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WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: Poetry, Epigrams, General Miscellany.

U. S. BONDS at Frankfurt, 80 1/2.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 154 1/2.

ABOUT this time, begin to look out for signs of the new Cabinet—after which, fine weather.

THE TENURE OF OFFICE LAW is likely to be repealed, if Senators should ever cease to discuss the question and come to a vote.

A MAJORITY of the Reconstruction Committee of the House are opposed to the admission of Mississippi, under her vote upon the new Constitution.

WE ARE promised, from Harrisburg, the long-needed authority of the law, for the commutation of the death-penalty, at the Governor's discretion, to a term of imprisonment.

A REMON is current at the West that the Illinois Central Railroad has purchased or leased the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and the line will be operated as one continuous whole from Chicago to New Orleans.

A CRAZY GIRL was arrested in the White House on Wednesday. She had gone there with an unloaded pistol, for the avowed purpose of killing Mr. Johnson.

AN EMINENT Engineer of Baltimore has stated to the House Committee his opinion that a three-hundred-foot span is wide enough for bridges over the Ohio.

THE HOUSE may find difficulty in agreeing to the Senate amendments to its new Constitutional Articles regulating the suffrage.

THE NEW Spanish Cortes assembled yesterday. Its proceedings will command the interested attention of all Europe.

UPON the authority of the Cincinnati press, we recently stated that the lease of the road from that city to Dayton to the Erie Company, would be submitted to the C. H. & D. share-holders for ratification on the 18th instant.

THE Ohio Legislature is now considering three bills, two of which are supposed to be prompted by the trunk line war.

BEFORE the last session closed, Congress found little difficulty in declaring that three of the disorganized States, having failed to meet the terms prescribed for their restoration, should be excluded from the Electoral vote.

IT is about simple justice to our Representative, General MOORHEAD, to give the communication from "C." a place in our columns.

writer are entitled to the more weight, since we know him not only as fully responsible for their accuracy, but as having the most ample acquaintance with the matters discussed in his communication. It is not our purpose to re-open this question at present, the bill, which recently presented itself, having failed to secure the voice of the House, and, therefore, being probably lost for the session.

LEGALITY OF LEGAL-TENDERS. The Supreme Court affirms the sovereignty of the States, in their unimpairable right to levy and collect their domestic taxes in such forms as they may desire for their advantage.

It seems that State rights have not yet become altogether mythical. This judicial proof that such rights yet exist, goes to support an idea, which generally prevails, that when the progress of centralization shall have obliterated every other trace of the old barriers, visionary or real, between the Federal power and the especial privileges of each separate State, the Supreme Court will be found the last and strong retreat of local sovereignty.

CONWARDICE—AND WHAT CAME OF IT. Congress, in Wednesday's Joint Convention, found itself brought face to face with a very awkward, not to say mischievous result of its own chronic recklessness in the treatment of questions of the most vital importance.

LONGSTREET ON GRANT. This distinguished soldier of the rebel cause, who has since been thoroughly reconstructed, expressed his opinion of General Grant, the other day as follows: "The entire sensible mass of the South-ern people secretly rejoice at Grant's election. Grant to my mind is the beau ideal of a soldier's companion."

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Representative Moorhead and the Pittsburgh Petroleum Association.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9th, 1869. In your issue of the 4th inst. were given the proceedings of a special meeting of the Pittsburgh Petroleum Association.

A number of very erroneous statements were made at this meeting in relation to the bill, which the Committee have not only not passed, but have not even given the matter a careful consideration.

But, not Members could be inconsistent in every other thing but this inconsistency itself; to that, they are ever faithful. Instead of paltering with the question by adopting the Edmunds joint resolution, they ought to have met it squarely, and put an end to all embarrassments by declaring, in advance of the joint canvass, that Georgia should not profit by her trick, and that, having no perfect Federal rights, she was not legally a State and should have no Electoral vote.

Will our public men ever come to learn that questions of serious National concern are not to be trifled with, or shuffled around, without menacing still more serious results? Will members of Congress ever see one gleam of a perception that they are lagging most discreditably in the rear of the National sentiment?

THE RESOLUTIONS adopted by the Association show very plainly that they did not give the bill a very careful examination. The second resolution expresses the opinion of the Association that the "bill will utterly fail in effecting the object desired, as the adulteration of refined oils is a better plan than that proposed."

THE FEELING toiler, with uncertain steps, over the face of the death, in danger every day of falling victims to the morbid influences by which we are all surrounded, when a tested and proven vegetable tonic, capable of endowing every city, town and settlement, it might reasonably be thought that after twelve years' experience, it would be known that its effect is to prevent disease.

THE SOUND OF THE LUNGS. One of the most accurate ways of determining whether the measure in a healthy or diseased condition, is by means of listening to the respiration. To those experienced in this practice it becomes as plain as an index to the state of the lungs, and is well known to the operator as the voice of his most intimate acquaintance.

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WASHINGTON ITEMS.

There is no prospect that the Alabama treaty will be considered this session.

THE COMMITTEE on Foreign Affairs will not call up the bill providing for the annexation of the Dominican Republic for several days, believing that the more the subject is discussed through the public press, the stronger will the proposition become in Congress, and be favorably received when brought again.

AMENDMENTS to the Tax bill, to be proposed when it is next considered, have been under discussion by the Ways and Means Committee for some days. They are opposed to extending the time when the tax on all whisky in bond is to be paid.

THE PRESIDENT is expected to veto the Copper Tax bill. There is strength of opinion in both Houses to pass it over the veto.

THE GERMANS of Washington have made their arrangements to give a grand banquet in honor of the arrival here, which will be in a week or ten days.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC SALE.—THE LEASE, Stock and Fixtures of the Lumber and Coal Yard, situated on the premises of the Fifth Avenue, will be sold on the premises, on THURSDAY, February 11th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. For particulars apply to J. WATSON, 72 East street.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, PITTSBURGH, February 11th, 1869.

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN to all OWNERS OF DRAYS, CARTS, CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, &c., (whether resident or non-resident), in the City of Pittsburgh, to pay their Licenses at this office FORWORTH, in accordance with an Act of Assembly approved March 30, 1868, and an ordinance of the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh, passed April 18, 1868.

Licenses not paid on or before MAY 15, 1869, will be placed in the hands of a police officer for collection, subject to a collection fee of 50 cents, and all persons who neglect or refuse to take out Licenses will be subject to a penalty double the amount of the license, to be recovered before the Mayor.

Each one horse vehicle.....\$ 7.50 Each two horse vehicle..... 13.00 Each four horse vehicle..... 15.00 Each two horse back..... 15.00 Omnibus and Timber Wheels drawn by two horses, \$18.00 each. One dollar extra will be charged for each additional horse used on any of the above vehicles. For terms and particulars, call on A. J. COCHRAN, City Treasurer.

AT AUCTION. WAREHOUSES.

South Canal Street, Allegheny, ON LINE OF W. P. B. R.

There will be sold at Auction, THURSDAY, February 18, at 2 o'clock P. M., that valuable business property, Nos. 116 and 117 SOUTH CANAL STREET, corner of Walnut street, Fourth ward, Allegheny City.

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