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MIDNIGHT.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

Fees of Allegheny County Notaries—Borough of Millvale to Borrow Money—Location for Invalid Soldiers Asylum—Bill to Allow Pittsburgh to Borrow $1,000,000 Passed the Senate—Other Bills Passed—Bills on House Private Calendar—The Free Railroad Bill Further Discussed in the Senate—Blickman's Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, February 18, 1868.

SENATE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. ERRETT, Allegheny: Allowing Notaries Public in Allegheny county the same fees for taking acknowledgments as allowed Aldermen and Justices of the Peace.

Authorizing the Borough of Millvale, Allegheny county, to borrow money for school purposes.

By Mr. FISHER, Lancaster: Authorizing the Governor, Auditor General and Adjutant General to examine Ephrata Mountain Springs, Lancaster county, for an asylum for invalid soldiers and report the price.

BILLS PASSED FINALLY.

Authorizing Pittsburgh to borrow one million dollars for Water Works.

Authorizing the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company to issue bonds.

Providing that the firm name of any firm may consist of one general partner.

FREE RAILROAD BILL.

Evening Session.—The Free Railroad bill was under discussion.

The question being taken on the amendment allowing companies to increase capital stock, if necessary, to double the original amount, it was defeated.

Mr. CONNELL, of Philadelphia, moved an amendment authorizing companies to borrow double the amount of capital stock on bonds, with the consent of a majority of the stockholders. Defeated.

Mr. ERRETT, of Allegheny, moved an amendment allowing them to borrow on bonds the same amount as originally subscribed for stock. Defeated—Yeas, thirteen; Nays, fourteen.

The Senate continued the discussion of the Free Railroad bill. The Senate substitute provides that roads built might connect with other roads on terms to be agreed upon by the respective managements, when approved by the stockholders.

Mr. ERRETT, Allegheny, moved to dispense with the approval of stockholders. Defeated.

Mr. RIDGWAY, of Philadelphia, moved an amendment, requiring the consent of a majority of the stockholders. He did not consider the directors alone represented the true views and wishes of the stockholders. His amendment was adopted.

Mr. WALLACE, of Clearfield, in a long speech, appealed to the Senate to adopt a true Railroad law.

The Senate bill then passed on the second reading.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS ON PRIVATE CALENDAR.

The House considered one hundred and forty-five local bills on the private calendar, but before completing the first reading of the list the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned till evening.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The House at eleven o'clock was still debating Mr. HICKMAN'S proposed Constitutional amendments, made the special order for to-night, without result.

The Land Slides at Naples.

A private letter from a gentleman of this city dated at Sorrento, Italy, January 31st, gives the following particulars of the land slips at Naples, of which a brief account is given elsewhere:

"We had a wonderful escape from death. A mountain over six hundred feet above the road fell just before we reached the spot, and after we had passed the barricade in the road, the remainder of the mountain side came down with the same—Brittlery.

"But this happened to what has just occurred at Naples. Bayard Taylor and family resided at No. 21 Santa Lucia, and I went twice to the house to secure an apartment there, and the situation was very lovely; and should certainly have resided there if the rooms had been large enough. The house stood on the principal street—the Chiaja—and stretching away up over it was a hill with a house above house, for several hundred feet. Taylor, thank God, came to Sorrento a few days sooner, to see us and yesterday the whole side of the hill on the Chiaja gave way, and eighty persons are lost in the ruins. Taylor's house is entirely buried beneath the wreck of three upper ones; and I am sorry to say that an omnibus, coming from the railway and containing (among others) two Americans, was passing at the time, and all the passengers perished. I went into Naples to-day to see the scene of the disaster and am sick at heart.

"I am disinclined to stay here for any great length of time, for it seems as if the mountains were all tumbling down. I think Vesuvius is at the bottom of it all."

Miss Charlotte Thompson as a Coquette.

A correspondent writes from Alabama: "Anything in the shape of a personal budget from Montgomery would be sadly incomplete without mention of Miss Charlotte Thompson, the actress. Miss Thompson owns a plantation, five miles from town, where she spends her time with her mother when not on professional tours. She has about one thousand five hundred acres, two-thirds of which are devoted to the cultivation of cotton. She has the reputation of being a remarkably capable woman in business affairs, though with all her tact and executive talent, she has made nothing from her crops during the past two years. The cabins of her hired negroes are models of neatness and comfort. Often of a summer morning she rides with the sun, mounted on a favorite pony, and in person directs the gangs at work in the field. She keeps all the accounts, makes all contracts and superintends all the buying and selling. I fear, however, that the next time I see her in Julia, I shall be led to suspect her in Julia, I shall be led to suspect when she buries her face in her handkerchief just before wildly sobbing 'Why don't you speak to me Clifford!' that her mind is engrossed with the latest bulletin about the army worm, or the overall dispatches from Liverpool. In Opheliaish mad scene there would be no special impropriety in her whispering with a vacant stare, 'Upland 22 cents and excited!'"

Fatalist Antonelli and War.

A letter from Rome, in the *Correspondence Italienne*, says:

Cardinal Antonelli, in his private conversations, expresses firm belief in an approaching war. He says that the great works which the French are executing are by no means intended to shelter Rome from a *coup de main* of Garibaldi, but to guarantee it against an attack of the regular Italian army. In the war which is preparing, he recently said, the French army will fight alone against Italy and we shall keep our troops to hold in respect the Roman population. This, to say the least, is a singular admission from the Secretary of State of his Holiness, and you will perhaps be glad to make a note of it. Let me add that I hear from a good source that Cardinal Antonelli, while speaking with some persons well known in Rome for the great alacrity with which they everywhere repeat the news they receive, is said to have expressed himself nearly in these terms: "The Emperor Napoleon has lost all sympathy for Italian unity, since the discovery of the secret treaty between Signor Ratazzi and Herr von Bismarck."

Accident on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, February 18.—A passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran off the track last night near Farmington, Va. The sleeping car, containing twenty persons, was thrown down an embankment thirty feet into Buffalo creek. The car was demolished. William Harris, of Dayton Ohio, was the only person seriously injured.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Reconstruction Committee Session.

Ex-Rebels' Disabilities Considered.

Bill for Alabama's Admission.

The Proposed Division of Texas

Complaint Against General Gillem.

Amount of Gold in Treasury.

Applications for Appointments.

The Expatriation Question.

A New Bill to be Reported.

Order from the State Department.

American Visiting England Advised to take Passports.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1867.

RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

The Reconstruction Committee held a meeting this morning. The first proposition presented for consideration was to remove the disabilities of Mr. Butler, claiming to be a Representative elect from Tennessee, and suspending the test oath in his case, in order that he might be admitted to a seat in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Brooks moved to include John Young Brown, of Kentucky, within the scope of the resolution, not because he considered Mr. Brown a rebel, but because the House had declared that he gave aid, countenance and support to the rebellion, and was, therefore, ineligible to a seat. Messrs. Butler and Brown thus being precluded from the House on similar grounds, Mr. Brooks' amendment was rejected by a party vote.

During the discussion it was said that John Young Brown had not asked to be pardoned. Mr. Brooks replied it was true, but the Committee had decided to remove disabilities from Gov. Orr, ex-Gov. Holden and nine or ten others who had not made personal application for that purpose.

Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, said the Committee had acted too hastily on this subject, and desired further time to look into it. No additional action was taken on the question at this meeting.

The bill yesterday introduced by Mr. Bingham, for the admission of Alabama into the Union, was considered for a short time. Mr. Stevens thought action ought to be delayed until they could get a full vote. He was rather dissatisfied with it, however, believing a general bill applying to all the Southern States should be passed, instead of acting upon these States separately.

Mr. Stevens submitted a bill for the division of Texas into three States, providing the Convention about assembling in that State fix the boundaries of the new States, and further, that each of them have the same Constitution. He thought there ought to be four or five States carved out of Texas territory, but would be content with three. Mr. Stevens will report the bill to the House, so it may be printed and referred back to the Committee for revision, if necessary.

Mr. Higgins, a freedmen's bureau official, appeared here and made a complaint against Gen. Gillem in connection with a court martial which acquitted a man named Johnson for the murder of a negro. The narrative was listened to attentively, but led to no action of the Committee.

GOLD IN THE TREASURY.

The amount of gold in the Treasury to-day was $104,000,000, including $25,760,000 payable in gold certificates. The balance, $75,200,000, belongs exclusively to the United States. It is estimated the receipts of gold from customs from this date to May first will be $25,000,000, making an aggregate of $103,000,000, out of which there is payable on the 1st of March $45,000,000, due on the 5-20s, and on the 1st of May about $7,000,000, interest due on five-twenty bonds, leaving a balance on hand of $51,000,000, paying all the expenses, of $28,500,000 or $71,000,000, after coin certificates are deducted. These estimates are in case no more of gold are made, between the periods.

NEW TAX BILL.

A sub-Committee of Ways and Means is in session on the details and phraseology of a new tax bill, which will not be reported for several weeks to come.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

A del-gation of Pottowattomie Indians from Kansas, had an informatory interview with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs this morning regarding the hostile attitude of their tribe, Indian agent Mathews, of the Mountain Crows, has reached this city from Fort Phil Kearney. He came by the Powder River Road alone, and reports the Indians peaceable in that section.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS.

Notwithstanding the constant retrenchment now going on in the various bureaus of the War Department, the pressure for appointments continues large as ever. The applications coming from disbanded or mustered soldiers or their widows. They invariably meet with the response, "It is impossible to make additional appointments," and it is even contemplated at an early day to make a further large decrease of the force in the Department.

FOREIGN POSTAGE.

Notice has been given by the British Postoffice Department that on and from the first of March single rate postage for letters, between the United States and all East Indies and England, will be twenty-eight cents per half ounce via Southampton, and thirty-six cents via Marseilles, prepayment compulsory.

BOUNTY TO MISSOURI TROOPS.

The House Military Committee decided to report to the Senate a bill giving pay and bounties to ten regiments of the Missouri State Guard, called out during the Rebellion.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The Judiciary Committee has authorized Mr. Lawrence to report a bill organizing a Law Department under the control of the Attorney General.

IN THE HOUSE.

Generals Grant and Howard were on the floor of the House to-day.

FROM JAPAN.

The State Department has received dispatches from Japan, confirming the accounts published in Monday's. All foreign representatives were at Osaca with the Tycoon. The Mikado was at Yokohama.

THE EXPATRIATION QUESTION.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day considered various propositions, with a view to harmonize the conflicting views on the subject of protecting the rights of American citizens abroad. They will report an entirely new bill. Several members of the Committee were averse to declaring the rights of expatriation on the ground that this was a principle so firmly fixed in this country as not to require the assertion. But the majority decided to insert it in the new bill, all the decisions of the Courts every where to the contrary notwithstanding.

PASSPORTS REQUIRED.

The following official order has just been issued:

Department of State, Washington, Feb. 18.—It is recommended to all citizens of the United States, native or naturalized, who have occasion to visit Great Britain or Ireland, to procure passports from this Department. While the *habeas corpus* act remains suspended in the latter country citizens of the United States unjustly arrested are liable to be detained without prompt examination until they can procure and produce legal evidence of their citizenship.

[Signed] WM. H. SEWARD.

NEW JERSEY.

The Constitutional Amendment.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

TRENTON, February 18.—In the Senate to-day, when the joint resolution withdrawing the assent of New Jersey to the 14th Constitutional amendment was offered, the committee offered a substitute to the same effect, but presenting reasons for withdrawal. Consideration was postponed till to-morrow.

—At Wellsburg, Va., yesterday, Bishop Campbell's will case, involving half a million dollars, was commenced. Among the counsel employed are Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Gen. Garfield, Benjamin Stanton, Hon. Geo. W. McCook and Hon. Wm. McKennan.

SOUTHERN STATES.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

TEXAS ELECTION.

GALVESTON, Texas, February 17.—Official returns of the election in the city give for Convention, whites, 502, and colored, 378 votes; against Convention, white, 117 votes. Smith and Ruby are elected.

ALABAMA ELECTION.

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 18.—Official returns from forty-two counties have been received at district headquarters, but under an order from Gen. Meade publication of them is refused. The whole vote of the State on the question of ratification is estimated, from partial returns, at about 72,000. The white vote is less than 3,000. Half the registration is 84,000.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Feb. 18.—The Convention was engaged to-day chiefly on the oyster tax question. It was resolved to tax the amount of sales. During the debate one of the members called another a "scoundrel."

A proposition to appoint a Committee to devise means to complete the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad was tabled.

The Republican State Convention met to-day. A nominating Convention will be called to meet in this city five days after the adjournment of the Constitutional Convention. The names of Messrs. Hawksburst, of Alexandria, Rives, of Albemarle, E. Rice, of Shenandoah, and Thomas C. N. Henry, are spoken of in connection with the Governorship.

GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, Ga., February 17.—The Convention has stricken out by a large majority a clause empowering the Legislature to alter or abolish any charter hereafter granted. It is reported that ten thousand dollars is to be paid to the members on Tuesday.

ATLANTA, February 18.—The Convention to-day exempted all agricultural implements of husbandry from taxation.

The words "two-thirds," wherever they occur in the report of Committee on legislative debate, where stricken out, and the clause restricting the Legislature in the powers of the Legislature.

Benjamin Hill will speak here Saturday before the Lyceum. Hill has been petitioned to reply to him.

AUGUSTA, Feb. 18.—Democratic clubs are being organized in this and other cities in Georgia.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, February 18.—In the Convention to-day twenty more sections of the Constitution were adopted.

There was a long discussion on the Homestead law, which proposes the exemption of ten thousand five hundred dollar homesteads from sale for all debts for the present, past and future.

Senator Wilson telegraphs from Washington that Congress will not loan one million dollars to the State to purchase land for the poor.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, February 17.—In the Convention a resolution to adjourn *sine die* Thursday was tabled. A resolution that adjournment take place after the 15th was also tabled. The resolution endorsing the petition to Congress of the Georgia Convention for the payment of millions of dollars was discussed till adjournment.

In the Convention to-day, amendments were introduced which was laid over, regulating weights and measures.

The Committee on Style and Arrangement made a lengthy report, describing so many alterations and amendments in the minor and the major points, that it could hardly recognize its own creation in the Constitution as reported from the Committee. It moved to recommit that part, which led to a confused discussion. It was finally recommitted, and instructions to have the Constitution printed without any changes whatever for comparison with the copy as amended by the Committee. Work is thus laid out for an indefinite period.

The Convention then discovered that they had adopted no preamble to the Constitution and discussed the matter for an hour or more, after which they adjourned.

FLORIDA.

TALLAHASSEE, February 18.—The Convention to-day reorganized on the basis of a proposition by Gen. Meade. There was much excitement among the delegates and lobby loafers.

General Meade had a conference with the leaders of the majority and minority, and made a proposition for conciliation and harmony, which the majority immediately accepted, and after little hesitation the minority. They are as follows: The Residents of both wings are to resign, but the four delegates ineligible by the majority to take their seats, and the four delegates declared eligible to resume their seats, to decide all questions of eligibly to be determined in full Convention. Colonel Sprague, commanding the State, to call the Convention to order and a new organization to be made.

The Sprague party claim rights of all men and classes as the basis of the Constitution. They have members who represent out of forty-six.

Horatio Jenkins, late President of the minority, was re-elected in the place of forty-two to eight. The standing rules and resolutions of the organization adopted by the majority are the same.

General Meade and staff appeared in the Hall after the organization, and were introduced to the Convention. General Mead said he was gratified that both sides had approached him in the spirit of liberality and hoped harmonious action would ensue.

The standard vote in the Convention now stands thirty to fifteen, if the four alleged ineligible members remain. The Convention will take up the Constitution thus far adopted by the majority and readopt it.

H. Gleason has been elected Financial Agent of the Convention.

MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON, February 18.—The two members engaged in a dispute yesterday made amends to each other in colonial and shook hands amid applause from all sides.

Three additional sections of the bill of rights were adopted.

The Democratic State Convention meets here to-morrow.

NEW YORK.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, February 18, 1868.

THE ROCK ISLAND CASE.

In the Supreme Court, the case of Fiske and others against the Rock Island Company came up to-day. Assistant Attorney General Pomeroy for the defendants, he was seeking to get acts through the Legislatures of Iowa and Illinois. The Court denied the motion for a stay of proceedings and set down the main motion for Saturday.

ARRIVED FROM EUROPE.

The steamship City of Washington, from Liverpool via Halifax, has arrived.

RAILROAD PURCHASE.

Negotiations for the purchase of the properties of the Northern New Jersey Railroad by the Hudson River and West Shore Railroad Company have been completed.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Sir Edmund Head, formerly Governor General of Canada, died suddenly recently, in England, in his 63d year.

TELEGRAPH IN WEST INDIES.

Some twenty capitalists here have subscribed five thousand dollars each for the construction of a telegraph from Cuba to the other West Indies and Panama.

CONDUCTOR SCUNDRELS.

J. F. Livolte, conductor of Seventh avenue, was murdered last night by a drunken man who he put off the cars for non-payment of fare. The murderer, who was genteely dressed, has not yet been apprehended.

KENTUCKY.

Contest for United States Senator—Election of T. C. McCreery.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 18.—The Democrats of the Legislature held a caucus last night to nominate a Senator. After eight ineffectual ballots the caucus adjourned at a late hour to meet again at 8½ o'clock this morning. The last ballot stood—McCreery, forty-six; Bright, thirty; Stanton, twenty-four; Desha, one.

At the caucus meeting this morning Bright (who was not a candidate and received a large vote notwithstanding) and Stanton withdrew their names, and Thomas C. McCreery, of Daviess county, was nominated unanimously. He has always been a Democrat, and is regarded as one of the first men in the State intellectually. This is the first office he has ever held.

In the Legislature to-day the vote stood McCreery 119, Barnes, Radical, 6; Harding, third party, 5.

Horace Greely lectured on self made men to-night, to a very large audience, without justice, and discharged without trial, or acquitted. Polled—104 to 39.

On motion of Mr. KERR, the President was requested to communicate any report in reference to the ship canal around the Falls of the Ohio river.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, before published, giving pensions to certain surviving officers and soldiers of the war of 1812.

During the debate, Mr. LOAN stated the amount to be paid under the bill did not exceed two million per year.

After debate, Mr. WASHBURNE, of Ill., being the main opponent, the bill passed without division.

The House, in Committee of the Whole, Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, in the Chair, considered the legislative, &c., appropriation bill.

After debate Mr. DONNELLY'S amendment, inserting items for the Department of Education, was rejected—41 to 61.

Mr. DAWES made the point of order on the final clause of the bill, limiting employes of the various departments to the number specified in the bill, and repealing all conflicting acts. The only objection was it was independent legislation.

The CHAIR sustained the point of order and the clause was struck out.

The Committee rose and reported the bill.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, offered an amendment in the House the clause just struck out.

Mr. DAWES made the same point of order, intimating that the object was to save the Department of Education.

The SPEAKER sustained it.

Mr. WASHBURNE then modified the amendment by omitting the repealing portion of it, and by limiting payments under the bill to the persons provided for in it.

The House seconded the previous question on the bill, and pending the amendment Mr. WASHBURNE, of Ill., asked for the yeas and nays.

Mr. SCHENCK introduced a bill for the relief of certain exporters of distilled spirits. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. SCHENCK the Secretary of State was directed to furnish information in reference to the contingent fund at his department.

Adjourned.

VARIOUS TELEGRAMS.

—Private advices from London state the result of intelligence from Mexico that Government has determined to repudiate all debts of foreign contracts, except the United States, has given in the adhesion of indigenous bondholders to the English Government. This Government, it is said, is now seriously contemplating the forcing out of a fleet to the possession of the ports of Mexico and hold them until satisfaction is given. It is also rumored that Prim, a though consulted, has declined for the present to participate.

—Secret Dates, carrying the United States flag, arrived at Montgomery, Alabama, on Monday. He was met by a large number of citizens in carriages, escorted with brass band to his hotel. Speech of Conciliation, an humble representative of the people of this great nation, spoke a few words to hear his voice. He was the guest of the city. All the speakers and marshals of the day were Confederate soldiers.

—The Cincinnati *Price Current* will publish to-day the report of pork packing in Cincinnati this season, the whole number of pork packed was 256,321 head, average weight two hundred and ten pounds, and average of leaf lard twenty-five pounds—showing a falling off as compared with last year of 105,779 head, twenty-two pounds in the average weight, and five pounds in average of lard.

—The Fort Sanders *Index* says an army of two thousand Indians is marching into the Sweetwater country from Idaho and Montana. They are on the war path, and have turned the ranches north of Soda Springs, and driven off the cattle, compelling the ranchmen to seek refuge in canons.

—In Nova Scotia, a Committee of the House of Assembly have reported well founded the petition of those asking the dissolution, and it was also stated that unless extensive and permanent arrangements for their relief were made, many would perish from starvation.

—The Western *Press* are cautioned against one L. B. Fould, now at Louisville or Chicago, representing himself as the proprietor of the Memphis *Appeal*. Said Fould was recently in jail at Memphis for robbing a man of forty-five hundred in six thousand dollars.

—At the municipal election in Syracuse, N. Y., Charles Andrews, Republican, was elected Mayor over Joseph Jr., by about one hundred majority. The entire Republican ticket was elected and our portsider Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen five out of eight Republicans were elected.

—Levi Lickert, arrested for forgery in New Hampshire, and shot while attempting to escape, and who subsequently got out of jail, was re-arrested yesterday at Boston and taken to New Hampshire for trial.

—The report from St. Louis that W. H. Benton was about to compromise with Gen. W. Pomeroy a suit for $50,000 damages, and pay the plaintiff the balance of $200,000, is authoritatively denied.

—At Lowell, Mass., on Monday, a locomotive exploded, killing three persons and fatally scalding, and seriously injuring Mr. Sullivan, the fireman, Henry Welsh and a Mr. Ridley, of Lowell.

—A Mammoth Pow Wow was fought in Kansas yesterday by two druggists of Memphis. After one shot will rifles, the combatants agreed to settle the affair was amicably settled.

—L. Flackenecker's grocery store and three or four adjoining shops in Alton, Illinois, were burned last night. Loss about fifteen thousand dollars; insurance not ascertained.

—At Lockhaven, Pa., on Monday morning, the large tannery of C. K. Sankey was burned, involving a loss estimated at $7,000, on which there was no insurance.

—A Committee of State Board of Agriculture left Columbus yesterday for Cleveland and Toledo, to see about locating the Ohio State Fair.

—The steamship Peruvian, from Liverpool via Londonderry, arrived at Portland yesterday.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—The "Black Crook" continues to draw large crowds to the Opera House, notwithstanding it is now in its third week. The many new features introduced in the piece in a measure accounts for its continued success. Those desiring to witness the grand spectacle should go to this city will have to do so the present week, as Saturday will be the final exhibition.

MASONIC HALL.—The entertainment given at Masonic Hall, last evening, by Prof. Logrenia, the prince of conjurors, was largely attended and highly appreciated by the audience. His tricks are principally new and of a character to interest all, while they are performed with a degree of skill seldom attained by any man of the profession. Frank Snyder, No. 37 Fourth street, drew a magnificent lounge; which was the principal gift awarded last night. To-night a fine silver hunting-case lever watch will be given to the person holding the lucky number.

THE RINK.—The ice at the Rink is in excellent condition, and Callie Curtis, the little favorite, has been engaged for the present week. The Manager announces another masquerade for Thursday evening, which is to be the last of the season. "Hannibal," the celebrated trained elephant, we are informed, has at great expense been secured by the management and will make his debut on skates at the masquerade. This will be a "big thing on ice" and those who do not go "can't see it."

"Sunk per dusk."—We understand that the venerable and redoubtable Col. Wm. Diehl will be among the candidates before Councils for the office of Meat Inspector recently created. The Colonel's qualifying assurance has been vast; he slaughtered beeves during the second war with England, while the blue coats and red coats slaughtered each other. None were more sanguinary in serving their country than he. We cannot see how Councils can overlook the claims of so distinguished a candidate as Col. Diehl.

Burglaries in Birmingham.—On Saturday night last no less than five houses and cellars were burglariously entered and robbed of a portion of their contents. In one instance the entire stock of provisions was taken, leaving the family without anything to eat the next day. An increase of the police force will soon be required in all the adjoining boroughs.

Contempt of Court.—John Stewart was arrested on an attachment yesterday for contempt of Court, and committed to jail.

OIL BANQUET.

The First Annual Banquet of the Pittsburgh Petroleum Association.

The Pittsburgh Petroleum Association, an organization which represents all the leading producers and refiners of Petroleum in this city and neighborhood, held their first annual banquet at the Monongahela House yesterday afternoon.

There were present some one hundred gentlemen, members of the Association, and guests. Among the latter we observed D. L. Miller, Esq., the pioneer of the Petroleum business in Philadelphia, Emil Shalk, Esq., Col. William Phillips and representatives from the oil regions, Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Baltimore and other important trade points. The Great Western Band was present and during the dinner discoursed the sweet stirring music for which it is so widely celebrated. The dinner was spread in the commodious new dining room of the Monongahela House, and in its style was equal to any feast of the character ever presented in this city. The bill of fare was printed in elaborate style and embraced all the substantials man could wish for, together with games brought from Cleveland and Chicago especially for the occasion, and the delicacies for which the Monongahela House is so justly famous. The feast was expensive, but the Association was determined that their initial anniversary banquet should prove worthy of their generosity.

After the guests had partaken heartily of the good things spread before them the cloths were removed and wine, sparkling wine, was introduced in such quantity and variety as to make the partaker believe that the vintage had been large during the past year. On motion of H. M. Long, Esq., who presided at the dinner, James A. Hutchinson, Esq., was elected permanent President, and on motion of T. A. Davis, Esq., Esq., was designated as Secretary. On assuming the chair Mr. HUTCHINSON made a few remarks pertinent to the occasion, thanking his friends for the honor thus conferred upon him, and concluding that the toasts of the evening were in order.

The Secretary then read the under mentioned sentiments:

1. The "Petroleum Association." "May may it wave."

Mr. H. M. Long, the President of the Association, responded in a graceful and happy manner, reviewing in terse and compact sentences the rise and progress of the oil interest of the country, concluding with a hopeful wish that the bond of union which now unites the dealers, refiners and producers of Pennsylvania may never be severed.

2. "The Old Bachelor"—May he be compelled to continue his celibacy in petroleum to enable him to slide gracefully into the sublimities of matrimony. Responded to in silence by Dr. Logan.

3. The City Councils—May they be to refer the wishes of their constituents. Mr. Kehew, member of Council from the Seventh ward, responded in very happy and pertinent manner, saying:

It is with considerable diffidence that I rise to respond to the sentiment which has been just announced. Not being a public speaker, and the fact, also, that I have never before been placed in this position of Councilman, an humble representative of the people of this great metropolis, I shall, in the most unpretending manner, my inability to make a suitable reply, all add to my embarrassing position.

Little as I think the world is governed too much, but in our own country, where the representative is too closely connected with his constituent, a continent comparatively new, with new cities, and with the gigantic enterprises continually springing into existence, it behooves us, the actors in the great struggle for commercial supremacy, to be first commercial marts, to look well to our interests, and push forward all the abilities which we can command. Sir, we must not be laggards in the race. We must be in the foremost ranks of our great struggle now going on for commercial supremacy and control of the great country. Pittsburgh, our own beloved city, beloved notwithstanding her smoke and soot, must be awakened to still greater energies, and those efforts used to further advance her in the scale of prosperity. Let it be said of her by the future historian what history records to Venice, once the queen of the Adriatic: "One of the greatest and most flourishing of cities. Her traffic and wealth increased with her power in country, and the enterprise of her merchants renowned throughout the world." Let this represent our city, with the aid of the constituent to conduct the affairs of State in our day and generation, we will have enacted have such comprehensive views of duty to posterity, as well as to self, that with the blessing of God, we forbid all, at the head waters of the sea, on the extreme eastern boundary of the Atlantic, with a hand of gold, after the greatness and power which she is destined to exercise. The great natural advantages which we possess in our extensive and inexhaustible fields of coal, have enabled our ability to compel tribute of the iron and copper ores within a radius of ten hundred miles, and for a century. How much more our artificial avenues of trade, help to build up the city with such enduring pillars, that it will continue to the end of time, growing greater and stronger with her growth, and renewed in her youth ever renewed. In regard to our artificial avenues the Supreme Ruler has hardened our hearts within the past few weeks. "Better late into that good rest" than never, and truly applicable in this case. Still, had our Representatives relieved the wrong, the constitution would have passed through all its stages, and the Atlantic cities of the nation, and to do the business of the public on just principles and fair dealing. They do not see they will not have to call in more than twenty-five, or at most thirty-five per cent. Stock, which has been, I am very sorry, any liberal dividends on the full amount. We are making liberal distributions of their stock among the business men of the country, which success in the enterprise cannot be questioned. We shall allude to the enterprise again.

Counterfeiter Arrested.—Benj. Recon, charged with passing counterfeit money, was arrested in Warren county, in Jamestown, by a deputy marshal before a Justice of the Peace was committed to the Warren county jail, from which he escaped a few days since. He was subsequently re-arrested by officer A. M. Fowler and brought to this city yesterday morning, when, after a hearing before United States Commissioner Gamble, he was committed to jail for a further hearing.

The Proprietor Arrested.—We noticed in yesterday's GAZETTE the arrest of four persons by the police of Allegheny in a house on East Lane, charged with gambling, and stated that the proprietor of the establishment had effected his escape. Yesterday officer Shafer made information before Mayor Wilson, charging Joseph Jaeger, the proprietor referred to, with keeping a gambling house, whereupon he was arrested and fined ten dollars and costs, upon payment of which he was discharged.

Improvements.—The repairs and renovation which the Mayor's office has undergone have made a wonderful improvement on the appearance of that place. The front office has been newly papered, the wood work re-painted and varnished. The Chief's office, in addition to new paper, painted varnish, has been furnished with a new oil cloth covering for the floor. The improvements in the Captain's office are not yet completed, but will be in a few days.

Dr. Edward L. Youmans.—This eminent American scholar and writer will deliver his celebrated and brilliantly illustrated lecture on the "Chemistry of the Sunbeam," at the Academy of Music, on Thursday evening next. It is rarely citizens to hear this gentleman. We trust the distinguished gentleman will be greeted by a crowded house.

Hackmen.—We learn from Mayor Blackmore that hereafter the hackmen will be required to have a copy of the fore-dinance regulating the rates to be charged by them posted up conspicuously in their hacks, and a lamp, which shall be kept lighted at night, also inside the back, so that passengers may see for themselves what the rates are. This will effectually remedy the imposition practiced upon the travelling public by hack drivers.

Formal Opening.—The Manchester Reading Room, established under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be formally opened in the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Manhattan and Ohio avenue, this evening. Rev. Dr. Morgan, of Christ's Church, Hon. John M. Kirkpatrick and other orators will be present to address those in attendance. All are earnestly invited to attend.

Wheeler & Wilson's Improved Lock Stitch Sewing Machine.—The simplest and best. The only machine using Crystal Cloth Presser with its attachments. Sales room No. 37 Fifth street, nw.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Hampton.

TUESDAY, Feb 18.—No cases were tried.

Following is the list for Wednesday.

40. Wm Voight vs. Eli Wycoff.
61. Alex McKee's exrs vs. P. P. Dormont.
138. P. Rt. W. & C. R. R. Co. vs. Emerick.
140. Same vs. Sample.
147. Glen Cove Starch Manufacturing Co., vs. Voight & Co.
150. Boughs et. ux. vs. O'Neil et al.
151. Voight vs. McPherson.

Common Pleas—Judge Stowe.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18.—Michael Kremhueller vs. Peter Aven. This was an action to recover wages alleged to be due the plaintiff. The jury found for plaintiff in the sum of $376.

Good & Rothschild vs. Roder & Saul. This was an action to recover the value of cattle alleged to have been sold to defendants as partners. The plaintiffs failed to establish that a partnership existed, and the jury found for the defendants.

Henry Kovermann vs. Heish & Bro. This was an action on a feigned issue to determine the ownership of goods levied upon at the suit of Heish & Bro. as belonging to Henry Riewind and claimed by Kovermann. Verdict for plaintiff. New trial granted.

Samuel Duff vs. R. W. Pier. Feigned issue under Sheriff's interpleader act concerning lumber. On trial.

Following is the list for Wednesday:

129. Rider & Clark vs. A. Lyon & Co.
130. Geo. Walther et ux. vs. James Campbell.
133. Luther & Bro. vs. John Huckenstein.
139. Wm. Merrington vs. Jas. Harrison.
140. M. Y. B. McAleer vs. Duncan, Stewart & Co.
141. W. Smith vs. David Steen.
142. Sam. Braddock vs. David Steen.
144. Schwerdt & Westphal vs. James Crosland.
145. Charlotte Dowie vs. John Jester.
146. G. W. Forbes vs. Penna. R. R. Co.
147. Haas & Kennard vs. P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. Co.
148. Same vs. same.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stewart.

The jury in the Emil Hughes arson case made their appearance yesterday forenoon in the assembling of Court, and returned a verdict, finding Michael Schill "guilty" and Thomas Hughes "not guilty."

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were left in the Recorder's office, Feb. 17th, 1868:

V. Ehrhart to William Hardtman, Dec. 21st, 1868, lot in McKeesport, on Fifth street, 30 by 120 feet.....$450

John Frazier to Johanna Montgomery, Feb. 12th, 1868, lot in Wilkins twp., 30 by 120 feet, 4 perches.....$5,000

City of Allegheny to Jacob Augustine, Oct. 1st, 1866, lot on Mead alley, Sixth ward, 24 by 130 feet.....$320

Hamilton M. Clements to James Ramsdon, Jan. 8th, 1868, lot in Penn township, containing 1 acre and 79 perches..$500

Sadie Logan to Wm. Cole, Sept. 19, 1867, lot in Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh, 24 by 120 feet, with buildings.....$9,600

Martin Vogelsly to Wm. Kimmler, Dec. 14th, 1867, lot in Eighth ward, Allegheny, on Villa street, 50 by 120 feet..$400

James C. Shaler to Alexander Byers, Jan. 8th, 1868, lot in Union township, on Main street, 40 by 081 feet, with buildings.....$125

Wm. Semple to Jane Semple, Oct. 16, 1867, tract of land in Ohio township, containing one hundred and twenty acres

John C. Shaler to Elizabeth Byers, Dec. 12th, 1862, lot on Main street, Union township, 40 by 081 feet, with buildings.....$125

Same to same, Sept. 24, 1864, lot on Main street