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English and Scotch Ales.
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Must certainly take the lead of all others in a short time. It was awarded five premiums on work, at the World's Fair, 1862; four premiums for work and on the machine, at the New York State Fair, 1865. See the *Methodist*, of September 22d. A premium on the machine at the Ohio State Fair, 1865. See the Dayton *Journal*, October 19th. The only agency for its sale for Western Pennsylvania, is at No. 4 St. Clair street, Pittsburgh.

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English Soda Ash Fifty-five Degrees Strength.

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Seventeen Pianos of this celebrated make have just been received and are now on exhibition at the Piano Rooms of Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street.

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Best English Soda Ash.

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98 per cent. Alcohol at Joseph S. Finch's.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS,

(SECOND SESSION.)

WASHINGTON, December 11, 1866.

SENATE.

The suffrage bill was called up this morning. Mr. Anthony, in a serio-comic speech, advocated the enfranchisement of negroes.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition of army officers asking an increase of pay.

Mr. Anthony offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Committee on Judiciary to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in regard to the succession to the Presidency in case of disability by death, or otherwise, of those now designated for it.

The bill to regulate suffrage in the District of Columbia was then taken up, the question being on the amendment of Mr. Cowan to strike out the word "male."

HOUSE.

Mr. Lawrence, of Ohio, reported a bill to repeal the act relating to the qualification of jurors, and it was, after debate, recommitted.

The Speaker presented a communication from the President transmitting, as an answer to the resolutions of the House, certain messages from the Secretary of War and Attorney General relative to the arrest and release of the rebel General Pickett, accused of murdering Union soldiers in North Carolina.

The bill to amend the act for the establishment of a National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, as suggested by Mr. Ingersoll, was passed.

The House then considered Mr. Williams' bill regulating appointments and removals from office.

Mr. Kelly presented a memorial and resolutions from the Central Executive Committee and Republican party of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

The memorial prays for the impeachment of the President, the abolition of the present State government and the erecting of a Territorial government in Louisiana.

The credentials of Alexander Hamilton Jones, Representative elect from the seventh District of North Carolina, were referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Ingersoll introduced a bill to regulate the sale of coin and bullion by the Secretary of the Treasury, and moved that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Washburne objected to the reception or reference of the bill at this time, and the Speaker declared that objection being made, the reference could not be entertained.

Mr. Wilson, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill and joint resolution relative to regulate the duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in preparing for the organization of the House of Representatives of the first session of the Fortieth Congress, and for other purposes. The bill provides in the first section that before the meeting of the Fortieth Congress, the Clerk of the next preceding House of Representatives shall make a roll of the members of Congress elect, and place thereto the names of all persons claiming seats as Representatives from the States represented in the next preceding Congress, and whose credentials shall show they have been duly elected. The second section provides that in case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of the House, or in case of his inability for any reason unable to perform his duty, those duties shall devolve upon the Doorkeeper of the next preceding House of Representatives. The third section provides that any of the officers mentioned in the fifth section who shall be guilty of any improper conduct or shall be guilty of misdemeanor in office, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment, and said labor not less than one year nor more than five years, in the discretion of the court.

Mr. Wilson demanded the previous question, which was seconded. The bill was then passed without debate and amendment.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported and recommended the passage of the bill to prevent the reception and counting of illegal electoral votes in the electing of the President and Vice President of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, The rebellion which was waged by a portion of the people of the United States against properly constituted authorities of the government thereof in the most violent and revolting form, but whose organized armed forces have now been overcome, did, in its revolutionary progress, deprive the people of the several portions of the United States hereto fore represented in Congress, and in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas, of representation in the Electoral College, for the choice of President and Vice President, and no electoral vote shall be received or counted from them, except as such authority may after be so declared: Restored to its political relations in the union, and entitled to representation in Congress.

Mr. Wilson explained the provisions of the bill. The committee had followed a precedent established by the joint congress in its joint resolution declaring that the states named, having rebelled against the United States, were in such a condition on the 8th of November, 1864, that no valid election for President and Vice President could then take place, and therefore that they were not entitled to representation in the electoral college; but the operation of this resolution was confined to the election of 1864, and the purpose of the present bill was to make a similar law to apply to all future elections until the states shall have been restored to their political relations in the Union.

Mr. Fink—But at the time that resolution was adopted were we not in the midst of war, and are we not now in the midst of peace?

Mr. Wilson—We were at that time in the midst of war, and we think that the effects of that war upon those communities exists even to-day. We hold the rebellion, deprived those communities of all civil government, and because of all civil government, they ceased to be represented in Congress, and they cannot be permitted to participate in the electoral College and Vice President until they shall have been provided with civil government by Congress, and shall be restored to their political relations in the Union.

Mr. Hall, of New York, said that without expressing an opinion on the merits of the bill, he did hope that action upon it would not be forced without giving the members an opportunity to examine and discuss it. The question was certainly a grave one, as grave as any that had yet occupied the attention of this Congress, and he was not, by any means, satisfied that the case was so clear upon precedent as it would seem from the argument of the gentleman from Iowa. It did not necessarily follow, that what was done by Congress when the rebellion was actually raging, would be a proper precedent for the action of Congress now.

Mr. Wilson said he had no desire to press action on the bill, and on his motion it was postponed and made the special order for Thursday next, when discussion will be allowed.

Mr. Lawrence reported a bill to repeal certain parts of the act approved April 30th, 1790, for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States of 1790. He said it provided that no person should be prosecuted, tried or punished for treason or other capital offences against the United States, unless an indictment for the offence should be found by a grand jury within three years after it is alleged to have been committed, and the pledged to have been reported was to repeal those of the bill now reported, was to repeal that provision, which, if it were permitted to continue in force, would soon be equivalent to a general pardon and amnesty for treasonable acts committed during the rebellion. Two only questions that could arise upon the passage of this bill were, first, as to its expediency, and, second, as to the right of Congress to pass such a law. The House had already decided that it was not expedient to declare the amnesty not on the first day of the present session, and he had no doubt of the right and power of Congress to repeal those portions of the act of 1790, which, if not repealed, would be equivalent to such a declaration.

After considerable debate, and without taking the question up, the House adjourned.

FIRST EDITION.

ONE O'CLOCK, A. M.

LATE NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM EUROPE.

Transports for French Troops.

COERCIVE MEASURES COMMENCED IN HANOVER.

Supposed Fenians Hourly Arrested.

FENIAN PRIVATEER SEIZED.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

[BY THE CABLE.]

PARIS, December 10.—*Evening.*—It is expected that all the transports for Mexico will leave before the 15th.

LONDON, December 10.—*Evening.*—Prussia has commenced coercive measures in Hanover.

DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—*Noon.*—The Government is arresting the supposed Fenians hourly. Loyal mutual protection societies are forming throughout Ireland.

LONDON, *Tuesday, December 11.—Evening.*—The Fenian privateer Bolivia has been seized in the Medway. She is supposed to have been intended for a Fenian privateer. There was no trace of the crew, or of guns and powder on board, which were also taken possession of. The most vigilance continues to be manifested in the search for Fenians, and additional arrests are reported to have been made both in this country and Ireland.

CARDIFF, *Tuesday Evening, December 11.*—A large quantity of arms, which were undoubtedly intended for shipment hence to Ireland, for the use of the Fenians here, have been seized by the police, and the parties in whose charge they were found, have been arrested.

FLORENCE, Dec. 11—*Evening.*—The Italian Government have determined upon founding large navy yards in the near future, and have made the usual inquiries with all the appliances for the building and repair of vessels. The work is to be commenced immediately.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11—*Evening.*—The cotton market has been quite active to-day, and prices have advanced, the sales footing up 10,000 bales, the market closing firm at 1/16d for Middling uplands.

The Breadstuffs market is firm; the closing prices of Western Mixed American Corn is 34s 3d. The Petroleum market is strong, at 1s 6d for refined per gallon.

MANCHESTER, December 11—*Evening.*—The market for goods and yarns is more active, and prices are better.

LIVERPOOL, December 10—*Evening.*—The cotton market has advanced 1/2d, and the demand is very active. Sales, 20,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation. Provisions steady. Tallow firm.

LONDON, December 10—*Evening.*—Consols closed at 89¾. Money, 90@91. Illinois Central, 77½. Erie, 40¾.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11—*Noon.*—The sales of cotton amount to 10,000 bales, at an advance of 1/16d, since yesterday.

Manchester Goods and Yarns steady. Petroleum at Liverpool, is 6d for refined. Antwerp Petroleum market firm.

LONDON, Dec. 11—*Noon.*—Consols, for money, 89¾; Five-twenties, 71; Illinois Central, 77½; Erie, 40¾.

LONDON, December 11—*Evening.*—The money market is unchanged. Consols closed at 89¾ for money. The closing quotations of American Securities are as follows: United States Five-Twenties, 71; Illinois Central Shares, 77¼.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

VERY LATEST TELEGRAMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Customs and Revenue Receipts.

THE PUBLIC LANDS.

The Pardon of Rebels.

NAPOLEON AND THE PRESIDENT.

Suppression of Chinese Piracy.

REMOVAL OF INDIANS FROM KANSAS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The receipts from the Customs for the week ending Dec. 8th, are as follows: New York, $1,418,000; Boston $201,000; Philadelphia, $95,197; Baltimore, $100,132.

Twenty-eight thousand one hundred and thirty acres of public lands have been disposed of in Traverse City, East Saginaw, Michigan, the most of which was taken up by actual settlers under the homestead law.

Chief Clerk in the Attorney Generally office were constantly and exclusively employed during the time of the call of the session, for ten hours per day. It would be impossible for them to collect the information called for by the House resolution requiring a statement from him of the participants in the rebellion now of rebels to be presented.

The President has pardoned David Hawley, a private of the 11th Infantry, who was convicted at the June term of the District Supreme Court, of robbing a commander, and sentenced to three years imprisonment. The offence was committed while in a state of intoxication, and pardon recommended by the jury, judge, and the attorney who prosecuted him.

The *Star* of this evening says the paragraph circulated North that the President is displeased with the tenor of Secretary Seward's reply to the cable telegram from the State Department is unfounded. On the contrary, Mr. Johnson regards the Emperor's reply entirely satisfactory.

There was, as usual, but a small attendance at the Cabinet meeting, being Cabinet day.

The receipts from Internal Revenue to-day, were $430,919.

Robert Dale Owen, the Rebel Commissioner for exchange of prisoners during the war, has been appointed Minister to Naples, vice Marsh, resigned.

Acting Rear Admiral H. H. Bell, commanding the United States Asiatic Squadron, transmits to the Navy Department, a copy of his General Orders to the Squadron in conformity with instructions from the Secretary of the Navy, to act in concert with the British Admiral, and representations of other powers on that station, in the suppression of piracy on the Chinese coast, directs all commanding officers of vessels under his command to give vigilant attention to the duty, and to the suppression of piracies on the coast of China, and purchase, capture and destroy all such piratical vessels, whether found, with the aid and consent of the Chinese authorities, and in conflict with such captured property and persons to the authorities of the nearest Consular port, furnish ing such proof against the pirates as may be required to insure conviction, and further directing that no pet disputes in mitigation of the offence be entertained by Great Britain, or any other power present, and that the Consuls and Commanders of the United States Consul upon the coast, and the Chinese Imperial and other Chinese authorities, civil or naval. Commanders of vessels are authorized to employ Chinese pilots who are competent to point out piratical junks or vessels.

At the former session of Congress a law was passed authorizing the removal of numerous Indian tribes from that state of Kansas. In addition section has heretofore taken place under this act, but the Shawnees hearing of what had been done, sent a delegation, who arrived here, to make inquiries about the matter. The delegation will return to Kansas and inform the other tribes that commissioners are coming to treat with them. Commissioner Boggs to-day, interviewed on the subject, but did not come to any conclusion.

This Commission has been instructed and authorized at once to discharge their duties. The object is to make a treaty with all the tribes, a list of which is given in the report of the Commissioner, and get them out of the States and settle them in contiguous territory, where they are in constant contact with the United States, and where better adjusted their condition and where they would be much happier. The country designed for them is west of Chickasaw and south of the Cherokees. It was formerly called the Leaved Nation, but by a recent treaty the absolute title was acquired by the United States. To each tribe a section of sufficient extent will be granted. The Commission are instructed to visit each tribe to ascertain and ascertain their disposition on the subject, in order that the matter may be finally settled during the present session of Congress.

FROM TENNESSEE.

A Rebel Murderer Killed.

HE KILLS HIS ASSAILANTS.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE.

The Tennessee Debt.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 11.—In December, 1864, a rebel raiding party, commanded by Capt. Wm. Jenkins, of Marietta, Georgia, entered the town of Athens and killed a citizen named McGaughey. On Sunday last, at the Sweet Bridge depot, about twenty miles from Athens, Captain Jenkins was attacked by two of the sons of McGaughey and another man. Jenkins was mortally wounded, but succeeded in inflicting wounds with his revolver on his assailants of which they have since died. Jenkins is also dead.

Governor Brownlow has left before the Legislature to-day a communication, announcing that Maj. Gen. Thomas and staff would visit Nashville to participate in the celebration of the battle of Nashville. The medal voted to Gen. Thomas by the Legislature will be presented to him on the occasion.

A resolution has been adopted by the Legislature authorizing the Comptroller to borrow $30,000 to add to the sinking fund to meet bonds due the 1st of January next.

No new developments have been made touching the school fund bonds deposited with the Tennessee national bank, at Memphis, by the Comptroller. It is believed that the bonds are gone past recovery.

The Legislature has appointed a committee to investigate the Comptroller, and also adopted a resolution authorizing the Governor to take active measures to recover the bonds.

Veterans of 1812—Efforts in Their Own Behalf—Breech-Loaders for Fenians.

HARRISBURG, December 11.—The Veterans of the War of 1812 are making efforts to procure from Congress the passage of such a law as will secure them from want. It is believed the aggregate amount to be paid annually will not exceed three million dollars.

The Roberts Fenian headquarters have an animated look. The rooms and passages are filled with breech-loaders, which will soon be distributed to regiments. Roberts is making active preparations for a formidable movement against Canada.

New Railroad in Kansas—Installment Paid.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 11.—The City Council to-day ordered the issue of sixty thousand dollars as the first installment of one hundred thousand dollars subscribed by the city to the Kansas City and Fort Scott railroad. The contractor will begin work in ten days, and will finish forty-five miles of the road by September next. The Cameron road is expected to come in with the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, will be completed in May next.

The Fenian Trials—Arguments by Counsel.

SUNBURY, December 11.—Mr. Devlin spoke upwards of two hours in support of his plea to the jurisdiction of the court. The plea to the jurisdiction of the court had power. Mr. Devlin said he would, to-morrow, argue his other plea relative to the *res judicata* character of the law under which it was proposed to try the prisoners. The court then adjourned till to-morrow.

Negro Suffrage in the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—There seems to be no doubt of the early passing of the Negro Suffrage bill for this District. The only question of any consequence is the course of the Senate. Read and referred to Committee on Colored School.

A communication from the colored citizens of Georgetown petitioning for the erection of a building for the colored school. Read and referred to the Committee on Colored School.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, a vacation of the schools was authorized from this evening of Friday, 21st inst., until Wednesday, January 2d, 1867.

On motion, adjourned.

A Phillipic Affair.

Margaret Phillips came to the office of Alderman Lynch yesterday, and instituted proceedings against her husband, Peter Phillips, for assault and battery and desertion. It appears that the parties find the hymenial noose rather galling, and occasionally indulge in heated debates, the immediate cause of which is ascribed by Margaret to the irritable and unfavorable temper of her liege lord. He, on the other hand, avers that she alone is the author of all their trouble, and that, using his own words, "she—himself could not live in peace with such a woman." This state of affairs lasted from the date of their marriage, some eighteen months since, until Saturday morning, when Peter, for some offence given him by his better-half, struck her a severe blow in the face, which laid the eye black and discoloring her right optic. After effect of the deed was done, the house, stating that he would never return to her side again. After awaiting until Monday for his return, and finding he came not, she repaired to the office of the magistrate and made oath as stated. A warrant was issued.

Pianos at Half-Price.

For about *one half* the amount usually paid for a good piano, we offer the Mixsell New York Piano Fortes. The material and workmanship are strictly first class. Hear what a prominent lady teacher says of them:

"MESSRS. KLEBER & BRO:—The Mixsell Piano you sold us last fall gives great satisfaction. A finer sweeter voiced piano I do not know of, and for the same money. Several parties here will shortly purchase the Mixsell Piano.

"H. L. MARTIN."

Miss Martin is a niece of the Rev. (Colonel) J. H. Clark, she formerly taught music in Allegheny City, and has latterly opened a seminary in Clarion. The fact that her Mixsell Piano is constantly used by a large class of pupils, is a sufficient proof of their superior qualities. H. Kleber & Bro., 122 Wood street, are the sole agents for the Mixsell Pianos and sell them at astonishingly low prices. Call and see them.

District Court.

Judge Williams presided in the District Court yesterday. The case of Hiram Carman vs. Robert Harvey, et. al., was concluded. The case was submitted to the jury at noon, but no verdict has yet been agreed upon.

The case of John McCloskey & Co., surviving partners of John S. Cosgrove vs. Shaw & Dempster, was next taken up. This is an action to recover the value of some lumber claimed by the plaintiffs, and used by the defendants. The case is still on trial.

"We would advise a man to forego a thresher and thresh wheat with a flail rather than see a wife wear her health, vigor and life away in the everlasting 'stitch, stitch, stitch,' when a Sewing Machine can be obtained for a trifle, and yet a better article than did to every household. We have had several different kinds on trial, and after six years service the Wheeler & Wilson has taken the precedence as the best where all kinds of sewing are to be done in a family."—*American Agriculturist.*

The Theatrical Change.—It is said that Manager Henderson does not intend changing the old theatre into a second class place of amusement, but will continue it as heretofore, a respectable and high toned place of amusement.

The Skating Season—Inauguration Day.

We announced yesterday that if the weather continued favorable, the two skating parks would open during the day, and the season, long and eagerly looked for, would be formally inaugurated. The weather *did* continue favorable, and very favorably, and the promise was amply fulfilled. Both the Parks opened and the attendance at each was very full. The Union Park in Allegheny, opened to the public at about ten o'clock, and was soon thronged with merry men, women and children skimming over the glassy surface. The ice was admirable, and never was the opportunity for grand 'skating better improved' during the summer, the park was considerably improved, seven thousand dollars having been expended in repairs. The pond has been regraded, and rendered perfectly free from leakage. The house has also been rentied, and the refectory removed from the main floor to the basement. This will give increased accommodations to visitors, and will be appreciated by those who visited the Park last season on carnival nights. The driving track has been widened, and ample room is now afforded for carriages to pass around the pond. When the season fully opens, a number of additional attractions will be introduced. Mr. Metzgar has been continued as Superintendent.

The attendance continued full during the day, and in the evening, a brilliant crowd attended the first carnival of the season.

The Central Park was thrown open to the public at one o'clock in the afternoon, and large numbers, fully equipped for the sport, could be seen hurrying towards the Citizens' Passenger Railway office to be carried thither. The ice on the Central is of the very best, and a crowd of happy faces thronged the ice from the opening moment until a late hour in the evening. The park has been thoroughly repaired, and the banks of the pond rendered perfectly water-tight. A full depth of water has been secured, by cutting drains from the high grounds in the vicinity, thus rendering the use of the city water unnecessary.

The arrangements for lighting the Park in the evening are supposed to be perfect. Four additional posts have been erected, with six lamps on each, which will be supplied with reflectors ten inches in diameter. These posts are placed in the pond, and the reflectors will be placed around them for the protection of skaters. Upon carnival occasions, fireworks will be introduced. The Park will be under the supervision of D. P. Corwin, Esq., under whose superintendence it was so successful last season. A police force will be on the ground day and evening.

A grand carnival last evening terminated the first day's skating in splendid style. The Park was elegantly lighted, and was crowded throughout the day. The snow that fell lightly during the evening did not interfere with the enjoyment. Altogether the first day's skating was a success.

Books for the Holidays, and Where to Get Them.

There can be no question at all that the most acceptable and desirable gifts for the holidays are well bound, standard, beautiful books, which not only please the eye, but interest and elevate the mind, and afford much useful information and entertainment not otherwise to be obtained. For such books, commend us to Henry Miner, next door to the Postoffice, Fifth street, who has just returned from the east with one of the largest, most attractive and valuable stock of books ever opened in Pittsburgh. We took a look through Mr. Miner's establishment yesterday and can bear testimony to the elegance and attractiveness of the goods which he is now opening. His stock of books comprises all the rare and standard works in poetry and poetry, bound in every style, and so rich and elegant in appearance that the gazer would almost wish on his shelves even would he expect an owner to any library. His presentation books, gotten up especially for holiday presents, are something worth seeing, and no more elegant gift for a lady could by any possibility be selected than one of these Bibles we never saw a finer collection. He has them at every price and if you want one of them you can accommodate you. In this connection we might notice his supply of Cassell's Family Bibles, which are unsurpassed and illustrated in a style of excellence unapproached at this side of the Atlantic. But it is not to the holy book only that we have ever examined, and as he bought them on very favorable terms, he is enabled to offer the public inducements in the way of low prices, the advantages of which will be best appreciated by comparing his charges with those of other house in the trade. He has also a fine collection of engravings, and if you want a copy of the popular pastime of croquet will find at his establishment everything necessary to play the game, at prices. Mr. Miner is now, we believe, the oldest book and periodical dealer among us, and great as has been the progress of the past, in the way of laying in attractive, useful and valuable holiday goods, his stock this time excells that of any former year, and no doubt his business will be correspondingly large. We wish all our readers who are strangers to men and well our most enterprising business men and well deserves the patronage bestowed upon his establishment. Remember Miner's bookstore, next door to the Postoffice, and when you want something handsome for a holiday present, give him a call.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—A large and appreciative audience assembled at the Opera House last evening to witness Mr. Wallack as Vach, in Boncicault's magnificent comedy of "How She Loves him." To-night he appears in his specialty, Henry Dunbar, the personification of cruelty, Henry Dunbar, "The Outcasts." Mr. Wallack is unapproachable in this character, and all should see him. On Friday evening Macbeth, with Mr. and Mrs. Wallack sustaining the leading characters.

THEATRE.—The great sensation drama, "Hackman," which has produced such a *furore* in the Eastern cities, was presented in fine style last evening at the Theatre. The cast of the piece was excellent, and the piece was well put upon the stage, while a fine audience was present to enjoy the dramatic treat. "Baccarat" will keep the boards for the present.

THE BELL RINGERS.—The Kunkel and Berger consolidation troupe of bell ringers gave their second concert last evening at Masonic Hall, in the presence of a fair and fashionable audience. The troupe unquestionably furnishes the finest musical treats it is possible to listen to. All the performers are skilled and accomplished musicians, the selections are faultless in point of taste and elegance, comprising some of the very best musical compositions, and the instruments employed commend themselves, not only by their novelty, but by their admirable musical qualities. We trust none of our readers will not fail to hear this superb combination during their stay.

The Young Men's Christian Association

is now thoroughly organized. The Board of Directors have for the past week been holding daily meetings, and have now elected the officers of the Association, as empowered to do by the constitution. The following are the names of the officers elect:

President—A. McClintock.
First Vice President—A. Emery.
Second Vice President—Reuben Miller.
Recording Secretary—A. H. Fitzer.
Corresponding Secretary—H. K. Porter.
Treasurer—W. B. Edwards.

The constitution is now awaiting signatures at Messrs O. McClintock & Co.'s, No. 23 Fifth street. All young men in the two cities within their vicinity, desiring to become members of the Association, are cordially invited to call and register their names.

Fire in the Ninth Ward.

At two o'clock this morning an alarm was sounded from station No. 2, Independence Engine House. The occasion of the alarm was a fire which had broken out in the kiln belonging to the saw-mill and nail-keg factory of Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Brother & Co., on Baldwin street, near the corner of Burbler, in the upper part of the Ninth Ward. The kiln must have been burning an hour within the kiln before it was discovered. A quantity of lumber drying in the kiln dried. A quantity of lumber drying in the kiln was wholly consumed, and the kiln itself was completely destroyed. The fire was still burning at three o'clock, when we left, but was under control, so that no further damage would result. The loss will probably reach $800, and is covered by insurance.

An Object of Interest.

The tower in which hangs the big bell of the fire alarm, is one of the lions of the city and is the observed of all strangers who visit us. A morning contemporary cites the case of a stranger who was quite nonplussed when informed that no oil existed on the site of the great derrick in the Court House yard. A still more remarkable example of misdirected research occurred yesterday. Two countrymen had been wandering about the city seeing the sights and brought up on Diamond alley by the Court House. One of them gazed for a moment at the tower and then turned to his companion and said:

"There Jake, that's the thing they hung Mess. Grinder and Marschall and Fricke on!"

We left them still regarding the historic monument.

Festival.—The First Disciples Church, of Allegheny City, will hold a grand fair and festival at Excelsior Hall, on the corner of Lacock and Federal streets, in our sister city. Extensive preparations have been made by the ladies connected with the church, and everything promises to be of the most entertaining and agreeable character. The proceeds will be used in defraying the expenses incurred by the congregation in building their new church, which has not yet been completed.

Fined.—William Carscanand John Bottwell, whose arrest for gross disorderly conduct we noticed yesterday, had a hearing before Mayor McCarthy yesterday afternoon. The hearing resulted in Carson being fined $10 and Bottwell $5.

Young Montgomery, the Washington Murderer.

Wm. Montgomery, the youth who was associated with Fogler in the murder of Dinsmore, at Washington, seems to have found things not quite so unpleasant as they might have been on the occasion of his return from his brief trip to Wellsburg. He found the most auple measures in force to secure his acquittal, if brought to trial, and if reports are true, the most earnest efforts are being made to do away with the necessity for an acquittal by preventing a trial entirely. When he entered the jail he did so leaning on his father's arm. We are informed that the people of Washington are indignant at the manner in which the Coroner's inquest in the case was conducted, declaring that it was a mere farce, being arranged with the evident intention of screening Montgomery from the consequences of his share in the guilt. It is predicted at Washington that he will never be brought to trial.

We learn that Hon. William Montgomery, father of the accused, has retained for the defence of his son, in case of his trial, every lawyer in the place excepting Harvey J. Vankirk, Esq. It is evident that no effort will be spared to effect the release of young Montgomery. His extreme youth will co-operate in his favor.

A Washington rumor states that a friend of the accused, having knowledge of his whereabouts, went to Wellsburg in advance of the officers for the purpose of warning him to make no confession. Fogler, in his confession, states that he did the shooting, while "Babe" Montgomery did the stabbing.

Low Priced and Good—The Emerson Piano.

To meet the wants of the great number of persons who desire to possess a piano, but do not feel able to go to the expense of the costly est make, and yet would have only a good substantial one, we have made a most careful examination of all the lowest priced pianos made in the United States. The result of this examination is that we have found those made by W. P. Emerson, to be the best pianos for the money, and the cheapest good pianos that are made. They are most substantially built, on the best scientific principles, of the best quality properly seasoned; the tone rich and powerful, and blended with the touch; each note being furnished with the full iron frame, and overstrung bass. They stand well in tune and wear well in every case of climate we know from actual experience. The difference in price between the Emerson Piano, and the more costly makes, is caused by the most rigid economy in the manufacture consistent with excellence and durability, by saving of labor on those parts, which neither effect the tone or durability. We do not pretend that the "Emerson" is the wide not pretend that the "Emerson" such a low priced piano made; many can be bought at a less price. Such pianos we do not keep, having found by our own and others experience that being so poorly made they soon give way, lose their tone, become harsh and discordant, and give no satisfaction to the owner, but are a constant source of expense and annoyance. A piano of this kind is a bad investment, and really the dearest piano any one can buy. We do not and will not keep one can buy. We do not and will not keep for sale. Finding the "Emerson" such a desirable piano, we at once secured the agency for the same for Pittsburgh and surrounding country, and having made special contracts for a regular weekly supply for a long time to come, we can offer them at unusually advantageous rates. All persons desiring to purchase a cheap piano in the market, should not fail to examine the "Emerson" before purchasing any other kind. Liberal discounts to clergymen, teachers and cash customers. Charles C. Mellor & Co., 81 Wood street, Pittsburgh. MWF

P. T. Barnum's Lecture.

The great American advertiser, and withal the greatest humbug of the world, P. T. Barnum, Esq., will arrive in our city to-day and will lecture to-morrow evening at the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association. Mr. Barnum is one of the most popular orators that this country has ever produced. He possesses wisdom, talent, judgment and precaution. He can build a fortune in a day, and no matter how often he may be hurled from the top round of the ladder he soon again finds himself back to his exalted position. He believes in advertising, and is honorable enough to credit a large share of his success to the liberal use of printers' ink. He is a capital lecturer and doubtless will be greeted by an overwhelming audience.

A Malicious Rumor.

We published, several days ago, a street rumor to the effect that a *criminal intimacy* case was about to be brought to light, in which a well known professor was involved. We have taken the pains to investigate the matter thoroughly, and have now the pleasure of stating that the rumor did great injustice to the gentleman concerned. It was stated by the journal encuriez, and was false from beginning to end. We make the contradiction cheerfully, and feel that great injustice was done by our item, giving publicity to a rumor which had no foundation whatever.

Inmates of the Jail.—There are at present in the county jail, one hundred and twenty-six prisoners, one hundred and six are males, and twenty-three females. Ninety-six are court prisoners. Of these eighty-five are whites, and ten females. There are twenty male vagrants and thirteen females—thirty-three "vags" in all.

Committed.—A hearing was had yesterday before Alderman Lynch, in the cases of Michael Prendergast and Wm. Smith, the men who so desperately resisted the officers who took them from Bedford's saloon on Monday. Smith was discharged, and Prendergast, in default of $25 to pay his fine was sent to jail for thirty days.

Votes at the Fair.—The following is the result of the voting yesterday for the splendid set of harness offered by the Plymouth Church Fair to the hose