

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs.—At a meeting of the Pennsylvania Poultry Society, held yesterday, the following officers were elected to serve for the year 1871:—President, William Water, Vice-President, David W. Herstine, Treasurer, Charles B. Dunn; Corresponding Secretary, J. D. Nevins; Recording Secretary, J. D. Rodney; Executive Committee, Thomas B. Raynor, T. Wharton Fisher, E. W. Hopkins, Charles D. Knight, Charles Macalester, Jr.

—The report of the Secretary of the State Council of Pennsylvania, O. of U. A. M., for the year ending June 30, 1870, contains the following statistics, showing the condition of the Order in the State.—Number of Councils chartered during the year, 44; number of members initiated during the year, 4787; received by card, 146; reinstated, 118; total admissions, 5041. Number of members suspended during the year, 1301; expelled, 77; withdrawn by card, 183; deceased, 111; total loss, 1672. Amount of money received by Subordinates during the year, \$140,603.28; amount of percentage received by State Council, \$1579.10; amount of money paid by Subordinates for benefits and relief during year, \$35,120.44; amount of money in treasuries of Subordinates June 30, 1870, \$396,489.90; balance in State Council Treasury, June 30, 1870, \$187.15. Receipts of Widows and Orphans fund during the year, \$6034.48. Number of widows of deceased brothers, 392; number of orphans of deceased brothers, 751.

—A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the reception room of the Mayor's office, the President, Mr. Landenslager, in the chair, all the members present.

Mr. Lawrence, after the minutes had been read, stated that he desired to explain that the flag formerly hanging in the Chief Engineer's office had merely been placed in the temporary charge of Company G, of the 4th Regiment, and had not been presented to them.

The board proceeded to act on the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. The rules heretofore published were adopted with some slight modifications, the most important of which were to strike the figures 8 and 10 from the rule regulating the number of extra men to be appointed for each engine and truck, and inserting 4 and 6, so as to make the number four for every engine company and six for every truck company. The item in regard to equipment was also changed by inserting "navy blue" in the place of the word "red" as applied to shirts, and providing that the coats shall have brass buttons with the letters "P. F. D." on them. It also was amended by adding the words, "and pants," so as to make the uniform complete.

Mr. Plumly suggested that it was important in appointing the men to be sure that they were physically able. He therefore moved that the President be a committee of one to ascertain at what cost an examining physician could be procured to make examinations of candidates. The motion was adjourned.

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Board of Trade was held last evening, Mr. James C. Hand, Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Island Transportation, presented a report recommending the passage of the following preamble and resolution:—Whereas, Various committees representing different business interests are now engaged in soliciting subscriptions for the bonds of the proposed European steamship company, to the amount of one and one-half million of dollars; and

Whereas, The obtaining of this bond subscription for the amount above named is made necessary by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a part of their proposition prior to the organization of the proposed company, and this Board feel a deep interest in this enterprise as one necessary in promoting the growth and prosperity of our city, do therefore,

Resolved, That we ask of every man who has at heart the interests of this city, that he do his part towards the obtaining of this subscription in the shortest possible time.

The annual report of the Treasurer was then read, showing the balance on hand January 1st, \$1291.65; balance now on hand, \$4011.10. The board also owns securities to the amount of \$15,340.

The report was referred to the Finance Committee for audit.

On motion of Mr. Wetherill it was resolved that a subscription of \$5000 be made to the bonds of the American Steamship Company.

The Chair announced Messrs. Henry Winsor, George N. Allen and John O. James as the committee for the month. After which the meeting adjourned.

Domestic Affairs.—Suit has been entered in New Orleans against Myra Clarke Gaines for \$127,000 for lawyers' fees.

Hon. Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, was yesterday renominated for the United States Senate.

State are copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the proposed annexation of purchase of any part thereof, etc.

Secretary Fish's letter is lengthy, and reviews the questions embraced in the resolution. After referring to the boundary between Hayti and San Domingo, which he says is well defined, he states that no document can be found which makes San Domingo liable for any of the debt to France assumed by the Government of Hayti. He sketches the history of the Dominican Republic, which was proclaimed in December, 1821, and details at length its relations with this country under Presidents Polk and Pierce, both of whom sent commissioners, the former in regard to the question of recognition, and the latter in regard to the purchase of Samana Bay as a naval station. The negotiations in regard to Samana Bay were broken off, probably by the interference of foreign powers. During our late war Spain tried to repossess herself of the island. In 1866 the effort to secure Samana bay was revived by the United States agents under the direction of Secretary Seward. The Dominican Government secretly applied to the United States for money and war material to aid them in their war with Spain, offering Samana bay as a pledge. In January, 1867, the Assistant Secretary of State visited San Domingo. He was authorized to offer to the Dominican Government \$2,000,000, payable one-half in cash and the other half in arms and munitions of war, as a consideration for the proposed cession. He was instructed to secure Samana bay as a full sovereignty of the United States over the territory to be ceded. The negotiation failed, however, because the Dominican Government could not consent to an absolute sale of territory without violating an express provision of the Constitution of the Dominican Republic just adopted; that it would be inconvenient to await amendments to the Constitution. The Dominican Government, therefore, proposed a lease of the Cayes Levantado, which command the entrance of the Bay of Samana, and the use of the adjacent waters, together with certain specified privileges on the main land of the peninsula. This measure would not answer the purposes of the United States.

The negotiations were renewed in February, but no progress having been made by Mr. Smith, the power with which he was invested was revoked on the 8th of May, 1867. Friendly sentiments concerning the delicacy of the subject induced the Secretary of State to direct that no publicity should be given to these proceedings, and that no trace of them should be left on the records of the commercial or consular agent of the United States in San Domingo.

At subsequent periods during the year 1867 the Dominican Government was understood to have entered into a formal treaty with the Republic of Hayti, by which those two powers which divide the island of San Domingo between them mutually stipulated that neither would in any case alienate any portion of its territories; and a proclamation was issued by the President of the Dominican Republic, announcing that he had not made and should not make any cession of the bay or peninsula of Samana to the United States or to any other power. In November, 1867, General Canbalut, Mr. J. J. W. Washington to renew negotiations, which were terminated by Cabral's downfall in March, 1868.

Brigadier-General, Matanzas, Warren & Gregg, Sch. Emma P. Douglas, Ellis, Portmouth, Va., David Cooper.

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(By Telegraph.) Lewis, Del., Jan. 16.—Brigs Fredrick and brig Shepherds left for Philadelphia early yesterday A. M., under sail. Two bars also passed in early, and a ship at 1 P. M. A bark this A. M. anchored below the bridge, bound up, and a ship and bark are coming down the Bay. Brig Herms went to sea at 8 o'clock today.

IN HARBOR, brig W. Parks, Ledge Lightship, and five schooners. P. M.—A ship, three steamers, a bark, and two brig passed out today. Brig from Parks and all the ships in the harbor went to sea at noon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—This evening the steamer "Dunbar" left in going down the Bay to Philadelphia, under full sail. The steamer had her foreyard carried away and the ship had her bowsprit carried away and her ballast stove. The steamer returned to New York at 10 A. M. Arrived, steamer City of Merida, from Vera Cruz via Havana. Among her passengers are Mrs. Anna Quenda, wife of the Cuban, and her children. Steamer Hermann, from Bremen.

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formed President Saget, under date of Port-au-Prince, February 10, 1870, of the arrival of the Severn, accompanied by the monitor Diatlor, and announced to him, under instructions from the Government of the United States, that negotiations were then pending between the United States Government and that of Dominica, and that during the existence of this negotiation the United States Government will use all its power to prevent any interference on the part of the Haytiens, or any other power, with the Dominican Government. Any interference or attack, therefore, by vessels under the Haytien, or any other flag, upon the Dominicans, during the pendency of said negotiations, will be considered an act of hostility to the flag of the United States, and will provoke hostility in return. The Haytien Government, through its Foreign Secretary, on the 13th of February, 1870, in a letter addressed to Minister Bassett, said his Government was resolved to abstain from all interference in the internal affairs of the Dominican Republic, and in a formal manner had instructed its agents at home and abroad to act in conformity with this resolution, and it had not failed to give similar instructions to its Consuls at Kingston and Caracas.

MARINE TELEGRAPH. For additional Marine News see West Page.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY. SUN RISES..... 7:41 MOON SETS..... 3:47 SUN SETS..... 5:07 HIGH WATER..... 10:20

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. HENRY W. WOOD, PRESIDENT. COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH. JOHN G. JAMES, CHAIRMAN.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS FOR AMERICA. Britannia..... Glasgow..... New York..... Dec. 21

CLEARED YESTERDAY. Steamer H. L. Gave, Lieut. Baltimore, A. Groves, Jr. Sir C. Willing, Wood, Baltimore, A. Groves, Jr.

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MISCELLANY. City Ice-boat No. 1, Captain Mason, left the city yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, and proceeding to the Horse-shoe found it and the Schuykill full of ice, which had drifted out of the coves and off the flats, on the 11th inst., and the boat was detained at 10:40 o'clock and cleared the Horse-shoe and Schuykill completely of ice, thus removing all impediments to free navigation; returned to the city at 6 P. M.

PROPOSALS. UNITED STATES MAILS. PENNSYLVANIA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Sept. 30, 1871

PROPOSALS for conveying the Mails of the United States from July 1, 1871, to June 30, 1872, on the following routes in the State of Pennsylvania, will be received at the contract office of the Department until 3 P. M. of March 1, 1871, to be decided by March 15, 1871.

2045 From Butler, by North Oakland, Barabarts Mills, Baldwin, and Brata, to Lawrenceburg, 23 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Butler Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 7:30 A. M.; Arrive at Lawrenceburg by 4 P. M.; Leave Lawrenceburg Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 7:30 A. M.; Arrive at Butler by 4 P. M.

2046 From Pottstown to Cedarville (no office), 2 miles and back, three times a week by a schedule satisfactory to the postmaster at Cedarville.

2047 From Oxford, by Mount Vernon, Colerain, Riverview, Store, and Barville, to Barryville, 10 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Oxford Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 P. M.; Arrive at Barryville by 6 P. M.; Leave Barryville Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 A. M.; Arrive at Oxford by 12 M.

2048 From Harrisburg, by Lancaster, Limeport, Sunbury, and York Hill (no office), to Cooperburg, 15 miles and back, three times a week, equal to 9 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Cooperburg Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12 M.; Arrive at Harrisburg by 4 P. M.; Leave Harrisburg Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 A. M.; Arrive at Cooperburg by 12 M.

Steam Valley (no office), to Trout Run, 10 miles and back, once a week. Leave Liberty Saturday at 7 A. M.; Arrive at Trout Run by 12 M.; Leave Trout Run Saturday at 1 P. M.; Arrive at Liberty by 6 P. M. Proposals invited for more frequent service.

PROPOSALS to carry the mail with "certainty, security, and promptness," using the terms of the law, and they must be guaranteed by two responsible persons, certified to as such by a postmaster or judge of a court of record.

No pay will be made for trips not performed, and for each of such omissions not satisfactorily explained three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture.

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2049 From New York, by Acker's Store (no office) and Montgomery's Ferry, to Liverpool, 15 miles—only that part of the route from New York to Montgomery's Ferry will be let, 10 miles and back, once a week. Leave New York Saturday at 3 P. M.; Arrive at Montgomery's Ferry by 6 P. M.; Leave Montgomery's Ferry Saturday at 7:30 A. M.; Arrive at New York by 10:30 A. M.

AMUSEMENTS. SINGERBUND. GRAND BAL MASQUE. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1871. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. THE GRAND CARNIVAL PROCESSION will commence at 9 o'clock.

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SAN DOMINGO. Correspondence relative to the Treaty.—Secretary Fish's Letter.—History of the Negotiations. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The President today complied with Mr. Sumner's resolution calling for information respecting Dominica. In addition to the letter of the Secretary of

It appears from the documents sent to the Senate to-day, by the President, that on the 25th of January, 1870, Minister Bassett, in Hayti, addressed a letter to the commander of any United States ship-of-war, at or near Samana, in which he said that under instructions from the Government at Washington he had warned the existing Government of Hayti not to interfere in any manner in the internal affairs of the Republic of Dominica. Rear-Admiral Poor in-

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