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WE PRINT ON THE inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE: Second page—Poetry, Condensed News, Miscellaneous. Third page—Financial Matters in New York, Markets by Telegraph, Imports, Rice News. Sixth page—Home Markets Finance and Trade. Seventh page—The Continuation of the O'Connor-Tack Great Oil Case.

GEN. BANKS' bill, for the protection of American citizenship abroad, as amended, was passed by the House on Monday, with only five votes in the negative.

The Tennessee friends of Senator FOWLER insist that he will go to the front body of the Republicans in the final vote on impeachment. Mr. FOWLER also denies the truth of the rumors concerning his own vote.

THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL is so near its close that the House exhibits an inclination to resume the public business. The session of Monday was fairly attended and the proceedings interesting. There is evident, among members, an intention to dispose of the questions before them and secure an adjournment at the earliest practicable moment.

OUR Democratic neighbor of the Post claims an instructed majority of their National Convention for Mr. PENNINGTON, on the first ballot, and adds that Gen. HANCOCK "has been squelched since it is known he is Secretary SEWARD's candidate, and endeavoring to travel after the Conservatives, who are supposed to be found in the bread and butter brigade."

THE three States of Arkansas, South Carolina and Louisiana have adopted their new Constitutions, electing State officers and members of Congress. In Georgia and North Carolina the elections are progressing, closing in the former on Friday, and in the latter on Thursday of this week.

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WE ARE INDEBTED to an officer of the "Young Men's Christian Association" of Pittsburgh with its Manchester auxiliary, for a copy of the first Annual Report of that excellent organization.

THE VETERAN DR. R. J. BRECKENRIDGE, of Kentucky, in April, 1864, in a public meeting called at Lexington to consider Governor BRANTLETTE's declared purpose to resist the Federal authority in the enrollment of negroes for the draft in that State, explained with his characteristic candor and ability, the superior obligations of the National authority and the "duty of all officers, civil and military, to obey the law until repealed or amended."

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NOVA SCOTIA has serious objections to her present confederated union with the Canadian Dominion, and urgently insists upon her claims to be remitted to the provincial isolation which she formerly enjoyed.

union of the Canadian provinces, and that the Act of Consolidation will not be re-considered. And the Times reminds the disaffected provincials that consolidation is for their pecuniary advantage; that they should not sacrifice their pockets to their principles, and that, as an integral part of that glorious dominion which will, ere long, play a prominent part in the politics of America, a future of prosperity and power awaits her.

DEATH OF J. HERON FOSTER. We are pained to announce this morning the death of Col. J. Heron Foster, editor-in-chief of the Dispatch and senior member of the firm owning that journal, which took place yesterday at noon, at his residence in Allegheny city.

During the winter of 1838-9 he worked on the Pennsylvania Telegraph at Harrisburg, and subsequently on the Daily Advocate, a journal conducted by the late ROBT. M. BIDDLE.

In 1841, at the age of nineteen years, he originated the penny press of this city. For more than a year previous the writer recollects how much interested he was in his project, ruling a sheet of printing paper into "columns," and dividing it into its several departments.

In 1848 Col. FOSTER joined a party of friends and sailed from Baltimore, by way of Cape Horn, to the then inviting fields of California; on landing at San Francisco, with about twenty-five cents in his pockets, he found that something must be done and that without delay; as usual he was not long in adapting himself to circumstances, and commenced at once to play the part of a ferryman, landing passengers from vessels on their arrival, although we question if before that time he had ever had a pair of oars in his hands.

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After spending some time in California he returned to this city for the purpose of settling upon his business and making his permanent home on the Pacific side; but circumstances caused him to change his resolution and to assume editorial duties, from which he was to assume to serve two consecutive terms in the State Legislature. As a legislator he distinguished himself by his perfect integrity, by his vigilant attention to his duties, rarely, if ever, absent from his place, and from his methodical habits, which enabled him to keep himself so remarkably well posted in the business of the House, that the writer here has known members come to his desk to enquire about private bills they had in charge rather than go to the Clerk.

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His many fine qualities as a soldier and a gentleman of kind heart and liberal hand will be freshly remembered by "the old 13th."

Col. FOSTER was of delicate constitution from his early childhood, and those who knew him best thought he was imprudent in exposing himself to the hardships of an army campaign, but throughout, his indomitable will seemed to neutralize his physical weakness and carried him through safely major to the end. He was made brevet Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel for gallantry on the field of battle. He filled the position of Provost Marshal of this District with credit, honor and distinction during the closing years of the rebellion.

Col. FOSTER was the possessor of no ordinary intellect. His greatest fault, if any

it be, was that which made him tenaciously clinging to any theory or principle which he deemed right and proper, honest and truthful. Friendly to the friends, champion of the weak, advocate of the right, he passed through an eventful life without incurring the hatred of any, beloved and respected by all.

SAFETY ON RAILWAYS. The duplication of the Angola disaster, of last winter, on the Erie Railway, a few days since, has naturally given a fresh impetus to the discussion of the best means for protecting travelers upon railroads.

1. Railway transportation, even in this country, with all the imperfections existing in the construction and management of roads, is the safest that has ever been used.

2. But this consideration, important as it is, does not cover the whole case. The people are entitled to the very highest degree of safety, of which the railway system is susceptible, and for which they are willing to pay either in money or time.

3. Many precautions against railway catastrophes are impracticable, simply on the score of cost. Rates cannot be obtained by the companies which would enable them to incur the expense.

4. Railway Companies take all the precautions against calamities which their earnings will allow, after satisfying the claims of stockholders.

5. Geographical conditions and the actual distribution of population is another element of railway insecurity in this country, as compared with the degree of safety attained in Europe.

6. The Superintendent of the Erie Railway, in a recent report, stated that the track was in such a condition as to make it unsafe to run passenger trains at a higher rate of speed than fifteen miles an hour.

7. If there was a power competent to bring this road to a stand still, the effect would be to put up rates; for the other two trunk lines would take all the business, and be able to make their own terms.

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Attempted Highway Robbery. About twelve o'clock last night "Baboon" Kearney, attempted to commit highway robbery, but was foiled in his design by the timely appearance of Lieutenant McCoy of the night force.

Mr. James Fleming died suddenly at his residence on Magee street, Seventh ward, about eleven o'clock yesterday.

About nine o'clock last night an alarm of fire was given from box 52, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Pride streets, which proved to be false.

Child Drowned.—Coroner's Inquest. A very distressing accident occurred at Troy Hill yesterday morning, resulting in the death of Joseph Maug, son of Nicholas Maug, aged two years and nine months.

Illicit Distilling.—Another Seizure. The vinegar establishment of Mr. Arthur Ballou, on First street, near Cherry alley, was seized by S. Collector Volk, on information made by officer George Keyser, charging Mr. Ballou with illicit distilling.

Another Den of Vice.—Jerry Brown made information before Alderman Donnelly, the chief of the police, charging John and Mary Prior with keeping a bawdy house.

Fire this Morning.—The alarm of fire this morning, between one and two o'clock, was occasioned by the partial burning of the Fort Pitt Foundry on Erie street.

Insane Man Committed.—Yesterday morning Jacob Bonner arrived in the city from the Six Mile Ferry, having in charge Frank Kahl, an insane man.

Illegal Liquor Selling.—John Muhler made information before Alderman Donnelly, yesterday, charging Thomas Campbell with selling liquor on Sunday.

Death from Accident.—Last night Mr. Lewis K. youngest son of John and Susan Foster, aged nineteen years, died from the effects of a fall from the roof of the Seventh Ward School House, where he was engaged at work, on Friday last.

Progress of Art. Art has by no means exhausted itself either in the ornamental or mechanical departments. In the latter particularly where usefulness and beauty are both combined, astonishing progress has been made in the last few years.

The following deeds were filed of record, before H. Snively, Esq., Recorder, April 20th, 1868:

Benjamin & Taylor to Thomas Lemmon, Jan. 21, 1868, lot 21 of the village of Allegheny, 100 x 200 feet, containing 20,000 sq. ft. in Colwell's plan, on record, 20th 77 feet, 200 feet long, 100 feet wide.

At a meeting of the Water Committee of City Councils, held Monday evening, relative to the improvement in the Water Works, it was resolved to advertise for proposals for the work as follows: In this work, there are to be put in four boilers adapted to the present works, and equal in capacity to those erected in 1866.

Would Not Have Him.—Yesterday morning officer Joseph Cupples arrested a boy, about twelve years of age, in the act of robbing a till in a grocery store in the Ninth ward.

Larceny by Bailor.—Ed. Nau made information before Alderman Mullin, yesterday, charging William Mall with larceny by bailor.

Assault and Battery.—Peter Helfrich made information before Alderman Mullin, charging Jacob and Fred Litzsaj, Abraham Schrader, Michael Miller, Michael Bauer, and Victor Zurcher, with assault and battery.

Surety of the Peace.—Allegio Manning yesterday made information before Alderman Thomas against John McDermitt for surety of the peace.

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