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TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

THE CAPITAL.

Democratic Policy in Mississippi, Texas and Virginia—Report of a Treasury Agent—Commissioner Rollins—Appointment of Supervisors—Gen. Rawlings Convalescent—The Mexican Question.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19, 1868.

AFFAIRS IN MISSISSIPPI.

A letter just received from the chairman of the committee of five appointed by the Mississippi Constitutional Convention says There is evidently a strong disposition on the part of the Democratic party in the South to make an issue on the question of the right, in Mississippi and other excluded States, to vote in the approaching election. If the least encouragement is given by the President in that direction, they will undoubtedly hold an election, and it is feared the bill passed by Congress is not sufficiently explicit in all its features. He says the Republicans are anxiously expecting a reassembling of Congress in September, as their very existence as a party and as individuals depends upon some prompt and decisive measure for their relief. The proceedings of a Democratic Executive Committee of that State, at a recent meeting held in the Senate Chamber at Jackson, included a resolution to proceed at once to nominate candidates for electors, which was rejected and the following adopted in its stead:

"*Resolved*, That this committee deem it inexpedient at this time to nominate an electoral ticket for the State, but will defer a further consideration of that subject to an adjourned meeting of this body to be held in this chamber on Thursday, the 22d day of September next.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Committee the act of Congress above referred to, excluding the State of Mississippi from her right to vote in the Presidential election, is in contravention of the Constitution of the United States and the rights of the States thereunder."

Other resolutions were adopted declaring that the expulsion of Gov. Humphreys from the Executive Mansion by the military forces under General Grant to be without the authority of the law, and appointing a committee to correspond with General Grant and the President on the subject; that representative men of Southern Democratic sentiment be requested to represent the South on the Northern hustings in the present canvass, and that a committee of correspondence be appointed to bring this subject to the attention of the Democratic Committee and leading members of the party North. A committee was also appointed to prepare an address to the Democracy of the Northern States.

TREASURY AGENT REPORT.

A Treasury agent who has just returned from France has made a report of his observations in the management of the French popular loans to Secretary McCulloch. He finds these loans have been successfully negotiated without any of the watering our debt has had to sustain, without the aid of brokers, and without the expense of one per cent. commission, which, in the case of our debt, has enriched Messrs. Jay Cooke & Co., the Treasury agents, and officers here, and hundreds of others. All this is explained by a note from the Emperor, who says that he was for ten years engaged in dismissing and punishing corrupt Treasury officials. Twenty years would not rid us of corruption in the Department.

TEXAS AND VIRGINIA.

From information which has reached here from Virginia and Texas it is believed that the Democrats of these States are pursuing the same policy with those in Mississippi, of waiting until after the September session of Congress before putting their electoral tickets in the field. The full development of the plan contemplated in South Carolina and other States where the Democrats do not expect to be able to overcome the Radical majorities, of holding a separate election for white voters under the Johnson Provisional Governments, is also believed to be held in abeyance until the last of September for like reasons.

COMMISSIONER ROLLINS.

According to the testimony of numerous Democrats here, the President has determined to remove Commissioner Rollins and prefer charges against him; but it is now thought this purpose, if formed, will not be executed until after the question of a September session of Congress is settled.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Washington Fire Department has been reorganized by the Fire Commissioners, and is now composed of white men, the blacks, who were employed on the coming in of the present city administration, having been dismissed.

CONVALESCENT.

General Rawlings, who had a severe attack of hemorrhage two or three days ago, has recovered sufficiently to be out, and was at the Army Headquarters for a short time this morning.

SUPERVISORS.

The appointment of Supervisors is still pending, none having been made. Commissioner Rollins intends sending over nominations for the remaining districts shortly.

HANCOCK AND ROSSEAU.

Among the visitors at the White House this morning were Generals Hancock and Rosseau, both having interviews with the President.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of removing the office of the Agricultural Department to the new building in South Washington is progressing quite rapidly. The library and laboratory have already been removed, and by next week the Commissioner and most of the officers of the Department will have become located in the new quarters.

THE MEXICAN QUESTION.

Rumors that our Government contemplates a Protectorate over Mexico are pronounced in responsible quarters to be without foundation. The policy heretofore pursued towards that republic will be continued.

RETURNED TO THE CITY.

Chief Justice Chase has returned to Washington from Parkersburg.

Base Ball Match.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

LOUISVILLE, August 19.—A base ball match was played this afternoon at Cedar Hill Park, between the Union Club, of Morisiana, N. Y., and the Louisville Club, of this city, resulting in an easy victory for the former.

NEW YORK CITY.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The ocean sweepstakes of the yacht squadron at New Bedford, for $40,000, was sailed yesterday, but owing to the condition that the race should be made in five hours, it was declared off. The Palmer came home first, but not until long after the prescribed time. The course was five miles long, as sailed, with the necessary tacking. The squadron will probably disband to-day.

Early yesterday morning officer Crittenden was assaulted by a gang of rowdies at the corner of Prince and Mercer streets, and on his being reinforced a sharp fight ensued. The policemen drove off their opponents, who were led by three members of the Allen family into the St. Bernard House, where they opened out upon the officers with revolvers. Some three or four shots were fired between the parties, but no one is known to have been seriously injured. Wesley Allen and Wm. Scott, two of the assailants, were carried off to the station house, and were released on bail during the day. Allen took a solemn oath before leaving the court that he would kill Crittenden.

The Supreme Court yesterday issued an attachment against all the members of the Board of Councilmen, requiring the Sheriff to arrest them and bring them before the Court this morning for contempt in not obeying the *mandamus*, directing that Ivans, Perley, O'Brien, Lamb and Henrich be admitted to seats as members of the Board.

NEW YORK, August 19.—Several bricklayers have been arrested by the master masons in order to test the law against strikers.

A meeting of master employers was held yesterday, having for its object an expression of sympathy and a desire to co-operate with the master masons in the contest with their former employers. Very little was done.

The trotting horse "Red Rover" won the sweepstakes for which five horses were entered, on the Fashion Course, Long Island, yesterday. Three straight heats were trotted in 2:57¼, 2:51¼ and 2:49¼.

The steamer Narragansett, of the Stonington line, sunk a canal boat in Hell Gate this morning. Four persons were aboard and it is not known whether they were saved.

Twenty-five experts, of Canada, in the game of "Lacrosse" are expected here from Montreal next week to play exhibition games.

Mr. Teuhempel, connected with the *Staats Zeitung*, has mysteriously disappeared. Foul play is feared.

The Board of Health officers to-day received information that four head of diseased cattle arrived in the neighborhood of the city, only one of which has yet reached New York. Measures were immediately taken to quarantine the infected cattle.

Judge B. W. Bonney, of the Supreme Court, died to-day, aged sixty-six.

The funeral of Mrs. Vanderbilt was largely attended to-day. A number of distinguished citizens, including Horace Greeley, officiated as pall bearers.

BUFFALO.

Gale on the Lake—The Diocese of Western New York—Alleged Heavy Fraud on the Government.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BUFFALO, August 19.—The schooner Mount Blanc of Detroit, with a cargo of grain from Chicago, entering the harbor during a heavy gale, went ashore on the Breakwater at one o'clock this morning. The schooner is thumping heavily but will be got off without much damage. Several collisions occurred on the Lake during the gale.

The 31st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western New York was opened in St. Paul's church this morning, Bishop Cox presiding. There were one hundred and thirty-four clergymen present.

The community were startled this afternoon by the publication of an alleged fraud on the Government of a quarter of a million of dollars by a publishing house in this city. The matter has been rumored for a week past, and strenuous efforts were made to conceal the facts. It is alleged that Messrs. Thomas, Howard & Johnson, wholesale paper dealers, publishers, &c., held a contract to furnish printed blanks, envelopes, &c., to the Postoffice Department, and through collusion with A. F. Lee, late chief clerk of the Postoffice, have obtained receipts for a quarter of a million for goods furnished. Calven F. S. Thomas and James M. Johnson, of Thomas, Howard & Johnson, and A. F. Lee have been arrested and held to bail in the sum of $10,000 each. A civil suit has also been commenced.

WILL OF THADDEUS STEVENS.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, August 19.—Thaddeus Stevens' will has been admitted to probate. It is an autograph document, and contains the following bequests: To Juvenile Library Association, of Caledonia County Academy, at Peachem, Vt., $1,000; to Trustees of grave yard in same town, the burial place of his parents, $500; various sums given as legacies to housekeeper and relatives, and of the residue of his estate, amounting to about $50,000, $20,000 is to be expended by his Trustees in erecting in Lancaster, conditionally, or in Columbia, a suitable building for an Orphan Asylum for Indigent Orphans, without distinction of race or color. The will is dated July 30th, 1867, and names O. J. Dickey and Edward McPherson Executors and Trustees.

A codicil gives the Baptist Brethren $1,000, conditionally, and $1,000 to Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg.

The Chinese Embassy.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Aug. 19.—The Chinese Embassy arrived here from Albany at 2 A. M. and proceeded, after a brief stay, to Worcester, where they spend the night. They were met here by a Committee of the Boston City Council and sixteen Chinese attendants from New York. The Embassy leave Worcester for Boston to-morrow morning.

WORCESTER, MASS., August 19.—The Chinese Embassy arrived here on the afternoon express train from Albany and were met at the depot by a Committee from the Boston City Councils and an immense crowd of people. The party were transferred to the Bay State Hotel in carriages, followed through the entire route by a great crowd of spectators. The compliments of Gov. Bullock were tendered through Cols. Washburne and Bullock, of his staff.

Double Team Trotting Match.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BOSTON, August 19.—The double team trotting race at Riverside Park Fair this afternoon was won by Ben. Franklin and mate, owned by Henry A. Hall, winning the last three of the four heats. The second heat was trotted in 2:34¼, the best time ever made over a half mile track.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

FROM EUROPE.

Crisis in the Spanish Government—Apprehensions of a Rising in Bulgaria Against Turkish Rule—Change of Ministers in France—Demonstration in Favor of Peace at Marseilles—Cotton Crop in India—Advices from China.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SPAIN.

LONDON, August 19.—Dispatches from Madrid state that a crisis has taken place in the Spanish Government. The Minister of War has withdrawn from the Cabinet and the Captain Generals of Madrid and Barcelona have resigned.

FRANCE.

PARIS, August 19.—The Marquis De Bonneville, the present French Minister to Switzerland, has been appointed Ambassador to Rome, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of Count De Sartiges to a seat in the Senate. M. Gonnenere has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of France to Belgium, in place of Count De Comminques Guitland, recalled.

The Corps Legislatif will reassemble in December.

The remaining supplementary elections for members of the Corps Legislatif have been postponed until next year.

At a review of the troops at Marseilles, yesterday, which attracted an immense mass of citizens, a popular demonstration was made in favor of peace. Loud cries were raised for peace and against war. The crowd was orderly and there was no interference on the part of the police.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, August 19.—Apprehensions are entertained that the recent attempt at rising against Turkish authority in Bulgaria will be renewed. Accounts from that quarter represent that the country remains in an unsettled condition, and though insurrectionary bands have disappeared, or been dispersed, the indications are that secret preparations of a formidable character are being made for a more extensive outbreak.

The attention of the Austrian Government has been called to this threatening affair by the unusual demand for fire arms from the other side of the Danube, and an order has been issued prohibiting the exportation of arms or ammunition from Austrian territory into Danubian principalities.

INDIA.

LONDON, August 19.—Crop reports from Calcutta to the 23d of July have been received. They state that cotton in the Northwestern district of India has suffered from heavy rains and the yield in that part of the country will fall below the estimates of planters.

CHINA.

Advices from Hong Kong to July 10th have reached England via Calcutta. At Hong Kong a commission appointed to consider the subject reported against the granting by the Colonial Government of licenses for gambling. To this the Governor of Hong Kong made a hostile reply, which gave great offence to merchants of the Colony.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, August 19, 5 P. M.—Consols closed at 93⅞ for money; 94 for account. 5-20's at 71⅞. Erie at 31½. Illinois Central at 91. Atlantic and Great Western Bonds at 39.

LIVERPOOL, August 19, 5 P. M.—Cotton closed easier and at a decline of ⅛d.; Midling Uplands at 10½; Midling Orleans at 10¾; sales to-day amount to 10,000 bales. Breadstuffs closed generally unchanged. Flour has a declining tendency but is unchanged. Provisions are without further change. Rosin has advanced 3d, and at the close common N. C., was quoted at 5@6d.

LONDON, August 19—*Evening.*—Cloverseed declined to 52s per cwt. for American red. Sugar declined to 35s 6d per cwt for No 12 Dutch standard. Petroleum Spirits declined to 11½d per gallon.

ANTWERP, August 19—*Evening.*—Petroleum declined to 52 francs for standard white.

National Life Insurance Chamber.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 19.—The National Chamber of Life Insurance held its quarterly session at Congress Hall to-day. Letters were read from St. Louis asking for a copy of forms of local organizations; also from the Irwin Germania Life Insurance Company asking the Chamber to indemnify it against expenses of suit to test the validity of certain laws. The Pennsylvania National Capital and Metropolitan Companies of New York were admitted, but not represented.

Rules and regulations of the Committee appointed at last meeting regarding Actuarial Board were passed as follows:

First—Every company in the Chamber shall report its condition to the Actuarial Board annually on the first day of January or within sixty days thereafter, in such forms as are required by the third section of the second article of the Constitution of said Board.

Second—The valuation of every company's business shall be in net, except where premiums receivable are below net sales, when such valuation shall be in gross.

Third—The rate of interest and table of mortality shall be those established by the Chamber Committee.

It was resolved that every Company now a member, or likely to become a member, be required to sign the Constitution by their President or Secretary, and E. A. Stanberry, D. P. Falker and J. Edie were appointed a Committee to carry the resolution into effect. The Chamber then adjourned to meet in New York next November.

National Teachers' Association.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NASHVILLE, Aug. 19.—The meeting of the Teachers' National Association to-day was deeply interesting. An address of welcome was made by Hon. Neill S. Brown, of this city, and responded to by Hon. J. M. Gregory, President of the Association.

A report on the study of Classics in Colleges was read by President Andrews, of Marietta, Ohio, and to-night Mr. Gregory made an entertaining oration on the subject of Education.

Much interest is manifested in the meeting by the citizens.

ATLANTA, GA.

Serious Disturbance—The Police Attacked By Negroes—Fire-Arms Used.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ATLANTA, August 19.—The Republican celebration yesterday closed with a torch-light procession. Between ten and eleven o'clock in the evening a drunken and unruly negro was arrested by two policemen in front of the National Hotel. The police were proceeding to the guard-house when a mob of negroes pursued and attempted a rescue. The police resisted and the negroes collected, and using clubs the police were knocked down and the prisoner escaped. At this time some person in the mob gave the word to "fire," and the negroes did so, wounding a policeman. The fire was returned by the police, the discharges following in rapid succession. One negro was killed and two wounded, when the negroes fled. But they rallied again near the guard-house, and again moved forward to attack the police. By this time the whole police force and a large number of citizens were on the ground prepared for the conflict. When the negroes saw the determination to protect the lawful authorities, they rapidly dispersed. At one time apprehensions of a riot were quite serious.

Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, left here last night for Vicksburg.

ST. LOUIS.

Democratic Congressional Nominations—Damage to a Flouring Mill by Fire.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, August 19.—The Democrats held Congressional Conventions throughout the State to-day, except in the Second District. In the Fourth District J. F. Phillips was nominated for the regular term, and Judge J. P. Ross for the vacanay caused by the resignation of Col. M'Clurg. In the Fifth District no report has been received, but all the county delegations were instructed for Judge Wadill. In the Sixth District General James Shields was nominated. In the Seventh District Hon. M. Oliver was nominated. In the Eighth District John F. Williams was nominated. In the Ninth District W. F. Switzler was nominated. The Third District has not been heard from.

The flouring mill of Smicker & Stuever, Eighth street, was partially destroyed by fire to-day and a large lot of flour, wheat, &c., badly damaged. Loss about $160,000; fully insured in St. Louis offices.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 19.—In the Legislature, to-day, resolutions were introduced providing that hereafter all incorporated towns shall make no discrimination as to race or color in the appointment of police.

An attempt was made to turn all the schools in the State over to the Negro School Committee. The subject was referred to a committee.

A bill passed the House repudiating foreign claims against the Bank of the State represented by Baring Brothers, and authorizing the Governor to take possession of the assets. The currency of the bank is to be redeemed by bonds.

The members are not yet paid, no means having been raised, and great dissatisfaction exists.

Large Default in an Iron Establishment.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA August 19.—It was reported this afternoon that Mr. Cabot, connected with an iron establishment in this city, will prove defaulter to the amount of $60,000 to $200,000. It appears that a statement of the workings of the company had been ordered to be made at a meeting for that purpose on Monday night, but owing to the absence of Mr. Cabot it was prevented. The books of the establishment were then examined when the default was discovered.

New Hampshire Horse Fair.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MANCHESTER, August 19.—At the horse fair to-day the racing match was won by Pegassus, who took the first, third and fourth heats—time, 2:39, 2:38 and 2:40. The second was a dead heat.

The trot for horses that never trotted inside of 2:40 was won by White Stocking, who took the first, second and fourth heats. Time—2:40, 2:41¼ and 2:44¾. Mountain Girl won the third heat in 2:40. Attendance good.

Great Walking Match.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

TROY, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Considerable excitement exists in relation to the walking match between Weston and young Payne, the Albany pedestrian, which takes place in Ronssalaer Park on Friday and Saturday. The Park offers a purse of $1,000 to the one who first accomplishes one hundred miles, provided it is done within twenty-four hours.

The Cattle Disease in Canada.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

TORONTO, August 19.—The Board of Agriculture appointed a Committee to examine into the cattle disease. The committee will proceed to Illinois and make the necessary inquiries. The disease has appeared at Paris and Dundas, and is supposed to have been communicated by diseased cattle conveyed over the Great Western Railway from the Western States to New York.

University of Virginia Damaged by Fire.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 19.—A special dispatch to the *Gazette* says that the rotunda of the University of Virginia took fire accidentally to-day, and the building and library considerably damaged. A train from Charlotteville took down some persons who put out the fire. Loss not known.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, August 19.—Cotton quiet and irregular, with middling at 29a30c; sales of eighteen bales; receipts of twenty-one bales. Sterling unchanged. New York Sight one-half premium. Gold 144¾. Sugar and Molasses steady and unchanged. Flour dull with superfine at $8,25, treble extra at $9,50a10,00, and choice at $11a14. Corn dull and declined; sales at $1,05a1,10. Oats unchanged. Hay; choice $26,50 on landing, stock light. Bran $1,22a1,25. Mess Pork steady at $31. Bacon steady, with shoulders at 14c, and clear sides at 18c. Lard; tierce 19½c; keg 21½c.

New York Cattle Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The market for beef cattle is dull and heavy to-day, and prices are fully ½c lower and even more on the range is 11¼a15¼a16c. Hogs steady at 9¼a10½c. Receipts; 2,538 head cattle and about 3,000 head of hogs.

River and Weather.

LOUISVILLE, August 19.—River swelling with four feet one inch in the canal. Weather clear and warm.

ST. LOUIS, August 19.—Weather clear and warm.

LETTER FROM OILDOM.

[Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WALL STREET, OILDOM,
OTHERWISE PLEASANTVILLE,
August 18, 1868.

One who had, six years ago, toiled through the mud and ooze of the oil valley, been jostled by the crowding trains of greasy wagons, forded "the creek," then full of barges, drawn up by ragged looking teams of half-starved horses, to be floated down on the next pond fresh, and *this* formed his ideas of oildom, would be lost here now. For the teams and their swagging drivers have disappeared, the barges are ashes, and pond freshets a tradition.

So much have railroads and pipe companies changed the scene. Pipe companies? Yes. But these pipes are neither in the tobacco or smoke way; but, buried in the ground, they connect reservoirs at the wells with others at the railroads, and silently flowing, or urged by a modest looking steam pump, thousands of barrels of oil travel miles hourly, unseen, to their train.

Now one can leave Pittsburgh in the evening, and through a pleasant rest in the new sleeping cars of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, come at daylight to Oil City, making connection with the Oil Creek and A. V. Railroad, and so breakfast in Titusville; or, if leisurely disposed, one can stop at the well-appointed Duncan House, overlooking the east-side depot and business houses of Oil City, and come to Titusville for dinner.

The four train loads of passengers which daily reach Titusville, seeking relief from their raging (oil) fever, have choice of some thirty coaches in which to make the pleasant trip to this place; six miles of fine plank road, whose only drawback is the finely pulverized dust of the hundreds of teams lining the route.

Here the play of "Pithole City" is being daily re-enacted amid great furore, with the *role* of Pithole omitted. In fact, Pithole itself is being bodily transported hither, hotels and all. A score of fine stores have sprung into existence, with large and varied stocks, and the streets are thronged by eager oil men.

Many well known Pittsburghers are here, and very successful they seem to be. Some thirty wells, ranging from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty barrels daily, have been struck here, *without a single failure*. This last is so unusually attractive a peculiarity of this territory, that leases command one half royalty, and handsome bonuses are frequent, while more than two hundred wells are going down in the immediate vicinity. As they all strike oil just below the third sand rock, at about eight hundred and fifty feet, the probability is conceded that they all tap the same reservoir; in which case it becomes an interesting problem as to how long the deposit will last, probably not more than a year or two.

This oil is delivered by pipe in Titusville, whence it is shipped east, west and north by rail, Titusville being connected with the western market by the A. & G. W. R. R., northern by the Cut Off and Lake Shore and eastward or Philadelphia and New York by the very deservedly and popular Philadelphia and Erie railroad, which forms the best route to oildom from most eastern points, as I found by experiment in a recent eastern trip.

Southward from Oildom the connection is broken for lack of a bridge at Oil City, so that Pittsburgh after all lacks *oil freight* connection with this rich territory—her natural province—and there is not even a pipe from these rich districts to Venango City, the terminus of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, though the cost of such connection would be repaid by the increased oil trade in a single month, to say nothing of the expansion of the manufacturing trade of Pittsburgh, which, by reciprocity of commerce, would surely follow.

Let the Pittsburgh oil men investigate the grave charge here made of neglect, and "when found make a note on't."

Always yours, CARRX.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

—Dr. Bellows has arrived in New York from Europe.

—George H. Pendleton was in Boston yesterday on his way to Maine.

—The steamer Denmark, from Liverpool, arrived at New York yesterday.

—Eleven of "All England Cricketers" will play the Philadelphia Clubs next month.

—The Democracy of the First District of Missouri, have nominated Erastus Wells for Congress.

—The steamer Berlin, from Bremen, arrived at Baltimore yesterday with five hundred emigrants.

—The Democracy of Alabama met at Montgomery, yesterday, and resolved to select an electoral ticket.

—The corner stone of a new German Reformed Church at Port Jervis, N. Y., was laid on Thursday with appropriate ceremonies.

—In New York general trade is beginning to show signs of life, and the regular fall business is expected to open in about ten days.

—The Republicans of the 10th Ohio district, in convention at Napoleon, yesterday renominated J. M. Ashley for election to Congress by acclamation.

—O'Baldwin, the Irish giant, has challenged the English champion prize-fighter, Joe Warmbold, to a combat for a purse of $10,000. The latter has just arrived in New York.

—Felix Merino, a native of Madrid, and for many years Professor of Languages at the Pennsylvania Institute, and Consul at Philadelphia for the Mexican Republic, died on Tuesday.

—It has been officially decided that the cattle disease is deadly; that it is the result of hard driving for long distances; that it is not contagious, and that it is rapidly decreasing at New York.

—Captain Dennis was found in the Chowan river, Virginia, Thursday last, with his throat cut and his vessel in a neighboring creek. He had been robbed of one thousand dollars and murdered.

—The office, effects, cars, engines, &c., of the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Railroad Company have been taken possession of by a Receiver, under order of the Circuit Court at Alexandria, Va.

—James Keating, John Carrigan and Lawrence Tobin are in custody, being the principals in the murderous assault on policeman Carnac and other officers, in Philadelphia, last night. Carnac is in a critical condition.

—An insane son of Daniel McLaughlin, residing near Pomeroy, West Virginia, a day or two since crossed the Potomac from his father's residence to the farm of Mrs. Myers and there beat to death with a fence rail an old man named Pressly N. Rector.

—Through the efforts of Gov. Chamberlain, $127,000 of the remaining unsettled claims of the State of Maine against the government have been allowed. These claims were rejected at the previous settlement, and on re-examination have been allowed.

Leetsdale Camp Meeting.

This beautiful grove is in the neighborhood of Sewickley, about one and a half miles from Leetsdale Station. It is located on an elevated plateau of ground, and very well shaded. Its proximity to the cosy town of Sewickley, one of the delightful places which lie near our city, has helped to swell the tide of humanity which have been attracted to the "tented grove." It is surprising how much order and comfort is secured in a short time at these places. So great is the transformation that persons are unable to realize the fact at first sight. The strict discipline enforced, and order and system adopted, is the secret of the success attained in harmonizing so many elements existing at these gatherings.

The Camp Meeting commenced on Monday, the 12th, and the first public service was held that evening. Public services, principally in hearing sermons, have been conducted day and night from that time until last evening; usually four daily services were held. Nearly two score of ministers have been present at the different stages of the meeting. The following ministers have preached: Rev. Dr. J. Williams, Presiding Elder of the district; Rev. J. Horner, Sewickley; Rev. J. M. Swan, Freedom; Rev. J. W. Baker, Allegheny; Rev. E. B. Snyder, Allegheny; Rev. W. B. Watkins, Presiding Elder of Steubenville district; Rev. J. R. Mills, New Brighton; Rev. W. H. Locke, Pittsburgh; Rev. Z. S. Weller, of Missouri; Rev. S. M. Hickman, Allegheny; Rev. J. J. McIlyar, Rev. R. Hamilton, Tarentum; Rev. S. Burt, Pittsburgh; Rev. J. M. Carr, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Rev. L. Paine, Freedom; Rev. W. Johnson, Allegheny circuit; Rev. James Hollingshead, Beaver; and Rev. S. Y. Kennedy, Temperanceville.

The following ministers were present, part of whom may preach before the meeting closes, if it is necessary: Rev. Dr. Nesbit, of *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*; Rev. A. L. Petty, P. E. of West Pittsburgh District; Rev. N. P. Kerr, Pine Creek; Rev. D. Hartman, of Baltimore; Rev. J. McCoshin, Rev. W. Darby, Rev. J. Webster, Rev. W. Smith, Sharpsburg; Rev. R. Morrow, Bridgwater; Rev. K. Miller, Beaver, and Rev. B. F. Sawhill, Bridgewater, and others.

There are between fifty and sixty tents, as follows: sixteen from Sewickley, nine from Manchester, eleven from New Brighton, four from Freedom, four from Allegheny, and four from other points. It is estimated that from seventy to eighty persons professed to be converted. It is believed several thousand people were present on Sabbath. Good order prevailed generally. The meeting closes this morning. Great good has been accomplished. It is likely that a grove will be bought at a little point below Economy to accommodate the growing belief in camp meetings.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. J. Williams, is entitled to much credit for the excellent manner in which he conducted the meeting. The Doctor is a man of great physical endurance as well as of mental power. He is a fine theologian and of excellent pulpit parts. During these meetings he labored incessantly day and night. Rev. J. Horner, pastor of the M. E. Church, Sewickley, aided largely in starting the meeting and during its continuance, and is entitled to credit.

Quite a number of gentlemen well known in business and professional circles were constantly in attendance, and in "labors abundant," among whom we noticed John F. Dravo, Esq., and J. W. F. White, Esq., both well and favorably known in this county, and, also, D. N. White, Esq., of Sewickley, Mr. Benny, of Pratt & Benny, Allegheny, Mr. Johnston, of Sewickley, Col. J. P. Kramer, of the First National Bank of Allegheny, Mr. Kerr, the well known boat builder at Freedom, and his excellent son, of the same place.

The grand *finale* comes off to-day. The meeting winds up under the most favorable circumstances, and it is believed much good has been done.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Richard J. McCaffrey to Robert Kain, August 18, 1868; lot in Second ward, Allegheny City, Federal lane, 24 by 108 feet....$100

W. J. Means to Lottie Bengough, February 19, 1868; two lots on Federal lane, 40 by 191 feet, and six lots, 120 by 169 feet, and also three other lots 96 by 108 feet....$1,850

W. A. Bayless to Eliza R. Newell, August 19, 1868; lot in Second ward, Allegheny, Webster street, 60 by 25 feet....$2,000

Wm. Linton to Albert Geiseman, August 1, 1868; lot in same ward, Jefferson street, 22 by 64 feet. $175

Wm. J. Anderson to Joseph S. Finch & Co., August 4, 1868; lot in South Pittsburgh, Chestnut street, 180 by 181¾ feet....$25,000

Heirs of Joseph Allen to Amos B. Frisbee, November 2, 1867; eight lots in Lower St. Clair township....$4,300

City of Allegheny to Thomas Ballentine, October 1, 1867; three lots in Shaler township, (Ross farm)....$1,185

Thomas Ballentine to D. Leech, August 1, 1868; lot east side Sandusky street, Allegheny, 20 by 90 feet....$1,700

W. C. Dunn to Mary E. Meek, August 17, 1868; five lots in Sewickley township....$6,818

Catharine Linder to James W. Mackrell, January 12, 1868; lot in old Ninth ward, Smallman street, 24 by 120 feet....$750

MORTGAGES.

There were ten mortgages left for record the same day.

Summer Resort Beauties.

The Altoona *Vindicator* hits the following hard slap at the young ladies stopping at Cresson: Newspaper correspondents at seaside and mountain resorts are going wild about "sylph like forms," and "magnificent nymphs," and although correspondents are as a general thing to be credited—or at least succeed in getting credit with the landlo ds—we do not place much credence in their stories. We visited Cresson the other day and must confess that all the "angels" we saw were artificially painted ones, and as to "sylph like forms" there appeared to be a scarcity of the commodity. They are not to be compared with the mountain girls who reside in the vicinity, and doubtless many of the city ladies would sacrifice all their wealth to be able to boast of the fine complexion and robust forms of our mountain maidens.

While heartily endorsing, we omit the writer's closing paragraph.

A Leap in the Dark.

Mr. Thomas Neville, from Morris, Grundy county, Illinois, was riding in a coal train on the Pan Handle Railroad, which arrived in the city late on Tuesday night. The train stopped for a short time on the south end of the Monongahela bridge, and Neville, thinking it was on the ground level, jumped off and fell through the trestle work to the ground below. He lay until some workmen found him yesterday morning and conveyed him to the hospital. Dr. J. H. M'Clelland, of the Surgical Staff, was sent for, and found the patient suffering from internal injuries of the chest. The man had been spitting considerable blood, and the breathing was quite labored. The back was bruised and painful, but no bones were broken. It is thought he will recover.

—At Philadelphia Tuesday evening, on the Walnut street wharf, a party of roughs assaulted a German, and an officer who went to his assistance was most unmercifully beaten, stabbed in the stomach and his nose bitten off. The officer was not expected to survive. His assailants escaped.