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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, '60.

CITY AFFAIRS.

ON Tuesday night a meeting of the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was held at the Passenger Depot, in Pittsburgh, at which Genl. J. Stewart was appointed Chairman and W. Richardson, Secretary.

On motion of J. H. Hampton, Esq., R. Glass and G. Bolton were appointed a committee to draft a preamble and resolutions expressive of the feelings of the meeting relative to the recent death of W. B. Foster, Jr., Vice President of the Company.

The following resolutions were reported and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, In the midst of life and usefulness Wm. B. Foster, Jr., has suddenly been stricken by the hand of death and borne away forever from his family, his friends and the high and exalted position which he filled with credit to himself as a man by the purity of his life, and as a faithful officer by his constant devotion to the responsible duties which were confided to his trust,

AND WHEREAS, It is meet and proper that the virtues of the just man when he passes away should be remembered and cherished with affectionate regard and be honored with that deference which springs from a sense of justice to merit or worth—

Therefore, Be it resolved, That in the death of W. B. Foster, the public have lost a tried and valued servant, the Company a just, generous and valued officer, society a good citizen and a kind-hearted man.

Resolved, That, as concerned with the service of the Company, we deplore his loss, his long and unwearied efforts in their behalf, having left behind lasting evidence of his fidelity, honor and truth, which will perpetuate his name.

Resolved, That we tender to his much bereaved family and relatives our sincere condolence in the affliction which has deprived them of one whose genial nature and kind disposition made home happy.

Resolved, That the officers of this company be requested to appoint a committee of three to convey to the family of the deceased a copy of these resolutions.

Under the resolution that a copy of the resolutions should be furnished to the friends of the deceased, J. H. Hampton, George Noble and D. A. Stewart were appointed a committee for this purpose. J. STEWART, Pres't.

W. RICHARDSON, Sec'y.

THE MONSTER CANNON.—On paying a visit to the Fort Pitt Works, of this city, we learn that they have commenced the process of boring the monster gun, cast on the hollow principle, designed by Major Rodman, U. S. A. The casting was commenced on the 30th of December last. The gun weighs some forty-eight thousand pounds. It has a bore of fifteen inches diameter, and thirteen feet nine inches in length. It has twenty-five inches of solid metal at the breech, making its extreme length fourteen and a half feet. At the breech, the outside diameter is four feet; at the muzzle, twenty-eight and nine-tenth inches. It will project a ball of four hundred and twenty-one pounds a distance of five or six miles, with a tolerably accurate range of four miles. No gun yet manufactured approaches it in size or weight and the metal used in the gun was from the Bloomfield furnace, owned by Mr. John Duncan, and is considered the best brand now in use.

MUSIC.—It has almost become a settled matter that every house must have a piano forte. But how few persons are there who can sing a good song and accompany themselves on the instrument, while all admit the great superiority of the music. Why should it not be equally as common to have good singing and playing when both combined add so much to the enjoyment of the great majority? Can it be said that we have no time for this rational enjoyment? Or it is probably not known to our citizens that we have in our midst one who is adapted to this. I refer to MR. D. SMITH, whose card I see in your paper, teacher of vocal and instrumental music. I find that he is teaching singing independent of the instrument; that he has private pupils who divide their time, devoting one part to the instrument alone and the other part to the voice accompanied with the instrument in accompaniment. Also in your paper, under the head of "Notices," a class in vocal music is to commence to-day at 3 o'clock r. m. at his Music Room, 113 Fourth street. Mr. S. requests the pupils of this class to be punctual at the commencement of the term. That is as it should be, as all may have the benefit of the first lessons in elementary music and progress together in a thorough practical course. He advertises a class for Tuesday and Friday nights. It is to be hoped that these classes will be well attended.

MANY interesting incidents have occurred since the discovery of oil in Western Pennsylvania. There are two wells in Franklin, Venango county, which have been quite successful. One of these is owned by a Mr. Evans, a blacksmith, and a poor man. He prosecuted the work of boring himself, and struck a vein of oil at the depth of seventy feet. He has been offered, it is said, $50,000 for his well, but has declined selling on these terms. We hope he may not have reason to regret that he refused this handsome offer. In reading the accounts of such occurrences as these, we are reminded of the madness for the Mississippi speculation, which swept over Pennsylvania during the last century, and rendered that country nearly bankrupt. The peasants of yesterday were the lords of to-day. When the bubble burst, however, its disastrous effects precipitated many of the nobility into abject poverty. The oil wells on the continent of Europe have proved a reliable source of wealth, having not failed after being worked for a period of several centuries. If those in the adjoining counties should hold out in the same way, a new article of commerce would arise in Western Pennsylvania which will at some future day be of consequence.

Two arguments occupied most of the session in the Common Pleas yesterday—that in the case of Robert Watson vs the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad Co., and in the application to set aside a decree of alimony in favor of a Mrs. Kopp. Several depositions were read in the latter case to the effect that Mrs. Kopp had an unruly temper; that she neglected her household duties, having suffered vegetables and other vituals to spoil in the cellar; that she had threatened to wrong her husband and his children out of his property; had endeavored to induce him to sign a bond to her for $1200 or $1500 previous to their marriage; that her husband was sober, upright and good tempered man; had lived agreably with his first wife, etc.

The Feigned Issue case (Burns et al. vs Cummins) in the District Court, occupied the day's session.

We received, yesterday, the triennial catalogue of the Western Theological Seminary, of the Presbyterian Church, at Allegheny, Penna., published by the students. The summary gives 130 students, of whom 37 are in the senior class, 55 in the middle class and 44 in the junior class; 2 resident graduates and 2 resident licentiates. The whole number of alumni living is 537; dead 83. The catalogue contains two very handsome cuts of the Seminary and Beatty Hall and are very creditable to the institution, which, as everybody knows, is in a very flourishing condition.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—This elegant place of amusement will open on Saturday evening next, under the management of Mrs. Eliza F. Foster, a Pittsburgh lady, and one who is determined, we learn, to use every effort to please the admirers of the drama. An excellent stock company is said to have been selected, and a host of stars engaged for the season. We trust the lady's efforts may meet with abundant success. F. S. Chanfrau, the celebrated comedian, will appear on Monday evening next.

COAL PIT EXPLOSION.—Three men were seriously injured on Monday by an explosion in the coal pit of Ross & Co., Saw Mill Run. They entered the pit with a safety lamp, intending to go to work, but the gas not having apparently been entirely expelled by the pit fan, although it had been some time in operation, a disastrous explosion ensued, resulting dangerously, if not fatally to one of the men, J. McDonaldson. The other two, W. Sinton and J. Murray, were both badly hurt, but their lives are not despaired of.

We have not ascertained the malady of which Dr. Barker, of Allegheny College, died. We should conjecture, from the following particulars, that it was apoplexy. He was in his usual health on Saturday, and, after tea, went into his study to attend to some of his collegiate duties. During the evening he was found to have fallen from his chair in a state of unconsciousness, and died in a few hours.

It will be observed by referring to our telegraphic reports that the Supreme Court has imposed a fine of $1000 on the County Commissioners, and ordered them into custody until the fine is paid. The course pursued by the Court rather surprised many, as it was generally conjectured imprisonment would be inflicted and not a fine.

AN "ACT TO INCREASE THE SINKING FUND."—The following bill is before the Legislature of this State. It is of special moment to brokers, but likewise interesting to the community at large, as it is another move towards the liquidation of the State debt.

SEC. 1. That any individual or copartnership who is now, or may hereafter be, licensed to transact business as a bill and exchange broker or brokers, shall furnish to the treasurer of the city or county wherein he, she or they reside or do business, every three months beginning with April 1st, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, a statement setting forth the amount of cash capital upon which he, she or they are doing business as brokers, the name, place of residence, and place of business of such individual; or, if a copartnership, the name of the firm, its place of business, and the names and places of residence of each of its members, and the amount actually paid in and on hand in money, for the use of said business, and the aggregate amount of business they do, which statement shall be verified by oath or affirmation before a judge, alderman, or justice of the peace; any change of members of said copartnership or firm which may take place shall be immediately communicated to said treasurer by a certificate signed by all the partners, which statement shall be filed and preserved in the office of the said city or county treasurer.

SEC. 2. That each individual or copartnership, having a license to do business as a bill-broker or brokers, under this act, shall pay to the treasurer of the proper city or county for the use of the Commonwealth, two per centum per annum on each dollar of the capital paid in, and five mills per dollar upon the aggregate amount of business which is exhibited in said statement, which shall be in addition to the sum now required for such license, and the taxes now authorized to be levied for the use of the Commonwealth. *Provided*, That the said taxes, thus collected, shall be paid into the sinking funk, and be faithfully applied to the liquidation of the State debt.

THE Committee on Manufactures of the Academy of Science and Art, held a regular monthly meeting last evening, at Brower's Hall, N. Wade in the chair, and W. Bakewell, Secretary. A large number was present. Interesting papers were read: Mr. Calvin Wells on the Objects of the Committee; J. C. Blair one giving a history of the manufacture of wrought iron in this city and vicinity.

W. W. Bakewell, Esq., from the Committee on Inventions, read a report on the subject of the bill now before Congress proposing amendments to the Patent Laws. Report accepted and the subject reserved for further examination.

At the request of the builders, a committee was appointed to examine the new steam fire engine built by Messrs. Kaye & Co., of the Fifth Ward. The committee consists of Messrs. J. C. Blair, Reuben Miller, Jun., S. H. Hartman, Calvin Wells and J. R. Reed.

Mr. Wade read a paper on the subject of the cause of steam boiler explosions. The subject was, on motion, made the special order for the next committee meeting, on the first Tuesday of April.

D. A. Morris moved the appointment of a committee to examine and report on the subject. The committee will be announced at next meeting.

Dr. King announced that a joint meeting of the Committees on the Organic Sciences will be held at the hall on next Tuesday evening.

The Academy meets on next Tuesday evening.

POLICE MATTERS.—Ald. Donaldson, Tuesday, committed Charles Michaels for assault and battery on Elizabeth Michaels.

Mayor Wilson committed John Ball, colored, charged with stealing some trinkets from Ellen Robinson, chamber maid on one of the steamboats.

Ald. Lewis committed Michael Kirk for assault and battery upon Mary Lisba. He also committed John Davis for the larceny of a pair of shoes from Watkins' store, Wylie street. She acknowledged the theft, and says she took the shoes while the proprietor was out getting change for a companion, who was buying something in the store.

James Barry was fined $5 by Mayor Wilson for interfering with the police while making an arrest.

THE Democracy held a very large mass meeting at Masonic Hall, last evening, to ratify the Reading gubernatorial nomination. Dr. G. L. M'Cook presided, assisted by a number of vice Scholars and secretaries. Judge Shannon, Gov. S. W. Black, of Nebraska, and Judge Shaler, made speeches, giving a re-hash of the democratic fulminations which wearied the country during the late session of Congress. Gov. Black defended his veto of the bill prohibiting Slavery in Nebraska, and again "threw the knee to Bess" in a very artistic and obsequious manner. The speakers believe the doctrines of the Republican party will "ruin the country," and that they will elect the Reading nominee, several cheers for whom were given as the meeting adjourned.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—Sam Cowell is incomparably the best comic singer that ever appeared upon the Pittsburgh boards. His comic songs in character are inimitably fine and brought down the house in thunders of applause. His reception has been all that himself or friends could have wished. His songs, while they are irresistably laughter provoking, are at the same time most unexceptionable, and could not offend the most fastidious ear. On Thursday night the dramatic company make their debut, assisted by Mr. Cowell. The lovers of the drama, with a spice of the richest fun interspersed, can be gratified to their hearts' content. "Nick of the Woods," will be performed on Thursday night.

Mr. Wilson introduced a resolution instructing the committee on Militia to consider the expediency of transferring the control of the Indians from the Interior to the War Department.

Mr. Fitch repeated that he thought the common law was quite sufficient for the protection of slaves. It grew up under that protection, and existed under it for many years. If however it was found inadequate, he would vote for additional legislation.

The subject was then postponed.

Mr. Fitch called attention to a communication from the Regents of the Mt. Vernon Fund, inviting the members of Congress, to visit Mount Vernon to-morrow. He moved that the Senate meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock, to adjourn early. Agreed to.

Mr. Owin moved to take up the Military Academy bill, so as to decide upon the amendment appropriating $1,300,000 to equip a regiment of mounted Texan volunteers.

Mr. Wigfall urged the necessity of immediate action.

Mr. Fessenden was opposed to immediate action on the ground that they had not yet heard from the President or Secretary of War.

After further discussion, a message from the President was read, enclosing Gen. Houston's letter and a lengthy communication from the Secretary of War, communicating official reports on the difficulties on the Rio Grande.

The question was then taken up on the motion to take up the bill, which was carried, yeas 27, nays 17.

BAYOU ROUGE, March 6.—The Democratic State Convention met and organized to-day. Resolutions were offered instructing the delegates at Charleston to support the nominee of that Convention, if he were a good Democrat. A resolution was offered to sustain Mr. Davis' territorial resolutions at Charleston, and if the principle is rejected the delegates could withdraw.

On balloting, the resolutions were adopted, expressing admiration of the patriotic, conservative Northern men, undiminished confidence in Buchanan's administration, embodying the principles of Senator Davis' Territorial resolutions, recommending the two-thirds rule that the vote of Louisiana be cast as a unit; that in the case of the election of a Black Republican President, Louisiana should meet her sister slave-holding States in council for future measures of protection. The delegates are untrammelled by instructions, but Mr. Slidell is recommended for the Presidency. They also pledged the Democracy to support the nominee of the Charleston Convention. E. Lagre and Richard Taylor were elected delegates at large, after which the Convention adjourned.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent says Secretary Floyd appeared before the Harper's Ferry investigation and testified to the receipt of an anonymous letter, already published, warning him of a threatened attack on the Government Arsenal, in Maryland, but as there was none in that State he thought the letter a hoax, which detected itself.

Thaddeus Hyatt returned to the city to-day, with the sergant-at-arms, and will appear at the bar of the Senate immediately.

Mr. Gurley, of the Committee on Printing, will present a bill, to-morrow, directing that the printing and binding authorized by Congress, the Executive and Judicial Departments, and the Court of Claims, be executed under the charge of a Superintendent of Public Printing, who shall be authorized to contract for the lease, erection or purchase of the necessary buildings, materials and machinery for that purpose.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The steamship Catawba, from New Orleans, via Havana, reports but twelve feet of water on the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi, and the channel blocked by a large ship aground. The Catawba stuck in the mud, remaining nineteen hours, until hauled off by a steam tug.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Last Sunday morning the flouring mill of Mr. Billings, at Thompsonville, Sullivan county, was destroyed by fire. Some sheds adjoining were also destroyed. Mr. Billing's was partially insured.

CHICAGO, March 6.—The municipal election passed off to-day without any disturbance of consequence. The vote polled is large; it will probably reach 15,000. The returns received indicate the election of the entire Republican ticket by from 400 to 700 majority.

LOUISVILLE, March 6.—The river is falling slowly, with 7 feet 10 inches water in the canal. The weather is clear; mercury 70°.

LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

Thirty-Sixth Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 6, 1860.

HOUSE.—Mr. Schwartz asked, but failed to obtain, leave to introduce a resolution instructing the Committee on Mileage to inquire into the expediency of restoring the compensation of Congressmen to what it was formerly; and into the expediency of regulating and reducing the mileage.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill reported last week, of which a synopsis has been given, for the protection of female passengers ye board emigrant ships.

Mr. Cochrane offered two amendments, which were agreed to, providing that a process be issued against offenders in the English, French and German languages, and that suit can be brought within one year of the time of the arrival of the vessel in port. The bill was passed.

Mr. Cochrane, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill for the simplification and codification of the revenue laws. He said plain and radical changes had been made from the bill for a similar purpose, reported at the last Congress. All innovations were abandoned. It was deemed best to confine the provisions of the bill to the existing laws on the subject, with such amendments as only necessary to enforce them, and which are in accordance with the regulations of the Treasury Department for the last four years, without the sanction of law. This bill simply collates the laws now spread over a large number of volumes. It was of the utmost importance that this bill should be considered—the interests of commerce were dependent on it, because there was an imperfect code operating over the land. The consideration of the bill was postponed until the first Tuesday in April.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a joint resolution directing the unexpended balance of the appropriation of March, 1859, for repairing the works and the piers in order to secure the light-house at Chicago, to be directed to the repair and improvement of the harbor of that city. He said that the original appropriation was $87,000, of which sufficient had been expended for the light-house, leaving $64,000 for the harbor. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Florence presented a memorial of the fire insurance companies, merchants and other citizens of Philadelphia, praying that Congress substitute steamers of light draft for the revenue services in place of the present sailing schooners. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The House prepared for the election of a Chaplain. There were upwards of twenty persons nominated, including, by Mr. Brigs, active Jewish Rabbi, Dr. Rafael. In addition, Mr. Branch nominated the whole clergy of the District of Columbia. Mr. Pottenger nominated the Rev. Mr. Lee, recently expelled from Kentucky.

Mr. Kilgore moved to postpone the election until the 1st of July, which was negatived by 71 majority.

After the roll was called many changed their names. Mr. Briggs withdrew the name of Dr. Rafael.

Mr. Branch thought that all would agree that this scene should continue as short a time as possible. They now had an opportunity of knowing who was the strongest candidate. He now suggested that he offer a resolution declaring a particular gentleman Chaplain; let the other side offer an amendment proposing another candidate; then the previous question called and the question would be settled in two votes. Objections were made.

Whole number of votes 190; necessary to a choice 95; Mr. Dall, Methodist, 41; Mr. Proctor, Methodist, 46; Thomas H. Stockton, 31; Mr. Nadal, 14; the remainder were scattering.

The House again voted and Mr. Stockton, of Philadelphia, was elected by 15 majority.

Mr. Stallworth presented a memorial from Mobile similar to the above mentioned one by Mr. Florence.

An invitation was received from Ladies of the Mount Vernon Association, inviting the members to accompany them on a visit to Mount Vernon to-morrow. Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the bill to reduce the mileage from 40c to 20c per mile, to be computed by a straight geographical line, was taken up.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, ineffectually requested Mr. Sherman to give an amendment repealing all laws allowing any mileage.

The bill passed by a vote of 134 against 21.

The invitation of the ladies of the Mount Vernon Association was accepted for to-morrow.

Mr. Heard offered a resolution asking for a select committee to inquire into certain statements made by Messrs. Adrain, Hindle and Hickman, in last December, to the effect that the President had endeavored to bribe them from their course of duty.

Mr. Branch hoped that no objection would be made from the democratic side. If the President were to blame, it should be known; if not, the calumnies should be exposed.

Mr. Houston and others participated in an exciting debate, after which the resolution was adopted.

SENATE.—The Vice President laid before the Senate a certificate copy of the Kansas Constitution received from the President of the Constitutional Convention.

Mr. Mason stated that the Sergeant-at-Arms had arrested Thaddeus Hyatt, and he moved that he be brought to the bar of the Senate. Agreed, first, yeas 27, nays 17.

Mr. Hyatt was brought in.

Mr. Hale moved to amend the first interrogatory by inserting "reason for excuse." Mr. Hale said he believed the Senate had no right to send for this citizen, and believed he had a valid reason for not coming.

Mr. Saulsbury said the questions were in the usual form propounded in the courts of law.

Mr. Hale said that that was the mistake, to act as though this was a court of plenary powers.

Mr. Hale's amendment was lost; yeas 17, nays 42.

Mr. Hale moved in addition that the Sergeant-at-Arms allow him full opportunity to consult with counsel.

Mr. Mason thought they were unnecessary. The privilege would be allowed him.

Mr. Hale withdraw his amendment.

The resolution was then adopted; yeas 49, nays 6. The nays were Messrs. Bingham, Durkee, Hale, Sumner, Wade and Wilkinson.

On motion of Mr. Mason, it was ordered that Mr. Hyatt be remanded into the custody of the Sergeant-at-arms, and be given till two o'clock, Friday next, to answer the questions propounded.

Mr. Wilson introduced a resolution instructing the committee on Militia to consider the expediency of transferring the control of the Indians from the Interior to the War Department.

Mr. Fitch repeated that he thought the common law was quite sufficient for the protection of slaves. It grew up under that protection, and existed under it for many years. If however it was found inadequate, he would vote for additional legislation.

The subject was then postponed.

Mr. Fitch called attention to a communication from the Regents of the Mt. Vernon Fund, inviting the members of Congress, to visit Mount Vernon to-morrow. He moved that the Senate meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock, to adjourn early. Agreed to.

Mr. Owin moved to take up the Military Academy bill, so as to decide upon the amendment appropriating $1,300,000 to equip a regiment of mounted Texan volunteers.

Mr. Wigfall urged the necessity of immediate action.

Mr. Fessenden was opposed to immediate action on the ground that they had not yet heard from the President or Secretary of War.

After further discussion, a message from the President was read, enclosing Gen. Houston's letter and a lengthy communication from the Secretary of War, communicating official reports on the difficulties on the Rio Grande.

The question was then taken up on the motion to take up the bill, which was carried, yeas 27, nays 17.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, March 6, 1860.

SENATE.—Numerous petitions and remonstrances were presented and referred.

Agreeably to order the Senate took up an act to consolidate and revise the Penal Laws of the State, which was considered in Committee of the Whole. The Committee rose and was granted leave to sit again. No amendments were taken in Committee of the Whole, but progress was made to the 75th section. The Judiciary Committee struck out the section declaring masquerade balls a nuisance.

Mr. Smith moved to restore it, which motion was lost.

The Pittsburgh Bridge Bill and Supplement to the charter of the Monongahela Water Co., were reported favorably.

The Senate proceeded to consider House Bill No. 223, for the relief of Joseph Mitchell, Treasurer of Lawrence Co., which passed finally and goes to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Blood called up the House Bill, supplement to the Allegheny Valley R. R. Charter; an amendment was offered regulating the manner of voting at elections of said Company; the amendment was agreed to and the bill was passed finally; but having been amended, goes to the House for concurrence therein.

Mr. Finney read in his place an act providing for the incorporation of the Union Railroad Co. The Senate proceeded to consider the bill which passed finally and goes to the House. It incorporates a company to finish the Pittsburgh and Erie Road.

Mr. Meredith called up House Bill No. 446, entitled an act fixing the place of holding elections in Armagh tp., Indiana co., which passed finally, and goes to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Miller read in his place an act providing for the election of four supervisors in Wayne township, Greene co. The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which passed finally and goes to the House.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to an act declaring a part of Dig Mill Creek a public highway.

HOUSE.—The private Calendar was taken up, and the following bills were passed finally:

An act to change the time of holding the borough election in the borough of New Alexandria, in the county of Westmoreland.

An act to divide Upper St. Clair township and to erect a new township thereof, to be called St. Clair.

Supplement to an act to incorporate the Red Bank Navigation Co.

An act to incorporate the Allegheny Observatory in Allegheny Co.

An act to incorporate the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

An act to incorporate the United Presbyterian Church of Brownsdale, in the county of Butler.

An act relative to the borough of Franklin.

An act authorizing the Surveyor of Erie county to transcribe the surveys made by former Deputy Surveyors.

An act to enable the Commissioners of Sheffield township, Warren county, to levy an additional tax.

An act to provide for the erection of a boom in Crooked creek, Armstrong county, and to improve the navigation thereof.

The above bills having been passed finally by the House, will go to the Senate.

An act to prevent the destruction of trout in certain counties, passed finally and goes to the Governor for his approval.

An act relative to the estate of Adam S. Gilleland and Thomas Gilleland, late of Fayette co.; an act erecting parts of Clinton, Elk, M'Kean and Potter counties into a county to be called Cameron; an act for the appointment of viewers to view and vacate part of a State road in Butler co., which was objected to and laid over; under this rule they will be placed on the next private calendar.

An act authorizing a special tax in the borough of Birmingham passed to second reading and was postponed for the present.

Otherwise the session was spent in acting on private bills, in which your readers feel no interest.

The Governor signed the following bills:

An act to incorporate Union Hall Association, in Johnstown.

An act for the relief of Mercer borough school district.

Supplement to an act incorporating the Allegheny & Manchester Railway Co.

An act relative to Allegheny Cemetery.

Supplement to act incorporating the Crawford Co. Insurance Co.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—In the Supreme Court, this afternoon, the three Commissioners of Allegheny County, Messrs. M'Ilhenny, Patterson and Braff, were presented in custody of the Sheriff. They were severally interrogated whether they stood by the return made by Messrs. Adrain, Hindle and Hickman to obey the order of the Court. Each answered that he stood by the return. Judge Lowrie informed them that they had been heard by counsel, and that the Court adjudged each guilty of contempt, in refusing obedience to the mandamus.

The Judge inquired what disposition the plaintiffs asked.

Mr. Meredith, on their behalf, replied that they left the matter in the hands of the court.

After consultation, Judge Lowrie, for the court, stated that they had no power, under the act of Assembly, to go any further in the enforcement of the writ, except by punishing those men for the offense already committed, of contempt of court, which is limited to a fine. An act of the Legislature which gives the court from enforcing an order to the ordinary manner, has struck down the process of the court. A refusal to obey an injunction is punishable by imprisonment until the parties agree to obey the order of the court; but the power of the court here, in a case which is purely criminal, is limited to a fine.

The prisoners were ordered to stand up, and after some remarks upon the enormity of their offense and the folly of their course, in placing themselves at the head of a rebellion, the court imposed upon each a fine of $1000, with the costs of the attachment, and they were ordered into the custody of the Sheriff till the fine and costs are paid.

Immediately after the passage of the sentence, Mr. Meredith applied for an alias peremptory mandamus. The motion was then postponed, and a refusal to obey this writ, if it is granted, will render defendants liable to another fine.

TRENTON, PA., March 6.—The new steamer built here exploded her boiler at noon to-day, when about starting on her first trip. She is a complete wreck. A number of persons were killed. Only one body has as yet been recovered. The names of the victims are not yet ascertained.

The following are the names of some of the killed: Richard Halcrombe, of Belvidere; Jas. Weaver, of Easton; George Smith, of Easton; Judge Sharp, of Belvidere; Wm. Sharp, Jr., of Belvidere; T. Shoobey, of Easton; James Sheeff, engineer, of South Easton; George Sheeff, of South Easton; Samuel Yates, Rhubilly Melcalyre, colored, Stewart, Beatty, and Arthur Kessler, of Easton. The following are the names of some of the injured: John Child, of Belvidere, thigh broken and head cut; Solomon McIntyre, badly injured; And. Melick, of Belvidere, arm broken; B. L. Coulse, of Easton, badly injured; Eugene Troxell, of Easton, slightly; Jas. Easley, of Washington, N. J., slightly. Wm. Parks, of Easton, arm broken; Henry Meidler. There are more killed and injured, but it is impossible to get the names until the excitement subsides.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—The Maryland House, last evening, by a vote of 55 to 15, accepted an address requesting the Governor to remove Judge Stump, of the Criminal Court of this city, from office. The case comes off in the Senate to-day.

The Senate passed a bill empowering the city of Baltimore to endorse half a million dollars of bonds of the Northern Central Railroad.

The drivers of two city passenger cars had a fracas at a ball last night, and one of them, named Bail