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CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 24.—Shanks offered a resolution, instructing the committee on Indian affairs to investigate the status of the Indians of the U. S. and its Territories, as to their citizenship under the Constitution, and touching their title to property and to other rights and privileges, in view of past treaty stipulations and law, and the executive orders concerning them. Adopted.

AMERICAN.

DAYTON, O., 24.—This afternoon, Christopher Mourse, a Frenchman, living in the south part of the city, shot and instantly killed his wife in a sudden fit of rage, which is attributed to a disordered mind.

A large and excited meeting, composed mostly of women, is held here daily and nightly, to prepare for a crusade against the liquor sellers, the time for which is not yet fixed.

RIPLEY, O., 24.—The temperance crusaders, yesterday, began their work on the suburban saloons, and have already induced two to close, the proprietor of one of them giving them his stock to pour into the road.

AUGUSTA, Me., 24.—The House of Representatives, to-day, refused to pass the bill abolishing the death penalty, by a vote of 57 to 73.

FT. MADISON, Ia., 24.—The Ladies' Christian Temperance Association of this city, sent a postal card this p.m., to each saloon keeper in the town, asking them to close, and informing them that if they don't comply by Thursday next, they would visit them personally and pray and entreat them to do so.

COLUMBUS, 24.—A State Temperance mass Convention met here to-day; about a hundred persons were present, mostly from southern Ohio. Dio Lewis presided. Short speeches were made by a number of persons, including several ladies. A State Temperance Bureau, intended to supply speakers and organizers for working all parts of the State, was organized. Resolutions were adopted hailing the success of the movement as a proof that the liquor traffic can be abolished, declaring reliance on Divine assistance in the work, urging contributions of money to aid the movement, and appealing to the ladies who engaged in it to avoid all denunciation of liquor dealers, but to treat them kindly and endeavor to assist them in changing their business to some other which shall be remunerative to them and beneficial to the community.

CITY OF MEXICO, 15.—A terrible affair is reported in the State of Vera Cruz. A quarrel between townsmen of Quimixitan and Huascaleca resulted in a fight, in which seventeen were killed; the infuriated Huascalecas afterwards went to Quimixitan and began an indiscriminate massacre, killing children, and cutting off the breasts of women. The neighboring town of Chalchicomula sent a detachment of militia to stop the atrocities.

NEW YORK, 25.—The Fulton St. prayer meeting has engaged in the cause of temperance in a special manner, and yesterday prayers were offered for deliverance from the power of rum, and that the fire kindled by the women may sweep from off the earth the crime of making drunkards.

NEWCASTLE, Del., 25.—At one o'clock this morning, twelve masked men entered the jail here, seized, gagged and bound the warden, burst open the doors of the jail and let out E. Frazer, recently sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, and the burglars Lawton, Hurlbut, Carter and Pope, in under ten years' sentence.

CHICAGO, 25.—According to the latest dispatches, about 75 or 100 men are still on the ice floes in Saginaw Bay; they have been carried about ten miles out, and can be easily observed through field-glasses. Several small parties came to land yesterday, and no such apprehensions seem to be entertained for the safety of the rest as were felt the day before. None have been drowned in attempting to reach the shore, although the passage is very perilous, having to be made over broken cakes of ice.

NEW YORK, 25.—This afternoon a policeman named John Doyle shot and instantly killed Miss Law-

ler, with whom he had been in company for some time; it is said that the officer was jealous of the young lady, and shot her after getting drunk. The murderer was arrested.

CINCINNATI, 25.—The *Gazette* special from Piqua, O., says the praying women, on entering the saloon of the City Hotel, this evening, found the bar keeper, Stillwell, disrobing; they left, and the men standing by told the fact on the street, and the crowd gathered in front of the hotel gave Stillwell an hour to leave the saloon. The keepers came to his defense. The crowd on the street grew larger and a dangerous riot was threatened.

ST. LOUIS, 25.—Senator Guecke introduced in the State Senate, to-day, a bill to protect peaceable citizens from imposition by religious or temperance fanatics, and to make praying, singing, preaching or swearing, on or contiguous to any premises, without the consent of the owner, a misdemeanor punishable by fine.

PHILADELPHIA, 25.—Elizabeth Cady Stanton, in an address before the Radical club, this p.m., on the anti-liquor movement, opposed the feature of peripatetic praying bands of women; she thought women should exert their influence in other ways.

STURGES, Mich., 25.—The Temperance men have succeeded in closing every saloon in the town.

BOSTON, 25.—The Boston grange, which were declared not to be in good standing by the national grange, it seems, met to-night, and declared themselves independent of the national order, and adopted a declaration of principles, and invites other organizations to unite with them as independent grangers.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—The Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Union, in this city, had a grand demonstration at the Academy of Music last evening; the building was crowded and a large number of clergy and laymen, together with many Protestants, were on the stage. The exercises consisted of addresses and music and the reading of encouraging letters from the bishops throughout the country.

NEW YORK, 26.—A convention of the Trades and Freethinkers' Union, Turn Verein, Varietaz Society and other organizations, was held last night, for the purpose of taking further action to proceed against the police commissioners on account of the Tompkins Square affair on the 13th of January; resolutions were presented, which provide that measures shall be taken to procure the indictment of the police commissioners for inciting a riot on the 13th of January, and that charges be prepared against them and presented to the mayor, who shall be called upon to remove them from office, which it is alleged they have disgraced.

A number of women engaged in the Temperance cause, failing to secure the Theatre Comique for Sunday evening, a meeting was called at a well known saloon in Houston Street yesterday, with the view of obtaining the use of the theatre attached. The proprietor, Hill, was not in at the time, but on his return he was informed of the visit, when he wrote a letter addressed to the public, in which he says, "The echoes of the great temperance movement in Ohio have reached me, and as a humble but still sympathetic member of the community I heartily join and will substantially aid in disseminating the principles of temperance so little known, appreciated and practiced in our midst." Harry has placed his theatre, according to his letter, at the disposal of the temperance women for Sunday evening; it is now well patronized as a variety and dance shop.

HORNELLVILLE, N. Y., 26.—The strike of the brakemen on the Erie Railway is ended, and all the passenger and freight trains are running regularly.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—The *Medical Times* states that the autopsy of the Siamese twins was conducted on Friday last, resulting in some interesting discoveries. The commission found that the two livers, which were supposed to be joined only by blood vessels, were really one body, the parenchymatous tissue being continuous between them, so that when they were removed from the bodies and placed on a table they formed one mass; the so called track of portal continuity is therefore the liver tissue. It will be remembered that Chang was said to be possessed of one more

pouch than Eng; when the liver was removed, however, an upper hepatic pouch was found, also proceeding from Eng, so that the band contained four pouches of periton-eulx, besides the lower tissue. These disclosures show that any attempt during life to separate the twins would, in all probability, have proved fatal.

CHICAGO, 26.—The disagreement between the Union and Central Pacific railroads and the Rock Island, Chicago and Burlington and North Western roads, on the question of *pro rata* freight, is virtually settled, nothing being left to complete the arrangement except some details. This settlement was brought about to-day at a meeting of the general freight agents of the above roads. Another meeting will be held to-morrow, when the terms upon which the roads are willing to *pro rata* will be finally settled.

DAYTON, Ohio, 26.—The women continue their prayer meetings with their usual spirit. The advisory committee took legal advice to-day, and it is rumored decided for the present against street prayer in consequence of the stringent ordinance against obstructing the streets; the ladies may yet conclude to test the ordinance.

PITTSBURG, 26.—At a meeting to-day the temperance women completed their plan of operations for their praying brigade to attack the saloons of the city, and fixed upon Tuesday next to commence the campaign.

NEW YORK, 27.—The temperance crusaders in New York are patiently waiting for a storm from the west, and expect to begin work in earnest with the opening of next week.

Last night the Sons of Temperance gathered in mass meeting, when, in an address, the Rev. W. C. Steele said that the Mayor's wife, the District Attorney's wife, Crosby's wife and Dr. John Hall's wife could sweep the saloons before them as the first women of Philadelphia and other towns were doing.

On Monday the 17th Street Methodist Church daily prayer meeting will begin, and on Sunday afternoon a temperance experience meeting will be held in Forsythe Street church.

Nearly two hundred ladies of high social standing in Jersey City met yesterday, and organized a women's temperance movement; they are not connected with the ladies' praying band that visits saloons; their plan is to district the city, visit families, and urge men, women and children to sign the total abstinence pledge.

At a mass meeting in Dr. Cuyler's church, in Brooklyn, on Tuesday next, Drs. Talmadge, Buddington and Duryea will speak.

The Latin Catholic Temperance Union, of Brooklyn, will have a great demonstration in the Academy of Music, under the patronage of Bishop Laughlin.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says the women's temperance crusade in that city and State continues to be the all absorbing topic. The Christian ladies of one portion of the city have perfected their plans, and between three and five hundred women of the best society will take a part in the war.

A great public demonstration by the Catholics of Jersey city was held last evening in St. Michael's church; three thousand people were present. The president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, the Very Rev. Dean Byrne, of Trenton, made a most emphatic speech, urging the Catholic citizens to arise immediately and do battle against the great public foe of American liberty and of their Christian religion. They owed it to the honor of their name to show how they could crush out the great evil now striking terror into the heart of every American patriot and Christian man. He called upon them to take the religious abstinence pledge, as Archbishop Manning had done, and as the bishops and priests were doing in this country at large. The crowd arose and then knelt in front of the altar and took the pledge.

A Washington dispatch says that Mrs. M. C. Gaines, of N. O., has been before the sub-committee, in the case of Judge Durell, and that her testimony is regarded as of such a character as to require the prompt presentation of articles of impeachment. Mrs. Gaines, it seems, had a conversation about Durell with her lawyer, Stone, who said that he (Durell) will sit upon your cause and decide in your favor upon certain conditions, which are that Sheriff Parker retains in his hands

\$21,000 for making streets in the property litigated for by the Union Company, the heirs of Cavalier and Davenport and Mrs. Gaines; Durell can arrange it, and if you will give him twenty thousand dollars you can have the remainder, to be given to the above named heirs, and every other lot in the two squares designated is also to be given to Durell." Subsequently, at the house of Norton, assignee in bankruptcy, Mrs. Gaines met Durell, who asked why he could not sit in her case, and referred her to Norton. At a meeting at that office he said to Mrs. Gaines if she would consent to the proposition made to her by Mr. Stone the day before, he (the Judge) would sit in her case.

Christopher Rafferty, thrice convicted of the murder of policeman O'Meara, in this city, two years since, was hanged in jail, at Waukegan, Ill., at one o'clock this afternoon.

The *Evening Post* learns that Daniel Drew is lying dangerously ill at his home in this city.

FREDERICK, Md., 27.—Several valuable horses, including the well known "Wade Hampton," were burned to death by a fire in Sam'l T. Bungle's stable this morning.

ITHACA, N. Y., 27.—The woman's temperance movement fairly started here at 9 this morning. Bells were rung, and the people in large numbers assembled at Library Hall, where Dio Lewis explained the manner of organizing and conducting the movement. Short speeches were made by clergymen and prominent citizens. Ladies of the leading families were on the stage and also spoke.

WASHINGTON, 27.—Gen. Butler, with Secretary Richardson, Senator Boutwell, and Representatives Hooper and Buffington, had an interview with the President this morning, relative to the appointment of Simmons as collector at Boston, the result being, it is stated, that the President will not withdraw it, nor, in case of rejection, will he nominate any of the three persons named by the seven mass meeting representatives.

The House, to-day, granted a pension of fifty dollars a month to the widow of Gen. Canby; Coburn made an effort to have the pension a hundred dollars a month. The House also voted to the widow of Gen. Meade and to the mother of Gen. McPherson a pension of fifty dollars each, and increased the pension to the widow of Commodore Elliott from thirty to fifty dollars a month.

BOSTON, 27.—The Massachusetts Senate has passed a ten hour bill. It makes no provision for the hours of labor for men, but provides that women, and children under eighteen, shall not be employed in manufacturing establishments more than sixty hours a week, or an average of ten hours a day, each violation punishable by a fine of fifty dollars.

CINCINNATI, 27.—In the City Council, to-day, an ordinance to license the social evil was defeated, by a vote of fifteen to five.

The Senate, in Executive session to-day, after an hour's discussion on the nomination of Simmons for Collector of Boston, in which Boutwell and Sumner both opposed the nomination, confirmed Simmons by a vote of 27 to 17, the Democrats present voting in the affirmative.

The bill reported by McKee, to-day, from the committee on Territories, concerning the execution of the laws in Utah, gives authority to the U. S. marshal to appoint deputies in each judicial district of that Territory; the U. S. attorney is also authorized to appoint assistants, and it is made their duty to attend all the courts. Only male citizens of the United States, over twenty-one years of age, and for six months resident in the Territory, shall be competent to serve as grand or petit jurors, their names to be drawn from a box, a certain number of them being written on slips of paper. In all prosecutions for bigamy, polygamy or adultery, it shall not be necessary to prove either the first or subsequent marriage by the registration or certificate thereof, or other recorded evidence, but the same may be proved by such evidence as is admissible to prove marriage in civil cases, and proof of cohabitation by the accused with more than one woman as husband and wife, the declaration or admission that such women are his wives, and his acts recognizing, acknowledging, introducing, treating or deporting himself toward them as such, shall be admissible as evidence. Any wo-

man, now or hereafter, holding the relation of spouse or consort, and not that of lawful wife to any man who at the time cohabits with another woman as his lawful wife, spouse or consort, may file her petition asking to be discharged from such relation, and the court may, upon due hearing, adjudge and decree her to be freed from such relation, and give her the possession and control of her minor children, together with a portion of the estate and property of the man for the support of herself and children. The bill provides that nothing it contains shall be construed as repealing, changing or annulling existing laws against polygamy, and that probate courts shall have jurisdiction only in cases of wills and the estates of decedents, and shall not exercise any other civil, criminal or equity jurisdiction whatever. The district courts shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in all actions for divorce, and any and all chancery cases or proceeding. All courts except supreme, district, probate and justices' courts are abolished. The last section disapproves and annuls various acts passed in the legislative assembly, including the ordinance incorporating the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the act regulating the mode of procedure in the courts of Utah, the act conferring upon the women the elective franchise, the act for the organization of the militia of the Territory, the act prescribing the duties of selectmen and the duties of county courts, the act in relation to writs of ejectment, the act regulating the mode of procedure in criminal cases, the act regulating the elections, the act concerning the property rights of married persons, also all acts providing for the election by the legislature of the auditor, treasurer, surveyor general, and wardens of the penitentiary, so far as said acts provide for the election of said officers by the legislative assembly, and all said officers will be appointed by the governor, and be subject to removal by him. The bill was ordered printed and recommended.

PHILADELPHIA, 27.—About one thousand ladies inaugurated a crusade against the liquor dealers here to-day; they delegated twenty of their number, who visited three saloons, around which they sang and prayed, the proprietors having closed their doors. A number of roughs gathered and ridiculed the proceedings. The proprietors called the police, but they refused to interfere. A number of prominent saloons in Chestnut Street to-day, received written notices that the ladies in a body would soon call on them.

SAN FRANCISCO, 27.—A large meeting of merchants and other prominent business men was held this p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of expressing their sentiments relative to the charges made by County Judge Stanley against Mayor Otis and Treasurer Hubert, that by depositing seven hundred thousand dollars of the city funds in the bank of California, they had violated the law. Several speeches were made. Ex-mayor Selby said the parties had only followed the custom in such cases. A set of resolutions was adopted by almost unanimous vote, expressing full confidence in the mayor and treasurer, and condemning the action of Judge Stanley as unwarranted and unjust.

BOSTON, 28.—The *Journal*, to-day, remarks on Simmons' confirmation—"The answer comes to us from Washington, that we must have Butler and Butler men, whether we want them or not. The Republican party of Massachusetts will not stand the evil and disgrace sought to be, whether intentionally or not, inflicted upon us at Washington." The *Daily Advertiser* says, "This is an invasion of our rights for which no precedent will be found in the political history of this country, an outrage which cannot be many times repeated without destroying, not only the political party which tolerates it, but the harmony of the State is a surety."

NEW YORK, 28.—It is reported that dispatches have been received in this city, giving news of a terrible conflagration in Panama on the 25th, whereby a large portion of the business part of the town was destroyed; the loss is estimated at over a million, mostly insured in London.

There is a prospect of a large attendance at the mass meeting for the relief of the temperance cause, at Association Hall to-night. Dio Lewis telegraphs—"I charge no-