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The Eye and Ear.
Dr. Gardner, Occulist and Aurist, can be consulted at the Monongahela House, for deafness, noise in the head, discharges from the ear, obstruction in the eustachian tube, and all acute and chronic diseases of the ear and air passages.

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Dr. Gardiner, of New York, who is now at Parlor H, first floor, at the Monongahela House, treats Catarrh by the use of warm medicated inhalation. The afflicted should go and consult him.

The Eye and Ear.
Persons suffering from disease of those delicate organs should go and consult Dr. Gardner, Occulist and Aurist. Office at the Monongahela House.

Dr. Gardner.
The renowned Eye and Ear Surgeon, is in the city at the Monongahela House. Let all who are afflicted visit the Doctor.

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And all diseases of the Eye, are treated successfully by Dr. Gardner, Occulist and Aurist, at the Monongahela House.

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Twelve second hand pianos for sale by Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street.

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Elegant New Dress Goods for Traveling and promenade wear.

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Will be given by the pupils of Miss M. J. Appelbee, at Lafayette Hall on Friday evening, March 23d. Miss Mooney and Professors Wamelink and Lawton have kindly consented to assist on the occasion. Tickets for sale at the music stores and at the door.

Great Reduction
In price of dry goods in our new stock, now opening, and all our old stock marked down to correspond with the new price list. You will please remember that we are now on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market Sts.
C. Hanson Love & Bro.

Vermifuge Comfits.
We call the attention of our readers to the article of "Vermifuge Comfits," advertised in another part of our paper, by Joseph Fleming, Druggist, No. 84 Market street. These Comfits are a specific for worms. The fact that they are manufactured by Brown, of "Bronchial Troche" notoriety, is a sufficient guarantee that they are an article of merit.

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Hostetter's Celebrated Stomach Bitters
READ E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH'S LETTER.
PROSPECT COLLEGE, GEORGETOWN, D. C., April 12, 1863.
Messrs Hostetter & Smith—Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to add my testimonial to those of others in favor of your excellent preparation. Several years of residence on the banks of a Southern river, and of close application to literary work, had so thoroughly exhausted my nervous system, and undermined my health, that I had become a martyr to dyspepsia and nervous headache, recurring at short intervals, and defying all known remedies in the Materia Medica. I had come to the conclusion that nothing but a total change of residence and pursuits would restore my health, when a friend recommended Hostetter's Bitters. I procured a bottle as an experiment; it required but one bottle to convince me that I had found at last the right combination of remedies. The relief it afforded me has been complete. It is now some years since I first tried Hostetter's Bitters, and it is but just to say that I have found the preparation all that it claims to be. It is a Standard Family Cordial with us, and even as a stimulant we like it better than anything else; but we use it in all nervous, bilious, and dyspeptic cases, from fever down to toothache. If what I have now said will lead any dyspeptic or nervous invalid to a sure remedy, I shall have done some good.
I remain, gentlemen, respectfully yours,
E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH.

Hostetter's Bitters
Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 84 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 made Pants Coats, Vests and Overcoats, will also be found in his establishment. Persons in want of any thing in the line should not fail to give Mr. Weier a call.

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 after it is put on.

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.

American Vessel Seized and Confiscated.
NEW YORK, March 21—The Herald's Sisal (Yucatan) correspondent, of the 10th inst., gives an account of the seizure and confiscation in that port by the Mexican Imperial authorities, of the American schooner Wilson Crawford, and the fining and imprisonment of her master, because some powder was found on board the vessel. The master's sentence was ten years penal labor, but he was pardoned by the Empress. Immediately after regaining his liberty, however, he was once more arrested and sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars, which he avoided liquidating by secretly leaving the country.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette

HARRISBURG, March 20, 1866.

EVENING SESSION.—The House held a special session this evening, to consider the new Philadelphia and Erie Railroad bill. The bill was opposed, at length, by Messrs. Glass, Boyle, Mann and Thomas. The bill passed finally by a vote of 50 in favor and 40 against it.

The session lasted until midnight.

HARRISBURG, March 21, 1866.

SENATE.

The following bills, on the private calendar, passed finally:

An act in relation to physicians and surgeons, in cases of *post mortem* examinations in Allegheny county. Also, an act to incorporate the Home Medical and Surgical Hospital and Dispensary of Pittsburgh. Also, a supplement to an act incorporating the Pittsburgh and Sonora Gold and Silver Mining Company. Also, an act to incorporate the Savings Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Pittsburgh. Also, an act to incorporate the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Spring Garden Passenger Railway Company. Also, an act relative to the Sharpsburg and [illegible]renceville Bridge Company in Allegheny county. Also, an act to provide for the better assessment of [illegible]s in Allegheny county. Also, an act relative to the service of summons on Jurors in Allegheny county, and regulating compensation. An act abolishing the principal office of the Lawrence Railroad company in the city of Pittsburgh. Also an act incorporating the Harmony Railroad Company. Also a further supplement to an act to incorporate the Chartiers Valley Railroad company. Also an act authorizing the School Directors of McKeesport, Allegheny county, to equalize the payment of bounties. Also an act to incorporate the City Deposit Bank and Trust Company. Also an act to incorporate the People's Saving Bank of Franklin. Also an act to incorporate the Reno Shipping Company. Also an act to incorporate the People's Trading Company of the Borough of Birmingham, in the county of Allegheny.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The following bills were passed: To incorporate the Western Savings Bank of Pittsburgh. To incorporate the Pithole and Titusville Railroad Company. To incorporate the Pittsburgh and Campbell Run Coal Railroad Company. To empower the Commissioners of Washington county to redeem their bonds.

The House considered the general appropriation bill, read the 22d section, which was adopted as reported by the Committee, with the exception of the section relating to the Normal School.

INTERESTING FROM MEXICO.

THE MURDER OF THE BELGIUM ENVOY.

Reported Defeat of the Juarists.

CHANGES IN THE IMPERIAL CABINET.

HAVANA, March 17.—The steamship Panama arrived yesterday, three days from Vera Cruz. She brings dates from the port of departure to the 13th, and from the City of Mexico to the 8th. There is but little news of importance. The papers are filled with accounts of the murder of the Belgium envoys, General Foury and Capt. D. Huart. The funeral obsequies were celebrated in the City of Mexico with great pomp, on the 7th, Maximilian and Carlotta attending.

There is an account of a defeat of the Juarists under Perfrice, Diaz, Lenia, Pseza, Lorez Orozelco, and Leguro. Strange to say every body and everything was captured, except the ladies, who are reported to have escaped on foot, the attacking party being cavalry.

The Emperor of Austria has just sent by the Count Bombeli, the original coat of arms of Montezuma, and one of the original letters of Hernan Cortez, of Mexico. They are from the Royal Museum of Vienna.

The resignation of Hildalgo, Minister to France, has been accepted, and Gen. Almonte appointed in his place.

There have been several changes in the so-called Imperial Cabinet, but they are of little interest to the public generally.

Our latest dates from Matamoras are to the 2d. Considerable indignation has been occasioned here by the publication in the papers that the cholera was raging. There has not been a single case of cholera here. The small pox is decreasing in Regla.

Senators Foote and Dixon—Case of a Chicago Postmaster—The Ten-Forty Loan—Freedmen's Contribution from England—The Civil Rights Bill—Government Coupon Counterfeits—Transportation of Petroleum.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Senators Dixon and Foote are daily growing worse. There is still hope of the recovery of the latter.

Ike Cook, of Chicago, who was sued by the Auditor of the Postoffice for the balance due the Department from him, as Postmaster at that city, in 1862, has paid up the amount of five thousand three hundred dollars, and the case has been dismissed.

Controller Clarke states that twenty-seven millions of dollars, of the ten-forty loan, was not issued; that recently, however, three thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars have been quietly issued of this old loan, and at six per cent. interest.

Another contribution, amounting to nearly one thousand dollars in value, from the Birmingham, England, Freedmen's Association, has just been received by General Howard, and will be appropriated to the use of the destitute colored people in the South.

General Spinner publishes a letter in the Washington *Chronicle* in which he maintains the correctness of Controller Clark's statements regarding the amount of Government funds on hand.

Washington special says: It was currently reported last night, that the President has signified his determination to veto the "Civil Rights" bill.

The *Herald's* Washington special says: The counterfeiting of Government coupons has been carried to such an extent that the Treasury Department has decided to engrave vignettes of the proper size, to be printed upon all the future issues, and thereby render engraving as necessary to a counterfeit coupon as to the note or bond. Portraits of the President, McCulloch, Grant, Sherman and others are executed for this purpose.

The *Times'* special says: Several Collectors of Customs have sent communications to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking instructions in regard to the transportation of crude and refined petroleum. They ask if the penalties of the law of August 30th, 1862, shall be enforced against steamboats for transporting crude and refined petroleum without special license. In other words does petroleum come under the class of other explosive burning fluids. The Secretary replies that the Department has not decided that crude and refined petroleum are of that character, and until otherwise ordered, these commodities can be carried as freight without special license, proper care being observed in its storage with reference to the safety from the hazard of fire. Mr. McCulloch has referred the question of the explosive quality of petroleum to a special board of chemists and experts, with directions to report at the earliest moment. The action of this board will guide the Secretary in making rules hereafter as to the transportation of petroleum.

Smuggling Brig Detected—O'Mahoney bonds in Ireland—The Iron Moulders' Difficulty.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The revenue cutter Maine detected the brig Redmond, Captain Freyle, from Cuba, endeavoring to make Newport harbor with a large quantity of cigars, tobacco, sugar and linen, which was not on her manifest.

A Dublin correspondent of the London *Times* says that a number of bonds have arrived in the city of Waterford, from New York, beautifully executed in the form of bank notes, and signed by O'Mahoney and two others. They are for sums varying from twenty to fifty pounds, bearing 6 per cent. interest, to be paid when the Irish Republic is established. With this remarkable peculiarity, they are bonds on the Curraghmore estate.

The iron moulders of Albany and Troy have ceased to work. They talk of establishing a co-operative foundry of their own.

Wurtemburg Consul Recognized—The Rinderpest.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The President has recognized F. A. Santers as Consul of Wurtemburg at Galveston, Texas.

A. Frazier, of Germany, has addressed a communication to the Department of State, suggesting a means of preventing the spread of Rinderpest. The theory is that the diseased cattle poison the atmosphere. Hence they are to be separated from the healthy animals, and the latter lubricated with petroleum, and a small quantity of the oil mixed with their food. The communication has been sent to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Comptroller Clarke—Decision Against Negroes.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Controller Clarke has sent the following mysterious letter to the New York *Commercial Advertiser*:

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Gentlemen: I am informed you have published a most infamous, slanderous, attack against me. If I am correctly informed you see the necessity of making a proper retraction.
Respectfully yours, F. CLARKE.

Judge Thompson, of Philadelphia, has decided that colored persons must not ride in cars provided for white men in that city. The case will be appealed.

For the West Indies.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 21.—The U. S. steamer Brienville sailed to-day for the West Indies.

THE EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

Nominations Confirmed by the Senate.

CHIHUAHUA EVACUATED BY THE FRENCH FORCES.

Order Concerning Deserters.

THE CHOLERA REPORTED AT MOBILE.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The bill to equalize bounties, introduced by Mr. Julian to-day, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, provides for the payment to every soldier and sailor, who served during the late war, and who has been or who may be honorably discharged, a bounty of $8.33⅓ for every month of service rendered; provided that in the case of discharge on account of wounds received in action, the full bounty shall be paid for the term of service for which the enlistment was made. No bounty is to be paid to any soldier or sailor who was a prisoner of war at the time of his enlistment, or who had been discharged at his own request, unless for the purpose of re-enlistment or to accept promotion, nor to any sailor whose prize money shall exceed the amount of bounty he would have been entitled to.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations:—Edward M. McCook, of Colorado, Minister Resident at Hawaian Island; to be Consuls: Hiram R. Hawkins, of Nevada, at Tumberz; Charles A. Leas, at Finchal; Andrew J. Stevens, of Iowa, at Smyrna; Wm. M. Jones, of New York, at Clifton, C. W.; O. M. Spencer, of Iowa, at Denva; Samuel R. Campbell, at Bayonne; A. Grigg, of Tennessee, at Kingston, Jamaica; John C. Walker, of Tennessee, at St. Thomas; E. P. Smith, of New York, to be Commissioner of Immigration; Lewis Bloggett, to be Appraiser at the port of Philadelphia; Wm. H. Barnhart, of Oregon, to be Indian Agent in the Territory of Washington; Isaac Colman, of Maryland to be Agent for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians; Luther T. Webb, of Wisconsin, to be Agent for the Chippewas of Lake Superior; Franklin H. Head, of Utah, to be superintendent of Indian affairs for the territory of Utah; Thos. Murphy, of Kansas, to be Superintendent of Indian affairs for the Central Superintendency; Edward B. Taylor, of Nebraska, to be Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Northern Superintendency; Joseph R. Hanson, of Dacotah Territory, to be agent for the Upper Missouri river; Chauncey H. Norris, of Nebraska, to be agent for the Iowa Sacs and Foxes of Missouri; Daniel C. Oakes, of California, to be Agent for Grand River; B. I. Fairfield, of California, to be agent for the Mound Valley Indians; Joab Houghton, of New Mexico, to be Associate Justice of New Mexico.

Minister Romero has received official dates from El Paso, to the 23d of February, confirming the report of the evacuation of the City of Chihuahua, by the French troops.

Lieut-General Grant has ordered that commanding officers of posts and departments shall, as soon as possible after the arrival of deserters at their posts, forward the charges to the commanding officer of the department in which their posts or departments may be situated, who will with as little delay as practicable, take measures to have deserters brought to trial.

Advices from Montgomery, Alabama, dated on the 16th inst., are received by Dr. C. W. Horner, chief medical officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, informing him that a report was in circulation there that the cholera had made its appearance at Mobile, Alabama, on the eighth. The report was not traced to any reliable source.

XXXIXth CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, March 21, 1866.

SENATE.

Mr. Brown introduced a bill to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad, connecting the Great Lakes, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas with Texas and the Gulf of Mexico, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for military, postal and other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ramsey presented the memorial of the Minnesota Legislature asking an appropriation for the improvement of the harbors on Lake Superior, also for the establishment of a port of entry at the head of Lake Superior. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cowan presented two petitions for a protective tariff, numerously signed, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cowan also presented the petition of Assistant Assessors for an increase of pay. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pomeroy called up the Senate bill to grant land to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Northern Kansas Railroad, which was passed.

The following bill was called up by Mr. Poland and passed:

A bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States.

Section 1. That if any person or persons shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in the false making, altering, forging or counterfeiting any bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States, or shall utter or publish as true, or cause to be uttered, or published as true, any such false forged, altered or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit or other writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States, knowing the same to be false, forged, altered, or counterfeited, or shall transmit to or present at, or cause or procure to be transmitted to, or presented at the office of any officer of the United States, any such false, forged, altered or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other writing, knowing the same to be false, forged, altered or counterfeited for the purpose of defrauding the United States, every such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a felony, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard labor for a period not exceeding ten years, or be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both of said punishments, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. That if any offense shall be committed in any place which has been or shall hereafter be ceded to, and under the jurisdiction of the United States, which offense is not prohibited, or the punishment thereof is not specially provided for by any law of the United States, such offense shall, upon conviction in any court of the United States having cognizance thereof, be liable to receive the same punishment as the laws of the State in which such place is in and may be situated, and now in force, provided for the like offense, when committed within the jurisdiction of such State; and no subsequent repeal of any such State law shall affect any prohibition for such offense in any of the courts of the United States.

Mr. Harris reported from the Judiciary Committee, the bill concerning writs of error and injunctions.

Mr. Steward reported from the Committee on Judiciary, the bill to provide for the reports of decisions of the Supreme Court, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting a provision for extending the term of six months [illegible] for the publication of reports to ten months.

At the expiration of the morning hour, the unfinished business of yesterday, which was the bill to authorize the establishment of telegraphic communication between the United States and the West Indies was taken up, the pending question being upon Mr. Sherman's amendment to the last section, authorizing Congress to fix the rate to be charged by the company.

Mr. Chandler said the Committee on Commerce had bestowed more care on the pending bill than on any bill before it this session. He regarded it as the most important bill before the Senate.

Mr. Fessenden said that when the proper time came he intended to offer an amendment striking out the provision giving a sole privilege to this company, and inserting in lieu of it a provision that no company shall be authorized to establish telegraphic communication between the coast of the United States and any foreign country through the waters of the United States without the consent of Congress.

The yeas and nays were demanded to Mr. Sherman's amendment, which was disapproved, by yeas 17, nays 19.

Mr. Howe moved to amend by requiring the completion of the work in three years instead of five, as in the bill originally. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Harris said Congress had exclusive jurisdiction over the Marine League, but the company would have to get authority also from the State of Florida for jurisdiction over the territory between high and low waters.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that he would at an early day, call up the bill to regulate commerce between the several States.

The House bill relating to the habeas corpus was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Nesmith called up the bill authorizing and requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to issue to Messrs. Goldsmith & Bros., of California and Oregon, $5,000 in 7-30 bonds in lieu of a like amount lost at sea.

Mr. Clark moved to strike out the words "and requiring," from the bill. The Secretary of the Treasury would then be simply authorized to make good the loss, and would undoubtedly do so when satisfied that it was insured as stated. The amendment was agreed to, and the bill then passed.

Mr. Morrill called up the bill to incorporate the National Mutual Protection Homestead Company. It incorporates certain parties, under the name and style of the National Mutual Protection Homestead Company for the encouragement of settlement, and the organization of the American States, with a capital of $5,000,000.

A resolution was passed authorizing naval vessels to be placed at the disposal of the Quarantine Commissioners of New York for one year.

The House bill relating to the writ of *habeas corpus* was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue five thousand dollars to Goldsmith & Bros., of California, for a like amount lost at sea.

The bill incorporating the National Mutual Protection Homestead Company was taken up, read, discussed and postponed till to-morrow.

A joint resolution authorizing Commodore Ranford to accept the decoration from the King of Italy was passed.

The Senate went into executive session, and afterwards adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Mr. Price, of Iowa, from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, reported back a bill to secure the speedy construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Line, &c., which was recommitted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Julian introduced a bill to equalize the bounties of soldiers and sailors who served in the United States army and navy during the late rebellion, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Henderson presented the joint resolution of the Legislature of Oregon in regard to war claims.

Mr. Ward, of New York, made a statement to the House that he received numerous letters from the friends and relatives of deceased soldiers buried in the Cemetery of Arlington Heights as to the title which the Government had to the property. Fearing that the bones of the soldiers there might revert to the heirs of the arch-traitor, he had addressed a communication to the Secretary of War on the subject, and had received an answer which he deemed of sufficient public importance to have read. The letter from the Secretary of War was read, stating that at a sale of lands for unpaid taxes on the 11th of January, 1864, the Arlington estate, including the grounds referred to, had been bidden for the United States for $26,800, and afterwards turned over to the military authorities. The certificate of sale was in the hands of the U. S. Tax Commissioner at Alexandria, but would be soon placed on file in the Treasury Department.

Mr. Hubbard, of Iowa, introduced a bill granting lands to the State of Iowa, in alternate sections to aid in the construction of the Iowa Central Railroad, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Grinnell, of Iowa, presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Iowa, in reference to a Bureau of National Education, which were referred to a Select Committee.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the diplomatic appropriation bill reported yesterday from the Committee on the Whole.

The vote on the amendment authorizing the appointment of a Solicitor to the State Department, at a salary of $3,000 was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows: Yeas, 72 nays, 39.

The other amendments were also agreed to and the bill passed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the act to facilitate commercial, postal and military communication among the several States, which had been recommitted to the Judiciary Committee for such amendments as would prevent the land granted to railroads, such as the Illinois Central, from receiving pay from the Government. The bill was passed; yeas 69, nays 46.

A resolution was reported from the Printing Committee for printing the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents for 1865 and passed, providing for the printing of 70,000 copies for the House, and 5,000 for the Commissioner.

Mr. Latham asked leave to introduce a resolution declaring Tennessee in a condition to be represented in the House, and relieving the Reconstruction Committee from further consideration of their case, but objections were made.

The House went into Committee of the Whole and took up the bill to reimburse Pennsylvania for war expenditures.

An amendment was agreed to, reducing the amount to $800,000.

Mr. Blaine moved to substitute a bill reimbursing loyal States 25 per cent. of their war expenses. The total amount embraced in Mr. Blaine's bill is one hundred and eighteen millions of dollars.

Considerable debate ensued, but without the disposal of the subject.

Mr. Blaine's bill proposes to reimburse twenty-five per cent. of the war expenses of the States, the amount to be distributed in five per cent. bonds, in proportion to the number of soldiers furnished by the States respectively, fifty-five dollars for each man furnished; the bonds not to be negotiated for twenty years from date. The total amount embraced in the bill is one hundred and eighteen million dollars. His bill would nominally and really add to the national debt, for the local and State debt would be relieved in a proportionate degree, and the local debt was the most oppressive of all, for it called for a direct tax on real and personal property to pay both interest and principal, and this direct tax was all the more oppressive on the agricultural community, from the fact that so large a proportion of personal property had brought investment in government bonds, which were specially exempt from State and municipal taxation. The general government had, moreover, also bed all the indirect and readily available channels of taxation, and had thus taken from the States all the easy modes of raising revenue. To quote the language of Mr. Hamilton, used in regard to the revolutionary debt in 1790: "Justice is not completely fulfilled until the entire debt of every State, contracted in support of the war, is embraced in one general and comprehensive plan of payment."

Adjourned.

From California—Alleged Bribery Case—Editor Released—Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Honolulu dates of the 6th of February state that the eruption of the great volcano has ceased.

The *Flag* newspaper having charged the members of the State Senate with bribery, in voting against the specific contract vessel act, a investigation committee was appointed, and D. O. McCarthy, its editor, was called to tell who his witnesses were to sustain the charge. He refused and was imprisoned. After lying in prison a month, the Senate has released him, and has promised to go on with the investigation. McCarthy will, it is stated, produce his witnesses as the investigation proceeds.

Mining stocks are improving.

Kentucky Soldiers' Convention—Attempted Suicide of an Alleged Assassin.

LOUISVILLE, March 21.—The Kentucky Soldiers' Convention meets here on the 16th and 17th of April. Arrangements have been made to bring soldiers at half fare over the principal roads. All officers and soldiers who served in Kentucky regiments are cordially invited. A large attendance is expected.

Sterling King, who confessed himself guilty of attempting the assassination of Secretary Seward, endeavored to commit suicide this morning by severing a blood vessel of his arm. His recovery is doubtful.

Liquor Seizures in Massachusetts.

NEW YORK, March 21.—At Taunton, Massachusetts, certain liquors that were seized last week by the State Constables, were yesterday re-seized by the United States Marshal, and returned to the owners. Massachusetts prohibits the sale of liquor within her boundaries. The United States grants licences for such sales under which certain citizens of Massachusetts pursue their business in defiance of the State laws, and are arrested and fined by their authority. This raises a question of the power indirectly of a business prohibited by the State. The case excites much comment.

Fenian Meeting in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—The third of the series of meetings of the friends of Irish nationality was held to-night at the American Mechanics Hall. The District Head Centre, Andrew Wynnes, presided. Stirring speeches were made by Gen. B. F. Mullin, S. J. Meany and Major Haggarty. Speaking of neutrality law, General Mullin said, the course proposed by Stephens and O'Mahoney would not, and did not, meditate any violation of them on military and naval operations. He was reticent, but suggestive. He contended for the law of retribution.

The Gee Case—Murderer Released—Freedmen's Bureau Criminal Cases.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The *Tribune's* Raleigh correspondent telegraphs that the Gee case will last till June.

A citizen, convicted by the Military Commission at Richmond, of the murder of some Union soldiers, has been released by the Secretary of War because of a clerical error in the report.

The Freedmen's Bureau in Virginia and North Carolina have turned criminal cases over to civil courts.

Norfolk Oyster Trade—Clement C. Clay.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 20.—A large meeting was held at Norfolk lately, to protest against the present regulations of the oyster trade and to take measures to test their legality. Strong resolutions were adopted on the subject.

It is reported that Clement C. Clay has been allowed on his parole of honor the liberty of the grounds within the walls of the fortress during the day, retiring to his cell only at night.

Rhode Island Democratic Convention.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 21.—The Democratic State Convention was held to-day. Thos. Stiene, of Smithfield, presided. Wm. J. Miller and Geo. N. Bliss were chosen Secretaries. No nominations for State officers were made. A committee was raised to bring forward a ticket hereafter if deemed expedient. Resolutions were adopted declaring the constitution to be the foundation of American liberty, opposing taxation without representation, and endorsing Andrew Johnson.

The Trial of Jailor Gee.

NEW YORK, March 21.—In the evidence for the prosecution in the trial of Major Gee, at Raleigh, for alleged inhuman treatment to prisoners of war, is the testimony of several soldiers of New York regiments, that Major Gee ordered a Union soldier to be carried to the grave while yet alive. The testimony daily becomes more damaging. It is supposed the evidence for the defense will begin on the 26th inst.

Overland Telegraph Expedition.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The steamer New York sailed at noon to-day for Aspinwall. Among her passengers was Mr. Thomas W. Knox, the well known journalist and writer, who will accompany the overland telegraph expedition from San Francisco through Liberia, China and Russia, to Western Europe.

Arlington Estate.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—It appears from official data, that the Arlington estate, formerly the property of Gen. Lee, belongs to the Government, it having been purchased at a sale, for the non-payment of taxes.

River at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, March 21.—The river is rising slowly, with eleven feet five inches of water in the canal.

Patton Township Election.

The following is the result of the election in Patton township election:

Judge—J. Stevenson	86	M. Toohill	45
Inspector—E. Myers	90	J. McGinley	40
Assessor—J. Carothers	91	Isaac Gill	39
Supervisors—R. McElroy	88	R. Cunning'm	39
F. McClure	90	A. Robinson	39
Sch'l Dir—F. McClure	90	I. McGinley	104
J. Thompson	90	Jas. Grier	33
Auditor—T. McMasters	89	J. McGinnis	39
Tp. Treas—E. Kunkle	89	S. McKinney	40
Constable—John Sylvis	111		
Tp. Clerk—John Scott	90		

Passed.—We learn through Mr. Dawes, that the provisions of the act relative to the term of office of School Directors, approved April 22, 1863, have been extended to Allegheny county, a supplement to this effect having just passed the Legislature.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company—Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company was held on Wednesday, March 21st, at the office of the Company in this city.

John Larimer, Esq., of Wooster, was called to preside, and F. M. Hutchinson, Esq., acted as Secretary.

It was resolved that the polls for the annual election of Directors should open at noon and close at two o'clock P. M.

Gen. George W. Cass, President of the Company, then submitted the annual report of the Board of Managers, an abstract of which we append below.

The report shows the gross earnings for the year 1865 to be as follows:

From Passengers	$3,391,221 46
" Freight	4,729,067 88
" Mails	93,900 00
" Express	149,658 00
" Rents	4,861 12
" Miscellaneous	25,354 08
Total	$8,489 [illegible] 56

The expenditures were:

Maintenance of Way	$1,344,[illegible] 25
" Cars	531,1[illegible] 94
" Motive Power	1,520,94[illegible] 34
Conducting Transportation	1,220,978 76
General Expenses	587,810 [illegible]
Total	$5,205,515

Which leaves a balance of $3,283,546 98 for the net income arising from the operations of the Railway.

The financial operations of the company are set forth as follows:

Total Income	$4,629,696 04
Total Disbursements	4,259,275 11
Surplus	$370,320 93

To this latter amount add the investment in the Akron Branch road, $179,829.40, which gives a total of $550,150.33 above all expenses and liabilities, January 1, 1866.

The expenses of working the road have been 61½ per cent. of the gross income. The earnings of 1865 exceeded those of 1864 $1,368,696.80, or about 19-1-5 per cent.

In reference to the future the report says "the Board is unwilling to venture an estimate for the current year, in view of the paralysis of the industrial and commercial interests of the country, growing out of the transition state through which it is passing." It is stated, however, that the position of the road is such as to give it a full share of the business of the country, whatever that business may be, and such as to enable the company to accomplish favorable results in the working of the road out of whatever traffic may offer. The entire road is reported in excellent condition. More than one-half of the entire 468 miles between Pittsburgh and Chicago have been renewed within the past two years, and all paid for out of the earnings—a result which it is believed no other company ever accomplished in a like period of time.

The total length of siding laid during the year was 12 miles and 2250 feet, making 95 miles and 227 feet now in use. There were two new locomotives added during the year, making the total number 189. The passenger and freight equipment was very materially increased during the year.

The report then refers to the contract between this Company and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Company, and states that the amount paid under the contract is not large for the object gained. It was not expected that any considerable sum should be paid out of the income of either party to gain these results, and the Boards of the respective companies have concluded a supplement to the original contract, which was executed on the 16th of February last. This supplement was read and received the approval of the stockholders.

The Board then alludes to the purchase and operation of the Akron Branch railroad, sixty-one miles in length, and extending from Hudson, on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road, to Millersburg, the county seat of Holmes county. The amount paid for the title to this road was $479,829.40, and the low price, together with the object gained of preventing the road from falling into unfriendly hands, induced the purchase, which it is believed will prove profitable.

The lease of the New Castle and Beaver Valley Railroad is next referred to, and the results have shown that the arrangement is a profitable one, and that it will always prove remunerative to this company, and also to the shareholders of the N. C. & B. V. Co. The gross earnings of the latter company, from July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1865, was $79,013.97, of which (60 per cent.) or $47,323.02 was due to the P. W. F. & C. R. W. Co.

The report then refers to four railway projects making Fort Wayne a terminus, and discusses the importance of these projects, when completed as feeders to the main line of the company.

The establishment of Transportation Lines is next referred to. For ten years the company declined to admit these lines, but found themselves, by reason of transportation agencies or competing lines, compelled to establish them, but in so doing have taken such precaution as will give the greatest satisfaction to shippers, and protect the company against risk, and an improper advantage of the profits of the business due to the railroad companies. Thus far the result has shown an increase in the business of the road, [illegible] by shippers, and an increase of net revenue without a corresponding increase of capital.

The Board conclude by acknowledging the fidelity, industry, and capacity with which the business of the road has been managed during the past year by the several executive officers and their subordinates in their respective departments.

The report was accepted and adopted, after which the meeting adjourned.

The following named gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

J. F. D. Lanier, Louis H. Meyer, Samuel J. Tilden, New York; J. Edgar Thompson, G. W. Cass, Springer Harbaugh, Pennsylvania, Kent Jarvis, R. H. Springer, Hon. John Sherman, Ohio; Samuel Hanna, Jesse L. Williams, Pliny Hoagland, Indiana; Wm. B. Ogden, Illinois.

In Memoriam.

The teachers of the Fourth Ward School, Sandusky street, Allegheny, at a meeting held Monday, March 19, unanimously passed the following resolutions as a tribute of respect to the memory of their beloved friend and fellow teacher, Miss Beckie J. Hammond, who was unexpectedly called away from her earthly toil to enter, as we fondly trust, the eternal rest of the blessed in Heaven:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, the sovereign ruler of the universe, and all-wise disposer of events, to remove from our midst our amiable friend and fellow teacher, while yet in actual service, and ardently devoted to the important duties of her profession; therefore

Resolved, That in her sudden and unexpected death we keenly realize the loss of a worthy associate, a zealous, devoted and successful teacher, and a sincere and affectionate friend.

Resolved, That in this sad bereavement we recognize the hand of a merciful God, who by this dispensation solemnly and earnestly calls on us also to prepare to meet Him.

Consumption, that insatiate foe, ever delighting to select the fairest for its prey, marked her for its victim, and with unwonted speed accomplished its fearful work; teaching us the lesson we are so slow to learn, that our life is held by a very uncertain tenure, and we should always be ready to lay down the armor and receive the crown.

Resolved, That we ever cherish the memory of this loved one, who so faithfully fulfilled her mission, and while we drop the tear of sorrow over the grave of our departed friend, we tender our kindest sympathies to the bereaved family of which she was a member.

Resolved, That in her death our schools have lost an earnest, faithful teacher, the fruits of whose labors, so excellent and so abundant, can neither be measured nor recounted till the end of time. Intellectual to a high degree, the subject of warm impulsive affections, possessing a noble and generous nature, and but in the morning of her earthly existence, life with its pleasures and enjoyments was sweet to her, but

The life hath gone, the breath is fled,
And what hath been, no more shall be;
The well known form, the welcome tread,
Oh! where are they! and where is she!

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the daily papers, and a copy presented to the bereaved family.

Burglars Foiled at Last—Outsiders and Duplicate Keys Rendered Useless.

We were recently shown a door lock, the invention of M. McGonnigle, Esq., of the city of Allegheny, which fully sustains the above title, and we have no hesitation in pronouncing it one of the greatest inventions of the day. It is a complete novelty, quite simple in its construction, easily understood, and can be manufactured and finished as cheaply as the common locks now in use. It cannot readily be put out of order, but, should such a thing happen, any worker in iron can make the necessary repairs as well as a lock smith. It can, by simply removing the face plate and adjusting the spring bolt, be used either as a right or left hand or mortice lock. The handles or knobs, which operate the spring bolt, are arranged on separate spindles, and when properly adjusted they become a permanent part of the lock, and hence the continued annoyance of rattling and loose handles is entirely done away with. This part can be used separately, where the bolts which are operated by the key are unnecessary. Letters patent for this bolt have been secured.

In the next place, that part of the lock the bolts of which are operated by the key, consist of two bolts, so arranged that when the key is turned on one side, the bolt which it springs into the keeper passes over the outside or opposite key holes, shutting the same so effectually that a person inside is rendered perfectly secure from intrusion or observation. We consider it far superior to any lock now in use, for hotel and private bed room doors, &c. It is impossible to insert anything from the outside into the key hole, and therefore it cannot be picked, or disarranged by outside interference. Letters patent have also been secured for the arrangement of these bolts.

Mechanics or other persons curious in such matters are invited to call and examine the office, third story, City Hall, Allegheny.

Union Prayer Meeting.—There is a Business Men's prayer meeting held every day in the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street, at 4 o'clock P. M., continuing one hour. The Christian community are cordially invited to attend. We understand that these meetings have been held for some three weeks past, with a fair attendance and considerable interest. There seems to be a moving among the "dry bones," and if there is any incitement in the abounding wickedness in our midst, it is high time for all our churches to awake from sleep and get to work.

The Frame Building Law in Allegheny.—A special meeting of Allegheny Councils will be held on Friday evening, (to-morrow) for the purpose of considering the question of a repeal of the existing ordinance prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings. A majority of the people having voted in favor of repeal, it is believed that their wishes will be carried into effect without much opposition.

Wool Growers' Association.

The Wool Growers of Allegheny County met yesterday at Hare's Hotel, at the call of Gov. Johnston, Vice President of this county of the State Wool Growers' Association.

The following Constitution was offered by Gov. Johnston, and after a little discussion, was adopted:

To further the extension, secure the property and protect the interests of farmers and others engaged in wool-growing in the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, we have adopted this

CONSTITUTION.

1. That the Society shall be called the "Wool Growers' Society of Allegheny County," and that it shall be connected with and auxiliary to the Wool Growers' State Association of Pennsylvania, and the National Wool Growers Association.

2. That the officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and corresponding clerk, and said officers shall be now elected, and hold their offices until others are elected. That the annual meeting shall be held in Pittsburgh on the first Monday of February, at which time and place, officers as aforesaid shall be elected.

3. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Clerk shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to said offices. That the President shall appoint one or more farmers in each township as an Executive Committee; that said committee shall have charge of the interests of the Society in their respective townships, procure members, circulate information, disseminate petitions, whether addressed to State and national authorities, with such other details as may from time to time be given them in charge.

4. That the objects and purposes of the Society, are set forth in the preamble annexed.

5. That the President of this Society shall be a representative delegate to the State Association.

6. That the payment of five dollars shall constitute any person a life member, and the sum of one dollar an annual member. That the Secretary is hereby directed to procure certificates for membership, to be handsomely designed with proper vignette, and deliver the same to each member of the Society.

7. That full discussions shall be allowed at annual meetings in relation to the best methods of raising, caring for and improving sheep; of the best modes of preparing wool for market, and the kind best suited to this climate, &c. Any report made by any member in writing to file among the archives of the Society.

8. That the President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, the President of the State Society of Wool Growers of Pennsylvania, the Senators from Pennsylvania in the National Congress, and the members of Congress representing this county, or any part thereof, are hereby constituted honorary members of this Society.

In accordance with this constitution, Hon. W. F. JOHNSTON was unanimously chosen President, and JNO. M'DONALD GLENN, Esq., was elected Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.

The following committees were appointed, in accordance with the Constitution, to circulate petitions asking for an increase in the Tariff upon Wool.

Findlay—James McAnall, Robert McLarren, George Burns.
Moon—Philip Stevenson, Wm. H. Guy, Bazaleil Meek.
Robinson—Capt. John Young, Matthew Hall.
Franklin—Hermon Wright.
Scott—Col. Wm. Espy, Thompson McCabe.
Upper St. Clair—John Gilfillan, Alex. Fife, —— Borland.
Snowden—Dr. Gillespie, Alex. McMurray, Wm. Donaldson.
Jefferson—Andrew Large, Milo Wilson, J. H. McElhenny.
Elizabeth—Capt. James Kerr, Wallace Rhey, James Bruce, Samuel Hindman, Jr.
Union—— Carnahan.
Versailles—John Ludwick, James S. Larimore, Francis Walls.
Patton—Alexander Elliott, John Thompson, John Morrison.
Wilkins—James McKelvy, Henry Chalfant, Jr., James Kelly.
Marshall—Squire Neely.
Ohio—John Merrick.
Fawn—James Kennedy, Benjamin Harbison, John Essler.
Plum—Alex. McJunkin, James Patterson, F. Knowland.
Harrison—John Harrison, Washington Balls.
North Fayette—Geo. K. McKee, Robert Potter, R. W. Glenn, Maj. John Marthens.
South Fayette—John Hickman, G. Y. Coulter, Wm. Moss.
West Deer—Marthan Porter.
Indiana—Wm. Henderson, Sr., David Boyd, James Barton.
East Deer—George Pillow, Wm. G. Reed, Archibald Pillow.
Chartiers—Cornelius Scully, John Hodson, John S. Scully.

Mr. Glenn offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we circulate petitions for the following duties to be imposed on imported wool, viz: ten cents per lb., and ten per cent. *ad valorem*, including charges at last port of entry on unwashed wool costing not more than thirty-two cents per lb., and twelve cents per lb. and ten per cent. *ad valorem* on wool costing over thirty-two cents per lb., including charges at last port of entry—double these rates to be charged on washed and triple on scoured wool.

The Secretary was ordered to procure and circulate 200 petitions corresponding to this resolution.

Mr. Glenn offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the editors of the *Gazette*, *Commercial*, *Chronicle* and *Post*, for their generosity in giving the use of their columns for the benefit of this Association.

The Association then adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

District Court.

WEDNESDAY, March 21.—Before Judge Hampton.

The jury in the case of Miss Mary Jane Davison vs. John Corey—action for damages for breach of promise of marriage—returned a sealed verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of $3,500.

Wm. Lapple vs. W. W. Bradshaw. Action to recover a balance alleged to be due the plaintiff for work done. The jury was withdrawn, and the case amicably arranged by the parties.

Harvey Robinson and Robert R. Robinson vs. The School Directors of Baldwin township. The plaintiffs each put a substitute in the army, paying the bounty out of their own funds. They then applied to the School Directors for the sum of $300 each, being the amount which said Directors are authorized to pay under Act of Assembly, to those who might put substitutes in the army, and have them properly credited on the quota of the district. Capt. Foster, Provost Marshal, testified that the plaintiffs had put substitutes in the army, and that the record showed that they were duly credited on the quota of Baldwin township. Defendants' counsel argued that the case for the plaintiffs had not been made out, inasmuch as there was no proof that any quota had been assigned to that District, and no evidence that the plaintiffs had paid any money to the substitutes. The point raised, however, was this: The defendants had put in their substitutes prior to the passage of the act authorizing the payment of $300 by the School Directors, and it was held that the act was not retrospective, and hence did not apply to those substitutes put in before its passage. The jury found for plaintiffs in the sum of $300 each—subject to the opinion of the Court upon questions of law reserved. There are several suits of a similar kind now pending, and it is probable that the question will be taken to the Supreme Court for decision.

John Hughes vs. Anthony Fryvogle. Action of ejectment. On trial.

Court of Common Pleas.

WEDNESDAY, March 21.—Before Judge Sterrett.

In the case of Ackerman vs. Shafer, before reported, the jury, after remaining out all night, came into Court and stated that it was impossible for them to agree. They were, therefore, discharged.

The slander case of Mrs. Algeo vs. Mrs. Agin was resumed, and a number of witnesses examined on behalf of the plaintiff. The testimony went to show that the slanderous words complained of had been uttered by the defendant. One witness was examined for the defense, but the testimony did not help the case of the defendant, whereupon the counsel for the plaintiff stated that there was but one way to settle the matter, and that was by making a retraction. The plaintiff did not desire to make money off the defendant, her only object being to vindicate her character. The jury was then withdrawn, and by consent of counsel the following entry was made upon the record: "I hereby declare I did not say of Mrs. Algeo any of the words laid in the declaration of the plaintiff, and that I know nothing against the character of Mrs. Algeo as complained of in this case; and the defendant agrees to pay the costs of the witnesses so as not to exceed $20, and $30 counsel fee to plaintiff's attorney—docket fees to be released." This statement was signed by the counsel for the defendant, and thus the matter ended.

E. H. Heastings vs. Edward Eichenlaub and wife. Action for services rendered as surveyor. Verdict for defendants.

Mrs. Margaret G. Semple vs. John B. Semple. Action on a promissory note for $2,000, with interest from December 1, 1864.

Amusements.

THEATRE.—In consequence of the enthusiastic manner in which the beautiful play of Naomi, the Deserted, was received last night, Manager Henderson has been prevailed upon to repeat it, and to-night Mrs. Waller will repeat her great character of Naomi. This is one of Mrs. Waller's most thrilling performances, and is a character in which she stands pre-eminent. The performance will conclude with the pleasing farce of the Dead Shot.

On Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given for the benefit of families, at which the sensation play of the Streets of New York will be presented.

OPERA HOUSE.—To-night is the sixteenth night of Helen Western's engagement, and still the "Western" mania rages. To-night she appears as Dion Bourcicault's great five act drama of the Octoroon, or Life in Louisiana, as Zoe, Mr. Herne personating the character of Jacob McCloskey. On Saturday afternoon there will be a grand Helen Western matinee for the benefit of families, at which the French Spy will be produced.

MASONIC HALL.—The wonderful Sphynx still excites the curiosity of the public, and draws crowds to Masonic Hall every night. The performances of Mons. Fabian, the lively wizard of the entertainment and the drawing of the numerous gifts, comprise the amusing portion of the exhibition. We include the drawing as a portion of the amusement, for it is really amusing to witness the eagerness of those who hold numbers to see what their prize is.

Dr. Gardner.—We invite the attention of our friends to the advertisement, under City Notices, of this celebrated occulist and aurist, whose testimonials as a skillful operator are of the most convincing character. He will be found at parlor H, Monongahela House, where we advise all afflicted by defective sight and hearing to call and consult with him. The doctor will remain until Wednesday, March 28th; after that time he will visit Pittsburgh monthly, of which due notice will be given.

Gough on "Peculiar People."

Nearly everybody has heard Mr. Gough, so we need say nothing of his peculiar manner and his original style of eloquence, his droll and inimitable humor, and his unsurpassed power of personation, by which he is able to show to his audience the character he wishes to describe.

On Wednesday evening he delivered his lecture on "Peculiar People," at City Hall, under the auspices of the Mercantile Library Association, to as many people as could possibly find sitting room in that spacious edifice. The faults, follies, frailties and peculiarities, both noble and ignoble, of all classes of people, were brought successively and rapidly before the audience, with all the vividness and truthfulness of real life, while the orator, with that beautiful benevolence and Christian charity for which he is distinguished, commended, or excused, blamed gently, or indignantly denounced, the various virtues, vices, frailties, follies, or crimes he so vividly depicted. True, living and heartfelt piety was contrasted with hollow-hearted hypocrisy and cant; and the soldier, heroically battling or suffering for his country, with the wretch who, to gain a paltry party end, would stab that country to the heart.

With all his mirth-provoking qualities, Mr. Gough is an earnest Christian, and he is not ashamed to express his sentiments before the audience. He is not that namby-pamby, diluted style of Christianity so common in polite literature and fashionable life, but is as round, and full and vital as that which Paul preached; and he thrilled his auditors, when, at the close, with fervid eloquence he exhorted them to strive to be of the number of that "Peculiar People" whom Christ is purifying to himself, "zealous of good works."

This evening Mr. Gough lectures in the same Hall upon the subject of Temperance—the one upon which of all others he is peculiarly at home, and handles with a power rarely equaled, and we think never surpassed; of course the house will be again crowded.

We have been requested to announce that owing to the lateness of the arrival of the chairs, the Lecture Committee will not be able to sell secured seats sooner than 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Court of Quarter Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, March 21.—Before Judges Mellon and Brown.

James Palmer was tried for the larceny of a horse. Jury out.

Edwin Jones was put on trial for larceny, but the jury found a verdict of not guilty.

Peter Emgee and Peter Stewart were arraigned on a charge of burglary, in robbing the store of Mr. Kramer, of the Fifth ward. Emgee was used as State's evidence, and a *nol. pros.* was entered as to him. Stewart was convicted and remanded for sentence.

James Dunn was acquitted of a charge of larceny, but earnestly warned by the Court to abstain from drinking liquor, and attend to his work, or he would yet find himself in the penitentiary.

Benefit of W. J. Cogswell.—On Monday night Mr. W. J. Cogswell, the leading man at the Pittsburgh Theatre, takes a benefit. This is Mr. Cogswell's first benefit since his arrival in our midst, and he is eminently deserving a first class benefit. He has worked hard, and has succeeded as we honestly believe in making hosts of friends, and we hope that they will turn out upon this occasion. The pieces selected for this occasion are Wonder, or the Woman who Keeps a Secret, and Captain Kyd. The bill is well selected and will be put upon the stage in the most attractive manner.

Maintaining a Nuisance.—Hill Burgwin, agent of James B. Irwin, deceased, was before the Mayor yesterday on a charge of maintaining a nuisance in the rear of Burke's building on Fourth street. His Honor held the defendant to the strict letter of the law, and he was fined $25. This case is another argument in favor of the sewerage system.

Land Slide.—A land slide occurred during the heavy storm yesterday morning, upon the Connellsville road about a mile and a half this side of McKeesport. The road was covered with rock and debris, and completely blockaded. The only damage done was the detention of the trains for a few hours.

Jurors Fined.—The following named jurors, failing in attendance at the Court of Quarter Sessions, were yesterday fined $30 each for non-attendance, attachments were issued for them: J. G. Backofen, Andrew Gotty, J. Miller, H. Jumphreys, W. P. Weyman, and J. S. Willock.

Assault and Battery.—Thomas Normine and Roger Rowe were yesterday held to bail by Mayor McCarthy for assault and battery on the person of Thomas Ragan, a watchman in the Ninth ward, while in the discharge of his duty.

Larceny.—Mrs. Kelly was yesterday before Mayor McCarthy charged on oath of H. Murphy with the larceny of $6.75. Upon hearing the case, the evidence was deemed insufficient to hold the accused, and she was discharged.

The Sphynx.—The chamber set was presented to Mr. E. B. Beggs, 214 Penn street, last evening, at Masonic Hall. On this evening there will be another chamber set given away, costing $75, and 149 other presents.

Home Again.—Mr. F. Bollman, after an absence of several months in Europe, has returned to his home, in renewed health and in excellent spirits. His numerous friends will be glad to welcome him.

"Frank Leslie's Lady's Magazine" for April, with a rich volume of contents, has been received, and can be had at Pittock's, Fifth street, opposite postoffice.

The engineers on the Western Central Railroad, under the supervision of W. Milnor Roberts, Esq., have commenced locating between Clarion and Brownsville.

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, March 20, 1866.

Mr. Glass has read a bill repealing so much of the first section of the act of March 1, 1865, for the improvement of Highland Avenue, in Collin's township, as provides for the election of Street Commissioners on the third Friday of April, and authorizing the electors who reside on the Avenue, to meet at the school house, on the third Friday of March, and elect a Commissioner for one year. The Commissioner is to assess, levy, and collect from the owners of teams, wagons, carts or other vehicles hauling or transporting stone on said avenue, the sum of five cents per perch for each and every perch hauled by vehicles having wheels or tires of four inches in breadth, and seven cents per perch for vehicles having wheels or tires of less than four inches, the same to be collected weekly.

Mr. Bigham has read a bill incorporating the City Deposit Bank and Trust Company, with a capital of $100,000. Alfred Pearce, John Atwell, R. H. Palmer, Ebenezer Brewer, R. W. Burke, J. H. Shallenberger, George Beam and W. H. Gordon are named as incorporators. The Company are to receive money on deposit and to transact any other business transacted by banks, except the issue of circulating notes. They can also hold on deposit in trust notes of the United States, States, individuals and corporations, and to sell the same.

Mr. Bigham has a small bill in charge allowing Messrs. Reese, Graff and Dull, of your city, to construct a railroad from their works to the Allegheny Valley Railroad at a point just outside of the city limits.

"An act incorporating the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Mining and Manufacturing Company," is the title of a bill read by Mr. Herron. In the bill Messrs. A. Hartzie, S. M. Wickersham, J. M. Bailey, N. J. Bigley, W. M. Faber, S. H. Hartman, W. E. Smertz, Bateman Goe, and L. Goehring, are named as incorporators with a capital of $500,000, which can be increased to a million; the company can hold lands, tenements and mineral rights in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset counties; the lands not to exceed two thousand acres. They can also mine coal, iron ore, limestone, fire clay, and other minerals and manufacture iron and steel, and make such railroads as they desire; no road to exceed fifteen miles in length.

Mr. Bigham has also read a bill in place incorporating the Peoples' Trading Company of the borough of Birmingham. This bill proposes to give Pittman Heward, Gregor Fox, Matthew Pate, John N. Jarrett, Ansley Smith, Nicholas Kuntzler and Samuel P. Hollis power through authorized agents to carry on the business of general dealers, both wholesale and retail, to buy and sell all kinds of goods, wares, merchandise, produce, provisions, fuel and any other articles that may be necessary in the business of general dealers; also to receive and sell goods upon commission; and to encourage stockholders so as to enable them to purchase to a better advantage the necessaries of life. The capital is to be $5,000.

DIED.

ROSS—On Wednesday morning, March 21st, at 4 o'clock, Mrs. MARGARET, relict of Joshua Ross, in the 78 year of her age.

The funeral will take place THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her son, Johnston Ross, East Liberty. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

BINDLEY—On Wednesday, March 21st, at quarter past two, P. M., WILLIAM, son of John C. and Elmina Bindley.

Notice of funeral in Evening Chronicle and to-morrow morning's papers.

CEMETERIES.

HILLDALE CEMETERY.—A rural and most picturesque place of Sepulture, situate on the uplands, immediately north of Allegheny City, on the New Brighton Road. Persons wishing to select Burial Lots will apply at the Superintendent's office, at the Cemetery. Title Deeds, Permits and all other business will be attended to at the Drug Warehouse of the undersigned, corner of Federal and Lacock streets, Allegheny.
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PROPOSALS.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY OF ALLEGHENY, March 15th, 1866.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until MONDAY EVENING, 26th inst., for changing the position of the Gas Burners over the Vegetable Stalls, in the Market House. Also, for putting up 12 additional Gas Lights and 4 Reflectors. Plans of the same can be found with DUNCAN DALLAS, Clerk of the Markets. Proposals will also be received at the same time for furnishing 30 new Gas Posts.
mh20:td R. R. FRANCIS, City Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY OF ALLEGHENY, March 15, 1866.
SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Grading and Paving," will be received at this office until MONDAY EVENING, April 2d, for Grading and Paving the following Streets, viz:
Bidwell street, from Ohio Avenue to Juniata Street; Franklin Street, from Allegheny Avenue to Sedgwick Street; Hamilton Street, from Allegheny Avenue to Manchester line; Ridge Street, from Marion Avenue to Irwin Avenue; Allegheny Avenue, from Western Avenue to Franklin Street; Ohio Avenue, from the Railroad to Manchester line; Third street, from East Lane to Chesnut Street; Fremont Street, from Ohio Lane to Island Lane; Second Alley, from Middle Street to West Street; North Avenue, from Federal Street to Cedar Avenue; North Avenue, from Cedar Avenue to East Lane.
Any information desired in relation to the above will be given by WM. McHENDRY, Recording Regulator.
R. R. FRANCIS,
mh20:13td City Controller.

PROPOSALS.—Sealed Proposals for Supplying the Troops at Allegheny Arsenal, Penna., with
"FRESH BEEF"
For six months, commencing on the FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 1866, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1866, will be received by the subscriber until the 30TH INSTANT, at 12 o'clock, M., when they will be opened. The Beef to be of good and wholesome quality, in quarters, with an equal proportion of each, (necks and shanks to be excluded.) The days of issue, the probable quantity of beef required, and the terms and conditions of the contract, can be ascertained on application to the subscriber, at Allegheny Arsenal, near Pittsburgh, Pa.
ISAAC ARNOLD JR.,
1st Lt. of Ord. and Bvt. Capt. U. S. A., A. A. C. S.
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TO CONTRACTORS.—RAILWAY LETTING.—The Allegheny Valley Railroad Company invite proposals for the GRADUATION, MASONRY, BALLASTING AND TIES required on fifteen sections of their road, extending from Oil City southward, and on fifteen sections, extending from Mahoning Creek northward to the vicinity of Brady's Bend Iron Work. Each section will be about one mile in length.
Maps, profiles, plans, and specifications of the work will be ready for examination at the Engineer's office, on Pike street, in the City of Pittsburgh, on the 1st of March next, and proposals will be received at the same place up to 6 o'clock, P. M., of THURSDAY, the 22d OF MARCH.
The line will be run out and staked as soon as practicable, but contractors can at any time obtain at the Engineer's office, in Pittsburgh, all the information desired to enable them to examine and bid for the work understandingly.
Any further information desired can be had by application in person or by letter to the subscriber.
fe21:td F. WRIGHT Chief Engineer.

PROPOSALS FOR SAFES AND LOCKS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3d, 1866.
Sealed Proposals will be received at the Office of the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., until 12 M., APRIL 5TH, 1866, for furnishing the Burglar Proof and the Burglar and Fire Proof Safes required by the Treasury Department for one year from the acceptance of the proposal of the successful bidder.
Specifications and drawings for the Burglar Proof Safes, showing the form of construction at present used, viz: alternate plates of iron and hardened steel, can be obtained upon application at this Department.
Burglar and Fire Proof Safes will be constructed in the same manner and cased with a suitable fire proof covering, the plans and specifications for which must be submitted by the bidder.
Safes to be shipped in perfect condition within a reasonable time from date of order.
The Locks will be furnished by this Department, but must be put in place by the contractor, and be in perfect working order when the Safe is turned over to the proper officer of the Government.
The bids to be per superficial foot, measured on the outside, and to cover all charges whatever, including painting and door fixtures, (except cost of locks.)
Proposals will also be received for Burglar and Powder Proof Locks, to be accompanied with samples.
All bids must be accompanied by the guaranty of two responsible persons in the sum of $5,000, that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded to him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified to by the United States District Attorney of the district where the bidder resides.
The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award the contract for Burglar Proof Safes to one party, and the Burglar and Fire Proof Safes to another. If it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, and no bid will be considered that does not conform to the requirements of this advertisement.
Proposals to be endorsed "Proposals for Safes and Locks," and addressed to A. B. MULLETT, Acting Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.
A. B. MULLETT,
mh8:2awdtap5 Acting Supervising Architect.

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