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On yesterday the bill passed its second reading in the Senate without a division.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—*Excitement at Cincinnati.*—Mr. French, the councilman who opposed the reception of John Mitchell by the authorities, had introduced a resolution to that effect, which was adopted in this board, was burned in effigy last evening.

The City Treasurer has begun to dis- train the property of those merchants who have refused to pay their taxes, and much excitement has been created by the movement.

Despatches from New Orleans state that Schmitz, Hadden & Latting have re- sumed business.

Telegraphed for the South Carolina.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 1855.

The consideration of the Pacific Railroad bill was resumed by the House, in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Davis, of Indiana, moved a sub- stitute, providing for a grand trunk Central road and telegraph line from some point on the Western boundary of Arkansas, Missouri, or Iowa, with two branches—one running to Memphis and the other to the Western Shore of Lake Superior. Adopted—104 to 91. The bill ap- propriae public lands, equal to alternate sections, for the space of twenty miles on each side of the road, from Eastern to Western terminus. Advertisements are to be published inviting proposals for constructing the road and telegraph. The bill was then reported to the House, and was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 104 to 97. Pending the question on its passage, the House adjourned.

CHARLESTON MARKET.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 22, 1855.

Sale of cotton to-day 1,600 bales, at \$4 a 84 Market unchanged. Good mending \$4.

The Shooting Affray at Cincinnati.—FURTHER PARTICULARS.—The telegraph has already given in brief, an account of a serious shooting affray at Cincinnati, on Saturday night, between two young men named Hiram H. Ormsbee and Thos. Jennings—the former at one time chief clerk in the National Telegraph office, and the latter a son of Mr. M. C. Jennings, merchant tailor, in that city. The Cincinnati Columbian, of Monday, has the following particulars of the affair:

In conversation with some of his youthful associates, Jennings boasted that he had on one occasion shot Miss Eckert or Mrs. Ormsbee, to take a hasty ride with him, and that he had, at some hotel in the country, effected her seduction; and staid night and returned to the city next day. These boasts lost nothing by their passage from one person to another until they reached the ears of Mr. Ormsbee, who being of a lively, sociable organization, was stung to madness by them. The very soul of high honor and feeling, he was shocked at the imputations on the honor of his wife, and at once sought an interview with Mr. Jennings. The latter was standing by the stove in the lobby of the National Theatre, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, when Ormsbee tapped him on the shoulder and asked him to step to the door. He did so, and as they got outside the house, Ormsbee asked him if he had boasted in public that he had seduced Miss Eckert. He smiling replied that he had, and Ormsbee, drawing a pistol, placed it to Jennings' face and fired. The ball shattered Jennings' nose, tore his face badly and lodged in the head.

Deputy Marshal Gray was standing within a few feet of the parties when the affray occurred, and at once arrested Ormsbee, who made no resistance, and only said: "I don't care if I am hung for it; he said he seduced my wife." The wounded man was carried across the street to the Woodruff House and the medical aid of Drs. Wood and Foster procured. It was found that the ball, which had been of large size, had entered the side of the upper lip, tearing and fracturing extensively the bones of the nose and face. The ball was not found, as any attempt to probe the wound was followed by strangu- lation with blood, and the occurrence of spasms. Should Jennings recover, which is hardly possible, he will be horribly maimed.

Ormsbee was taken to the Hammond street station house, where he fainted, and remained for some time in a state of insensibility. The meeting between him and his wife, to whom he was married about four weeks ago, was deeply affect- ing. Yesterday morning, he was taken to the Ninth street station house, where some hundreds of our most respectable citizens called to see him, and many also called at the Woodruff House to hear the condition of Jennings, who also has a host of friends, who think this distressing affair grew from indiscretion and tale bearing rather than from dishonorable conduct on his part.

DEEP RIVER BILL.

We are rejoiced to learn by Telegraph from Raleigh, that the bill granting the endorsement of the Cape Fear and Deep River Company's bonds by the State has passed the Senate unanimously. It is fair to assume that the House of Commons will ratify a measure which has received such an emphatic endorsement from the Senate.—*Wil. Herald.*

Red wafers are colored with oxide of lead—a deadly poison.

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