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FIRST EDITION.

MIDNIGHT.

NEW YORK CITY.

Contradictory Reports About the "Movement of Troops"—Immense Election Frauds—A Riot Caused by Politics and Liquor—The Fenians Preparing for a Movement on Canada—Robbery of Jewels—Peabody Fund—Wholesale Seizure of Distilleries—The Revenue Officers and Soldiers Brickbatted—The Tariff to be Cut Down $25,000,000, and Internal Revenue $50,000,000.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, December 3, 1869.

It is believed that the movement of troops in this vicinity is to capture a gathering of men which are believed to have formed a rendezvous preparatory for a Fenian raid on Canada. Some time ago General O'Neal, commander of the Fenian forces, issued an order to the Brotherhood to the effect that "before another winter has passed away decisive measures would be resorted to by the Fenian forces to achieve the object of the Brotherhood." For the past two months great activity has existed at the Fenian headquarters in this and other cities, and immense numbers of men have been enlisted, who have been assured that before long they would find work to do in achieving the independence of Ireland. It is concluded that the troops are to be immediately transported to the Canadian border in order to checkmate the possible Fenian raid. Another report is to the effect that the troops are to capture another Cuban expedition which has been embarking in large forces not many miles distant from this city. The troops left their quarters early this morning for their destination.

At a meeting of the citizens of Williamsburgh city last evening, District Attorney Morris made an address stating that immense frauds had been perpetrated at the last election, and he held the proofs, and the perpetrators would be brought to punishment.

All the papers have extended eulogies upon Mr. Richardson.

One of the greatest whisky raids made in the neighborhood of this city since the passage of the revenue laws, took place this morning in the Fifth ward of Brooklyn in the section adjoining the navy yard, known as Irishtown. Extensive arrangements were made for the attack, and as it was apprehended that resistance would be offered, Major General McDowell ordered out five hundred regular troops to cooperate with the Revenue officers under Collector Pleasanton. The distilleries were twenty in number, and situated on Marshall, Little, United States, Plymouth and Water streets, and Hudson avenue. The troops formed in line, and the Revenue officers attacked the distilleries. Thousands of gallons of whisky were allowed to run from the vats. A number of stills were running at the time. Thirty-five thousand barrels of whisky were seized and thirteen distilleries were either destroyed or captured. The captured vats were stored in the Navy Yard. The stills, worms, pumps, &c., captured are valued at several thousand dollars. The stills broken up were capable of running out five hundred barrels of whisky a day. A few of the stills were removed last night. On the former raids, nine stills were seized by some officers. The working party was attacked in Little street, where a crowd numbering nearly two thousand people had assembled, and several persons were injured by bricks thrown from the house tops. The presence of the troops, however, prevented a serious outbreak. The crowd followed the troops to the navy yard entrance, keeping up an uninterrupted volley of missiles. A German, who was in the working party, had his head laid open by an axe in the hands of a rufflan. The rioters congregated about the gates and in adjacent streets, muttering threats of vengeance against the troops and revenue officials up to a late hour this afternoon. At two o'clock the troops returned to Governor's Island and Fort Hamilton in transports.

A riot, the impelling causes of which were politics and liquor, occurred in the liquor store of Thomas Donahoe, on Second avenue, this afternoon, in which Florence Scannell, a noted politician and a candidate for Alderman, was mortally wounded. George Johnson was also fatally shot, and Joseph Martin, and Thomas Donahoe, badly injured, but will recover. Scannell's brother is believed to have shot Johnson, and Donahoe is believed to have shot Scannell. All present and unwounded are under arrest.

It is stated the Fenians are preparing for a new movement on Canada. They are said to have plenty of rifles, but need money to purchase ammunition.

The residence of Sheridan Shook was entered last evening while the family were at dinner, and the dressing room of Mrs. Shook was robbed of $5,000 worth of jewels. The rascals, in their haste, overlooked a package of $20,000 in United States bonds.

A special Washington dispatch says: Commissioner Wells expresses the opinion that the revenue can be reduced $120,000,000, and to this end the Committee on Ways and Means propose to cut down the tariff $25,000,000, and internal revenue $50,000,000. On the vote to take off the duty on coal, salt and copper, the Committee are a tie.

Fifty ruffians to-night made a raid on a registry office in the upper part of the city, destroyed the registry list and robbed one of the inspectors of his valuables.

The steamers City of Antwerp, from Liverpool, and Europa, from Glasgow, have arrived.

The Peabody fund has upward of nine hundred subscribers, and is still increasing.

CHICAGO.

The Friends of Miss Vandebhoff Dissatisfied with the Verdict of the Coroner's Jury—Capt. Eyster Discharged—Postponement of a Funeral, &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, December 3.—The friends of Dorotha Vandebhoff, who died suddenly on Tuesday night, are not satisfied with the verdict of the Coroner's jury yesterday, and will have a *post mortem* examination. They suspect foul play of some kind. There are rumors of an abortion.

Capt. Ben. Eyster, who was committed by the Coroner yesterday for killing the desperado Pfeifer, was brought before Recorder McCallister to-day on a writ of *habeas corpus*, and, after an investigation, discharged, the Recorder regarding the case as clearly one of justifiable homicide.

Dr. Richie, a Homeopathic physician, died at Galena on Wednesday. He was to be buried to-day. The Odd Fellows in large numbers, the Masons and carriages, went to the residence of the deceased at the appointed hour for the funeral. When all were present and ready for the ceremony, Mrs. Richie suddenly decided that the funeral should be postponed, giving as a reason that she believed her husband was still alive. The Odd Fellows then retired, and the congregation which had assembled in church to attend the funeral were dismissed.

WHEELING.

The Towboat Sampson Disabled—Fourteen out of Sixteen Coal Barges Sunk—The Forest City Tows Her Ashore.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WHEELING, December 3.—The towboat Sampson, with sixteen barges of coal for the cities on the lower Ohio, broke a wheel and rudder above Steubenville last evening. The barges became unmanageable and drifted down the river. Fourteen were sunk between Brown's Island and Wellsburg. The Forest City went to the assistance of the Sampson and towed her ashore in a disabled condition.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

Riot at Annapolis—At Work on the Tariff—Navy Grades Established—Appointment—Fifth Judicial District Judgeship—Treasurer Spinner's Report—The Nation's Debt Can be Paid Off in Less than Thirteen Years.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, December 3, 1869.

TREASURER SPINNER'S REPORT—THE NATION'S DEBT CAN BE PAID IN THIRTEEN YEARS.

Treasurer Spinner's report says between the 11th of May and the 25th of November there were paid for United States six per cent bonds on account of the sinking fund, and for the fund held subject to the order of Congress, interest and premium held thereon included, $89,283,270. These payments exceed half a million dollars for every working day. The Treasurer now holds in trust for the Secretary of the Treasury on account of the two funds named $76,876,000 in United States six per cent. stocks. The dividends on these stocks so held will not be credited to the Treasury and for the reduction of the public debt of $4,523,728 per annum. There has already been received, for interest on these bonds, $994,504 in gold, which has been invested in United States bonds, representing $787,800, which are held for the two funds above mentioned. The same rate of purchase is hereafter maintained, and the accruing interest invested semi-annually in like bonds, till the whole National debt will thus be paid off in less than thirteen years.

RIOT AT ANNAPOLIS.

The Navy department has received information that a riot occurred at Annapolis, Maryland, between several citizens of that place and a party of marines, from which it appears that the difficulty originated in a freely add endeavored to civilian, last Sunday, in which the former fared badly. He returned on Tuesday, with reinforcements, determined to avenge his wrongs. They were met by a number of civilians, and a general fight ensued. The marines were worsted. One of them was struck with a paving stone, and knocked senseless. The difficulty was renewed on Wednesday night. About twenty-five men armed from fists and billies, came out, a collision ensued, and a serious riot was imminent. The Deputy Sheriff and police succeeded in checking the outbreak. The former had received a blow from a billy, and several other persons had been injured.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Owing to the absence of some of its members, this committee did not meet. The Committee have, thus far, adopted preliminary amendments which will reduce the present tariff, if enacted into a law, some $15,000,000. As yet the free list has not been enlarged enough to include articles which would come in contact with American products of a dangerous nature. The duty on coffee will probably be fixed at four cents, and tea twenty cents per pound. A motion made by a member to place coal on the free list is opposed by Kelley, of Pennsylvania, and has been laid aside for the present. Some New England interests are opposed to Nova Scotia coal shall come in duty free, but Maryland and Pennsylvania coal interests are for opposing this reform. There will probably be a compromise by reducing the tax.

NAVY GRADES ESTABLISHED.

The Board of Officers recently in session at the Navy Department to determine upon the rank of staff officers have adjourned, and submitted to the Secretary their report which is to be transmitted to Congress. It is understood the Board has recommended that surgeons of the fleet, paymasters and engineers of more than two years standing, shall rank with commanders, surgeons, paymasters, and chief engineers, of less than twelve years standing, and the secretary of the Admiral, and the secretary of the Vice Admiral shall rank with lieutenants. Passed assistant surgeons, and first assistant engineers shall rank with masters. Their assistant engineers shall rank with midshipmen. The above ranks are those granted to officers holding the staff officers for several years past.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP.

There seems to be no doubt that T. J. Durant, of New Orleans, will be appointed Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, including Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

APPOINTMENT.

The President has appointed James H. Fisk commissioner to examine and report upon the Oregon Railroad Company *vice* Jesse Applegate, resigned.

CINCINNATI.

Closing Argument on the Bible-School Question—A Decision to be Given at a Future Day.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, December 3.—This morning Hon. Rufus King began the closing argument for the plaintiffs, by saying this is an issue of the first magnitude, not merely because of the intense interest its discussion has excited throughout the land, but because it involves the great and vital interests of this city. To the court it was of interest as a matter of law. He had a difficult task in replying, for his opponents had trasversed so wide of the mark. If this were a debating society, their course would have been justified. The question to be decided was whether the resolutions of the School Board were in violation of the clause in the bill of rights. He read the section and the resolutions, and called attention to the fact that the gentlemen on the other side did not put forward the first resolution, which provides that all religious instruction should be excluded. This evasion was by design, and not by accident. This resolution was a direct violation of the Constitution. The Constitution says there shall be instruction in religion. The School Board says not. He charged the defense with having stripped the Christian religion of its discussion, until it was black in the face, and their argument was that because it had been perverted it ought to be abolished. The greatest point of its authenticity was that it had carried so great a weight. He was surprised at the statement of the defense, that modern civilization was the product of Christianity. He thought the history at Christ's birth showed quite the reverse—the darkness—the other the growing light of civilization. He declared, that in this case religion was not asking aid of the State, but the State seeking succor of religion. If the Bible is sectarian, so what sect did Christ belong? But no inference was violated, because no child was compelled to attend the reading of the Bible. He said it was curious that so many of the Catholics were in the School Board, because they have not heretofore felt much interest in public schools. Most of the members who voted for these resolutions were from Europe. He charged them with bad faith in passing the resolutions, notwithstanding the petition to wait until the people spoke on the subject. At the spring elections. He read from various Catholic papers to show the real object was to break up the schools. Catholics would not come into our godless schools, and would scorn us for deserting the ways of our fathers. Mr. King closed with a summing up of the entire claim of plaintiffs. This closed the argument, and the Court took the case under advisement, and adjourned. When it will be ready to render a decision is hard to say. Mr. King's argument occupied the entire day, and lasted about four hours. During the delivery the Court room was densely crowded with spectators.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

To the Editor *Irishman*, Dublin—God bless Tipperary—Kossal. Ten millions Irish Americans say fight!!

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Cable Difficulty Settled—Carlist Conspiracies—The Monarch Ready to Sail with Peabody's Remains—Burlingame Interviews King William—The London "Times" on the Ecumenical Council—Will it Bring the Church "Peace or a Sword?"—Suspended Journals to Reappear—Call for a Guard at the Legislatif Chamber—Intense Excitement—All Quiet Again.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

FRANCE.

PARIS, December 3.—The reported difficulties at Paris and Wassington about the landing of the French cable on the American shore have been amicably settled.

At the sitting of the Corps Legislatif to-day, Henry Rochefort rose and demanded that the National Guard be ordered to guard the hall of the Corps Legislatif in the future, for the protection of members. The demand took the chamber by surprise, and created an extraordinary sensation. An expression of sympathy came from all parts of the hall. Cheers followed, which was answered by cries of derision and disapproval. The opposition members generally applauded, but the majority protested against the demand and demonstration made in its favor.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—The fears of disorders to-day on account of the anniversary of the barricades of 1851, and of the death of Baudin, have not been realized. The city has been unusually quiet all day, and at this hour there are no symptoms of excitement.

ROME.

LONDON, December 3.—Dispatches from Rome announces that a presynodal conference was held yesterday, when a papal allocution was delivered, and oaths administered to the officers of the Ecumenical Council.

The *Times* to-day says things at Rome are arguing ill for the Council. Gallicanism is rampant. The Austrian and German Bishops demand the dogma of infallibility, and discord is apprehended among Italians. Antonelli shakes his head significantly when asked if he is confident sympathy. It will be some time before it can become clear whether the Council will bring the church peace or a sword.

The cotton mills in Lancashire are again running on full time.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 3.—Several Carlist conspiracies have been discovered in various parts of Spain within a few days, and a number of arrests have been made. The authorities are taking extraordinary precautions against outbreaks.

Several of the republican journals, the publication of which were suspended at the beginning of the recent insurrection, have been permitted to reappear.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 3.—The Iron clad Monarch is ready to sail with the body of Mr. Peabody, though probably it will remain a few days for the rest of the fleet. The cabins are draped with black cloth and white silk.

PORTUGAL.

MADRID, December 3.—The Portuguese Government has invited tenders for the manufacture and laying of the submarine cable from Portugal to some eligible point on the American coast, touching at Azores.

PRUSSIA.

BERLIN, December 3.—Mr. Burlingame had an interview with King William yesterday, and presented his credentials. The meeting was characterized by the usual complimentary speeches.

RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 3.—Gen. Ignatieff has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, to succeed Prince Gortschakoff.

MARINE NEWS.

QUEENSTOWN, November 3.—The steamship Russia from New York, arrived to-day.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, December 3—*Evening.*—Consols for money 92¾; do. on account 92¾. American Securities firm: 6's, 85; 65s, 84½; 67s, 87½; 10-40s, 79. Eries, 20¾; Illinois, 99½; Atlantic and Great Western, 29¼. Stocks steady.

PARIS, December 3.—Bourse firm at 72f. 27c.

LONDON, December 1.—Tallow 45s 9d. @40s. Sugar 32s 4d. Linseed Oil £28 12s. Turpentine 27s 6d. Whale Oil £38 10s. Calcutta Linseed 60s 5d. Refined Petroleum is 7½d@is 8d.

ANTWERP, December 3.—Petroleum firm at 60½f.

LIVERPOOL, December 3.—Cotton—sales of the week, 128,000, exports, 170,000, speculation, 28,000, stock, 535,000, American, 19,000 bales. Receipts of the week, 49,000, American 13,000; amount afloat 292,000, American 183,000. Market to-day dull; middling uplands 12@12¼d; Orleans 12@12¼d; sales 10,000 bales, including 3,000 speculative and export. Manchester market quiet but firm. Receipts of Wheat at Liverpool for 3 days, 60,000 quarters; American 55,000; red winter No. 2, 8s 6d@8s 9d; winter 8s 2d. California White 9s 1d. Western Flour 22s. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 32s. Oats 3s. Barley 3s 1d. Pork 115s 6d. Beef 107s 6d for new. Lard 70s 6d. Cheese 62s. Bacon 57s 6d for new. Petroleum unchanged.

PARIS, December 3.—Five-twenty bonds closed firm and unchanged.

HAVRE, December 3—8 P. M.—Cotton closed quiet and steady at 155c. Sales for low middlings; afloat 154½ francs.

ST. LOUIS.

The Complete Breaking Up of the Whiskey Ring.

ST. LOUIS, December 3.—The case of Sperry & Prettyman, distillers, of Peoria, Ill., which when was decided the other day, nearly closes up the affairs of the old whisky ring here, only two or three of the parties being on the court. Previous to the appointment of the present District Attorney, this ring carried on their nefarious operations with impunity. They controlled a capital of some twenty million, and embraced in their organization many wealthy men and a number of government officials and detectives, &c. Their operations were on a large scale and they controlled the market completely that no honest distillers could compete with them. Now nearly all of them are bankrupts, having been ruined by the payment of bribes, lawyers' fees, subpoenas of witnesses, jurors, &c. The whole amount realized by the Government since the present attorney has been in office, from whisky cases, is over one hundred thousand dollars, and two or three of the largest cases are yet to be tried.

The tobacco ring, also embracing men of wealth and influence, has been broken up, and several of its members convicted, and upwards of $50,000,000 added to the Treasury from this source. In addition to the above some sixty revenue cases have been won by the Government.

MEMPHIS.

The Contempt Case—Parties Released—Further Litigation Ahead.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MEMPHIS, December 3.—*The Appeal's* Little Rock special says: Judge Yancy of the Chancery Court, has released all the officials of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, who were arrested for contempt, in refusing to obey a process, on the ground that the judge who had issued the injunction had no authority to issue it. The question as to which Board is legal was not touched upon, but will be decided by the Supreme Court.

President Brinckley, of the old Board, has made an application to have the case transferred to the Federal Court, which will be asked to dispose of all the questions involved. The officers will bring a suit against the new Board for damages for false arrest.

HAVANA.

Conspirators Shot—Ravage of the Cholera—The Insurgents Attacked by the Spanish at Magre and Repulsed with Great Loss—The Insurgents Attack San Jose and are Repulsed—New Military Government to be Established for Cinco Villas District.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, December 3.—Later Havana letters state that fifty of the leaders of the negro and Chinese conspirators in and near Sagua, have been shot, and three hundred lashes administered to all the others.

The cholera, smallpox, and fever continue to rage at San Jago, the deaths averaging from twenty-five to thirty per day.

General Lesca has ten thousand Spanish troops with him at Cinco Villas, but cannot make any progress.

General Puesla, although reinforced heavily by European troops, asks leave to abandon Puerto Principe, as the European officers conspire against him in every projected movement.

It is reported another expedition from the United States had landed on the southern shore of Cuba.

HAVANA, December 3.—A letter dated Santiago, Cuba, November 23d, contains the following intelligence:

A well authenticated report reached here that the steamer Teaser has landed a party of fillibusters in the Bay of Nipe, with a large quantity of military stores, and that they have reached the interior in safety.

On the 20th the Spaniards attacked the Insurgents intrenched at Magre. The troops commenced by shelling the rebel position, and then charged with bayonets, but were repulsed with great loss. Many of the wounded are coming in here.

The government is seizing animals in the street for the use of the army.

Advices from Puerto Principe to the 24th ult. have been received. Information is brought by a negro that as the insurgents were approaching San Jose, which was garrisoned by Catalan volunteers, a party of twenty volunteers with an officer went out to reconnoitre, was cut off and captured. The next morning the insurgents attacked San Jose, and after fighting an hour raised the white flag. The garrison responded, and sent out an officer and four men who approached the rebel lines and proposed a surrender. The soldiers, without orders, fired a volley and killed two of the Spaniards. The fighting was then renewed. The Cubans fought desperately and endeavored to scale the entrenchments, but reinforcements came to the garrison, they finally withdrew. Forty Cubans were killed. The affair caused much excitement at Puerto Principe. The Colonel commanding the Catalons has been sent to Havana to be tried by court martial.

The Military Government will soon be inaugurated for Cinco Villas District. It is beautiful and finely rendered instrumental duet.

"The Songs of Seven," Jean Ingelow's exquisite poem, representing seven scenes in the life of a woman, was presented in a faultless style and with charming effect. The "Exultation" was sung in the duet by Miss Dodge and a beautiful child. "Romance" at the age of fourteen was the next stage. "Love" had its representation in a enthusiastic joyous young girl just budding into womanhood. "Maternity" presented a scene of a happy mother surrounded by her boys and girls, "full of faith and hope. "Widowhood," the fifth stage, shrouded in mourning habiliaments, and with a sad lament for the departed, was presented with touching pathetic fervor. "Giving in marriage" was depicted in a young maiden, full of hope, bowing at the marriage altar, with her husband, and receiving the maternal blessing. Seven times seven, the last stage, "Longing for the blessed," could age, calm and peaceful and happily contented, yet living in rhythmical melody the pleasures, the trials, and the success of the past, bidding farewell to the world and hope fully looking forward to the bright change which should bring the weary wanderer "home at last."

Each scene of the beautiful and pathetic poem was represented alone, and with an exceedingly truthful and impressive effect, which elicited the warmest sympathies of the audience.

A vocal selection, exhibiting superior abilities, by Miss Emma P. Sawyer, received the approval of the audience.

Miss Lizzie Kennedy, in a pleasant way, talked of "The Girl of 1870," estimating what fair creatures may become capable of womanhood" intellectually, morally and physically.

The bell goes a-ringing for Sarah," a humorous ballad, rendered in a full, clear and sweet voice, by Miss McMillan, in character contained many happy hits on the social scams of the present day, which the assemblage seemed to fully appreciate. At its conclusion the singer was called out by a vigorous encore, and sang one or two verses of the song the second time.

Miss Lizzie E. Parshing, in the stirring recitation, "After the Battle," displayed a high order of dramatic ability and expression, and was rewarded by cordial applause.

"I Dreamed I Dwelt in Marble Halls," by Miss A. Cora Brown, a superior vocalist, was so heartily applauded that the fair singer was compelled to come to the audience with another song, "Coming Thro' the Rye," serving as the happy selection for the second effort, which was received with equal enthusiasm.

The programme wound up with three tableaux, "Cinderella," "The Bell of the College" and the "Christian Martyr." The second was not down on the list and considerable curiosity was excited by its announcement—a curiosity which was transformed into a peal of hearty laughter, coupled with applause, as the curtain, slowly drawn, revealed a stout but venerable table, bearing upon its surface one of the largest dinner bells.

The "Martyr," was represented by a young and lovely female, bound to the stake with chains, surrounded with faggots ready for ignition, and with an upturned face and a steady, earnest gaze of faith and triumph, looking to "the land which is afar off."

With the drawing of the curtain over this scene the audience began to disperse and the entertainment was over. Throughout it was a perfect success, and besides being one of the most enjoyable ever given in the College, reflected in the highest degree credit and honor upon students and preceptors who participated.

FROM THE OIL REGIONS.

New Strikes at Parker's Landing and Vicinity—Various Items.

The *Northwestern Independent* of Tuesday, published at Lawrenceburg, in the oil regions, has the following list of new oil strikes at Parker's Landing and vicinity:

The Lone Star, on North end of Stump Island, on land of Stump Island Oil Company, owned by William Hartley, E. H. Long, A. Singleton and others, was tubed this week and is now being tested.

The Taylor Well, on land of Ira Fuller, on the river, owned by R. B. Allen, W. Taylor, Mr. Mason, James E. Brown, H. N. Lee, Elliott Brothers and others, has been tubed and is now being tested with a fine spouting of oil.

The Barby Well, on the Hill, on land of Thomas Smith, owned by Grier C. Orr, J. E. Brown, J. B. Findley, Joseph Musgrove, J. E. Willis, John H. Graver, R. F. Bidford, H. A. Breed, William Cooper and R. B. Allen, has been tubed and is being tested with favorable prospects.

West Sunbury, No. 3—This is a new well which has just been sunk, tubed, and is now being tested convenient to the old Sunbury wells. The well is owned by Allen Wilson, of Sunbury, Dr. Dynn and others. The indications are that it will prove at least an average well.

The Jane Well—on the river, near the Mike's run, on land of Dr. Crawford, of Emlenton, Gen. John N. Purviance, Maj. John M. Thompson, of Butler, John H. Haines, of Brady's Bend, and others, has just been tubed and is now being tested. The show for oil is good. We are informed that a fourth increase in her, sold, before she commenced pumping, for twenty-seven hundred dollars.

We understand that Mr. Fullerton Parker is offered three hundred and ten thousand dollars for his property at the Landing. That is large money.

A LADY in Utica, N. Y., carried to a newspaper an account of her own suicide by drowning, and, after the item was published, in flesh, blood and bones, she appeared at the editor's sanctum and demanded a contradiction.

LITERARY.

The Browning Association—Entertainment Last Evening—A Brilliant Audience, and an Interesting Programme.

Last evening the Annual Literary and Musical Entertainment of the Browning Association, connected with the Pittsburgh Female College, was given in the Chapel of that Institution. The audience in attendance was very large, appreciative and fashionable—one of those characteristically brilliant assemblages, which these entertainments never fail to attract. Heretofore the "Browning" has won a high fame for the meritorious character of the performances, and if the sentiments of those in attendance last evening be a criterion, they have but added fresh laurels to their reputation.

At seven and a half o'clock the exercises opened with an instrumental musical selection, in which Prof. and Mrs. Blessner and Miss A. Smith participated.

Rev. John A. Gray, pastor of Christ M. E. Church, led in brief and fervent prayer.

The next performance on the programme was a vocal duet, rendered in a happy manner by the Misses McMullen and Sawyer, and greeted with applause.

Miss Sigourney Trask read the first essay of the evening, "Rising into Light," a well written and creditable production.

Following came an instrumental duet, by the Misses Bowman and Darrah, accompanied by Professor Blessner on the piano.

"Boarding School Music" was next touched up in a felicitous style, humorous, and slightly Mark Twain-ish, by Miss Emma V. Nicols, who was warmly applauded.

Prof. Blessner and Miss L. Sawyer engaged the attention of the audience for a few moments thereafter by a touch of "music," which if a sample of that taught in the Pittsburgh Female College, was eminently commendatory of the musical culture obtainable in the institution.

The programme was now agreeably diversified by a Pantomime, representing a "Boarding School Scene after Gas Hours," and signal Bell, extinguishing lights. The scene represented the ringing of the bell, the turning off of the light, the pause of a few moments until the teacher had retired and a spirited resort rallying of a bevy of the fair pupils, each of whom brought to the rendezvous something to eat, in making which the gay party were stealthily but happily discussing, seated around the board, when lo, the teacher returns, a quick scattering ensues, the ringleader, a sprite, the gayest of all, is marched off to punishment.

The pantomime was exceedingly well rendered and elicited the heartiest applause.

Misses Alice Dils and A Smith followed in a beautiful and finely rendered instrumental duet.

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"The bell goes a-ringing for Sarah," a humorous ballad, rendered in a full, clear and sweet voice, by Miss McMullen, in character contained many happy hits on the social scams of the present day, which the assemblage seemed to fully appreciate. At its conclusion the singer was called out by a vigorous encore, and sang one or two verses of the song the second time.

Miss Lizzie E. Parshing, in the stirring recitation, "After the Battle," displayed a high order of dramatic ability and expression, and was rewarded by cordial applause.

"I Dreamed I Dwelt in Marble Halls," by Miss A. Cora Brown, a superior vocalist, was so heartily applauded that the fair singer was compelled to come to the audience with another song, "Coming Thro' the Rye," serving as the happy selection for the second effort, which was received with equal enthusiasm.

The programme wound up with three tableaux, "Cinderella," "The Bell of the College" and the "Christian Martyr." The second was not down on the list and considerable curiosity was excited by its announcement—a curiosity which was transformed into a peal of hearty laughter, coupled with applause, as the curtain, slowly drawn, revealed a stout but venerable table, bearing upon its surface one of the largest dinner bells.

The "Martyr," was represented by a young and lovely female, bound to the stake with chains, surrounded with faggots ready for ignition, and with an upturned face and a steady, earnest gaze of faith and triumph, looking to "the land which is afar off."

With the drawing of the curtain over this scene the audience began to disperse and the entertainment was over. Throughout it was a perfect success, and besides being one of the most enjoyable ever given in the College, reflected in the highest degree credit and honor upon students and preceptors who participated.

THE CAPITAL.

Members Arriving—A Gay Winter Anticipated—Northern vs. Southern Beauty—Hon. Fernando Wood—The Cuban Question and Financial Affairs—Women's Rights—A New Hotel—R. W. Mackey's Chances—Work Commenced.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2, 1869.

The city of "magnificent distances" has donned its winter livery. Senators and Members of Congress are coming in every day, and by Monday the two hundred will answer to their names.

Pennsylvania Avenue, which for months past has been almost deserted, is now lively with the gay and busy throng. Others than department clerks and the regular denizen are now to be seen. A handsome woman may be seen occasionally, amid the throng of long faces, half starved, original, true Southerners, who imagine that they are the only somebodys in existence at the Capital.

WHO WILL RULE AS THE BELLE.

This winter is to be the gayest that has been since the good old times, when to be a Virginian was all that was required to carry one through. And many a fair damsel from the North will shine, where but a few years ago none but a Southern beauty could be allowed the pleasure of being the "Belle of Washington." This season the daughter of B. F. Butler will carry off the palm; and others will be just as gay, yet, many of them, but all from the North. Northern men are now what a Jenkins, I am with you.

HON. FERNANDO WOOD

Is here and glorying over the recent victories in New York. He states that he has several important measures to present this session, among them one in relation to the French Cable.

THE CUBA QUESTION AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

It is rather too early to be able to state what will be the position taken by the majority of the Republican members in relation to the Cuban question and financial affairs, but a few days will develop the state of feeling which exists.

I saw the new Secretary of War, for the first time, last evening. He is a fine dashing soldier, and will make many friends. All who come in contact with him are well satisfied that he is just the man to succeed the much lamented Rawlins.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

The Woman's Rights meetings now being held weekly are affording "Ye Locals" of the Washington press with plenty of food, and it is relished by the majority of readers. A party of fanatics are running the concern, and any of your readers who have been to Dr. Jackson's lectures have a good idea of how the thing is run. There is honestly more common sense in one lecture of the venerable Quaker than in all the speeches made at these meetings.

THE NEW HOTEL.

"The Arlington House" was opened yesterday. Having only been furnished with a bill of fare, I have nothing to say except that it looks high-toned, and may be an improvement on the Getysburg Springs Hotel, where Katalysine water intoxicates and looking glasses are scarce luxuries.

HON MACKEY'S PROSPECTS BOOY.

Prominent Republicans, many of them from the eastern part of the State, have been here within the past few days, and from all I can learn our friend, R. W. Mackey, Esq., will have but little trouble in the contest again. Truly, there is every reason why he should, and none why he should not. He has made a most worthy and efficient officer, and another year at his management of the financial affairs of the State will put the old Keystone in better financial shape than she has been for many years. He has our best wishes, both as to success in the coming contest, and that his health may improve so that the State may not lose his valuable services.

WORK COMMENCED.

Several committees are now in session and are working hard. The tariff question will be up at an early day, before which time I will try to furnish you with an outline of changes which are proposed. Hon. W. D. Kelly will not permit anything that will injure the manufacturing interests. D.

ZANESVILLE.

The Courts—An Old Landmark to be Razed—Zanesville Prospects—A Large Investment of Capital—Railroad Matters, etc.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

ZANESVILLE, Dec. 3, 1869.

DEAR GAZETTE: The courts have been in session here about two weeks. A considerable amount of business is being transacted. Hon. M. M. Granger, the young and popular Judge of this District, has presided, assisted for the last few days by the Hon. F. W. Wood of Morgan county.

The Grand Jury decided that Muskingum county ought to have a new court house, and so in course of events the old State House, erected in 1809, as the first building of the kind Ohio ever owned, will have to pass away, and give place to a modern court house. In my judgment the court house, so far as its dimensions are concerned, does not need to be replaced by a new building, but the manner in which the space is employed and arranged might be vastly improved. The Grand Jury found no bill against any one for the shooting dead of Sam Lee, the colored saloon keeper, a few weeks ago. This is carrying out the doctrine that a colored man has no rights which a white man is bound to respect.

BLACK DIAMONDS.

Owing to a delay in the swelling of the Ohio river, our coal raiders have been shipping all the coal to Cincinnati which they could buy, at about 7½ to 8 cents, on the cars. No braker business was ever done here in coal than has been done for the last six weeks. But it is a puzzle how Pittsburgh can transport coal to Chicago and compete with the coal fields of Ohio, that are so much nearer that market.

The Muskingum river is now at flood height—higher than at any time since last winter. The propellers and steamboats have suspended until the water subsides.

ZANESVILLE PROSPECTS.

I notice the GAZETTE, in closing some remarks on our State, has this sentiment: "There is no State in this Union which has better reason to be satisfied with her present condition or hopeful of the future than Ohio." I would add that this is pre-eminently so of Zanesville and the Muskingum Valley, in regard to the future at least, and the time is now at hand when this field should be occupied with men of capital and enterprise. I state a fact when I say that owing to the proximity of ore and coal, iron is made here so as to compete successfully with other works in your market.

The operations in the coal of Perry county, just southwest and adjoining this county, will open a market for much that Zanesville will be called upon to supply, because the nearest point from which that region can draw its supplies.

It is surprising to note the large amount of capital that is now pressing into the coal fields in the neighborhood of Straitsville. This capital will make wants as the population increases, which must be supplied promptly. Perry county has not increased in voting population in the last twenty-five years. A few days since I asked a citizen of that county why this was so. He replied that originally the county was sold out mostly in forty acre lots, and that for more than twenty years there has been a doubling up, and land holders who desired larger possessions have moved west. The future will show a large increase yearly in votes.

The announcement that the President of the Pittsburgh, Columbus and St. Louis Railroad has bought the Zanesville and Cincinnati Railroad, is the source of some gratulation by our merchants and shippers of produce, and, indeed, to most of the people here. It is now expected that the branch between the Pan Handle Road and Zanesville will be speedily completed, and that competition between the two lines of road to the east will work a great advantage to Zanesville and vicinity. More anon. GLEANER.

THE sale of the Government property at Harper's Ferry is progressing. It has been divided off into lots as follows: 1. The musket factory, the armory canal and water power of the river. 2. The site of the Rifle Factory with water power. 3. The Shenandoah Ferry with a tract of 63 acres south and a lot on the Harper's Ferry shore. 4. The perpetual right to cut and remove wood from 1398 acres of mountain land across the Shenandoah. 5. The iron ore of Friend's Ore Bank, containing 14,000 acres. 6. A number of houses and lots in the town. The terms are one and two years credit. (1) brought $176,000; (2) $20,000; (3) $1,700; (4) $3,600; (5) $1,310; (6) remains yet to be sold. The B. & O. Railroad figured as bidders, but northern capitalists, who propose making Harper's Ferry a great manufacturing point, secured the purchases. The grand total of the sale will closely approximate $300,000, which is not as much as the property cost the Government, and hence no part of the proceeds will go to the common school fund of West Virginia, as was originally expected.

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