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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 28, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 88 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	09	40
12 " M.	60	53
6 " P. M.		57
Barometer	29 8-10	

Efforts to Revive the Temperance Cause—The Churches Moving.

The increase in the number of unlicensed liquor shops, and the consequent increase of intemperance in this community, has induced the Pittsburgh Temperance Society to appeal to the ministers of the various churches in this city and vicinity, to use their aid in arresting the progress of that fearful vice. Accordingly, on the 19th inst., a preliminary meeting was held in the Central Presbyterian Church, L. R. Lavingston presiding.

Rev. J. G. Brown stated the object of the meeting, and deprecated the coolness of ministers and fathers in the churches upon this subject.

Rev. Mr. Preston suggested the employment of Mr. Gough to induce public interest in this meeting.

Dr. King, after referring to the Gospel as an important means of reform, said more was necessary, and advocated a legislative enactment to break up the low groggeries and concert saloons.

Rev. Dunlap contended moral suasion was the only effectual means, and urged that ministers and elders should speak to their people upon the subject at stated meetings.

Rev. Reed agreed in favor of a temperance revival in the churches.

Dr. Pressly would deal with all persons and things that make drunkards; by every possible means, moral and legal, and recommended meetings to be addressed by the ministers of all the churches.

Rev. Reed referred to the Allegheny Temperance Society in the past year in preventing sundry persons from getting licenses, and bringing many transgressors to justice.

Rev. Gracey thought both the Gospel and civil government should be used with energy.

Rev. Kendall moved the appointment of a committee of five to advise and report to the next meeting a plan for future operations—and Revs. Baird, Paxton, Russell and Gracey were appointed upon said committee.

On the 26th (Tuesday) the adjourned meeting was convened at the same place as before. The committee above named stated that they had no report ready, owing to the absence of some of the committee, when the others had met.

Rev. Preston again urged the employment of Mr. Gough, and Dr. Baird advocated sermons by the city clergy to be delivered simultaneously; also, mass meetings, etc.

Rev. Reed, of Birmingham, said an effort such as was advocated by the brethren here had been made in all the pulpits of his vicinage for some time—and a committee appointed there had ascertained that there were about eighty places where liquor was sold, only some twelve of which were licensed.

Dr. Kendall favored preaching by ministers in their own churches plainly and pointedly, and opposed the employment of any person such as Mr. Gough.

Rev. Brown advised a monthly conference of ministers for converse and prayer upon the subject.

Rev. Chase recommended the appointment of a committee such as that of Birmingham, the results of whose investigations should be reported to ministers and laid before the people.

Dr. Wray favored preaching upon the subject opposed Gough—the subject was too solemn for laughing—and also opposed in toto the granting of licenses.

The part of Dr. Baird's motion relative to simultaneous preaching by the city clergy upon Temperance, was then adopted, the second Sabbath of April was appointed as the day—and Revs. Kendall, Brown, Sawyer, Baird, Paxton, Douglas, Kerr, Russell, Hill, Preston, Parry and Mr. Peacock, were appointed a committee to issue a circular urging this duty upon the clergy of the city.

Latest Decisions in the Supreme Court.

The *Legal Journal* publishes the following abstracts of the latest decisions by the Supreme Court, in cases pertaining to Allegheny county:

Wharton vs. the Borough of East Birmingham.—The remedy for an unfair or illegal assessment of taxes is by appeal to the taxing powers, as provided by law, before payment. If a party waive his right of appeal, the *collector* has no right to refuse him, nor can he sue the Borough or County which can alone him to recover back money once regularly paid in pursuance of a regular assessment. Where an owner suffers the county to assess his town lots as vacant, without appeal and without returning them as assessed, he cannot object to the Borough assessing them also as vacant. His only remedy was by appeal to the County Commissioners at the proper time.

The decision of the Common Pleas was affirmed by Woodward, J.

Black vs. Nease & Son.—1. The plaintiff's affidavit of claim in original suit is not competent evidence against the garnishee in an execution attachment. 2. A husband may settle property on his wife, even without the intervention of a trustee, when not in debt or about to embark in business where his credit will be pledged for new indebtedness, and the property so settled "accrues" to the wife within the meaning of the act of 1848. 3. Possession and exclusive control of money by the wife, though evidence in her favor is not sufficient to establish her claim to it as separate property, under the act of 1848. 4. Where a party has evidence that she had property before marriage from which it might have come, or that it has "accrued" to her during coverture, &c. Declarations of the husband and wife that she had furnished money to commence business, are not competent evidence to show that the wife had a separate estate.

The decision of the District Court is reversed, and new trial awarded—by Woodward, J.

Lorenz's Administrators vs. King.—1. A legacy or distributive share may be attached before any settlement of the estate of the decedent. 2. Judgment may be had against the administrators as garnishees if they have ample funds to pay the legacy after the debts of the estate are discharged. 3. Whether an attorney may accept service of an attachment execution—query? but his appearance by the parties is a waiver of defects in the service. 4. A judgment held by an administratrix in her own right against a legatee, cannot be set up against one who attaches the legacy in the hands of the administrator. 5. Where the administrators are garnishees, it is error to enter judgment against them *de bonis propriis*. Layman vs. Nease, 6 Wh., 136 qualified.

Decision of the District Court reversed, and a new trial awarded.—by Read, J.

Bank Note Quotations.

Corrected especially for the *Gazette* by Messrs. Feld & Lare, of the *National Bank Note Reporter*:

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27, 1861.

	Discount		Discount
New England States	par	South Carolina	par
New York State	par	Georgia	6-12
New York City	par	Alabama, Mobile Par	10
New Jersey, (west.)	¼	Louisiana	par
" (east.)	¼	Kentucky	par
Pennsylvania, (east.)	par	Ohio	par
" (Pitts)	par	Indiana	par
" (Ches. Pugh)	par	Illinois	par
" (Tioga—none)	1½-3	Michigan	8
Delaware	1	Wisconsin	8
Maryland, Baltimore	1	Iowa	8
Maryland, Balt. — Interior	2	Missouri	8
	3	Missouri	4
Virginia	6-10	Canada	1
North Carolina	6-10		

Sterling, selling rs on New York, 15% on Philadelphia 15%; on Baltimore, 15% per cent. over Bankable funds. Gold selling at par over Bankable funds.

NEW COUNTERFEITS.

Bank of the Federal Union, Illinois.—2s, altered. Notes all—Bank issues no bills of this denomination.

Centreville Bank, Rhode Island.—3s, altered vig. train of cars; 3 on each upper corner; sailor on left end.

Wyoming Bank, Wilksbarre, Pa.—10s, dangerous imitation; two Indians on lower left corner; male portrait on lower right end; title of the Bank in a circle at the top of the note. Better refuse all 10s for the present.

Andover Bank, Mass.—1s, altered; vig. wagon, four mules; 8s; two men with rakes on right end. Genuine have train of cars; female with scales on left end.

Shelburne Falls Bank, Massachusetts.—20s, altered; vig. female reclining against a rock. Refuse all; Bank issues no 20s.

Burglaries in the Sixth Ward.

On Tuesday morning, between three and four o'clock, the store of Patrick Howe, on Penn street, between Wylie and Pennsylvania avenue, was entered by burglars, who made a thorough search of the premises, and decamped with some forty dollars in money, part of which they found in the money drawer, and the ballance in the pocket of the inmates. An entrance was effected by forcing open a window in the rear of the building, which admitted them to a bed-room, after which they passed to the store. Mr. Howe was absent at the time, and so quietly was the robbery perpetrated that the inmates were not aroused. Mrs. Howe found nearly all her clothing outside of the house, with the pockets torn out. Her pocket-book was found in a yard near the premises, rifled of its contents. Nothing valuable was taken, except the money.

The thieves left a piece of candle behind them, and also a large iron poker, which they had taken from the house of Wm. Dickson, on the opposite side of the street. They had forced an entrance here also, but either had found nothing that suited their fancy, or had been frightened off before they could have an opportunity of searching the premises.

The frequency of these petty depredations calls for a very strict surveillance on the part of the night police. They should scrutinize carefully all night walkers, and by this means they may be able to effect some arrests.

NEW BRIGHTON, Feb. 26.—*Eds. Gazette*: In Saturday's edition you noticed that Beaver Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this place, donated $10 for the relief of Kansas sufferers, which should be Beaver Lodge of Pittsgrove, Pa.

Robertson Lodge, No. 450, of this place, donated, through Mr. E. D. Merrick, for their relief, $10.

By order of Lodge. GEO. W. HAYS, *Sec'y.*

THE OIL SOCIETIES.—The veterans of 1813, who represented this city 284 deep at the celebration of the 23d, in Harrisburg, are as follows: William Gwinner, Jr., N. Patterson, E. F. Pratt, James Chambers, John Forbes, W. E. Hay, R. Sanders, Charles Dilworth, Heron Ray, Jacob Vandergrift, J. F. Shoenberger, George McCombs, Thomas McFadden, William Stewart, Col. William Diehl.

The Tariff Bill—Duties on Iron, Steel, Glass, etc.

We are indebted to Hon. Robt. M'Knight for a copy of the Tariff Bill, as it passed the House on Monday—the House having concurred in all the Senate amendments save that of taxing Tea and Coffee, upon which a Committee of Conference was obtained, with a prospect of the Senate receding. The Bill is quite too voluminous for publication in detail. We annex the sections in which our people are most interested.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of April, A. D. 1861, there shall be levied, collected and paid, on the importation of the articles hereinafter mentioned, the following duties: On bar-iron, rolled or hammered, comprising flats, not less than one inch or more than seven inches wide, nor less than one quarter of an inch or more than two inches thick; rounds, not less than half an inch or more than four inches in diameter; and squares, not less than half an inch or more than four inches square, fifteen dollars per ton: *Provided*, That all iron in slabs, blooms, loops, or other forms, less finished than iron in bars and more advanced than pig iron, except castings, shall be rated as iron in bars, and pay a duty accordingly; and *Provided, further*, That none of the above iron shall pay a less rate of duty than twenty per centum ad valorem, on all iron imported in bars for railroads or inclined planes, made to patterns, and fitted to be laid down upon such roads or planes without further manufacture, and not exceeding six inches high, 12 dollars per ton: on boiler plate iron, twenty dollars per ton; on iron wire, drawn and finished, not more than one-fourth inch in diameter, nor less than No. 16, wire gauge, 75 cents per one hundred pounds, and 15 per cent. *ad valorem*; over No. 16 and not over No. 25, wire gauge, $1 50 and 15 per cent. *ad valorem*; over or finer than No. 25, wire gauge $2 00 and 15 per cent. *ad valorem*. On all other descriptions of rolled or hammered iron, not otherwise provided for, $20 per ton. On iron in pigs, $6 per ton. • • On cast iron butts and hinges, two cents per pound: On hollow-ware, glazed or tinned, two cents and a half per pound. On all other castings, not otherwise provided for, 25 per cent. ad valorem. • • • On band and hoop iron, slit rods, not otherwise provided for, $20 per ton. On cut nails and spikes, one cent per pound. On cables, chains, anvils, $1,25 per hundred pounds. On anchors, or parts thereof, one dollar and fifty cents per hundred pounds. On wrought nails, spikes, rivets and bolts, two cents per pound. On iron screws and wrought hinges, one cent and a half per pound. On chains, trace, halter and fence, made of wire or rods one-half inch in diameter or over, one cent and a half per pound; under half an inch and not under one fourth, two cents. • • • On blacksmith's hammers and sledges, axles, or parts thereof, and malleable iron in castings, not otherwise provided for, two cents per pound; on horse shoe nails three cents a half per pound; on steam, gas, and water tubes and flues, of wrought iron, two cents; on wrought iron railroad chairs, and on wrought iron nuts and washers, ready punched, $35 per ton; on cut tacks, brads and sprigs, not exceeding sixteen ounces to the thousand, two cents per thousand; exceeding sixteen ounces, two cents per pound.

On smooth or polished iron, by whatever name designated, two cents per pound; on other, common or black sheet iron, not thinner than No. 20 wire gauge, $20 per ton. • • • Galvanized iron, or iron coated with zinc, 2 cents per pound; on mill iron, and manufactures of wrought iron, and wrought iron for ships, locomotives, locomotive tire, or parts thereof, or steam engines, or parts thereof, weighing each 25 pounds or more, one cent and a half per pound. On screws, commonly called wood screws, two inches or over in length, eight cents per pound; on screws washed or plated, and all screws of iron or any other metal, thirty per cent. ad valorem. On all other manufactures of iron, not otherwise provided for, thirty per cent. ad valorem.

On steel in ingots, bars, sheets or wire, not less than 3 inch in diameter, valued at 7 cents per pound or less, 1¼ cents per pound; valued at above 7 cents per pound, and not above 11 cents, 2 cents per pound: on Steel in any form not otherwise provided for, 20 per cent. *ad valorem*.

On fire crows cut saws, 8 cents per lineal foot; on mill pit saws, not over nine inches wide, 12½ cents per lineal foot; over nine inches wide, 20 cents per lineal foot.

On skates costing 20 cents or less per pair, 6 cents per pair; on those costing over 20 cents, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

On Bituminous Coal, $1,00 per ton of 28 bushels, 80 pounds to the bushel; on all other coal 50 cents per ton; on cork 25 per cent. ad valorem.

On Copper, in pigs, bars or ingots, two cents per pound; on copper when old and fit only to be remanufactured, 1¼ cent per pound; on sheeting copper, in sheets 48 inches long and 14 in. wide, weighing from 14 to 24 ounces per square foot, two cents per pound. On Copper rods, bolts, nails, spikes, copper bottoms, in sheets or brazier's copper, 25 per cent. ad valorem; on Zinc, spelter in blocks or pigs, $1,00 per hundred pounds; in sheets, 1½ cts. per pound. On Copper ore, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

On white lead, oxide of zinc, dry or ground in oil, red and litharge, 1½ cts. per pound: on sugar of lead, chlorate of lime, chromate and bichromate of potash, 3 cts. per pound; on whiting, 75 cts. per hundred pounds: on Paris white, pipe clay, and ochres, when dry, 25 cts. per hundred pounds; when ground in oil, 45 cts per hundred pounds.

On linseed, hempseed and rape seed oil, 30 cts. per gallon: on kerosine, and all other coal oils, 10 cts. per gallon.

On all Wool not manufactured, and all alpacca, goat or other hair, manufactured, the value whereof at the last place from whence imported shall be less than 18 cents per pound, 5 per cent. ad valorem; exceeding 18 cents and not exceeding 24 cents, 3 cents per pound; exceeding 24 cents, 9 cents per pound. • • •

On all manufactures of cotton not bleached, colored, stained, painted or printed, and not exceeding 100 threads to the square inch, counting the warp and filling, and exceeding in weight to the square yard the number of ounces per square yard, one cent per yard; on finer or lighter goods, of like descriptions, not exceeding 140 threads, two cents per yard; • • on spool and other threads of cotton, four cents per yard; ad valorem; on shirts and drawers, wove or made on frames, wholly of cotton and cotton velvet; 25 per cent. ad valorem; and on all manufactures composed wholly of cotton, bleached, unbleached, printed or dyed, not otherwise provided for, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

On window glass, cylinder or broad Window Glass, not exceeding 10x15, one cent per square foot; above that, and not exceeding 16x24, one cent and a half; above that and not exceeding 24x30, two cents; all above that, and not exceeding in weight one pound per square foot, three cents per square foot.

We must stop for to day—having given above those items which most intimately concern our readers. The Bill is quite voluminous, making 62 octavo pages, and contains 154 Senate amendments—all of which the House chose to accept rather than defeat the bill. Too much praise cannot be awarded to our members from this county, who were amongst the most earnest in pressing this bill through, against not only the free trade opposition from the South, but from the Northwest and from New England. Dan. Sickles, of New York, led the opposition in the House.

Death from Intemperance—Inquest.

Between eight and nine o'clock Wednesday, the police were called upon to remove a drunken man from the pavement on Fifth street, between Wood and Smithfield. The individual proved to be John Kelly, a well-known accountant and bookkeeper. He was perfectly stupefied, and had to be conveyed to the lock-up on a wheelbarrow. He was placed in one of the cells, as other prisoners under like circumstances, and about 1 o'clock in the afternoon he was discovered lying on the floor dead. As but little attention was paid to him, it is not known at what time he died.

The deceased was one of the most accomplished book-keepers in the city, and for many years followed the occupation of steamboat clerk. Lately he held a good situation at the Allegheny depot of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, but his intemperate habits disqualified him from business, and he had for some time past been employed occasionally, despite the efforts of his friends to reclaim him. He was very respectably connected, and leaves a wife and one or two children.

Alderman Lewis, in the absence of Coroner Bostwick, held an inquest, and the jury found a verdict in accordance with the facts as stated.

FOR KANSAS.—Mayor Wilson acknowledges the following additional sums, in aid of the Kansas sufferers:

Capt. B. Young, Union township	$14 00
David C. Thompson, Smith's Ferry	21 40
Mount Ida Lodge, Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county	10 00
I. O. O. F. Consociationship, Butler Co	5 00
M. D. Godinger, Burrell township, Westmoreland county	5 00
Major Dunn, of Allegheny, acknowledges the receipt of a box of boots and shoes, from a member of the Beaver street M. E. Church, containing:	
2 pairs men's boots, $3 each	$ 6 00
4 " women's " $1 25 "	5 00
6 " children's shoes, 62½c each	3 75
Total	$14 75

THE ICE FRESHET UP THE ALLEGHENY.—The late ice freshet in the Allegheny and tributaries was very destructive. The ice in the Allegheny carried away an immense amount of property in the shape of derricks, shanties, oil barrels and vats, both full and empty; sawed and hewed lumber, etc. The loss to the oil men will amount to many thousands of dollars. Persons living along the river say that the ice had not floated so high on the banks for fifteen years. The bridge at New Bethlehem, and the one over Red Bank creek, at Mohney's, were both swept away, as was also the new bridge above Venango. The ice in the Clarion was about ten inches thick and very solid; and as it rushed down, a sound like thunder could be heard for miles.

BAYARD TAYLOR.—This popular lecturer, at his late visit in December last, to lecture under the auspices of the Mercantile Library Association, was requested to give a second lecture during the winter. Accordingly, he gives a lecture on this (Thursday) evening in Concert Hall—Subject: "Humboldt." This lecture has been severely criticised by the religious press on account of alleged infidel sentiments. It is said by those who know, that Mr. Taylor's views are misrepresented. We learn that several clergymen of this city have expressed a desire to hear him, so that they may judge for themselves as to the truth of these reports. Let all go who can make it convenient to attend.

OIL ON CLARION RIVER.—Alum Rock is located on the Clarion river, about three miles below Callensburg, and a company has been boring there for some time. One day last week, at the depth of about three hundred feet, a vein of oil was struck, which flowed out about three or four feet above the conductor, and in about half an hour's time three barrels of oil was run off.

Mayor Drum's Levee.

Yesterday morning was unusually interesting. The inevitable Larry Whirty was the first victim. Drunk as usual, and sounding the Kickapoo war whoop. No money. Sent up.....Next was a traveler; came to the office for a night's lodgings; no money; no home; sent up.....Number three was a young man, who insisted upon staying where he was not wanted. In the morning he plead hard to get off—first time he was ever arrested—lived away from the city—came to hunt work, etc. No money to pay his fine, but had friends who would save him from the county jail. Sent up for a short time, to be released upon payment of fine.....The fourth in order was a respectable old gent, a farmer, residing nine miles distant in the country. Got too much spirit imbibed, and was arrested on the street, while delivering a "patent sermon" to a crowd of anxious spectators. Was very penitent in the morning; had respectable connections, and nice family, whom he would not for the world know anything about this affair. Fined five dollars—couldn't scrounge left to square off—but pawned his horse until he could raise the needful..... Next were introduced two young men whom we are satisfied would not like to see their names in print. They had been quaffing lager until midnight, and on the way home amused themselves by giving vent to their feelings in shrieks and yells which would have startled a Flathead warrior. They felt bad—of course they did—settled up quietly and sloped.

Court of Common Pleas.

Before Judges Mellon, Adams and Parke.

In the case of F. G. Schenck vs. the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad, appeal from the award of viewers for damages to his property near Oakland, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $1,500.

In the case of C. Schnels vs. the same defendants, and a similar action, a verdict for plaintiff for $2,500 was rendered.

Chambers, Bros. & Co., (an Eastern firm,) vs. Benjamin Siegurly; action to recover the price of a book-folding machine, amounting to $165. Defendant purchased a machine for $660, which was warranted to give satisfaction. Proving valueless on trial, it is alleged that plaintiffs agreed to furnish in its stead another machine, which would do the work. They claim the price of the latter, denying the agreement above stated. On trial.

The following cases will probably be reached to-day:

No. 28	C. M'Farland vs. A. Heckler.
" 29	G.-W. Bean vs. J. Creese.
" 56	Thomas Jones & Co. vs. Sam'l P. Ross.
" 60	John Thompson and wife vs. John Chadwick.
" 74	J. A. Cunningham vs. Wm. M'Cully & Co.
" 94	Richard Carlisle vs. James Boyle et al.
" 95	Mary Armstrong vs. John Stewart.
" 97	James M. Sterling vs. James Dermott.
" 98	Charles Skipper vs. Samuel Hood, Sr.
" 99	David Graham vs.
" 101	G. W. Coffin vs. W. M'Clintock.
" 104	James Reece vs. Delaware, Mutual and Safety Insurance Company.

Knock Down Argument.

Two colored individuals, whose names we failed to learn, got into a difficulty yesterday afternoon, on the corner of Anderson street and the river bank, Allegheny, which resulted in a regular knock down. It appears they are both engaged in buying scrap iron, rags, etc., and that one accused the other of selling below the market price, thereby injuring the business. The other party failed to see the matter in the same light, and said the price was his own base, and would do as he pleased. Finding that he could not convince him of his error, by expostulating, he very coolly picked up a brick and struck the other party a violent blow on the head, knocking him senseless. Officer Hobson, hearing of the fracas, repaired to the scene of war, but by the time he reached it, both parties had disappeared.

Attempted Post Office Robbery.

A bold attempt to enter the Post Office at Mansfield, Ohio, was made on last Tuesday evening. About eleven o'clock Henry Snyder, one of the clerks, who sleeps in the office, heard a noise as if some one was making an effort to open the outside door of the office, and immediately gave the alarm, and the would-be robber fled. The rascal, it is supposed, did not know any one slept in the office, and if there had not the would-have completed the object of his notorial visit. No clue has been found to the perpetrator, as yet.

TEACHERS' MEETING.—There was a very pleasant meeting of the Mutilla up, Teachers' Association, held at No. 7, School House on Saturday last.

The school was in session during the forenoon, and the several classes acquitted themselves in a manner highly creditable to themselves and their teacher.

Great praise is due the ladies of the district, for the sumptuous dinner they provided on the occasion.

After dinner the association was called to order by the President; and as one of the objects of the association is to criticise the Teachers' method with whom they meet, accordingly Mr. Philips had to undergo the ordeal of criticism, which depreciated not, but rather added to his already well known reputation to the profession.

There will be but one more meeting of the association this term, to be held at No. 5, School House, of which I will give you due notice. Now comes on the most important, as action will be taken on the conduct of some of our teachers who have not their faces against improvement.

FIDES.

NOT CAPTURED.—We stated a morning or two ago, that McCannell, the rogue who committed several bold forgeries in Washington, Pa., and was afterwards chased from Bridgeport by the officers, had been arrested in Cleveland, and that Col. Byers, of Washington, had gone after him. McCannell was not arrested. Col. Byers heard of him in Cleveland and went there to arrest him but the rogue had fled to Canada. He was followed into her Majesty's possessions, and there an interview was had, though the man could not be arrested and taken away. The result of the interview however was that the Col. got a portion of the money which he (McConnell) had stolen.

SUICIDE.—MRS. CROSSAN, wife of James Crossan, of Harrison county, O., committed suicide on Saturday last by hanging herself. It appears that she had been subject to fits of melancholy derangement for years, and was the subject of much solicitude and anxiety by the family of him in view of his untimely termination her earthly existence she told her friends that she was going to the smoke house to kindle a fire under the meat. Some one went out in a few minutes and found her hanging. The rope was cut, but too late to save life—her soul had fled. She was probably 60 years of age.

A VENERABLE FRIEND.—Among those who took part in the ceremonies at Harrisburg, on the 22d, was Jacob Tribler, of Philadelphia, the oldest active fireman in the United States, if not in the world. He was in the 71st year of his age—fifty years of which time he has spent in active service as a fireman, to say nothing of his participation in all the firemen parades of any note that have taken place during that time in the United States. Although arrived at that age at which most men have to succumb to the wear and tear of time, he is still hale and vigorous, full of fun, and can "run wid der mashees" equal to a majority of men of half his years.

APPOINTED.—We are pleased to learn that our talented young friend, Thomas F. Wilson, Esq., has received the appointment of the Commissioner for the State of Virginia. The appointment is a good one, as Mr. W. is one of our most energetic and thorough-going lawyers. At this particular time, while so many of our citizens are investing in said State, a commissioner for that State will doubtless be frequently called upon for acknowledgments of deeds, leases, &c.

MASONIC HALL.—As will be seen by reference to advertisement, Masonic Hall will be opened to the public on Thursday evening as a Concert Room, under the management of Mr. Jas. Mathews, a gentleman well known in this city. The entertainments as will be seen, are to consist of vocal and instrumental music, both comic and sentimental, and the programme is to be changed nightly every evening. The company engaged is a large one, and will, we doubt not, attract full houses nightly.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.—At the late meeting of Allegheny Presbytery, held in the Second Church, the congregations of Darlington and Economy were united into a pastoral charge, and likewise the congregations of Beaver and Four Mile. A call from each of these charges was placed in the hands of Dr. McLean, to whom they were addressed, and time was given him for consideration.

THE WESTMORELAND ELOPEMENT.—John Mandorf and Mrs. Stepps, arrested at Harrisburg upon charges of adultery and larceny, had a hearing before the Mayor on Monday, and were ordered into the custody of an officer, who returned them to Greensburg, where they will be held for trial.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement, headed, Assetion Sale of Boots and Shoes. The stock is large and embraces everything usually kept in a first class boot and shoe establishment, and those who desire to secure a bargain should not fail to attend the sale.

ACTIVITY OF COUNTERFEITERS.—Some idea may be formed of the extent to which counterfeiting bills is carried on in this country, when we state that during the last month alone, it appears by Kennedy's *Review*, no less than forty new frauds were detected and exposed.

DOCTOR C. BAELZ, Water Cure and Homœopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. No. 126 Smithfield St.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 346 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

ALL should not fail to read the advertisement of Prof. Wood, in to-day's paper.

BLOOD FOOD.—Attention is called to this most remarkable and scientific preparation, advertised in another column. It is an entirely new discovery, and must not be confounded with any of the numerous patent medicines of the day. It is a certain remedy for all the diseases specified, and especially those of a chronic nature—of long standing—of weeks, months, and years. Sufferers, try it!

MESSRS. GRAHAM & DUPUY, of New York, are the sole agents for it, and also proprietors of the world-renowned Dr. MAYOR'S INFANTILE CORDIAL, an article which every Mother should have in her medicine closet in case of need. Containing, as it does, no paregoric or opiate of any kind, it can be relied upon with the utmost confidence, and will be found an invaluable specific in all cases of infantile complaints.—*Ohio State Journal, Columbus.*

Sold by advertisement. For sale by GEO. H. KETNER, Agent, 146 Wood st., Pittsburgh, Pa. dec27-dly&wly

E. WOODSIDE. S. H. PERRY.

WOODSIDE & PARRY,

REFINERS AND DEALERS IN

CAMPHENE OIL,

Office, SECOND STREET, between Cross and Wood Streets, PITTSBURGH, Pa.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

From Washington.

[Special Dispatch from our Evening Edition.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 1861.

The Senate side of the conference on the Tariff receded from their amendments last night, and so the bill becomes law.

Mr. Lincoln conferred personally with the Republican Senators yesterday at the Capitol, concerning their preferences for Secretary of the Treasury. They were summoned alphabetically, and as each gave his opinion, his preference was noted down.

Twigg will be stricken from the army roll as soon as official information of his treachery is obtained.

The Secretary of War believes that the troops in Texas will not suffer themselves to be disbanded and the public property to be appropriated as intended by Twigge.

Arrangements had been previously made here for the transfer of eight companies to the Florida forts. The large guns at Pittsburgh will go to Tortugas.

There is no other Cabinet appointment yet indicated.

Floyd boasted before leaving here that he had so distributed the army that no considerable force could be collected in less than two months.

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The Tonnage Tax Bill

[Special Dispatch from the Evening Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27, 1861.

The Bill commuting the TAX ON TONNAGE passing over the Pennsylvania Railroad was brought up in the State Senate, yesterday. The Senators from Allegheny, Messrs. Penney and Irish, contested its passage, inch by inch, but to no purpose. Mr. Penney also made an effort to have an amendment inserted in side of the Allegheny Valley and Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroads, which was also voted down. The following are the ayes and noes, on the passage of the Bill to its second reading, at midnight, last night:

Yeas—Messrs. Benson, Blood, Connell, Finney, Gregg, Hall, Imbrie, Landon, McClure, Meredith, Nichols, Parker, Schindel, Serrill, Smith, Thompson, Wharton, Palmer, *Speaker*—18.

Nays—Messrs. Boughter, Bound, Clymer, Crawford, Fuller, Hamilton, Hiestand, Irish, Ketchum, Lawrence, Mott, Penney, Robinson, Welsh, Yardley—15.

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XXXVIth Congress—Second Session.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb 27.

SENATE.—Mr. Crittenden, of Ky., presented a number of petitions for the preservation of the Union.

Mr. Trumbull, of Ill., and Mr. Wilson, of Mass., presented petitions against any compromise.

Mr. Ten Eyck, of N. J., presented petitions from the citizens of the State of New Jersey, in favor of the Union, and asking that the Constitution be so amended as to prevent the secession of States with the exception of South Carolina, which they begged might be allowed to go as often as she chooses.

Mr. Sumner, of Mass., presented petitions from the citizens of Pennsylvania, for the repeal of all laws for the carrying out of the Fugitive Slave Law.

Mr. Bigler, of Pa., presented petitions in favor of the Crittenden resolutions and others in favor of the border State propositions.

Mr. Powell, of Ky., moved to postpone the army bill and take up the Crittenden resolutions.

Mr. Bigler presented a report from the Committee of Conference, on the Patent bill, which was agreed to, and the bill passed.

Mr. Simmons, of R. I., submitted a report from the Committee of Conference on the Tariff bill, recommending an agreement with the House amendment, striking out the duty on tea and coffee. The report was agreed to and the bill stands passed.

The army bill was taken up.

Mr. Hale, of N. H., offered an amendment that no officer of the army, except the Lieut. General, receive pay or emolument to exceed $5,000 per annum.

Mr. Trumbull moved to include the Lieut. General in the amendment.

Mr. Latham, of Cal., spoke, but was not heard.

Mr. Hale's amendment was also disagreed to, yeas 18; nays 28.

After further consideration the bill was passed.

The Vice President announced that he had received a communication from Ex-President Tyler, President of the Peace Convention held in this city, announcing that the Convention had approved, and he had enclosed, and asking Congress to submit the proposition to the States.

The Clerk read the proposition based upon by the Convention, which is a modified plan of that was offered by Mr. Guthrie and amended by Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Crittenden, of Ky., moved that the proposition be printed, and referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report to-morrow at one o'clock. Agreed to, with a special vote on that portion of the motion in regard to instruction, yeas 26, nays 21.

Mr. Clingman, of N. C., said that though he was not pleased with the proposition, still he was willing to give in to the direction of his friends, so he voted aye.

Mr. Latham, of Cal., changed his vote. He said he thought it unnecessary to waste time, but yielded to the judgment of his political associates.

Mr. Mason, of Va., moved to go into executive session, but the yeas and nays being called on the motion, he moved, according to rule, that the galleries be cleared, which was done.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Morris, of Ill., offered a resolution that the select Committee on the abstraction of the Indian Trust Bonds, be and are hereby invested with full power to examine witnesses as to whether C. W. H. Russell, or any one person for him, has directly or indirectly paid money to any officer or of the United States, or any other person, to assist him in obtaining contracts or allowances from the Government, or assisting him in the transaction of business with the same.

Mr. Barnett, of Ky., suggested an amendment that, any person charged shall be so notified, and have the right to examine the witness; the proceedings he said ought not be inquisitorial.

Mr. Morris, of Ill., said that there had been no inquisition, and he would have no objection to the amendment of the time could be allowed for such course as that suggested.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, from the Conference Committee, reported, that the Senate Committee had receded from their amendment imposing duty on tea and coffee.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Thirty-Three. The first joint resolution voted on was the substitute of Messrs. Bingham and Reed, recommending to the several States of the Union that they, through their respective Legislatures, request Congress to call a Convention of all the States, in accordance with the fifth article of the constitution, for the purpose of amending the constitution in such manner, and with regard to such subjects as will most effectually secure to the weak and afford more efficient guarantees to the diversified and growing interests of the government and of the people composing the same.

While the roll was being called, Mr. Carter, of New York, said he would vote for the proposition if it came from a slave State.

Mr. Sedgwick, of New York, believing that the convention would result in the abolition of slavery in the States, voted aye.

Mr. Mallory, of Ky., voted aye for an entirely different reason, believing that the convention would result in healing the wounds of the nation.

Mr. Martin, of Va., voted no, believing that the pending proposition would retard a vote on the Crittenden or some proposition.

Mr. English, of Ind., said if there was no better plan to adjust the difficulties he would vote for a National Convention.

John Cochrane, of N. Y., expressed himself in favor of a convention fresh from the people.

Mr. Florence, of Pa., was opposed to nitre fanatical abolitionism and believing the Crittenden proposition was sufficient for the purpose of peace, voted no.

The Burch-Stout substitute was negatived—yeas, 74; nays, 109.

Very much confusion prevailed throughout the proceedings, and it was objected that strangers should be admitted on the floor, as they tended to increase the disorder. The Speaker made repeated efforts to restore quiet.

The first proposition of the committee was announced with the pending amendments. It was a joint resolution declaratory of the duty of recognizing all constitutional obligations, and recommending such action on the part of the States as will secure them objects.

Mr. Kilgore, of Indiana, moved to lay the pending proposition, together with the pending amendments, namely, the Crittenden and Kellogg amendments, on the table.

The Speaker said, in response to the numerous questions, that, if Mr. Kellogg agreed to it, the proposition would supersede the vote on the Crittenden propositions, to which it was a substitute.

Mr. Kellogg intentionally sought to withdraw his proposition for the present, but numerous points of order were raised.

Mr. Kellogg's joint resolution was rejected.

Several gentlemen explained as a reason why they voted against it was that they wanted an opportunity to vote on the Crittenden proposition as offered by Mr. Clemens.

The Clemens then proceeded to vote on the latter; it was also rejected—yeas, 80; nays, 113.

The question then recurred on the first resolution in the series reported from the committee above referred to.

Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, moved to lay them on the table. Disagreed to.

Mr. McClernand, of Illinois, asked that the communication on the Speaker's table, from the Peace Congress, be taken up.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, and Vandyke, of Iowa, objected.

Mr. Brabson, of Tennessee, said he was for inforcing the laws, but it would be imprudent and dangerous to do so against the seceding States.

The resolutions were adopted: yeas 136, nays 53.

The joint resolution for the amendment of the Constitution reported by the committee of thirty-three was next considered. The following is the resolution:—Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of said Constitution, viz: Article 12.—No amendment shall originate with any State that does not recognize that relation within its own limits, or shall be valid without the assent of every one of the States composing the Union.

Mr. Corwin, of Ohio, moved to strike out article 11, and insert, that no amendment shall at all be made to the Constitution which will invest Congress with the power to abolish or interfere within any State with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or servitude by the laws of said State.

Mr. Hickman moved to lay the subject on the table; negatived, yeas 67, nays 122.

The joint resolution, as amended at the instance of Mr. Corwin, was rejected: yeas 120; nays 71, not receiving the two-thirds vote.

Mr. Kilgore moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Bingham moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. Hickman moved to adjourn till Friday. Not agreed to.

There was much confusion throughout these proceedings.

Mr. Phelps, of Mo., wished to know whether the Republicans were filibustering to defeat