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NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 28, 1872.

Amusements This Evening.

VARIETIES THEATRE—"Divorce." Miss Fanny Davenport.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC — "Barbe Bleue."

ST. CHARLES THEATRE—"Still Waters Run Deep." Mr. J. W. Wallack.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL—Ball This Eve.

THE FUNDING BILL.

One of our contemporaries has published, within the last few days, a projected bill for the conversion of all the bonded obligations of the city into one uniform bond of a new emission. A financial measure of such importance demands to be duly studied and discussed. We do not desire to see such a bill adopted by an Assembly of whose understanding and good faith we have no confidence. We prefer to see such a measure adopted by an Assembly which better represents the population of the State and is better qualified to revise the debt of the State and city with a view to its conversion. The importance of the liquidation of the floating debt of the State has already demonstrated the danger of such operations while there exists no proper control of them. Is it not to be feared that a general conversion of the debts of the city, under the present administration, will draw with it great abuse and frauds of every species? The authors of the proposed bill have not reflected that conversion of the debts of the city, without distinction of origin, would be a recognition of those which have been illegally and fraudulently contracted for several years, and that they will render impossible a revision at a later period of the doubtful obligations. The advantages which the conversion would present would be more than balanced by the disadvantage of which we now warn the Legislature. Assuredly the conversion would become a useful measure, but only in the event that a scrupulous examination was had of all the titles, and a reduction of all the doubtful obligations. We are not now in a condition to proceed with such a measure either for the city or State. We have frequently heard of the necessity of enhancing the public credit. To what end we may ask? Would it not have been better had we not had any credit? The only measure which is necessary for the present Legislature to adopt in relation to this matter is one limiting the taxes to a rate which will not exceed 2 per cent for the State and 2 per cent for the city, and a prohibition upon all the functionaries of the government to augment our obligations. The latter should be required to keep their expenditures within their receipts, and this limit should be established by a precise valuation of the revenues. These measures would be sufficient for the present.

LEGALITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.—It is doubted by lawyers and others whether a single half of the Legislature be valid since the disappearance of Mr. Carter as Speaker of the House, and the meeting of certain members of that body. A petition was yesterday presented to the U. S. Circuit Court by a citizen of another State, who possesses property here subject to taxation, in which he sets forth the illegality of the House of Representatives, as now constituted, and prays that a writ of injunction may issue prohibiting the Auditor of the State and the Treasurer of the State, and other officers from assessing and collecting taxes under acts of the present Legislature, passed since Mr. Carter was displaced from the Speaker's chair. The motion for an injunction will be argued to-day.

PERSONAL.—We acknowledge the courtesy of a call from our old friend and *confrère* Brutus Lagarde, Esq., who is now in our city on a visit to his relatives, and for purposes of recreation. Mr. Lagarde is a nephew of the learned Professor Alexander Dimitry, and is himself Professor of Modern Languages and English Literature, at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmettsburg, Maryland, having temporarily abandoned the profession of a journalist, of which he was at one time a talented member. Mr. Lagarde is a gentleman of fine attainments and classic tastes, and worthily represents in his adopted State, the scholarship and manners of the Creoles of Louisiana.

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURES.—The second lecture of the series inaugurated week before last by a profoundly able discourse from the President of the Society—Rev. Doctor Palmer—will be delivered on next Friday evening in the Lyceum Hall, (City Hall) opposite Lafayette Square, at 7½ o'clock, by John S. Holt, Esq., of Natchez, Mississippi, author of those two delightful novels, "Abraham Page" and "What I Know About Ben Eccles."

Judging by these books, a lecture from the writer of Mr. Holt's unquestionable talents, promises to be well worth hearing. The aim of the Southern Historical Society, while promoting their special objects, is to provide instructive entertainment for the intellectual class of the community. We can predict a rare treat to such as listening to Mr. Holt and those who are to follow him—Father Ryan, Gen. Wade Hampton, and other distinguished Southern gentlemen.

LEE MONUMENTAL FUND.—We have had the pleasure of a visit from Col. B. Hawk Moore, the General Southern Agent of the Lee Monumental Association, of Richmond, Va., who is now in our city for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for the monument proposed to be erected in Richmond, Va., in honor of General Robert E. Lee. Col. Moore informs us that the Lee Monumental Association of New Orleans have, at his instance, lately held a meeting and adopted the following resolution, which explains itself:

That while this association persists in its determination to erect in this city a monument to Gen. R. E. Lee, it is not deemed expedient at this time to press its claims upon the community for contributions, and, therefore, it will make no objection to the canvassing the city and State by agents of other organizations for the purpose of building such a monument elsewhere.

The field is therefore open to Col. Moore, as the Agent of the Virginia Association, who authorizes us to say he will be happy to receive contributions for the Richmond monument, however small they may be. Fifty subscriptions, of one dollar each, are preferable to a single subscription of fifty dollars. No one need therefore be prevented from expressing his or her veneration for General Lee's character, because unable to subscribe a considerable sum. We have no doubt Col. Moore will receive great encouragement in Louisiana in prosecuting his agency.

DISTINGUISHED WORTH.—We have had submitted to us a new work with the above title, from the press of Munger brothers, New York. It contains brief biographical sketches of distinguished persons who have made their names famous in the history of the world. The author is Mrs. S. J. Hale, who is favorably known in connection with Godey's Lady's Book and other publications. The sale agent for the work in the Gulf States is Mrs. E. R. May, a lady who resides in our neighboring State of Texas, and who will soon receive the agency of it as a book-seller. Mrs. May comes to New Orleans well recommended by our brethren of the Texas press and by other prominent citizens of that State. The book is one of real merit, and Mrs. May deserves to be encouraged in her praiseworthy efforts to promote its sale. We cordially commend her to the confidence and patronage of our readers.

BLIND TOM.—This remarkable genius, the musical wonder of the age, will perform every night this week at Odd Fellows' Hall and on Saturday at noon. Seats secured at Greenwood's music store, Canal street. See notice in our advertising columns.

DEATH OF C. W. CULBERTSON.—We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Charles W. Culbertson, of the house of Gabriel DuFurlet, Auctioneer, of this city. This painful event occurred yesterday about noon, after a brief illness. A native of this city, the son of one of our best known and most esteemed citizens—Judge John Culbertson—and a gentleman of very engaging manners, his death carries general sorrow. Few young men of our community were more popular than those of the deceased. We tender our respectful sympathies to his bereaved family and friends.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Aimée French Opera Bouffe Company, are playing at the Academy, to a great success. Their performances of Offenbach's productions are clever, and take amazingly, especially with those who understand the French language. The house was packed last night, with a great number of ladies in the parquette, the "Grand Duchess" being the attraction. "Blue Beard" is on the bills for to-night.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—There was a fair house at the St. Charles last night, but it was not nearly so numerous as it should have been, to witness Mr. Wallack's performance as *Louis de Beurbon*, in the "Iron Mask." The play is suggested by a colorful story of a mystery familiar to those who have read French history, and in the more interesting from the fact that it has a historical basis. Mr. Wallack, in the transition from his sprightly cavalier, dashed a little with melancholy, arising from ignorance of his origin, to the discovery of the same and then to the dreadful doom of solitary imprisonment, and a perpetual iron mask, shows remarkable versatility and considerable power in the the pathetic, he was often and justly applauded. To-night he appears in "Still Waters Run Deep."

VARIETIES THEATRE.—"Divorce," the performance of which we have so often had occasion to commend as able and profoundly interesting, continues to be given at the Varieties, Miss Davenport taking the part of the heroine.

THE LOUISVILLE SHORT LINE DISASTER.

Further Details—How the Accident Occurred—List of Killed and Wounded.

Cincinnati, Feb. 26.—The bridge on the Louisville Short Line road was built of iron and wood, and known as the Finck suspension truss. It was 25 feet in height, 70 feet span, and rested on two abutments. It had been considered safe. The train reached the bridge at 10 minutes past 11 in the morning, running about twenty miles an hour. The locomotive passed over safely before the structure went down, carrying with it two passenger coaches and a tender, baggage, express and mail cars, and piling all in one mass of ruin below. The front passenger car was reduced to splinters, while the others fared but little better. The fragments of the front car were soon in flames, but by the promptness of Dallas Pullam, the engineer, they were subdued.

About sixty-five passengers were on board. Of this number two were killed and fifty-two wounded. Surgeons and supplies went from Covington at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and a locomotive followed with other surgeons a short time later. The wounded were cared for and placed in cars. Passengers say the wounded were heaped in a horrid mass. The groans of the following were exciting in the extreme. The unwounded passengers joined with citizens from the surrounding country and the officers of the train in the work of extricating the bodies.

The Killed

were John J. Brock, of Sparta, and Harrison Julian, the colored porter of the train. Both were badly mutilated. The mail agent was wounded, but not badly. A train took the wounded as soon as possible to Covington, arriving there at 6:30 P. M.

List of the Wounded.

S. H. Albertson, Brownsville, Tennessee, head and shoulders, badly.

Mrs Levy, Columbus, Mississippi, back, badly.

Craig and Mitchell, of Louisville, teeth knocked out, back and head injured badly.

W B Jacobs, of Warsaw, Kentucky, head, hips and legs, badly.

Dr B F Tomlinson, of Mount Zion, Kentucky, arm broken and head hurt badly.

Willard Bond, of Louisville, severely.

W Hoskins, of Louisville, severely in hips.

S B Voris, conductor, hurt all over, tongue bit nearly in two, stove fell on him.

J O Mosely, of Lawrence, Kentucky slightly.

Samuel Fox, of Cincinnati.

Henry Kladzpack, of Newport, Ky, badly.

Magnie Powers, of Perry county, severely.

Frank Demmenk, of Portsmouth, Ohio, badly.

Robert Sherrard, of Canton, Mississippi, severely.

Andy Person, of Portsmouth, head and hips.

P M Kent, of Cincinnati, head, badly.

J S Scroggin, of Bagdad, Kentucky, back, leg and arm.

John W Hume, of New Liberty, Ky, shoulder, head and face.

Mrs Odell, breast and back; two children of same both hurt, one only slightly.

Nellie Clark, Chillicothe, Ohio; slightly.

Carrie Gee Lincoln, Fremont, Ohio; slightly.

William Chink, Chillicothe, Ohio; leg crushed.

J L Teff, Oakland Station, Kentucky, slightly.

J Ledman, express messenger; slightly.

T J Martindale and wife, Racine, Wisconsin; severely.

S Ball and wife, Racine; severely.

M Shay, Covington; badly.

C A Coffin, Cleveland, Ohio; face cut and breast injured.

Fred Shofer, Cincinnati; slightly.

A E Hewitt, Derby, Ct.; slightly.

D Degraffe and Mr and Mrs Ira Degraffe, Winona, Minn.; all slightly.

J C Martin, mail agent, Louisville; badly.

Preston Childs, Covington; badly.

William R Conyers, Zion Station; slightly.

William Tull; badly.

Thomas Gayle, New Liberty, Kansas; severely.

Samuel Maddox, Poplar Grove, Kansas; badly.

Calvin Maddox, same place; badly.

E C McMichael, Anchorage, Kansas; severely.

James M Hall, bridge carpenter; slightly.

J S Todd, Louisville; slightly.

Mary Mansfield, Springfield, Ohio; slightly. Child of same; slightly.

When the train with the wounded arrived at Covington, the sufferers were conveyed to the hotel and St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Wm. Tull, of Louisville, will probably die. The clothing of many passengers was literally torn from their bodies.

Dallas Pullam, engineer of the train, was the only officer escaping injury.

The cause of the bridge giving way is not explained. Some of the mail and all newspapers were lost in the fire and wreck. The bridge between Covington and Cincinnati mails were saved.

Louisville, Feb. 24.—An examination of pen-mile bridge, on the Short Line Railroad, where the accident occurred yesterday morning, was made to-day by Dr. Norvin Green, the President, and G. B. Remington, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, both over the Short Line Road. They find it impossible to account for the accident. More than a year ago Superintendent Gill received an anonymous letter warning from the neighborhood of the accident to take off Conductor Phillips, who had become obnoxious to some parties in that vicinity, and threatened Conductor Vorhies, whose train was in the crash. Suspicion exists that the bridge was tampered with, but the evidence to be had by means positive. Several of the wounded were brought back to Louisville to-night. None are likely to die.

Edgar Barnard and Cardoze.

The following article from the New York *World* has the genuine ring about it. Its language applies to Cardoze in other parts of the country, and perhaps to some here in Louisiana:

We advise these two judges to resign from the Supreme Court bench, and to stand not upon the order of their going but to go at once,—now, when, if ever, certain, and what is worse, it is deserved. The Laws in their hands have been the efficient instruments of injustice. They suffere in their course for years have trembled for their injustice which could be told, or dreaded the injustice which might be told. They have so administered the affairs of their high office as to be made the banner cases of their high office as to be made the banner cases, and the fame of the Republican New York a stench in the nostrils of all honest, loving and intelligent citizens, and a by-word and mockery to the beasts and fools of our land.

But we bid them look within upon the record of their own souls before the more damning proofs than can be gathered by the cognizance of any court of justice shall be brought to their ears. Edgar Barnard was the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Ong, who was the organ of the Committee of Fifty-one in the House, and who, in presenting the bill informed counsel that it was the bill of the Committee of Fifty-one. Mr. Davidson added that he should hold to the correctness of his statement until it was contradicted in a manner that would satisfy him he was in error. Members of the Committee of Fifty-one were on the floor of the House when the statement was made by him, and none of them contradicted it. One of them, Mr. Shepherd, did say to the speaker (Mr. Davidson) that the scheme of the Committee, as originally drawn, provided for the payment of seven per cent interest in currency, but Mr. Shepherd expressed no opposition to the gold interest. Mr. Davidson concluded by saying that when he was shown the bill proposed by the Committee of Fifty-one, if it provided for the payment of interest in currency, he would acknowledge that he had made an erroneous statement, but not until then.

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At half-past two the death of Senator Ragan being announced, the House adjourned to 7 P. M.

Evening Session.

The House met at 7 and adjourned at a few minutes after 8 o'clock. No business was transacted, the time being spent in calls of the House and disorderly proceedings.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

We are requested to state that Mr. Antoine Blanchard was not arrested, as we stated, on a charge of "assaulting and striking Mrs. Brown with a dangerous weapon," but on a charge of "assaulting with intent to kill."

Mr. Flanders has been unwell some days, and Mr. Walton, Administrator of Finance, is officiating as Mayor in his place.

Mrs. Rodgers, wife of Mr. Rodgers, who has been indicted for the murder of Thomas Meyer at the corner of Camp and Magnolia streets, in July last, and who had been admitted to bail, complains that since he has been released from prison he has visited her house several times, and she dreads violence at his hands. Judge Abell, to whom the complaint was made, ordered Rodgers to appear to-day to show why the order admitting him to bail should not be canceled. Rodgers, the evidence at the latest showed, killed Meyer because he was jealous of deceased, and a suit for divorce is pending.

The person reported to have died last week at the age of 104 years, was four years older, being 108. Marie Pierre was born in Louisiana, and is a native of the soil.

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday, February 27, 1872.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 12 M.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Corporations—Returned without action the bill to change the name of Magnolia Cemetery—Senator Hamilton.

Judiciary—Senator Hamilton, back the bill creating, as no legal grounds for action existed.

Mr. Lynch asked for a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up the bill relative to stay orders for debt, goods, merchandise, &c., to the amount of six hundred dollars.

The rules were suspended and the bill taken up and debated upon, Mr. O'Hara offering an amendment inserting "one thousand dollars" in place of "six hundred dollars."

Public Education—Favorably upon the bill to dispose of the proceeds of lands and land scrip donated to the State of Louisiana by the Act of Congress of the United States, approved July 20, 1869, an act donating public land to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Finance—Unfavorably upon the bill to limit the State and city taxes in the overflowed District of New Orleans for 1871, 1872 and 1873, and requested concurrence of the House in the bill relifting and suspending the charter of the N. O. Water Works, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The General Appropriation bill came up as unfinished business.

Pending consideration, the Senate adjourned, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Senator Ragan.

Evening Session.

The Senate met at 7:30 P. M.

The General Appropriation bill was taken up. Pending consideration the Senate adjourned until 12 M. to-morrow.

HOUSE.

The House met at 10 A. M., Mr. Brewster in the chair.

The business pending at the time the House adjourned on Monday night was the report of the Committee of Ways and Means relative to the funding of the debt of the city of New Orleans, etc. The consideration of these bills was resumed. The bill reported by the minority, to issue bonds payable in fifty years in gold, drawing interest at seven per cent per annum, payable in gold, was indefinitely postponed. The majority bill, which is understood to have been imprinted, if not wholly drafted, by Administrators of the city government, passed a second reading, but for want of time to consider the bill, a motion to recommit the same for a third reading was lost—yeas, 58; nays, 28.

A bill to fund the floating debt of the State—that is by providing for the payment of warrants and certificates of indebtedness outstanding or which may be issued were reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill was not printed, but was read by the clerk.

Mr. Thompson protested against measures involving an expenditure of millions of dollars being passed upon in this hurried manner. He moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. The motion was rejected.

Mr. Moncure asked that the clerk inform him, through the chair, how many times the bill had been read to the House.

The clerk answered that it had been read once.

The chair (Mr. Davidson) remarked that according to the usage of the House, which he considered himself obliged to follow, the bill was on its second reading. The first reading was a reading by title.

Mr. Moncure—Can the usage of the House overrides the Constitution, which provides that every bill shall be read on three separate days, unless a majority of four-fifths of the House agree to a suspension of the constitutional provision?

Mr. Davidson—I decide that the bill is on its second reading. If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you can appeal.

Mr. Moncure—What's the use?

Chair.—That's for you to say.

Mr. Moncure—It's all cooked and primed.

The bill passed its second reading, and the rules were suspended for a third reading, yeas 69, nays 11.

Mr. Brewster having resumed the chair, Mr. Moncure made an earnest protest against such proceedings, which set at nought the Constitution aside, and which compelled members to vote upon bills of the details of which they knew nothing.

Mr. Davidson replied with an argument that there was an "emergency," such as the Constitution contemplated, caused by the condition of the treasury, and by the necessity of meeting warrants for eighteen days, and consequently legislating during that period.

Mr. Moncure said he did not see the emergency. His objection was, that a bill which, constitutionally had been read but once, was considered as having been read twice.

Mr. Faulkner maintained that the decision of the chair was correct.

The chair affirmed the ruling of Mr. Davidson, that the bill had been twice read.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Davidson read from an article in the *Evening Picayune*, denying the correctness of the statement made by him during the discussion of the City Funding bills from the Committee of Ways and Means on Monday night, that the bill providing for the issue of bonds, principal and interest, at seven per cent per annum, payable in gold, was the bill of the Citizens' Committee of Fifty-one. Mr. Davidson said that his authority for the statement was the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Ong, who was the organ of the Committee of Fifty-one in the House, and who, in presenting the bill informed counsel that it was the bill of the Committee of Fifty-one. Mr. Davidson added that he should hold to the correctness of his statement until it was contradicted in a manner that would satisfy him he was in error. Members of the Committee of Fifty-one were on the floor of the House when the statement was made by him, and none of them contradicted it. One of them, Mr. Shepherd, did say to the speaker (Mr. Davidson) that the scheme of the Committee, as originally drawn, provided for the payment of seven per cent interest in currency, but Mr. Shepherd expressed no opposition to the gold interest. Mr. Davidson concluded by saying that when he was shown the bill proposed by the Committee of Fifty-one, if it provided for the payment of interest in currency, he would acknowledge that he had made an erroneous statement, but not until then.

At about half-past five o'clock yesterday morning, a gambler named Jim Jones, of the vicinity of St. Thomas' Church, in a Camp street saloon, a few minutes after a wedding party had left the place, drew a pistol and shot at Frank Rohland, formerly collector for Mr. Philip Hoisel, proprietor of a feed store on Constantinople street, the ball missing those for whom it was intended.

BY TELEGRAPH.

To the New Orleans Bee.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Louisiana Congressional Investigation Committee.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Royal Procession.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The Pope has written the French bishops, asking them to support Count de Chambord for French ruler. It is reported Chambord leaves Antwerp to-day.

London, Feb. 27.—The Thanksgiving celebration was a complete success throughout. There will be a great illumination to-night. The day was observed as a legal holiday throughout the United Kingdom.

LONDON, EVENING.—The Royal procession commenced to move from Buckingham Palace at half-past eleven in the following order:

First—Horse Guards.

Second—Carriages containing the Speaker of the House and Lord Chancellor.

Third—Duke of Cambridge, commander-in-chief of the army.

Fourth—Military.

Fifth—Carriages belonging to the Royal household and containing:

1. Lord Steward and Lord Chamberlain.
2. Lords and ladies in waiting.
3. Royal equerries and grooms.
4. Duke of Edinburg.
5. Prince Arthur.
6. Prince Beatrice.
7. Prince and Princess of Wales.
8. Queen Victoria.

Sixth—Military.

The troops in the procession consisted of detachments of Life Guard, Royal Horse Guards, Royal artillery, hussars, grenadiers, Scots fusileers, Coldstream guards, rifles, &c. At the Queen left the Courtyard of the Palace a chorus of 30,000 children sang the national anthem.

At Temple Bar the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, six Aldermen and eight Councilmen, all on horseback, met the queen and presented the keys of the city, returning to Her Majesty the keys of the city.

The services at St. Paul's consisted of singing by the grand choir of a Te Deum, written for the occasion, from Psalm CXV.

The reading of prayers, and a sermon by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The appearance of the interior of the interior of the Cathedral was greatly changed by the magnificent decorations for the occasion. A thousand workmen had been employed for weeks past in erecting seats, galleries, &c., and to-day these labors enabled 14,000 persons to be seated within the body of the church.

The whole route from St. Paul's Cathedral was seven miles in length, and the procession was four hours in motion. The least estimates place the number of spectators who witnessed the procession at 2,000,000. There was 11,000 troops besides the London police force, engaged in keeping the lines open. Only one slight accident occurred.

A bill was introduced to incorporate the Evansdale Louisville and Meridian Railway.

The only interesting item in the District Court to-day was one granting a government contract to Jay Cooke.

Norfolk, Feb. 27.—Arrived from Liverpool, via Halifax, steamship Austrian, of the Allen line, with 26 cabin and 19 steerage passengers. She was the first vessel to enter Southampton Palace and witness the decision of the Geneva commission. She was accompanied by his son; the Empress Eugenie was unable to be present.

The Alabama claims were active in contributing to the success of the day. Next to the British, the American flags were most numerous, both often being carried in the procession, and the Anglo-American Union the best settlement of the Alabama question," &c.

The representatives of American newspapers, and West End office of the British press were finely decorated.

FROM HAVANA.

Havana, Feb. 27.—The Russian fleet, with the Grand Duke Alexis, has arrived.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In answer to the many applications for seeds from the Central Department requests that a re-statement be made, that the advanced season would not admit of distribution to correspondents of valueless. The Department has been almost exclusively worked for that section for several months past.

The following appointments have been announced: John T. Hayden, Collector of Customs, Brazos de Santiago, Texas; J. W. Tyrrell, Surveyor, Tennessee; Edward M. Cheney, Postmaster, Jacksonville, Fla. J. D. Pope, United States District Attorney for Georgia, has resigned.

The Southern claims commission is now to-day without taking final action. Some members urged a modification in which Chief Justice Chase would be present.

SENATE—The bill admitting photographs, paintings and statuary for exhibition free of duty.

The resolutions of enquiry regarding the expenditures for Government offices and the public debt to Feenan, completed this afternoon.

Mr. Wadsworth made an hour's speech on the pending question of when it is safe to effect that action under the resolution might establish a claim for damages by Prussia. The American Senate were not called upon to ratify their own Government for a breach of its neutrality laws. When complaint should be made by the power aggrieved, then the Senate might legitimately inquire whether the Executive had been sufficiently vigilant in preserving neutrality; but it would be an unfriendly act for the Senate to notify the national honor, for the mere purpose of disavowing an objectionable transaction. Mr. Wadsworth's speech was not concluded when the hour for executive session arrived.

Mr. Sumner introduced a joint resolution declaring that the revolutionists in Hayti, but advancing next day, was dispersed by a part of his forces and compelled to retire.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 27.—A bill passed the House to equalize tax titles to lands held by the State. It provides that the Auditor shall receive from the Tax Collectors all lands held for taxes, and the county clerk shall give notice of said forfeitures for 60 days, and if no redemption be made, he will give an opportunity for hundreds to redeem lands that are forfeited without the knowledge of the owners, in many instances that have been paid regularly