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Berkeley and Jefferson. RESCUING ACT.

On the 6th instant the Legislature of Virginia, by a unanimous vote of both Houses, passed a bill repealing the acts of the Legislature heretofore passed...

We understand it is asserted, however, by those who were active in smuggling these two counties over the line, that they rely upon a party majority in Congress to maintain and enforce the inquiry.

But we have no reason to think that there are too many sound lawyers in Congress to allow themselves to be influenced on mere party grounds; against law and stubborn facts, in a case like this.

Southern Members.

Some of the more Radical presses are softening their tone very much since they have scanned the President's firm language on the subject of the relation of the Southern States to the Union.

But its "bowels of compassion" are still more kindly moved when contemplating the exclusion of the Senators and Representatives from Tennessee. O yes, that is the President's State!

CONGRESS.

In the Senate on Monday, Mr. WILLEY presented a bill giving the consent of Congress to the annexation of the counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, formerly of the State of Virginia, to the State of West Virginia.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. LATHAM of West Virginia, submitted a joint resolution giving the consent of Congress to the transfer of the counties of Berkeley and Jefferson from the State of Virginia to the State of West Virginia.

Looking After the Dollars. Mr. Blaine, of Maine, has introduced a bill to reimburse the loyal States for advances made on debts contracted in support of the war.

Mr. Johnson, of West Virginia, introduced a resolution instructing the committees on military affairs to inquire into the expediency of re-establishing the United States Army at Harper's Ferry, or selling the property there.

LOUISIANA.—The Hon. Randall Hunt and Judge Henry Bowyer have been elected Senators of the United States by the present Legislature.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The official vote for Governor appears to be for Worth \$2,539, for Holden (the present Provisional Governor) 25,809; scattering 206.

Hon. Wm. A. Graham and John Poole are elected U. S. Senators.

Hon. JAMES L. Orr is elected Governor of South Carolina.

California has ratified the anti-slavery amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mrs. ROSELL, wife of Rev. S. S. Roszell, died at the residence of her husband, in Loudoun County, on Saturday, 25th November, after a brief illness.

SENTENCES PASSED.—The negro boy, Thomas Dixon, who was indicted for committing a rape on the little daughter of Mr. T. Lowe, and found guilty at Frederick, Md., has been sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years and nine months.

LEATHER.—Mr. Snowsaw, at Martinsburg, has a fine stock of Fished Leather, of his own tanning, that is thick and superior, and is selling at very low prices.

The National Intelligencer.

The Intelligencer journal appears in new dress with the commencement of the season of Congress. It is conducted with great ability, on the true Whig, conservative principles; and, unless we greatly mistake opinions, with respect and concurrence of views on all leading topics, of the President and the more moderate members of his Cabinet.

The Rates.

A match race came off on Friday last near this town, between Major QUINN's sorrel mare, "Cora," and Lieut. NAYLOR's bay mare "Lady Agnes," for \$200 a side, best three in five, which was won by "Cora" with less than three straight heats—time 2 minutes 11 seconds; 2 minutes 1 second and 2 minutes 4 seconds.

It will be recollected that the bay mare was the winner a few weeks ago for purses of \$100, in a contest with "Cora" and two other nags. She was evidently in bad trim, as "Cora" was not much pressed by her.

A match was also run for \$125 a side by P. McGRAH's horse "Black Hawk," T. A. KIRBY's horse, "George B. McClellan," and J. T. REED's sorrel mare, "Fanny," a single dash of a mile. All the horses bolted on the first and second rounds—"Black Hawk" being declared winner, on coming out. A match was then run by the bay horse, "George B. McClellan," and the sorrel mare "Fanny," which was won by the horse.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

Patrick O'CONNOR, of this town, a worthy and industrious man, was found upon the track of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road, near Harper's Ferry, on Wednesday week, dead and mutilated.

From the information elicited at the Coroner's inquest, it is generally believed that he was run over by the cars, though some are of the opinion that he was murdered, and placed upon the track. His horse was found dead about a mile distant—both hind legs having been fractured by the cars.

He leaves a wife and six children to lament his loss.

WILLIAM AND GEORGE, sons of the late Eschard D. Young, of this town, fell from the stable loft of Mr. Bishop, on Saturday last, which resulted in slight injury to William; but the younger, George, so seriously hurt as to cause death the next day. The best medical skill was employed but without avail.

The horses of Mr. J. H. Easterday, of this place, ran off with the wagon, at Harper's Ferry, on Tuesday, inflicting severe and painful bruises upon Mr. MICHAEL SODERBY, in charge of them. No other damage done, except slight breaks to wagon.

On Sunday last, the horse of Mr. JOHN HILTZ, attached to a buggy, became frightened and unmanageable, and ran off. Mr. H., in his attempt to hold the horse, was thrown to the ground and dragged for some distance. He was not seriously injured, severe bruises were inflicted.

MR. JAMES W. JONES, fell from a scaffolding, a distance of 80 feet, occasioning slight dislocation of shoulder.

ABSORTH & BRO., anticipating the Holiday wants of our people, have supplied themselves with a very complete Stock of Fancy Articles; Perfumeries, Soaps, Pomades, Stationery, &c. We direct attention to their advertisement, though we must say after an examination of their assortment, that the advertisement gives but a meagre insight into the beautiful Stock which greets the eye of the customer as he enters the Drug establishment of our young friends.

MORE MILITARY.—A small detachment of military, under command of Lieut. GEORGE POHLL, 193d New York, are now stationed in this town. Their headquarters are in the room below our office. The object of their being here is unknown, unless it be in connection with the Freedmen's school which has just been opened in this town.

Their conduct so far is unexceptionable, though we can see no reason why there should be military here at this time.

R. R. FRANKS.—This gentleman is the ticket agent at Harper's Ferry of the Military road from that place to Winchester. He fills the place with gentlemanly courtesy; and when the road shall be handed over to the original Company we doubt not his services may be acceptable to them.

INK.—HENR.—Families will find it economical by purchasing the galvanized wire for their lines. It is as cheap as rope, and will last many years without the trouble of being retwined weekly. It can be found at the store of KEARSELY & SHEERER, of this town.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK, for January, is on our table; Godey maintains his reputation, and continues at the head of all Fashion periodicals. The January number is superb—containing a beautiful fine engraving, "The Farewell Sermon," and a magnificent plate of fashions, in colors, besides many other things very pretty and interesting.

LANE'S BROS. having charge of the Post Office, have made some desirable improvements, rendering the delivery of the mails more expeditious and comfortable. The Boxes erected have nearly all been taken—few only remain. Price \$1 per year.

LEATHER.—Mr. Snowsaw, at Martinsburg, has a fine stock of Fished Leather, of his own tanning, that is thick and superior, and is selling at very low prices—say good article country sole leather at 40 cents. Harness 40 cts.—Calf Skins \$1.50.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

This report (says the National Intelligencer) will be read with an interest perhaps unequalled since the days of Wm. Pinney, John Biddle, and the United States Bank. Sedition has an executive document been looked for with more anxiety, or the effect of its premature discovery been guarded more conscientiously.

The Secretary discusses the three questions of the currency, the public debt, and the revenue. After very ably treating the various subjects of discussion in a reduction of the currency, his recommendations are:

First, That Congress declare that the compound-interest notes shall cease to be a legal tender from the day of their maturity.

Second, That the Secretary be authorized, in his discretion, to sell bonds of the United States to the amount of \$200,000,000, per annum, and to reduce the principal funded at the higher rate of five per cent, the debt would be paid in thirty-two years, or at five-and-a-half per cent, in a little over twenty-eight years.

The Secretary believes that no act of Congress would be more popular than one which should provide for such an extinguishment of the debt.

Upon the subject of internal revenue, the report recommends:

First, That the collection of the internal revenue taxes which accrued before the establishment of revenue offices in the States recently in rebellion be indefinitely postponed.

Second, That all sales of property in those States, under the direct law, be suspended until the States shall have an opportunity of assuming (as was done by the loyal States) the payment of the tax assessed upon them.

Third, That all transactions in such States which may be invalid by the non-use of stamps be legalized as far as in the power of Congress to legalize them.

The Secretary regards the national banking system as one of the great compensations of the war, and gives some interesting statistics about its operations.

Report of the Secretary of War.

This is a pamphlet of 48 pages, replete with interesting facts, striking generalizations, and rather florid commentaries. The Secretary begins with a review of the military and political situation at the beginning of the war.

On the 1st of May, 1864, the total force in service was 970,710 men. Of this the available proportion was 662,345 men. On the 1st of March, 1865, this grand aggregate was within about 5,000 of the same number, but the available force was less by about 60,000 men.

The war appropriations of the last session amounted to \$516,240,170. The estimates for the current fiscal year are for \$43,814,461, based on a standing force of 500,000 men, organized as a Regular Army.

Eight volumes of reports of battles have been sent to the Government Printing Office. Many more are to come, for which the requisite data are not yet at hand.

The disbursement of pay in the field has been effected at a cost of less than three-fourths of one per cent, including all losses and expenses. Of white troops 1,057,328 cases have been treated in hospital during the war, of whom the mortality was eight per cent. Over 700 transports on the ocean have been constantly employed by the Quartermaster's Department, with a loss of but three.

The brief record of the Quartermaster's Department do not include those who fell in battle and were buried immediately on the field. They show the interment in cemeteries of 116,148 persons, of whom 88,827 were loyal and 12,595 disloyal—95,893 were white, 20,945 colored. Between the 20th of April and the 8th of November, 1865, the Quartermaster's Department sold property to the amount of \$13,357,245. The Military Academy at West Point is commended, and an additional number of cadets recommended. In the Bureau of Military Justice 16,591 records of general courts-martial have been filed.—National Intelligencer.

To the People of Virginia.

Messrs. GALLABER: As I see in your abstract of the Governor's message, that he recommends to the legislature of Virginia, the repeal of the usury law, I beg leave through your paper to submit to the people a found consideration of the people to be experimented on, the result of the experiment elsewhere.

I send you for that purpose, the following extract from that glorious old conservative paper, the National Intelligencer, of May 31, '60: "There is one piece of experimental legislation of which the State of Wisconsin is said to be heartily sick, viz. the abolition of any limit to the rate of interest. It is said that not less than one half of the best land of the State is mortgaged for the payment of money borrowed at not less than thirty-five per cent interest."

Experience, Mr. Editor, is wisdom, that even a fool is capable of, and—thereby hangs a tale—Your old friend, Sumner Pt., Dec. 11. OBSERVER.

We intend in a short time to enlarge the Free Press; the demand upon our present space requiring such a course. This will cause an additional expenditure and we hope our friends will exert themselves in our behalf.

Virginia Legislature.

SENATE. Thursday, December 8, 1865. A message from the House requesting the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of a bill entitled, "An act to repeal the second section of an act passed on the 13th day of May, '62, entitled 'An act giving the consent of the Legislature of Virginia to the formation of the State of West Virginia, and the jurisdiction of this State.'"

The bill was read and passed without a dissenting voice. Mr. Robinson moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing a resolution, which he presented, and which was adopted. Mr. Robinson was appointed to wait upon the House with the communication.

Mr. Bolling offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the suspension of said Pages to be fixed hereafter.

Mr. Kello moved to amend by substituting two for three. Mr. Kello favored the original resolution, and hoped the member from Southampton would withdraw his amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn and the resolution adopted. Mr. Galt, of Fluvanna, moved that a joint committee of three members on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, be appointed to take into consideration the petition of the Georgetown Association relative to the public printing.

The resolution lies over until to-day. On motion, the Senate adjourned till 12 M. to-day.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Thursday, December 8, 1865. The House met at 10 o'clock, the Speaker, Mr. Baldwin, presiding. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Jeter, of the Third Baptist Church.

Mr. Woodson, from Special Committee on the Petition of the Citizens of Jefferson and Berkeley Counties, reported a Bill repealing Section 2 of Act passed May 13th, 1862, authorizing the creation of the State of West Virginia.

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Bank Note Circulation.

The Comptroller of the Currency states that amount of Federal Bank notes in circulation, as of the 1st of October last, was \$71,321,732. State bank notes, 75,867,875.

The aggregate amount of legal tender and bank notes in circulation, \$1,083,452,213. From which deduct: \$1,000,000,000. Balance, \$83,452,213.

Available currency of the country, \$300,107,223. From which to be deducted the circulation, amount not delivered, and other items, 100,247,097.

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