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TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

FROM EUROPE.

Rumored Alliance Between France and Spain—Release of Fenian Prisoners Recommended—Prince Napoleon in Germany, &c., &c.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, August 31.—The proposed champion fight between Harry Allen and Joe Goss may be regarded off. Allen has been arrested and bound over to keep the peace for one year.

DUBLIN, August 31.—Mason Jones, Liberal candidate for Parliament from Queens county, has been obliged to retire from the contest in consequence of reports that he is supported by the *Nation* for his sympathies with Garibaldi. The *Irishman* and *Irish Times* censure this intolerance.

CORK, August 3.—The Corporation of Cork has passed unanimously a resolve urging the release of all Fenian prisoners.

FRANCE.

PARIS, August 31.—Girgenti, Special Envoy from Madrid, arrived here to day and had an interview with the Emperor. It is rumored the object of his mission is to bring about an agreement with the Emperor that in the event of a European war Spain will send a fleet and troops to Rome, in return for which the French army is to be used to sustain the reigning dynasty of Spain, should it be attacked.

GERMANY.

HAMBURG, August 31.—Prince Napoleon arrived here on board his yacht. He has made visits to Allona and Lubeck, and intends to sail this week for the Weser. The Prince preserves strict incognito on shore.

PARAGUAY.

LONDON, August 31.—Accounts from Paraguayan sources deny the recent reports of a conspiracy in that country.

SPAIN.

MADRID, August 31.—The resignation of Alexander de Castro, Minister to Rome, has been accepted.

PORTUGAL.

LISBON, August 31.—The Portuguese Cortes has been prorogued.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON—*Evening*, August 31.—Consuls, 73⅞. American Securities quiet and steady. Bonds, 72; Illinois, 91½; Erie, 30.

FRANKFORT—*Evening*, Aug. 31.—Bonds declining at 75½@75⅝.

LIVERPOOL—*Evening*, August 31.—Cotton closed firm and more active; sales—15,000 bales. Corn at 32s. Wheat quiet and steady at 14s. 6d. for pale; others unchanged.

ANTWERP—*Evening*, August 31.—Petroleum dull and unchanged.

NEW YORK CITY.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, August 31, 1868.

All the cattle arriving are healthy.

A bale of new Gulf cotton, unusually long staple, was sold to-day at fifty-five cents per pound for shipment to Havre.

A gentleman had his pockets picked of one hundred dollars at John Allen's prayer meeting to-day.

The authors of the Broadway Theatre outrage were to-day admitted to bail in fifteen thousand dollars each, as the sufferers are probably out of danger.

The *Post* says the statement that the Firemen and Mechanics Insurance Companies of Jersey City are fraudulent is incorrect.

James Reilley, who twice previously attempted the life of his wife, murdered her on Saturday evening by throwing her into the Hackensack river. He was arrested.

The Tammany delegates to the Albany Convention were selected to-day, and instructed to vote as a unit for Hoffman for Governor.

Gen. Rosecrans arrived yesterday.

The lower gates of dock No. 2, Erie Canal, eight miles from Albany, gave way on Sunday night. A boat with one hundred tons of freight sunk. Navigation is only partly suspended, as the lock is a double one.

CANADA.

Lord Monckе—Important Witness Disappeared—Fire in the Woods—Village Burned.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

OTTAWA, August 31.—It is reported that Lord Monckе will not return to England this summer, but be retained as Governor General some time longer.

An important witness against Whelan disappeared to-day. He is supposed to have crossed the river at Ogdensburg.

TORONTO, August 31.—Terrific fires have again broken out in the woods on the line of the Northern Railway. On Saturday a station at Sunnidale caught fire, and in a short time the entire village, embracing twenty-five or thirty houses, was in ashes. The inhabitants were taken to New Lowell and are well cared for. The railway track was destroyed for nearly a mile, but was repaired and trains run regularly to-day. The woods are still burning, and other villages are in imminent danger.

New Railroad Arrangement.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GREEN BRIAR SPRINGS, W. Va., August 30.—The Commissioners appointed by the States of Virginia and West Virginia, in meeting here, have contracted with the Virginia Central Company to construct a new road to the Ohio river. The name of the Central road is now extinct. Both roads are to be known as the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company. Edward Fontaine is President, and Col. H. D. Whitcomb Chief Engineer and Superintendent. Operations are to be commenced immediately and the road is to be completed in three years.

Affairs in North Carolina.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WILMINGTON, August 31.—David Buffin, colored, was shot in the leg, in an affray in Wilson county, on Saturday, by Leonard H. Green. The latter was arrested and bound over to appear before Superior Court. Subsequently a negro named Bill Grimes, in a speech from the Court House, urged the burning of Green's house. His barn soon after was found to be on fire. Grimes, who was near at hand, was arrested and sent to jail in default of bail. The community is greatly excited, but no further disturbance is apprehended.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

The Public Debt—Additional Storekeepers and Gaugers Appointed.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, August 31, 1868.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The Debt Statement cannot be prepared for publication until Saturday or Monday next. It will show some increase, mainly attributed to the payment for the purchase of Alaska. The receipts of Customs duties for the month have been comparatively large.

ADDITIONAL REVENUE APPOINTMENTS.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Abraham Kags, storekeeper, 9th district, Ohio; also the following gaugers: Illinois—Robt. E. Haggard, 10th district; David Armstrong, 9th; Wm. J. Floren and Daniel M'Kensie, 7th; Jas. L. Beggs, 8th; James Scott, John H. Holton and James C. Starr, 4th: A. V. Richards, 3d; Otto Funke, 5th; Jas. S. Nixon, 1st, and Alfred Cummings, 13th. Ohio—Samuel M. Carter, 19th; Edward H. Hansom, 18th; Andrew Ingles, 13th; David Hull, 14th; Alonzo Rogers, 10th; W. W. Waddell, 6th; Wm. Rome, 7th; A. D. Bedden, 8th; Elisha Osborne, 9th; J. H. Offin, 16th. Missouri—Archibald J. Sampson, 5th; Robt. Markel, 2d.

Louisiana Legislature.

[Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, August 21.—The Senate to-day ousted E. T. Jewell, Senator from the Second District of Orleans parish, and installed in his place a mulatto named Pinchback. The ground of the contest was a fraud in the election. The witness upon whose testimony mainly the report of the Election Committee was based has sworn to an affidavit, which is published, declaring his evidence and testimony given by the Election Committee to be false from beginning to end, and that he had been influenced by promise of reward.

South Carolina Legislature.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 31.—Motions were introduced in the Legislature to-day looking to adjournment.

The Governor to-day issued a circular relative to armed organizations and the introduction of arms into the State. He disapproves of both, and calls on all persons to keep the peace. He says he will exercise his authority for that purpose.

The Vermont Election.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BURLINGTON, VT., August 31.—More than usual interest is manifested throughout the State in the election to-morrow. Both parties are making great exertions. The Democrats expect a largely increased vote. The largest vote ever polled is likely to be cast. Meetings are being held almost everywhere to-night and fully attended.

Georgia Legislature.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ATLANTA, August 31.—The Senate unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the Governor to issue a proclamation disbanding army associations throughout the State. Armed negro bands exist throughout the State, and in one county they have resisted the Sheriff.

Railroad Levied Upon.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

RICHMOND, August 31.—The U. S. Marshal has levied on the rolling stock of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad in execution of debts due by the company on their coupons, amounting to $8,000. The running of the road is not interfered with.

Base Ball at Philadelphia.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—A great base ball match between the Athletics of this city and the Atlantics of Brooklyn was played to-day. Twenty thousand persons were present. Result—Athletics 18, Atlantics 8.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

—The Peruvian Congress opened on the 28th of July.

—The cattle plague appears to have entirely disappeared in the East.

—The Turner Festival at Morrisiana, New York, commenced yesterday.

—Mr. Seward's renewed offer of mediation with Spain is likely to be accepted.

—The Canadian Parliament has been further prorogued until the 2d of October.

—The Chinese Embassy visited the Marine Hospital at Chelsea, Mass., yesterday.

—J. Vincent Browne, Collector of Internal Revenue, at Salem, Mass., died yesterday.

—The dance house of John Allen, the "wickedest" man in New York, has been closed.

—Gideon Granger, son of the late Hon. Francis Granger, died yesterday at Canandaigua, N. Y.

—The first annual horse fair under the auspices of the Philadelphia Driving Park Association opened yesterday.

—The town of Horitos, Mariposh county, California, was nearly destroyed by fire August 27th. Loss over $60,000.

—Sallie E. Richards has been arrested in Philadelphia for forging a check for $876 in the name of George A. Trimball.

—A fire broke out in the Iron house establishment at Lancaster, Pa., Friday evening. Loss $10,000, fully insured.

—Sanford E. Church is a candidate for Governor of New York, subject to the decision of the Democratic Convention.

—A Panama letter says that the natives openly declare that annexation to the United States is the only salvation for the Isthmus.

—It is rumored that several bogus Jersey fire insurance companies have collapsed, viz: the Mariners, Merchants, Firemen's and First National.

—Peter Daron editor of St. Joseph *Vindicator*, has severed his connection with that paper to take a position on the *Metropolitan Record* of New York.

—Gen. Rosecrans is in New York, in consultation with Democratic politicians relative to the publication of the address of the Southern (ex-rebel) leaders.

—Secretary Seward sent instructions on Thursday by the cable to Minister Webb at Rio Janeiro directing him to insist upon the passage of the United States steamer Washington through the allied lines to Ascencion, and in case of refusal to demand his passport.

THE SAENGERFEST.

Origin of the Festival—Decorations—Preparations for the Reception of Visitors—Societies Represented — How Turners Hall and the Rink Appeared—The Torch-light Procession—Address of Welcome by Mayor Blackmore—Speech by Gov. Geary—The Concert—The Programme for To-day, etc., etc., etc.

The Saengerbunds have become as popular in this country as they are in Europe, and every year their members increase, and the concerts given during the annual festivals are more largely attended. These societies had their origin during the struggle for freedom in Germany, and their popularity was especially marked during the contest of Prussia against Napoleon in 1813. They increased rapidly, and from that time have continued to exist. In 1848 a fresh impetus was given to the societies, and at the same time a revival of the Turners Societies was exhibited. In 1866 a grand Saengerfest was held at Dresden, at which more than twenty-five thousand singers took part. These singers represented every part of Europe and America, and the once noted Frohsinn Society, of this city, was there in the person of two of its members. In this country the societies multiplied very rapidly, and after some time a National Union or Bund was formed. But the vast number of singers who flocked to these annual meetings of the Bund as delegates formed a large and unwieldy body, and but comparatively little pleasure could be guaranteed at the concerts. To obviate this crowd of performers, and at the same time to keep alive the interest in the development of the societies, it was deemed proper to divide the United States into several Districts, and thus reduce the number of singers and at the same time the expense attending the annual meetings. The Saengerfest now being held in this city is in pursuance of this arrangement, this district comprising all of Western Pennsylvania, Buffalo, New York, Western Virginia, and Eastern Ohio.

WELCOME.

Yesterday preparations for the reception of the singers began to be manifest all over the city, and the day being unusually fine, the general appearance of everything was as brilliant as smoky Pittsburgh often sees. The Turners' Hall was a very hive, so busy was every one; the portico over the main entrance was heavily hung with oak wreathes and colored festoons with a shield bearing an appropriate motto of welcome on either side. Inside we found the gymnasium, on the ground floor, hung with festoons of oak, spruce and artificial flowers, while up stairs in the little theatre on the third floor the decorations were unusually rich and heavy. On the second floor are the lunch and refreshment rooms, which, with their generous counters and white spread tables, give a pleasant air of boundless hospitality to the place.

The dining room is presided over by that prince of caterers, Mr. William Holtzheimer, of the popular Fifth street restaurant. Into this apartment are inducted the members of the several delegations upon arrival, and a substantial repast is afforded. The culinary department is presided over by Fred. Dierst and a number of volunteer lady assistants. The main hall of the building, wherein will be held the concert, bears above the columns enwreathed shields bearing the names of the great musical composers Germany has furnished. On the walls are handsome wreaths with shields enclosed, bearing the following names of societies represented in the Saengerfest:

Harmonie, Cleveland, O.
Cecilia Glee Club, New York.
Lincoln Mannerchor, Birmingham, Pa.
Mannerchor, Youngstown, O.
Harmonie, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Liedertafel, Erie, Pa.
Lorely, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Germania, Dunkirk, New York.
Mannerchor, Wheeling, W. Va.
Mannerchor, Cleveland, O.
Grutlibund, Cleveland, O.
Teutonia, Allegheny, Pa.
Frohsinn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Union, Buffalo, New York.
Sangerbund, Buffalo, New York.
Concordia, Birmingham, Pa.
Gesangverin, Cleveland, O.
Harmonie, Wheeling, W. Va.
Liedertafel, Akron, O.
Harmonie, Akron, O.
Liederkranz, Bridgeport, O.
Liederkranz, Canton, O.

DECORATIONS.

Smithfield street is, more than any other thoroughfare, brilliant in its welcome, and for several squares almost every house seems to be doing what it can to honor the singers. Most especially did we note three buildings, viz: a German drug store on the corner of Strawberry alley and Smithfield street is profusely decorated with green, while across the front is a huge yard wide muslin sign, on which in letters of oak leaves are the words *Willkommen Sanger*. The office of the *Freiheits Freund* is also covered with decorations, with an appropriate motto of welcome over the door, and a handsome star spangled banner floating from the staff on the roof. Reinhardt's hotel is also as gay as any other house in the street.

Freis' barber shop was elegantly decorated, as was also Demmler & Bros. tinware establishment. Keller's liquor store, Sedle & Zweidinger's music store, and a number of buildings adjacent were most handsomely decorated. Lower down toward the river the display was equally creditable. The German book store of J. G. Backofen was neatly and handsomely decorated with evergeeens. On an elaborately painted transparency over the doorway was a motto from Schillers' "Might of Song;" reading in English as follows:

"And while the soother's magic measure flow,
Smoothes every wrinkle on the brows of woe,
So by harsh custom far estranged
Along the sad and guileless track,
To childhoods' happy home unchanged,
The swift song wafts the wanderer back."

On Fifth street the decorations were also very fine, especially the banking house of Ph. Mertz, J. W. Pittock's and Reineman, Meyran & Seidle's. Flags were hung from all the newspaper and public buildings. H. Kleber & Bro.'s music store on Wood street was the best display on that thoroughfare. Penn street was also decorated in a beautiful and tasteful manner. The private displays in Allegheny were fully equal to those on this side of the river, and upon the whole our German element have nothing to be ashamed of in their method of awarding a poetic and hearty welcome to their guests.

On St. Clair street Glockner's wine house and the restaurant next door were very elaborately decked. Across from tower to tower at the one end of the bridge, between garlands of evergreen are the words "Welcome to the Iron City," and at the other end "Welcome to the Saengerfest." Over both entrances to the Rink arched canopies covered with verdant wreathes have been placed, while across the street from side to side are stretched wreathes and colored festoons, making that portion of Robinson street almost a shady bower. Inside some changes have been made. The stage instead of being arched is adorned with pillars of evergreen and handsome vases of rare exotics. On the wall at the back of the stage a combined shield contains the names *Germania* and *Columbia*, while all along the sides are shields or placards with the names of almost famous in the music and literature of Germany, America and England. On one side of the stage is the motto by Tom Moore which we quoted on Saturday, and on the other is the popular singer's motto—

Herz und Lied
Frisch, Frei, Gesund
Wohn dies Gut
Du Saengerbund.

Each one of the twelve cords hanging from the windows in the roof will have a brilliant boquet in place of a tassel. Almost innumerable rustic baskets of plants and crystal globes of gold fish hang from the beams, and at the end of the building opposite the stage is a handsome rustic pedestal surmounted by a collossal bust of Schiller.

Arrangements have been made by which a few more choice seats can be reserved. This has been done by a change in the place for the speakers, and the sale of these seats for to-night's concert takes place this morning at Kleber's and Mellor's. The pieces to be used to-night are well selected and are none of them long enough to fatigue a mixed audience. The gem of the evening will be "The Triumph of German Song," but "On the Open Sea," and Gounod' "*Sanctus*" are looked for with almost as much interest by connoisseurs and all lovers and appreciators of good music.

THE PROCESSION.

At half past seven o'clock, the hour set apart for the moving of the torch light procession to the Rink, a copious fall of rain took place, which seriously interfered with the success of the affair. The violence of the storm, however, passed over before eight o'clock, and the various home societies, with their guests, preceded by a brass band and a large detachment of Mayor Blackmore's police, moved in procession. There were probably six hundred in the ranks, each bearing a flaming torch, presenting altogether a magnificent appearance. In a carriage were the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Mayors of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangments. This was followed in the procession by other carriages containing the various Committees and Chairmen of the visiting societies. All along the line of procession the houses were brilliantly illuminated, and at various points a profusion of fire works were sent heavenward in honor of the occasion.

AT THE RINK.

Long before the procession arrived at the Rink the multitude had assembled along Robinson street, which was decorated with wreaths of evergreens suspended across the street, and Chinese lanterns hanging from every window, until it was almost impossible to pass through the crowd which soon after the procesion arrived had secured seats in the Rink, creating considerable confusion. After quiet had been restored, the entertainment was commenced with a grand overture entitled the "Frieschutz," by Toerge's Orchestra, which was rendered in a most admirable manner.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mr. Adolph Krebs, President of the Saengerfest, then introduced Mayor Blackmore in a brief address in German:

The Mayor said:

WELCOME SPEECH OF MAYOR BLACKMORE.

GENTLEMEN—It gives me great pleasure to meet you, my German fellow citizens from abroad—to extend to you my heartfelt greeting—and, in behalf of the citizens of Pittsburgh to extend to you the hospitalities of our city. The occasion is one of unusual interest, and I heartily sympathise with you in the success of the great "Saengerfest" about to be inaugurated here.

Those arts which tend to soften the asperities of life and refine the tastes, should be especially encouraged and cultivated. Music—the divine handmaid of Heaven—whose influence is felt in every department of life, that soothes our cares, animates our conflicts, imparts geniality to our social intercourse, and lifts the soul in its religious aspirations to the great Creator. Music, I say, is one of the gifts that belong especially to your great nation; to the "Faderland" must we look for its truest interpretation. May we receive from you a portion of that inspiration so beautifully blended with the more solid characteristics of your race; then will the angularities of the American character be torn down and its genial influence felt in imparting a more full and perfect sympathy.

But, gentlemen, I feel that I cannot do justice to this subject, and I refrain from dwelling further on it. May you, during your sojourn here, realize the utmost enjoyment, and may you bear with you on your return to your homes many pleasant recollections of your visit to Pittsburgh.

The resident societies then sang a grand chorus in German, which elicited loud and prolonged applause from the audience.

GOV. GEARY'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Krebs then introduced Gov. Geary, who spoke as follows:

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:—I am compelled to beg pardon from this august assembly for appearing before it without a written address, but, inspired by the gorgeous display and pageant which we have just left, and by the charming music, both vocal and instrumental, I feel that I can say a word or two without preparation. When we reflect that our fathers have provided years ago a platform so broad that it is large enough for the Americans of all nationalities, we cannot wonder that Europeans should flock to our shores, attracted by the promises held out of life, liberty and the free pursuit of happiness, and wherever the Germans have touched from the Atlantic to the Pacific the land has smiled and blessed their labors, and now I am told that five States are represented here, delegations have come from New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and as Chief Magistrate of this great Commonwealth I tender to them all a hearty welcome. I have acted as magistrate in other places, and never have I failed in extending the same feeling to the foreign as to the American born citizens. On the battle-fields of the nation I have been surrounded by noble German soldiers, and it is therefore no wonder that to-night my heart gushes out to them. and (pointing to a white star among the decorations) it has been my lot to lead under that star 2,000 Germans who loved it only less than the stars and stripes, half way up to the skies to victory. In Mexico the Germans had won immortal honor, and in the late rebellion thousands of them had come to the rescue of the flag of their adoption.

I most heartily approve of these great meetings which win for them the respect of their fellow citizens. I feel that it is good for us to be here, it is good for me to be here, and I pray God that you may all have a good time and enjoy yourselves.

I feel that here as elsewhere where I have seen great getherings of Germans, the laws of our nation are safe. In Philadelphia, where I met 20,000 Germans, I did not meet one drunken man among them. I honor the German population and once more extend a most heartfelt welcome.

One of the singers proposed three cheers for General Geary, then one of the audience proposed three for the leader of the White Star.

The enthusiasm at the close of the Governor's remarks was most intense, and some one in the audience proposed three which was heartily responded to.

The Allegheny Quartette Club, lead by Prof. Slack, was then introduced, and sang in a most excellent manner "Sleep Gentle Lady," which was highly applauded by the audience, and the Club was called out a second time, when they reponded with "Good Night," which was received with loud and prolonged applause.

Teorge's Orchestra then played "Steiger March," by Faust, which was highly applauded by the Germans.

Rev. C. Schilling was then introduced and delivered an oration in German. His theme was German music, German poetry, and German composers, all of which he eulogized to a considerable extent. His remarks were listened to with marked attention by the Germans, who appeared well pleased with the speaker, and evinced their appreciation of his address by frequent rounds of applause.

At the close of Mr. Schilling's address the Allegheny Quartette Club was again called upon and responded with "Dreams of Home," which was admirably rendered.

The grand feature of the entertainment was the closing exercises, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the resident singers, accompanied by Toerge's Orchestra. It was sung as Germans only can sing it, and must be heard to be appreciated.

The audience was then dismissed, and notwithstanding the entertainment was continued until a late hour in the night and the inclement weather, all expressed themselves fully satisfied with the opening exercises of the Saengerfest.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

The Grand Concert at the Keystone Skating Rink, by the German singing societies in attendance at the Saengerfest, comes off this evening, and promises to be one of the most successful ever given in this vicinity.

The arrangements have been extensive, and the opening ceremonies at the Rink last evening was an earnest of the success which will be achieved to-night. The programme for the concert embraces a selection of rare music, such as our citizens have not often had an opportunity to listen to, and includes sacred, patriotic and descriptive compositions. The arrangement of the choruses, solos, duetts, trios, and quartettes is admirable and cannot fail to produce a fine effects.

Among the finer pieces to be rendered might be mentioned "Sanctus," by Mrs. Downing, Misses M'Caffrey, Müller, Buerkle and Henne, and the Messrs. Kleber, the trio from Attila, and Bothoven's Leerghette, quartette for string instrument, by the Teorge brothers and Zittebart. Indeed, the whole affair has been most carefully prepared, and the hearty welcome extended by our citizens generally to the societies has incited them to increased exertions to fully meet the anticipations indulged in. Reserved seats can still be secured at Kleber's or Mellor's, Wood street.

POLITICAL.

Grand Rally in Allegheny—Speeches by Messrs. Williams, Lucas, Marshall and Phelps.

The rain of last evening in no wise dampened the loyalty and patriotism of the Republican masses in Allegheny, who rallied in immense numbers in front of their headquarters, in the Diamond, at eight o'clock, to endorse the nomination of Hon. Darwin Phelps, the Republican candidate for Congress in the Twenty-third District. The Germania Brass Band was in attendance, and at intervals, previous to and during the meeting, discoursed enlivening music.

At the appointed hour the meeting was called to order by James McBriar, Esq., who announced the following list of officers:

President—Thomas Williams.

Vice Presidents—S. H. Hartman, S. H. Geyer, Col. George Geist, James Marshall, Samuel Kay, Allen Means, George Bellstein, Henry T. Eggers, Erwin Coates, Jas. C. Sarvis, J. W. F. White, Col. John Snodgrass, James Lacey, H. M. Boyle, Geo. W. Evans, Hon. John Brown, Geo. W. Chalfant, Dr. T. F. Dale, D. Joseph Reid, Robt. Wright, Archibald Allison, Dr. A. Harper, William McCully, S. G. McCallister, Capt. Nicholas Way, J. F. Marshall, Wm. Peters, Lewis Heidleberg, H. P. Mueller.

Secretaries—Reporters of the Republican press.

Mr. Williams, on taking the chair, returned his thanks in a brief speech, in which he cordially endorsed the nomination of Mr. Phelps as the most proper choice which could have been made, and predicted his triumphant election by the Republicans of the district by an overwhelming majority.

B. F. Lucas and Thomas M. Marshall, Esqs., followed in speeches of about half an hour's length, in which they took up the issues of the day and argued them in a very clear, convincing manner, eliciting by their remarks enthusiastic applause.

At the conclusion of Mr. Marshall's speech, Hon. Darwin Phelps was introduced and received with great cheering. Mr. Phelps said that owing to the inclement state of the evening he thought it best not to make any extended remarks. He felt gratified, as every loyal man would feel, at the reception which had been accorded to him by the Republicans of the banner county. He felt thankful for this great honor, and hoped that if elected by their suffrages to represent them in the hall of the national Legislature he might prove himself worthy of the confidence which they seemed to repose in him. At some future time, if desirable, he would be pleased to address them at length on the issues of the day, but the present, under the circumstances, was hardly the proper time. He said he could not refrain from saying a few words in regard to their gallant standard bearers, Grant and Colfax, and in a few pertinent remarks dwelt upon their characters, their distinguished services to the country, and their unflinching loyalty, closing with an earnest appeal, urging upon all the importance of working energetically to secure their election, that peace and harmony might again prevail throughout the land.

At the conclusion of Mr. Phelps' speech Gen. Wm. Blakely, from the Committee on Resolutions, offered the following:

Resolved, That having the most full and entire confidence in the ability, integrity and patriotism of Hon. Darwin Phelps of Armstrong county, we do most cordially endorse his nomination as the Republican candidate for Congress in this district; and that we will ratify that nomination on the Second Tuesday in October next, in such a manner as to carry terror into the ranks of the enemies of freedom.

Resolved, That we do fully and heartily endorse the public services of Hon. Thomas Williams, our present representative in Congress, in whom we have a representative second to none in the nation, with the courage, honesty and ability to maintain the right, and that when the time shall come for him to surrender the trust committed to his hands he will be entitled to and receive from a grateful constituency the welcome plaudit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Meeting in Washington.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Republicans of the borough of Washington was held in the Court House of that county Saturday evening, to hear Governor Geary. At half-past seven o'clock the Grant Guards, under command of Captain Hart, repaired to the Valentine House, where the Governor was stopping, and escorted him to the Court House. The meeting was then organized by calling Major John H. Ewing to the Chair and appointing Mr. McWilliams, of the *Reporter*, Secretary.

The Chairman in a brief address introduced the Governor, who addressed the meeting at considerable length in a most eloquent and forcible manner, at the close of which the meeting adjourned with three cheers for the speaker and three times three for Grant and Colfax and the State and local ticket.

The Republicans of Washington county are working nobly, and will render a good account at the approaching election.

Trouble About a Receipt.

Timothy Gorman and his landlord James McCauliff have had a misunderstanding in regard to a receipt. McCauliff says he called on his tenant to collect the rent amounting to eight dollars; a twenty dollar note was offered in payment by Timothy, which he was unable to change, whereupon he dropped into a store near by to get the change, retaining the receipt which had been handed to him. Failing to come back in a reasonable time search was made for him, when it was found that he had gone. Meeting him subsequently, McCauliff says Timothy flourished the receipt in his face and refused to pay him the amount. The accused was arrested yesterday on a charge of false pretence by Alderman McMasters, and after a hearing held for trial.

Horse Case.

On Saturday evening, about nine o'clock, William Hecker, of East Liberty, came into town and having some business at the Mansion house, he tied his horse in front, while he went inside. Coming out soon after the animal was gone, taken as he subsequently ascertained by an acquaintance named Lewis Steven. Thinking all would be right, Hecker went home after waiting some time, expecting that Stevens would bring the animal there when he had finished his ride. Up till morning neither horse nor rider had appeared, and Hecker at last, thinking that something must be wrong, started the police on the track. They have not succeeded in arresting the joker as yet.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

—In Philadelphia, on Sunday, a Mrs. Hubley, while laboring under temporary insanity, threw her grand child out of a second story window, fracturing its skull.

—Charles Neville and James Malcolm have been arrested in New York, charged with committing an outrage upon a Mrs. Sargent, aged fifty years, in Central Park.

—In the Fifth District (Penna.) the Democrats have nominated Dr. John B. Reading as a candidate for Congress, and in the Seventh District they have nominated Robert E. Monaghan.

—Two boys named George J. Lee and Robert T. Dooley were run over by a train on the Lowell and Lawrence (Mass.) railroad in Lowell, on Sunday afternoon, and instantly killed.

—Idaho intelligence to August 15th state the official election returns have not been received, but it is certain the whole Democratic ticket is elected. New rich mines have been discovered.

—The winter in Chili was unusually severe and several snow slides had occurred. An avalanche buried twenty-four persons in a mine, killing all. Gen. Kilpatrick was to leave on the 27th of July for the United States.

—It is announced that with the present month the expenses of the Boston custom house will be reduced $16,000 per annum. Ten officers now on duty will be removed. The salaries of certain others will be reduced.

—The New York Union Copper Mine, located at Copperopolis, California, was sold at Sheriff's sale. Glidden & Williams, Boston, were purchasers at one hundred and twenty-one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

St. Louis Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ST. LOUIS, August 31.—Tobacco firm and unchanged. Cotton and Hemp; nothing doing. Flour extremely dull with only a retail business; super sold at $6,25a6,75; extra $7,25a7,50; double extra $8a9,50. Wheat dull and heavy at previous quotations; prime to fancy red and white fall range at $1,80a1,82. Rye unchanged at $1,13a1,15. Pork dull and nothing doing. Bacon dull and unchanged. Lard steady and unchanged at 18½c for tierce and 19½a20c for keg. Whisky inactive at $1,25. Cattle dull and heavy, ranging 2½a5¼c for gross inferior to extra butchers. Receipts—3,700 bbls flour, 31,000 bus corn, 700 bus corn, 23,800 bus oats, 4,500 bus rye, 2,700 bus barley.

Albany Cattle Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ALBANY, August 31.—Receipts of cattle 2,600 head. There are no new cases of cattle disease, and the demand is much better than last week. Beeves are in excellent marketable condition; on extras prices advanced ¾c, and on middlings and inferior grades 1a1¼c; sales 1,500 heads at 5a6¾c for inferior and common; 7a8½c for ordinary to fair State; 8½a9c for fair State; 8½a9c for fair to good Indiana, and 9a9¾c for Kentucky. Sheep in good request at 4a5½, and lambs at 6a7c; supply fair.

Buffalo Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BUFFALO, August 31.—Flour is firm and very dull. Wheat is dull; buyers are awaiting a decline; sales 2,000 bus at $1,97 for Racine; and 2,500 bus amber Ohio at $2,15a2,16. Corn is dull at $1,12½a1,13 for mixed Western; sales of 13,000 bus to arrive at $1,13. Oats dull; sales Western at 64a65c; and 10,000 to arrive at 65c. Rye is offered at $1,40 by the boat load. Meat pork is firm at $30 for heavy. Lard is firm at 19c. High Wines nominal.

Memphis Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MEMPHIS, August 31—Cotton at 28a29c; receipts and exports—none. Flour at $6,50 a13. Corn at 82½a85c. Oats at 55a58c. Hay at $18a23. Bran at $20a22. Corn meal nominal. Lard at 19c. Pork at $30. Bacon—shoulders at 13½c; clear sides at 17½a17¾c; receipts to-day, 33 bbls; exports this month, 123 bbls; receipts for one year, 253,297 bbls; exports for one year, 254,246 bbls; stock to September 1st, 1868, 45 bbls.

New Orleans Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, August 31.—Cotton dull; middling 28c. Sugar and Molasses nominal. Flour dull; superfine, $6,75a6,87. Corn dull at $1,05a1,05½. Oats dull at 65c. Pork unchanged. Bacon steady; shoulders 14½, clear sides 17¾a18c. Lard unchanged.

Chicago Cattle Market.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, August 31.—Live stock market very dull and nominal.