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EVENING BULLETIN.

Tuesday, December 14, 1869.

DRAKE'S BILL.

It is very probable that Congress and the people will not receive with enthusiastic approbation Senator Drake's remarkable scheme for stripping the Supreme Court of the United States. The great Missouri Statesman has introduced a bill which, stripped of its verbiage, deprives the Supreme Court of the power to declare any act of Congress unconstitutional and void. The gist of the argument made by Mr. Drake in support of his bill is this: "Congress is the popular branch of the government; therefore it represents the exact sentiment of the people; and if the sentiment of the people favors any given action, that action ought to be taken, no matter with what it conflicts. This is nonsense. The Judicial and Executive Branches are as much component parts of the government as the Legislative branch, and they are equally important. Their powers are as accurately and distinctly defined, and they hold a relation each to the other which cannot be disturbed without perilling the safety of the nation. In the case of the Executive branch, part of the function of the Judicial branch is to act as a check upon the Legislature, to withstand its aggressive tendencies, to hold it to the strict letter of the fundamental law which gives it and the other departments a right to exist, and to defeat any legislation which is a usurpation of powers not bestowed by the constitution. Congress is a popular body, but it does not always fairly represent the people, or even a majority of them. Even if it did, it might still stray into dangerous paths; for there are occasions when popular sentiment, guided by passion or created during some unusual excitement, is altogether wrong, and would be ready to approve of legislation which cooler and less prejudiced judgment would condemn. The people and all the branches of the Government must be guided at all times, and under all conditions, by that Constitution which has been accepted by the nation as the highest rule of conduct, and so the law that is supreme above all laws. The power to interpret that law, and to exercise its provisions, must be vested somewhere; we have it given to the Supreme Court, which from its very remoteness from popular influence is peculiarly fitted to give to the instrument dispassionate interpretation. The authority to declare the unconstitutionality of an act of Congress must also be vested somewhere, or we should be plunged into all manner of perplexities, conflicts and perils. The veto power—a prerogative of the same kind, but in a lesser degree—is given to the Executive. Mr. Drake might as well object to this, and desire to legislate against it, as to strive to deprive the Judiciary of their function. The former has often been exercised in direct opposition to the will of the people, and it will be again. The latter also has been abused; but the occasions have been and always will be rare. Both of them serve the purpose of brakes upon a wheel; they check headlong speed. They hold the representatives of the people to a strict responsibility to the law, and warn their constituents of the danger to which they are exposed by reckless legislation. We have more to fear from the usurpation of an unrestrained legislature than from the abuses countenanced by judges who can be impeached.

All this is well understood by the mass of American citizens. But when a Senator of the United States rises in his place to deny and attempt to disprove these truths, it is necessary to recall them, and to protest against the folly of the man who declares himself their enemy.

THE MAYOR'S STATEMENT.

Mayor Fox has published a statement of the arrests made during ten months of the present year by his model policemen, and, comparing it with the number of arrests made within the same period in 1868, he demonstrates that 1,014 more persons have been arrested under his administration than under that of his predecessor in a corresponding space of time. Upon this we may remark that the singular and alarming increase of crime in this city since Mayor Fox's accession to office, made it possible for his policemen to arrest a greater number of offenders; but that increase was a direct and inevitable result of the bad character of his appointments, and of the mismanagement of the force. More than this, the difference in the number of arrests does not bear any reasonable proportion to the greater amount of crime committed. If his police force had been as competent as that of Mr. McMichael, and offences had been as numerous as they have been this year, Mr. Fox would be able to cipher out a better result than that which he now presents to the community. If justice had been done, indeed, in all cases, a number of Mr. Fox's own appointees would have helped to swell the sum total in his favor.

This arithmetical statement is offered to the Legislature as an argument against the Metropolitan Police Bill; but it will not avail. It is nearly certain that such a bill will be passed by the Legislature, despite the entreaties, arguments and threats of the Mayor and his political adherents. It is demanded by the people, who have not forgotten the outlawry indulged in by the policemen during the last campaign, and who have a very painful sense of insecurity in consequence of the ruffianly dispositions displayed at that time by members of the force, as well as because of the manifest immunity from arrest enjoyed by the worst class of criminals in this city. Lately, the force has been upon its good behaviour, because every man in it understands that bad conduct will precipitate the action of the Legislature and insure his ruin. But if the people should be deceived by the appearance of propriety, and fail to secure the passage of a Police Bill, we shall have a return to the old misconduct as soon as the Legislature has adjourned and the danger is past. There is a remarkable unanimity of sentiment in the community in favor of a reform which will give control of the police force to a board composed of trustworthy, non-political citizens, and this sentiment must be responded to by the Legislature.

THE TAX QUESTION.

We find that we were in error in stating recently that the books of former Receivers of Taxes have been audited. There is an auditing system in existence, which was established a number of years ago, by which certain special clerks appointed by the Controller make an annual examination of the books of the Receiver, and report the results to the Controller. This examination, however, appears to be directed mainly, if not entirely, to the detection of clerical errors in the books, and does not afford that check upon the tax collectors that is so much needed.

There is another fact which has not yet been mentioned, the knowledge of which is necessary to the elucidation of this muddled subject. It has been stated that the *allowances* made by the Board of Revision should be deducted from the enormous sum reported as the tax arrears of the city. This is true, but it is also true that the Board of Revision goes on as well as *takes off*, in the case of improper assessments upon real estate. While there are many properties rated too high by the assessors, there are nearly if not quite as many rated too low, and as the additions as well as the allowances of the revising Board are omitted from the estimate of the Finance Committee, they probably balance and neutralize each other.

Our present object is simply to elicit all the facts bearing upon this important subject. That the whole system and practice of our city government would be the better for a thorough, business-like over-hauling, nearly everybody will admit. In a machine so large and so complicated as the government of a great community like this, something more than an occasional oiling or polishing is needed. At judicious intervals, the machinery requires to be taken apart, and inspected and cleaned and repaired. Dirt and rust and wear and tear are inevitable, and it is always a wise economy to make repairs without waiting for a breakdown or an explosion. Believing, as we do, that Councils and their Finance Committee have an earnest desire to conduct our city government economically, honestly and wisely, we repeat the hope, recently expressed, that they will not suffer this matter of the city's revenues and expenditures to rest, until they have searched it through and through, taken out every doubtful or rotten timber, and started the machinery of government again, upon that basis of business-like precision and promptness, and of straight-forward honesty and efficiency, that ought to characterize every department of the public affairs of Philadelphia.

BROAD STREET AGAIN.

In making some remarks, a few days ago, on the ordinance reported to Councils concerning the removal of the Reading Railroad's tracks from Broad street, we were not fully informed concerning all the details of that ordinance, a copy of which is now before us. It only directs the removal, by the first of next April, of the tracks "on Broad street, *and parallel therewith*, between Vine street and the point of divergence." This really means only a few yards of such tracks. The company, years ago, without any authority of law, laid seven tracks directly *across the street*, into their depot, making, with the double track on Willow street, nine different tracks. As these do not run parallel with the street, they are not to be removed, and under the terms of the ordinance reported, the city binds itself never to remove those tracks. Now the truth is, these nine tracks crossing the street are more dangerous and more of an obstruction to the street than the little piece of track that runs parallel with it, and the members of Councils are exhorted to pause and consider well before passing an ordinance which will perpetuate what is every year becoming more of a nuisance. If the ordinance comes up on Thursday, we hope some member of Councils will present these facts in their true light.

We are glad to learn that the Post Office Department is about to issue a series of new postage stamps, which will be adorned with heads of eminent Americans, rather than with steamboats, locomotives and horses. The present issue of stamps, containing these things in miniature, is about as ugly and inconvenient as any that could be devised. Besides the inartistic designs which replaced the Washington, Franklin, and Jackson busts upon the old stamps, the colors were changed, so that, for a while, careless persons were very apt to use three cent for two cent stamps, and *vice versa*. The ancient stamps were not remarkable for their beauty, but they were very much better than those now in use, and there was no particular necessity, that we know of, for changing them. It is desirable, however, that a change should be made now, and we sincerely hope it may be the last, if the new designs are at all satisfactory. Those constant alterations are a source of jelly annoyance to the people of the entire country, and unless there is some better reason for them than the variations of the sweet wills of the gentlemen at the head of the department, they ought not to be made.

The Union League of Philadelphia held its annual meeting last evening, and the Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Directors was presented. It gives a most gratifying account of the condition of the institution, whose prosperity is as galling to the Democracy as its influence, throughout the State and country, in political affairs. There is a surplus in the treasury of over twenty thousand dollars, and in view of this the annual tax upon each member, next year, is to be only twenty-five dollars. The Union League of Philadelphia is the parent institution in the country. It was begun in a time of trial and distress, to relieve which and to preserve the nation in its integrity, it did more than any other corporation of any kind whatever. Now, in a time of peace and prosperity, it continues to maintain a vigorous life, and to exercise unceasing vigilance upon the course of national affairs. The officers and members have all reason to be proud of the results of their labors, and of the prosperity of the institution.

To Housekeepers and Others.—Messrs. Thomas & Sons will sell on Friday and Saturday mornings, without reserve, a large stock of elegant cabinet furniture, manufactured expressly for our retail trade, including parlor suits, handsome chamber suits, walnut and ebony bedroom suites, dining rooms, sofas, mattresses, looking glasses, carpets, &c., arranged for examination to-morrow with catalogues.

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As folks easily see,
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They are free from tricks,
As the people who deal there, know.

—o—o—o—	It is the most
—o—o—o—	Reasonable thing
—o—o—o—	In the world,
—o—o—o—	That you should
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SECOND EDITION

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM THE WEST

A Fire in Aurora, Ind.---An Association of Whisky Distillers--Construction of the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad---The Question of Convening the Nebraska Legislature, &c., &c.

TO-DAY'S CABLE QUOTATIONS

Fire in Aurora, Indiana.—Whisky Distillery Burned.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—The Griswold building, occupied by the First National Bank of Aurora, Indiana, was burned yesterday, with the library stable of Mr. Griggs, adjoining. The Griswold building was insured for $7,000.

Delegates from the Third, Sixth and Twelfth Ohio, and Fourth and Fifth Indiana, and Sixth Kentucky Districts, met in this city yesterday afternoon, and formed an Association, under the name of the "Western Distillers' Association, with the object to protect the interests of the Government, to aid the values of products, to enforce laws, to enforce law if possible, and recommend Congressional legislation to prevent fraud. The Association adjourned, testing against the change of the forthcoming period to Forty-eight hours. Also, that the Executive Committee lay the results of the experiments on the short process of distillation before the Commissioner of Revenue. John Gerke, of this city, presided. The Association adjourned *sine die*.

A New Railroad.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—Between four and five hundred men are now employed in the construction of the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad between this city and Terre Haute. The pay-rolls on the company's account amount to about $200,000 a month. The rails have been laid from this place east of Terre Haute and six west of this city. The road is ballasted as far as the Illinois line. Rails have been received from Charlestown, Pana, Madison and Shelbyville, Illinois, on the location of the machine-shop, but they will probably go to Madison, that point being the centre station of the road, with better water facilities.

The pork-packing season is nearly closed, more from the want of currency than the failure of hogs. There have been 200,000 slaughtered here as last season, but the average weight may make the product about the same.

The Nebraska Legislature.

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—Parties from Lincoln report Governor Butler anxious to convene and call an extra session of the Nebraska Legislature, but it is thought no doubt that he is anxious to see the Fifteenth Amendment ratified, before he is greatly urging against giving an extra session by the citizens south of the Platte, who fear that the representatives north of the Platte will take the opportunity for passing measures beneficial to that section.

By the Atlantic Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 14, 11 A. M.—Consols for money, 92½, and for accounts, 92½. American securities quiet and steady. United States Five-twenties of 1862, 80; of 1865, old, 81½; of 1867, 82½; Ten-forties, 87½; Erie R. R., 20½; Illinois Central, 116½; Atlantic and Great Western, 26.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14, 11 A. M.—Cotton steady; Middling Uplands, 12½d.; Middling Orleans, 12½d. The sales to-day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

BREMEN, Dec. 14.—Petroleum opened flat yesterday, and closed at 19 thalers.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 14.—Arrived, steamer Ohio, from Baltimore.

LONDONDERRY, Dec. 14.—Arrived, steamer Nestorian, from Portland.

LONDON, Dec. 14, 1:30 P. M.—Consols for money, 92½, and for account, 92⅝. American securities quiet; Five-twenties, of 1862, 80½; of 1865, old, 81½.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The Bourse opened quiet. Rentes, 72f. 6c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14, 1:30 P. M.—California Wheat declining, at 8s. 8d.; Red Winter, 8s. 2d. 20s. 10d. The receipts of Wheat at this port for the last three days of last week were 13,000 quarters, of which 9,000 were American. Bacon, 60s. 6d. for new. Tallow, 45s. 6d.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Sugar firmer at 28s. 3d. for fair refining.

ANTWERP, Dec. 14.—Petroleum opened quiet and closed at 60f. 50c.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 14.—Five-twenties opened firm at 79¼f.

HAVRE, Dec. 14.—Cotton opened quiet at 127f. 50c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14, 2 P. M.—Cotton quiet. Yarns and Fabrics at Manchester unchanged.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 14.—Arrived—steamship France, from New York.

Fire in Williamsport, Pa.

[Special Despatch to the Philda. Evening Bulletin.]

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 14.—The large wooden pipe mills of John A. Wheeler were destroyed by fire at six o'clock this morning. The cause of the fire was the explosion of a coal oil lamp while fixing up the engine. The loss is $15,000. It is insured in the Lycoming Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The manufactured stock was all saved.

The Cincinnati Southern Railroad Bill.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14.—After consideration of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad bill was resumed in the House yesterday, and detracted a good deal of interest. The bill was not put upon its passage. It will be taken up without the perpetuation of any more speeches. Efforts will doubtless be made today to tack on amendments, but if they spring from the tomer of the House yesterday, they will fail. The bill will pass by a handsome majority. It is pretty certain to pass in the Senate.

Railroad Items.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—Track-laying on the Elk Horn Valley Railroad commenced at Fremont, on Saturday. The first ten miles of the road are already graded. A temporary pile-bridge over the Missouri river will be built as soon as the ferry-boats will be stopped by ice. Track-laying on the Denver Pacific Railroad reached Evans Station on the 10th inst. It is probable this will remain the winter station. The weather is warm and pleasant.

Obituary.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]

DESMOINES, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Captain J. W. Davis, of the firm of Davis & Dennis, one of the most prominent business men and oldest residents of Desmoines, died, last evening, aged 68 years.

Annual Reunion.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—The Twenty-fourth Michigan Regiment held its annual reunion yesterday in this city. The exercises commenced by a business meeting at Young Men's Hall, when the organization was effected by the election of a President.

State of Thermometer This Day at the Bulletin Office.

10 A. M.....36 deg. 12 M.....36 deg. 3 P. M.....36 deg.
Weather clear. Wind Northwest.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange Sales.

FIRST BOARD.

400 City 6s new ..... 86¾ | 44 Cam & Amb 113
2000 do ..... 86½ | 19 Penna R 57½
200 do ..... 86½ | 100 sh do 57½
2000 Penna 5s ..... 97 | 100 sh do 57½
2000 do ..... 97 | 100 sh do 57½
4000 do ..... 97 | 100 sh do 57½
2000 Lehigh Gld 1s ..... 95 | 100 sh do 57½
1000 Ch & Arch 6s ..... 58 | 100 do 57½
10 Ch & Spruce ..... 30 | 100 sh Phila & Erie 32½

2000 Lehigh 6s Gld Ln ..... 95 | 200 sh Catawissa Pf 34
1000 W Jersey 6s ..... 75 | 100 sh do 34
2000 Phila & Erie 6s ..... 87 | 100 sh do 34
2000 Cam & Amb 6s ..... 103 | 100 sh Phila & Erie 32½
2 sh Penna R First ..... 56½ | 100 sh Phila & Erie 32½
28 sh Leh Val R ..... 43½ | 5 sh Cam & Amb 113
300 sh Leh Nav 30d ..... 30½ | 200 sh Reading R 30d 50½
200 sh do ..... 30½ | 100 sh do 50½
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