

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. —A stable on Nicholson street, above Cherry and below Seventh street, was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$300, early yesterday morning.

—On Saturday afternoon forty of the Mint employees were discharged, in consequence of orders received from Washington. About one-half of the number are ladies.

—The taxes received on Saturday last at the Receiver of Taxes' office amounted to \$165,098.66; previously received, \$928,585.52; total for five days, \$1,093,684.18, an increase on the first five days of last year of \$207,000.

—The captain of the bark Isaac R. Davis had a further hearing before United States Commissioner Clarke on Saturday, upon the charge of cruelty to a seaman, and was discharged from custody.

—The dedication of Christ Methodist Episcopal Church, Thirty-eighth and Bridge streets, took place yesterday. The opening discourse was delivered by Rev. Bishop Simpson, D.D., Rev. R. T. Ives, of Auburn, N. Y., and Rev. H. A. Cleveland, pastor of the church officiated in the after part of the day.

—Mr. James N. Caley, of this city, National Councilor of the Order of United American Mechanics, has issued a proclamation to the effect "that the 8th day of July next will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the order, and that the State Council of Pennsylvania, having recommended that the day should be appropriately observed, therefore it is recommended that a general celebration of the day be held by the various councils in such manner as they may deem appropriate."

—On Saturday evening Special Officer Wood, with a bench warrant issued by one of the Quarter Sessions judges in his pocket, attempted to arrest Frank Moran, who was on the point of leaving for Baltimore. The charge against Moran is that he kept a gambling house. The latter left the depot in the custody of Wood, but when an opportunity presented itself, broke from the officer's grasp and made off down Washington avenue.

—An inquest was held yesterday by the Coroner upon the body of Mrs. Sarah Ritchie, aged 47 years, who was burned to death on Saturday night last, at her residence on Somerset, near C street. From the testimony it appeared that she was seen on Frankford road in the evening marketing. Afterwards, and about ten o'clock, Bernard Green and his son, while passing the deceased's house, discovered it to be on fire. They broke in and extinguished the flames with a bucket of water, and then found the body of deceased buried under a crisp, with a broken lamp near it. The lamp is supposed to have exploded.

—The annual commencement of the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery was held at the Musical Fund Hall on Saturday evening last. Degrees were conferred upon the following named graduates:—J. Fred Babcock, Maine; Charles H. Bagley, Pa.; Edward F. Barnes, Mass.; Henry E. Beach, Va.; Francisco E. Brunet, Cuba; George T. Carpenter, Ill.; Charles P. Coffee, Ohio; Frank L. De Gour, Pa.; E. Kubly, D. C.; M. D. Cuba; Charles E. Edwards, Pa.; Thomas H. Gilpin, Md.; Augustus V. Hartman, Pa.; Ferdinand Hasbrouck, Pa.; John Helling, Pa.; W. H. I. Hilliard, N. J.; Louis G. Houard, Cuba; Samuel F. Howland, Mass.; Jay H. Johnston, Pa.; George W. Klump, Pa.; O. L. DeLalande, M. D., France; Jonathan T. Leet, Pa.; William A. Marler, N. C.; J. Henry Mease, Pa.; Charles W. Meloney, Del.; Gustavus J. R. Miller, Pa.; Jose M. Portuondo, Cuba; Alfred Reand, France; Augustus J. Riederich, Iowa; Granville L. Robb, Pa.; Charles H. Scott, Ohio; John Sheldon, N. Y.; Melville C. Sim, Ohio; George W. Smith, Pa.; James G. Tompkins, Pa.; James T. Turner, Md.; Charles Tyson, Pa.; John D. Ware, N. J.; M. Milnor Worrall, Pa.; Seneca B. Brown, Indiana; H. H. Martin, Pa.; J. B. Prescott, N. H.

—At an early hour on Sunday morning a fire broke out in the boarding-house of C. P. Williams, No. 1103 Girard street. It began in the cellar, and burned through the parlor and rear portion of the second-story floors, and up the stairways and along the passages, way from the cellar to the garret. All the rooms in the house are more or less damaged by the flames and water. The furniture in the house, valued at \$500, is almost entirely and not totally destroyed, though what remains is badly damaged. Mr. Williams was in New York at the time. Mrs. Williams, her daughter, aged about seventeen years, and a son, aged about thirteen years, when awakened, found their exit by the stairway cut off by the fire, and escaped by means of sheets rolled into a rope from the window of the second-story back room they occupied, into a small back street. In making the descent, Mrs. Williams, who is in delicate health, fell and was severely injured. The other inmates of the house—two servant girls and two male boarders—escaped without injury.

Domestic Affairs. —The examination into the alleged sale of cadavers is still going on in this country.

—A cripple was taken to death with his crutch, by a rough in Hudson City, on Saturday.

—General Quesada was in Savannah on Saturday. He states the Cuban army at 20,000, but they are in need of arms.

—The Senate Judiciary Committee had under consideration on Saturday the case of the Georgia Senators.

—Revels, the colored Senator from Mississippi, is making temperance addresses in Washington to the negroes.

—The remains of Mr. Burlingame, after lying in state at the American Legation in St. Petersburg, will be sent to this country.

—Attorney-General Hoar declines to do anything to aid those parties affected by the legal tender decision of the Supreme Court.

—Right Rev. Thomas Foley was yesterday consecrated, in Baltimore, Bishop of Pergamum and Bishop Coadjutor of Chicago.

—It is telegraphed from Washington that there is no doubt of General Ames being admitted to his seat as a Senator from Mississippi.

—The Bishop of Laval, France, will rather die than aid in some unmentioned projects spoken of in Rome.

—In the hope of learning something of the City of Boston, the English agents of the line have sent out a steamship to cruise off Madeira. All old sailors think she is disabled, and making for port under sail.

Reputation. —To the Editor of The Evening Telegraph.—By February, 1869, Congress passed the "Legal-tender act" under a pressure of war necessities, and very few doubtful constitutional authority. The effect of this act, as considered until lately, was to destroy the obligation of contracts, even contracts made anterior to the passage of the act, whereby the debtor was benefited at the expense of the creditor, and whereby untold millions of obligations in the shape of mortgages and contracts were forced to settlement by debtors obliging creditors to receive payment in a depreciated currency varying from 21 to 170 per cent. below the obligation originally agreed upon.

Many thousands of widows and orphans left with limited means will testify to the misery which was entailed upon them by the destruction of obligations, such as mortgages, railroad and canal bonds, which they had in good faith purchased with specie, presuming that the Government under which they lived would never impair the obligation of contracts.

Now, after eight years' patient suffering on the part of the creditor class, and after years of glorious times for the debtor class, the Supreme Court of the United States has, with great justice and equity, given a decision that will hereafter be remembered between what they loaned previous to February, 1862, and depreciated, irrevocable paper of 17 to 20 per cent. This is a very small recompense for past losses when differences ran as high as 170 per cent.

Reputation has been frowned down. Congress unanimously passes resolutions that the obligations of the nation (except greenbacks) shall be faithfully paid in coin; any one dissenting from this view is considered disloyal—a traitor to his country. See William B. Hart, clerk to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the great State of Pennsylvania, publicly giving notice that it is not advisable for the State Treasurer to pay its indebtedness in anything but legal (irrevocable) tenders; thus not only advocating continued repudiation, but setting at defiance the decision of the highest court in the land.

Again, we see that one Mr. Howard is deputed by railroad companies of Pennsylvania to procure for the State of Pennsylvania, and to obtain by any and every means in his power a reversal of the decision, on the plea no doubt that it is more convenient and profitable for the debtor to continue repudiation to the less and more to the creditor.

It is to be hoped that Congress will adhere to its resolutions of honesty, and that it will not interfere with a just decision of the Supreme Court which prohibits repudiation on the part of corporations or individuals.

BEFORE THE WAR. Secret History of the John Brown Raid on Harper's Ferry.

John Brown and five of his men arrived in Detroit with fourteen slaves from Missouri, in the summer of 1858. One of the slaves gave birth to a male child on the way. The boy was named J. Brown, and now lives in Windsor. By a strange coincidence, Fred Douglass happened to be lecturing in this city the same evening that Brown arrived. After the lecture, the leaders of the insurrectionary movement got together in the house of Wm. Webb, on Congress street, near Ontario street, and arranged the plan for the raid on Harper's Ferry. Mr. Webb was for years manager of the tobacco factory on Jefferson avenue, and was a highly respected man. He is now dead. The leading colored people of Detroit and Chatham were also present at the meeting. Business objected to Brown's plan, which originally was to make raids on single plantations until he had collected a force of about 1000 slaves, and then swoop down on the large towns and cities, collecting force and material as he progressed. Brown grew wrathful, and asked Douglass if he was a coward, and referred to his success in Kansas as an arguement of the Virginia campaign. Mr. Douglass replied that he was not a coward, and would give material aid to the plan if he did not approve of it, or did not go himself. George De Boyette also disapproved of the plan, but proposed a rumpus plot, in which some fifteen of the largest churches in the South would be blown up on a fixed Sunday. Brown objected to the plan on the score of humanity, asserting by his plans not a hundred lives would be lost, his intention being not to shed blood until it became absolutely necessary. De Boyette still urged radical measures, declaring that Brown's plan would fail, and perhaps cause the loss of a million of lives before the troubles likely to ensue would be ended. He cited in support of his position the fact that the Nat Turner insurrection, in 1831, by which fifty-three white lives were lost, had had the effect of causing the next Virginia Legislature to consider a bill for the gradual emancipation of the slaves, which bill was lost by only two votes.

Ossawatimie's counsel finally prevailed, and the only favor, besides money and advice, that he asked of his Detroit friends, was to furnish him one man, which they did—a Chathamite. The news of the disturbance at Harper's Ferry, which took the nation with so much surprise, was perfectly well understood by the colored people of this city. They were anticipating the event, since one Foster had divulged in Washington the plans of Brown, who, in consequence, was obliged to flee, and abandon his enterprise in precipitate matters, even at fearful odds. He chose the latter alternative.

The sequel is sufficiently well known. These facts, however, have been kept with sworn secrecy, until lately, by the colored men of Detroit. The particulars have never been published. It may be only necessary to add that subsequent to the meeting at Webb's house, on Congress street, a meeting was held in Chatham, at which the "cap sheet" was put in the plan. Now that the negroes are equal, politically, before the law, they have no fear in letting their connection with this affair be known. They glory in it. —Detroit Post.

A Singular Occurrence.

Something over a year ago a man in New Orleans left his family quite suddenly, and was gone several months, when he returned and resumed his family relations, and his wife, glad of his return, forebore any reproaches regarding his long and unaccountable absence. But a few weeks after his return another actor appeared upon the scene, this time a young and beautiful woman. She claimed to be the wanderer's wife.

"But I'm married already!" "You have married me!" "You are mistaken. I never saw you before—know nothing of you!" he said in reply, and maintained his declaration so earnestly that everybody believed him. The lady was regarded as an impostor. She went away, but has come back again, armed with a marriage certificate and proof of her husband's identity.

Now for the explanation. The wanderer at last, by extraneous evidence, however, admits the soft impeachment. When he went away he was suffering from temporary insanity.

While under this mental hallucination, he wooed and won his second wife. But when his reason returned, or rather when the cloud was removed from his mind, he came back to his first love and lawful wife. This is the case in a nutshell. None of the circumstances are exaggerated, and the tale is told as it was related by one of the family. Singular as it may appear, both wives appear to be satisfied with the explanation, and all the parties are making arrangements to go to Utah.

—Signor G. Morosi has published at Turin and Florence a volume of studies on the "Dialecti Greci" of the territory of Oranto preceded by a collection of songs, legends, proverbs and riddles in the same dialect.

—Signor G. Napolitano has printed at Naples a letter on the Arms and Utensils of the Stone Age.

MARINE TELEGRAPH. For additional Marine News see First Page.

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