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CITY AFFAIRS.

FINAL ACTION ON THE CONTRACTS FOR LIGHTING THE CITY. The Board of Aldermen met at the mayor's office last night at 8 o'clock.

The contract for gas lights for the city, by the Raleigh Gas Light and Heating Company, till the People's Gas Company shall be ready to furnish lights to the city, was read and adopted.

On motion the use of the mains was granted, whereupon Col. T. C. Fuller, attorney for the Raleigh Gas Light and Heating Company, stated that if the conditions of the original bid were allowed to be changed, the company he represented would claim the privilege of making another bid under the new conditions.

After considerable debate a motion was made that the contract be finally awarded to the People's Gas Company as originally drawn up, proposing to furnish gas lights at \$17.50 per lamp per year, provided the mains are not used, or at \$20.00 per lamp per year, provided the mains are not used.

The board took up the resolution introduced last Monday night to reconsider such part of the contract awarded to the Raleigh Gas Light and Heating Company as conflicted with the contract awarded to C. McNett & Co.

A Columbia special of Saturday to the Atlanta Constitution says: A duel joke was perpetrated today upon the good people who live along the upper end of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad.

Mr. Plumb moved to strike out the word "totally" before the word "incapacitated" and gave notice that if his motion prevailed he would move to amend further by providing that the pension should be from \$4 to \$12 a month according to the degree of incapacity.

Mr. Berry argued that the striking out of the word "total" would make the bill simply a service pension bill and would practically open the doors to all who had served in the Union army, and who were not now on the pension rolls.

Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, under instructions from the committee on the judiciary, offered a resolution assigning the 17th of March and 7th of April for the consideration of business reported by that committee.

CONGRESS. PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—SENATE.—Among the memorials and petitions presented and referred were the following: To repeal limitations to the act granting arrears of pensions; for the passage of a per diem rated service pension bill; against the repeal of the oleomargarine bill; to place salt on the free list; of the Chicago Board of Trade protesting against any legislation that would deprive the citizens of the United States of the facilities offered by the Canadian railroad for the transportation of American products free of duty under the bonded transportation act; for cheap and efficient telegraph service open to all without discrimination; for the repeal of the internal revenue tax on alcoholic liquors; for the removal of the duty on books; to put in plate on the free list; to increase the compensation of life saving crews.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds, the Senate, at 12:50, resumed consideration of the bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company, of Nicaragua, notice being given by Mr. Plumb that he would ask the Senate tomorrow to take up the bill for forfeiting unearned railroad land grants, by Mr. Platt that he would next Monday ask the Senate to take up the bill for the admission of South Dakota as a State, and by Mr. Allison that when the pending bill was disposed of he would call up the under-valuation bill.

Mr. Vest again offered his amendment that the United States government should have no pecuniary obligation in connection with the work, and it was again rejected, yeas 22, nays 66. The bill was then passed, yeas 38, nays 15, as follows: YEAS.—Messrs. Aldrich, Allison, Blair, Brown, Chace, Chandler, Colquhoun, Cullom, Daniel, Davis, Dolph, Edmunds, Evans, Farwell, Frye, Gorman, Gray, Hale, Hearst, Hoar, Ingalls, Manderson, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Payne, Platt, Plumb, Pugh, Sherman, Sausbury, Sawyer, Sherman, Spooner, Stewart, Teller, Turpie, Wilson, Yates, 38.

Mr. Cleveland was present during the services, and her carriage was in the long cortege which followed the remains to the grave. She was escorted by Secretary Endicott, and stood during the services in the house very near the head of the casket. Chief Justice Waite, Senators Barbour and Eustis and many other persons of note were assembled in the parlors of the mansion during the services. There was a large representation of the various organizations with which the deceased was connected and which he had aided. Upon arrival of the funeral cortege at Oak Hill Cemetery the casket was placed in the chapel. Tomorrow it will be placed in the niche of the vault next to the one containing the remains of Mrs. Corcoran. A touching incident was the presence at the grave and the singing of the children of the city orphan asylum.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Feb. 27.—The weather continues extremely cold. The homeless have suffered greatly during the past forty-eight hours. The finance committee has issued a card to the general public stating that all subscriptions being raised for the purchase of building material, household furniture and other articles necessary to provide the destitute and needy with shelter. Up to date the committee has received a sufficient quantity of clothes and food to supply all demands.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27.—A strike of the furnace employees of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works against a reduction of ten per cent in wages was inaugurated today. All the men quit work this morning, and the company is now banking furnaces. A protracted struggle is expected as the masters are determined to make no more concessions and the men are equally firm in the stand they have taken. The strike affects nearly 1,000 men.

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GREAT STRIKE OF ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN ON THE C. B. & Q. R. R.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A few minutes before 4 o'clock this morning the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy yards and Canal and Sixteenth streets presented the usual appearance. The early morning mail train had left on time and the switch engines were at work. One engineer took a switch train to the Chicago and Atlantic junction shortly before 3 o'clock. He said he had heard nothing of an order to strike and that he would certainly take his train to the junction and run the engine back to the roundhouse. Other engineers of switch engines also said they had not been ordered to strike. At 3:30 o'clock there was the usual movement of cars at the freight and switching depot at Nineteenth street and Western Ave., where cars for the east and the stock yards are handled. Just before the time appointed for the strike, train master S. T. Pope issued an order that no trains should be moved west of Chicago. This was taken by a few train-men in the yards as a jest, but the company had a close holiday (Washington's birthday) and is almost wholly without incident affecting mercantile values. The aspects of European politics continue to absorb close attention, and are the cause of uneasiness. The weather has turned spring-like, and we hear less of adverse crop prospects. Rains and melting snow have caused the local floods which attend each recurring spring. It is intimated that the new tariff bill will be reported to the lower House soon. Its discussion will occupy many weeks, but the passage of some measure of the sort seems highly probable. Regular trade has been fair and speculation in leading staples moderately active.

Business in lard on the spot has been quiet, and a slight improvement in values, which was made early in the week, has not been fully maintained. Today the market was weak, closing at \$7.65 for prime city, \$8.00 for choice western, \$7.90 for refined to the Continent and \$8.65 for "south America." The speculation in lard for future delivery opened in weak with some show of strength in activity, but soon weakened and became dull. Today the market was depressed, but closed steady.

Pork has been dull, but prices rule about steady; mess, \$16.50-16.75; extra prime, \$18.13-15.25; and clear, \$12.25-18.50. Cut meats are easier, with considerable recent sales of pickled hams of medium weights at 7 7/8c, and current quotations are pickled bellies, 7 7/8c; shoulders, 6 3/4c and hams, 9 1/2c; smoked shoulders, 7 3/8c, and hams 10 1/2c. Beef is nearly nominal at \$7 for plain mess and \$8.85 for packed, per 100 lbs. Prime mess quoted \$16.18 per tierce, and beef ham \$16.16 per 50 lbs. Tallow is dull at 44 1/2c. Stearine is quiet 83 1/2c. Oleomargarine is steady at 64c. Butter is quiet at 20c 3/4 for cream, the outside figure for Elgin fancy; Western extra selling at 23c.

The coffee market has further declined, and quotations on the spot are unsettled and nominal. Rio options declined sharply on Tuesday and again yesterday, under depressing foreign advices, making the lowest figures in many months. Raw sugars are firmer at 4 13-16c for fair refining Cuba, and 5 7-16c for Centrifugal, 96 deg. test, and a cargo of Hilo, 84 1/2 deg. test, sold today at 4 1/2c. Molasses quiet at 20c for 50 deg. test. The tea sale yesterday went off at steady prices.

The speculation in cotton for future delivery at this market was dull and weak on Saturday last, but at the lower prices Monday's business was comparatively active, there having been some buying to cover contracts, and a partial revival of speculative confidence. The marked reduction in receipts at the ports, as compared with the corresponding week last year, had little effect, because it was the general remark that last year the movement fell off very sharply after the first of March. On Thursday there was a fresh decline, especially in the early months, under the impression that the coming month would witness a process of liquidation that may cause more or less depression in values. Foreign advices were discouraging also, and a long crop estimate came from New Orleans. Today a weak opening was followed by an advance on the report that short notices for March had been stopped to the extent of 40,000 bales. Business was suspended some minutes before the close by the sudden death of Mr. C. L. Greene, a much respected member of the Cotton Exchange. Cotton on the spot declined 1-16c on Monday. Today the market was quiet but steady at 10 9-16 for middling uplands.

The figures indicate a decrease in the cotton in sight tonight of 235,814 bales as compared with the same date of 1887, a decrease of 141,557 bales as compared with the corresponding date of 1886 and an increase of 41,953 bales as compared with 1885. The totals show that the old interior stocks have decreased during the week 7,347 bales and are tonight 49,198 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at the same towns have been 188 bales more than the same week last year, and since September last the receipts at all the towns are 69,812 bales more than for the same time in 1886-'87.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. LYNNBURG, Va., Feb. 27.—A man named N. H. Ripley, hailing from Hartford, Conn., passed a forged check on J. L. Thompson, furniture dealer, Ripley claimed that he wanted to buy largely and selected \$1,200 worth of furniture and gave a check on a Hartford bank for \$1,500, which was cashed by the First National Bank. A telegram from Hartford exposed the fraud. Ripley left the city and cannot be found.

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SHELBY, N. C., Feb. 27.—A beautiful young white girl, sixteen years old, supposed to have eloped with a negro, Tom Plack, native here, from Montgomery county, Alabama, has been arrested here. The girl has been living here for a few weeks, and says her name is Lizzie McCoy. The negro escaped in the direction of Charlotte. The authorities are after him. The girl has been jailed awaiting word from Alabama. It is very cold here.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASH WOODS, N. C., VIA NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 27.—The barkentine Samuel Welsh sank last night twenty miles southeast of Currituck beach light-house. The crew of nine men were all rescued by the life-saving service from their yawl. The vessel, loaded with railroad iron, was bound from Philadelphia, Pa., to Brunswick, Ga. The tonnage of the vessel was 484. The vessel and cargo are a total loss.

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