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MIDNIGHT.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Ecumenical Council Matters—The "Times" on the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty—Earl Granville Opposed to Colonial Independence—Plotters of Insurrection in Russia—The Duke of Genoa to be Proclaimed King of Spain after Christmas—Carlists in France, &c., &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ROME.

LONDON, December 14.—An important Papal bull has been issued under the seal of strict secrecy, establishing regulations for the Œcumenical Council: "In the exordium his Holiness exhorts bishops to live in the practice of charity, humility, sobriety and pious contemplation during the season of the Council. Though the right of making propositions for the church belongs only to himself and the Court of Rome, he desires and expects every father to think it his duty to make propositions, but on these conditions: first, that the propositions be made in writing, and submitted privately to the council of bishops named by the Pope; second, that the propositions have for their subject the general interests of the church, and not of a particular diocese; third, that it be accompanied by a statement of the motives which led to its presentation; fourth, that it be conformable to the spirit and traditions of the Catholic Church.

"His Holiness imposes secrecy on every person concerned in conciliatory labors. The order of precedence is fixed as follows: Cardinal bishops, cardinal priests, cardinal deacons, patriarchs, primates, archbishops, bishops, abbots, generals of monastic orders. The fathers are authorized to designate ten of their number to be charged with the judicial settlement of contestations arising among themselves.

"The Bull appoints the officers of the Council, naming as Legati or Presides over general congregations, Cardinals De Reisach, De Rucoce, Bizzarre, Bilio and Capalti. Fathers who desire to harangue the assembly must obtain authorization from the Legati the evening before the day on which they intend to speak. Those who intend to propose canons must first submit them to one of the four Commissioners on Faith, Discipline, Religious Orders and Oriental Affairs, these Commissioners to be chosen by the Fathers, but they will be presided over by a Cardinal named by the Pope.

"The Bull prohibits the Fathers from absenting themselves before the conclusion of the Council, and authorizes them to reside outside their dioceses during the entire period of the Council.

"A majority of the Bishops are dissatisfied with many of the provisions of the Papal Bull."

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 15.—The *Morning Telegraph* has an editorial on the renewal of the reciprocity treaty, wherein it predicts some modification of the policy of Congress towards the Dominion of Canada, through the influence of Secretary Fish, who, it believes, is in favor of free trade.

The *Times* to-day, while admitting the improved quantity, quality and price of India cotton, does not consider the probable displacement of American descriptions.

The *Times* in an article on the Canadian reciprocity treaty says its rejection by the United States Senate relieves England of an awkward question. If a treaty existed between Canada and the United States, the Canadian tariff would discriminate against direct trade between the Union and England, and Canada would recognize a closer commercial interest with the United States than with the English, and political animosity is sure to follow commercial estrangement.

A deputation waited on Earl Granville, to-day, and presented an address asking for closer relations between the British Colonies and the home Government. Earl Granville replied, approving the request, and declaring that he was opposed to colonial independence.

Koopmanschop, the Chinese merchant, of San Francisco, is negotiating with the North German Lloyd's Steamship Company, for the transportation of coolies from Chinese ports, by way of the Suez Canal to New Orleans.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 15.—The *Official Gazette* publishes a decree restoring the constitutional guarantees which were suspended during the republican insurrection. The *Gazette* also promulgates orders for the holding of elections to fill twenty-nine vacant seats in the Cortes.

It is rumored the King of Italy recently told the Spanish ambassador at Florence that he should refuse his consent to the coronation of the Duke of Genoa. It is also reported that Arch Duke Victor, brother of the Emperor of Austria, has refused overtures made to him by Spain in connection with the throne.

Advices from Madrid represent the question of sovereignty as rapidly approaching a definite and satisfactory solution. It is said that all necessary measures have been taken to proclaim the Duke of Genoa King of Spain, and that the proclamation will be made soon after Christmas.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 15.—News received from St. Petersburgh state that secret political societies have been discovered at Moscow, and in the interior provinces of European Russia, and were plotting an insurrection to take place on the 17th of February, the anniversary of the emancipation of the serfs.

FRANCE.

PARIS, December 15.—The Carlist insurrectionists continue quite active on the French border. Yesterday several cases of arms supposed to belong to them were seized at Bayonne and other places in that neighborhood by the French authorities.

MARINE NEWS.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 15—Arrived—Bormuda and Westphalia, from New York.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, December 15.—*Evening*—Consols 92 for money; account 92¼. American securities quiet: 5-20 bonds—67s, 84¾; '62s, 81¼; '65s, 85½; 10-40s, 82¾; Eries 20¾; Illinois 100; Atlantic & Great Western, 20¼.

PARIS, December 15.—Bourse quiet at 72f. 57c.

LIVERPOOL, December 15.—Cotton easy; middling uplands at 11¾@11¾d; Orleans 12¼d; sales 12,000 bales. Breadstuffs quiet. California white wheat at 9s 8d; red western No. 2 8s 3d@8s 4d; winter 8s 9d@8s 10. Western Flour 21s 9d. Corn—No. 2, 23s 6d@23s 9d. Oats 2s 9d. Peas 38s and scarce, of the quantity offered; only a portion brings 35s. Pork 109s. Beef 107s 6d. Lard 70s 6d. Cheese 68s. Bacon 63s@63s 6d. Spirits Petroleum unchanged. Tallow 47s 3d. Sperm Oil 88s. Sugar firm. Turpentine 28s 9d@29s. Linseed quiet and unchanged.

LONDON, December 15.—Tallow declining and is quoted at 46s 9d.

ANTWERP, December 15.—Petroleum quiet.

HAVRE, December 15.—Cotton firm at 132f (on the spot; 135f f. afloat.

BREMEN, December 15.—Petroleum flat at 16 mark bancos.

FRANKFORT, December 15.—U. S. Bonds closed at 91½.

HAVRE, December 15.—Cotton closed quiet; tres ordinaire on spot 137f.

ANTWERP, December 15.—Petroleum closed firmer; quotations unchanged.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PARIS, December 15.—Later dates from Rio Janeiro state that the Brazilian Ministry unsuccessfully opposed the continuing of the war against Paraguay, and tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

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ARMY REUNION.

Preparations for the Meeting of the Army of the Cumberland—Members Present—Speech of Welcome—Other Addresses—Gen. Negley to Deliver the Anniversary Address.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

INDIANAPOLIS, December 15.—The Academy of Music has been handsomely decorated for the reunion of the Army of the Cumberland. The first session will be held at two o'clock this afternoon. A large number of officers arrived last night and this morning, among whom are Generals Sheridan, Rosecrans, Weitzel, Colgrave, Welch, Milroy, Grose Williams, Kise, Robson, Ritzfold, Lefevre, Maxwell, Elliott, Fullerton and E. S. McCook. Cols. Anderson, McDermott Schofield, Bowning, Brooks, Cist, of Ohio; Cols. McCook and Waterman, of Illinois; Goddard, of New York; Mandenhall, U. A. S; Majors Bates and Arch, of Cincinnati. Gens. Sherman and Thomas will not be here.

The meeting convened at the Academy of Music at two P. M. General Kimball, chairman of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, of the Congregational Church. Col. Tressler, who had been appointed to deliver the welcome address, being absent, Gen. Kimball made the address, as follows: Comrades: To another was assigned the duty of welcoming you on this occasion, but as chairman of the Executive Committee to make arrangements for this meeting of the Army of the Cumberland, the duty devolves upon me to make the address of welcome to this assembly. When I look around me here, my heart is too full for utterance, because I see around me faces that I well knew in the hour of trial and of danger, and because there are seats vacant here. Parker, Dick Cook, and others, are not with us to-day; but the God of battles was with us in that day of trial. He has been with us since, and oh! may He be with us for ever. Comrades, Indianapolis, the capitol of the great Hoosier State, that contributed so largely to swell the ranks of the army of the Ohio, to-day bids you welcome and a hearty God bless you. (Applause.) I can't make a speech, but under the lead of the gallant Rosecrans, [Cheers] who sits on my right, and under the lead of the great hero of the Shenandoah Valley, [Cheers. Under the lead of these men, by the blessings of God, I could fight, and the men could fight with me, [Cheers] and I say that Indiana is with the Army of the Cumberland, with the Army of the Union, with the army and navy of the United States of America. [Cheers.] As we stood by the flag then, so we stand by it to-day, and so will we stand by it so long as time shall be given us. [Renewed applause.] Comrades, without detaining you longer, I take great pleasure in presenting to you the gallant leader of the Army of the Shenandoah, Gen. Sheridan, who will preside over the deliberations of the Society in the absence of (will you pardon me, comrades and commanders,) I am in the absence of one whose picture is before us. [Cheers.] The greatest man, permit me to say, on God's footstool, the army of the United States of America. [Renewed and prolonged cheers.] I may be partial, but I love this man, I honor these gallant men, but while I honor them, my heart's whole fountain of love goes out to old PapThomas. [Renewed demonstrations of applause. General Sheridan is the presiding officer of this Society. Indiana now turns it over to your command, and may you, and every member say with the Scripture; "Behold now good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and when you go home, may each one of you say that it was good for us to be here. God bless you all. [Cheers.]

General Sheridan, on approaching the chair, was greeted with round after round of applause. When quiet was restored he said:

Comrades of the Army of the Cumberland: I congratulate you upon this, our third anniversary. It was not my good fortune to be with you heretofore at the meeting of your society, but I think you all know that I have greatest love and affection for the Army of the Cumberland than for any other army, and although I was not with you in person, I was with you in heart and soul. [Renewed applause.] It gratifies me much to see that such good feeling is manifested in your proceedings, for it was that which contributed so much to that old flag so gallantly. (Applause.) I suppose you all, as well as myself, regret the absence of our old commander, Gen. Thomas. (Cheers.) We all regret that he is not here to-day, that he might contribute by his presence to the pleasure of the meeting. But other duties have prevented him from coming. But while he is absent, we have here the commander under whom we first organized at Bowling Green, on whose banner was inscribed the name "Army of the Cumberland." (Prolonged applause.) It is no use for me to describe the marches we made under his command. It is no use to describe the sanguinary conflicts we fought under his command, and it is not for me to attempt to describe the affection we have always felt towards him. (Applause.)

Loud and repeated calls were made all over the house for General Rosecrans, until he was led forward by General Kimball, when he spoke so low that but little was heard at the reporter's desk. He was understood to say: I am not able to express the gratification felt in meeting you here to-day. My heart is so full that I will talk but little. Nothing would have given me more pleasure than to have been with you at former meetings; but circumstances prevented, and now it has been my good fortune to-day, gentlemen, to find myself with you. I render homage to that magnanimity which has made the Army of the Cumberland so conspicuous among the armies of the Union, and that which characterizes the Army of the Cumberland, I find is exhibited by all the soldiers connected with it wherever I meet and speak with them. I earnestly congratulate you upon it, and I congratulate you the more and feel proud of it, as I was one which went to make up the body of that army of the Cumberland, and of the Ohio. But comrades, you must excuse me from trying to make a speech, and let me say that with all my heart I greet you; and whenever I meet a member of the army of the Cumberland, no matter whether he served in the ranks, or has the star of a General, I shall greet him most cordially. (Cheers.)

Gens. Wood, Scofield and Negley were loudly called on and made short speeches, after which the chairman announced the regular order of business, reading the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports and hearing reports from the various committees. The Treasurer's report shows a balance in the treasury, after paying all expenses for the year, of two thousand six hundred dollars.

A letter was read from Gen. Thomas regretting his not being able to be at the reunion, which was greeted with applause. The President was authorized to communicate the regrets of the Society to Gen. Thomas by telegraph.

A letter was also read from Gen. Garfield. A large number of other letters were in the hands of the Secretary, but the reading of them was postponed until after the regular business had been gone through with.

A Committee consisting of Gens. Fullerton, Gross, Sibner, Col. T. A. Harris and Major Bridges were appointed to report a plan for the investment of the funds of the Society, and also to suggest means for the further increase of the funds. Committees were also appointed to select the next place of meeting, and to provide for the next annual address, and nominate officers for the ensuing year, with instructions to report at the next session to-morrow.

A resolution changing the anniversary to the 19th of September, was referred to the Committee to select the next place of meeting.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

Gen. James S. Negley, of Pittsburgh, will deliver the annual address to-morrow afternoon. The banquet will be held at Washington Hall to-morrow night.

Among the numerous letters received, but the reading postponed, are those of the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Admirals Farragut and Porter, Gens. Cox, Meade, Hooker, Hancock, McClellan, Pope, Ferry and Hovey; Vice President Colfax, Hon. O. P. Morton and T. A. Hendricks.

Agricultural College Land Scrip.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ALBANY, December 15.—One hundred thousand acres of Agricultural College land scrip, issued to New York, was today sold for $87,000 to G. P. Lewis, of Cleveland.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

Associate Justice Greer—The Grant Equestrian Statue—Nominations—No Alterations to be Made—No Nominations Confirmed—Postal Convention—Assigned to Duty.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, December 15, 1869.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE GREER

Still hesitates to tender his resignation to the President, at the solicitation, it is said, of his family, whose social standing here during the winter would be interfered with. The Judge is so feeble that it is impossible for him to move without assistance, and his mind is very much impaired. He has been importuned, time and again, to retire, and has again and again consented to do so; but his family have prevented. The other members of the Court, conscious of his failing mind, formed a committee to wait upon the Judge, and, in the kindest manner, call his attention to his position. It was at the time thought he would at once retire. Recently, when the subject was referred to again, he authorized Justice Fields to draw up his resignation, which was done, but he failed to sign it. It is said he has now decided to wait for a time.

When Justice Grier retires from the Supreme Court—if he ever does, which seems doubtful—the Pennsylvania delegation will make a strong effort to secure the appointment of a successor from their own State, insisting that the position belongs to that State because Justice Grier was a native thereof when appointed.

It seems from the many warm supporters who claim that the position will be acceptable to him, and that his health is adequate to him to perform his duties. Another strong name mentioned is that of Judge Schofield, at present a member of the House. Judge Strong, until recently a member of the Supreme Court Bench of Pennsylvania, is also frequently alluded to in connection with the position. Judge Strong arrived here last evening, and to-day had an interview with the President.

THE GRANT EQUESTRIAN STATUE.

Some time since, Senator Sherman, Representatives Garfield, Kelley, Butler and Logan, General Spinner, H. D. Cooke, and others, formed themselves into an association for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expense of the statue of an equestrian statue of General Grant, to be placed on the terrace of the south front of the Treasury Department. They have so far succeeded in obtaining subscriptions for this purpose to make it an assured success, and have obtained from Secretary Boutwell the necessary permission to place the statue on the terrace. They have also obtained assurances from the Military Committees of both Houses that a bill will be passed, donating a sufficient number of cannon captured by General Grant, as material for its construction. Correspondence has ensued between the sculptor, J. A. Bailey, of Philadelphia, and the Executive Committee of the association, and between the Sculptor and the President, which has resulted in a determination to proceed with the execution of the project without further delay. For this purpose temporary state buildings have been erected on the White House lot, near the Executive Mansion, and the artist will commence a model of the President's trotter, "Cincinnati," the animal selected by the latter for that purpose.

NOMINATIONS.

The President made the following nominations to the Senate to-day: C. R. Hoar, of Massachusetts, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; L. D. Latimer, United States Attorney for California; James W. Purviance, Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee; David W. Houston, Marshall for Kansas; Edgar W. Hillyer, Judge of the Court of Alabama Claims; Colonel Richard Beardsley, of Indiana, Consul at Jerusalem; Henry Crugers, Receiver of Public Moneys for Helena District, Montana.

POSTAL CONVENTION.

Postmaster General Creswell received a cable telegram on the 14th from the Postmaster General of Great Britain, announcing the execution by the British Postoffice on that day, of a new Postal Convention to come in operation on the 1st of January. The articles of the convention were drafted and executed at Washington on the 3d inst.

NO ALTERATION TO BE MADE.

The Committee of Internal Revenue Office, to whom was referred the subject of a change in the recent order of Commissioner Delano concerning the use of stand pipes, have, upon consultation, decided that no reasons exist why any alteration or modification of the Commissioner's order should be made.

NO NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed no nominations, but merely referred those received to-day, including that of Judge Hoar for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, which was sent to the Committee on Judiciary.

ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

Col. James Thompson has been detailed as Professor of Military Science for the Indiana State Military University at Bloomington, Indiana.

ST. LOUIS.

Resignation—Christian Association—Arrested, Discharged and Sues His Prosecutors.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, December 15.—General John W. Noble has resigned the office of United States District Attorney, for this District.

In the State Christian Convention, to-day, a very interesting discussion of the questions, "The spiritual condition and needs of our State," and "How can we secure a more general attendance upon public worship?" took place, quite a number of ministers and laymen participating. Much enthusiasm is manifested, and a strong and general desire is apparent to increase the efficiency of the Church and spread the Gospel in every household.

Several days ago Dowitt C. Gray, a young merchant, was arrested and tried on a charge of stealing one hundred and twenty wheat sacks, and acquitted. To-day he brought three suits against several merchants, charging them with conspiracy to defeat his good name and credit as a merchant. He claims forty thousand dollars damages. Among the parties sued are Mayor Cole, Geo. Hain, Henry Frederick, and Benjamin Von Phul.

At a meeting of New Englanders tonight, to arrange for the celebration of Forefathers' Day, it was decided to form a permanent society of New Englanders, and a committee was appointed to perfect a plan of organization.

TENNESSEE.

Trial for Blockmailing Distillers—Legislative Proceedings.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NASHVILLE, December 15.—J. Edward Stacy was brought before United States Commissioner Campbell to-day on two warrants, charging him with fraudulently obtaining money from distillers. The testimony on the first warrant being insufficient, the case was dismissed on motion of the Attorney General. On the second, the evidence of Bradley, the only Government witness, was heard. Counsel for defendant sought to invalidate his testimony, and were granted leave until to-morrow to introduce witnesses to impeach his credibility. Bradley is under indictment for defrauding the Government, and one witness swore he would not believe him on his oath, and another swore that Supervisor Emery told him he prosecuted Stacy because he was an applicant for his (Emery's) office.

The House passed, on its second reading, a bill to preserve the credit of the State. It takes all property eighty cents on the hundred dollars, and provides for funding the Bank of Tennessee notes and interest on the State debt due and falling due before 1879.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

(SECOND SESSION.)

SENATE: Memorial of Laboring Men—Industrial Exhibition—Memory of Abraham Lincoln—Increase of Salaries—Senator Brownlow Defends His Course. HOUSE: Information Asked For—The Avondale Accident—Further Action on the Census Bill—Without Disposing of the Amendments, the House Adjourned.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, December 15, 1869.

SENATE.

Mr. SUMNER presented a memorial of the laboring men of the United States in Convention assembled, asking the intervention of Congress in behalf of colored laborers in the Southern States. After setting forth the immediate necessity of this people, the paper asks the division and distribution among them of lands of the United States, and the appointment of a commissioner to purchase lands in those Southern States where there are now no public lands. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported with amendments the bill to encourage and promote the International Industrial Exhibition in Washington in 1871. He explained that the amended bill simply authorized a corporation for the purpose proposed. It was simply an act of incorporation, the parties interested being desirous of organizing at an early day. He asked that the bill be taken up immediately. The bill was then read, providing in detail the means of holding the proposed exhibition.

Mr. HAMLIN moved to strike out the clause authorizing the selection of sites in the cities of Washington and Georgetown in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary.

Mr. SUMNER said that in 1871 it was proposed to hold a similar exhibition in London, under the auspices of the British government. Our country was invited to contribute to that exhibition and be present through commissioners. If deemed advisable that States and the people of the several States. He supported the amendment by an argument in favor of the right to be represented in the next Congress, according to the population of 1870, which was rejected by 69 to 76.

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KENTUCKY.

The United States Senatorship—Shooting Affair—Escaped Prisoners Recaptured—Wife Murderer Respited.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 15, 1869

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William Kriel, the wife murderer, sentenced to be hung December 17th, has been respited until January 21st. Strong efforts are making to have the Legislature commute his sentence.

At Paducah, Ky., while in convicting a murderer named Andrew Diarmitt, was knocked down, by him, and locked in a cell. Diarmitt escaped, but was re-arrested. Twelve other prisoners pried off a portion of the roof of the jail and successfully escaped. The several prisoners who escaped from Carrollton (Ky.) jail, have been recaptured and jailed here.

A staff consisting Lieut. J. E. Warden, of the 14th Infantry, and two privates, capsized while crossing the river to-day. Warden was drowned. The two other men swam ashore. Warden was twenty-eight years old and lately married. Efforts to recover the body were fruitless.

CINCINNATI.

A Bloody Murder at Maysville—Desperate Fight at Maiden—Several Wounded, &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Officers of the steamer Fleetwood report a bloody murder at Maysville last night, in which Mr. Taylor, clerk of Barcroft House was shot and killed by a stranger in a quarrel about cards in a gambling house.

The same officers report a desperate fight, on Monday night, between a party of negroes and whites, at Maiden, West Virginia, ten miles above Charleston, on the Kanawha river. Several were wounded on both sides. Gen. Ruffner was among the number.

The Grand Jury of this county is engaged in investigating the management of public institutions.

The City and County Commissioners this morning granted the application of the city for the annexation of Storrs township on the west of the village of Riverdale, and east of that portion of Spencer township comprised in the village of Pendleton.

The jury in Madison, Indiana, yesterday acquitted J. W. Rea, tried for the murder of Capt J. S. Rea.

HAVANA.

Additional Tax to be Levied—Banished Native May Return.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HAVANA, December 15.—Captain General De Rodas has authorized the Council of Mantanzas to impose an additional tax on sugar and molasses, for the purpose of raising revenue sufficient to cover the municipal deficiency.

Another detachment of troops arrived to day from Spain.

Intelligence from Porto Rico states that the Captain General had granted permission to return to natives compromised in the revolution of last year. All foreigners are implicated are to remain banished.

The Woman Suffrage Ball Still Rolling.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WORCESTER, December 15.—At today's session of the Woman's Suffrage Convention steps were taken for the formation of county and city societies. The following resolution was adopted: That this Convention request the Executive Committee of the New England Woman's Suffrage Association, prior to our next State election, to interrogate candidates of each particular party as to whether in case of election they will exert their official influence in favor of the enfranchisement of the women of the Commonwealth; also to use every honorable means to defeat the election of all who fail to respond or return negative or evasive answers.

The Convention closed this evening.

Methodist Episcopal Convention and the Bible in Public Schools.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, December 15.—The Methodist Episcopal State Convention to day replied that regarding the Bible as the only sufficient rule of Christian faith and the palladium of our liberties, we look on all attempts to exclude it from our public schools, or to break down its authority, as a blow at the foundation of our republican institutions. Resolutions strongly endorsing a prohibitory liquor law were also passed.

NEW YORK CITY.

Men Enlisting for the Spanish Service—Railroad Banquet—Convention of Oil Refiners—Army Corps Reunion—High Price for Hotel Property—Suits for Fraudulent Representations, &c.

(By the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph

NEW YORK, Dec. 15, 1869.

The *Sun* says the Spaniards are enlisting men here to serve against Cuba. Legal evidence of the fact has been offered to the law officers of the United States in this city, and they decline to receive or in any way act upon it.

The banquet given last night by the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad Company to the officers of the Camden and Amboy, was memorable by reason of the fact that the representatives of the latter company formally gave up the monopoly which held New Jersey fast for a quarter of a century.

A Convention of oil refiners to-day resolved that the standard gravity of crude petroleum, in its natural state, shall be 46 degrees, and after the first of January, 1870, all contracts shall be made between 44 and 48 degrees gravity. Oil bearing a gravity above 48 degrees shall not be merchantable, and will not be received by a purchaser except upon agreement of a reduction. If a seller wishes to deliver crude oil of lighter gravity than 46 degrees, and not over 48, a deduction of 3½ per cent. on the price per barrel, or gallon, for every fifth part of a degree, shall be made above 46 degrees. If, on the other hand, a seller shall deliver petroleum of gravity above 48 but not below 44 gravity, then the buyer shall allow 3½ per cent. upon each degree.

Everything is in readiness on board the Spanish gunboats, and they are expected to leave to-morrow.

At the reunion of the officers of the Sixth Army Corps, held to-day, Gen. W. B. Franklin was chosen President for the ensuing year, and the annual meeting and banquet fixed for Philadelphia, April 8.

The New York Hotel property was sold at auction to-day for $1,350,000.

Col. Noah C. Hawkins has brought a suit against Col. Geo. Bliss, Jr., in the Superior Court, charging Bliss with having induced his prosecution proceedings in connection with the case, and the action directing the Superintendent of the Census, to report to Congress on or before the first of Sept. next, the actual enumeration of the people of the several States. He supported the amendment by an argument in favor of the right to be represented in the next Congress, according to the population of 1870, which was rejected by 69 to 76.

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At Paducah, Ky., while in convicting a murderer named Andrew Diarmitt, was knocked down, by him, and locked in a cell. Diarmitt escaped, but was re-arrested. Twelve other prisoners pried off a portion of the roof of the jail and successfully escaped. The several prisoners who escaped from Carrollton (Ky.) jail, have been recaptured and jailed here.

A staff consisting Lieut. J. E. Warden, of the 14th Infantry, and two privates, capsized while crossing the river to-day. Warden was drowned. The two other men swam ashore. Warden was twenty-eight years old and lately married. Efforts to recover the body were fruitless.

CINCINNATI.

A Bloody Murder at Maysville—Desperate Fight at Maiden—Several Wounded, &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Officers of the steamer Fleetwood report a bloody murder at Maysville last night, in which Mr. Taylor, clerk of Barcroft House was shot and killed by a stranger in a quarrel about cards in a gambling house.

The same officers report a desperate fight, on Monday night, between a party of negroes and whites, at Maiden, West Virginia, ten miles above Charleston, on the Kanawha river. Several were wounded on both sides. Gen. Ruffner was among the number.

The Grand Jury of this county is engaged in investigating the management of public institutions.

The City and County Commissioners this morning granted the application of the city for the annexation of Storrs township on the west of the village of Riverdale, and east of that portion of Spencer township comprised in the village of Pendleton.

The jury in Madison, Indiana, yesterday acquitted J. W. Rea, tried for the murder of Capt J. S. Rea.

HAVANA.

Additional Tax to be Levied—Banished Native May Return.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HAVANA, December 15.—Captain General De Rodas has authorized the Council of Mantanzas to impose an additional tax on sugar and molasses, for the purpose of raising revenue sufficient to cover the municipal deficiency.

Another detachment of troops arrived to day from Spain.

Intelligence from Porto Rico states that the Captain General had granted permission to return to natives compromised in the revolution of last year. All foreigners are implicated are to remain banished.

The Woman Suffrage Ball Still Rolling.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WORCESTER, December 15.—At today's session of the Woman's Suffrage Convention steps were taken for the formation of county and city societies. The following resolution was adopted: That this Convention request the Executive Committee of the New England Woman's Suffrage Association, prior to our next State election, to interrogate candidates of each particular party as to whether in case of election they will exert their official influence in favor of the enfranchisement of the women of the Commonwealth; also to use every honorable means to defeat the election of all who fail to respond or return negative or evasive answers.

The Convention closed this evening.

Methodist Episcopal Convention and the Bible in Public Schools.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, December 15.—The Methodist Episcopal State Convention to day replied that regarding the Bible as the only sufficient rule of Christian faith and the palladium of our liberties, we look on all attempts to exclude it from our public schools, or to break down its authority, as a blow at the foundation of our republican institutions. Resolutions strongly endorsing a prohibitory liquor law were also passed.

GENERAL NEWS.

BARNUM has got possession of the great Stone Man of Cardiff.

THE Pope has ordered a statue of George Peabody to be erected at Rome.

IT is now pretty well settled that the Cardiff giant is a remarkable imposition.

SIXTEEN thousand letters, directed to Germany, were written at Chicago last week.

IT has been decided, in Iowa, that a woman can legally hold the office of County Superintendent of Schools.

THE temperance organization in Chicago is endeavoring to secure the closing of the saloons of that city on the Sabbath.

THE Deputy Treasurer of Tama county, Illinois, was stabbed on the night of the 10th, by two ruffians, and robbed of $8,000.

A NEGRO woman in Louisville has given birth to a child with ten fingers on each hand. The doctors say it is a wonder.

THE Esquimaux believe that a man who has three wives in this world is sure of Heaven in the next. He ought to find peace somewhere.

THERE are in Iowa, 216 newspapers, of which 147 are Republican, 39 Democratic, 28 neutral or unknown, and eight others variously classed.

AN eighty foot vein of iron ore, also a bed of fire clay, were recently discovered on the Wiley farm, in Noble county, Ohio, is excavating for a railroad.

AN exchange says the petition to re-enact the ten commandments would stand a better chance of success in New York, with an amendment striking out the word "not."

THE Masonic fraternity of Kentucky hold a meeting this week, to take measures for the speedy completion of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary.

Iowa paid last year, to school teachers, $1,440,000, males received, per monthly, on average, $9.24, and females, $6.79. There are in the State 6,407 school houses, attended by 295,820 scholars.

THE libel suit of Nelson J. Lucky against the New York Tribune Association, for the publication of a report of proceedings against him for complicity in bounty frauds, has resulted in a verdict for defendants.

BOSTON has 341 day and 10 evening schools, with 112 male and 706 female teachers, the cost of maintaining which for 12 months, ending Aug. 31st, amounts to $982,667. The average daily attendance was 31,126.

IT is not generally known, says a Richmond paper, that cotton is successfully cultivated on the James river, in Virginia, but such is the fact. Beautiful cotton is regularly raised in Accomac and Northampton counties, and shipped either to Norfolk or Crisfield.

OMAHA proposes to build, in 1870, a $150,000 hotel, a $120,000 Masonic temple, a $50,000 opera house, a $100,000 high school building, a $60,000 grammar school house, 1,000 private residences, and two railroads. The public buildings will goon begin a $250,000 stone court house and postoffice building.

A JURY in Chicago has awarded $3,850 damages against the *Times* newspaper of that city for libel, for a publication implying a want of chastity on the part of the plaintiff, Mary Wallace. There had been an immediate retraction as to the charge of unchaste conduct. A new trial was granted without argument.

THE abolition of the franking privilege, except as it is applied to purely legitimate public business of the Government, is a foregone conclusion, but it is noticed that Congressmen, as a general rule, are not anxious to discuss the subject, and are in no hurry to urge final action on any of the bills presented for that purpose.

A YOUNG lady in Chicago, wealthy, beautiful and accomplished, became so exercised over one small defect in her person that she determined to undergo a surgical operation for its removal. Her feet were badly proportioned, as respects breadth, and the surgeon, to remedy this, amputated the small toe of each foot. It was a painful operation, but scripture is precept, "If thy small toe offend you, cut it off."

COKORAZ will undoubtedly vote for general amnesty under the Fourteenth Amendment. He came in W. Lucas, said as Chairman of the Reconstruction Committee, that they would bring in a general pardoning bill just as soon as more important matters pending in the committee were disposed of. Senator Ferry says his bill, for repealing test oaths and providing for amnesty, will go through the Senate without material objection.

AT Dover, Ohio, a few days since, just as the funeral of Mother Carmada entered the burying ground one of the arms of the bier gave way and the coffin precipitated to the ground. The lid was broken off and the corpse rolled in its shroud and cap, rolled out upon the muddy ground. Amid the shrieks of the mourners and awe of the whole procession, the body was gathered up and replaced in the coffin, and hastily deposited in its last resting place.

AN agent who has been there on a tour of investigation, writes that in Minnesota, on the St. Louis river, there is the largest slate formation in the world. He found mounds thrown up from twenty to sixty feet high, the architect of nature seeming to have erected a city of slate, with streets, lanes and sewers. In the midst of the river there looms up an island, seventy-five feet high, two hundred feet long, and one hundred feet wide, of pure slate, one of the most singular formations the agent ever saw or heard of. He says there is slate and room enough to supply 1,000 years.

A STUDENT of Ann Arbor, Michigan, having remarked that men had more endurance than women, a lady present answered that she would like to see thirteen hundred young men in the University laced up in steel ribbed corsets, with hoops, heavy skirts, trailing high heels, panniers, chignony, and dozens of hair pins sticking in their scalps, cooped up in the house year after year, with no exhilarating exercise, no hopes, aims or ambitions in life, and see if they could stand it as well as the girls. Nothing, said she, but the fact that women, like cats, have nine lives, enables them to survive the present regime to which custom dooms the sex.

STATE ITEMS.

AT Chester, on Saturday of last week, Miss Mattie Irwin and Herman Cocheran, while skating on a small lake, in the neighborhood of the cemetery, were drowned. The ice gave way beneath them as they reached the deepest part of the lake and before aid reached them they had disappeared. When found they were tightly locked in each other's arms.

THE following postal changes have been made in Pennsylvania: Robella, Allegheny county, H. Williams, vice James Sterrit, deceased. Irwin's Station, Westmoreland county, L. Marchand, vice John J. Hurst, resigned. Catfish, Clarion county, S. A. Bushman, Postmaster.

Discontinued—Canoe Ridge, Indiana county; Wilsonia, Huntingdon county.

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