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MIDNIGHT.

THE CAPITAL.

After the Swindlers—Increase in Representatives—The Alabama Claims—A Look into the Future—Cleveland Second National Bank—Health of Senator Brownlow—Seventh Indiana Circuit—Full List—Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad—A Shell Road—Appointments—Revenue Receipts—Supreme Court—Union League of America—The Mixed School Case.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, November 30, 1869.

AFTER THE SWINDLERS.

Postmaster General Creswell has been endeavoring to check the frauds upon the public practiced by swindlers, who use the mails to distribute circulars of gift and other thieving enterprises. Special Agent Fetherbridge, of the Post-office Department, effected the arrest of one M. C. Hass, at Chester, Pennsylvania, for sending money to a swindling concern, called Wogan & Co., No. 73 Nassau street, New York, to purchase counterfeit greenbacks. This pretended firm have circulated a large number of letters, promising to furnish counterfeit greenbacks defying detection, at given prices. Hass received a package by express, and Special Agent Fetherbridge, having succeeded in getting possession of it, found on opening it that it contained about two pounds of sheet lead, taken from a tea box, a small card photograph of a ten dollar greenback, and a note expressing the hope that the purchaser would be satisfied, and that if he blowed the dog would be dead. Hass paid fifteen dollars for the investment, which proved a fraud on him, instead of a fraud on the government.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

As much interest is manifested in the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, it may be stated the termini, eastern, is Richmond, and western, mouth of Big Sandy River. The length of the line complete to White Sulphur Springs is 225 miles, incomplete 200 miles. The cost of construction is estimated at gold prices, $12,000,000. Debt $3,000,000. Estimated cost of completion $10,000,000. Amount to be furnished by the contracting parties $10,000,000. Connections, western, via Lexington, Kentucky, Louisville, St. Louis and Memphis; via Ohio river route, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis; via Chillicothe and Columbus branch lines. Embraced in the charter are, Covington to Lynchburg, one hundred miles, Coalsmouth to Point Pleasant, forty-five miles; total vote of stockholders at the recent meeting, 56,000 shares; for the contract, 51,000; against it, 5,000.

AN INCREASE IN REPRESENTATION.

A movement of considerable importance among Western Republican members has just been developed in the preparation of a bill to increase Congressional representation from the present basis of two hundred and forty members of the House of Representatives to three hundred. The basis of representation is usually fixed after the taking of the census, but as the ninth census will hardly be completed before 1872, it is intended to pass a bill this winter slightly increasing the present basis of population, and providing for three hundred members for the Forty second Congress. Western men say that under the proposed apportionment Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin will increase their present representation, while New England will be reduced two or three members.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

It was recently telegraphed in these dispatches that the negotiations for the adjustment of the Alabama claims had been reopened, which statement was soon followed by a denial from another quarter. The contradiction is a mere quibble, as the fact appears to be that the Government notified the British Cabinet that it was ready now to receive any new propositions which they might make, thus virtually asking that the negotiations might be transferred to Washington.

MIXED SCHOOL CASE.

The Corporation Attorney has rendered a decision in the mixed school case, that any one trustee has power to grant admission to any school. He declines to answer the question, what is the legal interpretation of the word "white," believing Congress will be plain, and appropriate legislation will settle the entire subject and thus prevent profit and discussion and litigation.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF CLEVELAND.

The investigations by the Comptroller of the Currency into the affairs of the Second National Bank, of Cleveland, since the date of the suicide of Seth Buell, the defaulting cashier, develops the fact that the bank loses about $450,000, and it is supposed that private depositors will lose about $150,000 or $200,000 more.

APPOINTMENTS.

The President has appointed John Parsons, of Ohio, U. S. Consul at Saigao, Cubai Thos. A. Xavier, Edward R. Tyson and Jesse Applegate are appointed Commissioners to examine and report on the road and telegraph line authorized to be constructed by the Oregon Central Railroad Company.

SHELL ROAD.

The Secretary of the Treasury has received a communication from Savannah asking permission for the Vernon Shell Road Company to import from England, free of duty, a traction engine for their road between Savannah and Vernonburg, to be used as an experiment only.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE.

At the present rate of purchasing bonds the accrued interest on the Sinking Fund by the 1st of January will be nearly two millions of dollars in gold, which amount will be disposed of at public sale, and the sum received applied to the purchase of bonds.

SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court to-day several cases were argued, including one from Mississippi, the action being to restrain the defendant from proceeding to enforce the collection of Internal Revenue on cotton. The Court adjourned until Monday.

THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

It seems probable that Judge Drummond, of Chicago, formerly of Galena, will be the successful applicant for the Circuit Judgeship of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, composed of Illinois and Wisconsin. He is a personal friend of the President.

A FULL LIST

Of the appointments to be made under the new law has already been prepared by the President, and the names will be sent to the Senate early in December.

SENATOR BROWNLOW

Writes here that his health is better than it has been for four years, and that he arrives here Friday evening, with his wife, to remain during the winter.

UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

The annual session of the Council of the Union League of America takes place in New York, December 8th. It is expected the meeting will be largely attended.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The receipts of Internal Revenue for the month was $13,145,570, corresponding month last year, $9,540,000.

UPPER RIVERS.

(By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph.)

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., November 30.—River falling slowly with six feet water in the channel. Raining. Thermometer 52 at 4 P. M.

CINCINNATI, Pa., November 30.—River falling slowly with five feet six inches water. Weather cloudy and raining. Thermometer 55 at 4 P. M.

MORGANTOWN, November 30.—River stationary with four feet water in the channel. Weather: raining slowly. Thermometer 57 at 4 P. M.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Sondon "Times" on the Annexation of San Domingo to the United States—Proceedings in the Corps Legislatif—Excitement Among Members—Advices via Lisbon from Paraguay.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, November 30.—The *Times*, referring to the possible cession of San Domingo to the United States, says: From the present aspect of affairs we should be disposed to expect the completion of a treaty to that effect. Such a bargain would be beneficial not only to parties concerned, but to Europe and the world. The Americans can stand to lose but little while they might gain a great deal. The island ought to become a new emporium for trade, and in the creation of such commercial stations no people are more deeply interested than ourselves

FRANCE.

PARIS, November 30.—In the Corps Legislatif to-day the opposition submitted interpolations in the prorogation of last September; on the action of the authorities in the Aubin and Ricamarie affairs, and in the Rochefort affair of last June.

Deputy Raspail submitted an interpolation of the assassination of citizens, and demanded the impeachment of the ministers. The introduction of these measures created much excitement, and the proceedings were very stormy.

Prince Metternich leaves for Vienna to-night to confer with the Emperor of Austria.

PORTUGAL.

LISBON, November 30.—The mail steamer from Rio Janeiro has arrived. Reports from Paraguayan sources state that only the vanguard of the allied army was moving toward the new positions of Lopez. The main army was still prevented from marching by want of provisions. The scarcity is so great that the men are compelled to eat horse flesh.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, November 30.—Consols, 93¼. American securities quiet and steady: 1862s, 84½; '65s, 83½; '67s, 85¼. 10-40s, 80¼. Bonds at Frankfort firm, 90¼. Erie, 21¼. Illinois Central, Atlantic and Great Western, 27. Stocks steady.

PARIS, November 30.—Bourse firm. Rentes 71f 72c.

LIVERPOOL, November 30. — Cotton buoyant: middling uplands 11¼, Orleans 12¼; sales of 8,000 bales in the Manchester market. Breadstuffs quiet. Wheat 7d, red western 8s 5d@8s 6d, winter 7s; receipts of wheat during the last 3 days, 12,000 quarters, including 10,000 quarters American western. Flour 22. Corn 29s 6d. Oats 3s. Peas 39. Pork 111s 6d. Beef 85. Lard 75. Cheese 68. Bacon 47s 6d. Fine rosin 15s. Spirits turpentine 28. Petroleum 1s 3d, refined 1s 9d. Turpentine 28.

LONDON, November 30.—Tallow 47s. Sugar quiet and steady. Whale oil £41. Linseed oil £28 17s.

ANTWERP, November 30.—Petroleum firm. At Bremen quiet at 6 thalers 54 groats. At Hamburg dat 15 marc banco 2 schillings.

HAVRE, November 30.—Cotton quiet at 135 francs.

HAVRE, November 30.—Cotton closed quiet on spot at 133½f.

CHICAGO.

Boiler Explosion—Fire—Superintendent Appointed—Illness of Hon. S. F. Hopkins—Associated Press, &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, November 30.—The boiler of the Steam Dye Works, located in the basement of the Desota House, Galena, exploded to-day, mortally wounding Mr. Streeter, proprietor, and severely injuring his wife. The building was much shattered.

Worden's Soap Factory, at Madison, Wisconsin, was destroyed by fire this morning, with its contents. Loss, $12,000; fully insured.

Ignatius Donnelly made a speech before St. Paul Chamber of Commerce last night in favor of the annexation of Roberts Land and then that people desired it. He claimed that Saskatchewan Valley belonged to the United States by the nature of its topographical location, and said God speed to the Fenian or any other movement which will lead to its annexation to the United States. His remarks were listened to by a very large crowd of enthusiastic people.

Advices from Pembina say the insurgents organized a provisional government on the 18th ult.

Hon. B. F. Hopkins, Representative in Congress from Wisconsin, who has been ill for several weeks, but was thought to be recovering, had a relapse yesterday, followed by partial paralysis. To-day he has been easier, and there is only the faintest hope of his recovery.

The contract by which the Western Associated Press has been furnishing news to the Northwestern Associated Press having western latter association met here to-day for the purpose of renewing it. After a conference between the executive committees, but the two associations, the contract was renewed for another year, but on terms considerably differing from the previous terms. The Northwestern Association have agreed to collect news in their own territory and transmit it to the Western Association.

ST. LOUIS.

Long Protracted Case Concluded—Trouble Among the Coopers Anticipated.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, November 30.—The trial that has been proceeding in the U. S. District Court for the past ten days against H. E. Sperry and Benj. S. Prettyman, of Pekin, Illinois, for the fraudulent removal of spirits from that place to St. Louis, terminated to-night in a verdict convicting Prettyman, and imposing five hundred dollars fine and costs. A previous suit against the removed spirits, one hundred and fifty barrels, resulted in favor of the Government, putting about ten thousand dollars into the Treasury. Prettyman is a lawyer of long standing at Pekin.

An attempt was made yesterday to reduce the price for making flour and pork barrels, and resulted in the almost entire suppression of work in the various cooper shops of the city. No formal strike is yet made, but the coopers express a determination to resist any reduction of wages.

SAN FRANCISCO.

New Church—Reorganization of the Democratic Party—Charge Dismissed.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 30.—The friends of Rev. Dr. W. A. Scott met last evening and resolved to organize a new church, St. Johns of San Francisco, and call the reverend gentleman to officiate. A large amount of money was immediately subscribed, and a committee appointed to perfect the organization.

A meeting was held last night for the purpose of reorganizing the Democratic party in this city, which was largely attended by the leading members of the party. After a stormy session the meeting broke up without definite action.

The charge of manslaughter against Bernard Kane, the switchman at Simson Station, at the time of the Western Pacific Railroad disaster, was dismissed and Kane discharged.

Lawyer and Claim Agent Arrested—Death Sentence Commuted.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ALBANY, Nov. 30.—Jesse T. Reynolds, lawyer and claim agent, of Watertown, Jefferson county, has been arrested, charged with forging pension papers, and held in $10,000.

Governor Hoffman has commuted the death sentence of David S. Ark, convicted of murder in Queens county, to imprisonment for life.

NEW YORK CITY.

Stand from Under—Railroad Cases Postponed—Vessels Sailed with Sealed Orders—Pennsylvania Coal—Patent Right Suit—Suits for Damages—Drunken Ruffian Shot—Richardson's Condition Still Precarious—He Marries the Divorced Wife of His would-be Murderer—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher the Officiating Clergyman—The Duty on Coffee and Tea to be Reduced, &c., &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, November 27, 1869.

The *World* says: The Cubans have another expedition on hand, which will surpass all previous efforts. The Junta is now paying out over six hundred dollars per day for board of men in this city, awaiting the word to sail, and has made contracts with several merchants for a large number of Winchester repeating rifles and Peabody breech-loaders, with suitable ammunition, and in case the contract has not been already fulfilled it is improbable that the expedition will be started before the meeting of Congress.

The suit of the Erie Railway vs. Vanderbilt was to-day postponed until January.

The case of the Erie Company against Ramsey and others was argued on the motion for injunction. Fisk and Gould to continue the injunction restraining Ramsey and others from prosecuting their suit. During the argument, Mr. Fisk made a personal explanation, declaring the charges of collusion, brought against him, to be baseless. Decision reserved.

There is no doubt, the statement to the contrary notwithstanding, that the Miantonomoh was ordered here with instructions to be prepared for the expected visit of the Spanish fleet.

The iron clad Roanoke is being thoroughly overhauled for service at short notice.

The *Commercial* learns from the Navy Yard that several vessels have already received their sealed orders, and are now under sealed orders. It is the prevailing opinion at the yard their destination is Cuban waters.

District Attorney Pierrepont has received no further communications from Washington in relation to the Spanish difficulty. Mr. Pierrepont says when the disposition of the motion to be argued Thursday.

Petitions for signature are being posted up on the ferry houses and elsewhere, praying the Government to immediately recognize the independence of Cuba.

The Cunard steamer Scotia will soon be prepared to deliver in this city 4,000 tons of coal per day where they have heretofore delivered none during the last twenty months.

The Free Trade League, of this city, publish a report of their proceedings highly favorable to Free Trade, in the way of public meetings and the distribution of documents with arguments in favor of their policy, and appeal to the public for opportunity for the continuance of the work.

Proceedings were instituted to-day, by the owners of the Nicolson patent, to recover $60,000 from this city, for the construction and use of the so-called McGonigle pavement, claimed as an infringement of the Nicolson patent.

Suit commenced in the Circuit Court of Orange county by Stephen Sweet against the Erie Railway, claiming $20,000 damages for the injuries sustained at the Carr's Rock disaster. Two similar suits by other parties are to follow. Two boys, named Thomas Ward and James Addison, aged 25, and Thomas Scott, aged 18, Englishmen, have been arrested on suspicion of implication in the Port Jervis bank robbery.

Darton Johnson was arrested to day, having in his possession two one thousand dollar United States bonds, described as a portion of upwards of $10,000 in stock certificates and United States bonds stolen from Messrs. Morrison and Hutchinson in November of last year. He says he got them from a man living in New Hampshire.

A drunken ruffian named Moore, who assailed the residents of a boarding house in Williamsburg this morning, was shot dead by policeman Langan, at whom he had previously fired. Langan gave himself into custody.

The store of John D. Bishop, at Pound Ridge, Westchester county, was burglarized on Saturday. The sheds of the Presbyterian church were also consumed, and the church barely escaped the same destruction. Loss about $9,000; partly insured. It is supposed to have been caused by incendiarism.

A local Democratic organization, known as the New Tammany Reform Party, has been started.

Gen. Lorenzo Thomas has been dishonorably dismissed by the Cuban Junta.

A special from Washington to the *Express* says: The Ways and Means Committee to-day agreed to reduce the tariff twenty millions. Coffee will be cut down to four cents and tea to twenty cents per pound. They are also enlarging the free list.

The annual dinner of the Alumni of Brown University was given this evening at the Delmonico Hotel. S. S. Cox presided, and about seventy members were present, including President Hopkins, of Brown University, and Ex-Senator Foster.

Mr. Richardson is in a very precarious condition to-night. He is very weak, and having retained no nourishment for five days his friends and physicians fear the worst. He was married this evening to the late Mrs. McFarland, by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, assisted by Rev. O. B. Frothingham.

The steamer Scotia, from Liverpool on the 25th, arrived this evening.

The steamer Denmark, from Liverpool has arrived.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Election Contest Between Alcorn and Dent—Returns Meagre.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MEMPHIS, November 30.—The *Appeal-lanche's* Holly Springs special says: About 5,000 votes were polled to-day, nearly all black, for Alcorn. The whites vote to-morrow. No news from the country except Bethel, which is nearly all for Dent. Oxford reports Dent ahead. Coffeeville gives Dent a majority of 300. All quiet.

A Columbus dispatch says the election passed off quietly. The negroes voted heavily for Alcorn. About 2,000 votes were polled at Morton. The negroes voted for Dent at some polls. At Tippoll, Gunstown and Verona, out of 900 votes, Dent got 500. At Water Valley both whites and negroes voted. Dent got 450 votes and Alcorn one. To-morrow will probably increase Dent's majority to 700. Nothing further is yet known.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30.—The elections for Constitution and State officers in Mississippi and Texas commenced to-day. In Mississippi the election lasts two days and in Texas three. Friday evening. There will be no count until the election close. Dispatches indicate quiet elections in both States.

TERRE HAUTE.

Two Murderers to Suffer the Death Penalty.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

TERRE HAUTE, IND., Nov. 30.—The motion for a new trial in the case of Oliver A. Morgan, convicted of the murder of John Pyeri, was overruled by Judge Chapman to-day, and the prisoner sentenced to be hung on Thursday, December 23d, the same day set apart for the execution of Stevens, the murderer of Reaves. Morgan received his sentence without any apparent emotion. He remarked that it was unjust, as he killed Peiri to save his own life.

Lager Beer not Intoxicating Liquor within the Meaning of the Law.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, November 30.—The Jury in the case for the recovery of the lager beer seized by the state Constables, in Boston, decided lager not intoxicating liquor within the meaning of the law, and found for plaintiff.

COLUMBUS.

Ohio State Christian Convention—Permanent Organization—Hon. C. N. Olds' Speech of Welcome—He Styles This Gathering the "Ecumenical Convention of Ohio."

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

COLUMBUS, Nov. 30.—The State Christian Convention convened this afternoon. The session opened with a children's meeting at the Second Presbyterian Church, which was largely attended, notwithstanding the heavy rain. The meeting was called to order at four o'clock by D. L. Moody, of Chicago. After singing a hymn "The Water of Life," prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Lloyd, of Cincinnati. Short addresses were then delivered by Rev. Mr. Childlaw, of Cincinnati, and others.

The evening session was called to order by Rev. H. M. Robertson, of Columbus, after which the "Coronation" was sung, with splendid effect.

Dr. Thaddeus A. Rearing, of Zanesville, was selected as temporary Chairman.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hayden, of Painesville, and the hymn, "Stand up for Jesus," sung.

The Chair appointed Revs. H. M. Robertson, G. W. Phillips, J. W. Osborn, Isaac Crook, and Chester Briggs, a Committee on permanent organization.

Hon. C. F. Olds, of Columbus, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the citizens to the delegates. He referred to the organization of the American Christian Commission at Cleveland, in 1865, referring to the high object, and quiet but effective work performed by it since that time. He welcomed the delegates in behalf of seventeen churches and thousands of Christian men of the city. He believed the Convention was composed of delegates of such character that it was in fact the Ecumenical Convention of Ohio. The address was full of earnest Christian love.

Rev. J. W. Wiley, of Cincinnati, responded on behalf of the Convention. He wondered if the time would come when the Protestants of the whole country would shake hands as a grand Ecumenical Council. The speaker said Christians were not here in convention because the cause of Christ looked dark, but because there was a chance for work by united effort. Some of the people of Cincinnati were getting badly scared because there was an attempt being made to take the Bible from the public schools, but he was glad the devil had showed his eleven foot in Cincinnati, as it enabled the people to lay their hands upon and enter into the fight with a greater interest than ever before. Since this movement, Christians there have waked up, and now men discuss the question at all times. He said that to-night there was a better religious feeling than during the last ten years.

The Committee on Permanent Organization made the following nominations:

President, H. Thane Miller, of Cincinnati; Vice Presidents, Revs. Dr. Howard, of Ohio University; J. H. Dickson, Circleville; Hon. Reuben Hitchcock, Painesville; Rev. J. Cummings, of Oberlin College, and H. D. Tracy, of Marion. Secretaries, Rev O. H. Lyman, of Cleveland; Capt. Wm. Mitchell, of Columbus. Business Committee, J. F. Knapp, Chairman; Rev. D. H. Moore, Delaware; Dr. Pratt, Portsmouth; Gen. Brinkerhoff, Mansfield; and Rev. T. Allen, Tiffin. The report was unanimously adopted.

D. L. Moody, of Chicago, was called on, and spoke at considerable length.

The Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Medical and Surgical Hospital Difficulty is a Fair Way of Settlement—The General Synod of the Reformed Church.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PHILADELPHIA, November 30.—At a meeting of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, a resolution was adopted that a committee be appointed to confer with the Medical and Surgical Staff of the hospital to provide for a separate clinical instruction to female students of medicine on at least one day in the week, and that upon the recommendation of such arrangements the other clinical lectures be confined to classes composed of males only.

In the General Synod of the Reformed Church, the presence of the Rev. Dr. Holmes, delegate from the Reformed Church, Dutch, was announced.

The Committee on Finance reported the expenses of the Synod for the year, which was proportioned among the District Synods.

The special committee to whom was referred certain memorials in which the General Synod was petitioned to withdraw the permission given by the last Synod to use the order of worship, reported adversely to the petitioners. The report was tabled for the present.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes reported that there are two in successful operation at Wormsdorf, Pa., and Butler, Ohio.

The Special Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported in favor of the omission of the word "German" in the title of the Church. It was therefore officially declared that the title of this Church, known as the German Reformed Church, is now the Reformed Church of the United States in America.

In the afternoon session Rev. Dr. Farris, of the Reformed Church, Dutch, addressed the Synod in reference to a union of efforts in the work of foreign missions, on the part of the Reformed Churches, Dutch and German. The subject was referred to a special committee, to which was referred the subject of Sabbath schools, other items referring to the general subjects reported. They had not sufficient time to examine the work, but that as it had produced good, they western synods who asked permission to use it, that the permission be granted, and thus both eastern and western liturgies be before the Church for further trial, and the whole subject be left to work its own way, and peace and quiet be restored to the Church.

Rev. Dr. Willard offered an amendment that both liturgies be sent down to classis for approval or disapproval, and meantime neither of them be permitted to be used except with the consent of the congregation and congregation. The question was discussed during the remainder of the session.

RICHMOND.

Assembling of the National Board of Trade.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

RICHMOND, Nov. 30.—A large number of delegates to the National Board of Trade have arrived, representing the boards of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Louisville, Portland, Chicago, Baltimore, Milwaukee, and other cities. Committees have been appointed by our Board of Trade to extend private hospitalities to visitors, and many of them are guests at private houses. There seems to be a general feeling among the people to welcome the delegates, as it is the first national body that has met here for years. The hall of the State Capitol has been tendered for the sessions, which commence to-morrow noon.

Postponed.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., November 30—The Albany & Susquehanna Railroad case has been further postponed till to-morrow on the urgent appeal of counsel for Gould and Fisk. Judge Brainard telegraphed to Judge Smith requesting him to postpone, stating that David Dudley Field was engaged before him in the Vanderbilt suit, and one suit or other must be postponed. Counsel for all interests opposed to the Erie Company earnestly argued an immediate trial.

—The second game of the billiard tournament in Cincinnati, Monday night, resulted as follows: James Cherry, 500; James Williamson, 394. Thirty-seven innings were played. The third game of the tournament came off yesterday afternoon, in which Williamson made 500 and Grungmoyer 378. The largest run was 103, and 36 innings. Cherry and Cassedy were to follow, and afterwards Phelan and Brainard were to play an exhibition game. In the fourth game of the tournament, 27 innings, Cherry 302, average 11; Casper 400, average 18¼. Brainard beat Slosson in the exhibition game 300 to 150, making the largest run, 135, and the average 36. Tinman beat Phelan 300 to 83 in 14 innings. The four competitors are even, having won and lost each one game. To-morrow afternoon and evening close the tournament.

DETROIT.

Disastrous Fire and Loss of Life.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

DETROIT, November 30.—There was a disastrous fire at Jackson, Mich., to-night. It originated from an attempt of a man to draw gasoline near a lamp. Among the sufferers are W. Jackson, grocer; Holmes & Averill, tobacco and liquors; Mrs. Brandage, millinery and fancy goods, Kelly & Casey, boots and shoes; A. A. Bliss, crockery; A. Bailey, shoes and leather; Parkhurst & Co., hardware; Bloomfield & Co., crockery.

The losses in the upper stories include Jackson Hall, Mrs. Hooly, Sewing Machine Agency, Mrs. Curtiss, Millinery, two photograph establishments, and various offices.

The loss is estimated at two hundred thousand dollars. Insurance probably light.

A man named Runyan, assisting in removing goods, was fatally injured by the explosion of powder.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—The Spanish iron-clad Saragossa has arrived at Havana.

—The steamship Perriere, from Brest, arrived at New York yesterday.

—The steamer Silesia sailed for Europe yesterday. She took out $28,000.

—James Posten's brewery was destroyed by fire Monday night in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

—The Bigelow & Barbour Satinet Mill, Worcester, Mass., was destroyed by fire Monday night.

—The steamers Erie and Ontario were sold to New Yorkers for $356,217 each. Originally the cost of both was a million and a half.

—Jno. Dorsey, of Williamsburgh, Mass., convicted at Northampton, of wife-murder, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

—J. R. Winder, a wholesale druggist in Louisville, being detected in selling unstamped snuff, his stock thereof was seized yesterday.

—A Commission of the City Government of Boston was appointed to make suitable arrangements for the reception of the remains of Geo. Peabody.

—Mrs. Rebecca Wilson aged twenty-two living near Dewitt, Ark., accidentally shot herself through the heart with her husband's pistol on the fourteenth.

—Seven thousand dollars worth of silks, stolen in Newark from a warehouse, and belonging to Escher & Co., in New York, were recovered Monday by detectives.

—County Commissioners Gulick and Lisle, and Ex-Commissioner Edwards, of Columbus, Ohio, have been indicted for malfeasance in office by the Grand Jury now in session.

—The Judiciary Committee of the Tennessee House Tuesday recommended the rejection of the bill granting the right of way to the Cincinnati Southern Railroad. No further action taken.

—John Bell Courtney, an Englishman who is said to have been formerly a correspondent of the New York *World*, was arrested Monday in Baltimore, charged with bigamy, and committed in default of $3,000 bail.

—Rumors were rife last night that Geo. E. Heinsohn, an alderman, lately engaged in manufacturing tobacco in Louisville, had decamped, leaving many forged notes and indebtedness amounting to $30,000.

—There is excitement in commercial circles in Havana over intelligence from the United States that the government had caused the new Spanish gunboats in New York harbor to be disabled in such manner as to prevent their sailing.

The Suicide of Wise, the Express Messenger.

Referring to the suicide of W. H. H. Wise in that city, on Monday afternoon, the Cleveland *Herald* says:

"Mr. Wise made his first express run just ten years before the day of his death. He has run upon eighteen railroads for all the companies that are represented in this section of the country. During that time he went through a number of severe railroad smash-ups, coming out unscathed on each instance. No messenger was more popular than he, although his habits were more irregular than those of the average agent. Being very free with his money, his salary was barely sufficient to pay expenses. His friends, including the officers of the company, frequently gave him good advice concerning the benefits of economy. Promising to do better in every instance, and in good faith meaning what he would return to his labor and extravagance. These promises of reform were often baptized in tears. The fourth year of his great career would prove and his fine physical frame would fairly tremble with emotion as each promise of reformation was renewed. The extent of his extravagance culminated in what he believed to be securing happiness to others. The money he always came from his pocket, for the benefit of a friend, with the same good will that marked the withdrawal of those that came before it. With all his errors and failings in this respect, affecting only himself, the express companies never suffered at all. Even upon the occasion of his death, the packages and funds in his possession were checked out with the same regularity that had always been characteristic of the case, and were started too early or too late for poor 'Tip.' Ever ready for duty; business always straight as a string; willing to share all things to share his salary with others; always drawing upon the cashier to the last-earned dollar, and, when off duty, always ready to join friends around the social board—these were the traits that marked his course as a messenger. The last time he was in Cleveland, taking the hand of a friend, he said, 'Good bye, old boy, you'll never see me any more.' 'You are not going to leave the company?' queried the friend. 'Good bye,' reiterated the deceased, as he withdrew his hand from the friendly grasp of his friend. It did prove his last run, for he left on Saturday morning on his last run to Pittsburgh and back. He left a brief letter written in pencil, on the car, evidently to his father, Rev. Wolcott, also to the employ of the company, directing him to get a ring he had lent to a gentleman friend, and send it to lady, whose name he gave, at the East. He also ascribed the act to liquor and friends.'

"No reason is known for the self-murder, but there undoubtedly is a cause known elsewhere, originating in some act which annoyed him and mortified him, and which, possibly, may have been committed when excited by drinking. He has never shown despondency till within the past week, and even then seemed to rally from it quickly when spoken to about it. There seems to have been some peculiar importance to him connected with the close of the tenth year of his messenger life. He had determined to close the tenth year and the last run of that period, and did so close it, for he shot himself after the train had passed the St. Clair street crossing, and had scarcely ceased breathing when taken from the car to the depot."

Buried Alive.

The Cleveland *Leader* says: "About four weeks ago a little German girl in Brooklyn (Cuyahoga county, Ohio) took sick with lock jaw, and rumor says that in a few days she was thought dead and was buried. On the evening of her burial, the mother, for some reason, was led to the grave and with her ear pressed close to the ground, thought she heard a noise and believed her child to be moving in its coffin. She withheld from asking assistance for fear of being ridiculed, and immediately procured a spade and began to dig up the earth. She soon came to the coffin, and hurriedly taking it from the earth opened it and there found the body of her child, nine hours after its burial, as warm as if it were living, and lying on its side. She took the child to her house where a physician was immediately called in and every restorative applied to bring the child to life. It was too late. The soul had taken its flight, and in a few hours more the body was cold and icy. It was soon buried again and has not since been disturbed. This report is common talk among the citizens of the West Side, and the story as above related is well known to a great many reliable persons residing on Detroit street and in Brooklyn."

DISPATCHES have been received from St. Petersburg announcing the presentation of Minister Curtin to the Emperor of Russia on the 28th of October, at the Winter Palace.

GENERAL NEWS.

FIVE years hence it is claimed that Omaha will have a population of 50,000.

TRAVEL over the Pacific railroads continues brisk. Freight and express matter daily increases in quantity.

JAMES H. BROWN is on trial at Cleveland for the murder of his wife, in the village of Berea, on the 31st of May last.

CONRAD MEIR, confined in the jail at Toledo, Ohio, awaiting the execution of the death penalty upon him for the crime of murder, made his escape on the night of the 23d ult.

THE Montreal newspapers are independent. They doubt the use of reporting the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature. How much oratory will go to waste if they suppress the report!

ONE hundred pupils at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Columbus, Ohio, have had the measles since the epidemic set in there, but no case has proved fatal. The scarlet fever has now broken out in the institution.

A FARMER in Bloomington, Ill., has raised this season specimens of Patagonian corn, raised from seed obtained from a sailor who had visited that country. The ears are small, and only about three inches in length. The grain is yellow and hard.

A COMBINATION known as the "Merchants' Protective Union," is being organized in Dubuque, having a capital of $200,000, its objects being to "release Northern Iowa from the extortions of railroad monopolies and Chicago commission men."

IT was announced in Philadelphia churches that "coal collections" would be made last week. A German, who did not understand that the collection was to be made in coal, proudly trudged a hand-cart full of coal to a church, but found no one there to receive it.

AT the unveiling of the Brownell statue at Hartford, some days since, a reporter asked of a student "who that old rooster at the top of the monument was?" Not known professor. Imagine his feelings when the student replied, "That's my father, Prof. ——"

IN some sections of Ohio, the sheep slaughter has again commenced. Together with the low prices of wool which still remain and the prevalence of a disease known as the foot rot in some flocks, the discouragement of many wool growers is so great that thousands of sheep are put to a price below that which the pelts and tallow would yield.

A YOUTH of twenty-five, W. H. Schroeder, has been arrested in Cincinnati, for forgeries to the extent of some $200. He confessed, in his statement to a fallen woman, upon whom he lavished money without limit. His old father, too, was arrested and consigned to prison, although it will be shown that he was guiltless of the forgeries.

THE four surviving American poets born the last century are natives of Massachusetts. They are Richard H. Dana, born at Cambridge, November 15, 1787; Charles Sprague, born in Boston, October 17, 1791; Oliver Wendell Holmes, born in Portland (then a portion of Massachusetts), born in 1794 and William Cullen Bryant, born in Cummington, November 3, 1794.

AN artist in Indianapolis has in his studio a very fine Madonna picture, one that he intends to offer for sale to visitors. Imagine his feelings when, the other day, a lady who had examined the various productions of the artists displayed upon the walls, pointing to the Madonna, said: "But she cut off the head is that *tired nurse girl*. Don't she look painsful?"

THE city of Chicago expended nearly half a million dollars this year in deepening the canal between that city and Lockport, twenty miles distant, and the work will be completed by the opening of navigation in 1871. A current being thus established from Lake Michigan toward the Mississippi, the sluggish Chicago river will, it is expected, no longer a stench in the nostrils of people.

THE thieves and gamblers at various points on the Pacific road have carried things with such a high hand that the respectable citizens are organizing a vigilance committee to hold them in check. Four gamblers in Omaha were notified to leave, last week, and they did instanter. A drove of disreputables were also notified to leave Cheyenne under an emphatic admonition from the Vigilants.

In the course of a lecture at Columbus, Ohio, on Monday evening, on John Huss, the Reformer, Rev. Stephen H. Tyng said: "John Huss is reproached as Father Hiacynthe. While of course none can definitely say what his future course will be, still I say here that he will go where the spirit of progress, will go go back of his world of burning eloquence against the heresies of Rome. It is impossible for such a man to stand still."

In the course of a recent sermon Rev. D. J. Goldsmith, of the Jewish Temple, Cincinnati, said that the American Constitution had achieved more for humanity, in less than a century, than all the religious influences of the known world. What had been accomplished in the same direction since the world began. This strong statement prefaced his assertion that it would be better to introduce the Constitution into the schools than the Bible.

THE New Orleans milkmen have been brought to account by the authorities, for adulteration. A dozen of them, a few mornings since, were compelled to submit specimens for scientific testing, and the result was that the lacteal fluid vended by them was found to contain from thirty to sixty per cent. of water. They were fined in sums from twenty-five to forty dollars, those adulterating to the extent of sixty per cent. paying the greater penalty.

THE Cincinnati *Gazette* understands that the Rev. J. McKendree Reilly, pastor of the Union M. E. Church, of Covington, Ky., has notified his congregation that he will seek a new field of labor after the expiration of the year for which he agreed to preach for them. Mr. Reilly delivers his sermons from manuscript, while many of the members of his church are understood to be in favor of extemporaneous preaching exclusively, and he thinks his usefulness as a minister is impaired by this difference between himself and his congregation.

ON Saturday night last the postoffice at Cleveland was entered by some persons who broke open two letter boxes and carried off the contents, belonging to the Second National Bank and Henry Wick & Co., bankers. The thieves opened the letters, looked through them and then placed the letters, envelopes and drafts contained in them, in the iron letter box at the postoffice door. An examination proved that there was a letter for every envelope, and that envelopes and letters, and contents as described in the letters, corresponded in every respect. It was supposed that if there was any loss it must be trifling. The thieves seemed to have handled their plunder very carefully.

The President's Message.

A Washington letter says: The President has received a synopsis of the reports of the heads of departments, and is now engaged in incorporating them into the message. Also some of the leading his friends that if it is possible in this day of newspaper enterprise, both Houses of Congress shall hear the message before it is a day old with newspaper readers; and that, if he can avoid it, no one shall have an opportunity of characterizing it on the floor of either House as "a communication to the morning papers signed U. S. Grant," as John Logan styled the last effort of Andrew Johnson, which was printed all over the country before its delivery. President