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TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

NEWS BY CABLE.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

FRANCE.

PARIS, April 17.—The Corps Legislatif was to day the scene of wild excitement. M. Thiers, in a speech, denounced what is called "the commercial liberties of France" as like the political liberties of the French people, a farce. These words caused a heated dispute between the President and M. Thiers, which lasted some time and threatened to break up the session, but was finally appeased. M. Fuerritr, in some remarks, demanded that the regulation of commercial treaties be vested in the Corps Legislatif, instead of the Crown.

SPAIN.

MADRID, April 17.—A Directory is said to have been formed, the members of which are Serrano, Prim and Aloasga.

MADRID, April 18.—The building of gunboats for service in the waters of Cuba is going on with great expedition, and it is expected they will be completed and ready to sail before the end of June next.

Differences have arisen in the Cabinet in regard to customs, and it is probable Figuerola, Minister of Finance, and other members of the Government will resign in consequence of disagreement.

It is reported that Prince Frederick Charles, of Prussia, and the Duke of Luxemburg, will be put forward as candidates for the throne of Spain.

ITALY.

FLORENCE, April 17.—It has been decided that the Duke of Aosta will visit Lisbon.

ROME, April 17.—It is rumored the Emperor Napoleon has ordered the evacuation of Rome by the French troops in June.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, April 17.—The Emperor Francis Joseph, by an autograph decree, has named Count Edward De Toofe President of the Cisleithanean Ministry, or Council of the Empire.

BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS, April 17.—A strike among the miners near Mous occurred yesterday. The latest dispatches from there state there was rioting and much alarm prevailed.

PORTUGAL.

LISBON, April 17.—A military rising is feared in Oporto, and the strictest precautions have been taken by the Government.

MARINE NEWS.

SOUTHAMPTON, April 17.—The steamship Saxonia, from New Orleans, has arrived.

QUEENSTOWN, April 17.—The steamship Nevada, from New York, arrived this morning.

SOUTHAMPTON, April 18.—The steamship Deutschland, from New York for Bremen, has arrived.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, April 17, P. M.—Consols 93⅛ for both money and account. 5-20s 81½. Stocks quiet. Erie 24; Illinois Central 97¾; Atlantic and Great Western 29. Sugar, afloat, not quotably lower; tallow 45s 6d; turpentine 31.

LIVERPOOL, April 17.—Cotton quiet; sales of 8000 bales middling uplands at 12¼; Orleans 12¾; Breadstuffs dull; California white wheat 9s 2d; Red western 8s 6d; western flour 22; new Corn 28; Pork 105; Beef 90; Lard 72; Cheese 79; Bacon 62s 3d; Spirits Petroleum 9½d; refined 1s 10d.

ANTWERP, April 17.—Petroleum a shade firmer, closing at 52½f.

HAVRE, April 17.—Cotton unchanged.

FRANKFORT, April 17.—Bonds steady at an advance of ¼; closing at 87¾.

PARIS, April 17.—Bourse firmer with an advance in Rentes to 71f 37c.

FRANKFORT, April 18.—United States Bonds quiet; 5-20s quoted to-day at 87¼.

CHICAGO.

Chicago Presbytery and the Subject of Reunion—Important Railroad Case—A Reverend Swindler.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, April 17.—The Chicago Presbytery, Old School, just adjourned, after two days session at Morris, Illinois, adopted a resolution in favor of reunion, either upon the terms proposed by a majority of the New School Presbyterians, namely, omission of the explanatory clauses of the first article of basis and the omission from the basis of the tenth article, or upon the basis of the common standards of both churches, leaving all the arrangements in the hands of the General Assembly and to complete the reunion without further reference to the Presbyteries. The delegates to the General Assembly were instructed to act in accordance with the spirit of this resolution.

A case of considerable importance is now being argued in the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Certain citizens of Wampun are resisting the collection of a tax levied by Fond du Lac county, in aid of the extension of the Sheboygan and Fond-du-Lac Railroad, on the ground that no stock was issued in return for the aid voted, and that the locality concerned was not particularly benefitted.

The Reverend Jasper Malove, formerly of Pontiac, Illinois, after preaching against the evils of swindling for several years, has taken to the business himself. Procuring a lot of letter heads that read "Office of E. N. Fargo, Express and Commission Forwarding House," he addressed them to parties throughout the State, informing them he had express packages for them and would forward them upon the receipt of back charges, usually amounting from a dollar and a quarter to five dollars. A city detective was put on the track of the swindler and arrested him at the American Express office, first having a notice sent him of the arrival of money for him.

Fire in Cleveland.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CLEVELAND, April 18.—A fire broke out to-day in the New England block, on Broadway. Eight stores were more or less damaged. Loss on buildings $4,000; aggregate $17,000; insurance $4,000. The origin of the fire is not known.

NEW YORK CITY.

Heavy Defalcation—Rumored Expedition to Cuba—East River Bridge—Forger Arrested—Union Pacific Railroad Litigation.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, April 17, 1869.

Intense excitement was created at Produce Exchange this evening by the discovery of a defalcation amounting to more than $160,000. The defaulter is Mr. Peck, of the firm of Packer, Peck & Co., owners of an iron elevator at the foot of Degraw street, Brooklyn. Four of five firms doing business on the Produce Exchange placed in the hands of the firm at different times, beginning with last fall, produce amounting in the aggregate to as follows: corn, 113,754 bushels, oats, 70,454 bushels, and rye, 7,561 bushels. This, it is alleged, Peck disposed of at market rates, amounting to about $160,000. Yesterday Peck could not be found, and an examination of the books revealed the fact of the defalcation. Although the most diligent search has been made, no trace of his whereabouts can be found. Report says he has sailed for Europe. Mr. Packer, partner of the defaulter, is lying sick at his residence and much sympathy is felt for him by those who have had dealings with the firm. It is due to the Warehousing Association to say that the firm of Packer, Peck & Co. was not a member. It is rumored on 'Change that one or two of the firms who have suffered by the defalcation will be obliged to suspend. This is the heaviest defalcation in produce ever committed in this city.

Considerable excitement was caused by the report that a strong expedition was about to sail from New York, with the tacit approval of the United States authorities. This is ascertained to be at least inaccurate in details. Numbers of men; it is true, are being drilled in various parts of the city; arms are being bought in large quantities and stored in convenient depots; but still the metropolis will not be the point of departure for any large expeditionary force. For this we must look further South.

The Government Commissioners appointed to examine into the feasability of the East river bridge have accomplished their task and approved all the calculations of Mr. Roebling, the engineer. Authority will doubtless be given to begin work on the return next week of the Commissioners from their visit to the west.

Jas. Smith has been arrested on suspicion of having passed one of the forged Jay Cooke & Co. checks, and committed on complaint duly made. He has been identified by the teller as the man to whom he paid the $9,000 check. He has confessed he passed that check, states the amount he received as his share of the operation, and gives the names of the parties who forged the five checks.

An arrangement has been made; substantially in the nature of an appeal from Judge Blatchford's decision, by which all the questions argued before him in the Union Pacific Railroad case will be reargued before Justice Nelson, commencing on or about the 19th inst. Judge Barnard issued to-day a supplementary injunction against the Corn Exchange Bank, forbidding them to pay out any money due T. C. Durant.

Joseph Santarille, one of the Cherry street gang of counterfeiters, was sentenced to-day to four years imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary.

Last evening a party, said to be Philip Harwood, was arrested here, suspected of being implicated in the recent burglary and robbery of a million dollars in Philadelphia.

Orders have been received at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia for the immediate fitting out of three monitor iron clads, which are now at the Navy Yard for repairs.

The Executive Committee having in charge the erection of a monument to Humboldt, in Central Park, have received an offer from the King of Prussia for the privilege of casting a bust from one being made in Berlin.

A fire broke out this morning in the table factory, 166, 168 and 180 Monroe street, owned by Browne and Bliss, caused, it is thought, by spontaneous combustion. The damage is about $50,000; insured for $12,000, principally in companies outside of New York city.

BALTIMORE.

Fire on Saturday Night—Firemen Killed and Injured by a Wall Falling.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BALTIMORE, April 17.—A fire broke out about nine o'clock to-night in the carpenter shop of J. Buell, No. 14 McClelland alley, between Baltimore and Fayette streets, in the part occupied by Cook, colored, as a cooper shop. The building was a two and a half story brick. Shortly after the fire broke out the front wall fell outwards in the alley and a number of firemen were injured. J. Ross, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, was impaled on an iron railing, the spear head of an iron rod piercing his left side near the lung. He is very seriously if not fatally wounded. Eight or nine firemen are seriously hurt and three others are still in the ruins. The fire has been extinguished and they will soon be got out. The loss on the building and stock is several thousand dollars.

BALTIMORE, April 18.—Three firemen buried in the ruins of 14 McClellan alley last night, were extricated this morning. George Bentz and Jas. W. Somers were reached about two o'clock. The former was severely injured about his head and shoulders and helpless. Somers badly bruised and terribly burned from his lips to his feet. The body of Mr. McBride was recovered about four o'clock. He was dead, his neck having been broken by a falling timber. Several others are seriously injured with broken ribs and severe contusions. Chief Assistant Engineer Ross was alive at seven o'clock to-night. Seventeen firemen were on the second floor of the building, when a large chimney fell, crushing a portion of the building and front wall. The building was one of the oldest in the city, was built of imported brick, and said to have been the headquarters of General Kosciusco at a period in the revolutionary war.

Fire at Shippensburg, Pa.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SHIPPENSBURG, April 18.—A fire occurred last night which destroyed the stable of Dr. Stewart, the Sherman House, the Cumberland Valley Railroad Depot, and the *News* and *Sentinel* printoffices. Loss about $15,000, and is fully insured.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, April 17, 1869.

SENATE SESSION.

Mr. Willey presented a petition for the removal of political disabilities. Referred.

Mr. Sherman presented a memorial and resolutions of the Ohio Legislature, protesting against further grants of lands to railroads or for other purposes.

Mr. Edmunds moved to take up the resolution for adjournment this afternoon at five o'clock, signifying his intention of amending it by substituting Monday. After considerable discussion, and without taking up the motion, a motion to go into Executive session was carried by 30 to 8.

Senate adjourned at 3:30.

It is now probable the Senate will adjourn about Wednesday.

NOMINATIONS.

The President, to-day, sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Alfred T. A. Torbett, of Delaware, Minister to Salvador; Alex. T. Russell, of Pennsylvania, Minister to Ecuador; H. A. Miller, of Arkansas, Minister to Sandwich Islands; F. C. Dumas, colored, of Louisiana, Minister to Liberia; T. J. Coffey, of Pennsylvania, Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg.

Consuls—De D. Brandolph Keim, of Pennsylvania, at Kinkiang; Hugo Hildebrand, of North Carolina, at Canea; N. Niles, of Illinois, at Victoria; Jas. Park, of Indiana, at Aix La Chapelle; Chas. G. Dyer, of Illinois, at Bristol; David S. Pinnett, West Virginia, at Melbourne.

Postmasters—Mrs. K. B. Johnson, Leavenworth City, Kansas; Jno. C. Moore, Wilmington, Ohio; Rob't C. Kinkead, Greenfield, Ohio; Jno. M. Barrere, Hillsboro, Ohio.

Geo. W. Bowie, Naval Officer at San Francisco.

Wm. A. Howard is confirmed as Minister to China.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations:

Lucius D. Kellogg, General Appraiser for the South; Edward M. McCook, of Colorado, Governor of said territory; Charles C. Crowe, of Alabama, Governor of New Mexico vice Robert B. Mitchell resigned; Wm. A. Howard, of Michigan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China vice J. Ross Browne recalled.

PEREMPTORY MEASURES TOWARD THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

A special says: It is confidently declared that President Grant has directed peremptory demand to be made upon the Spanish authorities in Cuba for the immediate release of the brig Mary Lowell and the surrender of the two passengers taken from the brig Lizzie Major. It is said Secretary Fish has already telegraphed instructions to our representative in Cuba to make this demand without delay, and a refusal to comply promptly will be followed by hostile demonstrations from our naval squadron cruising in the vicinity.

A COLORED DELEGATION.

A delegation from the African Zion Conference, now in session, called upon the President this morning. Rev. Wm. H. Butler, colored, of New York, presented an address, making a few congratulatory remarks, in response to which the President returned thanks for the compliment of the visit and stated he was glad his administration so far had been satisfactory to them. It had been conducted according to conscientious principles, and would be henceforth.

NAVAL ACADEMY VISITORS.

The following gentlemen have been selected by the President as the Board of Visitors to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, at the examination in May next: Geo. H. Stewart, of Philadelphia; Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York; Hon. J. B. Hawley, of Hartford, Conn.; E. D. Kettles, of Galena, Ill.; Hon. H. H. Wadsworth, of Maysville, Ky.; Judge Humphreys, of Huntsville, Ala.

NORTH CAROLINA GOLD.

The Director of the Mint, during a recent visit to Charlotte, North Carolina, obtained specimens of ores from different mines in that vicinity which were assayed in the mint at Philadelphia, with the following results: No. 1, gold 16,50 per ton; No. 2, 90,00 per ton, and silver 11,50 per ton; No. 4, gold 90,50, silver 4,50 per ton; No. 5, gold 9 per ton.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The receipts of fractional currency for the week were $228,000; shipments, $503,150. National bank currency issued during the week $305,880; actual circulation $299,800. Fractional currency redeemed $500,900.

NOMINATIONS WITHDRAWN.

The following nominations have been withdrawn: Jas. Brooks, Assessor Internal Revenue, Second District, Arkansas, and James Park, of Indiana, Consul at Hesse Darmstadt.

CORRECTION.

The plaintiff in the Ewing vs. Fuller judicial proceeding, in this District, is not Thomas Ewing, as published.

San Francisco Matters.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—The steamer Golden City sailed for Panama today with six hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars in treasure, three hundred and fifty-seven for New York, two hundred and seventy-seven thousand for England, and twenty thousand dollars for Panama.

Surprise is manifested at the indiscriminate removal of office holders in California by the new Administration. The appointment of a successor to J. Ross Browne, for the China Mission, is viewed with regret, while the nomination of Charles Delong is denounced as an unfit one.

The telegraph line to Hamilton and Treasure City, White Pine county, Nevada, is complete.

Prisoners Sentenced.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CINCINNATI, April 18.—Eleven prisoners were sentenced to the Penitentiary in the Common Pleas Court yesterday. Chas. Dix and John Pierle, for the Schleuecker robbery, received fifteen years.

TENNESSEE.

Longstreet's Appointment Denounced—Representative Stokes Replies to Ex-President Johnson.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NASHVILLE, April 17.—A Republican meeting held at Marysville, Blount co., a few days ago, adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, Our new President, U. S. Grant, by gallantry in the cause of our common country, gained our confidence as a patriot; and *whereas*, since his inauguration he has nominated the rebel General Longstreet to a fat office,

Resolved, That we, the loyal people of Blount county, do condemn the action of General Grant, and feel that he is doing the widows and orphans of loyal East Tennesseeans, made so by General Longstreet, an injustice.

Representative Stokes spoke at the Court House to-day to about two thousand five hundred persons, the greater portion of them colored. He was received with enthusiasm and applauded throughout. He said he had not come to insult any one, or to injure any one's feelings. He had come simply to vindicate the purity of Congress, upon which foul aspersions had been cast by Andrew Johnson, in his speeches at Knoxville and this place. He showed that Congress had never transcended the boundaries of the Constitution. In passing acts over the veto they had exercised no power not granted by that instrument. He accused Johnson of having been the cause of all the troubles in Tennessee; of having stirred up bad feeling, first by giving Brownlow instructions to call on the United States for troops. He took up Johnson's statement that he freed the negroes in Tennessee, and showed that when Lincoln had announced his intention to proclaim freedom to the slaves, Johnson went to Washington and prevailed upon the President to except Tennessee, and he only declared them free when they were so in fact. He went through Johnson's Knoxville speech, and showed how unreliable were its statements of facts. He would not charge Andy with insanity, but he would say he believed that if Johnson would retire to his home at Greenville, the gnawings of his conscience would give him no peace, and he would soon die. He accused Johnson of having deceived every party and everybody who had ever trusted him; as having been an inebriate and profane man; said he exceeded his authority under the Constitution in imprisoning citizens of Nashville in the State prison, and in assessing special taxes on others, whilst Military Governor. Johnson was prating about the Constitution, and yet he had declared in a public speech in Nashville "Show me a man that talks about the Constitution, and I will show you a traitor." He warned the people to beware of Johnson. He was on a dark mission; plotting to disturb the peace and perhaps incite revolution. In conclusion he urged the disfranchised insurees to cease making incendiary speeches, to abstain from murder and assassination, and they would very speedily be given the right of the ballot. So long as they indulged in acts of lawlessness, and were prolific of threats, they never would get what they desired. He said he intended be a breakwater in the path of Johnson, and would expose his dark and damning record to the public gaze. The speech was about three and one-half hours in length. He made no reference to the gubernatorial canvass, but accused Johnson of plotting in connection with the election of Supreme Court Judges, which takes place next month.

CUBA.

Reinforcements Expected from Spain—Property of Cubans Seized—Expulsion of Cuban Americans Urged.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, April 17.—General Buceta arrived to-day. In honor of the Catalonian volunteers, hourly expected from Spain, arches have been erected and other preparations made for an enthusiastic reception.

The Government to-day seized several lots of sugar belonging to persons named in General Dulce's proclamation of yesterday. Hereafter the permission of the Government will be required to enable any person to sell produce of any kind.

The Spanish war steamer Pizarro returned from Nassau to-day. The principal captors of the steamer Comanditero have gone to New York. The Governor of New Providence refused to surrender those of them who remained at Nassau, because the matter was in the hands of the government at Washington.

HAVANA, April 16, *via Key West*, April 17.—The British Consul here has entered energetic protest against the condemnation of the captured brig Mary Lowell.

The Press of Havana advocate the expulsion from the island of Cuban Americans.

The Spanish war steamer Barcelona recently boarded the mail schooner Ellen, from Kingston, Jamaica, for Santiago, on suspicion of carrying munitions for the insurgents. The British Consul is investigating the matter.

HAVANA, April 18.—The Catalonian volunteers arrived to-day from Spain, and were received with immense enthusiasm. On landing, they were escorted to their barracks by regular and volunteer troops and a large civil procession, which passed through the principal streets. The city was gaily decorated and trimmed arches spanned the streets on the line of march. Two negroes among the spectators shouted "*Viva Cespedes*" and were instantly killed.

Emigration to Kansas.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ATCHISON, Ks., April 18.—Over one hundred persons belonging to the Excelsior Colony of New York arrived here yesterday. They have purchased large bodies of land on the Republican River, two hundred miles west of here, and will at once go to farming. Emigration in all parts of Northern Kansas is unprecedented. The crops promise well. A larger breadth of grain is sown than ever before. Work will commence tomorrow on the Atchison and Leavenworth Railroad and will be pushed with great energy.

Intended Fraud Discovered.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, April 16.—The brig H. B. Colson was yesterday seized by Collector Casey for an alleged violation of the revenue laws, and because it was alleged she had on board arms for Cuba. The investigation revealed an attempt to defraud the insurance companies, the Captain stating he had been offered five thousand dollars to take the vessel to sea and destroy her.

MEXICO.

Assembling of Congress—Laws Submitted—War on the Banditti—The Annexation Project.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, April 17.—Dates from the city of Mexico to the 10th inst. are received. The session of the Mexican Congress was opened on the 1st. The speech of President Juarez was unimportant. The speech of Senor Lomus, Speaker of the House, animadverted severely on the course of Mexican journals and the public in attributing personal motives to members of Congress on account of their action there. He declared such charges unfounded and insulting.

The following laws have been submitted to Congress: To levy a tax upon mines; to substitute stamps for stamped paper; to abolish custom duties in the interior; to tax arable lands; to issue $18,000,000 in paper currency.

Charges have been preferred in Congress against the Minister of War for his action in the Puebla and Yucatan affairs, which are said to have been cowardly assassinations. Col. Caballas, who commanded during the disturbances in Yucatan, has also been indicted.

Minister Romero presented to Congress an able financial report, approved by the rest of the Ministers, except Tejada, who had influenced the tools of President Juarez against it. It was expected they would procure the tabling of the report by Congress. The Treasury deficit is $9,500,000.

Congress will suspend certain articles of the Constitution in order to warrant a vigorous prosecution of robbers, which means to execute bandits or suspected persons without trial.

The American Colonel Mayers is still held in prison. Lordo Tejada declares he is kept in jail purposely, as he affords a fine opportunity to snub Americans in the treatment of one of their countrymen.

The Sonora revolutionists would declare in favor of the annexation of Mexico to the United States. Other northern States are said to be ready for the same course.

The reports of a quarrel between Minister Rosecrans and President Juarez are unfounded.

A general crisis in the affairs of the Government is imminent.

The revolution in Sinaloa is increasing. Jesus Garcia, at the head of four hundred men, has pronounced against the Government.

A telegram of Tuesday, from the City of Mexico, says Juarez had authorized the recognition of the rights of Consul Brink. Minister Rosecrans forwarded dispatches to Washington on Monday.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Four hundred and five fires occurred in Chicago during the municipal year just closed. Total loss, $560,169.

—The Commissioners from New York have been at Cincinnati viewing the Suspension bridge, with a view to plans for a similar bridge over East river.

—Dr. Benj. Ayer, member of the Gorgia Legislature, was found, last Friday morning, lying dead by the roadside near Louisville, Ga.

—One Anderson, a tombs lawyer in New York, has been committed to jail on a charge of swindling a widow under aggravated circumstances.

—The funeral of the late Col. Charles O. Rogers, proprietor of the Boston *Journal*, took place at the Church of Unity, Boston, yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended.

—The Illinois Legislature on Thursday visited the tomb of Lincoln. Brief religious services were held. Before returning several members entered their names on the visiters' register, and quite a number subscribed liberally to the Monument Fund.

—The Savannah (Ga.) *Advertiser* publishes a letter from Bayamo, Cuba, dated the 7th inst., announcing the arrival there of three expeditions from Florida, and the union of the volunteer and patriot forces, which are increasing daily. It says the Spanish troops are deserting and joining the patriots.

—Thos. Drew has been committed to jail at Boston, for twenty-five days, by order of the Massachusetts Senate, for refusal to be sworn as a witness before the Joint Special Committee appointed to investigate charges against certain railroad companies of improperly influencing legislation in New York.

—There is nothing additional in regard to the burning of the mines at Gold Hill, Nevada. The shafts are still closed. A considerable amount of money has been raised for the relief of the families suffering by the catastrophe. The expense of the funerals was assumed by the companies concerned, and there was no lack of liberality on their part. The performance at the theatre in Virginia City for the benefit of the sufferers netted about four thousand dollars.

—At a meeting of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce a Special Committee reported in favor of organizing a Grain Association, with a capital of $200,000. Directors and officers will be elected as soon as $50,000 shall have been subscribed. A Committee was appointed to call on the banks and insurance companies and ascertain if they would cooperate by advancing on warehouse receipts. Two Bank Presidents present signified their readiness to aid the movement. The meeting adjourned to Wednesday next.

—Senator Sprague is reported to have said to a newspaper correspondent, in conversation about his recent startling speeches, that he intends to keep at his work, and not to fold his arms and see the country go to the devil. He confesses to being crazy, in the sense that all great reformers are crazy. He is not bidding for the presidency, and would not take it unless he was permitted to appoint whom he chose to office. In a big bundle of letters, asking for copies of his late speeches, only two came from Rhode Island, where he said the truth about the great family monopoly was unpalatable.

New York Legislature.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ALBANY, April 17.—In the Assembly, to-day, the annual tax bill was reported. It levies a tax of five mills on citizens, or four-fifths of a mill less than last year. The bill providing that no stockholder or director of the Erie, New York Central, Hudson River or Harlem Railroads shall be a director in either of the other roads was ordered to a third reading; it also provides for the classification of directors, one-fifth of them to go out annually.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Poisoned Himself.

A man named Barry, boarding on Third avenue, on Saturday night, at a late hour, ate some bread which he found on a table in the kitchen of his boarding house, thinking it was left there for luncheon. He soon after felt all the symptoms of poison and immediately repaired to M. J. McGann's drug store, at the head of Fifth avenue, on the extension, and made known his condition. He was in terrible pain, and Mr. McGann at once determined that he had taken a metallic poison, probably arsenic, and promptly administered powerful antidotes. Dr. Daly soon after arrived and assisted Mr. McGann in destroying the virulent poison, and within an hour succeeded in affording relief. The poisoned man was perfectly sober at the time, and was at a loss to account for the bread being left in such a place, unless it was to feed rats or dogs. (The landlady must take it *Post.*) A portion of the bread was obtained and a chemical analysis of it will be made by Mr. McGann to-day, in order to discover if it contains poison. The affair is involved in considerable mystery, as Barry was quite reticent and evidently feared to get his name in the newspapers.

Loafers Arrested.

Since the advent of pleasant weather the loafers in Allegheny, especially on Sundays, have mustered in full force at every available point. One of the places occupied for this purpose has been the pavement in front of St. Marys church, corner of Washington and Liberty streets, Fourth ward, Allegheny. The attendants at the church have been much annoyed by this practice, and at first tried mild measures, but finding these insufficient they had to resort to harsher measures. Yesterday a force of police made a raid on the chaps just as they had taken up their quarters as usual. Six of them were arrested and taken to the lock-up. Last evening Mayor Drum imposed the usual fine upon each, which they managed to pay and were discharged. This will probably have the effect of causing them to change their base, but as to stopping the nuisance that is quite a different affair.

Burglary.

Saturday night or Sunday morning the establishment of W. B. Lupton & Co., roofers, on Penn street, near Wayne, was entered by burglars and sixty dollars in money and a lot of valuable papers taken. The establishment adjoins a marble shop, into which a window opens, through which an entrance was effected. A heavy crowbar was taken from the marble shop and used in prying open the desk, which contained the money and papers. There were three good overcoats hanging up in the office, from the pockets of each of which the burglars took a handkerchief and pair of gloves.

It was not the custom of the firm to leave money in the desk, but, it appears, this sixty dollars had been paid in during the evening and had been left in the drawer through a mistake. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

A Frightful Fall.

About half-past one o'clock yesterday morning Thomas Davies, a journeyman printer, a member of the printers' union of this city, fell from a third story window of his boarding house, 129 Second Avenue, dislocating his jaw and shoulder, seriously fracturing his collar bone and both his legs. The window was at the back part of the house and just beneath was sitting a wash tub, bottom up, upon which he fell. The bottom of the tub was caved in and the man injured as stated. The tub in all probability broke the fall, and perhaps saved his life. One of his roommates happened to be awake at the time, and hearing the fall, ran down stairs and calling for assistance, removed the injured man to his room. A surgeon was called and his injuries attended to as well as the nature of the case would admit of.

Robbery in Allegheny.

At an early hour Saturday morning, the grocery store of Mr. Charles Shaffer, corner of Chestnut street and River avenue, Allegheny, was robbed by thieves, who effected an entrance by boring a hole through a door in the rear of the establishment, and by this means removing the inside bolt. The thieves secured about sixteen dollars in money, but did not disturb the goods. A chisel bearing the name "R. Rankin" was found on the counter when the proprietor opened the store. The Allegheny police arrested two parties, suspected of the robbery, but after a hearing they were discharged. There is no clue.

THE JEWS IN PALESTINE.—Rabbi Smeersohn has had a lengthy interview by appointment, with the Secretary of State in reference to the condition of the Jews in the Holy Land. The Rabbi, who speaks English fluently, has been a resident of Jerusalem for twenty-six years. He was eloquent in his appeal to the Secretary for a more liberal construction of our foreign policy as applied to our Consulate in affording protection to the Israelites of Zion, who are without a national representation or government to appeal to when opposed by the surrounding hostile tribes and nations. The Secretary promised to give the subject his prompt attention.

MISS DOROTHY L. DIX, who has interested herself for many years in the treatment of the insane, is about visiting California to labor for their better care in that state, where the lunatics are very poorly provided for.

THE other Sunday a lady preacher in Wisconsin discoursed from the text: "I say unto you watch;" and the next week the gallant youths of her congregation gave her a nice gold one.

THE ship Trident reports several lagoons on the coast of Lower California not so deep by six feet as last year and was unable to enter them. The change is attributed to earthquakes.