TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

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A SLIGHT shock of an earthquake was felt yesterday in San Francisco, creating considerable consternation, but doing no damage.

As the primary elections fell on Tuesday, in San Francisco, the delegates chosen were in favor of Grant for the Presidency.

In the French Corps Legislatif, the bill concerning the right of public meetings was passed. An adjournment to the 16th of April was effected.

WEETZKORN has chosen delegates to the Congress of the Zollverein who are opposed to the policy of Prussia.

The Navajo Indians have not gone back to their old home, as reported.

Cotton is declining in price.

The Governor of New Jersey has vetoed the bill repealing the act which closes the polls in that State at sunset.

HEAVY storms of rain, accompanied with lightning and thunder, prevailed on yesterday and the day before in the vicinity of St. Louis.

The arms pole manufactory of D. Blake & Co., Scranton, Pa., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $80,000; insurance $16,000.

The Ship Owners' Convention, now in session at Chicago, passed a resolution on Tuesday evening requesting all shippers of grain to address to the old forms for bills of lading.

The contract for the iron railroad bridge over the Illinois river at La Salle has been granted. The bridge will be completed by a Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania.

The steamship Alexandria, from Philadelphia, with an assorted cargo, was burned at the wharf, at City Point, yesterday. The ship and cargo total loss.

The disfranchisement question was again discussed in the Virginia Convention yesterday, and letters were read from prominent Congressmen, declaring against further disfranchisement.

The British Government, at the request of Minister Adams, has released and sent to the United States three of the Jacquemel prisoners.

The bill withdrawing the jurisdiction of the fourteenth amendment has been passed by the New Jersey House of Representatives over the Governor's veto.

The committee appointed by the Missouri Legislature to investigate charges of bribery against the members report that there is no proof of the charge.

The Kansas Republican Convention met yesterday, and chose delegates to the Chicago Convention. Resolutions favoring gold payment of the public bonds were adopted.

Hester Lewis, William Norwood and a woman were arrested in Portland, Maine, yesterday. They are charged with the recent extensive robbery in that State, and were on their way to Halifax.

ALBANY the excitement attendant upon the meeting of the Republican Convention at Chicago is rapidly increasing, and quarters are being secured by the delegates from the different States, at the hotels in the city.

The Legislature of British Columbia convened on the 1st inst. The Governor's message tells Victoria as the seat of Government, urges the people to vote on the question at an early day, and congratulates them on the marked improvement of the colony during the year.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

House—*Afternoon Session.*—Mr. Chalfant, of Montour, called up an act authorizing the trustees of the Bloomsburg Academy, in Danville to levy and collect a tax from the citizens of the borough of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, for purposes, additional to those now provided for, therein. Passed finally.

Mr. Cormanus, of Cumberland, on leave given, read in place an act directing the Auditor-General to cancel certain bonds (relieving B. Cormanus and Lewis F. Lines, of Cumberland county, and their sureties, from any responsibility for the non-return of arms and accoutrements received in trust from the State). Passed finally.

Mr. Richards, of Fulton, an act authorizing the appointment of a wood measurer and inspector for the borough of McConnellsburg, Fulton county (to receive fifteen cents per cord for wood measured and inspected). Passed finally.

The special order for the afternoon was the consideration of the Philadelphia Exchange bill was read.

Mr. Ross, of Jefferson, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed, and that the civil code commissioner be instructed to prepare a just and fair bill. The present bill was infamous. It increased fees twenty, twenty-five and even one hundred per cent. Who paid these fees? The unfortunate, including plaintiffs and defendants.

Mr. Thomas Mullin, of Philadelphia, asserted that the increase averaged fifty per cent. Those officers in Philadelphia were making fortunes as it was, and he was opposed to any increase.

Pennsylvania was complaining of the provisions of the bill, and it was passed.

Mr. Stokes presented petitions of sundry citizens in favor of passing an act relating to the incorporation, recognition and support of colleges.

Mr. McCormick, of Indiana, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings, in conjunction with the Committee on Benchmmmmm and Improvements, be required to examine the petroleum calcium gas light apparatus, and report by bill, or otherwise, as to the propriety of lighting the public buildings and grounds by such light.

Mr. Mann moved to indefinitely postpone, which was not agreed to, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Ger, of Erie, offered a preamble denouncing as a traitor the action of the Democratic (Democratic) *Watchman*, edited by a member of the House, and which was in substance as follows:

That when Lee surendered human liberty received a blow from which it never recovered; that the little band of heroic men who, for four years, buried the invading armies of the North, was the last obstacle between the usurping tyrants who had obtained possession of the government and the consummation of their unholy purposes, from that time forward, was struck down all over the land. The abolition party was revolutionary and had spit upon and defiled the Constitution and the laws, and the error of the Democratic party was in giving any sort of assistance to the foul despotism which held the government in thralldom.

Mr. Rex then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That such statements are grossly insulting to every Union soldier, and we declare them to be treasonable in character, and justly deserving the condemnation of every loyal citizen in the State.

Mr. Meek, of Centre, said he was the editor of that paper, and was responsible for all its editorials, but he wanted it to be distinctly understood that he had no hand in indicting gentlemen—no gentlemen from Erie—to adopt such a resolution.

Mr. Chalfant, of Montour, asked if this resolution was not offered as an insult to a member of the House.

Mr. Rex disclaimed any such object. The *Watchman* was a Democratic paper, and the organ of Centre county, and he had offered the resolution against the sentiment so expressed.

Mr. McMullin, of Philadelphia, offered the following as a substitute:

Whereas, The House of Representatives, by the large vote of 68 to 34, voted against changing the constitution of the State by striking out the word "white" from the same, and

And whereas, Messrs. Broomall, Kelley, and Stevens, representatives-in-Congress from this State, are attempting to subvert the Constitution against the will of the people, as expressed by the vote of their representatives on this floor; therefore be it

Resolved, That this attempted outrage on the people of this Commonwealth is deeply denounced, and declare we will resist by all the means we can command. Declared out of order, as being irrelevant.

The article from the *Watchman* was read.

Mr. Mann pronounced the author a traitor to his country.

Mr. Meek—What is a traitor?

Mr. Mann—One who gives aid and comfort to the enemy, rebels in the South who have not yet laid down their arms.

Mr. Meek asked what "loyal blood" was.

Mr. Mann—The blood that put down the rebellion.

Mr. Thorn, of Philadelphia, moved the following as a substitute for Mr. Rex's resolution:

Resolved, That that article in the *Watchman* deserves the application of and is branded by this House as a disloyal man, deserving the condemnation of every loyal man in the country.

Mr. Hong, of Philadelphia, called the previous question, Mr. Thorn and others being on the floor at the time.

Mr. Chalfant said the calling of the previous question was a cowardly one. Gentlemen on the Democratic side had not yet had a chance to reply.

The confusion was now becoming very great, and the Speaker declared that if order was not preserved, he would call on the Sergeant-at-Arms. The call for the previous question was not sustained—yea 36, nays 36. Pending the question the hour of adjournment arrived.

Evening Session.—The special order of the evening session of the House was the consideration of the Senate bill, relating to railroads and common carriers, defining their liability, and authorizing them to provide means of indemnity for loss of life or personal injury, which was discussed until a late hour without a vote. Adjourned.

CITY BULLETIN.

OBITUARY.—Thomas Earp, a highly-respected citizen of this city, died at his residence, on Race street, yesterday, at the advanced age of eighty-three. Mr. Earp was, in early life, a merchant, but retiring from business some years ago, he devoted his time to charitable objects, and has been one of our leading philanthropists. He has presided for years, with excellent ability, over the affairs of the House of Refuge, and in many other ways has contributed to the welfare of his fellow-beings.

Henry Simpson died yesterday in the seventy-eighth year of his age, at his residence, No. 1304 Arch street. He served in the Select Branch as a Representative for the city, for many years, and, during the administrations of Andrew Jackson and Mr. Van Buren, held the post of Appraiser of the Port. In 1844 Mr. Simpson was elected Alderman of the Thirteenth Ward. He was a son of Mr. Simpson, the Cashier of Stephen Girard's Bank for many years. He was a gentleman of undoubted talents, and his death will be associated with the city by a volume published some years ago, called—"Lives of Eminent Philadelphians."

THE GERMAN SOCIETY.—The German Society of Pennsylvania met at their Hall, Seventeenth street, above Chestnut, last evening. L. Herbert, Vice President, was in the chair. Secretary, Julius Hain. Jacob Schmidt was elected a member. A resolution to appoint an Assistant Librarian was adopted, another, expressing a desire to have a German Theatre, was likewise adopted. Thonnmber, the president, was elected to fill the Chair in 1868. During the past year, 8,000 volumes were loaned. Of the number 1,500 were in the German language, and 4,500 in German. Thanks were tendered to Mr. Bertsmann, for his generous donation yearly for the library fund; this is to be permanent. A resolution was adopted to engage the by-laws so that twenty-five per cent. of the annual payment of the members shall be given to the library fund. This will increase the amount to over $1,000 per annum.

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The New German Treaty.

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Proceedings in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 25th.—The Senate completed a considerable part of the afternoon in discussing the report of the Committee on Revision of the Rules, which was finally adopted.

The vote by which the Army Appropriation bill was passed was reconsidered by the Senate, on motion of Mr. Morton, and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

Veto of the Supreme Court Bill.

Special Dispatch to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

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[Correspondence of the Associated Press.]

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Traveling Agents in Trouble in Pittsburgh—Heavy Fines Imposed Upon Them.

The following article from the Pittsburgh *Dispatch*, and dated the 24th, at noon, shows that one of our wholesale merchants who trade with Pittsburgh:

Unlicensed traveling agents have been driving a lucrative business in this city of late, and which continue to prosper, notwithstanding the fines were it not that the municipal authorities demand a license, which operates as a tax on their business, which affect their style of trading. The acts in question were brought before the Mayor yesterday for selling goods by sample without the usual license. The cases were tried, and other interior towns with specimens of goods of every description, and show through the community, with a view towards obtaining orders on the eastern houses for the purchase of goods, the houses can have carry on their business here without incurring any additional expense, and sell lower than local establishments, they are extensively patronized. Saturday, and it seems chance has displeased with these infringements on their business, and they look to the proceedings of yesterday as a check upon them.

"John Wilson, agent for the firm of Moore & Hill, dealers in gents' furnishing goods, came to this city last week to attend to the interests of his house. He was informed that he could get a license, he would, upon conviction, be subjected to a penalty of from two hundred dollars, he applied to Mr. R. W. Poindexter, a licensed merchant, who gave him a license, and showed him to sell goods for the firm of Moore & Hill, as a broker. Mr. Wilson, according to his testimony, assented to the proposition, and, on Friday, 13th inst., appointed Mr. Wilson his agent, giving him a written authority to act as agent. While selling on Friday Mr. Wilson was arrested by G. W. Gillespie, Deputy United States Marshal, and taken to the Mayor's office, where the case was developed. Alderman Gwinton decided and ordered that Wilson pay the penalty. Respects had to do so, but gave notice of an appeal to the Court.

"An agent named E. F. Gledding was yesterday also arrested and fined for the same.

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