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CITY ITEMS.

This Week, This Week, This Week.
The opening sale of new Spring Dress Goods begins at the new store of Gardner & Stewart, on west corner of Market and Fourth streets, No. 69. Goods are all new style, just purchased, and will be sold at the lowest figures. Many of them are real bargains, and range in price from 12½c per yard to $1.25; in colors most beautiful, and in materials exceedingly desirable. Prices fully one-half less than last season. In connection with dress goods we will offer an entire new stock of dry goods at astonishingly low prices.

At 37½c per yard, one lot yard wide fine Earlston Ginghams, very best styles, selling elsewhere at 62½c.

At 15½c, an extra heavy Domestic Gingham.

At 12½c, Red Bordered Huck Towels, sold elsewhere at 25c.

At 50, 62½, 75, 87½c, extra heavy Damask and Loom Table Linens.

At $1.00 per yard, beautiful light French Cloth Sackings.

At $1 12½ and $1.25 per yard, Black Silk for Sacques.

At 75 and 87½c, 5-4 all wool Delaines, in all colors.

At $2.75, extra heavy white Hamburg Quilts.

At 25c, good Cassimere Tweeds for boys' wear.

At $2.50 Spring Balmoral Skirts, cheap at $3.50.

The choicest stock of French Chintzes in the city; prices low.

Lawns, Organdies, French Cambrics, Figured Brilliants. New stock of White Goods, cheap and very choice.

Prints at 10c and 12½c, fast colors.

Yard wide Brown Muslin, 12½c.

Bonch Muslin, from 10c up; 12½, 15, 16c.

Russia Crash, for 12½c, fine; sold everywhere at 18½c.

We are determined to open the Spring trade at our new store with new goods at low prices. Our customers and the public shall have the benefit of our low purchases.

SILK GARMENTS.—We are prepared to show some very select styles, and take orders at very popular prices.

GARDNER & STEWART,
New Store, West corner of Market and Fourth streets.

Chinese Ginger in Syrup.
Tourtelot's Extract of Beef, Borden's Condensed Milk, Imperial Bordeaux and Turkey Prunes, Dates, and Figs, Sweetest Muscatel and London Layer Raisins, Cross and Blackins' noted Pickles and Mustard, Sauces, Jellies, Preserves, Ketchups, Spiced and Pickled Oysters, Chocolates, fresh Pears and Pine Apples in glass jars, Canned Fruits, and Vegetables, Virgin Oil of Aix, Choice Mixed Candies, all kinds of Foreign and American Nuts, Philadelphia Walnut Candy, Nuts, Bonbons, &c., &c.
GEORGE HARVEY,
112 Federal street, Allegheny.

Fresh Fish, Fresh Fish.
The attention of our Allegheny readers is called to the fish stand of Mr. G. W. Cupps, in the Allegheny market. Mr. Cupps has received a superior lot of fresh fish of all kinds, which he will dispose of at reasonable rates. Fresh fish arriving daily. Families supplied at all times. Leave your orders at his stand.

Go to the Cozzi Dental Saloon.
The best conducted and elegantest Restaurant and Dining Rooms in the city, for a meal fit for a king, at the most reasonable of prices. Holtzheimer knows how to cater to the hungry millions, and it is no wonder that the Continental, next door to the Post-office has such an enormous patronage.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil.
The Purest and Sweetest Cod Liver Oil in the world, manufactured from fresh healthy livers, upon the sea-shore. It is perfectly pure and sweet. Ask for "Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil," manufactured by
CASWELL, MACK & CO. New York
Sold by all druggists. mw

Cool Ales—Sparkling Wines.
Call in at Holtzheimer's popular Continental saloon, next door to the Post Office on Fifth street, for a glass of good old ale, or sparkling Catawba wine.

Try the Cough Candy.
It will do you good. Manufactured and sold by George Beaven, 112 Federal street, Allegheny City.

Country Merchants
Supplied at reduced rates at Spence's, No. 73 Market street, in Cloaks, Sacques, Cloaking, Ladies Cloaks and Dress Trimmings.

Attention Gardeners.
Landreth's Garden Seeds and Dreer's show or seeds for sale at J. W. Elliott & Sons, 109 Market street.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store,
No. 84 Market street, for Hostetter's and Drake's Bitters, cheaper than any other place.

All the Late
Spring Styles in Cloaks, Sacques and Ladies Cloak Trimmings at Spence's, No. 73 Market street.

Over Three Hundred
Spring Sacques in store and for sale at $7 each at Spence's, No. 73 Market street.

Every Lady
Wanting one of the New Spring Sacques should call at No. 73 Market street.

All in Want
Of Spring Cloaks and Sacques. Call at Spence's, No. 73 Market street.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store,
No. 84 Market street, for good Sponges, at the lowest prices.

You Can Buy
Foreign Liquors of all kinds at Joseph S. Finch's Distillery, No. 189, 191, 193 and 195 Pearl street.

Pure Drugs!
Pure Drugs!! Pure Drugs!! Pure Drugs!!! at Kain & Pruit's, Allegheny.

You Can Buy
96 per cent. Alcohol at Joseph S. Finch's.

You Can Buy
New Hops at Joseph S. Finch's.

Emigration to Florida.
The Thomasville (Ga.) *Enterprise* says:
"Every few days trains of carts, wagons and other vehicles pass through Thomasville on their way to the "Flurdys" in search of new homes. We saw numbers of them last year on the same road, but there seemed also a small stream flowing in the direction of Alabama. Those two States appear to be exchanging citizens. Our exchanges from every quarter speak of immense numbers of emigrants moving in various directions, but especially westward. Memphis seems to be their favorite place for crossing the Mississippi.
"The war uprooted society in the South, and broke entirely up the love of the people for their old haunts—hence the general change of locality. We believe that not less than one-half of the Southern white people have changed homes since the war, and about one-third of them have changed States. This shows a very unsettled state of the Southern mind, consequent, perhaps, upon the emancipation of the slaves, and their want of confidence in the justice and magnanimity of the Government."

Colored Barber Nearly Elected Mayor.
A special election for Mayor took place this afternoon. The candidates were the present incumbent, Hon. John Robison, Republican, Charles H. Proctor, a respectable colored barber, for a citizen's reform ticket, and Dr. Goodwin, the temperance nominee. Returns have been received from all the wards but Fisherville, which gave Abbot 24, Proctor 345, Goodwin 67, and scattering 48. At three o'clock it was reported that Proctor had the lead, which caused considerable excitement. The Abbott men immediately rallied, and the election of their candidate was made sure. Proctor's vote came mainly from the Democrats.—*Concord, N. H., Despatch, April 2, to the Boston Journal*

GEN. FRANK BLAIR, having, in his own terms, "branded" the Radicals as destructive, at a recent meeting at Hartford, the *Courant* of that city rudely inquired—"Who branded Blair?"

GEN. SHERIDAN is jubilant over the Russian treaty, and is confidently anticipating its ratification.

FIRST EDITION.

ONE O'CLOCK, A. M.

HARRISBURG.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday's Proceedings.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, April 9, 1867.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS PASSED.

Vehicle license law for the borough of Mount Washington.

Act to authorize the Court of Quarter Sessions of Allegheny county to appoint viewers to assess the damages for the opening of roads in said county.

Act to change the venue of the cases of sufferers by the disaster at Johnstown from Cambria to Centre county.

This bill was opposed by Mr. Linton. He preferred Somerset to Centre county, and moved to amend accordingly. The amendment was agreed to and the bill went to a third reading.

Supplement to the act incorporating the borough of Lawrenceville.

Act to authorize the School Directors of Fawn township to borrow money.

Act relating to the establishment of a Law Library in Allegheny county.

Act to authorize the increase of taxes in borough of Tarentum.

Act to incorporate the Harmony Savings Bank of Butler county.

Act to change the venue of the Lennox homicide case from Washington to Jefferson county.

Act supplementary to the act incorporating the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company.

Act to tax stock in National Banks.

Act to authorize the construction of sidewalks in Liberty township.

Act to vacate the Methodist burying ground. Amended by requiring six months notice to be given to relatives of the deceased.

Act to authorize the appointment of short hand clerks in the courts of Allegheny county.

THE TIOGA ACT.

Mr. Colville moved to take up the Tioga act. Not agreed to.

State Republican Convention.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, April 9.—The Republican State Committee have called a convention on the 26th of June.

United States Senate—Extra Session.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS IN THE SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Mr. Trumbull introduced a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate a list of the names of volunteer officers now in the service of the government, their rank and the particular duties assigned to them, that he inform the Senate under what law they are retained, and whether some of them may not be dispensed with without detriment to the public service.

NEW RULE PROPOSED.

Mr. Anthony offered a resolution proposing a new rule, that all resolutions calling on the Executive, or any department, for information, shall be referred to one standing committee, to inquire into the probable cost of furnishing the required information.

Mr. Anthony said such calls were frequently made without knowing the cost involved, clerks having to be employed for weeks to prepare transcripts, sometimes of little value. It would be well to ascertain the amount of labor required in such, and whether the result would justify the outlay.

Mr. Trumbull suggested the resolution be referred to the Committee on Printing.

GOVERNOR OF COLORADO.

Mr. Thayer asked it would be recollected that during the last session of the Thirty-Ninth Congress the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Wade) offered a resolution making inquiry of the President of the United States in regard to the absence of Alexander Cummings, Governor of Colorado, from that territory, and how long he had been absent. That resolution was modified before passed to call for information regarding the absence of other territorial officers from their posts. Thayer would now inquire whether any response had yet been received to that resolution.

The Chair replied that no reply had been received.

Mr. Thayer offered a resolution that the President be requested to inform the Senate when Alexander Cummings was appointed Governor of Colorado Territory, how much of the time said Cummings had been absent from the Territory since his appointment, and whether by permission, and how much of said time absent with permission and without permission, and whether any other business or not, whether his salary had been paid to him during his absence or not, and how much paid to him as salary for the time he has been absent.

Mr. Thayer said he had been informed, by gentlemen who had opportunities of knowing the facts, that Gov. Cummings, who was appointed Governor less than two years ago, had been absent from the territory during that time. He was now absent, having been here some four months. He, therefore, regarded it his duty to bring the case to the notice of the Senate. He knew Judges of Territories to be absent year after year, and go out to them, now and then, as it were, on pleasure trips. Such abscences have become so habitual as to require the interposition of Congress.

Mr. Buckalew desired his resolution to go over until to-morrow. He should regret to have the resolution passed, and the Senate adjourn without a response from the President, and with the *ex parte* statement of the Senate before the country. There were explanations to be given as far as Gov. Cummings' present absence was concerned.

The Chair said if objection was made to the consideration of the resolution it would go over.

ARMY REGISTER.

Mr. Anthony submitted an order that two thousand copies of the Army Register be printed for the use of the Senate. The order was referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Ramsey the Senate went into Executive Session.

Anniversary of Lee's Surrender.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 9.—The anniversary of Lee's surrender was celebrated to-day with great eclat.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., April 9.—The event of the day here is the celebration of Lee's surrender to Grant, in which all the honorably discharged soldiers and sailors in this city and vicinity participated. There were bonfires and illuminations, and great enthusiasm manifested. Over two hundred Veterans of the war partook of a splendid banquet at the Bush House, where toasts and speeches were the concluding exercises of the evening.

BUFFALO, April 9.—The second anniversary of the surrender of Lee was celebrated here to-day.

Extensive Fire at Wilkes-Barre.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

EASTON, PA., April 9.—A very large fire occurred at Wilkes-Barre this morning. It is reported that the whole of Market street, from the Court House to the bridge, is in ruins.

The *Record of the Times* office was among the buildings burned. The Wyoming Bank was saved.

LATER.—The fire to-day destroyed twenty buildings. Loss about $100,000; insurance, $50,000.

New Senator from Delaware—Senator Saulsbury Gone Home—His Successor.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WILMINGTON, Del., April 9.—Governor Saulsbury appointed James A. Bayard, of Wilmington, United States senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Kiddie. He will take his seat at once.

Senator Saulsbury passed through this city last night, on his way home. If he resigns he will probably be succeeded by his brother, now Governor.

Steamboat Burned—Railroad Accident.

MOBILE.—April 9.—The steamboat Benefit, with 30 bales of cotton, was burned on the 7th, at Sizeman's wood yard, on the Alabama river.

A Train on the Mobile and Great Northern Railroad was thrown down an embankment near Carpenter's station, this morning. The baggage master and three others were injured.

FROM EUROPE.

THE WAR EXCITEMENT.

Luxembourg Negotiations the Cause.

ANTI-PRUSSIAN FEELING IN FRANCE.

Military Preparations Making.

TRIAL OF FENIANS POSTPONED.

Financial and Commercial.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ENGLAND.

DIFFICULTY ABOUT LUXEMBOURG THE CAUSE OF THE PANIC.

LONDON, April 9.—*Evening.*—It is now known that Napoleon, deeming the possession of Luxembourg indispensable for the military security of the French frontier, not long since commenced negotiations with the king of Holland for the purchase of the Grand Duchy and its incorporation with the French Empire; but as the fortress of Luxembourg, which is one of the strongest fortifications in Europe, is held by a Prussian garrison, and the Prussian Government, backed by the whole of Germany, firmly objects to the transfer of the Duchy to France, the King of Holland has withdrawn from any further negotiations on the subject. The French Emperor insists his proposition should be carried out and a treaty completed. The sudden action of France has been deeply wounded, and a wild anti-Prussian feeling has seized the people in consequence, while the dispute is pending, both France and Prussia are making military preparations. This threatening state of affairs is the cause of the general panic which now exists in London, Paris, and all the principal centres of Europe.

IRELAND.

TRIAL OF FENIANS POSTPONED.

DUBLIN, April 9.—The trials of Fenian prisoners on a charge of high treason commenced yesterday, but were to-day postponed until the 23d. The prisoner Massey has turned Queen's evidence.

TURKEY.

ENVOY TO THE UNITED STATES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.—Mr. Blacque, formerly Turkish Consul General at Alexandria, has been appointed Envoy of the Sublime Porte to the United States of America.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, March 9.—*Evening.*—Consols, 93; Five-Twenties, 76¾; Illinois Central, 77; Erie, 27.

LIVERPOOL, March 9.—*Evening.*—Cotton closed quiet, with no appearance of improvement. Sales to-day of 8,000 bales of the following quality: Orleans, 12½; Middling, 12½. Manchester market and yarns and yarns and Mark with a declining tendency. Breadstuffs active and heavy. Wheat 1d. per quarter, for Mixed Western. Barley 4c. 3d. per quarter. Oats 2d. per quarter. Pork, 2c. 3d. per 8 pounds. Peas, 1c. for Canadian. Provisions unchanged. Produce—Rosin, 10s. per cwt. Other articles unchanged.

FROM NEW YORK.

Government Life Savings Commission—Subject of Steam Boilers—Distinguished Passengers on Great Eastern—The Fenian Disturbance—Stock Brokers Alleged to be in Possession of Stolen Bonds.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, April 9.—The Government Life Savings Commission resumed their session to-day. After a report from Capt. Weeks that he had obtained a boiler for testing purposes, some remarks were made by Commodore Wadsworth on the subject of steam boilers, in the course of which he spoke of the new boilers at the *Tribune* office as having burst. The discussion became quite warm at the Delamater Works, to test steam boilers, which have burst.

Among the passengers per the Great Eastern were Cyrus W. Field, M. Bouchalin, the celebrated African traveler, and Rudolph Jackson, of Iowa.

The steamers City of Antwerp, Baltic, Ottawa and Brittania, arrived to-day.

The deed from the Corporation to the United States for the land in City Hall Park, for a post office was executed by the city authorities to-day.

Two alleged brokers, named Robert B. Sherman and Robert Wishart, were brought before Court to-day charged with having in their possession bonds to the amount of $200,000 stolen from Dwight Weeks, one of the property of the Royal Insurance Company, of Liverpool. Weeks offered them as supposed to be thieves. After all examining witnesses were discharged and the prisoner was admitted to bail in $5,000 for a further examination.

THE MISSISSIPPI CREVASSES.

Those at Baton Rouge Beyond Control—Sugar Plantations Destroyed for the Season—Eighty Freedmen Drowned.

NEW ORLEANS, April 8.—The crevasses in the river at Baton Rouge are beyond control, and all attempts to stop them have been abandoned.

The richest sugar regions in the State are ruined for the season. Marengo crevasse is completely inundated. The Black River country, the most productive region of all in the South, and the freedmen settlement known as Davis' Bend, are overflown by it, and eighty freedmen are known to have perished in the wave, despite all attempts to save them from their hapless fate.

Chicago Mayoralty.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, March 9.—The Republican Convention to-day nominated John B. Rice for Mayor.

River Telegrams.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, April 9.—The river is at a stand, with eight and a-quarter feet water in the canal.

LATEST CONDENSED NEWS.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

The Sunday car question will not be decided by our State Supreme Court before October.

Strikes in all departments of trade continue in New York, and in consequence of there being so many men out of employment crime is increasing.

Surveys and soundings will soon be commenced preparatory to the erection of a bridge over East river to connect New York and Brooklyn. It will be a big thing.

Dr. R. H. Harris, an eminent physician, residing in Harrisburg, Pa., died suddenly on Tuesday night.

Bishop Whittingdon, of the Episcopal Church, Baltimore, has published a letter opposing Sunday car travel in that city.

The destruction of property by the breaking of levees on the Mississippi continues to be very great.

An appeal for more men and more money has been issued by the Stephens wing of the Fenian Brotherhood.

August Belmont's private gallery of paintings, in New York, will be thrown open for five days for the benefit of the Ladies Southern Relief Association.

A United States store ship is being fitted out at New York, by order of the government, to carry corn and provisions to the suffering poor of the South.

The charter election in Newark, New Jersey, on Monday, was carried by the Republicans. The Democrats carried Trenton and Morristown.

The conference between General Sickles and the Governors of the States in his district, resulted in an arrangement in regard to the appointment of officers. The Governors will continue to fill vacancies, but no elections will be held until the registration of voters is completed.

Maximilian being in danger of capture, Secretary Seward, at the instance of the Austrian Minister, telegraphed to U. S. Minister Campbell, in Mexico, to urge upon Juarez, the Liberal President, that all possible leniency be shown the would-be Emperor in case he fell into his hands. Mr. Campbell has replied that he forwarded the request.

The Great Eastern arrived at New York yesterday.

The New York Democratic State Convention meets at Albany to-day.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

WASHINGTON.

Russian Treaty Ratified

ANOTHER AUSTRIAN MINISTER APPOINTMENT.

Ex-Gov. Vance Pardoned.

AGRICULTURE IN THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, April 9, 1867.

THE RUSSIAN TREATY RATIFIED.

The Senate, late this afternoon, after an elaborate debate, ratified the Russian-American treaty, seven votes only being in the negative.

The injunction of secrecy not having been removed by the Senate, neither the text of the Russian American treaty, nor the vote on its ratification, could be procured for publication. The senators are more than usually reticent on the subject, but it has been ascertained that while only seven voted against it, from thirty-five to thirty-eight were in its favor. The Russian Government will be officially informed of the fact of its ratification without delay.

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MILITARY OFFICERS TRANSFERRED.

Brevet Major-Gen. J. A. Rawlins, Captain of Engineers, has been transferred from the Department of the East to the Department of Dakota; First Lieutenant R. W. Petersen, Corps of Engineers, has been transferred to the Department of the Platte; surgeon Jas. C. Peters is relieved from duty in the Department of Washington, and ordered to report to St. Louis, and report by letter to the Medical Director of the Department of Missouri, and to accompany a detachment of recruits to New Mexico. On arriving at New Mexico he will report to the commanding general and chief medical officer of that district for assignment.

IMPROVEMENT OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE.

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Resumption of Work.

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First—The act does consolidate the city and borough for school purposes, which cities have heretofore been allowed to do.

Second—The act allows thirty days to the officers of the borough to wind up their business. Of course this does not interfere with the schools, which would, perhaps, have been better to have allowed them to continue to act as before, until the end of the year, and I am inclined to think they might do so still, since the act does not take effect until the first of next January, which is quite a long time.

Third—The Board of Directors of the Borough, either as a body, or by representatives, will be entitled to seats in the Board of Control of the consolidated city as soon as their terms expire within their proper jurisdictions. If they continue to hold over beyond the time before so here recommended, until the first Monday in June, they will then become the Directors for the ward of one man, that ward and should be allowed seats in the Board of Control, and be entitled to the emoluments applied to contractors from other wards of the City.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
State Superintendent Common Schools.

On motion, the action of the Board of Education of the Manchester district were directed to participate in the proceedings of the meeting.

Mr. Chadwick, secretary of the Manchester Board, presented the following, which, upon motion, was adopted by the Board, when he represented:

WHEREAS, The act of Assembly providing for the annexation of the Borough of Manchester to the city of Allegheny makes no provision for the support of the 5th ward, in common and congregational, and, whereas, it is deemed to be for the interest of the Public Schools of said ward, that the Board of Control should be vested with the schools of said ward, and the Legislative Delegation of the Board of Control be requested to use their influence for such legislation as shall bring about the end for these good ends, and if any legislation be needed to carry into effect the purposes, at the time, it will be proper to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, that the independent school district shall be so assigned to said Board of Control.

The preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, and Messrs. Hunter, McCullough, Lowe and Chadwick, of the Board, were admitted as members of the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

Amendment of the Constitution.

A convention of those in Western Pennsylvania favorable to the amendment of the National Constitution so as to contain a more distinct acknowledgment of God and his son Jesus Christ as the Prince of the Kings of the Earth, assembled in the First United Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. J. Reid's, North street, last evening, at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Thomas C. Cochrane, D. D., was called to the chair and invoked the divine benediction on the deliberations of the convention. Had assembled, Rev. John Pinkerton, D. D., of Elizabeth, to act as Chairman then stated the object which had brought them together.

Dr. Sproull moved that a committee be appointed to nominate permanent officers for the convention, to report this morning. The chairman appointed Revs. Drs. Time, Sproull and John Pinkerton, and Messrs. Dickey, Lyle.

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On motion the Convention adjourned to meet this morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Donaldson concluding by prayer.

Central Board of Education.

The Central Board of Education met on Tuesday evening, April 9th.

Present—Messrs. Grier, Lowe, Marshall, McAuley, McCook, Nobles, Sergeant, and Brush, President.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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Warrants were authorized in payment of the following bills, viz: F. C. Negley, coal, $49 75; Wm. Haswell, jr., wood, $2; Jarvis, Halpin & Co., repairing hydrant, &c., $4.

Mr. Joseph Irwin was nominated and elected collector for the Fifth ward.

The President announced the standing committees for the ensuing year as follows, viz:

Finance—Messrs. McAuley, Nobles and Getty.

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Rules and Regulations—Messrs. McCook, McAuley and Marshall.

On motion, adjourned.

Benefit.

On Friday evening next our young friend Sidney Marlowe will be the recipient of a complimentary benefit, at the Opera House, when he will essay for the first time the different role of "Hamlet." As this is a season in which the genius of Shakespeare is to be the great author's masterpiece, it is a matter of some surprise that Mr. Marlowe should attempt it, yet for this reason he should receive credit, showing, as it does, that he has courage and ambition, which tempered with study and yet make him a great actor. As the gentleman has many warm personal friends in this city, the house will doubtless be a jam. Speaking of benefits reminds me of the fact that J. M. Cook, who has toiled industriously in the Opera House Stock Company, both this and last season, is up for a benefit to-morrow night, when an immense bill, including the drama of "The Horrors of Paris" will be presented. We remember Mr. Cook quite a number of years ago in that time have seen him fill acceptably many responsible parts. He is never remiss in the text, while his playing at times is really excellent. We predict for him a crowded house.

Attempted Rape.—Matthew Ling appeared before Alderman Taylor, yesterday, and made oath that a young man named William Foster with an attempt to commit a rape on the person of a little daughter of the deponent aged seven years. The mother of the little girl on discovering the accused in the attempt, "pitched into him" and gave him a severe castigation, after which he was arrested and brought before the Alderman, who committed him to jail in default of $1,000.

Fred Douglass at City Hall.

Frederick Douglass, the eloquent colored orator, lectured last night in City Hall to a large and intelligent audience on "The Sources of Danger to the Republic."

The Speaker began by referring to the Constitution, which he believed to be a very good piece of civil machinery, yet was perfect—not strong enough. It had failed to punish traitors, and the speaker added:

A nation that does not hate treason does not love loyalty. They point us to the fact that thousands of citizens have been shot down without crime in the South since the war, and that no effort is made to arrest and punish the murderers. If this Government was what it claims to be, there would be no place of hiding so secure as to shelter the murderers of loyal men. But to-day they walk about the streets of Memphis and New Orleans, smoking their cigars, and no hand is raised to molest them.

His own early education, the speaker said, was not very favorable to securing his reverence to the Constitution, and especially not to the peculiar institution. But even he could speak reverently of its framers. They gave us a Constitution as broad as nature, and free from caste and compleximnal distinctions. In its eyes we are neither white nor black, but only citizens. They who claim that this is a "white man's Government" find little support in the Constitution. It does not have men's rights in the form of their noses and the length of their toes. Those who claim that the negro resembles the monkey, forget that the monkey has no bred, and no the longer the negro's heel the farther he is removed from the monkey. (Laughter.) In the Constitution the poor and lowest State is recognized as a man, and as soon as his chains are broken, he may rise to any position for which his ability fits him.

After speaking at considerable length on the powers of the Constitution, the speaker went on to say. The first source of our danger is the one-man power in our Government. But the people are waking up to the existence and the danger of this power. If Jefferson Davis taught us the folly of retaining the slave power in the Government, Andrew Johnson may be said to have taught us the folly of the one-man power. If we shall learn the lesson which teaches will prove to be a blessing in disguise—though partly horribly disguised. (Laughter.) Mr. Seward's visit to Andrew Johnson to the people of Michigan as their representative, and the reception of the thing of which he was the bearer, have been better to have them continue to act as before, until the end of the year, and I am inclined to think they might do so still, since the act does not take effect until the first of next January, which is quite a long time.

Third—The Board of Directors of the Borough, either as a body, or by representatives, will be entitled to seats in the Board of Control of the consolidated city as soon as their terms expire within their proper jurisdictions. If they continue to hold over beyond the time before so here recommended, until the first Monday in June, they will then become the Directors for the ward of one man, that ward and should be allowed seats in the Board of Control, and be entitled to the emoluments applied to contractors from other wards of the City.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
State Superintendent Common Schools.

On motion, the action of the Board of Education of the Manchester district were directed to participate in the proceedings of the meeting.

Mr. Chadwick, secretary of the Manchester Board, presented the following, which, upon motion, was adopted by the Board, when he represented:

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The preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, and Messrs. Hunter, McCullough, Lowe and Chadwick, of the Board, were admitted as members of the Board.

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