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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

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

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	00	39
12 " M.	00	46
6 " P. M.		53
Barometer		29 4-10

Ladies' Tract Society of Allegheny.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Monday, March 10th. Mr. W. Cain officiated as President and Mr. E. Swift as Secretary. After prayer the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were submitted and approved.

Rev. Dr. Kendall made an exceedingly interesting and appropriate address. Mr. Potter also made some edifying remarks. Resolutions of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Ball, for the Anniversary Sermon, to the Trustees of the South Common Methodist Church, for their Church; and to Rev. Dr. Kendall for his address, were unanimously voted. Mr. Swift offered prayer, the Society joined in singing the Doxology, and were then dismissed with the Benediction by Rev. Dr. Kendall. The following Board of Managers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. F. R. Brunot.
Vice President—Miss M. Herron.
Secretary—Mrs. R. S. Hays.
Treasurer—Miss B. Fleming.
Managers—Mrs. Trevor, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Breading, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Dr. Dale, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Kynock, Misses Tassey, Blackstock, Whitten, Rosebugg, Pattinson, and Trevor.

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Ladies' Tract Society of Allegheny.

The return of the Anniversary season calls for devout thanks to Almighty God for His attendant mercy and grace. He has spared life; He has continued the Society in harmony, love and uninterrupted labor through another year. Humbly following the example and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came to seek the lost and preach the gospel to the poor, and bade us love our neighbors as ourselves, this Society aims to carry the tidings of salvation to the dining, sorrowing, heedless in our midst. The advocates of error are zealous in spreading their baneful teachings among young and old; the places of sin and folly are many, boldly enticing to ruin, and it behooves the Christian to make untiring and earnest effort—to use every Scriptural instrumentality to overturn and defeat their wicked designs.

There is a multitude at our very doors who never enter the house of God, and who are rarely ever approached by any person or effort to lead them to the Savior. To them the warnings, invitations and comforts of Christ's religion must be carried; they must be taught their need of a Savior; that without an interest in Him they cannot be saved. Each tract conveys some Bible truth, and in the language of one who has spent a life in missionary toil and has witnessed the conversion of hundreds through the instrumentality of tracts, "How mighty the power of God—commissioned Tract! The Bible is the fountain—the Tract one of the little rills which leads out its waters upon the heart and life. It goes down into the dark caverns of the heart, where a knowledge of God has never entered, and lets in rays of light from the Son of Righteousness, lets in the story of the crucified One, and brings that heart into obedience to Christ. There is none so high that a little Tract, if God pleases to own and bless it, cannot bend and break him; there is none so low that it cannot lift and bless him."

During the year, the voluntary labors of seventy tract visitors have extended through more than 5000 families in the city and adjoining districts, distributing monthly, about 3700 English and 1600 German tracts; 1,100 English and 475 German messages. A large number of children have been brought into the Sabbath Schools—the sick have been visited—the destitute relieved—the stranger in a strange land kindly offered the gospel in his own tongue. Here we find a great work, an opening for extensive good, for any who speak the German language. Evangelical religion is little known among them, and they are anxious to receive tracts and messengers. The Society regrets the loss of Mr. Rippey's generous efforts in this field; who will take his place?

Can any doubt that this instrumentality is adapted to do much good in our community; that these prayers, conversations, admonitions, Bible truths will be lost? It cannot be—even now many call the Society blessed, and "the sower and the reaper rejoice together."

The injunction is to sow in the morning—in the evening—beside all waters. The promise accompanies the command, so our faith should not fail, that the "seed shall accomplish that whereunto it is sent." If Christians would look into the spiritual condition of those around them, feeling the true value of the soul, the tract visitor's work would not be so lightly thought of; the Society would not have to deplore the lack of self-denying workers, of co-operation and sympathy—of means to prosecute and extend their work. We need all this: The work suffers for want of Christian support, of earnest workers, constrained by the love of Christ to labor in his cause.

Again we ask the prayers and aid of every friend of Christ; that we may enter on this opening year with a mind for the work; with patient perseverance in well-doing; with stronger faith in God; with new purpose to labor for Christ; with earnest supplications for the blessings of the Holy Spirit—so trusting, laboring, praying, faith may be made perfect by works, and many be converted, to the praise of our Lord Jesus Christ."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Trevor in account with the Ladies' Tract Society.

1860.		DR.	
	To amount received as subscriptions	$61 00	
Aug. 14,	" Donation from Dr. Presley's Church	6 00	
Sept. 10,	" ditto Mr. M'Millan's "	6 00	
1861.			
Jan.	" ditto Dr. Swift's "	25 00	
	" " monthly collections	235 21	
March 10,	" collection at sermon	10 61	342 03
1860.		CR.	
July 13,	by remittance to Amer. Tract Soc'y	$100 83	
Oct. 30,	" do do	69 12	
Dec. 10,	" do for Tracts	48 00	
1861.			
Feb. 2,	" do Amer. Tract Society	67 42	
	" Cash paid for freight and exchange	4 00	
	" do do drayage	5 00	
Mch 10,	" Cash on hand	51 19	342 03
	Expenses of management	$276 80	
	Expense of Tracts	145 91	
	Total expense for the year		$422 71
	Total cash paid on bills	261 45	
	Cash on hand	58 19	319 64
	Debt of the Society		$102 77

The Contest To-Night.

The contest by the pupils of the Pittsburgh Female College, for a beautiful silver cup, takes place this evening at Concert Hall, when we expect to see one of the largest audiences of the season. The judges appointed to decide upon the merits of the literary performances, are Mr. Wood, President of the Western University, Hon. M. Hampton, Rev. Dr. Howard, Rev. Dr. Baird, and D. L. Eaton, Esq.

Rev. W. A. Passavant will deliver the cup, and Prof. Wilson, of the Western Theological Seminary, will receive it on behalf of the successful contestant.

Young's Brass Band will be in attendance. Also vocal music with piano accompaniment upon a superb grand piano furnished by Mr. John H. Mellor.

Tickets can be had at the music and book stores. The contest commences at 7½ o'clock.

Sudden Death of an Old Citizen.

The community will be pained to learn of the sudden decease of Col. James Anderson, of Manchester. He left home in his usual health yesterday morning, for the purpose of making a business trip up the Monongahela river. He had taken his seat in the cabin of the Brownsville boat, and pulled a paper from his pocket when he was observed to fall from his chair. He expired in a few minutes and his body was soon after removed to his residence. Mr. Anderson was one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, identified with all the charitable and benevolent institutions of the city and county. He was a gentleman of distinguishable character, in all the relations of life, and his decease will be deeply lamented by the entire community.

THE KANSAS FUND.—The following additional contributions to the Kansas fund were received at the Mayor's office yesterday:

J. J. Gass, Coulterville, Butler county, for himself and neighbors	$15 00
John Smith, Cherry township, Butler county, for self and others	13 00
Collected by the ladies of Freeport	75 00
Cash	50
Amount previously reported	4,292 38
Total contributions to date	$4,392 88

The ladies of Freeport also sent a large box of clothing, &c., valued at $115, which will be forwarded with the cash remittance.

Messrs. Hoyt & Mimes have laid on our table the North British Review for February, being No. 1 of the 35th volume of this excellent Quarterly. It has the following attractive table of contents:—India Convalescent; Shelley and his Recent Biographers; Large Farms and the Peasantry of the Scottish Lowlands; Lord Dundonald; Modern Necromancy; Engineering and Engineers; The Political Press—French, British and German; Home Ballads and Poems; Hewey's Bampton Lectures; Dr. Carlyle's Autobiography; Lord Palmerston and our French Policy.—All the British Reviews and Blackwood's Magazine, republished by L. Scott & Co., New York, are for sale at Messrs. Hunt & Mimes's, Pittsburgh.

DAMES FOR OPENING A ROAD.—Tuesday morning the Court of Quarter Sessions, on application of Charles B. Kenny, Esq., issued an order for the opening of a road in Mifflin township, from the City Farm to Thompson's run, above Dam No. 2. This improvement, when completed, besides immensely benefiting that vicinity, will afford a continuous communication between Pittsburgh and M'Keesport along the south side of the Monongahela river.

NEW CONVENANTER.—A new counterfeit has just appeared in Philadelphia, of which the following is a description: It is a ten dollar note on the Warren Bank; South Danvers, Mass, with a large X across the centre of the note; vignette, a girl with sheaf of grain and 20 above, on right, a man with anvil, hammer, &c; 10 below on the left. Philadelphia detective fell on them, and a large number of persons have been arrested for passing them.

CHARGE MADE.—Joseph yesterday committed to jail, by Ald. Lowrie, upon a charge of affiliation, made by Ellen Thompson.

The Raid on the Low Concert Saloons—Vigorous Action of Mayor Wilson—The Nuisance to be Abated.

There has perhaps been no act of Mayor Wilson's administration which has received the more cordial approbation of the public, than the determination to suppress the low concert saloons in this city, which have lately assumed the magnitude of a great public nuisance, of the most disgraceful and corrupting tendency. The arrests of the previous evening, and the hearing fixed for yesterday afternoon, created much excitement, and when the cases were called up a very large crowd of citizens assembled to witness the proceedings.

The first case called was against P. H. Klein, W. C. Johnston, Harry Livingston, R. J. M'Gowan, Marian Webster, and Jennie Powers, of the "Melodeon," corner of Fifth and Smithfield streets. The information charges a violation of the ordinance in showing without a license, and also with giving exhibitions of an immoral character.

J. F. Slagle, City Solicitor, and O. H. Rippey, Esq., appeared for the city.

After the indictment was read, Mayor Wilson stated expressly that the object of the information was to prevent or abate exhibitions of the character alluded to, and for no other purpose. If any of the defendants were disposed to abandon the exhibitions, and all participation therein, he would not press the information further. The public demanded the enforcement of the law bearing upon these shows, and he was determined to do his whole duty in the premises.

Mr. E. P. Jones, counsel for Mr. P. H. Klein, then stated that his client would consent to abandon the show business, and each of the other defendants, male and female, promised to seek some other employment.

Mr. Klein subsequently exhibited a disposition to back out from his resolution, expressing a desire to await the conclusion of the other defendants.

Mr. Jones then withdrew his plea, telling Mr. Klein that he could do as he pleased, and the case went to a hearing.

The first witness testified that tickets were sold at the door of the "Melodeon," and Mr. Klein was acting as proprietor.

The second witness testified to having seen all the parties perform on the stage, and tickets were sold at the door. The ladies had always behaved themselves well to him. They remained there till twelve or one o'clock at night. Had occasionally seen the women drink with men under the influence of liquor. Had seen boys there, but believed they were prohibited. The house was disorderly, and there were quarrels nearly every night. Have seen drunken men and disorderly boys about that corner frequently.

The third witness stated that the tickets were bought for drinks, and the house was both orderly and disorderly.

The fourth witness stated that he had heard considerable obscenity and profanity among the audience, but could say nothing particular against the performances.

The fifth witness had been in the "Melodeon" once. The character of the performance was very demoralizing—there was a number of boys present, some not more than ten years of age. Beer was carried through the hall by females. Very bad language was used in the audience, and *obscene tableaux* on the stage.

The next witness was a boy of eighteen, who had drank beer in the hall as late as midnight.

The testimony of the sixth witness was of similar import, except that he had heard no vulgar language on the stage. The females sang songs and invited the audience to join in the chorus. Had seen boys put out drunk, and had seen drunkenness inside.

The eighth witness did business in the neighborhood. Had never been in the hall, but had heard uproarious noises, and songs by females which created great applause. As a citizen of the ward, he considered the place a nuisance.

The ninth witness was a boy of eighteen. He had been in the hall frequently, and as late as 12 o'clock, but could not say that the show was bad or indecent.

The next witness resided near Klein's. Of the inside of the house he knew nothing, but there was much noise created there every night.

The door keeper at Klein's stated that his business was to keep out disorderly persons and boys, by demanding five cents for tickets.

The testimony here closed, and Mr. Jones asked for a continuance, to give his client time to prepare his defense, and rebut the testimony offered.

Mr. Rippey stated that this was the most extraordinary request he had ever heard, and Mr. Slagle, City solicitor, took the same ground.

The Mayor refused to grant a continuance—the information had been made the day previous, and the defendants had ample time to prepare their case.

Mr. Jones stated that they had no witnesses, not knowing what they had to meet, and it was for this reason that he asked a continuance.

J. Sutherland, Esq., counsel for Johnston, asked that he be discharged, as he was a stranger in the city, and had only performed two or three nights in the place. The Mayor declined to discharge him, holding him equally guilty with the rest.

Mr. Jones here renewed the proposition, on behalf of Mr. Klein, to cease selling tickets, and abandon the singing, if the law did not protect him in doing so.

The Mayor replied that he would not at there to make compromises or conditions with Mr. Klein. If the defendant would promise, unconditionally, to abate the immoral shows, that was all the law required. The public sentiment called for a suppression of these exhibitions, which were clearly demoralizing the youth of the city, and in his opinion the law was sufficient for that purpose. At the same time, he was not disposed to force the collection of the fine, desiring rather to see the law obeyed voluntarily.

Messrs. Rippey and Slagle proposed that the whole matter be settled in this way: Let judgment be entered against Mr. Klein, for fifty dollars, conditioned that if he abandoned the immoral performances the fine should not be collected.

After some parleying, the above proposition was accepted, and thus the matter ended.

In reference to the performers, Mayor Wilson remarked that if the proprietors abandoned the stage performances, of course they would not require the services of the actors. He gave them notice, however, that they must be very careful not to perform in any place of amusement which was not licensed, and particularly where the performances are of a questionable tendency. He felt disposed to let them off without exacting a fine, but the character of the offense required some punishment. He then imposed a fine of five dollars on each of them, male and female. Miss Webster asked very pathetically what she should do for a living, but the Mayor declined to enlighten her on this point. The performers managed to raise enough money between them to pay their fines, and were dismissed.

The cases against the "Red, White and Blue," and "Continental," were continued until this afternoon, at one o'clock, when the proprietors will have an opportunity to choose between the alternative of abandoning the show business entirely, or running the risk of a conviction. They will no doubt conclude to do as Mr. Klein has done—abate the evil and escape the penalty.

ASSAULT AND BATTERIES.—A lad named Wm. Fricoell was held to bail yesterday by Mayor Wilson on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by a Mrs. Mary Richards.

John Yeaney preferred a similar complaint before Ald. Scott, against Frederick Hahn, a butcher residing in the Third ward, Allegheny. Defendant was arrested, but waived a hearing and entered bail for his appearance at Court.

LARCENY.—John McDonnell was committed for trial last evening by Mayor Wilson, on a charge of larceny, preferred by George Hulnes, proprietor of the Waverly House. The prosecutor alleges that while he was in his cellar, yesterday, drawing some ale, McDonnell succeeded in abstracting two half dollars from the money drawer.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—Albert Hirt, the young man who was arrested on Sunday evening for attempting to pass a counterfeit $10 bill on Mr. Craig, druggist, Allegheny, had a final hearing before Ald. Scott, yesterday afternoon, which terminated on his being committed for trial, on two charges, in default of $100 bail on each charge.

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER for March is laid on our desk by Hunt & Mimes. Among the numerous illustrations are the inauguration ceremonies at Washington, and also the same ceremony at Montgomery, Ala.

A NEW ECARTE COMPANY has been formed at Altoona. The company was organized on Saturday night by the election of Richard Crosby, a Mexican soldier, as Captain, and C. H. Hostetter, as First Lieutenant.

LLOYD'S MINSTRELS.—This celebrated band of fifteen performers, with Cool White and others of equal note among the number, are shortly to commence an engagement at the Pittsburgh Theatre.

NEW BOARDING HOUSE.—That large and well-arranged threestory brick building, No. 75 First street, has been recently fitted up and furnished by Mrs. M. GILLESPIE, who solicits an examination of the apartments by those wanting rooms and boarding. Fifteen or twenty single gentlemen can be accommodated with large airy rooms; and a few day boarders not requiring rooms will be taken. mh4:tmond

BLOOM FOOD.—Attention is called to this most remarkable and scientific preparation, advertised in another column. It is unanimity now discovery, and must not be compounded 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. Carnot A Dupont, of New York, are the sole agents for it, and also proprietors of the world renowned Dr. Mason's Invaluable Cordial, an article which every Mother should have in her medicine closet in case of need; and 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.* See advertisement. For sale by GEO. H. KEYSER Agent, 140 Wood st., Pittsburgh, Pa. delf:sdawlw

DOCTOR C. BARLZ, Water Cure and Homeopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. No. 180 Smithfield St. 1

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 242 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession. 1

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

DIED.

SHARP—At his residence in Sharpsburg, on Tuesday evening, Mr. JAMES SHARP, aged 77 years.

His funeral will take place on TO MORROW, (Thursday,) at 2 o'clock.

S. WOOD, Sheriff. | S. PARAT

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THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

From Washington.

(Special Dispatch from our Evening Edition.)

WASHINGTON, March 12.

As I intimated yesterday, Major Anderson will be withdrawn from Fort Sumter. This course is advised by Gen. Scott and other experienced officers, who say that he cannot be reinforced without a great sacrifice of life—even if the President had sufficient troops at his disposal, which Congress neglected to provide.

This necessity gives the President and his friends great concern, but it is unavoidable.

Commodore Stewart has tendered his resignation, but it will not be accepted.

The Commissioners from the Southern Confederacy are holding an interview with Mr. Lincoln to day, but are not recognized in any official capacity. They are merely received as private citizens.

The resolution to expel Wigfall from the Senate of the United States, because of his assertion that he owed no allegiance to the Constitution, will be referred to the Judiciary Committee, in consequence of the action of the Republican caucus. Foster offered the resolution without consultation.

The New York appointments will be completed in a few days. Barney is already designated as Collector, and Blatchford as Sub-Treasurer. H.

Constitution of the Confederated States.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 11.—The permanent Constitution of the Confederated States having been adopted by Congress, and the only obligations to secrecy removed, your correspondent is enabled to transmit the main features of that document. No person of a foreign State and not a citizen of the Confederate States, is allowed to vote for any officer, either civil or political, State or Federal.

Under the first census South Carolina is entitled to five representatives in Congress; Georgia to ten representatives; Alabama to nine representatives; Florida to two representatives; Mississippi to seven representatives; Louisiana to six representatives; and Texas to six representatives; each State to have two Senators.

The State Legislature may impeach a judicial or federal officer resident and acting in said State by a two-third vote.

Both branches of Congress may grant seats on the floor of either House to the principal officer of executive department, with the privilege of discussing the pleasures of his department.

The representation of three-fifths of the slaves is continued.

Congress is not allowed, through the imposition of duties, to foster any branch of industry.

The foreign slave trade is prohibited.

Congress is prohibited from making appropriations, unless by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses, except when the appropriations are asked by the head of some department or the President.

No extra compensation is to be allowed to any contractor, officer, or agent after the contract is made or the service rendered.

Every law or resolution having the force of law shall relate to but one object and be expressed by its title.

The President and Vice President shall serve for six years.

The principal officers of the depar ment, and in the diplomatic service, shall be removable at the pleasure of the President, and other civil officers removable when their services are unnecessary, or for other good causes and reasons.

Removals from office must be reported to the Senate, and practically no captious removals are to be tolerated.

Other States to be admitted into the Confederacy by a vote of two-thirds of both houses.

The Confederacy may acquire territory, and slavery shall be acknowledged and protected by Congress and the territorial Government.

When five States have ratified the Constitution, it shall be established for said States, and until ratified, the provisional Constitution is to continue in force for a period not exceeding beyond one year.

No business of importance was transacted in Congress to day.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 11, *Evening.*—Reports continue to prevail respecting a contemplated evacuation of Fort Sumter. They may be true, but it is certain that the President, up to eight o'clock to-night, had given no order for that purpose. Gentlemen of prominence, however, say they have information which satisfies them that such a course will, from necessity, be pursued.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—It is known to be the intention of the President to fill the vacancies which exist, and which must be filled during the present session of the Senate, excepting in a few instances, where the other appointments will be deferred till this is done. In the meanwhile, applicants are required to file their papers in the proper department.

Commodore Stewart, just before the close of the late administration, returned to Secretary Toucey his commission as Senior Flag Captain of the Navy, dated in 1859, a step which he contemplated shortly after the passage of the act which conferred the mark of distinction. While Commodore Stewart highly appreciated the friendly feelings which superinduced this expression of national esteem, he looked upon it as intended to emphasize the strong intimate upon him by the naval board; but it seems he prefers that irregularity of the Congressional resolve—his distinguished services to his country shall be his best defence.

The officers of the army met at the War Department at noon to-day, and in company with Lieut. Gen. Scott and Secretary Cameron, proceeded to the White House and formally paid their respects to the President.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—An inquiry at the proper quarter warrants the assertion that no order has as yet been issued in reference to the evacuation of Fort Sumter.

Judge Tuckey represents that the statement that he was *co-operating* with others for the election of Mr. Gurley, of Ohio, for the Senate, is untrue.

George Harrington, chief clerk of the Treasury Department under Mr. Corwin, to-day entered on the discharge of his duties of Assistant Secretary. At the request of Secretary Chase, Mr. Rodney has returned to his former position as chief clerk. Mr. George T. Baker, of Albany, N. Y., has been appointed to the disbursing clerkship of the State Department, vice Mr. Stubbs resigned.

The municipal authorities of the city presented to Mr. Crittenden, to day, a copy of the joint resolutions of respect to him, adopted by the city Council, with an acknowledging the honor he said he should retire from the public stage, carrying with him confidence that the nation would soon come out of its troubles and would be able to look back with a thrill of joy upon the dangers which had constituted them once more firmly together, and which had made them a happy, peaceful and glorious people.

The Court Martial, for the trial of Com. Armstrong, was organized to-day. Com. Stewart is President.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 12.—The President today nominated to the Senate the Hon. Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, as Minister to Spain, and the Hon. Thomas Corwin, of Ohio, Minister to Mexico. The latter is considered the most important mission under the government at the time, considering the diplomatic expansion question as connected with the confederated States. The President has also nominated Amos Tuck, of New Hampshire, as Naval officer for the port of Boston; Willard Phillips, as Collector at Salem, Mass, and Rufus Homer, as Consul-General at Frankfort-on-the-Maine. The only nominations confirmed to-day were those of Archibald Williams, as District Judge for Kansas, and William F. Doyle, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Both of these nominations are from Illinois. The other nominations, including that of Mr. Little-John, of New York, as Consul to Liverpool, were referred to the Appropriate Committee.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Last night a fire broke out in the upper floor of 56 Broadway. The building extends through to New street. The first floor and basement was occupied by Masterson & Ramsey, wholesale grocery; their stock was damaged in all probability to the extent of $20,000; fully insured in city companies. The second floor by H. E. Hart, cap manufacturer; stock entirely destroyed. Loss about $10,000; it is said to be fully insured. The building is owned by John Fitch. It is damaged to the amount of about $20,000; insured. No. 54, occupied by H. J. Ring, manufacturer of furs, first floor and basement, was slightly damaged by water; insured for forty thousand dollars. second floor by Ran & Gottygan, manufacturers of children's hats. Third and fourth floor by Seegstack and Rahmer, manufacturers of caps—their stocks slightly damaged by water; No. 58 occupied by Carhart & Bros, wholesale grocers, stocks damaged by water to about $3,000, insured for $40,000 in city companies. Buildings Nos. 54 and 58 are also owned by John Fitch. They are badly damaged, and was insured for about $2,000. It is not known how the fire originated.

New York, March 12.—This evening's *Post* states that the U. S. Circuit Court of Wisconsin, has rendered a decision in regard to the La Crosse land grant bonds, seriously affecting the validity of the numbers above 2,500. The first issue being the numbers below 2,500 are held valid on their par value, while the others are good only for the amount which the company received from their sale.

RICHMOND, March 12.—Mr. Sumner made a powerful and effectual speech, 3 hours in length, in the Convention to-day, advocating in a strong manner, the Peace Conference propositions, commenting on each article. He urged such action as would meet the views of the whole State, and showed the folly of passing an ordinance of secession for the action of the people. He said Virginia ought first to command peace on all sides, and then call a border State Conference with the peace propositions, as an acceptable basis of adjustment, and the Convention should then adjourn over to await the result. He expressed full confidence in the speedy restoration of peace and harmony.

Mr. Tyler is to reply to his argument to-morrow.

CONCORD, N. H., March 12.—The returns to noon do not show a large vote. There is but little excitement attending the election. The Republicans maintain about the same majorities as last year. The vote in this city, at ten o'clock, stood as follows: Republicans, 831; Opposition, 670; being almost the same as last year.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

BOSTON, March 11.—The Royal Mail steamship Niagara, from Liverpool and Queenstown, on the 24th ult, via Halifax on the 9th, arrived at this port at 5 o'clock this evening. The Niagara reports having encountered heavy weather during her passage. The following are the latest telegrams:

NAPLES, Feb. 22.—The Government has taken possession of all the religious property at Gaeta, and the garrison of Gaeta has been sent to a Neapolitan Island.

The Papal Zouaves are reported to have massacred Doctor Yatni and his little daughter, at Collalto.

TURIN, *Saturday.*—Admiral Persano has arrived off Messina, which he will summon to surrender. Gen. Cialdini will soon join him.

About a thousand brigands have been dispersed by Col. Masi near Gaeta.

ROME, *Friday, 22d.*—The National Committee have issued a proclamation, declaring that Victor Emmanuel will soon be proclaimed king, from the capital, and expressing thanks to France for its generous sympathy.

The French authorities have taken possession of the keys to the capital. Several persons have been expelled for political reasons.

VIENNA, *Saturday.*—It is reported that Austria, Russia and Prussia have concluded a convention to act in concert, in case of a Polish or Hungarian outbreak.

ST. PETERSBURG, *Friday.*—A new tariff on European goods has been ordered and will soon be published.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 12.

SENATE.—The Senate took up Mr. Foster's resolution for the expulsion of Senator Wigfall, of Texas, when, on motion of Mr. Simmons, the resolution, together with the substitute of Mr. Clingman, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Trumbull, of Ill., from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred Mr. Mason's resolution about Carlton and Seaborn, reported back the resolution that it be postponed till the 3d Monday in December. Agreed to. The Committee deem it premature to order the payment for the costs of suit at this time.

The Senate then went into Executive session and subsequently adjourned.

WHEELING, March 12.—Two young men named James McLane and Richard Hadden got into a difficulty last night, while under the influence of liquor, when the former shot the latter, inflicting a wound which will probably prove fatal. McLane escaped to Bellair, where he committed suicide by shooting himself this afternoon. Both young men belonged to families of the highest respectability. This melancholy affair has cast a gloom over the whole community.

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—The Convention was occupied to-day discussing amendments to the majority report, but adjourned without anything of special importance transpiring.

BANGOR, Maine, March 12.—Isaiah Stetson, Republican, was yesterday re-elected Mayor of this city by 750 majority.

LOUISVILLE, March 12.—The river is falling slowly, with 9 feet 2 inches water in the canal. Weather clear and windy; mercury 65°.

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PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

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PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, March 12, 1861.

The general market remains quiet, inactive and dull with no perceptible change in figures. The transactions, generally, were of a local nature, there being an almost entire absence of anything like a speculative feeling.

FLOUR—continues languid and dull, notwithstanding which rates are firm and well maintained. Sales were:

Super.	Extra.	Ex. Fam.	Fancy
40 bbls from store	—	5 37@5 75	6 25
60 s w—r w do	—	5 25@5 50	—
30 do w w do	—	5 20@5 00	—
25 do w w do	—	5 12@5 25	—
50 w w do	—	5 75	—
25 w w do	—	5 75	—
40 w w	5 25	5 75	6 00
20 w w do	5 25	5 50	—

GROCERIES—Sugar—unchanged with a fair request. Sale of 10 hhds at 6¾c 2 do do at 7¼c. Molasses quiet. Sale of 6 bbls at 35c; 10 do do at 37c. Coffee steady. Sale of 30 bags Rio at 18½c; 12 do do at 16½c.

GRAIN—Oats dull but unchanged; sale of 100 bush at 25c, and 60 do do at same figure—both from store. Corn—Sale of 100 bush Bar from store at 40c, and 500 do prime Ear on wharf at same figure.

BUTTER & EGGS—Butter continues in fair demand; sale of 4 kgs prime Roll at 14c; 4 do do at 14; 4 do do at 14c; 6 bbls do at 12@14c, and 3 do common Roll at 12½c. Eggs in good supply with a demand about equal to it; sale of 4 bbls at 11@11½c; 10 do do at 11½c; 30 do do at same figure; 3 do do at 11c.

CHEESE—in moderate request; sale of 50 bxs W R at 10c; 20 do do at 9c, and 5 do Mammoth at 10½c.

DRIED FRUIT—unchanged. Sale of 10 bush Apples at 75c, and 15 do Peaches at $1@$1 15.

POTATOES—in moderate demand; sale of 100 bush Shenannocks at 45@50c; and 40 do do at 55c.

FEED—Sale of 8 tons Sheets at 15c ⅌ cwt, and 1 ton Middlings at 90c—both from 4 pot; 50 tons Shorts from store at 62½ ⅌ cwt.

HIDES—unchanged; sale of 10 half bbls No 3 mackeral at $3.00.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Sale of 5.00 lbs from store at $1 40 ⅌ cwt.

OIL—Sale of 12 bbls Allegheny Rock Oil at 25c ⅌ gall.

TOBACCO—Sale of 5 kegs 6 twist Tobacco at 9c.

RYE WHISKEY—Sale of 2 bbls choice at $2 15 ⅌ bbl.

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