

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

In Wake Superior court the slander suit of W. S. Barnes against Congressman Crawford is dismissed on demurrer. The plaintiff appeals. Rev. Jesse Howell is dying at his home in Wake county. The liquor warehouse of J. C. Clapp, near Burlington, is broken open and robbed. The President nominates Virginia, and Vice President Stevenson to be assistant paymasters in the navy. Bradstreet reports that the unfavorable report as to volume of sales of last week remains unchanged, with a few exceptions. The seven months report of foreign trade shows a decrease of 23 per cent, as compared with last year, while there is an increase of 8 per cent, in domestic shipments. Business at Nashville is smaller than a year ago while Memphis shows slight improvement. South Atlantic cities report improving features. New Orleans complains of the slowness in paying the sugar bounties. The business failures for the week number 248, against 193 for the same time last year. Railroad men are much exercised over the cut in freight rates from the Mississippi valley to the seaboard. Gen. A. Smith of Pickett county, Tenn., while drunk, kills his wife and youngest child and attempts to kill his sister-in-law. He has fled and is captured will be lynched. The steamer Chester, Amsterdam for Baltimore, is ashore on Ship Shoals near Cape Charles, Va. British ship owners and captains at Rio protest against the refusal of the British naval officers there to supply them with water and remove the sick. They are dependent on the United States navy for this assistance. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has been appointed to in the matter. It was thought that Louis Kossuth would not live through the night. The police of Rome make a fruitless search for Anarchists. William Snyder and his wife, an aged couple of Delany, N. Y., perish in the flames of their burned dwelling. Two detachments of British troops operating in Assam have been defeated by the natives and an escort of thirty men and four officers has been annihilated. The funeral of Robert Ross, shot in the riot at the Troy election, was a remarkable one, the whole city paying respect to his memory. Governor Flower says the election affair at Troy shall be thoroughly investigated. The Circuit court decides that the local option election held in Roanoke, Va., last September is void. Maj. Geo. Cooper, commander the Masonic order, is dead. While lecturing in Dallas, Tex., Wednesday night the fanatic Hiles was shot at by a man in the audience. Charlie Mitchell leaves Florida. Mrs. Jefferson Davis, Miss Winnie Davis and Mrs. U. S. Grant will be invited to attend the Confederate Veterans' reunion at Birmingham. The Boston Tow Boat company is awarded the contract for raising the Kearsarge.

BARN'S VS. CRAWFORD.

This slander suit is discussed on demurrer of defendant. Rev. Jesse Howell dying-liquor warehouse robbed.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 9.

The case of William S. Barnes, secretary and treasurer of the State Farmers' Alliance against Congressman William T. Crawford, of an Ninth district, for damages for alleged slander, came up in the Superior court here today on demurrer. The demurrer was sustained and the action dismissed by Judge John K. Barnes thereupon, appealed to the Supreme court. Rev. Jesse Howell, a well known Baptist preacher, is reported dying at his home in this county. A telegram this evening from Burlington says the liquor warehouse of J. C. Clapp near there was broken open and robbed last night.

Local Option Election Declared Void.

ROANOKE, Va., March 9.—The local option election held in this city on September 5th last was declared void in a decision rendered by Judge Whittle, of the Fifth Judicial circuit, in the Circuit court this afternoon. An appeal from the Hastings court's refusal to grant writ of habeas corpus to the defendant was argued on March 2nd before Judge Whittle, who heard the case at the request of Judge Dupuy, presiding over this circuit. A special term was begun today to hear the decision in the case, Judge Wood's decision in the Hastings court was overruled at every point.

The Election in September was Carried by the Local Optionists by 12 Votes, but since that time there has been a decided reaction of many of the prominent citizens in regard to this contest.

Nearly 500 of the business men are rejoicing over the result. "Beauty" may be "only skin deep," but the secret of a beautiful skin is pure blood. Those coarse, rough, pimply complexions may, in most cases, be rendered soft, smooth and fair by the persevering and systematic use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

The Confederate Veterans' Reunion.

BIRMINGHAM, March 9.—The resident camp of Confederate Veterans met tonight to arrange for the reunion of the veterans of the Southern States, to be held here beginning April 25th. A resolution inviting Mrs. Jefferson Davis, Miss Winnie Davis and Mrs. U. S. Grant to be the special guests of the camp was adopted with much enthusiasm.

Tempered Babies

are not desirable in any home. Insufficient nourishment produces ill temper. Guard against fretful children by feeding nutritious and digestible food. The Bull Brand Eagle Brand Condensed Milk is the most successful of all infant foods.

TERNS, March 9, 7 p. m.—Louis Kossuth is rapidly sinking and it is feared that he will not survive until morning.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Robt. B. Bellamy.

SENATORS ON CHANGE.

CHARGED WITH OPERATING IN SUGAR RUST STOCK.

A Resolution to Repeal the Mat- ter—The Bland St Ignorance B I— Senator Vilas's es Danger In It—Vote to be taken Wednesday.

CHARGES AGAINST THE WASHINGTON CITY COMMITTEE.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Vice President having left the city for trip to North Carolina with Mrs. Stevenson who is not in good health, the chair was occupied in the Senate today by Senator Harris, president pro tem. of the Senate.

The House bill, passed March 6th, to amend the act of March 3, 1887, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Long river between New York and Long Island, was reported, without amendment, from the committee on commerce and was passed.

Senator Peffer, offered a preamble and resolution, reciting: "A circular in the city and rural newspapers, the statements that Senators, making use of their official knowledge, have been operating on the Stock Exchange in the shares of the Sugar Trust and that many of them have thus acquired large gains and profits, and directing the appointment of a select committee of five Senators to investigate the subject. He asked that the resolution lie on the table for the present.

Senator Morrill inquired of Senator Peffer whether he had any personal knowledge of the truth of any of the charges.

Senator Peffer disclaimed any such personal knowledge, but thought it proper, in view of the newspaper publications, to offer the resolution.

Senator Quay inquired of the president of the committee whether it was in order to move to lay the resolution on the table, and was informed that it was not, as the resolution was not before the Senate having been laid on the table.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of bills on the calendar. The first on the list was a bill in reference to the McGarran claim. It was objected to by Senator Morrill, and was laid aside, retaining its place on the calendar.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the unfinished business was laid before the Senate, being the Bland St Ignorance bill.

Senator Harris, who was entitled to the floor on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill went to its third reading, excused himself from speaking today, on account of illness.

Senator Peffer, who was to speak, suggested that a day and an hour should be fixed by unanimous consent for taking the vote on the bill.

Senator Harris, in charge of the bill, expressed his desire to accommodate any Senator, and he proposed that the bill should be taken up on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Wednesday night the fanatic Hiles was shot at by a man in the audience.

Senator Johnson inquired of Senator Harris whether he proposed to allow amendment of the bill. Senator Allison's motion should be withdrawn.

On the contrary, said Senator Harris, I do not intend to commit myself to any such proposition. I will go a step farther, and say frankly that I think I will not, at any time, consent to that; but I need not preclude myself by a positive declaration. My proposition is that the Senate shall vote, at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, on the motion of the Senator.

Senator Johnson—I also want to be frank. I am so firmly convinced that the construction of the bill as stated yesterday, and that this construction does not carry out the intention of those who framed the bill, that I propose by some method, to have the bill amended or to move to have it amended. I think that the bill is very defective. It is not a good bill, and I think it should be amended.

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Senator Vilas yielded to a motion to proceed to executive business, although he said he had not been able, owing to frequent interruptions, to get through the first part of his argument, which he will resume next Monday.

The Senate at 5:30 o'clock, after a short executive session, adjourned until Monday next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House agreed to the request of the Senate for a conference upon the joint resolution authorizing the printing of 8,000 copies of the Hawaiian correspondence. The Senate wants the indexing of the volume done by the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the House wants it done by the Secretary of State.

Mr. Hager, Republican, of Iowa, endeavored to get through by unanimous consent a bill for an increase of a pension for a constituent, but Mr. Kilgore objected, saying the business of Friday night's session should not be dumped into the House in that way.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the District of Columbia Appropriation bill, the general debate to close at 3 o'clock.

The argument of Mr. De Armond that the general government should be longer divide with the people of the District the expenses of the District, was antagonized by Messrs Grosvenor, Henderson and Goldsborough.

Mr. Kilgore supported Mr. De Armond's position, saying the people of the District ought to pay their own bills. In the course of his remarks Mr. Kilgore attacked the newspaper press of Washington, saying he had never known the papers to fail to advocate any scheme, to look to the expenditure of the public money, in the interest of the people.

Mr. Blair asked if the gentleman from Texas made that as an indiscriminate charge. If so, he protested against it. The press of the capital, he said, was no more subject to the charge of that kind than the press of any other city.

Mr. Kilgore said he did not agree with the press of New Hampshire. "I make the charge distinctly that they are corrupt and that they have advocated every corrupt scheme that has been introduced in Congress to plunder the treasury in the interest of private interests."

Mr. Blair said a charge of this nature should be accompanied by specifications and should be either sustained or withdrawn. The press of the country was the chief source of information upon which Congress and the public act.

Mr. Kilgore—As long as the great metropolitan papers are the subscribers tools of the aggregate wealth of the country they are not entitled to the confidence of the country, and that is the condition now. The press of the country is not entitled to the confidence of the country, and that is the condition now.

Mr. Blair—Well, an affirmation, when it amounts to a charge of general crime, ought to be sustained by proof. The press of the country is not entitled to the confidence of the country, and that is the condition now.

When general debate closed Mr. De Armond's amendment repealing all laws which require the United States to pay half the expenditures of the District of Columbia was defeated.

After disposing of ten pages of the bill and but one slight amendment, the committee rose and at 3 o'clock took a recess until 8 o'clock, the adjournment being for the consideration of private pension bills.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Continued Unfavorable Reports as to Volume of Sales—Improvement at the South Atlantic Cities—Slow Payment of Sugar Bounties.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The comparatively less favorable report as to the volume of sales and distribution of general merchandise emphasized last week, remains, with some exceptions, practically unchanged. Bright and warmer weather has stimulated retail lines at a number of cities.

The seven-months report of foreign trade of the country indicates decreased purchases of chemicals, hides, silk and wool, iron, leather, iron and steel, and other commodities. Chicago advices show that gains of National banks there have increased \$2,000,000 and total deposits \$13,000,000 since December. Clearing house banks report loans \$22,000,000 heavier since December and deposits \$25,000,000 heavier.

Prices at Nashville is smaller than a year ago. Memphis reports moderate gains in sales of plantation supplies, hardware and dry goods. South Atlantic cities report improving features within the week, which is true at Mobile, Birmingham and Galveston. New Orleans complains that slow payment of sugar bounties are having an unfavorable influence on general trade. Relatively the most favorable report at the South, as heretofore, comes from Augusta.

Two Kinds of Women needed Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—those who want to be made strong and those who want to be made well. It builds up, invigorates, regulates and cures. It is for young girls just entering womanhood, for women who have reached the critical "change of life" for women expecting to become mothers; for mothers who are nursing and exhausted; for every woman who is run-down, delicate and overworked.

"Favorite Prescription" is the only remedy so uniformly successful in curing. If it doesn't benefit or cure in every case the money will be returned.

Choking, sneezing and every other form of catarrh of the head is radically cured by Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

Murdered His Wife and Child.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—George A. Smith, a farmer about 35 years of age, living in the edge of Pickett county, was shot above Collins, went home drunk Wednesday night and brutally murdered his youngest child, after which he beat his wife in a horrible manner, cutting her throat and then crushing her head with his hands, and then jumping to the house of his son-in-law, a short distance away, and finding her sick in bed, grasped her by the hair and dragged her to the floor, stamping her. She managed to escape from him and alarmed the neighbors, who soon discovered Smith's terrible crime. Smith fled to the neighborhood and his whereabouts are unknown. He will very likely be lynched if captured.

POLLARD-BRECKINRIDGE.

THIS SENSATIONAL CASE IS NOW ON TRIAL.

The Parties in Court—Miss Pollard Scarcely Restrained From Making a Scene—Statement of the Plaintiff's Case by Mr. Carr—Summary of the Evidence Introduced Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—There was enough of sensation and scandal in the trial of Madeline Pollard's breach of promise suit against Congressman Breckinridge, of Kentucky, today to satiate even the most expectant in the fashionable array of masculine audience which crowded the Circuit court. Witnesses well-known to all Washington detailed the secret history of the lives traveled, by the snow-bearded Congressman and the attractive young woman who were magnets for the curiosity which always surrounded the persons of such a case.

Chief among them, and the most interesting, was Mrs. Julia Blackburn, widow of ex-Governor Luke C. Blackburn, of Kentucky, a lady under whose chaperonage Miss Pollard had been placed by Col. Breckinridge, who showed herself quite as keen as Col. Phil. Thompson, the Kentucky ex-Congressman who tried unsuccessfully to beat his client's case by an inquisitorial cross-examination. A sister of Col. Breckinridge's first wife, Miss Mary Desha, also had something to say concerning a mysterious basket, the materiality of which was not made apparent. Another characteristic feature of the trial was the presence of the Washington police officers, who might have stepped from a French drama with his hitherto concealed knowledge of underground operations. His imperturbable air and matter of fact consultation of notes regarding the passages of Breckinridge-Pollard affairs, fitted down on the spot, Doc J. Lincoln, the eminently respectable and dignified family physician who had been in the city since he headed Congressman averted his face. At no time after did they eyes meet.

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OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

ADDITIONS TO THE ANTIETAM COMMISSION.

Josiah Turner's Law Suits Still Before the Courts—Train Wrecker Brown Sentenced for Twenty-Five Years—The Confederate Monument Association to Meet on the 15th Instant.

MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, March 9.

Governor Carr has added Gen. R. F. Hoke, R. T. Bennett and John C. Scarborough to the commission to locate the positions of North Carolina troops at Antietam.

Tax Collector Duncan Moore, of Duplin county, today made his State tax settlement, \$1,679.39.

The class in political economy at Trinity college is preparing a series of articles on municipal taxation in North Carolina.

In the case of Josiah Turner vs. G. Rosenbath, in Orange Superior court, the verdict and judgment in the case of Turner vs. Mrs. Holden, in Wake Superior court will be pleaded as a set-off.

The total cotton receipts here this season to date are \$2,961 bales against 19-183 last season. In the course of interview with leading cotton dealers your correspondent is informed that the reduction in acreage in cotton in Wake county will be 10 or 15 per cent this year. It is learned that the farmers are devoting more attention to tillage than ever before. This is in the direction of preparation of farms for crops. The lands in this section are cleaner than elsewhere. This is in the direction of preparation of farms for crops.

Lieut. Allen G. Rogers, of the navy, has left Yokohama for Raleigh. He is a son of late Congressman Simon H. Rogers.

There was an error in the statement of the term of sentence of George Brown, a postmaster at Raleigh. Most of them felt sure that an appointment would have been made by Wednesday of this week.

On the 15th instant the North Carolina Confederate Monument Association is to meet in this city. The president, Mrs. Armistead Jones, gives notice that the grounds for the monument will be chosen, and the date for the laying of the corner-stone fixed. The ceremonies on the latter occasion are to be made imposing.

Governor Carr left today for Edgecombe county. The University press is now established. At it the printing for the University is done.

Nominated by the President. WASHINGTON, March 9.—The President today nominated Francis M