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THE RELEASE OF PRATT.

The telegraph announces that United States Commissioner Osborne, of New York, has released Major Pratt, whose case had created some excitement in that city. It seems the party who made the accusation of treason and murder upon which the arrest was made, was unable to substantiate the charge. The conflict which impended between the authorities of the State of New York and the Federal authorities at Washington has therefore been averted. We suppose this was due to the firmness of the New York Judge who had ordered Pratt's discharge from imprisonment on *habeas corpus*.

It seems that before this result was reached the Marshal of the United States—Mr. Barlow—apprehending that he might be arrested by the New York Judge for refusing to liberate his prisoner, laid the matter before President Grant, who happened to be in the city at the time. The President promised the Marshal his support and authorized him in writing to resist the orders of Judge McCunn. This is the text of the letter of Gen. Grant, as published in the New York papers:

NEW YORK, August 13.

United States Marshal F. S. Barlow: Gen. Sickles—Learning that Judge McCunn, a Judge of the Superior Court of the State of New York, has ordered that a prisoner now held by you under the order of a United States Court, be discharged, I hereby authorize and direct that you hold said prisoner by all legal means in your power, and that you also take all legal means to prevent your own arrest on the order of any State Court

U. S. GRANT, President.

It is probably the first time in the history of the country that a Marshal of a United States Court has ever made an application to the President for directions as to his duties or for a military force to enable him to set at defiance the decree of a State court. It shows how little this man Barlow knows about the duties and powers of Marshal of a Federal court, and how ready he is to assume an authority he does not possess. A Marshal of a Federal court holds an office analogous to that of Sheriff in our State courts. He has no other connection with the President than to receive his appointment from him. He is the executive officer of the Federal court of the District for which he is appointed—*the hangman of the court*. He has nothing to do with the President of the United States any more than the Federal Judges or the Federal clerks. He is a part of the court and receives orders only from the court, and the commissioners attached to the court. If he is obstructed in the performance of his duties his business is to report such obstruction to the officer from whom he receives the writ and orders which he is commanded to execute But the Marshal of a Federal court is also bound to obey the decrees and respect the writs of State Judges as much as any other citizen. He is liable to arrest for contempt if he disobeys them. And he is not justified in any case in bringing on a conflict between the jurisdictions of the State and Federal tribunals. He ought to presume that a comity will prevail between those jurisdictions which will save the honor due to both. A Marshal ought to know that in matters of *habeas corpus* the Federal and State Judges have concurrent jurisdiction and that the Court which is first seized of jurisdiction retains control of the case. We say a Court because a commissioner or examining magistrate of the United States is not a Court, but is a mere ministerial officer, the orders of a State Judge as any other citizen. A State Judge has as much right to examine into the legality of a warrant of imprisonment issued by a Federal Commissioner as a Judge of the Federal Courts. Of course the Commissioner would obey the latter. It is equally his duty to obey the former. That Judge McCunn of the Superior Court of New York, who ordered the discharge of Pratt, holds to these views of the powers and duties of a United States Commissioner, we judge from the opinion he has rendered in the case, which is as follows:

OPINION.

The petitioner is before me on return to a writ of *habeas corpus*; and a motion is made by the District Attorney that he be remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. I approach the consideration of the issues involved in this application with a very sensible sense of responsibility, and with a single purpose to discharge the duties imposed upon me by the laws of the land. Happily for my own peace of mind, those duties are too obvious to be mistaken, and too imperative to be disregarded.

The State of New York, whose laws I am commissioned to administer, prescribes the duty of the officer before whom a writ of *habeas corpus* is returnable, in the following explicit and peremptory provisions: "It shall be the duty of such Court or officer forthwith to remand such party, if it shall appear that he is detained in custody by virtue of process issued by any Court or Judge of the United States in a case where such Court or Judge has not a civil jurisdiction" (Section 40, New York Statutes, Edmonds' edition, vol 2, page 558. Section 88 reads: "If no legal cause be shown for such imprisonment or restraint, or for the continuation thereof, such Court or officer shall discharge such party from the custody or restraint under which he is held." And to the same effect, with perhaps still more explicitness, is the language of section 52.

The petitioner is not in confinement on a process issued by any Judge or Court of the United States; and I am not, therefore, required to remand him by the first of the above cited sections.

Under the other provisions of the statute the only inquiry open before me is, does it appear by the return to the writ that the petitioner is held in lawful or in illegal confinement? If it appears that the detention is lawful, my duty is plain and imperative to remand him into the custody of the Marshal. If, on the contrary, it be evident that his imprisonment is without warrant of law, my duty is equally plain and imperative to restore him to his liberty. The authority of the Federal Government, within the sphere of its operation, I cheerfully and unreservedly recognize, and it is a cause of consternation that, in the case which the court presents, I am not called to consider any contested claim of jurisdiction between that Government and the State of New York. Neither of the process by which the petitioner is held is the valid on its face, he would still have the right by evidence *aliunde* to exhibit its illegality, as a controverted question, from the decision of which I am happily exempt. So, likewise, by the peculiar posture of the controversy, I am relieved from the inconvenience of considering whether the Federal Government, in any of its legislative enactments, has transcended the limits of its authority. I accept the sovereignty of the United States to the full extent asserted by the legislation of Congress, and I reserve to myself the privilege only of deciding whether the arrest of the petitioner be a legitimate exercise of that authority? I take the cause of the petitioner's confinement, as set forth in the returns, and I proceed to examine whether that confinement be by virtue of any process within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government to award.

The cause of the petitioner's arrest and detention is stated in the following warrant by a United States Commissioner:

The President of the United States to the Marshal of the United States for the Southern District of New York and to his Deputies, and any other of them.

WHEREAS, Complaint on oath hath been made to me, charging that J. H. Pratt did on or about the 4th day of October, in the year 1868, in the State of Texas, within the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, commit the crime of murder by forcing the said agent of the United States troops, at the town of Jefferson, in the said State, and killing of William Lewis Grant and Robert Stewart, and by and then and there, with others, committing the crime of treason against the United States as more fully set forth in the complaint on file in my office;

Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded, in the name of the President of the United States of America, to apprehend the said J. H. Pratt, and bring his body forthwith before me, or some other Judge or Justice of the United States, or United States Commissioner, or a Justice of the Peace, or other Magistrate of the State of New York, wherever he may be found, that he be dealt with and dealt with according to law for said offence.

Given under my hand and seal, this 31st day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

(Signed) JOHN A. OSBORNE,

United States Commissioner for the Southern District of New York.

HOWARD PEPPER, United States District Attorney.

Is this a legal commitment? Is it the petitioner is accused of two crimes—treason and murder. As to the charge of treason, either the commitment is so general as to be obnoxious to the principles of the common law, as propounded by every court in England and in this country, or else the facts it sets forth are insufficient in law to constitute the offense. If we read the clause charging treason by itself and separate from the context, the commitment states no act with the crime may be predicated, and is so fatally defective. If we construe the charge in connection with the facts previously recited in the commitment, and are to accept them as the acts of treason imputed to the petitioner, they plainly do not constitute the crime under the Constitution of the United States. The third section of the third article of that Constitution ordains that "treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against the United States, or in adhering to their enemies by giving them aid and comfort."

To say that the specific acts of violence imputed to the petitioner in the commitment are overt acts of treason, is not only to argue in defiance of all the decisions of the Courts, but it is a case of all the decisions of the Courts, but it is a case of the most monstrous nonsense as not to deserve serious refutation.

The commitment, then, so far as it purports to charge the petitioner with treason against the United States, plainly accuses him of no such crime, or else accuses him in a style so general and inefficient as not to amount, in legal contemplation, to a charge of the offence.

The facts set forth in the commitment as constituting the crime of murder, it may be conceded, fulfill the legal definition of that offense, and are stated with sufficient certainty to satisfy the requirements of law. But the Federal Government has no jurisdiction of the crime of murder, except in certain specified cases, viz.: "when committed on the high seas, or within any fort, arsenal, dockyard, magazine, or in any other place or district of country under the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the United States."

Now, on the face of the commitment nothing appears to show that the murder charged was committed "on the high seas, or within any fort, arsenal, dockyard, magazine, or in any other place or district of country under the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the United States"

But allowing to the Federal Courts every presumption of jurisdiction in which Superior Courts are entitled, and it is still apparent that they have no jurisdiction of the crime charged against the petitioner. The murder was committed at Jeffersonville, in the State of Texas, and is an offense against the State of Texas, not against the United States. It is a crime of which the Courts of Texas have exclusive jurisdiction. In the language of Mr. Justice Nelson, attidicating the very point in the "Manor of James Egan," who was tried and convicted by the Federal authorities for murder committed in South Carolina, and who for this, as well as other reasons, was discharged on *habeas corpus*—in the language of Mr. Justice Nelson, "it will be observed that the offense is one which, according to our constitutional system of government, is cognizable by the judicial authorities of the State, and not of the Federal Government."

And, on the same ground, in the "Matter of Martin," (15 Barbour, 143,) Mr. Justice Leonard discharged the petitioner on *habeas corpus*, holding that of the offense charged—that the Federal Courts have no jurisdiction of the offense. (United States ex Rand, 5 McLean, 275.) I may observe here that the opinion of Mr. Chief Justice Taney, in Ableman ex Booth, 21 Howard U. S.; even if its correctness be assented to, has no application to the present case, since there the *prima facie* jurisdiction of the Federal authorities was conceded, and the contention was as to the constitutionality of a Federal law; whereas here it is apparent on the face of the process under which the petitioner is held, that it issued without jurisdiction, and is an absolute nullity. On an application to discharge a prisoner on the ground of a state of facts entirely different when he is apparently held by authority of the United States from the question presented when he is obviously held by no authority whatever.

Perhaps it is not incumbent on me to dispose of an objection not presented in the argument of the District Attorney, but in the course of my examination of the cases subscribed to comply with every possible requirement of the Federal law, I revolved whether I might not request the petitioner to waive protection of the Reconstruction acts. But against such a decision in the full swing argument is conclusive. The Commissioner, on a warrant the petitioner is held, is an officer of a civil court, and has only civil jurisdiction. Now, the Reconstruction acts expressly declare that Texas is with what a "legal Government," and is subjected to "military law." The military commander is empowered to punish "all disturbers of the public peace or criminals" by civil or military law, and to take jurisdiction of criminals unless "allowed" by the military commander. "All interference under color of State authority with the exercise of military authority under this act shall be null and void." In Texas, therefore, there is now but one military law. There are no civil courts in its jurisdiction, but as a part and dependency of the military system.

Hence it results, that no offence committed in Texas, if the Reconstruction acts be valid, is an offence against the military law, the only law of the place. Wherefore, the Commissioner, as officer of a court, has no jurisdiction to commit for a crime not cognizable by a civil court. Civil and military law are not only not instrumental and auxiliary to each other, but the existence of the one necessarily implies the extension of the other. The powers of the Commissioners are defined by statute, and nowhere in the revised code of Congressional legislation can be found an act authorizing a United States Commissioner to commit for trial before a military court.

In my aspect of the case, it appears beyond question that the detention of the petitioner by warrant of the Commissioner is in excess of jurisdiction, and it results thence that the detention of the petitioner is illegal. From such illegal detention the statute makes it my imperative duty to relieve him. If there were any evidence before me that the petitioner is guilty of a crime against the laws of Texas, I should direct him in the custody of the Sheriff to abide a requisition from the Governor of that State. But, as the complaint on which the Commissioner issued his warrant was not produced in return to the *certiorari*, I have before me nothing but the hearsay statement of the Commissioner that the petitioner has committed murder in the State of Texas.

I have no alternative, therefore, but to order that the petitioner be discharged.

INTEREST ON CITY BONDS.—The Cashier of the Southern Bank, Mr. John G Devereux, announces through our advertising columns that the semi-annual interest, accruing 1st Sept., 1869, on the bonds of the city of New Orleans, authorized by the act of the Legislature of 25th February, 1869, will be paid on the first day of September next at the Southern Bank, on presentation of the certificates of the Fiscal Agent.

We are authorized to state also that all coupons on city bonds maturing in 1869 are provided for and will be paid according to their tenor in New York or New Orleans.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Opera Box Question—Decision of Judge Cooley.—State of Louisiana on the relation of Joseph F. Hornor vs. Opera Association of New Orleans, the relator asking for a mandamus for reasons which will be found explained in the decision rendered yesterday by Judge Cooley, of the Sixth District Court, as follows:

The relator is a member and stockholder of a certain corporation domiciled in this parish and known as the "Opera Association of New Orleans."

He claims that by virtue of the charter of said association the stockholders have preference over other persons in the selection of seats or in case to which they may wish to subscribe, and that the charter provides that the first appointment of seats should be made among the stockholders by ballot, and that the stockholders have the right to select seats for the whole or part of a season, or even for a single performance.

He represents that an auction was accordingly held—that he bid on the Box No. 15 at the regular meeting appointed for that purpose by the secretary of the association then present that he took Box No 15 for Tuesday and Saturday evenings for the season of 1868—70, and that no bid was refused by said secretary, under instructions of the President and Board of Directors.

The whole matter in controversy is involved in the inquiry as to the power of the Board of Directors to impose upon the stockholders restrictions in the exercise of the choice of days they may select for attending operatic performances On the 12th of MAY, 1867, the Board of Directors adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the days of performance of the opera season of 1869—70 will be as follows: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. "Parties are allowed to subscribe for five nights or less, but not less than two nights. Subscribers wishing to subscribe for *two nights must choose between Monday and Tuesday, or Thursday and Saturday, or Sunday and any other night, etc., etc.*

Under these resolutions it is evident the relator had no right to indicate Saturday and Tuesday as the nights of his selection, and the decision of the cause depends upon the power of the Directors to adopt such a rule.

It appears from the charter that a number of gentlemen organized themselves under the laws of the State for the purpose of establishing a Concert Saloon in this city; and in the charter the French Opera in this city; and in the charter the object of the purpose, provides the building now in by known as the Opera House. The rights, duties and obligations of the stockholders are explained in the charter, and amongst the rights enumerated are those mentioned in article 12th: "Stockholders shall have the preference in the selection of seats or boxes to which they may wish to subscribe, etc."

To manage the business of the association a Board of Directors is provided for, who are empowered, among other things, "to ordain such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the government of said company and shall, provided the same shall not conflict with the true meaning and intent of these articles."

The directors claim that they have not gone beyond their powers in the resolution of the 12th of May, already quoted.

I have carefully examined the whole charter of the company, and have taken into mature consideration the objections urged against the foregoing action, and reading the first part of art. 12, with the light afforded by the evident object of the association, I am compelled to say that probably that any case pressed as an attempt to sustain it, a court of justice the validity of the resolution of the 12th of May.

I have no alternative, therefore, but to order that the petitioner be discharged.

Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS.—The Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion* publishes the following:

We have a copy of the Glasgow *News* of July 29th, containing a report of the "Highland Agricultural Society show," in which it appears that one with what show of enterprise the agricultural and tastes of the general public should be consulted to the exclusion of the taste and convenience of the stock breeder. The paper, we rather the right to select his seat, which is given to the stockholder in positive terms by art 12, would be rendered absolutely valueless to him, unless he has also the right of selecting for himself the days he shall attend operatic performances.

Indeed, it may be truly said, that the right of consulting his convenience and business in the selection of days of recreation and amusement is far more valuable to the man of the silver tail of picking out the seat he shall occupy. The selection of the seat is secondary to the determination of the question whether your business or convenience will allow you to occupy any seat at all. In other words, before a person is bound to a seat to witness an operatic performance he first determines whether he can go at all. I presume that this matter was so evident to the minds of the stockholders, that in drafting their charter they did not think it necessary to consecrate the right resulting therefrom by any article of the charter.

The reasons assigned for the resolution of the 17th May are, in my judgment, quite frivolous it is not sound policy to attempt to divide audiences. If the Monday or on other days than Tuesdays or Saturdays is so slim as alleged in the argument of defendant's counsel, that fact would be a good reason to justify the directors in refusing to give operatic performances on those nights; but it looks very much like child's play to assign this as a reason to justify a rule which will make it compulsory on the stockholders to attend the theatre on other nights than those of their choice.

The Board of Directors, in their resolution of the 17th of May, have been guilty of the same blunder attributed to an Irish member of Parliament, who gravely introduced a bill to "compel night watchmen to sleep in the day time." The argument that the relator submitted to the resolution of the 17th of May, by bidding at a sale made under its provisions, is not founded in fact. The sale was not made by virtue of the action of the Board of Directors, but in obedience to the command contained in article 12th of the charter. And it is therefore as fair to suppose he intended to claim his rights under that article, by bidding at the sale, as that he wished to submit to the resolution of the 17th of May.

I am of opinion that the resolution of the 17th of May was a clear violation of the rights guaranteed in the terms and spirit of the charter, and is therefore an absolute nullity.

The company have attempted to bolster the action of the Board of Directors by furnishing certified copies of resolutions passed at a meeting of the stockholders, in which the Board is sustained in their idea of the powers conferred upon them by the charter. This meeting was held a day or two before the trial of this case, and resolutions were adopted interpreting the articles of the charter which were thought to apply to the pretensions of the parties to this suit. The question involved is one of right, and courts of justice are not in the habit of taking lessons from the stockholders of companies as to the measure of their rights or obligations. And in the present instance there is a feature which makes the interpretation of the stock holders partake not only of the offensive, but somewhat of the farcical, and that is, that many of them who sign the interpretive resolutions do so as agents for others who were absentee—interpretations by procuration. I suspect if the powers of these agents were carefully examined they would be found lacking in the eleventh minute authorizing them to represent their principals in the interpretation of the laws of the corporation

The mandamus is made peremptory.

Sixth District Court—Judge Cooley.—Jacob R. Wolf, through his agent, John A. Bluffer, vs. Mitchell Craig & Co.

Plaintiff sues for rent of the houses on Canal street, known as the "Bluffer Building," four months rent.

The alleged contract was a verbal one for a lease of five years—for the first year at $5000; second $10,000, and for the third, fourth and fifth $12,000 each

The defendants admitted having had some conversation with plaintiff's agent, in relation to the lease of the store, but aver that the projected lease was not to be considered an accomplished fact, until it was signed by all not of lease in writing, and that previous to the day when the lease was to have been drawn up they (the defendants) refused to enter into the contract and notified plaintiff's agent of their refusal

Subsequently to the filing of this answer, John R Craig—one of the members of the firm of M. C. & Co., having died. Thos Craig, his legal representative, made himself a part to the suit as a defendant, and has urged as a defence in behalf of the firm of M. C. & Co., and John R. Craig individually is responsible for the amount of the contract—that the contract of lease was verbally signed upon the firm, because John R Craig who agreed to it, was, at the time of the agreement so drunk that he did not know what he was doing.

"Time" says Judge Cooley, "we have two pleas presented, which, to say the least, do not tally well, one with the other. The first that no contract whatever was entered into; the second that a contract was made, but that he who consented to it for the firm had not the possession of his mental faculties, being so drunk that he knew not what he was doing."

The decision which is not very complimentary to a couple of the witnesses, H D Stone, Esq., and Mr. Bluffer, in the case, we respectfully, concludes with a decree in favor of plaintiff for all such sums or instalments of rent as have matured up to the present day, with 5 per cent. from the day when each instalment became due and for the instalments to become payable at the respective dates of their maturity.

The Judge is satisfied that Craig was not so drunk as his legal representatives pretend. In reference to Stone and Bluffer, he urges that after first answer is quite immaterial to the merits of the cause.

"The theory of the defense, as urged by the Attorney (Stone) in his pleadings, contradicted in his orally the defense, he sets up for his clients by his testimony as a witness

The members of the bar will find the decision which we have no room to give quite an interesting bit in his way.

Wilful Wickedness Report.—The will of this gentleman, for so long a time one of our most prominent citizens, and a benefactor to the city in more ways than one, was offered for probate and record on the 24th inst., and is an olographic will, made and signed on the 23d July, 1868.

The bequests are as follows: To Miss Alice Lucie Fisher, the lot and before thereon known as No. 32 Perdido street in this city To Patrick H Foley and Wilhelmina B Conger, $5000 each. To Miss Eliza Pinch Foley, Va., 100 shares of stock of the Polk County Copper Mine in Tennessee To Patrick H Foley, in trust for his children, $5000, which were of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana. To W B Conger, in trust for his children, 150 shares of the stock of the Polk County Copper Mine Company. To Miss Eliza Pinch Foley, two lots of ground and buildings situate on Britania street, Nos 20 and 21, in this city. To W B Conger, in trust for his children, two lots on the corner of St. Charles and South streets, and furniture and effects contained. The balance that may remain of the estate, after the bequests come, one half to the daughters of the late sister, Sarah Conger, and the other half to the children of the late sister, Maria.

P. H Foley and W. B Conger, Esqs., are appointed executors of the will.

The Jefferson City Fiascos.—The Fire Department of Jefferson City held a meeting last evening and passed a resolution in reference to the action of the colored Sergeant of police, Shannette, in preventing the fire alarm from being sounded a few nights since in that city.

The resolution reads thus: Resolved, that we as a body do solemnly protest against the action of Sergt. Shannette, and that the fire bell not to be sounded without his order And as we have never as a body taken action against the Metropolitan Police or any other officers of State or city, we do hereby request the Metropolitan Board to remove E Shannette, Sergt. of the force in this city, and we hereby notify the said police force to obey no other order or officer, that if they interfere with us in the discharge of our duties as firemen, we will in a body repel such action.

A Desperate Burglar.—About 11 o'clock Tuesday night the residence of Mr. Gustave Augiere, No 102 St. Philip street, was visited by an unknown thief, who entered at the front door, which was left open for a moment as the family spending the evening out. The miscreant presented a revolver at the breast of Mrs Augiere, telling her that if she ventured to give an alarm he would shoot.

Having succeeded in terrifying her, he broke open the secretary and, between hundred and seventy five dollars in greenbacks, two hundred dollar gold piece, a silver watch and gold chain, and then left. The police arrived shortly after wards and searched the premises, but no clues could be found in arresting the thief.

Heavy Larceny.—Elizabeth Richards and Mary Tillman have been arrested by Special Officer Hanson, charged with having on Saturday last, between Greatmen and Craps, owned by Mr. Collins and occupied by Mrs. Douglas. It originated from a charcoal furnace left burning at night, and ignited the floor. The flames were extinguished before the engines arrived. The property was insured.

Drowned.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in a small frame house on Marigny street, between Greatmen and Craps, owned by Mr. Collins and occupied by Mrs. Douglas. It originated from a charcoal furnace left burning at night, and ignited the floor. The flames were extinguished before the engines arrived. The property was insured.

Drowned.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morn ing a coloured man, name unknown, fell from the steamboat Dick Wells, 7-10 overboard and almost instantly drowned. Although there was a crowd of negroes around him, little or no effort was made to save him.

Disappearance.—Solomon Moses, a pedlar, sixty years of age, has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, and as he had considerable money in his possession when last seen, his friends fear that foul play has been dealt with. The police are looking for him.

Felonious Entering.—About half past 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, a tall colored woman, who is thought, lives on Esplanade street, felonously entered the residence of Mrs Hunnes, No 175 Bourbon street, and stole five dresses and two coats.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—Anthony Hubbard, colored, was sent to the parish prison for a charge of having a stolen gun in his possession.

J P Collins was held to answer to a charge of threatening to take the life of Sarah J. Goodrich, of 220 Customhouse street.

First District Court—Judge Abell.—Wm. Johnson plead not guilty of murder.

Adam Everhard was sentenced to pay a fine of $1 for assault and battery.

Judge Atocha, counsel for Salvador Rosa, made application to have accused admitted to bail. Rosa is charged for killing the mate.

Thomas Keenan was acquitted of the charge of abusing the Metropolitan.

Pat Hanahan was acquitted of the charge of cruelly disabling a couple of horses belonging to Mr. O. E. Hall, of the St. Charles Hotel, one of which died in consequence of being cut in the groin by some sharp instrument Thos Hawkins was discharged from the hotel.

Anna Kidd was convicted of assault and battery.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

A Letter from Chase Exhibited.

Conspiracy Against the Central Pacific Railway.

Proceedings in the Philadelphia Labor Convention

Discharge of Police Captain Calahan by Gen. Canby.

Semi-Official Cuban Advices.

FROM EUROPE.

The French Emperor to Attend the Opening of the Suez Canal.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, August 18.—Internal Revenue receipts to day $315,000.

Cuban advices to the 9th, semi official, has been received. The Cubans are rejoiced at the order of Dulce for a general conscription—they estimate that it will double their forces The negroes are resisting their independence under the proclamation of the Cespedes government, are organizing for active operations, and have taken the field at several points in their own defence.

Gen. Quesada is rapidly closing his lines and believes that in 15 or 20 days he will be in possession of Nuevitas.

Gen. Jordan is being reinforced by conscripted Cubans, and is incorporating them in his army. He says he will immediately commence offensive preparations, with appearance of success.

Washington, August 18.—A letter from Chief Justice Chase has recently been exhibited, in which he expressed great satisfaction at the result of the recent Virginia election, and predicted that the same result would attend the elections in Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas He intimates that the Republican party had served its purpose, and that a great Conservative party ought to be formed out of the moderate men of all existing parties.

Washington, August 18.—General Canby declares that the Governor's requisition upon Dodge as a qualification for seats in the Virginia Senate or House of Delegates.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Philadelphia, August 18.—Frederic Charles Dexter Cleveland is dead.

In the Labor Convention, resolutions were passed to-day in favor of protective tariff. Miss Anthony's case provokes hot speeches Mr. Wall, from the New York Typographical Union, moved that the matter be laid on the table, and the motion was carried. The minority of the delegates, not to be outdone in the matter of sensation, then withdrew in a body, and the Convention was left without a quorum.

The treaty between Mexico and the North German Confederation has been forwarded to Berlin for ratification.

The Indian revolt in Yucatan is growing serious.

Cuban refugees are volunteering to defend the cities.

The Indian chiefs have been captured and shot.

The Tamaulipas revolution has ended.

The Queretaro trouble, involving State rights, is still pending

Washington, August 18.—The Supervisors of Internal Revenue in consultation have agreed upon concert of action, whereby they hope to defeat the whisky ring. Details withheld.

Norfolk, August 18.—The steamer San Jacinto, reported ashore some days ago, is afloat, and is coming to-day.

London, August 18.—Noon.—Consols 92¾. Bonds 83¾. Weather favorable for crops.

Liverpool, August 18.—Noon.—Cotton market active; uplands 13¾d; Orleans 13¾d. Sales 15,000 bales. Corn 31f. 6d., others unchanged.

Liverpool, August 18.—Afternoon.—Cotton very active and higher. Uplands 13¾ to 13¾d. Orleans, 13¾ to 13¾d. Estimated sales, 20,000 bales.

New York, August 18—Noon.—Stocks dull and firm. Money steady at 7. Sterling, long, 9¾; short, 10¾. Gold 132¾.

5-20's of 1862, registered, 113; coupons, 121¾. Virginias, ex coupon, 55; new, 60. Louisianas, old, 71¾; new, 72 asked

Levees 61¾, eights 81¾. Alabama 8s 93¾ asked; 5s 85.

Georgia's issue 83¾ asked, sevens 91¾; North Carolinas, old, 56¾; new, 50¾

Southern 6s, August 18.—Barometer 29 70. Wind east southeast—light. No arrivals or departures.

Serious Troubles in the Spanish Camp Reports of Thirty-one Encounters—The Country Stinking with Carrion The Demoralization of the Soldiers—Confiscations—Stormy Hall way Meeting.

[Correspondence of the Sun.]

Havana, August 7.—At Trinidad no supplies of any kind are permitted to leave the town without special license. The calling to arms all Spaniards from the age of 16 to 60 years of age would seem to indicate trouble on the way soon. The fact is that there are few or no troops there, and that the insurgents are reported to be in considerable force in the vicinity of Trinidad. Col. Demetrio Quiroz y Weiler has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Trinidad.

Three slaves of Mr. Madrigal have obtained their freedom from the Captain General for denouncing six cases of arms at an estate near Santa Clara. Pedro Fernandez Dias and Don Francisco Fonseca have been shot for treason at Trinidad. The sugar estate "Teresa," the property of Don Antonio Terry, of Cienfuegos, is reported to have been burned on the 1st inst. The *Diario* newspaper, of Santa Clara, reports ten insurgents in the territory of Cinco Villas in July, and puts down the insurgents' loss in these fights at 151 killed, among whom are Gen. Bidonove, Colonel Ramon Roig, Colonel Mario Jimenez, and some others of note.

The Government order to destroy all horses and cattle in the country has been so effectual, it is expected that the whole country stinks of carrion, to such an extent that we hear of dogs taking their departure for other parts. The Captain General to beg him to rescind the order, and to adopt measures for preventing a plague or the development of some horrible disease.

From Puerto Principe we learn that the marine battalion which landed here last June, and went there with Gen Pueello, has only half its original strength. Of the reinforcements the Government may strive to hush all unfavorable reports, the truth will leak out.

The insurgents are divided into revolutionary districts there is a demand for troops; and yet the "gallant defenders of the national integrity" here, some eight or ten thousand men, refuse point blank to go. Nothing will allow the use of the militia to be enforced and sent to the front. Talking of the colored militia, there was a row down there a few days ago, in other day, and several people were wounded, one black fellow was struck at the last moment was killed. Now we hear that they have been landed for service at Santa de Grande.

Collections continue. The last published are the properties of Don Juan Rosell of Guadalcanal, Don Pedro Gordo, Don Francisco Moron, and Don Augustin Aguero. Agustin Aguero and José de Jesus Cepeda of Santo Espiritu, have had their estates in that district placed by the Audiencia of Supreme Court, at once. It is rumored. The Captain General, the Duke of Victoria, has just returned to Seville on account of political prisoners. We notice a long list of persons who are ordered to Spain Don Luis Marquez de Torres has been condemned to Louisiana Molasses is coming at 60 to 70c per gallon from store. City refinery buyer is selling at 15½c per gallon for prime. Clarified 14½c for white, and 13¾ to 13¾c for crushed and powdered, and refinery Molasses at 60 to 65c per gallon, for good to choice, and 50 for golden syrup. The last of the movement in Cuba Sugar or Molasses

ARRIVALS FROM THE WEST—The steamer Pilot Varilat from Evansville, has arrived since our review of yesterday.

FLOUR—Treble and choice extra are in fair supply, but double extra and the grades below are neglected and not changed. The sales to day embrace 1000 bbls. at $6 to 6 10 for treble; $5 75@5 90 for double; $5 50@5 60 for choice extra at $5 50; 80 double extra at $5 40; 150 do at $5 25; 400 and 100 do. at $5 00@5 30; 300 extra family at $4 75@5 00; 100 choice extra at $4 75; 50 do. at $4 50, and 100 do. on private terms.

WHEAT—A lot of 521 sacks new, prime winter, the first received here the season, sold at sale. It is all there is in the market, and on the way here, we are informed, there are only 1000 bags.

CORN—The supplies are small, but the demand is only moderate—prices are unchanged Some 4500 sacks were sold to-day, of which 1000 bbls were stored at 65c; 500 white, nominally, at 56c; 2000 ordinary yellow mixed at 70@70½c; 300 white and 2400 white, yellow and mixed at $1 per bushel

OATS—Are in fair demand, but at lower rates. Some 1500 sacks were sold to-day, of which 1000 are stored at 65c; 500 at 66c; 200 at 67c; 200 and 300 at 68c per bushel.

BRAN—Is quiet but firm—200 sacks sold at $1 per 100 lbs.

HAY—Is in light supply but is dull—81 bales prime Western sold at $29 per ton.

PORK—Mess is held in round lots at $35 50 per bbl, without any sales. It is jobbing at $35 50 to $36 75, and is retailing at $36 to $36 50 per bbl.

BACON—Is in light supply and firm. Shoulders are retailing at 17c, clear rib sides 19¾c; clear sides 20c; sugar-cured hams 23 to 25c per lb

LARD—The market is firm with a light stock. On hand. Tierces are quoted at 20 to 20¾c; kegs 22 to 23c; caddies 23c per lb.

BREAKFAST BACON—Is commanding 22 to 23c per lb for Northern and Western.

DRY SALT MEAT—Is very scarce, and shoulders are retailing at 15¾c per lb.

CORN MEAL—The market is moderately supplied, but the demand is light. Kiln dried is quoted at $6 per bbl from store, and $5 75 on the landing.

HOMINY GOOD—Receipts are more liberal, but are not equal to the demand. They are taken quickly on arrival at 15 to 16c per lb for the best, and 8¾c to 12¾c for inferior. Receipts from Mississippi are quite moderate.

INDIA BAGGING—The market is quiet but steady at 20c per yard for round lots The retail demand is good at 20¾c per yard in bales, and 34¾c in rolls.

STAR CANDLES—Are in steady jobbing demand, and prices are firm at 16c per lb for 12 oz., 15c for 14 oz., and 22c for full weight.

SALT—There is very little demand for Liverpool Salt. The factory rates are $2 50 to $2 55 per sack for fine, and $2 20 to $2 25 for coarse, large lots from warehouses 10c per sack less. Ground Alum is quoted at 6@6½c per pound.

BUTTER—The stock of inferior Western is large and there is no demand for it, but choice Western and Goshen are scarce and firm. We quote choice Western 32 to 35c, Goshen, in packages at 39 to 42c; finishen 30 to 32c; common North ern 30 to 32c per lb

IRON COTTON TIES—Are in good demand and firm at 6¾ to 6¾c per pound, according to quantity.

Cattle Market.

NEW ORLEANS, August 18, 1869.

Arrived yesterday, per cars, 300 cattle, 40 sheep. Sold—507 Texas Steers, 551 Calves and Yearlings Stock, on Sale—27 Texas Steers, 132 Calves and Yearlings, at Hope's for 2 Steers and 1 Milch Cow.

Texas Steers, corn fed choice, ⅌ lb. nominal — @ —

Texas Steers, corn fed 2d quality, ⅌ lb. nominal — @ —

Texas Steers, 1st quality, ⅌ head..... 35 00 @ 40 00

Texas Steers, 2d quality, ⅌ head..... 25 00 @ 30 00

Texas Steers, 3d quality, ⅌ head..... 15 00 @ 20 00

Hogs ⅌ lb gross..... 7 @ 7½

Sheep, 1st quality, ⅌ head..... 4 50 @ 5 00

Sheep, 2d quality, ⅌ head..... 4 00 @ 4 50

Sheep, 3d quality, ⅌ head..... 3 00 @ 3 50

Milch Cows, choice, ⅌ head..... 60 00 @ 70 00

Milch Cows, 2d quality, ⅌ head..... 50 00 @ 55 00

Milch Cows, with Calves, ⅌ head..... 60 00 @ 70 00

Yearlings, ⅌ head..... 20 00 @ 25 00

Calves, ⅌ head..... 12 00 @ 15 00

Steers, ⅌ head..... 40 00 @ 45 00

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Madrid, August 18 — The Government is making extraordinary efforts to prevent the assembling of Carlists in La Mancha.

London, August 18—The betting still stands 5 to 2 in favor of the Oxfords.

Madrid, August 18 — The Bishop of Jaen denies the jurisdiction of the present Government, and appeals to the Holy See. Some of the Bishops have yielded to the requirements of the new law, and have warned their clergy with prescribed threats against insurrection. A majority of the Bishops are still silent.

The Cortes has been commissioned to assemble on the 15th of September, on account of the urgency of affairs.

Paris, August 18.—The Emperor to-day presided at the Council of the ministers His health is much improved and he will attend the opening of the Suez Canal.

The Viceroy of Egypt sent a conciliatory reply to the Sultan.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

London, August 18—evening. — Consols 93, Bonds 83¾.

Havre, August 18—Cotton steady. Low middlings afloat 1.62.

Paris, August 18.—Bourse excited. Rentes 73.10.

Liverpool, August 18 — Evening. — Cotton closed active and excited. Uplands 13¾d; Orleans 13¾d. Sales to-day 20,000 bales, including 8