

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. -At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners held yesterday, all the standing committees were increased in membership to six.

-At a meeting of the Union Boat Club held last evening, a committee was appointed to draw up a petition, to be presented to Council, for permission to erect the frame boat-houses destroyed by fire.

-A monthly meeting of the Board of City Trusts was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Huhn, President of Common Council, took his seat as a member of the board and was appointed on the Committee of Girard Estates out of the city, and also on the Committee of Admission, of which the late President Wagner was a member.

Hon. Edward King was appointed chairman of the Committee on Instruction in the Girard College, and William B. Mann, Esq., chairman of the Committee on Wills Hospital and Minor Trusts.

Mr. James A. Kirkpatrick was elected Assistant Superintendent of the Girard Estates.

-The committee of Common Council to try the contest of Mr. Henry Eisenbrown to the seat of Mr. William H. White in Common Council, as a representative of the Sixteenth ward, met yesterday, but adjourned until this afternoon, without transacting any business.

-At the first quarterly meeting of the Women's Christian Association, held yesterday afternoon, an address upon the work of the Women's Christian Association of Washington, for the encouragement of those engaged in the work in this city, was made by one of the Vice-Presidents of the association. After some further business of minor importance, the meeting adjourned.

Domestic Affairs. -The Legislature of Wisconsin commenced its sessions yesterday.

-There is a deficit of \$50,000 in the school fund of San Francisco for the fiscal year just closed.

-The Executive Committee of the Boston branch of the American Tract Society is winding up its affairs.

-A petition complaining of the extortions of the Erie Railroad was yesterday presented in the New Jersey Legislature.

-A bill to make the reading of the Bible in public schools unlawful was voted down yesterday in the Ohio Legislature.

-The Democrats of New Hampshire held a State Convention at Concord yesterday, and placed James H. Western, of Manchester, in nomination for Governor.

-The State Treasury contest was closed yesterday through the election, by the Legislature, of R. W. Mackey, Republican, over Daniel O. Barr, Democrat.

-In the United States District Court of New York yesterday, Judge Blatchford decided that the libel steamer Florida should be released, there being no evidence to show that she had been fitted up to cruise against a State with which our Government was at peace.

-The greater portion of the time of the United States Senate was engrossed yesterday in the consideration of the San Domingo resolution. Spirited remarks were made by Messrs. Schurz, Stewart, Yates, Wilson, and others.

A number of amendments were offered and defeated, and finally the House amendment, providing that the appointment of the commission shall not commit Congress for or against annexation, was concurred in unanimously.

Foreign Affairs. -Shells are said to have fallen in and fired parts of Paris during one day last week.

-Efforts are being made in London for a new cable between England and America.

-A bread riot and collisions between a mob and the military are reported as having occurred in Paris.

-There are rumors of a new movement, having for its object the restoration of Eugenie to the throne.

-English travellers bear testimony to the generous treatment accorded the French prisoners in Germany.

-Semi-official organs of Austria declare that the approaching conference must uphold the validity of the treaties.

-The Prussians claim to have gained a victory on the 8th inst. over Garibaldi, in the Department of Calador.

-A Berlin despatch announces that General Manouff will be transferred to command the Army of the Vosges.

-The British Government is experimenting now upon a new kind of gunpowder claimed to be of uncommon strength.

-The Belgian militia are again summoned to the frontier, and a staff of officers has already arrived at a point in the neighborhood of Longwy.

-A despatch from Versailles reports that General Chanzy's army is retreating at all points, and that one thousand prisoners have already been taken by the Prussians.

-A battle was fought on Monday near Rougemont, Department of Doubs, resulting in a victory for the French. After the engagement the victorious troops bivouacked on the field.

HOUSE OF REFUGE.

THE OPERATIONS OF LAST YEAR-NUMBER OF INMATES, THEIR ATTAINMENTS AND CONDITIONS-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

Yesterday afternoon the annual report of the contributors to the House of Refuge was submitted at the rooms of the board, No. 105 North Tenth street. In the absence of John J. Barclay, the President, John M. Ogden, the first Vice-President, assumed the chair, and Frederick Collins was selected as Secretary.

The annual reports were then submitted as follows: -The report of the Board of Managers shows that on the 1st of January, 1870, there were in the white department, 416; in the colored department, 123; making a total of 539.

The number remaining on the 1st of January, 1871, in the white department was 332 boys and 76 girls, making a total of 408.

The health of the inmates has with few exceptions, been excellent. Not a single death occurred in the colored department, and only three in the white department.

The report refers to the act of Assembly appropriating \$50,000 to aid the managers in the erection of the contemplated new buildings, now nearly completed.

The report gives a description of the progress of the work, and speaks in detail of the visit of Governor Geary to the House of Refuge recently.

A detailed account is then given of the workings of the institution through the medium of the various standing committees.

From the report of Mr. Henry Perkins, the Treasurer, we learn that the receipts of the year have been \$83,752 47; the expenditures, \$82,046 93, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$865 54.

WHITE DEPARTMENT.

The superintendent of the white department reports that the number admitted and discharged for the year 1870 was as follows: -

Table with 3 columns: Month, Boys, Girls, Total. Rows for Jan to Dec.

Committed by magistrates of Philadelphia 126 25 151

Committed by courts 19 1 20

Returned from friends 31 4 35

Returned voluntarily 19 7 26

Discharged 200 88 288

Remaining in the institution 332 76 408

January 1, 1871, 332 76 408

One hundred and fifty were committed on complaint of parents or guardians. Of the 238 admitted 146 were born in the city, the balance in other counties and States. 100 were of American parentage, 67 Irish, 46 German, 3 English, 3 Scotch, 3 French, 2 Welsh, 1 Swiss, unknown 7. 24 had lost both parents, 45 their mothers, 64 their fathers.

The average age was 14 years for the boys and 14 1/2 years for the girls.

The average number through the year was 327 boys, 95 girls.

EXPENSES.

The expenditures of the white department were: -

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows for Salaries, Provisions, Clothing, etc.

The work done in the branch, shoe, and other shops amounted to \$20,309 41.

The average daily attendance at the schools is given at 277.

The average time of those in house discharged was 20 months.

Average of those indentured, 25 2-12.

Average of those returned to friends, 19 8-12.

The number of girls in school Jan. 1, 1871, was 76. The average attendance, 77.

Statistics are given showing the scholastic attainments of those in the institution as well as of those discharged, many of whom could read and write well; some were studying physiology and astronomy, and others ordinary English branches.

A revision has been made in the time table in the institution, so as to allow more time for instruction.

COLORED DEPARTMENT.

The Superintendent of the Colored Department reports: -

Committed by magistrates 89 11 100

Committed by courts 6 1 7

Returned from friends 11 1 12

Returned voluntarily 15 1 16

Discharged 23 2 25

Remaining in department January 1, 1871, 39 19 58

The average number of inmates through the year was 94 boys and 40 girls.

The greatest number at any one time was 106 boys and 44 girls.

The work done by the boys amounted to \$5186 58.

The expenses of the colored department were: -

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows for Salaries, Clothing, etc.

The report having been received, Mr. Thomas H. Ogden offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: -

Resolved, That the contributors to the House of Refuge observe with regret the absence from the annual meeting, on account of sickness, of James J. Barclay, the President of this association, and hope that by the speedy restoration of his health he may be able to resume his labors for the reformation of juvenile delinquents. They consider this an appropriate occasion to recognize the services of Mr. Barclay, who is now the only surviving member of the first Board of Managers. As he was the person to suggest the establishment of a House of Refuge in this city, was one of the most active in its organization, and has, as a manager or officer, devoted about forty-five years of active service in this department of public duty and benevolence, the thanks of the contributors are justly due and are hereby tendered to him.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting, be presented to Mr. Barclay.

The annual election was then proceeded with, and it resulted in the selection of the following officers to serve the ensuing year: -

President-James J. Barclay.

Vice-Presidents-John M. Ogden, John Farnum.

Treasurer-Henry Perkins.

Secretary-William S. Perot.

Managers-John Robbins, Casper Wister, M. D.; George M. Troutman, Arthur G. Coffin, Nathaniel B. Browne, Thomas A. Budd, Isaac R. Smith, Gavin H. Wood yard, Charles Wheeler, Charles E. Haven, Charles Ellis, Alfred M. Collins, J. Pringle Jones, of Berks county; John L. Ailee, M. D., of Lancaster county; Frederick Collins, James S. Whitney, Samuel R. Shibley, William Neal, Oliver Evans, Atherton Blight, Pemberton Smith.

-Twenty young Swedes have been "imported" by Professor Haesquist, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Paxton, Ill., to study at the Springfield Journal puts it, the demand for clergymen of his sect.

-The San Francisco Alta reports that Bret Harte has declined an offer from publishers of Eastern magazines to write twelve articles for \$5000, and that he will remain in the editorial chair of the Overland Monthly.

-Massachusetts gave the Union 141,911 soldiers during the Rebellion. Of these, 203 officers and 3488 privates were killed in action, 307 officers and 8885 privates died of wounds or disease, and 12,533 remain "unaccounted for."

-The Portland (Me.) Azora suggests that if a subscription were started in this country, there would be enough contributed to make "that little church around the corner" one of the most imposing in the land.

-A Hartford man said he was "very sorry" when attention was called to the fact that some melting ice-cream which he was attempting to carry home in a paper in a crowded street car was gently meandering down a velvet cloak worn by a lady passenger at his side.

MARINE TELEGRAPH.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA - THIS DAY.

Sea Breeze, 120; Moon Sets, 11-4; Sun Sets, 4:51; High Water, 5:37

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. GEORGE L. BEZEL, GEORGE N. TATEMAN, COMMISSIONERS OF THE MONTH. J. FRICK WETHERILL.

MOVEMENTS OF HUMAN STEAMSHIPS FOR AMERICA.

Table with columns: Destination, Ship Name, Date. Rows for Glasgow, Liverpool, New York, etc.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Steamship Aris, Wiley, Boston, H. Winsor & Co. Steamship Volunteer, Jones, New York, J. F. O'H.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Steamship Tonawanda, Barrett, 70 hours from Savannah, with cotton, rice, etc. and passengers to Philadelphia.

(By Telegraph).

Lewis, Del., Jan. 11.-One schr passing in this A. M. Vesel in harbor unchanged.

Wind S. E.; cloudy; light breeze. In harbor, schr Egrie, for Baltimore, lost anchor; schr A. J. Raymond, lost anchor; schr Lottie, from Philadelphia for Boston; White Sea, for do., returned; and tug America and Hudson.

MISCELLANY.

Br. ship Mary Warren, Love, at Calcutta 30th Nov. for Philadelphia, at 11 1/2, with a consignment commission, with crew and officer of Boston of New York at 11, free of commission.

Ship S. D. Thurston, Snow, from New York, wrecked on Dutch Sand, in the British Channel, night of Jan. 4, was valued at \$80,000, and was insured for a small amount in a Bangor office, and for \$50,000 in Boston.

N. G. steamer Donau, Ernst, from Bremen Dec. 26, with 16 passengers, at New York 10th inst. Dec. 27, lat. 58 44, long. 0 54 E, passed the wreck of brig Ohio, of Christian.

Br. steamer Silesia, Harrison, from Liverpool 27th Dec., via Queenstown 28th, at Boston 10th inst., with 5 cabin and 60 steerage passengers.

Schr Lath Rich has been condemned at Fayal. The master has to pay damages for fouling the steamer Insulano, as the schooner was not properly moored.

Schr George B. McClellan, from St. Ann's Bay, Jam., which was ashore on Thomas' Point, came off unharmed and without assistance, and arrived at Baltimore 16th inst.

Providence River is so thickly frozen over as far down as Field's Point that vessels cannot pass up or down without the aid of steam.

The Vineyard Sound Light-vease, No. 7, removed Nov. 20 for repairs, has been put in good order and returned to her station.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

RED SEA SUEZ BAY - SUNKEN ROCK AT ENTRANCE. -Information has been received that a sunken rock has been discovered in the fairway of the entrance to Suez Bay.

The rock is a pinnacle rock, with only thirteen feet water on it at low water springs, and lies S. W. W., one and seven-tenths miles from the light vessel, and S. E. by E., one and nine-tenths miles from Kaliah Kiehrah beacon.

To avoid the danger by day vessels should keep the light-vessel on the westernmost minaret of the town of Suez, by night N. W. by E. bearing of the light will lead to the westward of the danger. The light-vessel buoy has been temporarily placed on the danger.

(All bearings are magnetic. Variations, five deg. Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, 1870.

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