

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. A meeting of the Committee on Law was held yesterday to consider the matter of levying a special tax of six cents per \$100 for the erection of public buildings.

A meeting of shoe-cutters was held last evening at the hall southeast corner of Ninth and Spring Garden streets, for the purpose of taking action in reference to the strike among the shoe-cutters of New York.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance was held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian House, Chestnut street, near Broad, Rev. Dr. Musgrave, President; Rev. Dr. Nevin, Secretary.

DIRECT IMPORTATION.

An interesting meeting of the Board of Trade. The Board of Trade held their stated meeting last evening, Mr. James C. Hand, Vice-President, in the Chair.

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Mr. Henry Winsor, of the Committee on Foreign and Coastwise Commerce, to whom was referred the matter of Penrose Ferry Bridge, reported that Councils had made an appropriation to reconstruct the same.

Mr. John Price Wetherill, Chairman of the Committee on Direct Importation, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Council of the Board of Trade of the City of Philadelphia recommend to the moneyed corporations of this city to act as promptly in taking the bonds of the steamship company guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Winsor, of the committee to examine into the subject of the obstructions in the Delaware, at the Horse Shoe, reported that the committee had memorialized Congress to appropriate a sufficient sum to remove the obstructions.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Buzby, Tatem and Wetherill Committee of the Month. Adjourned.

Domestic Affairs. Hon. D. T. Jewett, of St. Louis, was yesterday appointed United States Senator from Missouri, in place of Hon. Mr. Drake, who resigned.

Work in the Census Bureau is, so far as the full enumeration of the entire country is concerned, approaching completion very rapidly.

Last evening an immense gas holder in Cincinnati exploded, causing a loss of one hundred thousand dollars. Fortunately no person was killed, and but one slightly injured.

In the U. S. Senate yesterday, after the close of an important bill, introduced by Mr. Stewart, in relation to freights on the Pacific Railroad; by Mr. Nye, to enable the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company to mortgage their road, etc.; by Mr. Rice, to incorporate the Red River Raft Company; and by Mr. Nye, for the admission of Colorado as a State.

Mr. Sherman, from the Finance Committee, reported the bill to revise the mint laws. Mr. Williams tried to get his resolution for a joint Committee on Ocean Telegraphs considered, but Messrs. Conkling and Sumner objected. Mr. Schurz's resolution looking to amnesty was referred, but Mr. Morton stating that several Senators wished to discuss it, entered a motion to reconsider the reference.

Pending discussion of a case involving the liabilities of the Government for individual losses, in consequence of appropriation of private property during the war, the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

In the House, on motion of Mr. Voorhees, the Public Lands Committee were directed to report a bill exempting disabled pensioners from the requirements of the Homestead Law for a personal settlement. Mr. Jones, of Kentucky, offered a resolution declaring for a universal amnesty, which was rejected—yeas 14, nays 142—most of the Democrats voting against it because of an offensive implication in the preamble favoring the right of secession.

Mr. Cox then asked unanimous consent to offer the same resolution without the preamble, but Mr. Jones objected. Bills were passed appropriating \$30,000 for the collection of the Apache Indians of New Mexico and Arizona upon reservations, and authorizing soldiers of 1812 and of the Mexican war to enter on the alternate sections of land along the railroads which have received grants. The Pension bill, appropriating \$30,000,000, was passed. Pending consideration of the Legislative Appropriation bill, which appropriates \$18,635,480, the House adjourned.

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THE WAR.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

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THE WALKING OF LIBERTY.

Trial by Jury in California—A Jurymen's Arrangements.

From the Alta California.

It will be recollected that the jury in the O'Connor murder case went out to deliberate on their verdict about 1 o'clock last Saturday afternoon.

They were brought into court several times, but stated that they were unable to agree, and were always sent out again. At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon they brought into court. All looked weary and exhausted.

William Hester, one of the jurors, addressed the court substantially as follows: "I did not decide so and so, by another jurymen, it would be worse for me this morning, while lying in bed, this man (pointing to Mr. Howard) accuses me, and threatened if I did not decide with him he would shoot me or cut me to pieces. Under those circumstances, I should render a verdict in accordance with the desire of this gentleman, would be wrong for me to do so; and I don't desire to sleep there again, because I don't think the man is sane, from the way he has acted."

H. C. Howard—I deny the charges; there is no truth in them. Judge McKinstry—I don't care about hearing the merits of the matter. If there is any juror who has any weapons on his person let him surrender them at once to the Sheriff.

Mr. Howard then took from his vest a bowie knife, and from his back pocket a Derringer, which he handed to the Sheriff.

Judge McKinstry shocks the sense of decency that a juror should go into the jury room with weapons.

Mr. Howard—I deny the charges. I have carried arms since I was a boy.

William Hester—Furthermore, he stood over my bed this morning with a penknife, and did the same thing to me there and sleep on another night in his company. I will agree with them upon a verdict and do it under protest; and I will do it against my conscience.

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Judge McKinstry—This defendant will have to be tried, and I do not desire to comment on the case. I don't suppose there is anything in the case to prevent your going with a verdict, unless you suppose that when you go out to deliberate you will agree. It is strange that a juror should go in to try such things as are carried on. Soon after the jury went out I was told in a quiet way that there directed a man, the juror that would hang it. Gentlemen, you are discharged.

The Bank Robbery in Maine.

Particulars of the North Berwick National Bank Robbery—Doors Broken Open with Wedges.

A Portsmouth correspondent of the Boston Advertiser writes: "The North Berwick National Bank was robbed on Thursday night of July 29th. The outer and inner doors of the bank were broken open with iron and steel wedges, which were left behind, and are just like those left near the South Berwick Bank last year. No gunpowder appears to have been used, although a hole was made in the trap door of the chamber to the safe. The windows of the banking room were curtained by the robbers with black cambric, both on the inside and outside. A most successful attempt was made. No clue had been obtained of the robbers up to sunset.

A stolen team, the horse belonging to the firm of Samuel Burdett and Sons, of Wilton, Maine, and the harness to some unknown person, is supposed by the tracks to have gone southward towards Dover. Four men, named William Thomas, and the harness to some unknown person, is supposed by the tracks to have gone southward towards Dover. Four men, named William Thomas, and the harness to some unknown person, is supposed by the tracks to have gone southward towards Dover.

Some journals here have asserted that there have been troubles in Paris, that Gustave Florens has been arrested, and that the government has paid no attention to these reports. Semi-official advices from Paris state that the city was quiet, and animated with one sentiment—that of commending the Emperor.

Reports from the forces in the east and north of France are good. There has been some excitement in the East, and some reports of skirmishes, but the French are everywhere victorious. The French are everywhere victorious. The French are everywhere victorious.

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Attest— President of Common Council.

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Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Department of Highways be and is hereby authorized to construct the following sewers, of the diameter of three feet in the clear inside, viz.:—On the line of Clearfield street, from Cedar street to the Aramingo canal; on Dickinson street, from Sixth to Seventh street; on Locust street, from the west line of Fourth street to Fifth street, and on Seneca street, from Forty-fourth street to Mica street; thence on Mica street to Oregon street, and on Oregon street to the water sewer course. Said sewers to be built of brick, circular in shape, and in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Section 2. The Chief Commissioner of Highways shall advertise according to law, announcing that bids will be received for the sewers above designated, and he shall allot them to the lowest bidders, and it shall be a condition of said contract that the contractor shall accept the same assessed upon and charged to the property in the lots of said sewer, in accordance with the ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the assessment upon property for the construction of branch culverts or drains," approved May 13, 1866, and supplement thereto, approved February 10, 1870, and the same shall be assessed and assessment to be charged to item (for branch sewers) of annual appropriations made by the Department of Highways for the year 1870.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, —, 1871.

To the City Treasurer:—

Pay to the persons and corporations above named the amounts respectively due to them, as above set forth, for the interest on city debt due.

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To Item 39 (for repairs at Delaware Works) the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars, to the following items:—

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To Item 41 (for repairs at Germantown Works) the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars.

To Item 42 (for labor, laying pipes, setting and fitting fire-plugs, stop-cocks, etc.) the sum of sixty-five hundred (\$6500) dollars, to the following items:—

To Item 25 (for books, stationery, advertising, printing, and posting) the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars.

To Item 26 (for coal and wood, Fairmount Works) the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars.

To Item 32 (for tallow, oil, and gas, Delaware Works) the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars.

To Item 33 (for tallow, oil, and gas, Schuylkill Works) the sum of eight hundred and fifty (\$850) dollars.

To Item 35 (for tallow, oil, and small stores, Germantown Works) the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars.

To Item 37 (for small stores, tools, red and white lead, gum, hemp, emery, etc.) the sum of three hundred and fifty (\$350) dollars.

To Item 43 (for keeping pipes, plugs, stops, and fixtures in good order) the sum of twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars.

To Item 46 (for keeping building, grounds, and reservoir in good order) the sum of eighteen hundred (\$1800) dollars.

Attest— President of Common Council.

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