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MIDNIGHT.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Statements About the Suez Canal Contradicted — Heavy Wheat Receipts from America—The American Navy Criticised—Royal Baptism at Rome—The Ecumenical Council Discuss Whether Philosophy is Heterodox—Traupman, the Murderer, Convicted and Sentenced—Citizens of Cuba Ordered to Disarm.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 30.—M. Lesseps, Engineer in Chief of the Suez Canal, has telegraphed here a contradiction of the stories as to the dangers accompanying the navigation of that canal. He says that since the canal has been opened to commerce the depth at the very worst points has been increased seventy centimeters.

The receipts of wheat from America are still very heavy. There is a great accumulation of wheat both here and at Liverpool, and a statistical journal of this city says there are now seventy-four more cargoes afloat bound to England than at the corresponding period last year.

The *Times* has an editorial on the subject of the American Navy. The writer blames Secretary Robeson for confining his attention to cruisers rather than line-of-battle ships, whereas the English Admiralty is satisfied that the greatest offensive and defensive qualities are incommunable with cruising.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Specie in the Bank of England decreased £37,000 since December 23.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The new ministry is still a matter of general speculation and newspaper comment.

Prince De La Tour De Auvergne, the ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Count Gressler, the ex-Minister of Public Works, have been appointed Senators.

There has been an unusually large outflow of specie from the Bank since the beginning of this week. The amount on hand to-day is fully 297,000,000 francs less than at the close of bank hours last Thursday.

The lunatic asylum at Tuile was to-day destroyed by fire yesterday. There were no fatalities.

Up to this time, eight o'clock evening, there are no new developments in regard to the Ministry.

At ten this evening the trial of Traupmann for the murder of the Kinck family terminated in his conviction and sentence of death. The prisoner rose and smilingly thanked the Court.

ROME.

ROME, December 30.—The infant Princess Christine, of Naples, was baptized here to-day with great ceremony by Cardinal Patrizzi, Vicar of the Pope. The Pope was represented as god father by Cardinal Antonelli. The Empress of Austria represented the Dowager Empress as god mother. Over four hundred notabilities of Rome, Naples and Paris were in attendance, as well as the princes, the guard of the Pope and others.

The session of the Ecumenical Council yesterday lasted five hours. The subject under discussion was whether philosophy was heterodox.

CUBA.

HAVANA, December 30.—The Governor of Matanzas has issued an order directing all citizens having arms in their possession to deliver the same to the Spanish authorities within two days. Those neglecting to comply with this order will be court martialed.

The Voz de Cuba to-day publishes the statement, telegraphed from New York that Cushing have gone to Washington to buy Senators.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—The Minister of Justice, Zorilla, has been generally badly received during his semi-official journey, just finished. At Valencia, Barcelona, and some other large cities, his speeches in favor of Monarchy were interrupted by Republican vivas.

MARINE NEWS.

GLASGOW, December 30.—Arrived yesterday, India, from New York; Erica, from Boston.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, December 28—*Evening.*—Consols for money, 92¾; account, 92¾. Stock Exchange will be closed on Saturday. American Securities firm '62s, 86¾; '65s, 85¼; '67s, 84¾; 10-40s 83¾. Erie, 17; Illinois, 100¾; A. & G. W., 25¾.

PARIS, December 30.—Bourse dull—rentes 72f 50c.

LIVERPOOL, December 30.—Cotton: market firm; middling uplands 11¼; Orleans 11¾; sales 16,000 bales. California wheat 9s 9d; western No. 2 8s 4d; winter 8s; western flour 22s 3d. Corn no. 3 mixed 23s 6d. Oats 2s 9d. Barley 5s 10d. Pork, Pork quiet 106s. Beef 101s. Lard 74s 6d. Cheese 63s. Bacon 54s. Produce unchanged. Naval stores firmer.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Tallow 45s 3d@45s 6d. Sugar quiet, spot firmer, afloat at 28s@28s 6d. Calcutta linseed firm at 50.

ANTWERP, Dec. 30.—Petroleum heavy at 59½f.

BREMEN, Dec. 30.—Petroleum quiet.

HAVRE, December 30.—Cotton quiet.

HAMBURG, Dec. 28.—Petroleum quiet.

BOSTON.

The Fenians—The John Savage Faction Concentrating—January Dividends of Manufacturing Companies.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, December 30.—Two companies of Fenian volunteers have arrived here, equipped, undoubtedly forming a part of the Fourth Battalion of a Legion of Patriots,—and were mustered into service last evening by Col. John Brown, mustering 58—of the Legion for Eastern Massachusetts. Each company numbers fifty men, properly officered. The Legion is in command of General Burke, whose headquarters are in New York, and it is the military force of the John Savage branch of the Fenian Brotherhood. The avowed purpose of this movement is to prepare for any opportunity for a *coup d'etat* in Ireland. There are companies in Lawrence, Lowell and other cities and considerable towns in this section, and their numbers are said to be formidable.

The January dividends of the manufacturing companies show a comparative decrease, but not to the extent the talk of dull times would seem to justify. Of the twenty-nine companies which pay dividends in Boston, only six pass, the Dwight, Great Falls and Manchester print for the second time, and the Atlantic, Continental and Everett mills for the first time, the semi-annual dividend. Of the others twenty-three range from 3 to 12 per cent., one being of 12, three of 10, one of 8, one of 6, four of five, eight of 6, and five of 3 per cent.

ALABAMA.

Conflict of State and Federal Jurisdiction.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 30.—A case involving State and Federal jurisdiction has arisen here. The State law levies a tax upon the Southern Express Company. The Company has applied to Judge Busteed, of the U. S. Court, for an injunction, which was granted. The State Auditor has issued a circular to the tax collectors, ordering them to collect the tax in spite of the injunction. This case promises to be one of great interest, and the State and Company both have eminent counsel to fight it through the Courts.

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NEW YORK CITY.

Atlantic and Great Western Railway Trouble—Ocean Mail Service Contracts Ratified—Attempts to Swindle Banks—Union League Meeting—Stanton Fund—Another Decision in the Fisk-Ramsey Railway Case—Pittsburgh Drover Robbed.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, December 30, 1869.

ANOTHER RAILROAD IMBROGLIO.

The books seized last night at the office of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad are in possession of the Erie Railway Company, from whose offices all orders regarding the management emanate. The office at No. 69 Broadway is in charge of two officers of the Supreme Court. No business is done there. The cause of the raid by Receiver O'Doherty appears to-day, in the alleged fact that James McHenry, formerly President of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, visited the Broadway office a few days ago and carried off with him to Europe the most important books of the company.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE CONTROVERSY.

Postmaster General Creswell and Postmaster Jones have had another long consultation to-day relative to the contracts for carrying mails between this port and Europe. Representatives of the various steamship lines took part in the discussion, and after a free and friendly interchange of opinions on both sides the Postmaster General ratified the contracts already made. The steamer Java, which was to have sailed to-day, starts on Saturday with the mails. She has also $80,000 specie engraved.

COMMEMORATION.

At a special meeting of the Union League Club this evening, addresses commemorative of the life and services of Edwin M. Stanton were delivered by William Cullen Bryant, Rev. Dr. Bellows, and others, and a committee was appointed to raise a fund for the family of the deceased statesman.

ATTEMPTS TO SWINDLE.

Attempts were made to day both at Albany and Troy, to swindle banks by the deposit of forged certified checks on the Third National Bank of this city, purporting to be signed by S. B. Chittenden & Co. The attempts were unsuccessful. The man who in Albany gave his name as William H. Raymond.

ANOTHER DECISION.

Judge C. Darwin Smith, of the Supreme Court, at Rochester, this afternoon gave his decision in the case of the Erie Railway men at the corner of Montgomery and Washington streets, Jersey City, and robbed of a considerable sum of money.

SMALLPOX DEATHS.

The number of deaths by smallpox, during the week ending at noon to day, is thirteen. The disease, which at one time threatened to become epidemic, has nearly died out.

TENEMENT HOUSES.

The annual report of the Board of Health shows there are now thirty-four tenement houses in this city, occupied by seven hundred thousand persons.

ESCORT VESSEL.

The iron-clad Miantonomah, which is reported ready for sea, is understood to be intended for the escort into Portland harbor of the British ship Monarch with the remains of Gen. Peabody.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

Arrangements for the Tammany primary elections were made to-day. It is understood Mr. Tweed will be re-elected President.

QUARREL MADE UP.

The Lingard quarrel has been made up, and wears the appearance of an advertising dodge.

ARRIVED.

The steamers Hammonia and Manhattan, from Europe, arrived to-day.

PACIFIC COAST.

More Earthquake Shocks—Collision of Steamships, Without Serious Results—Forty Thousand Tons of Wheat Cleared for England, and More Loading—Export Trade for 1869—Tea Shipments.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Several shocks of earthquake were felt throughout western Nevada last night. No damage is reported.

The shocking yield of the Sonora mine, at White Pine, for December, was eight thousand dollars. Shipments will be made to New York direct hereafter.

CHICAGO.

Business Statistics—Fire at Morris, Ills.—Killed on the Railroad.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, December 30.—The following figures are taken from the official report of business of Chicago during the past year: Total value of manufactures, fifty-eight million dollars, against sixty-three millions the year previous. Total value of goods received in the city, $415,622,000, against $397,553,000 last year. Total wholesale sales so far as reported $385,935,630, against $349,439,769 last year. The net increase are estimated at seventy-three millions dollars. The total issue of daily and weekly papers during the year footed up 97,194,000 sheets. Number buildings erected during the year 3,625, against 4,410 the year previous. The character of the buildings this year is superior to last year.

The warehouse of D. W. Barry, and their corn-cribs adjoining, at Morris, Ills., were destroyed by fire last night. Loss $15,000; fully insured.

A man, supposed to be James Alcorn, of Biggsville, Iowa, fell from the incoming Cincinnati express train on the Michigan Central Railroad, near Calumet, this morning, and was instantly killed.

UPPER RIVERS.

(By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph.)

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 30.—River at a stand, with 3 feet 6 inches water in the channel. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 32° at 7 A. M.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 30.—River falling, with about 9½ feet of water in the channel. Weather clear. Thermometer 44° at 7 P. M.

GREENSBORO, Pa., Dec. 30.—River on a stand, with about 7 feet water in the channel. Weather clear. Thermometer at 31 at 7 P. M.

MONONGAHELA, W. Va., December 30. —River falling, with 5 feet water in the channel. Weather clear. Thermometer 47 at 5 P. M.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

New Year's Receptions—British Columbia Citizens Memorialize for Annexation to the United States—Public Lands Undisposed of—Stolen Bank Bills—First Public Reception at the White House.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, December 30, 1869.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS.

The hours for reception by Vice President and Mrs. Colfax at their residence on New Year's Day will be from half-past twelve till three o'clock P. M. Cabinet officers will be received from one till three o'clock P. M. The receptions by the public officers and citizens will probably be greater in numbers than heretofore. Officers of the army will assemble at the War Department and proceed in a body to the White House to pay their respects to the President.

MEMORIAL FOR TRANSFER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO UNITED STATES.

Vincent Colyer, of New York, yesterday handed to President Grant a memorial, signed by a number of property holders and business men of Victoria, to be followed by another with 1,000 signatures, in the name of all British merchants and others at Victoria, Nanimo and other places, in favor of the transfer of British Columbia to the United States. The President to-day returned to Colyer a verbal reply that he had read it with great interest and sent it to the Secretary of State.

Colyer also showed the memorial to Senator Sumner, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, who, after reading it, said the movement was important and could have but one terminus. Mr. Colyer left our country early in the movement of England, which has had seeing the uselessness and impracticability of its European empire on this hemisphere. Both the President and Senator Sumner desired their replies to be made known to the memorialists.

The following is the memorial:

To His Excellency the President of the United States:

The undersigned merchants beg leave most respectfully to represent, that we are residents of the Colony of British Columbia, many of us British subjects, and large and deeply interested in the welfare and progress of our adopted country. That those who are British subjects are possessed with the most profound feelings of loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty and her government, and that all entertain the highest feelings of the greatest attachment and to the country. That while we thus indulge such feelings we are constrained, by the duty we owe to ourselves and families, in view of the contemplated severance of the political ties which unite us to the mother country, to look to such political and commercial affinity and connection as will insure the immediate and continued prosperity and well being of this our adopted home. That this Colony is now suffering great depression, owing to its isolation, great scarcity of population, and other causes too numerous to mention. That we view with feelings of alarm the avowed intention of Her Majesty's Government to confederate this Colony with the Dominion of Canada, as we believe such a measure can only result in still further depression and ultimate injury, for the following reasons: That confederation would give us no protection against internal enemies or foreign foes, owing to the distance of this Colony from the Dominion. That the trade of this Colony is principally for the produce of our lands, our forests, our mines, or our waters; that it cannot bring any population, or increase, and as the Dominion itself is suffering from lack of it; that our connection with the Dominion can satisfy no sentiment of loyalty or devotion; that her commercial and industrial interests are opposed to ours; that the tariff of the Dominion will be the rule of our farmers and the commerce of our chief cities; that we are lamigated by every sentiment of loyalty to her Majesty, by our attachments to the laws and institutions of Great Britain, and our deep interest in the prosperity of our adopted country, to express our conviction to a severance from England and a confederation with Canada. We admit that the Dominion may be aggrandized by confederation, but we can see no benefit, either present or future, which can accrue to us therefrom. That we desire a market for our coal and lumber, and our fish, and that the Dominion seeks for the same produce of her own soil. She can take nothing from us and supply us with nothing in return. That as a component of this Colony with Canada may relieve the mother country from the troubles and difficulties of fostering and protecting this isolated, distant Colony, but it cannot free us from our long and during depression, owing to the lack of a population sufficient to afford us the continued want of a home market for our produce.

That we only timidly for the evils which beset us we believe to be in a close union with the adjoining States and Territories. We are already closely connected by a single railroad, and nearly all our commercial relations are with them; they furnish the chief markets we have for the produce of our mines, our fish and waters; they supply the Colony with most of the necessaries of life; they furnish us with the only means of communication with the outer world, and we are even dependent upon them for the means of learning the events in the mother country or Dominion of Canada.

For these reasons we earnestly desire the acquisition of this Colony by the United States. It would result at once in opening to us an unrestricted market for our products, bring an influx of population, and with it induce investment of capital in our coal and quartz mines, and in our forests; the result would insure us regular mails and communication with the adjoining States and Territories, and through them with the world at large; it would lessen the expenses of our Government, by giving us representative institutions and unlimited control of our domestic concern, besides giving us protection against foreign enemies. And with all these we should still be united to a people of our own kindred, religion and tongue, and a people who for all time must ultimately affect us in all our relations for weal or woe. That in view of these facts we respectfully request that your Excellency will cause this memorial to be laid before the Government of the United States, and that in any negotiations which may be pending or undertaken between your Government and that of Her Most Gracious Majesty for the settlement of territorial or other questions, that you will endeavor to induce Her Majesty to consent to the transfer of the Colony to the United States. We believe Her Majesty earnestly desires the welfare and happiness of all her people, in view of the circumstance, that for years she has consented to the annual exodus of tens of thousands of her subjects to the United States, and that she will not let political traditions and sentiments influence her against a measure so earnestly desired by the people of this poor isolated Colony.

Dated British Columbia, Nov., 1869.

THE PUBLIC LANDS.

The Department of the Interior states the estimated number of acres of public land unsold and unappropriated, after deducting all disposals as far as reported, are as follows:—Florida, 20,000 acres, 17,828,496; Alabama, 6,496,874; Mississippi, 4,728,847; Louisiana, 6,486,903; Missouri, 1,181,725; Arkansas, 11,307,077—total 47,479,019. As to Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee, there are no public lands within their limits.

STOLEN BANK BILLS.

The Comptroller of the Currency warns the public to reject all fifty and one hundred dollar bills of the First National Bank of Jersey City, of which some $12,000 of unsigned impressions were stolen from the Bureau in April, 1867. The Bank will, however, redeem all such notes.

CUSTOM HOUSE TROUBLES.

Collector Casey and Messrs. Tiesot and Kinsella, the lieutenant Treasury agent, have arrived from New Orleans on business connected with Custom House troubles.

REVENUE SEIZURE.

Supervisor Fulton reports that he has seized the Pacific Match Co., at San Francisco, for alleged violations of the Internal Revenue laws.

FIRST RECEPTION.

The first public reception at the Executive Mansion will be held on Friday evening.

CUSTOMS.

The receipts of customs last week amounted to $1,816,924.

ST. LOUIS.

Characteristics of the Mongolian Race—Fire and Steamboat Statistics.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, December 30.—John G. Walker, the gentleman having in charge the Chinese who arrived here on Tuesday night, in a communication to the *Republican*, says that a marked characteristic of the Mongolian race is suspicion and a want of confidence, and this tendency can only be combatted through a strict adherence to the truth and compliance with promises. He further says: There is little prospect at present that "John" will trespass upon the domain of "Sambo" to any serious extent. Those who have held out hopes of procuring very cheap labor by obtaining it from the shores of eastern Asia, are, I think, mistaken in their conclusions. From one end of China to the other the value of labor in America, California standard, is well known, and although labor in China is very cheap, able-bodied men will not engage to expatriate themselves for a series of years, except on conditions of having their families with them. In a solemn and eloquent manner, by the good Rabbi, Rev. Mr. Naumburg a cup of wine was handed from which he poured and then to the bride, who both sipped of the contents. The bridegroom then took from the Rabbi a plain solid gold ring and placing it on the bride's left hand, said, "by this ring thou art my spouse, according to the custom of Moses and the children of Israel." The marriage contract was then read and given to the bride's parents, and another glass of wine was blessed by the Rabbi, of which the bride and bridegroom subsequently partook and dashed the glass away, commemorating in this manner the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem. Then followed earnest and hearty congratulations and a crowding about the bride and groom.

The bride was richly attired, wearing a heavy white moire antique dress with superb train. The dress was neatly and tastefully trimmed. An elegant Tulle veil, fastened to the head by a bridal wreath of orange flowers, flowed to the floor. Beneath the dress peeped forth a dainty pair of white kid slippered feet. The bride wore but little jewelry, but what graced her person was of the most valuable character. There were six bridesmaids and bridesmen, as follows: 1st. Miss Krauss, sister of the bride, and Mr. A. Lippman; 2d. Miss B. Strauss and Mr. Louis Shamburg; 3d. Miss Lina Rosenbaugh and Mr. Samuel Ring; 4th. Miss Sada Waller and Mr. S. Hirsch; 5th. Miss Ella Strausberger and Mr. A. Weller; 6th. Miss Lina Frank and Mr. Gallinger. The bridesmaids were all neatly and richly dressed in white French muslin, ruffled to the waist, and elegantly trimmed with satin folds. They wore no veils, but had their hair fashionably dressed and decorated with fine artificial flowers. The bride and bridesmaids all carried exquisite boquets of gold and silver holders. The groom, as well as the bridesmen, were in full dress, black frock coats, black pants, white vest, white kid gloves, and polished kid boots. There were many other elegant dresses which, were we inclined to be dressed which, would be well worthy special note. A spirit of generosity compels us to note the beautiful attire of Mrs. Meacuse, of Philadelphia. She wore a puff brocade silk, flowered, cut with gore and full empress trail. A rich and elegant lace shawl, held together with a large diamond brooche, flowed from her shoulders, and her head dress thing was very neat and pretty. Altogether we never saw such an array of beautiful women and so much good taste, richness and elegance displayed in the gay gathering at the wedding and subsequent reception afforded.

After the ceremonies at the synagogue the entire party of invited guests, with bride and groom and attendant party, repaired to Turner's Hall, on Sixth avenue, where a reception was held. After a grand march and promenade, and general congratulations to the happy young couple, a dance was inaugurated, George's splendid orchestra of sixteen or more pieces furnishing most excellent music. At midnight the entire party, some two hundred couples, old and young, married and single, marched to the capacious dining room attached to the hall where, under the auspices of Mr. Julius Richter, assisted by the head princess among caterers, Mrs. Bickhart, of Birmingham, were spread two tables the full length of the hall which were loaded down with delicacies of the season, and tastefully ornamented. The master of ceremonies, now called to order the meeting was called to order by Rev. Mr. Naumburg, who was selected to preside. He delivered an eloquent, beautiful and appropriate address in German, which was rapturously received by the delighted wounded periods brought even more sunshine and gaiety to the party. Mr. John W. Pittock next responded to a call and briefly spoke, tendering his congratulations to the happy couple in feelions and well chosen language. Isaac Sirouse, Esq., was next called upon, and spoke in German, elicited hearty and earnest applause. Speeches in response to calls were made by J. N. Hazelett, Esq., Mr. Dillinger, and others. The beautiful and heart mellowing song of "The Tear" was delicously rendered by Mr. Apfelbaum and was received with the wildest applause. The banquet adjourned at one o'clock, and the entire party again joined the dancing room, where tripping the light fantastic toe was kept up till the alarm bell tolled three o'clock, when all wended their ways homeward to think over the pleasures of the wedding.

Wedding at East Liberty.

East Liberty was all agog with local excitement on Tuesday night over a grand fashionable wedding in the church of Sts. Peter and Paul. The groom was Mr. Thomas J. Murphy, connected with the East Liberty Stock Yards, and Miss Julia, the accomplished daughter of Colonel Carlin, Esq. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity with invited guests. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Burrell. The music of the occasion was very fine and elicited much praise. The reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents and was largely attended. Song, mirth, dancing and feasting ruled supreme up till morning, and a very pleasant time was the experience of all. The happy young couple have our heartiest wishes for their welfare.

Wedding at St. Peter's.—On Wednesday evening, a very brilliant and well attended wedding took place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The groom was Mr. Miltenmyer and the bride Miss Gosling. The couple left for an extended bridal tour, on the midnight train.

The many friends of Capt. J. C. Matters, of the police force, stationed under Deputy Mayor Nichols, will be pained to learn that he is suffering from an attack of lung fever, which in all probability will result in death. He took sick on Monday, and last evening was in such a condition that his physicians did not expect him to live until this morning. Captain Matters was one of the best officers on the force, and had made many friends in his official capacity, as well as his general intercourse.

—Private (very!) orders were sent from Washington on Tuesday to all the navy yards, directing that the work of fitting out vessels of war for sea be vigorously prosecuted. The monitor Miantonemah, now refitted at the Brooklyn navy yard, has been ordered to departance, and her destination is supposed to be Samana, as it is said that the European powers are taking measures to prevent the cession of that portion of the Island of St. Domingo to the United States.

—The Canadian Government has decided to reopen the Red River [illegible] Gov. M'Dougall from the country.

MATRIMONIAL.

A Grand Fashionable Wedding at the Synagogue.

At the elegant and beautiful Jewish Synagogue, on Eighth street, on Wednesday night, there assembled one of the largest, most brilliant and fashionable audiences we have ever seen drawn together in this city. They were drawn thither to witness the impressive and peculiar ceremony of the joining together, for better or for worse, for life till death, of a couple professing the Judaic faith. The Synagogue was brilliantly lighted, and with the rich and dazzling attire of the guests, the surpliced Rabbi before the canopy, together with the grand, swelling musical notes of a choir stationed brass band, presented a gala appearance and effect seldom witnessed and enjoyed at the celebration of the holy marriage ceremony. The streets, for squares about, were blockaded with carriages, and the crowd outside, attracted by curiosity, was quite as large as that comfortably seated and standing in the Synagogue. The happy couple were Mr. L. Kiefer, a well known, popular and wealthy dealer in cattle, and Miss Esther Kraus, the accomplished daughter of M. Kraus, Esq.

At half past seven of the clock precisely, the bride and groom, attended by six bridesmaids and bridesmen entered the synagogue, and, while the band played a beautiful wedding composition from Mendelssohn, marched to the canopy and the ceremony of uniting the twain in one was commenced. The solemn services were conducted in the German language. The contracting parties both stood up, their attendants being arranged on either side, and after the prescribed ceremony, which was gone through in a solemn and eloquent manner, by the good Rabbi Rev. Mr. Naumburg a cup of wine was handed from which he poured and then to the bride, who both sipped of the contents. The bridegroom then took from the Rabbi a plain solid gold ring and placing it on the bride's left hand, said, "by this ring thou art my spouse, according to the custom of Moses and the children of Israel." The marriage contract was then read and given to the bride's parents, and another glass of wine was blessed by the Rabbi, of which the bride and bridegroom subsequently partook and dashed the glass away, commemorating in this manner the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem. Then followed earnest and hearty congratulations and a crowding about the bride and groom.

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BEAVER.

Ladies' Working Society—A Fair—The Past and Present.

MESSRS. EDITORS: This is a dark, dreary night, and much too dark for one to venture out. It is in truth just such a night as many travellers lose their way, because of the dense fog and smoke blinding their eyes and preventing their passage. While sitting by my fireside, the thought flashed across my mind that I would pen a few lines to your excellent paper, about how we are prospering in Beaver.

We were cheered, not long since, by the news that the "Ladies' Working Society," of the M. E. Church, intended giving a fair in the Court House, beginning Monday, Dec. 20th, and closing Friday night of the same week. The usual committees for such an affair were appointed, particularly those to solicit donations, and many they were, and they were kept very much engaged. They found their way to your city and were very kindly received, getting valuable donations from good and generous persons, for which the ladies tender their grateful thanks. The programme consisted of suppers, silverware, toilet sets, books, tables, tinware, confectionaries, and nearly everything one could think of. It was not as much of a success as was desired, financially, but it will add some funds to what they already have. The new church is not yet completed, but the weather is now quite favorable for working at it.

The Fair enlivened our quiet town while it lasted, but it has returned to the old routine of duty. The schools are having a short vacation, but will soon begin a new term, on Monday, January 3d. Persons having children to educate should remember this, as they cannot find a more suitable place than at Prof. R. T. Taylor's Seminary. Do not make a mistake on this important question. Our school is growing older, each year passes away, and if she is sent away to school, she will need proper persones over her to guide her footsteps and frame her mental and moral character.

A few more days and the old year will give way to the new, and whether happy or unhappy days spent during this year will have rolled into the past. The new be there what it may, many idle moments, trifling words and deeds will have flown, never to be recalled or undone. How often have our hearts been sad, as we saw the young passing their time away in the ball room and the theatre, young men reeling through our streets, unconscious of their words or actions. How many families have been ruined by that cursed evil of intemperance during the past year? A new year is fast approaching. Mr. Barber can be addressed at the *Commercial* office, Cincinnati, Ohio."

ON Monday of last week two splendid deer were killed by the Erie Road locomotives, just west of Port Jervis. In both instances these animals were allowed to run upon the track in advance of the trains, at a low rate of speed, until they became thoroughly exhausted, when the engineer of the train, by dexterously increasing the minimum rate of speed at points where they could not escape the pilots of the engines, struck them with the cow-catchers, killing them easily, and throwing their bodies down the embankment. In each case the train stopped and secured the venison.

THE Cleveland *Herald* speaks confidently when it says that the Hamilton county delegation to the next Legislature will, in no event, identify itself with the Democracy. "Doubtless," it says, "upon local points they will act with the Democrats of Hamilton county, but of this we feel reasonably certain—that the constitutional amendment will be ratified; that a Republican Speaker will be elected, and that on most party questions, like repealing the Bank Commissioner law, and other obnoxious Democratic legislation, the Hamilton county Republicans will act in the Legislature with the rest of their party.

FROM investigations recently made by philanthropic gentlemen of this city, with a view to improve the condition of the insane, it appears that there is not less than one insane person in Indiana to every one thousand inhabitants. Estimating the present population at two million, this would make the minimum number in the State two thousand. The State Hospital for the Insane, when the new north wing is completed, will have a capacity of less than six hundred, which is less than one-third of the probable number in the State. Cases which are regarded, after a fair trial, as incurable, are returned to the counties from which they come.

THE factory girls in several parts of New England are dissatisfied with the treatment they are receiving from their employers. In Dover, New Hampshire, six girls, a hundred have gone out on a strike, and a meeting of female operatives in Lowell have sent messages of sympathy and support. According to the complaint of the chief speaker (Miss Collins,) in old times "the girls were treated like human beings, but lately the cotton kings had become more arrogant, and in their wild rush to wealth had forgotten all human feeling, and forsaken every feeling of humanity." She further declared that the factory girls were worse off than the black women of the South.

BOWEN legs are not caused by a baby's being placed astride its fat too early, but to a habit children have of rubbing the soles of the feet together. They appear to enjoy the contact only when the feet are naked; they don't attempt to make it when they are stocked. So the remedy is obvious; keep the baby's feet covered. Knock knees is ascribed to a different childish habit—that of sleeping on the side with one knee tucked into the hollow behind the other. When one leg has been bowed inward more than the other, the patient has always slept on one side, and the uppermost member has been that most deformed. Here the preventive is to be careful every night to place the child to sleep in different positions. Indeed, all through life, it is well to sleep on either side.

THE Greek text of the polyglot inscription for the monument in honor of the completion of the Suez Canal, has been composed by Dr. Reinhold Klotz, at the University of Leipsic, under a commission received from Paris. It is literally as follows: "In the year of the Hegira, 1282, (1869) under the renowned government of the illustrious Padish Abdul Aziz Chan, Emperor of the Ottomans, and under the wise rule of the noble Ismael Pasha, Viceroy of Egypt, the monument was erected to celebrate the excavation of the Suez Canal, which is destined to approximate the regions of Europe and Asia, to multiply their commercial relations, to promote the beneficent conquests of civilization, and to favor a more intimate union between all the members of the human family. This great work of peace owes its origin to the courageous perseverance of Ferdinand Lesseps, with the co-operation of the principal maritime nations, and under the patronage of the Emperor of the French."

DURING the war the amount of money taken from deserters from the Federal army, as they were arrested, reached the sum of a million and a half dollars, all of which was conveyed into the Treasury in 1867, but is daily refunded to the parties from whom it was taken as they establish their claims thereto, on the ground that it was then private property, but taken by the military. At a recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania National Asylum, for Soldier and Sailors, one of the General Benjamin F. Butler, one of the Board, was designated to look after the finances of the institution, the law establishing the asylum having provided that all pay forfeited, fines, penalties, etc., of soldiers or sailors be set aside for the support of the institution. General Butler has therefore made a demand upon Secretary Boutwell for the million and a half above mentioned, but Mr. Boutwell has refused, on the ground that this money is the private property of the persons from whom it was taken and must be repaid to them. The matter will probably come before Congress for settlement. The Board of Managers have already received about two millions of dollars forfeited pay, fines, etc.

A QUEER suit is pending in Missouri courts. Some little time since an old bachelor, of wealth, made a will leaving all his property away from his needy relatives. When he was on his deathbed, a party of three roistering friends, on a spree, concluded to endeavor to induce him to change his mind in favor of the poor relatives. He consented, and one of the three sat down by his bedside to draw up the document. Before the conclusion and signing of the will, the man died; one of the party remarked to the scribe that it was "unclean to go on, as the man was dead as h—l." However, after its conclusion, the dead man was lifted up in a sitting posture and held, the pen was placed between his fingers and made to trace his name, after which the question was asked, "Do you acknowledge this to be your signature and last will?" etc. The dead man, by the aid of those that held him up, nodded assent. The corpse was then quietly laid down, and the individuals signed their respective names as witnesses to the instrument. The only seeming trouble now is the proper construction of the will, which under the circumstances and under the influence of an intoxicated brain, the scribe somewhat blended in meaning.

NEW YORK claims the credit of having, not precisely invented, but developed the oyster to its grandest extent as the basis of saloons, of fortunes and of dinners. Of oyster saloons—that is, places of so-called refreshment where that bivalve alone, with the accompaniments of crackers and pickles, is sold—there are 7,000 in the city, employing 20,000 men in cooking and serving stews, fries, roasts, broils and all the variety of dishes an ingenious palate has conceived. The figures of the business are startling enough to almost stagger belief. Taking the count these saloons which combine the sale of liquors with that of oysters, and also the ordinary restaurants and eating houses, a daring statistician puts the number of cans opened to hungry New York at something over a half million daily. One quarter million fries are absorbed, 175,000 "raws," and 50,000 stews, making an aggregate of more than a million dozen of oysters eaten daily in that city. The oyster season lasts nine months, and in that time New York spends about $57,000,000 on the luxury. It may be mentioned that the favorite style is a manomer, called a "Boston stew."

DR. MARY WALKER hung out her professional shingle recently at Leaven worth, Kansas. She is known in the West as a woman who has seen service in the field, and thus records an incident concerning her: Three gentlemen called to see Doctor Mary, simulating sickness. One of them is a legal light, remarkable for the length of his head and also of his beard. This one feigned rheumatism, and sat down in an afflicted manner. They then all sat down, and the lady eyed them sakance. By and by they began to say that they had heard of the Doctor's fame, and came to be healed. They each held out a hand, desiring her to feel their pulse. "Gentlemen," said the lady, "I will undertake to cure you, but I want a fee, please. Five dollars in advance." "That's cheap," said one. "Anyhow, it's the regular charge," said another. The lady looked on, saying nothing. Conversation began to flag, and the visitors made as though they were feeling round their clothes for the five dollars. The silence was embarrassing to all but the lady, who sat looking like a sphinx. Then one of her visitors got up and went out, then the other went out also; finally the third got up and