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TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

Osage Treaty Resolutions—The Union Pacific Railroad, Central Branch Discussed—Ex-Rebels Defeated in the House—Resolution of Thanks to Hon. Edwin M. Stanton Finally Passed, &c., &c.

[By Telegraph to Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, June 19, 1868.

On motion of Mr. MORGAN, the adverse vote of yesterday on the bill for the relief of certain exporters of rum and alcohol was reconsidered.

Mr. COLE moved an amendment to include whisky exported from the Pacific coast to Amoor river under similar contracts, which was rejected, and the bill then passed—26 to 14.

The Chair laid before the Senate the resolution passed by the House yesterday denouncing the land treaty with the Osage Indians, which were read.

Mr. SUMNER said the resolutions related to a matter that should properly come before the Senate in Executive Session. They were transferred to the Executive Session and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. HOWARD, the act relative to the Central Branch of the Union Pacifi railroad was taken up.

Mr. EDMUNDS addressed the Senate in opposition and Mr. HOWARD followed in advocacy of the bill.

Mr. HENDRICKS followed in favor of the bill, which was discussed until ten minutes after 5 o'clock, when, with the understanding that it be again taken up Monday next, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. WASHBURNE, Indiana, from the Committee on Military, reported a bill in relation to additional bounties. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

Mr. BANKS presented resolutions of the State of Massachusetts relative to a ship canal connecting Lakes Erie and Ontario. Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. KITCHEN, from the Committee on Military, reported a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to examine and report on certain claims of the State of New York. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

The bill regulating the carriage of passengers on steamships and on other vessels was passed.

The House proceeded, as business of the morning hour, to the consideration of the bill for the extension of the wood screw patents of Thomas W. Harvey, the question being on the motion of Mr. Stevens, Pa., to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. MYERS withdrew the demand for the previous question, in order that an explanation might be made in regard to the bill. He said he had been instructed by a unanimous vote of the Committee on Patents to report the bill—that there was perhaps more merit in it than in any other bill reported for the extension of a patent.

The SPEAKER answered that in the absence of Mr. Stevens the motion could not be withdrawn.

Mr. GARFIELD said if it were withdrawn he would renew it.

Mr. FARNSWORTH demanded the yeas and nays, saying this bill had been killed three times already.

After discussion the vote was taken and the bill was not laid on the table—yeas 49, nays 81.

After debate the bill was rejected—yeas 64, nays 71.

The morning hour having expired, Mr. FARNSWORTH, from the Conference Committee on the bill removing political disabilities from certain persons in Southern States made a report in favor of striking out the names of Geo. S. Houston, of Alabama, and Geo. W. Jones, of Tennessee.

Mr. BECK, of the minority of the Committee, opposed the report and spoke of the high character of the two men who were excluded by it. He knew no reason for it, if it were not that Mr. Jones might probably be regarded as a dangerous competitor for Congress in the District in which he lived.

Mr. FARNSWORTH defended the report. He said that when the Senate amendment was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, that Committee naturally consulted members from Tennessee as to the condition of Mr. Jones' mind, and came to the conclusion from what they said that until Mr. Jones asked to be relieved from disabilities it was not worth while for Congress to tender amnesty to him. He did not inquire into the politics of a man proposed to be relieved, but he did inquire as to whether he was acting with the loyal people of the United States or was acting with rebels of the South.

After further discussion the bill was defeated by a vote of yeas 77, nays 55, less than two-thirds voting for it. A motion to reconsider the matter was made and deferred till Monday next.

The House then proceeded to business on the Speaker's table, and disposed thereof, as follows:

The Senate amendment to the House joint resolution for turning over damaged ordnance for the Lincoln monument. Agreed to.

Senate amendments to the House bill to amend the act of March 25th, 1864, providing for carrying the mails from the United States to foreign ports, were concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill to continue the Freedmen's Bureau. Concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill to extend the boundaries of the Collection District of Philadelphia, so as to include the whole consolidated city of Philadelphia. Concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill relating to the Supreme Court of the United States. Concurred in.

Senate amendments to the House bill in relation to Collection District in Michigan. Concurred in.

Senate amendments to the House bill for the relief of certain exporters of distilled spirits, by striking out the word "alcohol." Concurred in.

The concurrent Senate resolution giving thanks of Congress to Edwin M. Stanton. Passed—102 to 24.

The Senate joint resolution authorizing a change of mail service from horse service to post coach service between Fort Abercrombie and Helena, Montana, came up for consideration. A discussion ensued.

Mr. DELANO moved it be tabled.

Without disposing of the motion the House adjourned.

THE RACE.

Coulter Breaks an Oar and Stops on the Third Stroke—Hamill Goes Over the Course and Claims the Race—The Stakes Awarded to Hamill.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19, 1868.

The excitement regarding the race subsided yesterday, and while many hundred persons lined the banks of the Schuylkill to-day to witness the final test between Hamill and Coulter, still the general interest had subsided. At four o'clock both men made their appearance in their boats and were greeted with a mild form of applause from their respective friends. Both dipped their oars at the word "go," but Coulter unfortunately broke his right oar in two on the third stroke and stopped. Hamill rowed on over the course and come back leisurely to the judges' boat, and claimed the race. Coulter rowed to the shore, got in a buggy, and was driven to his quarters. It is claimed, according to the rules of the course, that Hamill is justly entitled to the stakes and championship, although many of his friends say he will not accept the decision in his favor under such circumstances. The referee and judges meet to make up their minds, at the Girard House, to-night. All public interest is lost in the affair, and aquatic sport is away down below par. K.

SECOND DISPATCH.

Hamill has been awarded the stakes and declared the winner. He hesitated to accept the award but his friends urged him to do so, as it is in strict keeping with the rules of the course. Another race will probably at once be arranged. Very little excitement prevails here over the result. The Coulter men are very sore, while everybody, who is not pecuniarily interested, is heartily disgusted with the whole affair. Most of the Pittsburghers leave for home to-night. K.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, June 19, 1868.

There was another failure in the boat race to-day. Coulter broke one of his oars on the third pull, and Hamill pulled slowly over the course. The race attracted little attention.

LATEST.

Hamill was declared the winner. Time thirty-eight minutes and twenty seconds.

New York City Matters.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, June 19.—The steamship Erie, from Liverpool, arrived.

The assault case of Mrs. Pollard against the Crotty women was dismissed yesterday. Pollard has filed a complaint against his wife for threatening his life.

A large number of valuable presents from different German societies in the West and other parts of the United States continue to be received by the Committee in charge of such things for the forthcoming Schutzenfest.

A National Convention of working men is called to be held in this city on July 2d, to take into consideration what course shall be pursued by them in the present political campaign.

Ex-Governor Seymour has arrived here and is already working up Convention affairs with Mr. Belmont. Mr. Pendleton is expected here next week, positively, and it is said he will be tendered a breakfast by the Manhattan Club in order to get a little speech out of him.

All the great men in the country nearly have been invited to the grand banquet to be given to the Chinese Embassy next Tuesday.

Mrs. D. B. W. Marble, the accomplished wife of the editor of the *World*, was buried at Brooklyn to-day.

Madame Lagrange goes to Europe next week, to stay for several years.

The annual regatta of the New York Yacht Club was concluded to-day. The sloop Gussie, forty-seven tons, owned and built by Henry Steers, sailed the forty miles to the light-ship and back in four hours and thirty-three minutes, and won the cup. The sloop White Wing, one hundred and fifty-three tons, carried away her centre board on the west bank. The schooner Maggie, one hundred and twelve tons, won the schooner cup, by allowance of time, her actual time being four hours and twenty-three minutes—the schooner Idler, one hundred and thirty-three tons, being second, and her time four hours twenty and a half minutes; the Silver, one hundred and six tons, third, in four hours and twenty-five minutes; and Rambler, one hundred and sixty-four tons, fourth, in four hours and thirty minutes.

The following are the names of the killed by the boiler explosion last night: Charles Schildenglish, Joseph Ward, Wm. Rainer, Thos. Keating and one unknown.

Gov. Fenton will preside at the banquet to the Chinese Embassy on the 23d inst.

The Committee of Arrangements for the Democratic National Convention will not meet until two days before the assemblage of the Convention, when arrangements will be made for the distribution of tickets of admission.

The Court of Appeals has decided that the Board of Health has no power to forbid slaughtering in built up portions of the city, and to forbid the driving of cattle through the streets.

The President has pardoned Joseph Hasbrouck, cashier of the First National Bank of Hudson, who has served one year of a term of five years imprisonment for embezzlement.

The prize money for the British ship Cheshire, captured in 1861 by the war steamer Augusta, while running the blockade of Charleston, and amounting to $60,000, is now ready for distribution.

The argument in the case against the Sioux Railroad was continued to-day.

Gen. Grant and family leave Washington on Wednesday for Cheyenne.

Illicit Whiskey Stills Seized—Case of Mr. Geo. H. Stuart.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—Several seizures of small illicit whiskey stills were made this morning in Fort Richmond.

The Commission appointed to inquire into the expulsion of Mr. Geo. H. Stuart from the Presbytery, is now in session.

The Campaign in Missouri.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—The political campaign was opened to-night, by the delivery of an address by Carl Schurz, before the Young Man's Republican Club, at Mercantile Library Hall. The audience was quite large, and the address applauded, but not much enthusiasm has yet been aroused in political circles.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

FROM EUROPE.

Proposed Honors to Abyssinian Troops—Art Treasures of Venice—New Sovereign for Servia—Newspapers Libelled.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, June 19.—*Midnight.*—In the House of Lords this evening Earl Edinburg, in some remarks on the Abyssinian expedition, suggested that on account of the unusual character of the service performed by the troops, special honors be paid to them upon their return from the scene of the exploit.

Earl of Malmsbury, in reply, said that the Ministry had not yet considered the point.

The Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief of the army, expressed the opinion that unusual honors to the members of the Abyssinian expedition would be a bad precedent.

The subject then dropped.

The London *Telegraph* has been condemned in £960 for the publication of a libel.

FRANCE.

PARIS, June 19.—A solemn requiem mass was performed here to-day in commemoration of Ex-Emperor Maximillian, it being the anniversary of his execution at Queretaro. The Ex-Empress Carlotta and Mrs. Gen. Miramon and a large number of Mexicans were present.

Mr. Clusert, editor of the *Journal of Art*, has been condemned to two months imprisonment in jail and a fine of 1,000 francs for an article published in that paper.

SERVIA.

LONDON, June 19.—It appears the announcement that Prince Milan, nephew of the late sovereign of Servia, had been proclaimed ruler of that principality, was an error. The *Memorial Diplomatique* says the powers have agreed to leave Servia free to choose her own Prince. The selection of Milan was considered a certainty.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, June 19.—Negotiations have been renewed between Austria and Italy for the final disposition of art treasures at Venice.

The Emperor Francis Joseph and Baron Beust are about to make a visit to Prague.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, June 19—*Evening.*—Consols for money, 94⅞@95. Accounts, 5. Bonds, 73⅝. Illinois Central, 100¼. Erie, 45¾.

FRANKFORT, June 19.—Bonds, 77⅝@77⅞.

LIVERPOOL, June 19.—Cotton closed active and higher; sales of 20,000 bales; uplands, 11⅝@11¾d.; Orleans, 11⅝@11¾d.; the stock afloat is estimated at 561,000 bales, including 71,000 bales of American. Breadstuffs quiet. Naval stores dull. Tallow, 45s. Other markets unchanged.

ANTWERP, June 19.—Petroleum firmer and unchanged.

"Reconstruction" in Louisiana.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—A telegram from Gen. Grant has been promulgated by Gen. Buchanan, in the form of an order, for the instruction and guidance of all concerned.

General Grant approves General Buchanan's course, saying that civil officers elected cannot be installed until the State is admitted, and until then the State government is provisional and entirely under the control of Gen. Buchanan, and leaves matters as to oaths to be taken by the new officers, &c., entirely to Gen. Buchanan's judgment, suggesting that the oaths prescribed by the new Constitution only should be required. This suggestion if adopted, will permit many officers to qualify who could not otherwise do so.

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—To-morrow the *Republican* will contain a proclamation by the Registration Board modifying those previously issued to conform to the Omnibus bill, providing the Governor elect shall convene the Assembly after the bill becomes a law, conforming to that part relating to the inauguration of civil officers in the same bill.

The case of George Ruby, colored member of the Texas Convention and delegate to the Chicago Convention, against the steamship Morgan for five thousand dollars damages, for refusing him admission to cabin passage on the trip from Galveston to Brashear City, was decided to-day by Judge Durell, awarding seven thousand five hundred dollars damages.

Upon learning of General Grant's endorsement of General Buchanan's action, Ex-Mayor Heath's attorney inquired if it would affect the pending writ of *quo warranto* against the Mayor. Commanding General Buchanan replied that the writ would not be allowed to take its course.

Matters in California.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SANFRANCISCO, June 18.—The first samples of new wheat have reached this city and are of excellent quality.

The last gap in the railroad connection between California and Nevada was closed last evening after eight o'clock. The laying of the track for the space of six miles was delayed by snow. But the Central Pacific Railroad is now in operation from Sacramento to Reno, near Virginia City, one hundred and fifty miles. About the first of June boats will run to Big Bend, on Truckee river, Nevada, one hundred and eighty miles east of Sacramento. Grading is rapidly progressing across the desert from Big Bend to Humbolt Lake, and the whole force of laborers will be at once moved on the line to Salt Lake. This portion of the road can be built as rapidly as that east of the Rocky Mountains. The Company is putting forth every exertain to reach Salt Lake before the Union Pacific, and expect to be there July 4th, 1869.

Georgia State Items.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ATLANTA, June 19.—The *Constitutionalist* contains a card of General Gordon declining the use of his name for the United States Senate.

A large number of persons from this section will go to the New York Convention.

Twenty-eight prisoners from Columbus are here under guard, some of them in close cells. It is said they are charged with the Ashburn assassination, and were arrested at the instance of a Washington City detective.

The crop prospects are not flattering, on account of the dry weather.

The first lot of new wheat sold here yesterday at $2,10 per bushel.

THE CAPITAL.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, June 19, 1868.

FALSE RUMORS.

There is no foundation for the report published here this afternoon that Mr. McCulloch to-day transmitted to the President his resignation as Secretary of the Treasury.

ADDITIONAL PAY TO ARMY OFFICERS.

The House Committee on Military Affairs had under consideration to-day a bill proposing to give officers of the army thirty-three and one-third additional pay. No action was reached. The subject will be resumed next Thursday. There is little prospects of such a bill becoming a law.

CALLED ON GRANT.

Hon. Anson Burlingame called on Gen. Grant at army headquarters, this morning, and had an interview.

Washington Topics and Gossip.

The President has approved the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Messrs. Butler and Bingham are still at work on their report, but owing to an unpleasant *hiatus* in the evidence they will not be able to close it for some days.

The whisky and tobacco tax bill is to be reported next Monday, and it is quite probable that it will be passed without delay as all the members are anxious for an early adjournment.

Mr. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, has been confirmed as Minister to Bolivia.

Mr. Chase denies that he has asked the President to remove Secretary McCulloch. The Chief Justice went to Baltimore to-day.

Captain Hazzard, Postmaster at Monongahela city, has been removed for publishing an article on impeachment that did not please Postmaster General Randall.

Fessenden, Ross and Mrs. Cobb called on the President yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hoe has got the Congressional Committee to extend his patents on the cylinder press for ten years.

Mr. C. M. Donovan, a well known Democratic politician of Philadelphia, has been appointed revenue agent for Texas, vice Slonaker removed.

General Grant is in his office to-day.

AFFAIRS IN CANADA.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MONTREAL, June 19.—Hon. Messrs. Quimet and Archambault have both resigned their place in the Quebec Government.

It is reported that the military authorities have decided to pull down all the fortifications at Quebec.

Letters from Rome give accounts of great privations and sufferings among the Zouaves who recently left the Dominion to engage in the service of the Pope.

The 16th Rifles left for Quebec to-day to work in the fortifications. The 78th Highlanders will follow in a few days. There are only two regiments now here.

The steamship Moravian arrived last night with drafts for different regiments, numbering in all about 1,200 men.

The weather is excessively hot and several cases of sun stroke have occurred.

TORONTO, June 19.—A large quantity of military stores, direct from Woolwich, arrived here for the use of the regulars and volunteers; also, shot and shell for the gunboats.

Pedestrianism.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BOSTON, June 19.—The referee in the hundred mile walking match between McEttrick and Scott has awarded the stakes to the latter, it appearing McEttrick employed a substitute two hours in the night, which materially aided him in doing the task inside of twenty-one hours.

BOSTON, June 19.—The walking match of one hundred miles for a purse of three thousand dollars, between Weston and Topley, the English pedestrian, commenced this afternoon at Mystic Park.

New Railroad Project.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BUFFALO, June 9.—A new railway, to be styled the Buffalo and Southern Railway, is projected, to connect Buffalo and Baltimore by a direct route, making the distance equal to that between Buffalo and Albany. The new road by proper connections will only require one hundred and twenty miles of new rails to be laid. The company has already organized, and pioneer railway engineer Wallace is instructed to survey the route.

The Saengerfest at Chicago.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, June 19.—The additional arrivals to the Saengerfest last night and this morning increase the number of delegates present to about two thousand, representing sixty-one Societies. The rehearsal to-day was far better attended than heretofore, the great attraction being violincello playing of Mollenhauer. The concert to-night will be mainly instrumental.

Boston Items.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BOSTON, June 19.—The officers at the navy yard celebrated the fourth anniversary of the sinking of the Alabama by the Kearsage to-day.

The trial of Andrews for the murder of Holmes will not take place before November. It is understood the grand jury has found an indictment for wilful murder.

Death from Chloroform.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

TROY, N. Y., June 19.—Henry A. Mercer, of Chicago, who was a passenger from New York on the steamer Connecticut last night, took an over-dose of chloroform to quiet a neuralgic affection. He was found insensible in his berth this morning at eleven o'clock. He was an extensive pork operator.

Crops in Maryland.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BALTIMORE, June 19.—Crop reports show them in good condition, but rain is much needed in this portion of the State.

Detroit Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

DETROIT, June 19.—Flour dull and lower; choicest brands selling at $12,25. Wheat firm, holders asking an advance; no important sales.

—A Toronto (Canada) special says: The Government is taking active precautions with respect to all anticipated Fenian raids. Transport trains are being formed on the frontier near Niagara. Brigades of volunteers and regulars are being formed for active service at London, Hamilton and Toronto. Complete provisions are made in the event of the telegraph wires or railroad lines being cut, large quantities of ammunition and camp equipage being sent to the front and all the rural battalions are to be called out for a week's drill; and the city battalions to drill two days per week. The public is getting excited as the twenty-first approaches. The gunboat Herron has gone east.

THE COURTS.

Quarter Sessions Court—Judge Stowe.

John Hanlon was indicted for malicious mischief on oath of Bridget Early. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, but directed defendant to pay the costs.

Bridget Early was tried on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Mrs. Boyle. A verdict of not guilty was rendered, and the costs divided between the parties.

Jacob Fox was tried on an indictment, charging him with assault and battery. Not guilty, defendant to pay the costs.

Isaac Vichenstein was placed on trial on a charge of committing an assault and battery upon his wife. A charge of abandonment was also tried at the same time. Not guilty, defendant to pay the costs.

Henry Fox, tried for assault and battery. A verdict of guilty was rendered, and defendant sentenced to pay a fine of six and a quarter cents and the costs of the prosecution.

Jacob F. Roup was tried on a charge of abandonment preferred by his wife, Mary Roup. He was ordered to pay four dollars a week to the prosecutrix, and to give security in the sum of $300 that he would fulfil the obligation.

Common Pleas—Judge Mellon.

In the case of Patrick Pendergrist and wife vs. William Dillon, for slander, a verdict was found for plaintiffs in the sum of twenty-five dollars.

William McHaffey vs. Adam Wook. This was an action to recover arrears of rent under lease. The jury found for the defendant.

Henry Bier vs. Richard Danver. This was an action to recover damages occasioned by the neglect of defendant in leaving building material on the plank road in Ross township. Plaintiff was driving along the road after night in November last when his horse came in contact with the materials and was severely injured. On trial.

Literary Contest Between the Irving and Philomathean Literary Societies.

The fourth annual contest between the Irving and Philomathean Literary Societies of the Western University was held last evening in the University Hall, at the corner of Ross and Diamond streets. At an early hour in the evening the Hall was filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience, and the Iron City Band, which had been engaged for the occasion, discoursed sweet music while the audience were impatiently awaiting the time to come when the exercises should commence.

At eight o'clock the audience was called to order by the President of the Philomathean Society, James A. Watt, who conducted the exercises, which consisted of declamations, essays, orations and debate. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. H. B. Endsworth, followed with music by the band.

The contestants on Declamation were Willie Thaw of the Irving and George H. Wood of the Philomathean. The President announced that in consequence of sickness Mr. Thaw was not present, and that portion of the exercises would have to be omitted.

Mr. Geo. H. Woods, his competitor, was then introduced, and entertained the audience with "Maclaine's Child," a most excellent selection, which he rendered in a manner highly creditable to himself and his instructors. He was warmly applauded and greeted with a shower of boquets at the conclusion. The band then played a pleasing air, at the close of which Mr. Watt announced that next in order would be the

ESSAYS.

Thomas Lea Nixon, of the Philomathean Society was introduced and read an excellent essay on "What we Want," which was well written and evinced great care and study in its preparation, but it was not read in as good style as it should have been. He was highly applauded, not only by his school mates but by the entire audience, and many of the ladies in token of their appreciation of his effort by throwing innumerable boquets of beautiful flowers upon the stage.

John S. McKee, of the Irving Society, followed with an essay on "Hope," a most excellent production of its character, and read admirably. He too was applauded by the audience, and greeted with a shower of flowery offerings.

ORATION.

J. L. Bigham, of the Irving Society, was next introduced and delivered an original oration, subject, "Selfishness," which gave evidence of deep research and metaphysical inquiry. It was well delivered, and highly applauded by the audience.

Joseph H. Hamilton, of the Philomathean, Mr. Bigham's competitor, was absent on account of sickness, and consequently his part was omitted.

Next in order came the debate. Question, "Should the State furnish a free Collegiate Education to all?"

Mr. Albert F. Seibert, of the Philomathean, had the affirmative, and opened the debate with a powerful and well prepared argument.

Mr. H. Fullerton Hughes, of the Irving, followed in the negative, and made a much stronger argument than many older persons would have done on that side of the question.

This concluded the contest and it only remained for the judges to make their decision. Hon. J. P. Sterrett and Rev. E. P. Noble, Third Presbyterian Church, had been selected as judges, and at the conclusion of the debate retired to one of the society rooms, and in a few minutes returned, when the decision was announced by Mr. Noble as follows:

Essay—Thomas Lee Nixon, Philomathean.

Debate—H. Fullerton Hughes, Irving.

The exercises were then closed with benediction by Rev Mr. Noble, after which the assemblage dispersed, apparently well pleased with the evenings' entertainment.

The examination at the University commences on Monday and will continue until Friday.

The commencement exercises take place Friday evening.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed of record before H. Snively, Esq., Recorder, June 19th, 1868.

James B. Mitchell to Anson B. Campbell, March 21, 1861; lot No. 54 in the plan of McKeesport, on the corner of Seventh and Mulberry streets, 60 by 100 feet, with buildings $3,000

James Howe et al. to James Ross, July 28, 1867; lot in Sharpsburg, on the West Penna. R. R., 30 by 168 feet $400

Louis Lebo to John Tamchind, Jan. 28, 1868; lot in Robinson township, containing 1 acre and 80 perches $400

J. S. Strickler to Joseph Mankis, June 18, 1868; lots No. 9 and 10 in Sparks' plan, Collins township, on Rural Avenue, 50 by 182 feet 2,100

Dr. A. G. McCandless to Robert Reed, Nov. 20, 1867; lot on Center Avenue, Seventh Ward, Pittsburgh, 24 by 100 feet $1,500

Boniface Haas to John Tamchina, June 12, 1868; lot No. 4 in Ewing's plan, Liberty township, on Allen street, 30 by 70 feet $1,600

Ernest Krohan to Bernard Krogh, June 10, 1868; lot No. 89 in Gregg's plan, Carson street, Birmingham, 24 by 100 feet $1,600

John Porchment to John J. Marchand, May 2, 1868; lot in Liberty township, 65 by 408 feet $2,600

Bernard Dittig to John Hartung, June 17, 1868; lot in Oakland township, on Forbes street, 20 by 80 feet $225

Bernard Dittig to Anthony Yeager, June 17, 1868; lot in Oakland township, on Tustin street, 20 by 80 feet $225

MORTGAGES.

Same day nine mortgages were filed.

Row at Sewickley—Cutting Affray.

Thursday evening, a difficulty occurred at Sewickley between Michael Welsh and Stephen Newman, during which the latter drew a knife and cut Welsh, inflicting a severe wound across the breast and upper part of the abdomen. It appears that they were in a saloon drinking beer together at the time. Information was made before Justice Star, of Sewickly, charging Newman with felonious assault and battery, upon which he was arrested and committed to await the result of Welsh's injuries, which are said to be of a serious character. After Newman had been arrested, a number of his friends collected together and mobbed the saloon where the difficulty occurred. They broke open the door, and then knocked in the heads of the ale, beer and cider barrels which were found in the place. No arrests have been made.

City Mortality.

Dr. A. G. McCandless, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the following interments in the city of Pittsburgh, from June 7th, to June 14th, 1868:

Diseases—Consumption, 4; Apoplexy, 1; Intermittent Fever, 1; Pneumonia, 1; Old Age, 1; Pericarditis, 1; Ossification of Aorta, 1; Disease of Heart, 1; Convulsions, 2; Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, 1; Disease of Bowels, 1; Sabes Mesenterica, 1; Cancer, 1; Whooping Cough, 1.

Of the above there were under one year 6; from one to two, 1; from twenty to thirty, 3; from thirty to forty, 2; from forty to fifty, 1; from fifty to sixty, 1; from sixty to seventy, 1; from seventy to eighty, 1.

Males, 10; females, 9; white, 19; colored, 0; total, 19.

Disorderly Conduct.—Yesterday evening Mayor Drum had before him Joseph Lockenbill, charged on oath of Anthony Wirmer with disorderly conduct. The prosecutor states that on Wednesday evening last his wife was passing defendant's house when she made a remark to her child walking at her side, which he mistook for a remark made to one of his children playing on the sidewalk, whereupon he became very much excited and used very abusive language toward the lady. After a hearing of the case Lockenbill was fined five dollars and discharged.

The New Substitute for Silver.

Minargent, recently invented in Paris, and which may be compared to silver, possesses, according to the London *Mining Journal*, nine-tenths of its whiteness, malleability, ductility, tenacity, sonorousness and density, while it has a superior metallic lustre, wears better, is less liable to be acted on by the emanations of sulphuretted hydrogen, and is less fusible than silver. Minargent may be used for all purposes to which silver or other white metals or alloys are applicable. It is composed of one thousand parts of pure copper, seven hundred parts of pure nickel, fifty parts of pure tungsten, ten parts of pure aluminium. The inventors do not, however, limit themselves to the exact proportion given. The chief features of the minargent consist in the introduction in the alloy of pure tungsten and pure aluminium, and also the considerable proportion of nickel which they have succeeded in alloying with the aluminium. The metal is formed into ingots, and moulded in sand, in the ordinary way.

THE PLATFORM AS IT SHOULD BE.—Mr Vallandigham lays it down as inevitable that "any nomination or platform at New York which tacitly or openly concedes that the Democratic party during the war made itself odious by complicity or sympathy with treason, and therefore must be openly killed off or quietly suppressed, or which is tacitly or expressly committed to the proscription of the men in the North and West who refused active support to the war, would be followed by a convention of bolters who would proclaim the ancient and rugged principles of Democracy. Absolute equality and toleration, without regard to the war, are demanded for all men, —Copperheads, Democrats, War Democrats and Republicans—who act with the Democratic party in the common struggle against radicalism."

PROFESSOR MAHON, of the United States Military Academy, West Point, speaks as follows of Grant, the cadet:

Professor Coppee describes Grant as a "middle-man," a phrase new to me. He was what we termed a first section man in all his scientific studies; that is, one who accomplishes the full course. He always showed himself a clear thinker and a steady worker. He belonged to the class of compactly strong men who went to their task at once, and kept at it until finished, never being seen, like the slack-twisted class, yawning, lolling on their elbows over their work, and looking as if just ready to sink down from mental inanity.

—By the explosion of a steam fire engine, at New York, on Thursday evening, five young men, all under twenty-five years of age, were killed. One of these was blown from the side-walk into the door of the Bowery theatre, some twenty feet. The concussion also nearly overturned a passing horse-car, which was crowded with people. The wounded number nearly forty, but many are hurt only slightly. One account says the engineer in charge was not a competent person, being a blacksmith. Edward Roche, one of the firemen wounded, states that he was about fixing the safety valve, the spring of which was broken, when the explosion occurred, the boiler fortunately exploding downward.

New Orleans Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—Cotton excited and unsettled; middling 29½c; sales 350 bales; receipts 22 bales; exports 589 bales; sales for the week 3,871 bales; receipts 428 bales; exports to Continent 344 bales; to Philadelphia 557 bales; to New York 4,021 bales; stock 8,634 bales. Sterling 153a155. New York sight exchange ¾ premium. Gold 140. Sugar and Molasses dull. Flour firm at $8,25a8,50. Corn dull at 95ca$1,03. Oats 77a78c. Hay $19a20. Pork dull at $29 a29,50. Bacon easy; shoulders 13¼a13½c; clear sides 17¼a17½c. Lard quiet; tierce 18½c; keg 20c.

Louisville Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

LOUISVILLE, June 19.—Tobacco; sales of 130 hhds lugs at $8a19; medium to cutting leaf at $14a17,50. Flour; superfine at $7,50a 8,00. Wheat at $2. Corn at 92a95c. Oats at 78a80. Rye at $1,70a1,75. Mess Pork at $28,50. Lard at 18c; by the tierce at 18½a 19c. Bacon—shoulders at 13¼a13½c; clear sides at 17½; rib sides at 17. Bulk Meats; shoulders at 12½c; clear sides at 16½c. Whisky dull and nominal.

River and Weather.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

LOUISVILLE, June 19.—River rising at the rate of two inches per hour.

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—Weather cloudy and very warm. There are indications of a heavy storm.