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Pennsylvania Legislature.

Appropriation Bill Passed the House —People's Passenger Railway— Pittsburgh Consolidation—Bills introduced in the Senate—Notaries Public Appointments for Allegheny County—Half Fare to Republican State Convention.

[Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, March 6, 1868.

SENATE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. COLEMAN, Lebanon: Establishing Railroad Companies merged by special enactment previous to 1861, to take advantage of the benefits given by the general act of 1861.

By Mr. CONNELL, Philadelphia: One to continue the rate of interest at six per cent., and repealing the usury law.

By Mr. WHITE, Indiana: One incorporating the Home Insurance Company.

By Mr. ERRETT, Allegheny: One empowering the Burgess of Braddocks Borough to commit persons adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct to the county jail in default of payment of fines; also, authorizing the borough of Braddocks to permit its streets to be occupied by coal roads.

Authorizing the School Directors of East Deer township to borrow money.

By Mr. RANDALL, of Schuylkill: Supplement to the act of March 22d, 1867, to increase the Revenues of the Commonwealth, which makes the tax on coal twenty-five cents per ton instead of four cents.

At twelve o'clock, noon, adjourned till Monday evening.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PASSED FINALLY.

The Appropriation Bill passed finally.

PEOPLE'S PASSENGER RAILWAY.

The bill incorporating the Pittsburgh People's Passenger Railway passed second reading, and was laid over, with the amendments introduced by Mr. Ford, of Allegheny, imposing the same taxes on the Company as are now paid by the Citizens Passenger Railway, and authorizing a connection with the Citizens Passenger Railway upon terms to be agreed upon between the Companies, the Court of Common Pleas to fix the terms in case of dispute.

PITTSBURGH CONSOLIDATION.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, of Allegheny, Mr. Ford's supplement to acts incorporating the city of Pittsburgh, was amended by securing the new portions of the city from the payment of any portion of the indebtedness of the old portion of the city, providing that each corporation shall pay its own debts, and authorizing the Councils to change the assessments, thereby reducing the tax of the rural districts; allowing the erection of wooden buildings, by consent of Councils; fixing the terms of new officers from December 18th, 1867, to February 1st, 1869; prescribing that tickets shall be voted endorsed "City and Council" and "Ward officers."

Laid over for third reading.

PRIVATE CALENDAR.

The remainder of the session was occupied with the first reading of private bills on the calendar, without final action.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Mr. FORD'S supplement to the Pittsburgh consolidation acts passed finally as amended.

SENATE.

This morning the following bills among others passed finally:

Annexing the Southwestern portion of Duquesne borough to Allegheny city.

Authorizing East Birmingham borough to borrow $100,000 for improvements.

Authorizing the opening of Locust street, Pittsburgh.

Changing the name of Back street, Kittanning, to Grant avenue.

Incorporating the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, capital $100,000, to hold land in Butler and adjoining counties.

Supplement to act relative to the draining of wet and sprouty lands, extending the same to the draining of coal and other mines in Westmoreland, Armstrong and Somerset counties.

Incorporating the Union Grocery, Produce and Variety Co-operative Association of Brownsville, Fayette county, capital $75,000.

Incorporating the Philadelphia, New York and Boston Steamship Company, capital $100,000, with the privilege of increasing to $1,000,000.

Changing the name of Kittanning University to Columbia University.

Incorporating Apollo Cemetery, Armstrong county.

Incorporating St. Paul's Orphans' Home near Butler.

A supplement for the Ben. Franklin Insurance Company, Allegheny city, increasing the number of Directors to fifteen and authorizing the present Directors to appoint eight additional Directors till the next election.

Preventing fishing with nets or seines in streams of Beaver county for five years hereafter.

Incorporating Petroleum Calcium Gas Light Company of Pennsylvania, to supply cities, towns, &c., capital two hundred thousand dollars, office at Kittanning, Armstrong county.

Supplement for People's Savings Bank, Pittsburgh, repealing section seventh of the charter, and authorizing dividends out of the net earnings.

Adjourned till Monday.

Notaries Public for Allegheny County.

The following appointments of Notaries Public for Allegheny county were made by the Governor to-day: John Ramsey, Allegheny City; Gilbert McMaster, Philip R. Moris, George W. Thompson and Charles C. Taylor, Pittsburgh; Frederick M. McGee, Oakland; J. R. Jacques, East Birmingham.

Free Tickets from Republican State Convention.

Delegates to the Philadelphia State Republican Convention, traveling over the Pennsylvania Central, and paying full fare, will be furnished free tickets by Colonel Jordan for returning home.

HARRISBURG, March 9, 1868.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. MANN, Republican, of Potter, moved that when the House adjourns to-morrow it adjourn to meet on Friday morning. Agreed to.

BOOM AND DAM IN THE ALLEGHENY RIVER.

The bill authorizing the construction and maintenance of a boom and dam in the Allegheny river, in Carrydon township, Warren county, passed finally as it came from the Senate.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. GALLAGHER, Westmoreland: Authorizing the assessment of a tax to repay money borrowed to pay bounties in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county; also, extending the general fee bill of 1865 to Westmoreland county for two years more.

By Mr. FORD, Allegheny: Authorizing the appointment of an Inspector of stationary steam engines and steam boilers in Allegheny county by the Judges of the Courts, acting with an advisory Committee, and defining the duties of said Inspector; also, incorporating the borough of Ormsby, Allegheny county.

By Mr. SMITH, Allegheny: supplement to the act of 1867, relating to Manchester borough, repealing so much of said act as annexes a portion of McClure township to said borough.

By Mr. NICHOLSON, Beaver: Exempting the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Beaver borough, from taxation; also, incorporating the borough of Baden, in Economy township, Beaver county. This last bill passed finally.

SENATE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. ERRETT, Allegheny: Restraining unlicensed peddling in Turtle Creek borough, Allegheny county.

By Mr. SEARIGHT, Fayette: Incorporating the Monongahela Association of Baptist Churches; also, extending the time for the payment of enrollment tax on an act incorporating the Dollar Savings Bank of Uniontown, Fayette county.

Sudden Death—Coroner's Inquest.

Thomas McCoy, an old resident of the city, died suddenly at his residence in Armstrong's row, in the Ninth ward, on Saturday. The deceased was fifty-six years of age and had been afflicted with heart disease. Dr. Adair was called in to see him immediately, and stated that apoplexy was the cause of his death. Coroner Clawson held an inquest on the body and the jury rendered a verdict of death from natural causes.

Latest Cable Dispatches.

The Alabama Claims.

Important Debate in the English Parliament.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 5.—A large meeting of friends of D'Israeli was held at his official residence last night. Nearly all of the leading Tory members of Parliament were present. The proceedings were not made public, but the meeting is regarded as a favorable indication of the strength of the new Premier.

DUBLIN, March 5.—The Lord Lieutenant has released from confinement W. Johnson, Grand Secretary of the Orangemen, who was sentenced to fine and imprisonment for leading the illegal procession.

LONDON, March 5.—*Midnight.*—In the House of Commons this evening D'Israeli appeared for the first time since the resignation of Earl Derby. Upon entering the House he was received with loud cheers from both government and opposition benches. D'Israeli soon afterwards rose, and after giving notice of the introduction of certain measures relating to Scotland and Ireland, referred to the retirement of Earl Derby, saying his colleagues were both to sever their connection with such a leader. No language could express their estimate of the character and career of such a chief, and they all most earnestly hoped for his restoration to health and power. D'Israeli then proceeded to say Her Majesty had been pleased to entrust him with the task of forming a government, and he should not decline the gracious offer, accompanied as it was by the generous support of his colleagues. In domestic affairs the policy of Lord Derby during the last two years of his administration would be followed by the new Ministry, and in foreign affairs the policy of Lord Stanley would be adhered to. This would be a policy of peace; not one of isolation, but one of generous sympathy and regard for our own interests and those of other nations. Such a policy would receive the influence or dignity of England. Based as it was upon esteem and respect, the domestic policy of the new government would be a liberal one. [Cheers and laughter.] Recognizing national traits as the best security against institutions, he regretted the necessity of continuing the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* in Ireland; but as Lord Derby said on a public occasion, such action was the only safeguard against unscrupulous foreign confederations. Such a suspension of the privileges of the writ was not incompatable with the gentle exercise of the law, and he was of the opinion that the grievances of Ireland should be treated with a tender regard for that country. After a few more explanations, not of general importance, D'Israeli resumed his seat amid applause.

Mr. Horsereis, member for Kilmarnock, said the policy of Earl Derby, referred to by the Premier, was uncertain. If it meant retention of office only, the new government would meet with serious opposition in the House of Lords.

Earl Malmesbury said the removal of Irish grievances would come up for discussion on Tuesday next. After announcing the change in the Government, he added its policy would remain unaltered.

Earl Russell declared that no confidence could be placed in a policy which was always saying one thing and meaning another. He said the liberal members had given their support to Lord Derby, in forming his policy, for the reduction of the franchise, but none in reality had been made. Such a mode of educating a party was unprecedented.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS DISCUSSED.

LONDON, March 7.—In the House of Commons last evening, after the transaction of other business, Mr. Shaw Lefevre, Member for Reading, called attention to the question of the Alabama claims. He made a long and eloquent speech, urging the settlement of this vexed question on the plan proposed by the American Government. In calling for the papers on the subject, and in moving the consideration of the question, he disclaimed any feeling of prejudice. All future negotiations would be add to the complications already existing. He (Lefevre) regretted the civil war in the United States to its happy termination. He said the firing on Fort Sumter evoked the famous proclamation of President Lincoln, and in less than a month the issuing of that proclamation Great Britain had recognized the Southern insurgents as belligerents. They had no fleets, but purchased their ships in our ports. These ships, notwithstanding the vigorous measures of our Government to stop them, eluded our vigilance and went to sea, and were hospitably received at British Colonial ports. They captured and destroyed during the war more than two hundred American vessels. In less than two years the United States flag was literally driven from the seas, while the commerce of Great Britain was doubled. For this reason he thought we ought to treat these claims speedily. They were made in 1862, by American Minister Adams. After a warm eulogium on the course of the United States, he said an arbitration of the matter had been proposed by the American Government, but was refused by Earl Russell, who denied the suggestion. Lord Stanley might have taken no other course, but the Tories had changed on the question of household suffrage. The question of recognition by England was one full of right. If there were a right, they might safely be referred. But Lord Stanley insisted that the responsibility of England was only a moral one in the Alabama case. He thought the less said about morality on this question the better. He regarded the breaking out of a war between England and the United States as extremely unlikely, but he thought on the other hand that all needless irritation should be shunned.

Lord Stanley took the floor. He replied to the caustic tone of Mr. Lefevre, and warmly complimented Minister Adams for the spirit he had displayed. "He said we could not make indiscriminate concession, but would learn the right of the case. There never was a case where there was more need to understand the points. Much allowance was to be made to the feelings of the United States. Great Britain, in the same case, (with five hundred millions of debt, contracted through a civil war, to which a million lives had been lost,) might appreciate the matter better than mere lookers on only. He thought England had been utterly neutral; but no neutrality would have pleased America. What the United States wanted was neutrality, coupled with warm sympathy and support. The Queen was ready to arbitrate and submit all questions, but the great point recognizing the belligerent rights of the South. Nobody contends that at no time the South acquired them. If not, why deny the right of Great Britain to to recognize them at the time she did? The Confederate ship Alabama did not sail from England until 1862, and the battle of Bull Run was fought in 1861. Admitting it was wrong for Great Britain to recognize the South, would the United States Government say that its case against the Alabama had been altered had Great Britain made a declaration of neutrality six, rather than eleven months before she sailed? The speaker referred to the speech of Daniel Webster in the United States Senate, on the subject of recognizing Hungary, in support of his argument. How could England refuse to recognize a war which Secretary Seward himself had announced to be a civil war, twelve days before the proclamation? Who could complain if England had recognized a civil war which the United States had admitted some weeks before? In conclusion, he thought a friendly adjustment of the difficulty still practicable. He deprecated the debate. The friendly reception of Mr. Thornton at Washington was a pledge of peace. The Ministers are ready to leave the question to the people of the entire world.

Mr. Forster, member from Bradford, thought Mr. Seward's view of the question of the recognition of the Alabama claims deserved better treatment and more careful consideration, as being, perhaps, the view that was right and sensible. He complained of the abrupt disposition of the question which had been made when the universal wish in the United Kingdom was for its speedy settlement. He thought had any influential statesman been sent to the United States as Minister, the point might have been already adjusted.

John Stewart Mill was the next speaker. He regarded the present condition of the question as the result of a mutual mistake. The real question was whether England was bound to prevent such expenditions as that of the Alabama. He denied that the United States claimed, or could claim that the recognition of the South was a violation of law, but that it was an unfriendly, rash and unprecedented act. The American Government only pressed the point for the purpose of showing that but for the unfriendly action of England the Alabama depredations would not have occurred. Mr. Mill thought an arbiter between the two countries was needless, and that reparation was fairly due to the United States. He concluded by endorsing the appointment of a mixed commission for the proper adjustment of the question.

Mr. Gladstone, member for South Lancashire, thanked Mr. Lefevre for his able speech, and Lord Stanley for his temperate reply. He (Mr. Gladstone,) could not understand why the negotiation was ended. Nor could he agree with Mr. Mill that Lord Stanley had admitted reparation was due, or that an arbiter would surely decide against England. For himself he doubt ed if reparation for the Alabama depredations was due the United States. It was unquestionably right that the point should be referred to commission, but if the Government feared such a reference it should settle the matter at once, or leave the decision with an umpire. Mr. Gladstone inferred from the closing sentence of Lord Stanley, that communications between the two Governments were not closed, and that the friendly feelings between the United States and England would be preserved. He concluded by saying, if his inferences was correct, the whole country would sustain Lord Stanley in a just and honorable settlement of the case. The debate ended with Mr. Gladstone's remarks.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS ON THE DEBATE.

LONDON, March 7.—Nearly all the leading papers have editorials this morning on the subject of the remarkable debate in the House of Commons last evening on the Alabama question.

The Times says the debate must convince the United States Government that England wishes to settle the law in this case in the American sense, and that the failure of Great Britain to refer the claims was prompted by a desire to maintain her just obligations. Mr. Seward has only to meet Lord Stanley in a like spirit to end the misunderstanding.

The tone of the articles in the other journals is generally the same.

FENIANS OFFERED PARDON AND REFUSE IT.

It is reported the Fenian prisoners who were captured recently at Dungarven were offered pardon on condition they would give their parcels to leave the Kingdom. It is further reported the prisoners unanimously refused assent to this proposition.

Earl Malmesbury has been placed around Newgate, where Burke, Casey and Shaw are confined. Their trials have been set down for next month.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

In the Commons last evening Charles Gilpin, member for the Borough of Northampton, gave notice of a bill to abolish the death penalty.

Lord Stanley submitted further official notes about Mexico.

Our net receipts into Committee of supply. Earl Mayo said he hoped the debate on the condition of Ireland would end by Friday next, so that the House might be ready to consider the question of Irish reform.

LONDON, March 7.—Marquis Pepoli, formerly French Minister to Russia, has been appointed to Great Britain in the same capacity.

G. W. Hunt, M. P., who resigned his seat when he went into the Cabinet, has been re-elected from Northamptonshire. He will soon bring a bill before Parliament for the purchase by the government of all telegraphs in the Kingdom.

"SOUTH AMERICA."

LIVERPOOL, March 5.—The South American mail steamer, which touched at Lisbon, has arrived here.

Details from the Rio Parana are important. The good fortune of the Paraguayans continued. The Brazilians made several attempts to cut the communications of Generals Gelly and the Gran Chaco, but failed, and in the engagements which took place Lopez gained fresh advantages.

General Alexander Asboth, Minister and resident of the United States at Buenos Ayres, died after a protracted illness.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, March 5.—Late dispatches from China and Japan are received via India. The civil war in Japan raged with great violence. Several combats had taken place between the troops of Shagoon and the Dianos, which were attended with heavy losses of life, and great excesses were committed on both sides. In consequence of the insecure condition of the country, the ministers of Foreign powers had all left Osaca.

HEAVY RUNS IN THE S-E-T.

General Preston Threatened—Breaking Up of the Row—Damage to Property—Arrest of Rowdies.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, March 7.—The ruins of the past two days extended all over the northwest, and a general freshet is threatened. Already much of the country is flooded, and some damage is reported.

OTTAWA, March 7.—A heavy rain prevailed nearly all last night, during which the ice in the river broke up, carrying away about two hundred feet of a temporary railroad bridge across the river, Three persons are missing.

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 7.—The ice broke up this morning, causing great excitement along the banks. The buildings and bridges at the water power. The water is higher than ever before.

AURORA, Ill., March 7.—By the breaking of the ice gorge here the impounding several dams and bridges were considerably damaged. The loss as far as known exceeds twenty thousand dollars. The river in this section are higher than they have been for years.

MUSCATINE, Iowa, March 7.—The ice in the Mississippi river at this point started twice to-day, moving however but a short distance. A high wind prevailed during the day. Freezing a little to-night.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—A very heavy wind and rain storm prevailed in this vicinity yesterday noon. Large streams of water ran along the streets, many cellars were inundated, and a large number of basements and cellars flooded. The roof of the First Presbyterian Church was blown down, and a portion of the roof taken off. Several chimneys and small buildings were also moliished. Signs, lumber and splinters flew in all directions. The rain cut great gullies in low lots, and also caused heavy land slides in the streets where paving was being done. It was the heaviest storm ever known in this locality. No estimate of the damage has yet been made.

DOUBLE MURDER.

Attack Upon a Family, and Two Sons Killed—Attempt to Kill the Father —The Murderer Arrested.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

INDIANAPOLIS, March 9.—A most horrible double murder was committed near Anderson, Ind., Saturday afternoon. The murderer, George Stotler, went to the house of an old man, named Eisenagle, and requested the loan of a horse to attend a funeral. Being refused he swore vengeance against the family, but went away. Some time during the evening he returned and commenced abusing the family, and was ordered to leave the house, which he refused to do. Mr. Eisenagle's sons, William and Isaac, aged respectively sixteen and nineteen, undertook to eject him from the house, when a scuffle ensued, during which Stotler drew a pocket knife and stabbed William four times, penetrating the heart and killing him instantly. He then caught Isaac, threw him on a bed and stabbed him in the heart, causing instant death. He next went into another room, where the old man was lying on a bed, and attempted to stab him, but the old man struck him with a stick of wood and broke the knife. He then left the house and fled to the woods, but was arrested yesterday and is now in jail at Anderson.

Stotler is said to be a desperate character. He was not intoxicated at the time of the murder, but had been drinking.

Summons of the Impeachment Court.

Official Public Debt Statement.

Report on Whisky Frauds.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1868.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT ROME.

The Secretary of State sent a communication to the Senate, in reply to a resolution of that body, on the subject of the alleged interference of our Consul in Rome in the late difficulties in Italy. The last letter from the Consul declares that he went out to join the Papal troops armed with his own rifle. He received permission from the Commanding General to join and accompany the moving column of mobilized troops, simply as a spectator. In endeavoring to render a wounded man assistance he was slightly wounded, and found himself a target for a Garibaldian rifle. Twice he was fired at by the same person, and feeling that unpleasant results might ensue, he picked up a gun for his own protection, when his assailant retreated and ceased his annoy him. Mr. Seward disapproves the conduct of the Consul. No instructions from this government would be necessary to dispense with the Pontifical army in the field, either as a bulwark or spectator. No interest in the matter could be said to be served by it, and no motive could reasonably be assigned for it, except an interest in the cause which the army was engaged, or more curiosity. Mr. Seward concludes: "It will depend on your own better conduct hereafter, or in some part upon the circumstances not yet fully understood, whether the department can be content to leave the case with the reprimand."

ABDUCTION IN CANADA.

In answer to the resolution of February 21, the President transmitted to the Senate copies of the correspondence and papers relating to the abduction of Allen McDonald, a British subject, who was arrested in Canada on a charge of smuggling and carried into the United States by a Sheriff from Michigan on the 5th of October last. After a long correspondence between Mr. Seward, on the 17th of February, addressed a letter to Mr. Thornton, British Minister, in which he says he is authorized to express the disapprobation of this government of the proceedings in the case of McDonald, and to direct that person to be set at liberty in Canada. Mr. Thornton, February 7th, says he has no doubt Her Majesty's government will be made gratified and entirely satisfied with the prompt and friendly manner which has been adopted by the United States Government in this case. He will cheerfully forward the necessary dispatches to Canada.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Execution of Fiele at Parkersburg.

The Murderer on the Scaffold—Probable Extraordinary Harassed by 2,000 Persons—His Confession.

Joseph Fiele alias John Shafer was publicly executed at Parkersburg, West Virginia, Friday last, for the murder of Lillienthal, Teutor and Ulrich. The two former, it will be remembered, were killed at Parkersburg, and the latter at Wheeling. The murderer, it appears, was on friendly terms with his victims, and had no other incentive to commit the awful crime, by which he forfeited his own life, than the acquisition of small sums of money, which he paid out to his creditors as soon as obtained. The following is the confession he made in February, while in jail awaiting trial:

"I, the undersigned, confess from my own free will that I am the murderer of Alois Ulrich, Joseph Lillienthal and Rudolph Teutor, and that I intended also to kill the fourth man [Adolphus Kreiger] but God had not prevented it, for which I thank him on my knees day and night. I want no witnesses and no defense, and cannot really give any reason for my misdeeds, except that the evil spirit led me into temptation, and I could not resist it.

"I beg, also, that no disgrace may attach to my wife, who is free from blame, as I always arranged matters so that she would not have any suspicion. I also pray that those who have any money may think that they will be defrauded. I am anxious to give each man his own as near as possible.

A dispatch from Parkersburg gives the following account of the execution:

PARKERSBURG, March 6.—John Fiele, *alias* John Shafer, the murderer of Lillienthal, Teutor and Ulrich, and the would-be murderer of Major White, all of this city, was hanged this afternoon in a field adjoining the Northwestern pike, about two miles out of town.

The weather was cloudy and wet, and the roads were deep with mud, but notwithstanding this, a crowd of over five thousand persons, on foot, in carriages or riding in wagons, were there to see the execution of one of the most coldblooded murderers known in the annals of crime.

The prisoner, accompanied by his confessor, Father Parks, arrived at the scaffold about 1:30 p. m. He made no address, but handed to a friend a written confession, which is to be published. He maintained a calm and stolid manner, and ascended the gallows with a firm step, showing a rather prepossessing face and presence.

The drop fell at one o'clock, and life was pronounced extinct at twelve minutes later. He did not struggle, and but few convulsive twitches passed through the frame of the murderer, which, if allowed to progress, would result from natural causes. The decay of the pulmonary organs. This is true, recently as far as the lungs are concerned, but also with regard to the diseased spiritual parts. In fact, every one knows that it is suffered in the commencing others of every day life, that he who feeds upon a sin definite period went should be found to be a fool. Such is not the case with an unwise but even a neglectful man. Health is of more consequence than wealth; for of more consequence than the latter is the former. Health is of more consequence than wealth; for of more consequence than the latter is the former. Health is of more consequence than wealth; for of more consequence than the latter is the former