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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: Poetry, Epigrams.

GOLD closed yesterday in New York at 135 3/4 @ 135 1/2.

EDWARD McPHERSON, Clerk of the House, Washington, D. C., is actively engaged upon the Life and Times of THADDEUS STEVENS.

WRITING yesterday from memory, we accepted the apparent statement of the Governor's Message as correct.

It is, therefore, possible that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company bonds can be sold as to cancel an equal amount of the bonds of the State.

WE see no reason to modify the statement we made touching the bonds of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company.

THE SUFFRAGE IN CONGRESS. Members of Congress, from the several States, are at present chosen by electors in each State.

Much of the present opposition to Impartial Suffrage would be avoided by the limitation of the right to these Federal purposes, leaving each State to regulate its local elections according to its own discretion.

In this view, the new Constitutional Article and accompanying bill, introduced by Mr. BOUTWELL in the House on Monday, are likely to encounter much resistance.

uite, three-fourths of the State Legislatures. But, so amended as to relate exclusively to the Federal suffrage, we think these measures would obtain a general acceptance.

The circumstances which justified the Nation in requiring an enlarged and impartial suffrage in the reconstruction of the late rebel States, are not found to exist as to States which have maintained their Federal existence unimpaird and their Federal relations unbroken.

THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE. Appropriate and just were the congratulatory terms in which the officers of the "Young Men's Mercantile Library and Mechanical Institute," of this city, presented their statement of affairs to the members at the annual meeting on Monday evening.

That the "Library and Institute" has now attained its twenty-one years majority, in the present enjoyment of a marked prosperity, and with the undimmed promise for a yet more vigorous career of public usefulness, is due in no small degree, to the hearty consenting efforts of gentlemen whose work has always been a labor of love.

The Library and Institute enter upon the mature period of their existence under the brightest auspices for a prosperous and influential future. With a membership steadily although slowly increasing, the Treasury solvent for its current demands, and a well-selected library of nearly nine thousand volumes, they enjoy, also, the kindly regard of all classes and all denominations in this community.

We take pleasure in heartily seconding the appeal of the Directors for public encouragement and support. Their membership should be made to include every young man in these cities who mind, in a well-stored and well-balanced mind, possess the highest qualification for a reputable and profitable career through life.

RAILWAY FACILITIES. Upon the new Councils of this city develops the duty of dealing with the overtures recently submitted by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Connellsville Railroad Company for additional accommodations for their respective traffics.

The Councils are bound to consult primarily the rights and interests of the citizens, whose representatives they are, but not so as to forget that the citizens and the railway companies whose lines centre here, have interests in common.

and the consequent crowd in the Union depot is objectionable, and must become more objectionable with the increase of business. Another source of discomfort exists in the railway tracks that have to be crossed in going to and from the depot.

The business of the city requires a new, commodious and substantial freight depot, and so located as not to necessitate the obstruction of the streets by trains arriving and departing.

In addition to these particulars, we still insist that all through freight trains, west and east, on the Fort Wayne line, the right of way should be secured by the railway company by enforcing this arrangement, and the relief to the city would be very great.

The Connellsville Railroad Company wants first, the right to cross the city, and second, access to the Union Depot. That Company has our warmest sympathies. It had them when they were of substantial advantage to it, and has them yet, in undiminished vigor.

The access of the Connellsville Railroad Company to the Union Depot is a matter over which the Councils have no control, but in respect to which they can exert an agency, provided they proceed in a friendly manner toward both sides.

RAILWAY MATTERS. We learn that there is to be a vigorous resistance to the new Frisk programme for the absorption of the C. & P. Railway into the "Erie" system.

Fourth. The special immediate free delivery of every message by carriers within the limits of free delivery, by letter of every postal telegraph office, and the delivery at special rates beyond such limits, provided, however, that messages directed to the transmitter by night will not be delivered until the next morning.

JOHNSON'S NOMINATIONS. There is little doubt that no confirmation of any of Andrew Johnson's nominations will take place between now and the 4th of March, 1899.

Some seventy-eight persons have recently joined the M. E. Church at Jacobsburg, Belmont county.

A PACK of six or seven wolves is roaming about Erie county, which has, so far, defied all attempts at capture.

On last Wednesday night week the dry house and about 12,000 feet of lumber, belonging to the Buckeye Planing Mills at New Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire.

A FATAL accident occurred in Letonia, a short time since, resulting in the death of a man and severe injury of another, by the explosion of a barrel of oil which took fire from the lamps in their caps while they were drawing oil.

AN old couple, Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper, residing near Cedarville, aged respectively eighty-five and eighty-nine years, died their home on the 29th inst., a calm and quiet death, and within forty minutes of each other.

WEST VIRGINIA NEWS. The Morgantown Constitution has discontinued for want of support.

THE Fairmont West Virginian says: Bill Clayton, a lunatic, who has been for some time confined in the county jail at this place, was released on Sunday last, and all efforts to recapture him were unavailing.

A COOPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY in New York, composed of 800 members, is established, under the following plan of operations: Every member takes two shares of \$1,000 each upon which he pays \$1 a week.

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