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THE WEEKLY GAZETTE, issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays, is the best and cheapest family newspaper in Pennsylvania.

WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: News Publications.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 185 1/2.

THE "Molly Maguires" have appeared among the coal and iron miners of Allegheny county, Maryland.

In the closing up of the business of the Freedmen's Bureau Gen. HOWARD has very properly asked for Congressional investigation into its affairs and operations.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION of Mr. CURRIE is now said to have a three-fold object: 1st, Consultation upon the Alabama claims.

SPANISH AFFAIRS look better. The reactionary movement at Cadix is on its last legs, and its failure will strengthen the Provisional Government against the danger of similar opposition in other quarters of the Kingdom.

An intelligent Englishman—Mr. DILKE, the author of "Greater Britain," is traveling through the Southern States, after the close of the Rebellion.

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WE LEARN from the Baltimore American that the existing antagonism between the Northern Central, and Baltimore and Ohio Railway Companies, has culminated in a close combination of the Northern Central, the Baltimore and Potomac, the Western Maryland, the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore and the Union Railway Companies.

rapidly constructed. This, it will be seen, is an immense arrangement, and will place the new road to Washington not only in full connection with the North and West, but also in connection with the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers.

The Northern Central controls both the charter of the Baltimore and Potomac, thus securing an independent line to Washington, and that of the Union Railroad, which proposes to make a suburban connection of all the roads entering the city.

BLACK SUFFRAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

An article under this title, written by the senior editor of the GAZETTE, a number of years ago, has recently been revived, and copied into most of the Republican journals of this Commonwealth.

"In 1832 William Penn promulgated the Frame of Government" granted him by King Charles II. In this document the right of suffrage was given, without restriction, to the freemen of said province.

"In 1701 Penn granted what is known as the 'Charter of Privileges.' By this instrument the right of suffrage was broadly given to the freemen of each respective county."

"The first constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted in 1776. The convention that framed this instrument was presided over by Benjamin Franklin. It gave the right of suffrage to every freeman of the full age of twenty-one years."

"For one hundred and fifty-six years black men, if black they were, voted in Pennsylvania on precisely the same conditions as white men. None of the evils now predicted of black suffrage were experienced. Neither the mental or social equality of the two races was thereby established."

"It may be remarked, in order to the better understanding of the whole matter, that in 1838 a case was brought before the Courts of this Commonwealth to test the point whether a native-born black man, not a slave, was a 'freeman' according to the true intent and meaning of the Constitution of 1790."

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"Of course, so rank an injustice cannot last forever. According to that measure of ability given to us, we have steadily advocated not simply the political freedom of all men and women, but their political Equality likewise."

"The names of a majority of the Judges of the Supreme Court are freely used at Washington, as agreeing upon a decision overturning the Legal Tender Acts. The opinion may not be announced for some weeks."

"If the rumor be well founded, its truth will be generally acquiesced in, in advance of the open decision, and the business of the country will begin at once to adapt itself to the new standard—or rather to the old one again re-established, the solid specie basis. Congress must at once provide for the \$300,000,000 outstanding in its paper thus decreed."

be for a while an active business in the sorting and redemption of their own notes, but that business will probably be confined to the brokers, and not shared in to any great extent by the masses of the people.

It is not necessary to say that the reduction of values in most descriptions of property may be looked for, but very little disturbance beyond that—certainly no panic—in business generally.

If this confidence don't suffice, the specie will, and of this country has enough, and to spare, for the present emergency. The \$24,000,000 of gold certificates held by the Treasury will be put to use, and in aid of the banks if needed.

WILL PITTSBURGH ACCOMMODATE ITSELF—NO. 1.

The approach of persons, whether in carriages or on foot, to the Union Depot of this city, is more difficult and dangerous than that of any other like establishment in the United States.

Five railways use this depot in common. These are the Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis, the Erie and Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Several things conspire to make matters still worse. The Grain Elevator stands directly in front of the entrance to the Depot, so that all cars running in or out of it necessarily intercept and endanger the stream of vehicles and pedestrians.

"The Future of Mormonism." The Gentiles are coming thicker and faster. Brigham sees the threatening danger, and is struggling desperately to avert it; but the events of the last few weeks show that the principle of exclusion is to prove at least a partial failure.

"A FACT OF GREAT VALUE." No one can be too often impressed with the truth of all disorders which mankind are prone to, none of more prevalence at this season of the year than those which manifest themselves in the lungs and pulmonary organs.

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affording the needed relief, will be less expensive to the respective Companies, and allow them the largest reasonable facilities for the transaction of their appropriate business? It is for the welfare of the city that both of these aspects of the case should be considered, not in the light of past conflicts between the inhabitants of the authorities and the railway corporations; or under the impulse of animosities surviving those conflicts.

It was recently proposed by a correspondent of one of the morning papers that the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Company should be required to sink its track so as to pass under Liberty and Penn streets, through a tunnel. This would be an excellent arrangement so far as relates to displacing those highways.

Liberty and Penn streets would be largely and inexpensively relieved if the through freight trains, East and West, passing over the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road, should go round over the Western Pennsylvania road.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Mr. W. W. Kennedy, master machinist at the Keystone spring works of Messrs. Norris & Butler, No. 85 First avenue, narrowly escaped a horrible death yesterday morning. It seems that he was engaged about eight o'clock in filling a piece of shafting, and while so engaged his clothing became entangled in a cog wheel which was revolving with great rapidity near him.

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"PREVENT OR REPENT!" When health has been sacrificed for want of the means necessary to protect it, regrets are unavailing. It is better to prevent than to repent. The most important season of the year is at hand, and its cold and damp air is the source of the most distressing ailments.

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Allegheny City Republican Executive Committee—Preliminary Meeting. A meeting of the Allegheny City Republican Executive Committee was held last evening in the Treasurer's office, City Building, for the purpose of determining the time for holding the Republican primary election.

The meeting was called to order at seven and a half o'clock, John McDonald, Esq., occupying the chair, and Mr. W. W. Brown officiating as Secretary. The President stated the object of the meeting, which was to determine the time for holding the Republican primary election.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by substituting the first Saturday in January, 1887, for the second Saturday in January, 1887, as amended, and the motion, as amended, carried.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Half a million in currency was sent West, yesterday, by one of the New York banks.

—A fire at Yarmouth, Me., destroyed the paper mill of Charles J. Little, valued at \$50,000, and insured for \$20,000.

—The West Wisconsin Rail Road is now open from Tomah to Black Haven Falls. Trains are running once a day.

—David Price fell from the Peoria and Warsaw Railroad bridge, at Peoria, Sunday night, and was almost instantly killed.

—Another accident occurred at Baldwin's Locomotive Foundry, Philadelphia, yesterday. Another girder fell, seriously injuring three men.

—The steam tug Adella, of New York, was burned at New Haven, Conn., yesterday morning. Loss estimated at \$20,000; insured for \$10,000.

—If W. C. Clinton, who robbed William Fargo of two hundred thousand dollars in bonds last January, was recently captured at Panama and brought to Buffalo, N. Y., for trial.

—Two men, named Talmadge and Ripley, have been arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, for stealing two notes valued at eleven thousand dollars from E. W. Whitmore & Co., and for trial.

—The New York Tribune editorially says: "We are confidentially advised from Washington that the Supreme Court is very certain to adjudge the Legal Tender Act unconstitutional. We are told that there will probably be but one dissenter from the Court's judgment."

—A dispatch from Reykjavik says: Intelligence has been received here that large quantities of overland mail matter have been stolen from a coach near Fort Bridger, the robbers having cut open the boot. A portion of the mail has already been recovered. Strict inquiry will be instituted as to the manner of carrying these mails.

—P. S. Knoles, of Jacksonville, Fla., was robbed of a check for \$9,000, at the Union Stock yard in Chicago, on Saturday. The check was drawn on the Third National Bank of Chicago. When he discovered the robbery, Mr. Knoles started for the bank, but when he reached there he learned that the thief was ahead of him and had drawn the money.

—An iron tank in the cellar of Easton, Sander & Co's drug store, under the Southern Hotel, in St. Louis, exploded early Monday morning, and damaged the store to the amount of about \$2,500. The force of the explosion passed upwards through the ceiling, and broke through the floor, and broke twenty-five panes of plate glass in the windows of the store, and pressed one of the side walls out of plumb, but did not disturb a bottle on the shelves. The tank was simply used as a receptacle of steam and waste water received from the steam-heating apparatus of the Southern Hotel, and the explosion cannot be accounted for on any known principle.

—Thus far in their course the Lecture Committee of the Mercantile Library Association have been singularly fortunate in securing prominent and popular lecturers, and as a consequence, they have been gratified with large and appreciative audiences on every occasion. The next attractions of their programme, which promise to be not a whit behind those which have preceded them, are the eloquent entertainments of Mr. Henry Nichols, the eminent English elocutionist, whose recitals from standard English and American poets have gained for him a wide spread popularity in the old country and who has been heard of in the new. So confident have the Committee been of his ability, that he has been secured for two performances, and on Thursday and Friday evenings the Pittsburgh lecture public will have opportunities of judging for themselves by visiting the Academy of Music. The sale of reserved seats will commence at the box office of the Academy on Thursday morning at ten o'clock, and in order that all may be accommodated no person can purchase more than six tickets for one evening.

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