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CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by O. B. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

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12 " M	104	87
6 " P. M	87	60
Barometer	29	11-20

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INTERESTING TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.—*Judge Mellon's Opinion.*—The following opinion of Judge Mellon will be read with much interest, as it discloses many important points bearing upon the law of landlord and tenant. It was delivered in the case of Russell vs. Rush, reported yesterday:

The plaintiff sues for two months rent, due at the 1st of January last, for certain premises in Allegheny city, leased by him to the defendant for one year from 1st of April, 1859, till 1st of April, 1860. The tenant sets up the defence that the landlord did not keep the premises in repair, and that in the first week in December last they became absolutely uninhabitable, by reason of a leak in the roof, or flooding from the spouts, and that in consequence he suffered great loss and damage to his goods and furniture, and was compelled to leave.

The landlord replies to this that he was not bound to repair or keep the premises in tenantable order—but that he did repair and had the premises in tenantable order, nevertheless; and that the flooding or leakage complained of occurred from the tenants own carelessness or mismanagement, or from an unusual and extraordinary fall of rain and snow; or sleet, accompanied with frost, choking up and overflowing the spouts and gutters.

These questions involve a consideration of the relative duties of landlord and tenant in regard to repairs. In the absence of any contract on the subject, or stipulation in the lease, the tenant is bound to do all repairs, and keep the premises in tenantable order at his own expense. If the premises become uninhabitable, he cannot on that account surrender his lease and by leaving the premises exonerate himself from payment of the rent. The law imposes no obligation on the landlord to repair, unless he is bound to do so by his contract, and no contract to that effect can be inferred from a lease entirely silent on the subject. What is the evidence in the present case in regard to this point? There is no stipulation in this lease as to any repairs to be done by the landlord. It says, however, that the *said* premises are to be done by the tenant. May it not be inferred from this, taken in connexion with the fact that the landlord did certain outside repairs after the tenant went into possession, that a contract existed whereby the landlord was to do the outside repairs? If the lease was the only evidence on the subject, it would be for the court to interpret it; but if the acts of the landlord affords an additional key to its interpretation, it belongs to the jury to decide whether or not the agreement of the parties was that the landlord should do the outside repairs.

In the next place, if you find that it was the landlord's duty to do the outside repairs, did he perform that duty?

If at the time of the alleged flooding or leakage this roof and spouting was in ordinary good repair and condition, the landlord's duty was fulfilled. Was it in such ordinary good repair and condition as a roof and spouting of that slope and material ought to be in to constitute a good roof and spouting of the kind; for under an agreement on the part of the landlord to keep in repair he is not bound to alter or remodel so as to improve. If at the time of the alleged injury, then, these premises were in ordinary good condition and repair, their becoming uninhabitable from other causes, constitutes no defence against payment of the rent. If the loss and injury resulted from an unusual or extraordinary state of the weather at that particular time, it is the misfortune of the tenant, but he cannot visit the consequences on the landlord or disturb the relation existing between them as landlord and tenant on that account.

Again, if the premises were put in ordinary good repair and condition by the landlord, he was not bound to keep them in good order as regards temporary or incidental obstructions. He was not bound to clear the spouts or conductors, on the roof, of temporary or casual obstructions from ice or rubbish, or the like—not even on notice from the tenant. These are not repairs, but matters required to be done by the tenant, to keep the premises in good order. And this he is bound to do, whether stipulated for in the lease or not. And if the premises become untenantable, by reason of temporary or accidental obstructions in drains, or spouts, or water pipes, and the like, it is his own fault. If then from any of these causes, and not from the bad condition and want of repair of the roof or spouting, the injury complained of by the tenant occurred, he cannot set up his loss as a defense to this action. If, on the other hand, you find the landlord was to keep this roof in repair, and he did not do so, and in consequence the premises became untenantable and the tenant suffered damage, then and in that case the tenant had a right to leave and to rescind the relation of landlord and tenant, and might set off the actual and immediate damage he had sustained against the claim for rent.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The United Presbytery of Allegheny met in the Second Church, Allegheny, on the 9th inst. It was in many respects a very interesting meeting.

Mr. S. C. Ewing, Missionary elect to China, was, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the Gospel ministry, and his name added to the roll. Wm. Wallace and Andrew Watson having acceptably delivered the requisite trials were licensed to preach.

Mr. Joseph H. Timmons was received on certificate from the Wheeling Presbytery, and delivered, to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, his trials for ordination, which is appointed to take place in the United Presbyterian Church of Terentum, on Tuesday, the 15th of next month. Rev. R. S. Sawyer, wishing to leave the United Presbyterian Church, was granted a certificate of ministerial standing. Rev. J. C. Steele was released from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Manchester.

All the United Presbyterian Congregations are directed to take up collections for the Presbyterial Fund between this and the next meeting of Presbytery, and out of this the expenses of the delegates to the General Assembly are to be paid. Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Terentum on Wednesday, the 18th of June, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Rev. Richard Lea, for many years the laborious and efficient pastor of the church in Lawrenceville, gave notice, a short time ago, of his intention to ask Presbytery for a dissolution of the pastoral relation. Following this announcement the largest congregational meeting ever held in this church, with great cordiality, asked Mr. Lea to reconsider his determination and remain with his present charge. Mr. Lea has acquiesced in the request of his people

THE COAL TRADE.—It is not unnecessary to state that coal is the source of all the present wealth of our city, and that the shipment of coal in barges and boats to the West and South is a matter that gives employment to thousands of Pittsburghers and enriches our city. The writer's present object is to call attention to the great delay and loss experienced by coal shippers at Dam No. 1 of the Monongahela Navigation Company. Five boats were lost there the last rains, valued at $8,000, and many boats were unable to get through the locks at all—thus entailing a heavy loss and much disappointment to the owners of the coal. The Monongahela Navigation Company should extend its Locks from Dam No. 1, clear down to the Birmingham Bridge—thus being enabled to lock a fleet of coalboats through in place of a single pair, and prevent all delay and loss. The coal trade is increasing daily, and the present Locks are totally incapable of accommodating the shippers of coal. The enormous saving of time, as well as the great increase in business, would soon repay the company the expenses of the extension of Lock No. 1. Something should be done, and that without delay, and the coal dealers should have a meeting and appoint a committee to confer with the Monongahela Navigation Company, and take the necessary steps to correct this great evil.

GOOD IDEA.—We see the Citizens' Passenger Railway Company have had a car constructed so as to sprinkle the streets in the warm weather, and to settle the dust. The car is made like a common coal car, water-tight, with a perforated tin cylinder, perhaps 5 feet long and 12 inches in diameter, running under it. The water is let into this cylinder by raising a trap at the bottom of the car by a lever, when the water goes in; its own pressure is immense, and not only does it force itself the width of the track, but two feet out on each side. It sends a very heavy shower, and effectually settles the dust, without turning it into mud. The company had the car out yesterday, for the first time. It was filled at the corner of St. Clair and Penn streets, at the fire plug, and started up the latter street at a brisk pace, doing the work well. We think it would be a good idea for the Manchester Company to do the same thing, as the dust on that road rules more dust is passing, than a little.

Gen'l Assembly of the New School Presbyterian Church.

This large and influential representative body assembled in the Third Presbyterian Church, Third street, on Thursday morning, and was opened with a sermon by the last Moderator, Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D., of Chicago. The texts chosen were 1st Corinthians, 3d chap. and 9th verse; and Ephesians 9th chapter and 16th verse.

After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Committee on Commissions reported 160 members in attendance, after which the Assembly adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.—Rev. Henry Darling, permanent clerk, read over the names of the Commissioners, after which the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator.

The presiding Moderator, Dr Patterson, appointed Rev. C. P. Wing and Elder Farnham as a Committee on Elections, to whom the names of a few Commissioners without election, were referred, and who were reported upon favorably.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was admitted as a corresponding member.

The following nominations were then made for Moderator: Rev. Harvey Curtis, D. D., of Illinois; Rev. Thomas Brainard, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. A. T. Chester, D. D., Buffalo; Rev. T. A. Mills, D. D., Indianapolis; Rev. Hatfield, D. D., New York; Rev. J. T. Stearns, D. D., Newark, N. J.

Messrs. Curtis, Hatfield and Stearns were permitted to withdraw their names.

The ballotings resulted as follow, 88 votes being necessary to a choice:

First ballot: Mills 87; Chester 38; Brainard 40.

Second: Mills 101; Chester 38; Brainard 35.

Dr. Mills was declared elected, and conducted to the chair.

Revs. Bushnell and M'Harg were elected Secretaries.

The following report of the committee to fix the hours of meeting was adopted: Convene at 9 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m. Afternoon session: begin at 2:30; close at 5—first half hour to be devoted to prayer and praise.

Adjourned.

Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

FIRST SESSION.

The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday night, in the First Church (Rev. J. McMillan's) Allegheny City, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator of the last Synod, Rev. John Nevin. His text was the 4th verse of the 10th chapter of 2d Corinthians—"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds." The Reverend gentleman preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from the above text. The following are some of the points he enlarged more particularly on: 1. The strongholds to be pulled down; 2. The natural enmity of the human heart; 3. The errors of the human mind; 4. The stronghold of worldliness; 5. The stronghold of immorality.

After Rev. Nevin had concluded, the Synod adjourned to meet at nine o'clock on Thursday morning.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday morning, May 17th—Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Dr. McCloud, stated clerk of the former meeting, then called the roll of the delegates, after which the Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator. The choice fell upon the Rev. Wm. Sterrett, of Philadelphia, who received a unanimous vote. Rev. Dr. McCloud was re-elected stated clerk, and Rev. J. A. Crawford was chosen assistant clerk.

The following hours were fixed for the time of meeting: In the morning from 9 to half past 12 o'clock, the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises, and in the afternoon from 3 o'clock until adjournment by resolution.

The minutes of last session were then read throughout.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That Rev. Geo. Scott take Dr. Guthrie's place on the committee appointed by last Synod on certain resolutions touching Psalmody and Communion.

Considerable debate ensued on the introduction of this resolution, many gentlemen opposing its adoption. In the midst of the discussion the question was called for and the resolution postponed.

The certificate of the delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was presented, received and put on file, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the delegate, Rev. Dr. Murdoch, be admitted to a seat.

Dr. Murdoch accordingly took his seat in the Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M., with prayer by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.—Synod met in pursuance of adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Roll was called by the Secretary and minutes of the morning session read and approved. The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. J. A. Crawford, and Jas. M. Gifford, Esq.

On Discipline—Rev. Dr. Crawford, Rev. J. McMasters, Dr. Wylie and Robert Orr, Esq.

On Signs of the Times—Rev. J. W. Morrison, Rev. John Nevin, Rev. Samuel Wylie, Rev. M. McBride, Rev. N. J. McDowell and John Blair, Esq.

On Theological Seminary—Rev. Dr. McMillan, Rev Robert Patterson, Rev. Sam'l Wylie, Rev. George Scott, Rev. D. G. McAuley, Rev. A. G. Wylie and John Miller, Esq.

On Presbyterial Reports—Rev. A. M. Stewart, Rev. H. A. McKelvy, Rev. W. P. Shaw, Rev. Alex. Clark, Rev. F. N. McNaughton and Thos. Buchanan, Esq.

On Devotional Exercises—Revs. M. Harshaw, N. K. Crow, Sam'l Boyd, J. S. Scott, B. McMillan.

On Supplies—Dispensed with.

On Finance—Rev. N. T. Wylie and Mr. J. N. Eower.

Auditing—Mr. Charles Philips and A. Kerr.

Nominating—Rev. J. A. Crawford, Rev. J. W. Morris, Rev. R. Brown, and T. Randolph, Esq.

Committee on Presbyterian Records.

Northern Presbytery—Rev. Samuel Boyd and James Cook, Esq.

Phil'a Presbytery—Rev. W. P. Shaw, and Sam'l Dallas, Esq.

Pittsburgh—Rev. A. G. Wylie, and Jas Hogg, Esq

Ohio—Rev. J. Johnston and James Carlings, Esq.

Western—Rev. W. T. Wylie and John Stevenson.

Chicago—Rev. Jas. S. Scott and Jos. McKee.

Eastern—Rev. N. J. McDowell and David Mumford.

On motion, the Committee on Supplies was dispensed with, the business having been conducted by last Synod to the Board of Missions.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that a letter had come to committees from Vandemonian churches. That document had been translated and published in the *Banner*. It was a matter of great interest that a correspondence had been begun with the old dissenters of the Alps. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were directed to reply to this letter expressing the sympathy of the Synod with the people of that place in their struggles and difficulties.

On motion, the consideration of the committee of the Eastern Presbytery was postponed.

Report of Committee on Psalmody was called, but Dr. Wylie, chairman, being absent, was not prepared to report.

Committee on Sustentation Fund were not prepared to report. The chairman announced that the committee did not know they had been continued.

Committee on Statistics reported that the matter confided to them had been attended to.

Committee on Signs of the Times stated they would be ready to report in a day or two.

Report of the Delegate to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which met at Wilmington last May, was called. Dr. Wilson announced the report was being written and would be ready shortly.

Report of Committee on Correspondence was not prepared.

Clerks of Presbyteries were ordered by Synod to write to congregations in regard to the collection for Synod's fund. Presbyteries responded by their clerks.

Committee to prepare an Address to the Church on Treasury not prepared to report.

Committee to communicate with the U. P. Church in reference to their proposals for union, not prepared to report.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary were directed by last Synod to procure an endowment of $20,000. No report was made by the Board. Mr. Gifford stated that he had never heard a word of the endowment since the Board was appointed to attend to it. A year or two before that, $13,000, he thought, had been subscribed.

Board of Foreign Missions were called on.—No report was made.

Committee on Psalmody and Communion were not ready to report.

Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, directed to get a new edition of the acts and testimony and of the discipline published, stated that nothing had been done. On motion, they were enjoined to attend to this matter as soon as possible.

The Board of Foreign Missions were directed to confer with suitable persons to go to India.

Presbyterial reports called for. None were prepared to report but gubernation and the Eastern Presbyteries, which were read, accepted and referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

On motion, the remaining Presbyteries were directed to report this morning, after devotional exercises.

The following resolutions, offered by Dr. McLeod, were adopted:

Resolved, That the Pastor of appointing complimentary members of this Synod from the Ministry of other denominations be henceforward discontinued.

Resolved, That this resolution is not to be understood as applying to any Minister of the Gospel, or other individual who may have any commission to this Synod, and whom Synod may admit to the floor by resolution for the purpose of discharging said commission.

Dr. Wilson, delegate to the General Synod of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) reported that he had visited that body at Wilmington, last year, and was cordially received. Report accepted.

Rev. Mr. Kearns, of the Free Church of Canada, made an application to be received as a minister in this Church, and laid his papers on the table.

After considerable discussion, which was participated in by several gentlemen, a motion was made that he be allowed to withdraw his papers, to present them to that Presbytery within whose bounds he may be found.

A substitute was offered that the Synod appoint a committee to confer with Mr. Kearns and report to Synod. The substitute was put and adopted—ayes 24, nays 22.

The Moderator appointed Dr. Wilson, Revs. A. M Stewart, Robert Patterson and Messrs. Robert Orr and Joseph McKee a committee to confer with Mr. Kearns.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. McMillin, Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock this morning.

POLICE ITEMS.—There were 16 committments to the jail yesterday. Of these, 6 were for drunkenness, 4 for disorderly conduct, 4 for vagrancy and 2 for larceny.

Louisa Mackert, a milliner on Penn street, made information before Alderman Jones, of the 6th ward, yesterday, against Ellen Pole, alias O'Brien, charging her with the larceny of a bonnet worth $5. Ellen was committed in default of $400 bail.

Thomas Samuels made information before the same magistrate, against John McCaffery, for an assault and battery. The latter committed on the same charge. The defendant was admitted to bail.

Constable Robert Johnson, attached to Alderman Jones' police, left a pocket-book on the desk in the office while he went down the street about two hundred yards to arrest a man. When he returned the pocket book was gone. It contained some papers of no importance to any one except himself. There were some due bills, an execution and a warrant for the arrest of a man.

John Hessel made information before Alderman Taylor, yesterday, against Patrick Barns, charging him with assault and battery. Barns was held in $200 bail.

ADOPTED.—Enoch Lewis, Esq., General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, has issued the following notice, and calls the attention of the employees of that corporation to it. It was adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 1st of the present month:

WHEREAS, It is proper to let it be fully and clearly understood that it is the settled policy of this Company to keep aloof from all political contests, and to disapprove of any of its officers or employees taking any active part therein; therefore,

Resolved, That whilst we disclaim any intention to interfere with the individual rights of our officers or employees, we will regard any attempt to control the votes of those in the service of this Company, or in any way to pervert its influence to the support of any political party, as sufficient ground for summary dismissal.

GOING THE WHOLE CHEESE.—Louis Terry, a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, made information before Mayor Morrison, yesterday, charging Edward Berry with the larceny of a cheese, weighing 46 pounds, and worth $4 60. The police discovered when they arrested the thief, that he had been selling the cheese bit by bit in small quantities. He was confronted by the owner of the cheese, and after finding that the whole thing was discovered, he acknowledged that he had taken it from the Railroad platform. He was sent to jail, in default of $200 bail.

SANFORD'S OPERA.—Notwithstanding the unpromising condition of the weather last evening, Sanford's Opera Troupe was greeted with a very large and fashionable audience. That the performances gave unbounded satisfaction was clearly demonstrated by the enthusiastic manner in which the whole company was received. On Saturday afternoon, for the accommodation of the little folk, who will be admitted at half-price—and others who cannot make it convenient to attend in the evening, an entertainment will be given expressly for their benefit.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—The enterprising manager offers this evening a bill of more than usual attraction, namely, that sterling actor Mr J. B. Roberts as the Corsican Brothers, a character in which he has won a world-wide reputation—in addition to this, our little favorite actress, Effie Henderson, will appear as Captain in the popular Ledger drama of the Yankee Land; and Keene as the Negro, in which character he is inimitable. Let the old Drury have one of those old fashioned Saturday night houses

VERDICT.—In the Circuit Court of the United States, before Hon. W. McCandless, the case of Hiram Hunt, against the Pittsburgh Fire & Marine Insurance Co., was resumed and finished yesterday, and a verdict rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of $2,779 10. W. Dalkewell and L. Parson Stone counsel for plaintiff, and Scott and Hampton for defendants.

EXCURSION TICKETS TO CINCINNATI.—In order to accommodate the large number of persons intending to attend the several anniversaries connected with the Baptist Church, the Pittsburgh, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad line, via Steubenville, will issue excursion tickets during the 16th and 19th of May at one fare for the round trip. Tickets can be procured at the Union Ticket Office, Liberty street.

PERSONAL.—District Attorney Miller has returned from his western tour, and looks finely. He will now have his hands full for some time to come. On Saturday, the case of S. G. Lugbeal, convicted recently of passing two forged certificates of deposit on the Citizens' Bank, of this city, will be disposed of.

STABBED.—Alexander T. Shields, formerly a resident of this city, was stabbed in the back, near San Francisco, California, recently, by a man who followed him out of a saloon. The man was soon afterwards caught, and was lynched the next day. Mr. Shields' family reside in Elizabeth.

CORRECTION.—The J. L. Leech mentioned in a police item in Tuesday's issue, is *not* Mr. J. L. Leech, of the firm of Jos. L. Leech & Co. We cheerfully give the correction, though it is hardly necessary to make to those who are acquainted with him.

THE new grade to which the Suspension Bridge Company have raised Federal street, with the consent of the Allegheny authorities, is nearly finished, and the cars of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny & Manchester Railway will run over the bridge on Monday.

DIVIDEND.—The Central Pennsylvania Railroad Company commenced to pay their semi annual dividend on Wednesday.

[Correspondence of the Daily Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, May 15, 1860.

The train last night brought in about 1000 delegates and outsiders from New England and New York, and about 1 o'clock the train from Pittsburgh brought 600 more, including Thaddeus Stevens, David Wilmot and Gov. Reader. This morning, the train from Pittsburgh brought 600 more, including the Pittsburgh delegation and the outsiders from Philadelphia.

At the reception of these two delegations, this morning, the Chicago Republicans had a band in attendance, with a numerous escort. The two trains arrived at 11½, some three hours behind time—when the whole was arranged into a most imposing procession. First came the Chicago band, followed by the committee of escort; next to these came the omnibusses, containing the women and those accompanying them, then the Philadelphia delegation, with its band and bringing up the rear the Pittsburgh delegation, with its band and banners, making a fine display. The members looked dusty and weary, but the enthusiasm of the occasion gave *eclat* to the demonstration, and every one was gratified.

The hotels are a perfect jam. It is almost impossible to get through the crowd in the lobbies of the various stopping places. The delegations from the various States all have rooms, as Head Quarters, at the various hotels, and these are thronged the livelong day. Such a crowd was never seen in Chicago nor any other city.

So far, the best of feeling has prevailed. There is plenty of excitement, but no bad blood. Men discuss their preferences and the chances of the various candidates in an eager but not in an angry way, and the prospect is that, whoever may be the nominee, harmony will prevail.

As to the prospects of the various candidates, Seward's chances seem to grow no better, while those of Cameron, Lincoln, Wade and Bates improve. The friends of each are sanguine; but the various delegations have not yet balloted to indicate their preference. Iowa met this morning, and balloted, declaring its preference for Lincoln on the first ballot and Cameron on the second. The other delegations will not act until to night or to-morrow.

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Notice to Builders and Contractors.

THE UNDERSIGNED (formerly Foreman for ROWLAND PARRY,) would respectfully inform those for whom he has done work, and the public generally, that he is now prepared to furnish SLATE of different colors, (green, blue and purple) or put on SLATE ROOFS in the most approved manner. Orders for Roofing or Repairing of Slate Roofs (if left at the office of ALEX. LAUGHLIN, near the Water Works,) will be promptly attended to.

mylS-6md THOMAS PARRY.

LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

The Republican National Convention.

[Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, May 17.—In the Republican National Convention, which met at 10 o'clock, to-day, the committee on credentials reported in favor of admitting the delegates from Kansas, Maryland, Texas and Virginia.

Mr. Wilmot moved to recommit that part of the report inquiring what vote those States are entitled to. The motion was lost after a stormy debate.

Mr. Lowry moved to recommit the report generally, which was carried, by a vote of 275½ against 172½.

This is considered against Seward.

Convention adjourned till 3 p. m.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The morning opens with much excitement. The streets are crowded, and several processions are formed, headed by bands of music.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock. The Wigwam was crowded as densely as yesterday. Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Patton, of Chicago.

An invitation for a trip to Davenport, over the Rock Island road, was tabled.

A resolution was read, asking the President if he could not send some effective speakers, to entertain the 20,000 Republicans and their wives outside of the building. [Laughter and cheers]

Mr. R. M. Corwin, of Ohio, from the committee on Rules, reported rules for governing the convention. Among the rules are the following: That four votes be cast by delegates at large, and two for each Congressional District; that 304 votes, being a majority of the whole number of votes, when all the States of the Union are represented, on the above ratio, be required to nominate candidates. [Loud cries of No, No, with mingled cheers and hisses.]

Mr. James, of N. Y., desired to say that only 17 out of 37 States were represented, when the rule requiring 304 votes was adopted by 1 majority. He presented as the minority report a substitute for said rule, requiring a majority of all the votes cast to-morrow.

Mr. Carter, of O., called for the report of the committee on Credentials, and moved that the report on Rules lay on the table for the present. Carried.

Mr. Burton, of N. H., from the Committee on Credentials, reported no contested seats out of the 24 States represented.

Mr. Davis, of Mass., moved to refer back so much of the report of the Committee on Credentials, as referred to Texas.

Mr. Wilmot moved to amend by including Maryland, Kentucky, Virginia, all the territories, and the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, has issued the following notice, and calls the attention of the employees of that corporation to it. It was adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 1st of the present month:

Mr. Bigler, of Pa., said he was confident that all approved of the resolutions, and therefore moved the previous question.

Mr. Giddings asked his colleagues to withdraw his call for the previous question, in order to enable him to offer an amendment to the platform.

Mr. Carter refused to withdraw.

Mr. Giddings—Does my colleague desire to cut me off?

Mr. Carter—Yoo, and all others; I desire to get a vote on the resolution.

After some skirmishing, the Convention refused to order the previous question by 155 to 301.

Mr. Giddings moved to add to the first resolution, that we solemnly reassert the self-evident truths that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are those of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that governments are instituted among men to secure the enjoyment of these rights.

Mr. Carter—I desire to move an amendment.

Mr. Giddings—I have the floor, and hope my colleague will ask no favor of me.

Mr. Carter—Oh, no; I will not.

Mr. Giddings urged the adoption of his amendment.

Mr. Carter said all the gas that had been expended by his colleague on the amendment was unnecessary.

The motion to amend was lost by a large vote.

Judge Jessup desired to amend a verbal mistake in the name of the party. It was printed in the resolutions "National Republican Party," he moved to strike out the word "national."

A discussion arose on an amendment offered by Curtis, of N. Y., to add to the platform the preamble to the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Curtiss said this was the second National Convention of the Republican party, and he asked whether the party was prepared to vote down the words of the Declaration of Independence. He cautioned them to beware before some State with the power vested in it by Pennsylvania and the large crowd of outsiders, the whole delegation and spectators rising and giving round after round of deafening cheers.

The resolutions wind up with an invitation for co-operation of all citizens, however differing in other questions, to agree with us in their affirmance and support.

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Mr. Carter—I desire to move an amendment.

Mr. Giddings—I have the floor, and hope my colleague will ask no favor of me.

Mr. Carter—Oh, no; I will not.

Mr. Giddings urged the adoption of his amendment.

Mr. Carter said all the gas that had been expended by his colleague on the amendment was unnecessary.

The motion to amend was lost by a large vote.

Judge Jessup desired to amend a verbal mistake in the name of the party. It was printed in the resolutions "National Republican Party," he moved to strike out the word "national."

A discussion arose on an amendment offered by Curtis, of N. Y., to add to the platform the preamble to the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Curtiss said this was the second National Convention of the Republican party, and he asked whether the party was prepared to vote down the words of the Declaration of Independence. He cautioned them to beware before some State with the power vested in it by Pennsylvania and the large crowd of outsiders, the whole delegation and spectators rising and giving round after round of deafening cheers.

The resolutions wind up with an invitation for co-operation of all citizens, however differing in other questions, to agree with us in their affirmance and support.

Mr. Carter, of Ohio, said he was confident that all approved of the resolutions, and therefore moved the previous question.

Mr. Giddings asked his colleagues