TWELVE O'CLOCK; M.

HARRISBURG.

Proceedings of the Legislature-Bills Passed by Senate-Bills Creating Water Commission in Pittsburgh, Authorizing the Issue of Bonds to Retire Municipal Indebtedness, and to Purchase Ground for a Public Park. Introduced in Aldermen to Provide Personal Official Seals Amended so as to Exclude Pittsburgh and Allegheny-Gas Inspection Bill Passed by the House.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburga Gazette.) HARRISBURG, March 9, 1869. SENATE.

BILLS PASSED FINALLY. Increasing the fees of Sheriff of Jefferson county.

Supplement for the Erie and Alleghe ny Railroad Company. Relating to the collection of State mer-

cantile licenses by the Treasurer of Pitts-Authorizing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys to Samuel Allinder, late Treasurer of Pittsburgh.

Supplement for Mount Washington Authorizing the First Presbyterian Church of Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, to remove dead bodies from cemetery.
Relating to fees of Sheriff of Alleghe-

ny county.
Incorporating Allegheny County Mon-umental Association. Authorizing Allegheny Valley Rail-road Company to apply so much as may be needed of bonds authorized to be issued by act of April 11th, 1867, or proceeds thereof, to the payment of indebtedness not secured by mortgage, and for improvement of facilities of the road. Authorizing Mercer Mining and Manufacturing Company to guarantee the interest and principal of bonds of Shenango and Allegheny Rallroad Company

to an amount not exceeding \$25,000 per Authorizing the Pittsburgh and Alle-gheny Ridge Company, at Hand street, to borrow money. Providing for the construction and maintenance of foot walks in Chartiers,

cott and Robinson townships, Alleghe ny county. Empowering Bishop Domenec, of Pittsburgh, to sell certain real estate in Mif-flin township, Allegheny county.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED. following bills from the House Authorizing Ormsby borough to borrow

Extending Pittsburgh vehicle license

taxes in Ormsby borough.

The bill requiring Aldermen in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Allegheny cities to provide personal official seals, was amended by Mr. ERRETT to exclude Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and passed finally, including Lancaster.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS INTRODUCED Mr. TAYLOR, of Allegheny, introduced a bill incorporating the German Turners Association of Allegheny City. Mr. HUMPHREYS last night intro-duced a supplement for the State Road in Allegheny and Butler counties, sub-stituting Daniel Lardin for Robert Brig-ham as one of the Commissioners. Passed

finally.

Mr. JONES, of Armstrong: Authorizing the School Directors of Kittanning to borrow money.

Mr. WILSON, of Allegheny: Creating a Board of twenty-three Water Commissioners in the city of Pittsburgh, to be appointed by City Council from their membership, one from each ward, to

memberant, one from each ward, to serve without compensation, and providing for the management and control of Water Works in said city.

Also, authorizing Pittsburgh to issue bonds not exceeding five hundred thou-

tand dollars for retiring matured and maturing indebtedness of the city, and to purchase and improve grounds for a ablic park. Mr. MEEK, of Centre: Requiring the publication of insurance companies annual statements in two newspapers, one with the largest circulation, in each coun-

Mr. WESTLAKE, of Mercer: Extend-

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ing the Lycoming county act, prohibiting any but regular licensed druggists and graduated physicians, from yending and practicing medicine, to Mercer county.

PRIVATE BILLS. In the House in the afternoon the fol-

In the House in the afternoon the following private bills were passed finally; Providing for the appointment of an Inspector of illuminating gas and gas meters, regulating the inspection of the same and protecting consumers and manufacturers thereof in Allegheny county, amended by Mr. MORGAN by increasing the sureties of the Inspector to ten thousand collars.

Anthorizing the Burgess and Town Council of Ormsby to grade, pave and macadamize streets, construct sewers and assess the expenses thereof.

Authorizing the School Board of the Bineteenth and Twenty-first wards, Pittsburgh, to borrow money and levy a special tax for building purposes.

Incorporating Meadville Co-operative store.

store. Extending the act punishing buying and receiving sorap iron, brass or other metals from minors, unknown or irresponsible parties, in Allegheny, to the whole State.

and receiving scrap fron, brass or other metals from minors, unknown or irresponsible parties, in Allegheny, to the whole State.

Providing for the payment of damages to the Armstrong county Agricultural Society.

Authorizing the Commissioners of Warren county to receive in the county jail of Erie county prisoners during the building of the Erie jail.

Rallaving J. M. Fass, contractors. uilding of the Eric jail.

er was artested and an excited crowd this evening surround the Muscatine jail

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS. **FIRST SESSION.**1

Variety of Bills Introduced-Bill Repealing Office Tenure Act Passed by the House.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette-1 WASHINGTON, March 9, 1869. SENATE. The bill to strengthen the public credit was reported from the Finance Commit-

tee, and Mr. WILLIAMS said lie would call it up to-morrow. Mr. SHERMAN reported a bill supplementary to the National Currency act, and said he would call it up to-morrow

Mr. OSBORNE introduced a bill granting land to aid in the contruction of the House-Bill Requiring bridges over the Mississippi above the mouth of the Missouri. Referred. Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to se

cure a copyright for paintings, drawings, statuary and models. Referred to Comnittee on Patents.
Mr. MORTON offered a joint resolution to grant the right of way to the Mem-phis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad from El Paso to the Pacific ocean. Referred

to Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. HOWE introduced a bill granting lands to Wisconsin to aid in the construc tion of a breakwater, harbor and canal to connect the waters of Green Bay with Lake Michigan. Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

on Public Lands.

Mr. HOWE offered a joint resolution extending the time for the construction of a railroad from St. Croix river or Lake to the west end of Lake Superior.

Mr. POMEROY introduced a joint resolution authorizing the sale of a portion of Fort Leavenworth military reserva-tion to the Kansas Agricultural Associa-Mr. RAMSEY introduced a bill to

facilitate telegraphic communication between the United States and Europe. Referred.
Mr. MOBTON introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of gold by the Treasury. Referred to Committee on Finance. Mr. HOWE introduced a bill granting

ands to aid in the constructi lands to aid in the construction of the Green Bay and Lake Pepin Railroad. Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill to facilitate the settlement of accounts of disbursing officers in the Quartermasters'

Department. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs. Mr. TRUMBULL introduced a bill relative to the right of property of married women in the District of Columbia. Re-

ferred to Judiciary Committee.
Also, a bill concerning divorces in the
District of Columbia. Same reference.
Mr. CORBETT introduced a bill for the preservation of harbors and rivers of the United States against encroachment. Referred to Committee on Commerce. Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to re-linquish the interest of the United States in certain lands in the city and county of San Francisco. Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

A motion to discharge the Committee from the consideration of the Tenure-of-office act was in order, and was taken up. It was laid over under the rules on Mr. By request the President sent a mes-

sage transmitting a list of the laws passed at the late session of Congress. bill to prevent the extermination law to Ormsby borough.

Regulating the levy and collection of of fur wearing animals in Alaska was

A bill for the relief of the widow of the late Senator Riddle, of Delaware, was discussed and recommitted. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The resignation of Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, was received.

Rev. Butler, of Washington, was elected Chaplain.

A resolution was adopted appointing a Committee to inquire into the validity of the Louisiana election.

Mr. SUHENCK introduced a bill to reduce the comment to be a superior of the louisiana election.

duce into one act the laws relating to Internal Revenue, which, on his motion was referred to Committee of the Whole and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KELLY introduced a bill for the coinage of pickel copper pieces of five cents and under. Referred to Commit-

tee on Coinage. Mr. BUTLER asked leave to introduce a resolution for Joint Special Committee to consider all matters relative to Indian

mr. RANDALL objected.
Mr. SCHENCK offered resolutions as follows, which were severally adopted:
For a select committee of nine to provide for taking the next census. For a select joint committee on Re-trenchment, to be composed of four members of the House and four of the

That the Committee on Pacific Railroad shall hereafter consist of fourteen members, and the Committee on Patents of nine members. Under the call of States, bills and resoutions were introduced and disposed of

lutions were introduced and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. BOUTWELL: A resolution for the appointment of a Select Committee on Reconstruction, to consist of thirteen members, under the same rules and regulations as governed the proceedings of the Reconstruction Committee of the last Congress, and that all documents and resolutions before the last Committee be referred to it. Adopted—109 to 42.

By Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts:
Bill to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act of March 2d, 1867. He moved the previous question on its passage.

question on its passage.

Mr. MAYNARD moved to adjourn. Mr. MAINARD moved to anjourn.

Negatived—only fifteen affirmative votes.

The previous question was seconded and the bill passed—143 to 16. The negative votes were Arnell, Boles, Farns. worth, Ferry, Hotohkis, Jencks, Law-rence, (Ohio, Maynard, Schenck, Smith, Stokes, Taffee, Tillman, Ward, Whitte-more and Willard. Adjourned till Friday.

Murder Near Muscatine, Iowa. [Hy Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gasette.]

threatening to lynch the prisoner.

FOUR O'CLOCK A, M.

THE CAPITAL.

President Grant Withdraws His Request for the Repeal of the Law of 1789—Mr. Stewart Resigns the Secretaryship of the Treasury—General Army Orders - Cabinet Meeting -Revenue Affairs-Mr. Stewart's Letter of Resignation.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.) WASHINGTON, March 9, 1869. MR. STEWART DECLINES. Mr. Stewart has declined the appoint-

ment of Secretary of the Treasury and the President has accepted his declina-MESSAGE WITHDRAWN

The following message was sent by the President to-day To the Senate of the United States: I have the honor to request to be per

mitted to withdraw from the Senate of the United States my message of the 6th inst., requesting the passage of a joint resolution by the two Houses of Congress to relieve the Secretary of the Treasury from the disabilities imposed by section 8th of the act of Congress, approved Sept 2d, 1789. [Signed.] U.S. GRANT. Washington, March 9, 1869.

CABINET SESSION. Secretary Washburne was engaged with the President on official business this morning, and at the appointed hour a regular Cabinet meeting was held, there being present Secretarys Wash-burne, Creswell and Schoffeld, and Assistant Secretarys Hartley of the Treasury, Faxon of the Navy, Otto of the Inry, raxon of the Mayy, other of the interior, and Assistant Attorney General Ashton. The Cabinet meeting was not of long duratior, the President stating there was no particular public business demanding attention. Several of the Representatives were present. General Rawlings, late Chief of Staff

o General Grant, returned from New York last night, and was engaged with the President this morning.

Mr. Borie was qualified as Secretary of the Navy this morning and entered upon

his duties this afternoon. GENERAL ARMY ORDERS. Head Quarters of the Army, Adjutant law. Although I will not hesitate to General's Office, Washington March 8, make this appropriation, provided it 1869.—General Order No. 11—The follow- would enable me to accept the 1869.—General Order No. 11—The followgrowth of the President of the United
States are published for the information
and government of all others are
War Department, Washington Gry,
March 5, 1869. By direction of the President, General Wm. T. Sherman will
assume command of the Army of the
United States. The chiefs of staff corps
of the departments and bursans will
ness relations of my firm are in its conof the departments and bureaus will report and act under the immediate orders of the General commanding the Army. All official business, which by law or regulations requires the action of the President or Secretary of War, will

to the Secretary of War, and in general all orders from the President or Secretary of War to any portion of the army, line or staff, will be transmitted through the General of the Army.

J. M. Schofield, Secretary of War. By command of the General of the Army, E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G. Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, March 8, 1869.—General Orders No. 12.—By direction of the President of the United states, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the U.S. Army. His gen-eral staff will be: Brevet Major Gen. E. eral staff will be: Brevet Major Gen. E. D. Townsend, Adjutant General; Brevet Major General R. B. Marcy, Inspector General; Brevet Major General R. B. Marcy, Inspector General; Brevet Major General

fantry.

Generals commanding military departments, in addition to the duties heretofore required of them, will give their special attention to the seconomical administration of all branches of the serice with their command, whether of the line or staff, and to this end will successe due supervision and command of every retain the office, and advising him under part of the army within their limits not an discussion to decline. Some of

part of the army winns their mants not especially excepted.

Third—General depots of supply, arsenals of construction, permanent forts in process of construction, or extensive repairs, general recruiting depots and officers employed on duties not military, are excepted from the operations of the foregoing paragraph.

foregoing paragraph.

Fourth-All orders and general in-Fourth—All orders and general instructions to the troops, or to staff officers serving in military departments, must go from the headquarters of the army, through the Adjustit General's office, and through the General's commanding the military divisions or departments in which the officers are serving but officers. ing, but ordinary correspondence, relating to details in execution, may be car-

ried on between parties concerned, and head of staff, description; or corps charged with their execution; [Signed,] W.T.SHERMAN, General. THE CASE OF MR. STEWART—HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

This morning A. T. Stewart propered and executed a transfer of his entire alternation.

States Marshal for the District of Columbia, resigned that office yesterday. This is the first resignation under the present administration.

Co. during his official term, to be applied to charitable purposes, to Wm. B. Astor, James Brown, Wm. E. Dodge, Landom has been assigned to the command of the James T. Roosevelt and Henry Hitton. This course met the general approval of the property of his brevet rank; Brevet Lieutenant Columbia, the district of Columbia, termination, of the District of Columbia, the District of Colum

he House, but did not satisfy others. Ames for duty. qualify short of an absolute sale and dis osition of all property he now owns onnected with his business. When the transfer was vesterday proposed to the President, he approved of it, provided it could be done to meet the leit could be done to meet the le-gal obligations, and expressed his high appreciation of Mr. Stewart's purpose; but at the same time said he felt scarcely was contact.

felt scarcely warranted in doing so, be cause Mr. Stewart would have to make so great a sacrifice, and not only at this time, but in the evening, expressed himself to the same effect to many member of Congress, who called upon him with reference to the Secretaryship. In this of Congress, who called upon him with reference to the Secretaryship. In this way publicity was given to Mr. Stewart's purposes. The consequence of this has led to many expressions of opinion, concurring in the view, that although this would meet the letter of the statute, it might possibly be construed into an evasion of its spirit. Under these circumstances, Mr. Stewart was prepared for either emergency, and having reflected upon the matter, he determined to leave the question to the result of a conference

with the President. In this spirit they met this afternoon and the conclusion at which they arrived was, that it would be less embarrassing o the administration of President Gran for Mr. Stewart to place in his hands formal declination of the Secretaryship and in this manner avoid any commen by those who considered the law must be strictly complied with. The interyiew was long and marked by the utmost cordiality.

The following is Mr. Stewart's letter: WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9, 1869: To the President, Dear Sir: Appreciating nation, and the unanimous con-firmation by the Senate, of myself to the office of Secretary of the Treasury, I regret that circumstances beyond our control compel me to de-cline. Could the difficulties presented by the provisions of the Act of 1789, which, in organizing the Department of the Treasury, prohibits the Secretary from being directly or indirectly con-cerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce, be over-come by any reasonable sacrifice, personi to myself, I would willingly make it. I would promptly transfer to the hands o en, in whom the public have full gentlemen, in whom the public have full confidence, every interest in the gains and profits that could possibly accrue to myself in the business of my house during my official term, to be applied to such public charities as their judgment should dictate, and have proposed, and sought by the execution of appropriate instruments, to accomplish that end. But serious differences of opinion have been expressed as to whether that course would satisfy the requirements of the law. Although I will not hesitate to would enable me to accept the office, and thus unite my efforts with gance resting upon them, yet the business relations of my firm are, in its con-

nections with others largely interested in their continuance, such that they cannot be severed summarily, nor can my interest in it be wholly and absolutely disposed of without producing with whom I have been connected. I cannot consent to enter upon the adnistration of laws by any act or course that can be construed into a disregard or violation of law. and while, there I regret that the plan proposed is deemed inadequate to relieve me from the legal, and, as it seems to me, technical, disabili-ties, I yield to the better judgment of others, rather than seem to be willing

to accept a position in disrespect of law.

In finally renewing my declination, which was tendered at the outset of these objections, I repeat to you, Mr. President, my thanks for the honor done me

President and Mr. Stewart were in daily intercourse, consulting as to means by which the latter could free himself from Ordnance; Brevet Maj. Gen. A. J. Myer, Chief Signal Officer.
His personal staff, aides-de-camp with rank of Colonel, from this date will be: Brevet Lieut. Col. J. C. McCoy. 2d Lieutenant of the 2d Infantry; Brevet Lieut. Col. L. M. Dayton, Captain of the Lieut. Col. L. M. Dayton, Captain of the 1nth Cayalry; Brevet Lieut. Col. Anden, rich; Captain of the 6th Cavalry; Brevet Lieut. Col. B. Comstock, Major of the Brig. Gen. C. B. Comstock, Major of the Corps of Engineers; Brevet Hig. Gen. Horse Portar, Major of the Ordnance Horse Portar Major of the o remove all objections he declined.

Ever since there have been doubts about Mr. Stewart taking possession of the Treasury Department, telegrams from leading merchants have been received urging him in the strongest terms to make any sacrifice, even to abandoning at once all interest in his business, to

the leading members of the two Houses expressed similar views. At the lowest estimate, by the means Mr. Stewart proposed, six million dollars would have been given to charities in New York within the four years' official term. Mr. Stewart will return to New York to-morrow, before which he will have an interview with President Grant.

REVENUE AFPAIRS. Commissioner Rollins was at the Ex-ecutive Mansion, in consultation with the President, to-day, and it is understood the subject of conversation was the condition of Internal Revenue affairs in the various districts throughout the country. Mr. Delano will qualify and enter formally upon his duties to morrow. The impression is that many changes in important offices connected with the In-ternal Revenue will be made very soon. RESIGNATION.

David G. Gooding, of Indiana, United States Marshal for the District of Colum-

be leading Senators and members of onel Biddle is ordered to report to Gen.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. The Department of State has received nformation that the Society for the En couragement of Manufactures and Mechanical Industry in the Netherlands roposes to arrange an international ex-ibition of articles of daily household use, at Utrecht, in August and Septem-

BINCKLEY'S SUCCESSO Walter H. Smith, of Mount Vernon, has been appointed Solicitor of Internal Revenue, vice Binckley removed, and has entered on the duties of his office.

OFFICE SEEKERS. Large crowds were present at the Pres idential reception this morning, also a great crowd at the Senate, mostly office seekers.

NEW YORK CITY

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette) NEW YORK, March 9, 1869. The examination by Assessor Webster of the affairs of Clark, Dodge & Co., with a view to assess the tax of one twentyfourth of one per cent. on their business as bankers and brokers, was commenced as pankers and brokers, was commenced to day. Mr. Webster claims the penalties in this case for failure to make proper returns will amount to \$11,000, and extends over a period of several years, and that the gross receipts of the Government will be very large. The firm, as has also been stated, claim to be simply brokers, and object to being taxed on banking business, and propose to contest the assessment when made, as

the examination was made privately. The case of Danforth N. Barney against William H. Mill, Otto Burston, Binder, and others, to recover \$100,000 for damages sustained by the plaintiff as President of the Wells & Fargo Express Company by the explosion of a box of nitroglycerine, in San Francisco, some years ago, was commenced to-day before Judge

New York, March 9.—Chas. A. Willard, postoffice clerk, has been arrested on the charge of stealing letters. The postoffice has received information that the Pacific Railroad is now open, and letter mails will hereafter be sent overland. The newspaper mail will

It is rumored that Jas. Coulter, at present alderman, has been appointed United States Marshal for the Southern

The steamer New York, from Bremen arrived to-day.
On the arrival of the steamer New York to-day detectives, on a cable telegram from Bremen, arrested Harmon Newport, charged in Bremen with embezzling one hundred and five thalers from G. C. Benckner, of Bremen. The prisoner will probably be discharged, as the case does not come under the extra-

Officers of the Army and Navy Department of the Gulf hold a meeting to-mor-row evening at Delmonico's to effect an organization and make arrangements

New Hampshire Election -- Republicans

(By Telegraph to the Pittshurgh Gazette.) CONCORD. March 9 .- Returns from the ate election show a smaller vote in November last, but indicate an increased Republican majority over March last, when Harriman was elected Governor by about 2,500 majority. The elec-tion of Onslow Stearns, Republican, for Governor, over John Bedell, Democrat, is probably secured by 3,000 majority; also, a full Republican delegation to Congress and a large majority in the State

CONCORD, March 9. — Dover gives Stearns 924, and Bedell 444—a Republican gain of 105; Manchester, Stearns 1,703, Bedell 1,322—a Republican gain of 150; Portsmouth, Stearns 1,114, Bedell 862 a Republican gain of 192; Portsmouth elects eight Republicans and two Democrats to the Legislature. Returns from

all portions of the State show Republican gains over last year. Concord, March 9.—Jno. H. Bailey, Concord, March 9.—100, H. Bailey, Representative, is elected to the Senate in the First District, over Frank Jones, by 150 majority. Concord gives Stearns 1,504, Bedell 895—Republican gain 192. Nocsan, Stearns 998, Bedell 757—Republican gain 101. Sixty-six towns show a Republican gain of over 500 since last year.

Governor elect Stearns was called on to-night by a large crowd and made a brief speech claiming the result of the election as the first endorsement of Grant's administration.

Hon. E. H. Rollins furnishes the fol-

lowing dispatch:
The Republicans have elected eight of twelve Senators and a majority in the House of Representatives of about sixty The Republicans have carried seven of ten counties. All the Congressmen are S. D. Quartes, Republican, is elected

Railroad Commissioner.
One hundred and twenty towns give Stearns 23,482, Bedell 20,100. Probable majority for Stearns 3,500.

A Murder Confessed.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.] Indianapolis, March 9 .- Silas Hart Indianapolis, March 9.—Silas Hartman, brother of Mrs. Clem, now in jail waiting trial for the Young murder, has made a confession, in which he states that he was in the conspiracy, but was not present and did not take an active part in the murder, and that Mrs. Clem was not at Cold Spring when the murder was committed; the woman who decoyed the Youngs to Cold Spring; was a prostitute named Frank Clark, and that she and a man named Fiscus commitand a man named Fiscus commit-ted the murder. He also implicates Robert L. Dorsey in the conspiracy, and says Dorsey got Young's money. His statement is not believed. His object is doubtless to adjust Man Clara and lists statement is not penevou.

doubtless to relieve Mrs. Clem and lightmutchment. Neither Doren his own punishment. Neither Dor-sey nor Fiscus have been arrested, and there is no doubt but Hartman and Mrs. Olem are the murderers.

Horrible Case of Polsoning. By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

EUROPE.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GREAT BRITAIN. LONDON, March 9 .- In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, stated that the Fenian convict Mackey had not been released from jail, as was publicly reported.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. LONDON, March 9.—Evening.—Consols; money 923/@923; commercial 923/@93; 5-20s quiet, 823; Stocks quiet; Erie 241; Himois 97@; and Government 33.

FRANKFORT, March 9.—Bonds 871/4.
PARIS, March 9.—Bourse quiet; rentes

LIVERPOOL, March 9.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 123/c; Orleans 123/c; sales 8,000 bales. California white wheat 10s. 2d.; red western 9s. Flour 24s. Corn 31s.; old 29s. 9d. New oats 3s. 5d. Barley 5s. Peas 42s. Pork 97s. 6d. Beef 95s.
Lard 74s. 6d. Cheese 76s. Bacon 59s.
Common rosin 5s. 9d. Petroleum dull;
spirits 71/d.; refined 1s. 81/d. Tallow

s. Linseed oil £29 10s. London, March 9.—Tallow 46s. 6d. Sugar dull, 29s. 6d. on spot. Calcutta ANTWERP, March 9.—Petroleum easier,

Liverpool, March 9.—Spirits petro-leum declined to 7d.

Havre, March 9.—Evening.—Cetton closed firmer but not higher.

Virginia Republican State Convention Breaks up in a Row.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.] PETERSBURG, March 9. - The Republican State Convention met at noon to-day was attempted to be declared temporary chairman, which the Wells men resisted. A general row ensued around the chairman's stand. A strong police force interfered and separated, the combatants. Mr. Burgess, Mayor of the city, appeared and made a speech in behalf of peace. The rival candidates for temporary chairmanship followed, advo-

cating peace.

Another fight ensued and the Mayor ordered the police to clear the hall, which was done. The delegates are now scattered about the streets, and it is not known where they will meet again. After the stormy scenes of this morning, it was announced by the Mayor that the convention would meet at the African church. In a short time the delegates were collected and the disorderly cenes renewed; but the Mayor gave pe sonal supervision, with a strong police force, to the organization, which was ef-

kins, a Wells man was chosen temporary chairman. The convention then adjourned till ten o'clock to-night. During the session of to-day a telegram was received from the Governor of Georgia, asking for harmonious action and the re-nomination of Governor Wells.

Accident on the Eric Raliway. By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette. ? New York, March 9.—An accident, which narrowly secaped being attended with fatal results, occurred on the Eris railroad, a few mues this side of Schresburg. Orange county. Some construction cars, laden with old rails, were rounding a curve. As the Cincinnati Express passed them at the same most disarranged, and were thrown with con-siderable yelocity into the smoking car. injuring three gentlemen pretty servely. Wm. A. Smith, of Damascus, Par, received a fracture of the right hip, and Walker Buckley a blow on the jaw, which knocked out all his front teeth.

Other sufferers, names not known, re-ceived no very serious injury. How the other passengers escaped appears a mys-tery, as the car-was full. Thirty Penitentiary Convicts Liberated. (By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette. CHICAGO, March 9.—Judge M'Roberts, of the Circuit Court in Morris, Illinois, to-day gave a decision that liber-ates thirty convicts in the Penitentiary. It was in a case of habeas corpus, in which the Wardens had been commanded to produce James Fox in Court. Foxwas, in January, 1863, convicted of several charges and committed for different terms, each to commence on the expiration of the preceding one. The Court today decided that a sentence commences to run from the time it is pronounced;

that a judgment must be in the present and not in the future, and in operation the moment the Court adjourns. As thirty other prisoners were thus confined, the Wardens asked for a decision, and the Court decided they must be discharged.

Convention of Knights of Pythics. By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.] RICHMOND, VA., March 9.—The Su-preme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias assembled in annual session at Covenant assembled in annual session at Covenant Hall this morning. Representatives were present from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. Reports were received from all of the above named States, also from California, Nebraska and Louisians. The reports read show a resubsession of reports read show a membership of over fifty thousand, with two hundred and fifty Lodges and eight Grand Lodges; 77,627.88 as the widows' and orphans fund in the Treasury. During the past eight months \$4,311.64 have been expended for relief. The subordinate lodges have on hand the sum of \$64,729.21. The session will continue four days.

session will continue four days. The Cuban Insurrection.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.] HAVANA, March. 9.—Several skir-mishes are reported between the troops and insurgents within the jurisdiction of Sangus. Many reports are in circulation regarding President Grant's views and intentions in regard to the Cuban ques-

Sugar steady; sales at 9% reals.

Railroad Difficulty Adjusted. By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gasette.

BUFFALO, March 9.—The difficulty between the Northern Central and Erie
Railways has been adjusted and the cars

of the former company make regular trips over the Eric lines.