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STATE ITEMS.

GREENVILLE has organized a Library Association.

SCRANTON supports a first class dancing academy.

THE pews in the Scranton Presbyterian Church sold for $8,000.

THREE CARD MONTE is openly played in the streets of Parker's Landing.

TEN hundred and fifty persons were arrested by the Reading police last year.

THE Pennsylvania hay crop of 1868 reached 2,448,000 tons, valued at $39,168,000.

JOHNSTOWN has an average daily attendance of 745 scholars at her public schools.

HOTEL business in Erie is said to be so dull that some of the landlords are growing crazy.

WILLIAMSPORT has a real ghost worth a two column account in the *Gazette* of that place.

SOME sharpers in the interior are selling dough cakes covered with butter as fine print.

A FALLING LIMB recently killed Mr. Henry Hudson, of Pine township, Indiana county.

THE bonds of the State of Pennsylvania command a higher figure than those of any other State.

"CHESTER COUNTY WHITES," the famous breed of pigs, are being sent from West Chester to Texas.

G. W. HAUPT, Esq., a rising young member of the Sunbury bar, died last week of consumption.

A STATE Temperance Convention will be held in the Court House in Harrisburg, on Tuesday, February 8th.

GOV. GRAHT's last message was the seventy-ninth since the organization of the present State Government.

MRS. ESTHER REED, aged ninety-six years, died suddenly last week at her residence in Woodward, Chester county.

M. PENNINGTON, of West Grove, Chester county, has been appointed Paymaster of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad.

AT Oil City, on Saturday night, James Furlong was run over and killed by a train of cars. He was a blacksmith and about sixty years of age.

A YOUNG son of U. S. Assessor Bencer, of Symder county, had his brains knocked out by a falling stick blown from the roof of a shed.

T. S. REED, Esq., a veteran Cambria county editor, is about to write the reminiscences of his life. Forty-one years ago he printed a paper in Johnstown.

ALEX LOUGHREY, of White township, Indiana county, had both legs broken and was otherwise dangerously injured last week, by being kicked by a vicious horse.

MR. GEORGE MASON, formerly a prominent coal operator and merchant of Schuylkill county, died at his residence in Pottsville on Tuesday night last, in the 68th year of his age.

THE Allentown Rolling Mill Company has finished rails on hand to the amount of over $300,000, with no demand. The Roberts iron Company have about $60,000 worth of iron laid up awaiting purchasers.

ON the 15th inst. the body of a German, apparently a pedlar, was found near Meadville, in a barn belonging to Rufus Smith. He was apparently 45 or 50 years of age, and had lost the second finger of his right hand.

AT Allentown a little girl named Butz, while with her mother walking beside the railroad track, becoming frightened at a sudden locomotive whistle, jumped under the wheels of the passing train and was ground to atoms.

AT Wilkesbarre last week, a young man named Veasey, while intoxicated, stepped into the trough of the great fly wheel of a rolling mill, was caught and crushed to jelly and thrown forty feet from the place. So much for intemperance.

MAJOR MOORE, editor and publisher of the West Chester *Republican*, has been appointed Appraiser for the port of Philadelphia in place of Dr. Worthington resigned. The office is an important one and has a salary of $5,500. The Major has our congratulations.

THE Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society held its annual meeting in Lancaster last week. A number of distinguished fruit growers from all sections of the State were present. The display of fruit, &c., was very fine. The proceedings were highly entertaining and instructive.

THE puddlers employed by the Susquehanna Iron Company of Columbia stopped work at eleven o'clock Tuesday forenoon, because two men whom they wished to be engaged with them were not employed by the company. The strikers numbered upwards of forty men, all of whom are Welshmen.

A GENTLEMAN of Reading who weighed 318 pounds, died last week after two days of sickness, caused by taking cold and it settling on his lungs. He had not been ill a single day previously, during his whole life, though he had attained middle age. Another result of the present unhealthful weather.

THE interest in the meetings in progress at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Johnstown continues unabated. On Sunday last seventeen were added to the members of the church. More are coming forward nightly, and it is hoped that the influence of the revival will spread wider and wider still, for "there is yet room."

THE rolling mill belonging to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company at Reading, turned out last year seventeen thousand and thirty-seven (17,037) tons of finished rails. The company made in 1868 about half this number of rails. They are first-class, and cost the company an average of less than the market price.

A PENNSYLVINIA editor has been posting his books, and sums up as follows: "Weathered a three months spell of sickness; built a new office; purchased a complete outfit of new type for the paper; adding the names of many new advance paying subscribers to our list and another boy baby to our family circle." Good bye, 1869.

A GAY young man of Tidioute, being deceived by a fair and frail lady, thought of retiring from the busy scenes of life by drowning himself, but after a search along the banks of the Allegheny river for a convenient hole to plunge in, brought up at Parker's Landing, where abandoning the notion of self destruction, he is spending a happy time among the "free and easy" of that "free and easy" place.

AN accident of a serious nature occurred on Wednesday in the ore mine of the Cambria Iron Co., known as Kidney Vein, whereby two men, Harry Bennett and James Vincent, were seriously injured by a premature blast. The former had his leg so shattered that it was found necessary to amputate it below the knee, while Mr. Vincent was seriously burnt in the face. They are both doing well.

JAMES MCCORMICK, Esq., a member of the Harrisburg bar since 1825, and well known as one of the ablest lawyers in the State, died on Wednesday morning, at an advanced age, after an illness of about three weeks' duration. He had filled various offices of honor and trust with fidelity. At the time of his decease, and for about thirty years previously, he was the President of the Dauphin Deposit Bank, and for nearly as great a length of time President of the Harrisburg Bridge Company.

NEARLY all of our country exchanges are "bloffing" over the big things killed in the pork line. For instance in the Lancaster *Inquirer* we have these announcements: Jacob Erhart, of Warwick township, has killed two hogs, which weighed, when dressed, 956 pounds. The one, fourteen months old, weighed 390 pounds; the other, fifteen months old, 566 pounds.

John H. Schlegelmilch killed, on Monday last, two hogs eight months old, which weighed, when dressed, 511 pounds. This is about sweetness long drawn out: Michael D. Weidman made a sausage a few days ago for Peter Hernley, of Rapho twp., which measured 71 feet, and weighed 69½ pounds. Can't our farmer readers send us on notices in the same line to eclipse the above?

THERE is now manufacturing at the Scott Foundry, Reading, a breech-loading cannon of very peculiar construction, and which the employes have named "The Sow." It is now in the lathe for rifling. It will have a bore of six inches in diameter, including the rifling. Arranged along the bore are four side chambers, each of which are intended to hold eight pounds of powder. The breech will contain four pounds of powder, which, when loaded and fired starts the ball, when the powder in the other chambers is ignited as the ball moves forward, thus receiving impetus at intervals from the escape of the gas from each chamber. It is estimated that this gun will throw a ball a distance of ten miles; and that, at short range, the ball will pass entirely through a six inch wrought iron plate.

THE Erie *Dispatch* says: On Saturday night Mr. Hall, of Waterford, met with a fatal accident. On Monday, while his body was yet lying in the house awaiting burial, a prominent citizen of that borough called to offer his condolence and—collect a debt of sixty cents alleged to be due. The widow told him that she had no money with her, but would see that the bill was paid, and the creditor departed. The circumstance got noised abroad, and some of the young men thereabouts, fearing that the man might possibly be cheated out of his dues, have started a one cent subscription and collected the amount, no one being allowed to contribute more than one penny. They intend having the account duly certified and sworn to and a receipt given for the change, which they are now prepared to pay.

NEWS AND MISCELLANY.

GOLD has been discovered in Tasmania.

KANSAS has 3,500,000 acres timbered land.

IN Sacramento the boot blacks are uniformed.

PENNY hot dinners are furnished in London.

MAINE exports kindling wood to foreign parts.

CHARCOAL pipes have just reached California smokers.

AN apple tree in Vermont yielded 70 bushels last season.

A KENTUCKY town of 3000 inhabitants has no school house.

CHICAGO has just dedicated its first German High School.

TEN Herings are to put a new loan for the city of Boston on the English market.

THE Washington *Star* urges a Territorial Government for the District of Columbia.

THE southern papers are printing a great many verses in memory of George Peabody.

CARTHAGE College has been started in Hancock county, Illinois, with a capital of $500,000

RAILWAYS are aristocrats. They teach every man to know his own Station, and to stop there.

REVEL, the negro Senator elect from Mississippi, is a native of Ohio, and is a Methodist preacher.

GEORGE H. PENDLETON is to deliver an oration to the students of Gen. Lee's college, 4th of July next.

THE Baptists have a chapel at Harper's Ferry and the chapel bell is heard in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

NEW YORK is actually rivalling Philadelphia. The New York Health Board says that town has thirty miles of dirty streets.

A WELL INFORMED Ohio paper informs its readers that the French Emperor's little son shot and killed an editor and then gave himself up.

IT is asserted that the dispatches of the American Minister at the Spanish Court, on file at the State Department, reflect distinguished credit on Gen. Sickles.

A LITTLE four-year old, watching from the window a procession of children from the orphan asylum, exclaimed: "How I'd like to be an orphan and play soldiers!"

DUALIN, a new explosive agent discovered by a Prussian officer, and tested in the Hoosac tunnel, is declared to be stronger than nitro glycerine, and devoid of any of its dangers.

SEVERAL of the large manufactories in Bridgeport, Ct., have been closed to visitors during working hours, owing to the trouble of visitors having become so great as to seriously interfere with business.

A JOINT resolution has been introduced into the Kentucky Legislature providing for the removal of President Taylor's remains to Cave Hill Cemetery, at Louisville, and the erection of a suitable monument over them.

A PIGGE to accommodate Chinese has been opened at Council Bluffs. The stock consists of card paper, too chintz, orange peel, pak ko, sugar candy, salt shrimps, fire crackers, chop sticks, joss paper, joss sticks, &c.

IN reference to the candidature of the throne of Spain, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Italy has decided that no prince of Savoy can accept a foreign throne unless elected by universal suffrage in the country in question.

A FREEDMAN found, at the Station House, in Toledo, Ohio, a few days ago, his old master, with his wife and two daughters, who were begging their way from Virginia to Chicago, whither friends had gone before them.

A HUSBAND in St. Joseph, Mo., patiently bore his loss when his wife deserted him, but when a dry goods firm sued him for goods bought by her as an outfit, he stoutly resisted the claim, and the court sustained him.

A BOY at Mishawaka, Ind., went skating against the wish of his father. Before returning home, says a local paper, he put a dozen old newspapers inside his clothes, and thereby succeeded in breaking the force of the blows.

THE Zanesville *Courier* is authorized by the best authority to say that if Zanesville will come up promptly with her hundred thousand dollars subscribed, the Northern road will be built at once. If she refuses to do this it will not be built.

THE Tuscarawas *Advocate* says that citizens of New Philadelphia have interviewed Judge Jewett, President of the Pan Handle Railroad, and he informed them that if the citizens of that place would subscribe $30,000 towards the work, that the company would build a branch road from their road to New Philadelphia. The *Advocate* thinks that the amount can be raised in twenty-four hours.

THE Hon. George G. Wright, the new U. S. Senator from Iowa, in his profession of faith addressed to the Legislature just before his election, says:

"Finally, I would stand by Protection to Home Industry and Manufactures. This is part of my boyhood's faith, and is the conviction of my manhood; and this not to build up the individual, but to protect and benefit the Million."

THE New York *Times* says: The President is right when he advises the more tolerant Republicans of the House to accept the bill as it goes back from the Senate. There are mischief makers in the House who would but the opportunity to undo what has been done, and to consummate the evil begun in the Senate. These men would revive the thumbscrew if they dare. The spirit which animates them in other days sanctioned the rack and the faggot. It is important that no chance be given them for the attainment of their purpose. The unconditional admission of Virginia would do most prosper. But they clearly impracticable, the Senate bill in its present shape is preferable to more delay. Let the matter be ended at once if possible.

FIRST EDITION.

MIDNIGHT.

OIL REGIONS.

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PARKER'S LANDING, Jan. 25, 1870.

A well owned by C. McCandless & Co. on the Robinson Farm was struck yesterday. It is flowing about seventy-five barrels per day.

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HARRISBURG.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

SENATE: The Bergner Record Contract Indefinitely Postponed—The Pasters and Folders—Warm Discussion—Personalities Indulged In—Mr. Lowry Growls—His Indiscreet Private Secretary. HOUSE: Variety of Bills Passed—The Sand Bar Job.

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, January 25, 1870.

SENATE.

THE "RECORD" CONTRACT.

Mr. WHITE, from the Legislative Record Committee, reported the same contract with Mr. Bergner as in the first report, with a condition that no speech shall exceed four squares.

Mr. LOWRY moved the indefinite postponement, hoping that the Clerk's Journal would be printed daily. Infamy was attached to the Record and the man that published it. The whole thing was unpopular. The butchers were afraid to wrap the Record around their meat, fearing it would taint it.

Mr. HOWARD seconded the motion, which was adopted.

PRIVATE PRINTERS.

Billingfelt, Brooks, Broadhead, Davis, Duncan, Graham, Howard, Kerr, Linderman, Lowry, Magee, Purman, Rutan, Turner, Wallace, Wetzel—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Beck, Brown, Connell, Hemzey, McIntire, Miller, Mumma, Purviance, Streeter, Randall, Robinson, Wall, White, Stinson—15.

PASTERS AND FOLDERS.

Mr. BECK offered a joint resolution, discharging, with payment to date, all legislative officers, including clerks, sergeant-at-arms, an assistant door keeper, one assistant postmaster, messengers and assistants.

Mr. CONNELL moved its reference to the Retrenchment Committee.

Mr. BROADHEAD said he opposed the discharge of the pasters and folders. They were lying here idle.

Mr. GRAHAM said it was necessary to discharge some of those employed. He understood several individuals were employed at the State's expense as private secretaries to Senators.

Mr. LOWRY understood the remark was applied to him. He could afford to pay for assistance, when he could not write with his right arm, being lame.

Mr. GRAHAM disclaimed personal allusion.

Mr. LOWRY replied he understood it all. He (Mr. Lowry) had never brought Methodist preachers or drove to receive State patronage and never would.

Mr. CONNELL withdrew the motion for reference, and moved that only the "pasters and folders" be discharged.

Mr. MUMMA, of Dauphin, replied to Mr. Lowry, characterizing his bitter opposition to Executive appointments as reprehensible and his personalities uncalled for; asserting that his (Mr. Lowry's) position with the Democracy was of questionable propriety, and alluding to Executive patronage. Mr. Lowry's Private Secretary as indicated. That the Secretary said in a public letter was true, Mr. Lowry should not talk about rings or corruption.

Mr. RUTAN moved to strike out all messengers and doorkeepers as useless officers.

Mr. LOWRY said because he had absented himself from the Senate chamber smashed the ring into a thousand atoms, he had been pursued with malice. He was not now opposed to Harrisburgers he pitied them; they had an affliction here worse than smallpox. The general Government had given the office of mail postmaster who had presented bills in the Legislature for passage that did not look honest. He could stand any abuse from the *Telegraph*.

Mr. HOWARD said he was opposed to the franking privilege, or the publication of the Record, but moved that the Retrenchment Committee be instructed to consider with this matter the propriety of printing the principal departmental reports. Lost.

Mr. Rutan's and also Mr. Connell's amendments were defeated. Pending the discussion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS PASSED.

Supplement to the act making appropriations from the old to the new wards of Allegheny City for school purposes.

Supplement for Allegheny county prison.

Extending to Washington county the act exempting mortgages and other money securities from State taxation.

Defining the boundaries of Lower Gayoota Island in the Juniata river.

Increasing the fees of surveyors as witnesses in Allegheny county.

Exempting the custom house and capital, Birmingham from all taxation.

THE SAND BAR BILL.

Senator Rutan will drop his bill declaring the sand bar in the Ohio river, opposite Middletown, an island, having misapprehended the purport. It was sent by a prominent gentleman in Allegheny City.

CINCINNATI.

A Scrap of War History—The Intended Removal of Gen. Thomas from Command at Nashville—Railroad Lease Ratified.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, January 25—To-morrow's *Gazette* will contain a letter showing from dispatches on file at Washington the exact nature of the contemplated removal of Gen. Thomas just before the battle at Nashville. It shows that General Halleck's account of it at the San Francisco dinner gives himself more credit for retaining General Thomas than the official records warrant, and that instead of Halleck assuming the responsibility to delay the transmission of General Grant's order relieving Thomas by Schofield, Grant himself suspended the order before it was transmitted to Thomas. Official dispatches show that Grant was exceedingly impatient at Thomas' delay in making the attack, and that he had actually gone as far as Washington on the way to Nashville when he received a dispatch announcing Thomas' engagement, and victory.

The stockholders of the Little Miami and Columbus & Xenia railroads have ratified by a unanimous vote their perpetual lease of those roads to the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad, guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Central, beginning December 1st, 1869, at an annual rental, free of tax and assessments, of four hundred and eighty thousand dollars, the stock of the Little Miami road to be increased by a seventeen per cent. stock dividend, making the total stock of both roads six millions. This arrangement gives the stockholders an eight per cent annual dividend, payable quarterly, less the expenses of organization.

The Collector of Internal Revenue has received instructions to discontinue the collection of manufacturers' tax on pork packers until March 1st. The tax has been collected since January 1st.

Upper Rivers.

(By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph.)

BROWNSVILLE, January 25.—River rising, with nine feet water in the channel. Weather clear; thermometer thirty-four at five o'clock P. M.

OIL CITY, January 25.—River rising slowly, with four feet one inch water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer thirty-five at six o'clock P. M.

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FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

(SECOND SESSION.)

SENATE: The Currency Bill Further Discussed Without Final Action. HOUSE: Miscellaneous Business.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1870.

SENATE.

Mr. THURMAN presented the proceedings of a public meeting of merchants of Cleveland against the continuance of the income tax. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the Committee on Political Disabilities, reported favorably a bill to relieve certain persons from legal and political disabilities.

Mr. HAMLIN called up the joint resolution relating to the seizure of distilled spirits in California, the question being upon its indefinite postponement.

After some discussion it was laid aside, and at 2 o'clock the currency bill was taken up.

Mr. FENTON spoke against any expansion of the currency and in favor of an early return to a specie basis. The pending bill neither retarded nor tended to advance the latter desirable result. He favored the gradual contraction of the currency, but concluded that this bill contained little to aggravate the evils of the hour. The Secretary's plan for funding the debt, and furnishing new bonds for banking purposes in place of the old, might be the best we could hope to get. At all events he had no pet measure of his own.

Mr. SUMNER moved an amendment by substituting for the bill a similar bill recently introduced by him, for the increase of bank circulation to $500,000,000, upon the retirement of greenbacks.

Mr. RAMSEY inquired whether it was proposed to take action on the bill to-day.

Mr. SHERMAN, on behalf of the Finance Committee, desired the Senate to take action on the bill to-day. He said it was a preliminary measure, and upon its disposal the Committee would proceed to consider other important measures before them, among them the one offered as an amendment, but which had no pertinency here. The plan of retiring three per cent. certificates was recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury in addition to it the public knew of had been made in the public prints. It seemed to be conceded this was the most practicable way in which the pressing necessity for a partial distribution could be made. The other provision of the bill was also generally assented to. The only doubt now was how and such banks would be organized. Large corporations, chiefly on the Pacific coast, were actually organized on the basis of this bill.

The bill was further discussed until 4:25, when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JULIAN, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill providing that no title shall be acquired or perfected to any agricultural public lands in the State of California, and the ticket to one disposed of, except by settlement under the homestead or preemption laws.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, had the bill be made general in its application to all States and territories.

Mr. JULIAN said that question was before the Committee.

The bill passed.

Mr. MCCLELLAND offered a resolution calling for information as to payments made by the Nashville and Decatur Railroad Company of Tennessee for materials purchased on the Government. Adopted.

Mr. WHEELER introduced a bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to issue its bonds for the construction of its road, and to secure the same by mortgage. Referred.

Mr. SCOFIELD, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill for the reorganization of the navy. Recommitted.

Mr. BENJAMIN, of Mo., introduced a bill granting a pension of fifty dollars a month to the widow of Major General James A. Mower.

Mr. FARNSWORTH remarked it was going beyond any precedent that established to give pensions, except in cases where an officer died in consequence of wounds or disease acquired in the army. The bill should be sent to a committee.

Mr. ELDRIDGE presented a communication from Son Du Lac Medical Society, in regard to naval medical rank.

Mr. UPSON asked leave to offer a resolution calling on the heads of departments for statements whether and why their annual estimates exceeded those for the present fiscal year.

Mr. WOOD objected, stating that the House was already in possession of the estimates.

The House then resumed the consideration of Lenard Island Navy Yard bill. Speeches were made in its support by Messrs. Myers, O'Neill and Reading.

The morning hour having expired at two o'clock, the bill went over until to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIS introduced a bill to amend the act passed yesterday for the admission of Virginia, providing that the word in whereever it occurs shall be construed as including a disfranchisement.

The SPEAKER suggested that as no official information had been received of the late election, the bill be laid on the table for the present.

Mr. DAVIS acceded.

Mr. BURDETT, from the Committee on Elections, called up the report of April last on the contested election case from the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina, relative to the seat claimed by Solomon A. S. Wallace entitled *prima facie* to the seat.

The question was discussed pro and con by Messrs. Burdett, Randall, Burr, Marshall, Cessna, Bowen, Whittemore, Stevenson and Peters.

Finally the debate closed and the resolution offered as an amendment by the minority of the Committee, Messrs. Randall and Burr, that neither claimant was entitled to the seat, was adopted—yeas 103, nays 72.

After a good deal of discussion the whole subject was laid on the table, and then a resolution recommitting the question to the Election Committee, to be examined on the merits, was offered by Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, and agreed to.

Recess for evening session for debate only.

Evening Session.—Not more than a dozen members were present. Mr. McCraig complained the chair. After speeches on, by Mr. Johnson against Chinese emigration, and by Messrs. Prosser, Hawley and Finkelnburg, the House adjourned.

CHICAGO.

Lake Superior Railroad Strike Ended—Interesting Homicide Case—Wholesale Business of the City.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, January 25.—The strike of the Swedish laborers on the Lake Superior Railroad has ended and nearly all of them have returned to their work at the reduced wages, one dollar and fifty cents per day. There was no bloodshed and no shanties burned as reported.

The trial of Mrs. Dixon for killing her husband in May last, was commenced at Rockford, Ill., to-day. The Court House was packed to its utmost capacity, numbers of ladies being present. The prisoner is an exceedingly handsome woman. It is necessary to carry her in and out of the Court House on a chair. The sympathy is strongly in her favor. The circumstances of the case will be remembered. She killed her husband had been separated; he paid her a visit for the purpose of obtaining a reconciliation; during the interview she suddenly drew a pistol and shot him dead. She was quite ill at the time, it being within a week after the birth of her child. Her friends claim that she was insane.

By returns just completed, it is ascertained that the gross sales of wholesale dealers in Chicago during the past year amounted to four hundred and seventy-one million dollars, an increase of year. The largest share of this increase is owing to the greater efficiency with which work has been done by revenue officers.

NEW YORK CITY.

Another Mysterious Murder—New Charter for Brooklyn—The Erie Strikers—Rioting in Jersey City—Government Inspectors Arrested—Revenue Violators Arrested, &c., &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 25, 1870.

A FRESH MYSTERY.

The city is startled this morning with the report of a fresh mystery and the probable murder of a sea captain named Alexander, who came to this city from New Orleans in September, 1868, and took lodgings at the boarding house of John C. Gardner, on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, near Third avenue. He disappeared suddenly, and had with him a large sum of money, and sixty thousand dollars in Government bonds. Subsequently his body was discovered in Greenwood Cemetery, buried under a false name. The contents of his stomach were placed in the hands of Dr. Doremus for examination, and in consequence of his report the Gardner family was last night arrested, charged with the murder of Captain Alexander. Their condition of life has apparently improved very much lately, which adds to the suspicion of their guilt. They have heretofore moved in respectable society and have been accounted honest people.

John C. Gardner and wife, accused of the murder, have been committed to the Tombs to await the result of the chemical analysis by Prof. Doremus of the stomach of the supposed murdered man.

STRIKERS' ROW.

A collision occurred in Jersey City this evening between the Erie Railroad strikers and the men who took their places. As the latter were leaving for work at 6 P. M. they were assaulted by a crowd of a thousand men and women. The prompt interference of the police prevented serious results. Patrick Scanlon, who struck one of the new men, was arrested, and as the police were taking him to the station house the mob attempted a rescue and attacked the police with stones. Officers drew their pistols and discharging them into the air, succeeded in frightening the rioters away. Patrick Meagan, another striker, whooled the attack, was arrested, and with both prisoners the police reached the station house, followed at a distance by the mob. Three of the officers were severely hit and bruised by brickbats, one severely. As soon as the prisoners were safely housed the mob dispersed.

A NEW CHARTER.

A new charter for the city of Brooklyn was proposed by Mr. Whiting in the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen yesterday. The leading features were the election of a Mayor and seven Aldermen for one of five years each, the bonds of each to be for one hundred thousand dollars, and the salary of each to be fixed at five thousand dollars per annum, said officers to be elected for with tickets endorsed by Common Councils, and the ticket to contain more than five names for Aldermen, so as to insure always a majority of the representatives of the people.

THE ERIE STRIKE.

A telegram was yesterday received by the strikers at Long Dock, that the men at Susquehanna had struck at about noon. The men at Port Jervis had not yet taken a like action, but it was thought that some information to that effect would reach them either through telegram or delegate this forenoon. The men anxiously await the decision of the Buffalo meeting, which they hope will arrive during the course of to-day with a favorable report. At the meeting yesterday nothing was done of any consequence.

REVENUE OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Louis P. Westmore and Ezra W. Farrington, Revenue Inspectors, have been arrested, charged with having falsely gauged whisky, the former to the number of 783 gallons and the latter to the amount of 5 617 gallons, with intent to defraud the United States. The whisky was withdrawn from bond by E. R. White, Gordon Keith & McMillan, Armour, Plankinton & Co., and others. Both were held to bail in $5,000.

CHARGES FILED.

Collector Bailey has filed charges against the stocks of whisky of John Tracy & Co., H Webster & Co., and J. C. Fayerweather & Co., for violation of the revenue laws: and the engraving house of Webster & Co. has been seized.

GARROTED.

Jno. M. Wood, of North Adams, Mass., was garrotted in Spalding No. 60 Wall street, at two o'clock this afternoon, and robbed of a certified check for $15,000, which he obtained shortly before from Jay Cooke & Co.

ALLEGED FORGER.

Arthur Lapham has promised to visit Richmond before starting to Europe, but declined the present invitation. The Prince and suite to day visited the Treasury Department and were escorted by Secretary Boutwell through the building.

THE "RING" INVESTIGATION.

C. K. Wellard and Mr. Martin, of the firm of Smith, Gould, Martin & Co., and Mr. Carver, of New York, were examined by the Committee on Banking and Currency to day. Mr. Corbin is expected to-morrow or the day after.

ARRIVALS.

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

RICHMOND.

Rejoicing Over the Restoration of the State to the Union.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

RICHMOND, January 25.—A salute of one hundred guns was fired in the City to-day in honor of the admission of the State. About 5,000 persons were present, and the whole city colored. National flags were raised on the custom house and capital. Governor Walker spoke a few minutes, congratulating the people on the admission of Virginia and predicting a glorious future for the State. A colored Conservative and a number of colored Republicans also made political speeches, the burden of the latter being that if the State did not follow the spirit of the reconstruction Act she would be put back as a Territory.

The guns used to-day were the same used in saluting the United States flag when the troops occupied the city in 1865. The officer commanding was a native of Richmond.

The Peabody Fleet.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburg Gazette.)

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SECOND EDITION.

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NAVY RANK.

Secretary Robeson has sent to the House Naval Committee a bill relative to assimilated ranks in the navy, which gives the auxiliary corps twenty-eight Captains in all, also forty-five Commanders ranking with Lieut. Colonels, which, with thirty one officers of higher grades, gives them seventy-six officers ranking with or above Lieuts. Colonels in the army. He has retained in the bill eight civil engineers and constructors of machinery, in view of the number required at the various navy yards and stations, and also followed the recommendation of the Naval Board in regard to the officers on the retired list. The Board made no recommendation in regard to the rank of assistant and passed assistant surgeons, paymasters and engineers, and he recommends these to remain as fixed by law. He recommends the reduction of the officers of the marine corps, as well as a change in proportion and reduction of the number of line officers of the navy. These reductions are still in progress elsewhere to fill vacancies in the Cortes. In Madrid the Marquis of Molins is a candidate for the seat of Marshal Serrano. At the closing of the polls last night he had received 19,000 votes while the Republican candidate, Guisasalle, had 14,000, and the Carlist candidate had 5,000 votes. The elections here will continue three days longer.

DUTY ON COAL.

The Committee of Ways and Means to day had before them a proposition to admit all coal free of duty. It was agreed to by yeas, Messrs. Hooper, Allison, Maynard, Brooks and Marshall, 5: nays, Messrs. Kelly, McCarthy, Blair and Schenck, 4. This subject caused a great deal of excitement. It is probable that Mr. Maynard will change his vote to the negative.

INQUIRY ANSWERED.

In response to a resolution heretofore passed, the President sent a message to the House to-day enclosing a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, stating the latter says no appropriations for the navy have been diverted to the survey of the Isthmus, nothing was done of any consequence.

REVENUE OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Louis P. Westmore and Ezra W. Farrington, Revenue Inspectors, have been arrested, charged with having falsely gauged whisky, the former to the number of 783 gallons and the latter to the amount of 5 617 gallons, with intent to defraud the United States. The whisky was withdrawn from bond by E. R. White, Gordon Keith & McMillan, Armour, Plankinton & Co., and others. Both were held to bail in $5,000.

CHARGES FILED.

Collector Bailey has filed charges against the stocks of whisky of John Tracy & Co., H Webster & Co., and J. C. Fayerweather & Co., for violation of the revenue laws: and the engraving house of Webster & Co. has been seized.

GARROTED.

Jno. M. Wood, of North Adams, Mass., was garrotted in Spalding No. 60 Wall street, at two o'clock this afternoon, and robbed of a certified check for $15,000, which he obtained shortly before from Jay Cooke & Co.

ALLEGED FORGER.

Arthur Lapham has promised to visit Richmond before starting to Europe, but declined the present invitation. The Prince and suite to day visited the Treasury Department and were escorted by Secretary Boutwell through the building.

THE "RING" INVESTIGATION.

C. K. Wellard and Mr. Martin, of the firm of Smith, Gould, Martin & Co., and Mr. Carver, of New York, were examined by the Committee on Banking and Currency to day. Mr. Corbin is expected to-morrow or the day after.

ARRIVALS.

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

RICHMOND.

Rejoicing Over the Restoration of the State to the Union.

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