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Homeopathic Medicines

At Fulton's Drug Store, Nos. 67 and 69 Fifth st.

Death from Laughing Gas

I trust my friends will not believe the false report given in all the Saturday papers in reference to the premature announcement of my demise. It is true of me taking large doses of the Nitrous Oxid, or Laughing Gas, every day, and my general good health is one of the best evidence of the purity of this gas, made and administered by me. I shall be glad to see my friends after having passed through such a grave ordeal. C. Sill, 246 Penn street.

Have You Seen the Coal Mines?

If not, go to the Opera House to-night

The President

Will be sustained by the people, so will Sawyers Barber's Soap.

Neutral Sulphite of Lime,

For preserving cider. For sale by Charles Super, Druggist, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets Pittsburgh.

The Greatest Sale

Of Dress Goods, that ever took place in our city, will come off this week at Barker & Co's. 50 Market street.

Love's Dry Goods Store

Is now at the north-east corner of Fourth and Market streets. C. Hanson Love & Bro

Take a Good View

Of Pittsburgh by moonlight, at the Opera House to-night.

New Dry Goods

Opening almost daily at the north-east corner of Fourth and Market streets.

C. Hanson Love & Bro

Irish Linen.

All prices from fifty cents, to one dollar and twenty-five cents per yard, at the north-east corner Fourth and Market streets.

C. Hanson Love & Bro

The St. Clair Street Bridge

Can be seen at the Opera House to-night.

Country Merchants

Will find this a good time to buy, as Barker & Co., are offering extra inducements this week in Dress Goods, and all kinds of Staple Goods. 50.

Wholesale and Retail.

We have the only FRESH STOCK of Dry Goods now open in the city. Remember, we are now on the north-east corner of Fourth and Market streets. C. Hanson Love & Bro.

A Splendid View

Of the Allegheny Shore to be had at the Opera House to-night.

Corns, Bunions,

And Diseased Nails instantaneously cured without pain or bleeding. Dr. Rendall has returned visited this city, and can be consulted, as here tofore, at No. 20 Fifth street. Office hours, from 12 to 3 p. m. fe24:3t

Last Five Nights

Of the greatest actress of the age, Miss Laura Keene.

A Reliable Remedy

For expelling worms so common with young children will be found in Brown's "Vermifuge Comfits," or Worm Lozenges, which are pleasant to the taste, and no child will refuse to take them.

The combination of ingredients used in making the "Comfits" is such as to give the best possible effect with safety.

Broken From Laughing Gas.

We published an article in Saturday's paper which our readers will find explained in the following article, taken from yesterday's *Leader*:

DEATH FROM LAUGHING GAS.

We notice in Saturday's *Dispatch*, under the above startling caption, a series of resolutions, deploring the demise of Dr. C. Sill, from the effect of Laughing Gas. But the report is premature, and must be taken *cum grano salis*. In most all important respects, the statement is incorrect and untrue. The Doctor is not dead, he only sleepeth; that is, falls momentarily into a state of unconsciousness when under the influence. During this comatose state, the patient is unconscious of all pain, and teeth may be easily extracted, without affecting the nervous system. The gas is perfectly harmless, especially when administered by Dr. C. Sill. He first introduced it to the notice of our citizens, and has a thorough scientific knowledge of anesthetics generally and can advise you if you have need of a kind, careful, skillful and experienced Dental Surgeon.

Give Nature a Lift.

People expect too much of Nature. They trust with their health and their constitutions, and then they are surprised that they fall sick.

The pressure of constant mental or bodily labor upon the animal powers is tremendous. They few systems and constitutions can long keep up against this pressure unassisted. Add to this the unhealthy influences which lurk unseen in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the artificial heat with which we endeavor to chase away the cold and morose unwelcome moisture of winter, and it would seem to require almost superhuman vigor to keep in perfect health at this rigorous season without reinforcing the physical energies.

But how reinforce them? Certainly not with adulterated stimulants. There is no poison in the cellar, air, or in the atmosphere of furnace heated rooms, or workshops, or factories, so pernicious as those deadly-burning fluids.

Why use them, when

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS,

a vegetable tonic without alloy, are everywhere obtainable. Nothing has ever been offered to the fee lo and debilitated so harmless in its nature, so powerful in its invigorating effects, as the celebrated

STOMACH TO AID ALTERATIVE.

In the army, and the navy, in new settlements, and in crowded cities, by old and young, rich and poor, it is used as a

PROTECTIVE AND RESTORATIVE MEDICINE,

with the most gratifying results.

Hostetter's Bitters

Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 64 Market street, corner of the Diamond and Fourth street.

Fall and Winter Goods.

It is with great pleasure we call the attention of our readers to the subperb stock of Fall and Winter Goods just received by Mr. John Weier, Merchant Tailor, No. 126 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock embraces some of the most beautiful Cloths, Cassimeres, Overcoatings and Vestings ever brought to the western Market. His assortment of Furnishing Goods, comprising Shirts, Drawers, Collars Neck Ties, Handkerchiefs, &c., cannot be surpassed east or west. A large stock of ready mad Pants Coats, Vests and Overcoats, will also be found on his establishment. Persons in want of anything in the clothing line should not fail to give Mr. Weier a call.

Pearls and Rubies.

White teeth cropping from out of ridges of ruby, a breath spicy as the airs from Araby the Blest. Who can resist such fascinations. To realize them, to perpetuate them, to make the mouth a casket of pearls and rubies, and every sigh a grash of fragrance, all you have to do, fair ladies, is to use that matchless vegetable production, Fragrant Sozodont.

Thomas W. Parry & Co.,

Practical Slate Roofers, and Dealers in American Slate of various colors. Office at Alexander Laughlin's near the Water Works Pittsburgh, Pa. Residence, No. 78 Pike street. Orders promptly attended to. All work warranted water proof. Repairing done at the shortest notice. No charge for repairs, provided the roof is not abused afte. is put on.

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Carpenter Jobbing Shop

Having returned after an absence of three years in the army, I have re-opened my shop for all sorts of jobbing in the carpenter line, at the old stand, Virgin Alley, between Smithfield street and Cherry Alley. Orders solicited and promptly attended to.

WILLIAM FORREST.

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CITY ITEMS.

Lectures for the Present Week are A Duff's College, Fifth street Pittsburgh.

By P. Duff—Commercial Correspondence. The Commerce of Ancient Egypt. Address to the graduating class.

By N. E. Hatch, Esq—Insurance, completed.

By Wm H. Duff—Daily lectures of the practice and the practice of penmanship.

By I. N. Forker—Finding the balance of Commercial Paper. Exercises in detecting counterfeit and altered bank notes.

A. H Stephens' Speech at Milledgeville, Georgia.

NEW YORK, February 24.—The *Tribune* states the speech of Alexander H. Stephens at Milledgeville, on the 22d. Mr. Stephens said his greatest wish was to see the restoration of peace and prosperity to the south. The south was in the condition of a man who had broken a leg, and the operation was not how the limb was broken, but how it could best be healed. There should be perfect quiet and repose, and any attempt to walk too soon would make the matter worse. Bad humor and exhibition of restlessness would do good. Everything calculated to stir the discords of the past should be banished, and all difference of opinion concerning the past trouble forever buried. He endorsed the President's reconstruction policy, and said the success of the efforts for the restoration of the States to their former relations was the only hope for liberty and self-government. He said the south should accept the issues of the war, and abide by them in good faith, and express her confidence that the people of Georgia could do so. He considered the whole United States one common country, to be cherished and defended as such by all. The abolition of slavery should be accepted as an irrevocable fact, and we should cease to discuss the question whether a new condition was better for both races than the old. Wise and humane provisions should be made for the negroes. Ample and full protection should be secured to them, so that they may start equal before the law in the possession and enjoyment of all rights of personal liberty and property. All obstacles, if there be any, should be removed which can possibly hinder or retard the black in the exercise of their capacity. All proper aid should be given to their own efforts. Channels of education should be opened to them. Schools and the usual means of moral and intellectual training, should be encouraged among them.

In conclusion, he said his only hope for the future was the peaceful reestablishment of good government and its peaceful maintenance afterwards, and the most hopeful prospect of this age now, is the restoration of the old Union, and while, as speedily and as permanent feeling throughout its length and breadth. These results depend upon the people themselves—upon people of the south quite as much as the South upon their patriotism, intelligence and patriotism.

Mass Meeting at St. Louis—Resolutions Endorsing President Johnson.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—A large meeting, mainly organized and addressed by leaders of the old Claybank party, assembled at the court house last night, to endorse President Johnson. The following is the substance of the resolutions, which were unanimously passed:—That the message of President Johnson, vetoing the Freedmen's Bureau bill, challenges the cordial and unqualified approval and gratitude of all Americans; that the system which the Freedmen's Bureau bill proposed to establish in the Southern States, is radically repugnant to the principles of republican liberty; that it would hopelessly paralyse the negro race, and burden the white race with their maintenance, and perpetuate the subordination of the civil to the military power; that the total disfranchisement of eleven States of the Union is prohibited to all branches of the government, as a usurpation unprecedented in its magnitude and heinousness, and calculated to alarm the public mind with alarm and apprehension, and keep alive the passions and prejudices kindled by the war, and thus make permanent disloyalty on one hand, and tyranny on the other; that all legislation by the present Congress, solely affecting the eleven States which are denied representation, is invalid; that the action of the government assembly in condemning the veto message, and declaring for negro suffrage, is a gross misrepresentation of the public sentiment of Missouri. That the maintenance of the foregoing principles are essential to the preservation of the government, and we as public organizes to co-operate with the citizens of whatever former political party who will rally around and firmly labor for them. That we cordially endorse the course of our representatives in Congress, John Hogan and Thos. E. Noell, for their able and manly support of President Johnson.

Breaking up of Ice in Hudson River

ALBANY, February 25.—The ice in the river in front of the city broke up to-day. Yesterday and ten o'clock this morning, and in a few minutes the river was clear. The water rose rapidly indicating that the ice had dammed up below the city, and it has since been ascertained that it lodged near Castle. The accumulation here is comparatively light. The early truth from New York and intermediate points will also come.

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—The ice in the river began to move about midnight last night, and there is a few miles below Fort Orleans was three stopped.

At six o'clock this morning it stood still. At this point the ice is the deepest it could be seen. At about nine o'clock it started again, and at about half past ten o'clock the river opposite the city and above as far as Troy was clear. The bridge was subjected to as severe a test as it ever be put to, and stood it perfectly. An immense field of ice, a foot thick, and extending from one side of the river to the other, came down with rapid current, being with force upon the channel pier, the grand pier, and eight piers east of the grand pier, all at once, without a moment's delay.

The field of ice was broken to pieces and gorged against the bridge piers. At the same time that the ice was passing, two trains of cars went over the bridge, carrying over daily the passengers bound to and from New York. It would have been impossible for them to cross the river in any other way. Since noon the dam at the bridge. On the contrary, the piers of the bridge broke up the ice, and it is likely to remain a week. A dam in the islands below the city, and will much sooner go quite clear out of the river. The bridge is perfectly successful and satisfactory in all respects.

From Texas—Cotton Factory Companies Forming—Escape of Wigfall, etc.

GALVESTON, Feb. 18.—Cotton dull. Exchange on New York at par. Everything dry goods improving. Emigration to Texas continues.

A wharf, cotton press and warehouse company, with one million dollars capital, has been formed, paying four hundred thousand dollars in gold for lots. A cotton factory has been established at Houston; another is organizing. Capitalists here propose to dig a ten foot canal from Buffalo Bayou to Galveston Bay.

Wigfall escaped from Texas three weeks since.

The Methodist Church North offers to take the negro churches of Texas under its protection.

Ex-President Burnett is preparing a reply to General Gregory, who demanded proof to sustain Burnett's charge of mal-administration and corruption of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Captain W. P. Turner, of Bucksport, Maine, commanding the steamer Planet, hence to Mobile, was drowned in a storm.

The Southern Pacific Railroad meeting commences to-day. The track is already laid from Marshall twenty-eight miles towards Shreveport.

The President's veto of the Freedmen's Bureau bill gives general satisfaction.

Two companies of guerrella leaves Mobile on March 1st with emigrants for Paraguay and Brazil.

Mass Meeting at San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—A Democrat meeting last night endorsed President Johnson's position and called a mass meeting for Tuesday next.

The Union State Central Committee to-day adopted resolutions saying: "We do not yet believe the present irrepressible breach between the President and Congress, and until such breach conclusively appears, we will continue to hope that the fruits of the triumph of the Union arms will not be lost; that it is the duty of all Union men to avoid connection with Vallandigham, Seymour and copperhead confederate sympathizers; that such men endorse this policy of the President, they don't understand that policy, or are endeavoring to seduce the President from his allegiance to the Constitution; that the abolition of slavery was the result of the rebellion, and it was wicked, senseless and cowardly to withdraw protection from the millions of freedmen, and permit them to be reduced to slavery again; that we believe President Johnson will remain true to the Constitution and his pledges.

The Basuto War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Cape Town advices to January 12th have been received.

The Basuto war continued. The army of the free State was melting away by desertion. The result of a year's hostilities is that the Basutos have learned to fortify themselves in impregnable positions, unassailable without trained troops, every important mountain in their country being fortified. The Basutoes have already commenced their raids, and there was danger of their over-running the whole country by successful raids. It was understood a levy enmasse of people would be attempted as a last recourse against the Basutoes. A skirmish however occurred in which six of the latter were killed and nine hundred cattle and sheep captured.

From Havana—The Cuban Tariff—Demand for Laborers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The *Herald's* Havana correspondent state that some alterations are to take place in the Cuban tariff on the 1st ult., but there is no material reduction of duties.

The small-pox is decreasing at Regla.

The French transport Jura, which arrived on the 8th inst., with 900 French troops from Mexico, whose term of service had expired, was still detained at Havana.

There is still a great demand for laborers in Cuba.

Large cargoes of Coolies were expected to arrive shortly.

Steamer Oceanus Ashore.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 24.—The steamer Oceanus, hence for New York, which went ashore on Friday night, on the south side of Fisher's Island, and bilged, remained at ten o'clock this morning with her bow well out of water, which was level with the stern. The sea was smooth and the weather pleasant. Her freight of domestic goods and general merchandize will probably be saved.

VERY LATEST TELEGRAMS.

FROM GEN. GRANT.

GEN. GRANT IN NEW YORK.

EXAMINATION OF LEFT HANDED MANUSCRIPTS

LATE ADVICES FROM MEXICO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Gen Grant yesterday visited the Hall of the Committee and examined the collection of left handed manuscripts written by disabled soldiers. Being asked for a specimen of his handwriting, he wrote as follows:

"NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—I have examined the large and exceedingly interesting collection of left hand manuscripts written by our disabled soldiers, who have lost an arm. They are eminently honorable to the authors, and from the excellence of penmanship, it would inspire a task I would be sorry to accept, to decide on the merits of the competitors."

[Signed.] U. S. GRANT,
Lieut. Gen. U. S. A.

The General having devoted some time to the examination of the specimens of calligraphy, alluded to one of the numbers in highly complimentary terms. The committee appointed to award prizes, amounting in all to the sum of one thousand dollar, to the authors of the best productions, decided that a complimentary award should be best owed upon the writer of the manuscript thus referred to.

The *Herald's* Mexican city correspondent states that the Imperialists, not less than the Republicans, are closely watching every indication of the designs of the United States, in regard to the settlement of their trouble, and were much delighted by the rumor that our government had consented to recognize Maximilian on condition of the withdrawal of the French troops. It is said that Maximilian is tired of having a French rod continually held over him. He is said to be almost complete indifference regarding the depleted condition of the imperial finances. It is thought that he hopes also to overcome this difficulty by establishing comparative peace, inducing foreign emigration, and thus developing the natural wealth of the country. He is said to be anxious for American settlers, who will bring as well as their own skill, ingenuity and industry, modern inventions and machinery.

The Imperialists are represented as being very much surprised at the course of Ex-Secretary benston in Washington that Maximilian was reestablishing slavery, as they are inclined to regard him as entertaining imprecisely enlarged ideas of liberty.

Petroleum is now an article of extensive use in Maximilian's dominions, and oil has recently been struck on Mexican soil.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU MATTERS.

Trouble and Excitement Anticipated.

CIRCULAR FROM GENERAL HOWARD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Major General O. O. Howard has prepared the following circular letter, to be transmitted to each of the Assistant Commissioners of the Freedmen's Bureau:

WAR DEPT., BUREAU OF FREEDMEN, } REFUGEES AND ABANDONED LANDS, } WASHINGTON, February 23d, 1866.

To the Assistant Commissioner:

DEAR SIR—Anticipating the excitement that will probably follow the action of the government with reference to the new Freedmen's Bill, you may feel somewhat embarrassed in the duties devolving upon you under the law and regulations already existing. That many unscrupulous and firmly in my conscience, you must be prepared for any increased hostility on the part of those who have or pretend to have designs and troubles on and you personally hundred and troubles on and you personally as they may be an increased restlessness and hostility on the part of the freedmen. Congress has assured the Commissioner that he regards the present law as continuing the existence of the Bureau at a year hence now.

Please ascertain and report what steps have been taken in your District, by the State and municipal authorities, to provide for the assistance of indigent and suffering refugees and freedmen. Have any of these organizations applied to the general government for support; and, in case you have reason to expect that the burden of the support of the helpless refugees and freedmen will be thrown upon the general government, you will report the fact, with your estimate of the amount of money that will be required for the purpose.

Please report to me, from time to time, the progress of events, and the complete practicability of the system of free labor. Where you have reason to believe that any State is in an overwhelming majority, has passed a joint resolution disproving the course of their Representatives and Senators in sustaining the Freedmen's Bureau Bill and repudiating the President's Veto.

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Billiard Tournament Closed.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 24.—The billiard match closed last night. The first prize was won by Foster, of New York, the second by Myers, of Memphis, and the third by Brown, of Nashville. In the game between Roberts, of England, and Kavanagh, of New York, for one thousand points, Roberts was successful by twenty-one points.

The rumored explosion of the steamer Stephen Decatur is not credited.

Andrew Johnson Clubs to be Established in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the friends of President Johnson at the Cooper Institute last evening, a committee was appointed to call public meetings, and take measures for the establishment of Andrew Johnson clubs through the city and State.

Extensive Fraud and Theft

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The *Post* has rumors of extensive fraud and theft of prize goods from the Union storehouses at Brooklyn. It is said there are U. S. officers implicated, and that frauds and thefts are accumulating for two years. The thefts, it is said, will amount to two hundred thousand dollars.

The Brooklyn at Rio de Janeiro.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Navy Department has received information of the arrival of the United states War steamer Brooklyn at Rio de Janeiro, on the 11th of January. This news supersedes the apprehensions that have existed relative to the safety of the vessel.

Excitement Among Fenians.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—There is much excitement in this city, among the Fenians, in consequence of developments at the Pittsburgh Congress. Five public meetings, of circles, were held last night, and addresses were made, and resolutions and funds received.

Departure of Steamers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The steamers City of London, for Liverpool, Bremen, for Bremen, Scotland, for Liverpool, Manhattan, for New Orleans, Nearwun, for New Orleans, George Washington, for New Orleans, and San Salvador, for Savannah, left this port to-day.

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Destructive Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—The carpet yarn factory of Joseph Ivins, on Wissahickon Creek, near this city, was burned to-day. Loss fifteen thousand dollars; insured for three thousand dollars in the Girard office.

The Freshet—Three Buildings Swept Away.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Feb. 25.—There has been no loss here by the freshet of any account. It is supposed that the Oil City and Franklin store and three buildings have gone down.

Maine Legislature Adjourned.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 24.—The Maine Legislature adjourned *sine die* this morning.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Robbery of O'Cullough & Smith's Store.

We noticed on Saturday evening's edition the robbery on Friday night of the store of Messrs. McCullough & Smith, corner of Penn and Irwin streets. The robbery occurred sometime between quarter to seven and half past seven o'clock in the evening, during the absence of the book-keeper to his supper. It is supposed that the thief secreted himself in the store before the hours of closing, and taking advantage of the absence of the clerk, he entered the safe, and after obstructing $2,000 in cash, and $2,000 in memorandities, made his escape through the back door. No arrests have yet been made, but a clue in connection we may add that on Friday night, and up to as early as three or four o'clock the next morning, there was a crowd on the corner of those two streets, by the church railing, that kept the night hawks, and other thieves from loitering. This corner has long been noted for rowdyism, and we do hope that the measures will be taken immediately to break it up. If men do not wish to sleep them selves, they have no right to fill their skins full of villainous whiskey and keep the rest awake, of others by their caterwaulings and yells. A few examples made of the inhabitues of this corner, and probably the rest would take the hint and disperse, at all events the experiment is worth trying.

Presentation.

One of those pleasing incidents which here and there occur along life's pathway to cheer the traveler on his way, took place in the composing room of the *Gazette* building, on Saturday afternoon, on which occasion Mr. Josiah Copley, Jr., night editor, was made the recipient of a handsome writing desk. The fact becoming known to the attachees of the office that Mr. Copley was about to sever his connection with the paper, they resolved that he should take with him something which could serve to remind him of the pleasant days and nights they had spent together, and as an assurance of the high appreciation in which they held him.

The presentation speech was made by Mr. A. O. McGrew, who assured Mr. Copley of the high estimation in which he was held by the donors and of the deep regret they felt at parting with him.

Mr. Copley replied in a brief speech, thanking his friends for the very handsome testimonial he had received at their hands, assuring them that they had his best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Brief speeches were made by Thomas Costa magna, F. B. Cocily, J. E. Robinson and others. The re-union was a pleasant one, and will long be remembered by those present.

Larceny of Shoes.—

Peter Eggar probably has a sweetheart, and that sweetheart probably wanted a pair of shoes. We say probably, because we are in no wise assured that such was the case. But whether he had or not, he wished to become the possessor of a pair of feminine gaiters, and either because he did not have the wherewithal, or because he did not wish to pay for them, he entered the store of Mr. Jos. S. Borland, and abstracted a pair that suited his fancy. He was detected, as he should have been, an officer was called in, and after a due examination before his Honor the Mayor, he was provided with lodgings at White's Hotel, on Mt. Airy, where he will remain until the criminal court gives him further orders.

Larceny of a Rope.—

Pennis Carr was arrested on Saturday for stealing a rope from a flat-boat belonging to Edward Jordan. The rope was found in his possession and his guilt was made manifest. In default of bail he was committed to jail to await his trial before the March term of the Criminal Court.

Senate Confirmations—Attempt to Abstract Quartermaster's Checks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The senate has confirmed the appointments of a large number of brigadier and brevet major generals of volunteers, rising among them Charley Griffin, George A. Custar, Henry E. Davis, James H. Wilson, Francis C. Barlow, Gers. Lewis Mitts, Judson Kilpatrick, E. Francis Fessenden, Giles A. Smith, and about forty others, the appointments of which were made during the last year.

An extensive number of appointments of subordinate rank in the volunteer force was also confirmed, together with the appointment of surveyors and collectors of customs, Appraisers, and a new United States District Attorney in the Southern States.

A plot to abstract from the Quartermaster's offices printed checks or blanks to be used in obtaining money from the Treasury by forgery, has been reported to the authorities. The Quartermaster-general calls upon all officers and agents of the Quartermaster Department to be on their guard.

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BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—The names of the unfortunate victims who were burned, or rather smothered to death by the fire Saturday morning, are Henry Hanna senior, his married daughter and wife and his youngest child and two young girls, sisters of Mrs. Hanna, aged ten and eighteen years respectively. The two latter were residents of Pennsylvania, and were on a visit to this city. Five of the persons names were dead when their bodies were extricated from the building. Mr. Hanna is still living but is not expected to recover.

Billiard Tournament Closed.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 24.—The billiard match closed last night. The first prize was won by Foster, of New York, the second by Myers, of Memphis, and the third by Brown, of Nashville. In the game between Roberts, of England, and Kavanagh, of New York, for one thousand points, Roberts was successful by twenty-one points.

The rumored explosion of the steamer Stephen Decatur is not credited.

Andrew Johnson Clubs to be Established in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the friends of President Johnson at the Cooper Institute last evening, a committee was appointed to call public meetings, and take measures for the establishment of Andrew Johnson clubs through the city and State.

Extensive Fraud and Theft

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The *Post* has rumors of extensive fraud and theft of prize goods from the Union storehouses at Brooklyn. It is said there are U. S. officers implicated, and that frauds and thefts are accumulating for two years. The thefts, it is said, will amount to two hundred thousand dollars.

The Brooklyn at Rio de Janeiro.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Navy Department has received information of the arrival of the United states War steamer Brooklyn at Rio de Janeiro, on the 11th of January. This news supersedes the apprehensions that have existed relative to the safety of the vessel.

Excitement Among Fenians.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—There is much excitement in this city, among the Fenians, in consequence of developments at the Pittsburgh Congress. Five public meetings, of circles, were held last night, and addresses were made, and resolutions and funds received.

Departure of Steamers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The steamers City of London, for Liverpool, Bremen, for Bremen, Scotland, for Liverpool, Manhattan, for New Orleans, Nearwun, for New Orleans, George Washington, for New Orleans, and San Salvador, for Savannah, left this port to-day.

Five Persons Burnt to Death.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—At a fire this morning at six o'clock, on the corner of Ann and Fayette streets, a family of five persons were burned to death, their escape being cut off by the flames.

A. H. Stephens' Speech.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The *Times* publishes a special dispatch from Milledgeville, Georgia, giving a full report of A. H. Stephens' speech before the Georgia Legislature, on the 22nd inst.

Entertainment to Secretary Seward.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Secretary Seward is to be entertained by the Hon. Richard Schell this evening, at the Manhattan Athenæum Club, where a grand banquet has been prepared for him.

Destructive Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—The carpet yarn factory of Joseph Ivins, on Wissahickon Creek, near this city, was burned to-day. Loss is fifteen thousand dollars; insured for three thousand dollars in the Girard office.

The Freshet—Three Buildings Swept Away.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Feb. 25.—There has been no loss here by the freshet of any account. It is supposed that the Oil City and Franklin store and three buildings have gone down.

Maine Legislature Adjourned.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 24.—The Maine Legislature adjourned *sine die* this morning.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Robbery of O'Cullough & Smith's Store.

We noticed on Saturday evening's edition the robbery on Friday night of the store of Messrs. McCullough & Smith, corner of Penn and Irwin streets. The robbery occurred sometime between quarter to seven and half past seven o'clock in the evening, during the absence of the book-keeper to his supper. It is supposed that the thief secreted himself in the store before the hours of closing, and taking advantage of the absence of the clerk, he entered the safe, and after obstructing $2,000 in cash, and $2,000 in memorandities, made his escape through the back door. No arrests have yet been made, but a clue in connection we may add that on Friday night, and up to as early as three or four o'clock the next morning, there was a crowd on the corner of those two streets, by the church railing, that kept the night hawks, and other thieves from loitering. This corner has long been noted for rowdyism, and we do hope that the measures will be taken immediately to break it up. If men do not wish to sleep them selves, they have no right to fill their skins full of villainous whiskey and keep the rest awake, of others by their caterwaulings and yells. A few examples made of the inhabitues of this corner, and probably the rest would take the hint and disperse, at all events the experiment is worth trying.

Presentation.

One of those pleasing incidents which here and there occur along life's pathway to cheer the traveler on his way, took place in the composing room of the *Gazette* building, on Saturday afternoon, on which occasion Mr. Josiah Copley, Jr., night editor, was made the recipient of a handsome writing desk. The fact becoming known to the attachees of the office that Mr. Copley was about to sever his connection with the paper, they resolved that he should take with him something which could serve to remind him of the pleasant days and nights they had spent together, and as an assurance of the high appreciation in which they held him.

The presentation speech was made by Mr. A. O. McGrew, who assured Mr. Copley of the high estimation in which he was held by the donors and of the deep regret they felt at parting with him.

Mr. Copley replied in a brief speech, thanking his friends for the very handsome testimonial he had received at their hands, assuring them that they had his best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Brief speeches were made by Thomas Costamagna, F. B. Cocily, J. E. Robinson and others. The re-union was a pleasant one, and will long be remembered by those present.

Larceny of Shoes.—

Peter Eggar probably has a sweetheart, and that sweetheart probably wanted a pair of shoes. We say probably, because we are in no wise assured that such was the case. But whether he had or not, he wished to become the possessor of a pair of feminine gaiters, and either because he did not have the wherewithal, or because he did not wish to pay for them, he entered the store of Mr. Jos. S. Borland, and abstracted a pair that suited his fancy. He was detected, as he should have been, an officer was called in, and after a due examination before his Honor the Mayor, he was provided with lodgings at White's Hotel, on Mt. Airy, where he will remain until the criminal court gives him further orders.

Larceny of a Rope.—

Pennis Carr was arrested on Saturday for stealing a rope from a flat-boat belonging to Edward Jordan. The rope was found in his possession and his guilt was made manifest. In default of bail he was committed to jail to await his trial before the March term of the Criminal Court.

THE BONDED WAREHOUSE FRAUDS.

Statement of Daniel Murray.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A morning paper has the full details of the extensive frauds in the bonded warehouses, mentioned yesterday. E. T. Wheeler & Co., owners of the Atlantic dock stores in Brooklyn, are said to be implicated some years ago they made a contract with the government for the storage of bonded goods. When the war broke out, cargoes of captured blockade runners were stored there. Daniel Murray, an old citizen of Brooklyn, was foreman of the Atlantic dock stores of Wheeler & Co., and Frank Thurber, a brother-in-law of Wheeler, was the chief managing man of the concern. Murray was subject to the orders of Thurber, and he compelled him to deliver goods to his order. Murray has now made complaint to the United States Marshal, in which he alleges that Thurber and others, at various times since August, 1863, have stolen goods from prize cargoes, amounting in value to $200,000, or thereabouts, and furnished a detailed statement of the discovery of the goods, names of the vessels out of whose cargoes the property had been stolen, and, in many instances, the names and places of business of the parties who purchased the goods. The facts contained in the complaint, were placed in the hands of Marshal Murray, nearly three months ago, but the matter was aligned to rest for some time, when the complainant threatened to put the case in the hands of the United States District Attorney, when the Chief Deputy, Mr. Thompson, by order of the Marshal wrote out an affidavit, which was signed by the complainant. The defendant, Thurber, put in as his defense that Murray was a man of bad character, and could not be believed under oath, and denied in general terms all the allegations in the complaint. Mr. Murray produced several citizens of Brooklyn, who testified that they knew him for many years, and that his character was good. Complainant furnished to the Marshal the names of fifteen or twenty persons who bought these goods, and requested to have them present on Wednesday last, but not one appeared, and the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

XXXIXth CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, February, 24, 1866.

The Senate is not in session to-day.

HOUSE.

The House went into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Clark, of Ohio, submitted his views on the subject of reconstruction. He did not consider it important to argue the question of dead or living States, but to look forward to such measures as are necessary to secure the earliest practicable day these states to their original harmonious relations, as faithful and loyal States of the Union, with all the rights and immunities of the best favored States; insisting upon such as demand admission, that they establish unquestionable loyalty in their representation and constituency. He was willing to vote for the admission of Tennesee and Arkansas at any hour when the Committee shall submit the question to the House. unless unexpected developements should show these States unqualified for such admission. He said that he had full faith in the wisdom and patriotism of Congress, with or without the aid of the President, and concluded his speech with a peroration on the future of the country, as established on the broad basis of freedom.

Mr. Beaman, of Michigan, was the next speaker. He said that in April last the country was electrified by the declaration of Andrew Johnson that treason was a crime and must be made odious, and punished, but the individual was treason to the State. Those sentiments met the approbation of all of the loyal people. Subsequent developments now are denounced as fanatical and even as traitors. He would ask who were the men speaking for those opinions, and where they were when armed and were being raised to put down the rebellion? when Vallandigham was arrested, and when the writ of *habeas corpus* was suspended? They were the same men