

NEWS SUMMARY.

The civil engineers who were arrested at the Park in the act of surveying the route of the National Railroad, had a final hearing before Alderman Alexander, yesterday. The Solicitor of the Park was present, and stated that it was the intention of the commissioners to resist the building of the railroad through the grounds by all legal means, and the persons under arrest were asked what their instructions were. They replied that they had been ordered to survey the route, but had not received any instructions in respect to the park. Defendants declined to give bail and were committed.

A short time before the closing of the polls last evening at the precinct house Twelfth and Briston streets, a disturbance took place, during which Officers Patrick Quinn, of the Fifth district, and Eastburn, of the Fourteenth district, were shot. It appears that a crowd of roughs visited the voting place, and, evidently bent upon mischief, extinguished the public lights in the neighborhood. Considerable confusion was caused in consequence, and while the police were moving towards the offenders, a discharge of a pistol was heard, followed by several shots in rapid succession. Two of these discharges caused the wounds referred to. Policeman Quinn was shot in the arm, and the injury was not serious. He was admitted into the hospital. Eastburn was wounded in the groin, but not dangerously. He was taken to his home in Germantown. A young man who gave the name of Smith was arrested, supposed to have been one of the rioters, and Alderman Collins committed him for a further hearing.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Its Opening Last Evening—A Grand Affair. The opening last evening of the new Chamber of Commerce was of the most gorgeous description. The interior was neatly arrayed and presented a handsome appearance. The first floor was devoted to the purposes of a restaurant, and was fitted up in style under the management of Mr. R. L. Ryan. The second floor was used as dressing-rooms for the guests. The main hall, in the third floor was devoted to dancing. At about a quarter of 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive in large numbers, and from that hour until half-past 9 o'clock a continual stream of beautifully-dressed ladies with their attendants kept pouring into the building. At half-past 9 o'clock Professor B. K. McClurg's Brass Band struck up a lively air, and the music was continued at intervals until the grand opening march, which occurred at 9 o'clock. The dresses of the ladies were very fine, and for beauty and taste had not been excelled by any public or private entertainment given in this city the present season. Everything had been arranged in the most perfect order, and scores of well-trained servants were in attendance, who administered to the wants of those assembled. Shortly after 1 o'clock the dancing began with music by Hassler's orchestra, and continued with slight intermission until an early hour this morning. Every one present appeared to enjoy himself, the affair proving an entire success, and one which redounds greatly to the credit of those instrumental in its getting up. About 12 o'clock a grand banquet was furnished in the lower hall, which was spread in excellent style. Full justice was done to it by all, the exercise of the dance giving them less appetites. A large number of our prominent citizens were present during the evening. The affair was one of the most select and brilliant which has ever been witnessed in this city.

The gas-fixture, manufactured by Cornelius & Sons, attracted considerable attention; and well they might, for there are no finer ones in any building in this city. They are perfectly magnificent, and last evening were the occasion of much comment. They are so located that the conjoined light is decidedly uniform, and its effect upon the eyes is very pleasant. These fixtures reflect great credit upon the skill and taste of the Messrs. Cornelius & Sons.

THE GERMAN FAIR.

Opening Ceremonies Last Evening. The German Sanitary Fair was opened at Horticultural Hall last evening under the most favorable auspices. It is to continue open until Monday evening. All yesterday the different sub-committees were busy in receiving and arranging the goods, and numbers of men were kept busy in carrying out their orders. When the doors were opened large numbers of people poured into the hall, and by 9 o'clock the floor and balconies were filled. The ladies of the fair were darting hither and thither, their brilliant badges attracting universal attention.

About 9 o'clock the band, under Herr Oberkirch, struck up a German air, and the formal opening ceremonies then began by a military march by the band. The Young Men's chor singing society then sang "The German Fatherland," after which Mr. Charles Vezin, Consul of the North German Confederation, made the opening address. He was followed by the President of the Fair Association, Dr. A. Felger, who also delivered an address, as did also Dr. E. Morwitz. The song "During the Watch," was now sung by the Young Men's chor singing society, after which Dr. A. Kellner delivered a German address. The song, "Watch on the Rhine," was now sung, when his Honor Mayor Fox made a short address.

The hall is most beautifully decorated with evergreens throughout. The different tables are arranged around the sides of the hall, while in the centre of the room is a large fountain; on either side of it are tables of fancy goods, toys, and notions of various kinds, each table being covered with a beautiful bower of evergreens. The balcony is faced with flags, ribbons, and evergreens, and at intervals are hung the various colored flags of the different German singing societies of this city, who generously loaned them for the occasion.

Domestic Affairs.

The Georgia elections took place yesterday. The cold weather is reported to be intense on the Pacific coast. The Cincinnati Gas Company have ordered a scientific investigation into the causes which led to the explosion of their gasometer on Monday. The articles impeaching Governor Holden were formally submitted yesterday to the bar of the Senate of the North Carolina Legislature, and the Executive made no opposition to the surrendering of his office. In the United States Senate yesterday, after the close of our report, the San Domingo resolution was considered. After some discussion, Mr. Morton desiring to have his resolution considered, and Mr. Sumner urging his own resolution upon the subject, the Morton resolution was taken up by a vote of 36 to 17. Pending discussion of the matter, the Senate adjourned. In the House the Amnesty bill was discussed. Mr. Butler moved the previous

question on the amendments, which was seconded—yeas, 91; nays, 84. Without coming to a vote, however, the House adjourned.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER.

The Oakes Ames Contract—Opinion of Judge Pearson—Objection to the Rating. HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—The Credit Mobilier case occupied Judge Pearson all day, and will take up several more days. Hon. John B. Alley, ex-Congressman from Massachusetts, took nearly all the time of the court. The principal points of his testimony were that Oakes Ames took the Pacific Railway contract entered on condition to dispose of it as he pleased. The parties in interest who were to receive the profits had been associated with Mr. Ames from the beginning, under the Hoxie contract, and they were all owners in the Union Pacific Railway Company almost in exact proportion as they owned stock in the Credit Mobilier. By the mode of division under the assignment of the contract, which was in proportion to the stock held by the parties, they were made personally liable with Mr. Ames, which was his desire, they standing between him and danger.

The Credit Mobilier was not directly or indirectly interested in the contract of August 16, 1867, nor was it interested directly or indirectly under the agreement or assignment of October 15, 1867, further than appears on the face of the paper. In the dispute of counsel for the Commonwealth, whether or not these points should be admitted as evidence for the jury, Judge Pearson said that he had formerly, in this case, held that money given to the stockholders of a corporation was in effect and law given to the corporation itself; but the Supreme Court, in reversing the lower court, had now drawn a distinction between the stockholders and the corporation, asserting that this contract or assignment did not give them money to the corporation, but to the stockholders individually, so that it was considered only competent for the defense to show whether or not other parties were interested in the matter, and that the division of profits in proportion to the stock held in the Credit Mobilier was only for convenience and equitable transfer of interests.

Mr. Hall, for the Commonwealth, took exception to this ruling. The witness then proceeded in his line of evidence. The reason Oakes Ames assigned the contract on the 15th of October to trustees was, that when he made the contract with the Union Pacific Railroad Company it was the understanding that he had an absolute individual right legally to dispose of that contract, just as he should choose; yet it was felt by the parties in interest, who were really old associates, in the execution of the Hoxie contract, that there were equitable rights in consideration by which those parties were to have in some form and in some proportion an interest in this new contract.

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH DAY OF THE SIEGE OF PARIS—CONFLICTING STORIES CONCERNING THE BOMBARDMENT—THE POPE AND THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT. LONDON, Dec. 20.—Commodore Ashbury was met by throngs of friends on his arrival at Liverpool from America, and was subsequently entertained at a banquet given at the Grand Hotel. The Manchester Post, in an editorial on the Alabama claims, refers to the services to the United States of the French ironclads, just as the Adams and Beveridge Johnson, and says the present attitude of America is condemned by the record of her own ministers.

The British minister at Constantinople, manufacturing torpedoes and other material of war for use in case of need against Russia. The Lord Mayor of London was hissed to death by members of a deputation because he refused their application for the use of Guild Hall for a public meeting in favor of the French Republic and British intervention.

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FOX'S NEW AMERICAN THEATRE, CHESTNUT STREET, above Tenth. BRILLIANT TRIUMPH. AMUSEMENT OF ALL NATIONS. WONDERFUL COMBINATION. SPECIAL NOTICE—FAMILY NIGHT EVERY FRIDAY, on which occasions the entertainment will be conducted upon the same principle as the Saturday Matinee. Refreshments will not be allowed in the Theatre, and everything will be arranged to amuse and delight the Family audience.

MRS. CHARLES WARNER'S GREAT CHAMPION CIRCUS, TENTH and CALLOW HILL Streets, are to be nightly witnessed the greatest equestrian and wonders, including "THE MAN WITH THE IRON JAW," THE EMINENT FRENCH WRESTLERS, SIG. OBERG, THE CONTORTIONIST, THE GREAT EQUESTRIAN TROUPE, and other novelties. Prices as usual. Matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 12 19 25.

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