, was in attendance, and discoursed most excellent music, which was highly enjoyed by all present, if we may judge from the numerous encomiums overheard during the promenade through the different rooms.

The gentlemen in attendance were mostly in full evening costume, while the toilettes of some of the ladies were most exquisite, displaying exceeding elegance, taste, in some instances costliness and magnificence, and if the brilliancy of this reception is to be an indication of what the succeeding ones are to be, our votaries of fashion may be satisfied that this season will surpass in gayety and elegance that of any previous winter.

DESERTERS.

Thirty Pieces of Silver, or Somebody Else.

Two first-class operators, two second-class and six boys of low grade last night recanted and went back to the employ of the Western Union Company in this city. The leader is said to have obtained more money from the league than any other member by pitiful tales of destitution, while all the time he was engaged in negotiations with the agents of the company. The names of those going back are Kanode and Swift, first-class; Loomis and Kirby, second-class, and Stalcup, Harveycutter, Lapham, Bailey, Unsworth and Larcomb, the latter "the sixteen-year old boy," of fire alarm notoriety.

The strikers say they are stronger without than with the recanters, but they regret the defection of Kanode and Swift.

Telegraphic Summary.

PARIS continues excited over the recent tragedy, and collisions between citizens and the police are frequent, but so far not serious. There are now in Paris over 100,000 soldiers, including the detachments of cavalry which recently arrived from the garrisons and several batteries of artillery from Vincennes. The police force has also been largely increased. It is not supposed that the people will dare to make any further disturbance. The *Marseillaise* appeared yesterday as usual. The tone of its articles is very violent. Rochefort, in a leading editorial, says: "The demonstration yesterday was a cry for justice"—"to-morrow the cry may come for vengeance."

HONOLULU ADVICES to the 23d of December state that the Austrian frigate Donau, Admiral Van Pitz commanding, arrived on the 20th from Yokohama. She encountered a heavy cyclon and suffered serious damage, los