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STATE NEWS.

YORK chickens have cholera.

TITUSVILLE has had a case of infanticide.

EPHRAIM PARKER, of Parker's Landing, died last week.

DEAL, the Berks county murderer, has heard his death warrant read.

POTTSVILLE has a First Defenders association of "three months men."

THE Venango County Republican Committee will meet at Franklin on Tuesday, 26th inst.

MONONGAHELA CITY lost a dozen families by immigration last week, but received ten in their place.

THE steel works at Harrisburg have been turning out steel rails at the rate of 12,000 tons annually, for some months past.

THE large steam tannery of Keck & Co., at Allentown, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. The loss is from $150,000 to $200,000.

BEAVER county has two candidates for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Twenty-fourth District, viz: Mr. Weyand and Mr. Henry.

A. W. TAYLOR, Esq., of Indiana county, is announced as a candidate for Congress in the Twenty-first District. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Indiana bar.

THE postal business of Erie exceeds that of Reading, Lancaster or Harrisburg. Its delivery of local letters equals that of Portland, Hartford and Jersey City.

MRS. CATHARINE PRIZER, widow of Henry Prizer, who established the first boarding school at the Trappe, Montgomery county, died on the 15th inst., aged 77 years.

A MAN in Allentown recently made a bet that he could drink four quarts of bonded warehouse whisky at one sitting. He won the bet easily. His corpse looked quite natural.

COL. ALFRED L. TYLER has resigned the General Superintendency of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad. He intends to go South and take charge of a railroad in South Carolina.

MARK H. RICHARDS, Esq., of Pottstown, will be strongly urged by his friends before the next Republican nominating convention of Montgomery county for State Senator.

THE Pottsville *Standard* records the finding of the body of Mrs. Margaretta Whalen, who was lost in a snow storm on Sharp Mountain on the 24th of February. She was an aged woman.

A LITTLE CHILD, three years of age, son of Mr. Thomas McIntyre, residing in Reading, fell into a tub of scalding water on Saturday afternoon last, from the effects of which it died on Sunday night.

BRADFORD county has now two county seats. Troy having been created half-shire town for the trial of cases in the districts around that place. The first court commenced on Monday of last week.

THE Legislature was in session sixty-five working days. In that time 2,168 bills were introduced into the House, and 2,118 into the Senate. The whole number actually passed by both Houses and sent to the Governor, was 1,498.

MARGARET WILLIAMS, of Indiana county, in the years from 1811 to 1814, killed one hundred and seven wolves, for which she drew out of the county treasury $756. Margaret must have been an extraordinary woman, altogether different from the "girl of the period."

AT Meadville on Wednesday, while Mrs. Sigma, E. Walcott Bellew was heard to fully and before any one could go to his assistance the spark of life had fled. Mrs. Bellew had apparently enjoyed good health, and had, during the day, attended to the ordinary vocations of his busy but quiet life.

GEORGE COLEMAN, a convict in the Lancaster county prison, died a short time since. He stated to a fellow prisoner that he committed and helped to commit, during his life, five murders and numerous robberies, and that he was only twenty-nine years of age, and had been in jail thirty-seven times.

A BEDFORD county paper, in speaking of the manner in which fees are collected for killing of skunks and foxes says: "The trappers have a nice way of reading the phraseology of the law which requires the 'tails' to be caught in Bedford county. They go in pairs, and after the game is secured in an adjoining county they repair to the Bedford county line, one of the party enters her sacred precincts and the other tosses him the game and he catches it, and then it is caught in Bedford county."

THE Venango *Spectator* narrates the following: A gentleman riding on horse back a short time ago in Sugarcreek township, saw smoke issuing from the roof of a house, a little distance ahead, and a woman running from it in great haste. Galloping up, he found the house on fire, the door locked and two children inside. He kicked the door in, took the children out, and then commenced to put out the fire, which he had nearly accomplished by the time the men belonging to the house came up. The mother in her fright had locked the children in the burning house, and gone for help, but they would have been burned to death before help came if the stranger had not rescued them.

MUSICAL NOTES.

MR. TOURJEE, the Boston musician, has "an unfinished Oremona."

MOSCHELES left a wife and two daughters; also a son, who is a painter, living in London.

RAPPER, music to-morrow will, as usual, be very elaborate in our Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches.

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FIRST EDITION.

MIDNIGHT.

NEWS BY CABLE.

The Changes in the French Ministry—Journalists and the Plebiscitum—La Creuzot Strike Ended—Spanish Priests Persist in Refusal to Take the Oath—Revolutionary Conspiracy in Italy—Affairs in Austria.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

FRANCE.

PARIS, April 15.—The *Journal Official* to-day announces that Count Daru and M. Buffet have vacated their respective portfolios, and that these changes have necessitated the assumption by M. Ollivier of provisional charge of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs *ad interim*, and that M. Segris succeeds M. Buffet as Minister of Finance. M. Maurice Richard, late Minister of Fine Arts, has been promoted to be Minister of Public Instruction, vice M. Segris.

At a meeting of the Left and Radical journalists last night Gambetta, Simon, Pelloton, Picard and many other members of the Corps were present, and sixty-two Provincial and fourteen Paris journals represented. It was decided to cease negotiating on the plebiscitum, and circulate a manifesto against its object.

The Deputies of the Left Centre in the Corps Legislatif will meet to-morrow to decide what course to pursue in regard to the plebiscitum.

The strike at La Creusot is practically ended. Operations have been resumed at all the shops, most of which have their full complement of workmen.

ITALY.

ROME, April 15.—Yesterday a number of fathers abstained from assisting at the meeting of the Ecumenical Council when a vote on the scheme against heterodoxy was taken, and others accompanied their votes with declarations of disapproval of the manner in which the scheme had been discussed.

The authorities keep themselves well informed of the projects of Mazzini and his party for another attempt on Rome and are endeavoring to increase their vigilance and severity. Within a few days forty suspected persons have been arrested in Rome and neighboring pontifical towns, and the arrests elicited at their examination leave no doubt of an extensive conspiracy within the papal territory, the leaders of which are acting in concert with the Revolutionary party outside.

SPAIN.

MADRID, April 15.—Senor Olosaga has been appointed President of the Council of State.

The Barcelona Insurgents are receiving unusually severe sentences at the hands of the Council of War.

In the Cortes, yesterday, General Prim intimated that certain time would be allowed during which the clergy must take the oath of allegiance.

The Spanish clergy persist in their refusal to swear allegiance to the constitution. Though the time within which they are required to take the oath is short, they have so far shown no disposition to comply.

Five men were executed at Barcelona for robberies and assassinations committed last month.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, April 15.—The new Ministry has issued a manifesto of policy. They say they will endeavor to smooth difficulties with the Hungarians, but when the Hungarian Diet shall have received the Ministerial proposition for the Austro-Hungarian Parliament, it will identify itself with the movement for national development on the basis of common rights and liberty.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 15.—Five hundred emigrants sailed from this city yesterday for Canada, in the steamship Midway.

MARINE NEWS.

PLYMOUTH, April 15.—The steamship Hammonia, from New York, has arrived.

Intelligence has reached Queenstown of the loss of the steamship Scandinavian, for Montreal and Liverpool, was launched to-day at Greenock.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, April 15.—Markets are all closed.

PARIS, April 15.—Bourse quiet at 73 francs 72 centimes.

ANTWERP, April 15.—Petroleum market quiet.

LIVERPOOL, April 15.—Corn 2s.

MEDINA, O.

A Conflagration—Entire Business Part of the Town Destroyed.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MEDINA, O., April 15.—A destructive fire broke out this morning in this village, in an old wooden building occupied as a barber shop and by several negro families, in the centre of the business part of the town, and in four hours every business block but two was burned to the ground. There were no engines, and the efforts of the people with buckets were unavailable. Many persons were burned, some severely, but no lives lost. Several parties were taken from second story windows and others escaped with only such clothing as they could hastily lay hands on. The fire finally stopped on the west side of the square, at Aaron Anderson's block. It is impossible to tell what the loss amounts to, but the entire business part of the town is in ashes.

CANADA.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MONTREAL, April 15.—Volunteers from the country continue to arrive. Everything quiet on the frontier.

HALIFAX, April 15.—Murray's resolutions on Confederation, with the amendments made by the Government, have not yet come up for discussion. The Government resolutions will recite the conferring of Knighthood on Sir A. T. Galt, and contain a declaration of independence views, and resolves that the British Government be asked to state plainly its views on independence.

The Prince Edward's Island Government has received a dispatch from Earl Granville in effect urging the incorporation of the Island in the Dominion.

Court Martial for the Trial of General Totten.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, April 15—A court martial, convened by President Grant for the trial of Brigadier General Totten, Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Inspector General U. S. Army, met in this city today. The court is composed of the following officers: General S. G. Lovell, Colonel 14th Infantry, President; Gen. W. Crawford, Colonel 2d Infantry; Gen. G. Pennebaker, Colonel 10th Infantry; Gen. H. W. Wessels, Lieut. Colonel W. S. Army; Gen. R. S. Granger, 16th Infantry; Gen. R. Ayres, Gen. J. T. Haines, Major and C. S.; Gen. J. A. Potter, Major and Q. M. and Captain C. A. Whittier, 18th Infantry, Judge Advocate. One of the charges against Gen. Totten is said to be absence without leave. After remaining in session here two or three days, the Court will proceed to Charleston, S. C., for the purpose of procuring testimony, and will then return here to conclude their proceedings.

Upper Rivers.

(By A. & P. Telegraph.)

GREENSBORO, April 15.—River falling slowly, with 4½ water in the channel. Weather cloudy, with thermometer at 77 at 5 P. M.

MORGANTOWN, April 15.—River stationary, with 2 feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy, with thermometer at 77 at 4 P. M.

OIL CITY, April 15.—River falling slowly, with 6 feet 2 inches of water in the channel. Weather clear and sultry, with thermometer at 75 at 6 P. M.

BROWNSVILLE, April 15.—River about on a stand, with 5 feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy, with thermometer at 70 at 4 P. M.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

(SECOND SESSION.)

Substitute for the House Franking Privilege Bill—The Census—Vote on the Georgia Bill to be Taken Next Tuesday—The Deficiency Bill Finally Passed.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, April 15, 1870.

SENATE.

Mr. CRAGIN stated the Naval Committee had resolved that Congress ought not to entertain applications of retired officers for restoration to the active list, unless recommended by the Executive Department.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to simplify and reduce the rate of postage, abolish the franking privilege, limit the cost of carrying the mails, and regulating the payment of postage. He gave notice of his intention to move it as a substitute for the pending bill abolishing the franking privilege. The bill makes a reduction of postage to one cent for half-ounce letters, and substitutes for the franking privilege a system of stamped envelopes. Ordered printed and placed on the calendar.

Mr. WARNER introduced a joint resolution directing that the census marshals shall not be required to take any oaths other than those prescribed in the census act of 1850, and one to support the Constitution of the State and United States. Referred.

The mandatory of the census law was passed by amended by a substitute of the Senate Committee. It provides that compensation shall include state, etc. representing surviving officers, soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812, and their surviving widows, concerning their pensions, &c. It limits the time within which returns shall be made as to population and mortality, increases the compensation of marshals and gives to marshals eight cents for each page of two copies of original census returns required by the 11th section of the act of 1850.

The Georgia bill was taken up and discussed by Mr. POMEROY in favor of his amendment, by Mr. HAMILTON, of Texas, in the enforcement of the views of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Morton) in favor of Mr. Drake's amendment, for military protection to citizens against the Ku Klux, by Mr. BOREMAN explanatory of affairs in Georgia, and by Mr. POOL in favor of the action of the Reconstructed Government in Southern States, when requested by State authorities.

Vote thereon will be taken to-morrow at 1 o'clock Tuesday.

Mr. DRAKE obtained the floor and the Senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, from the Conference Committee on the Deficiency bill, made a report, which was read. He stated the main points in the report were four: The Marine Hospital at Chicago, the custom House at St. Paul and the New York and Boston Post-offices, and offered to give any explanation that might be asked on these points.

During the discussion which followed

Mr. FARNSWORTH said the new hospital building at Chicago was entirely useless for the purpose for which it was destined, but declined to state his authority, except before the Investigating Committee.

The report was finally adopted—102 against 78, and the Deficiency bill now only requires the signature of the President.

District of Columbia business was considered and a large number of bills disposed of.

Adjourned till Monday.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Spindles continue in Cincinnati, the latest case being that of F. Meyers, a barber, who took cocaine.

—Mrs. Emma Willard, founder of the Troy (N. Y.) Seminary, died in that city yesterday in her 83d year.

—The Vermont Legislature, one hundred and thirty-seven days from Hong Kong, arrived at Portland, Maine, yesterday.

—At Wabash, Indiana, Thursday night, twenty-two buildings were destroyed by fire, including the Tremont House, in which it originated.

—The House of the Massachusetts Legislature has voted favorably on the resolutions for a reading and writing clause in the State Constitution.

—A man named Barney Hingham, stabbed and killed Abraham Hasson, at Winchester, Ind., yesterday evening. The murderer has not been arrested.

—Jacob Pierce, of Boston, a railroad owner in the west, has offered to build the line from Springfield to Columbus, Ohio, upon conditions which will be complied with.

—A capital of seven millions of dollars has been subscribed in New York for the purpose of erecting a Crystal Palace for the approaching International Exhibition in that city.

—Brevet Brig. Gen. Wessels, Lieut. Col. commissary, will in addition to his present duties perform those of Superintendent of General Recruiting Service at Cincinnati, Ohio.

—It is reported the young Democracy of New York have resolved to run a ticket at the May charter election with Smith Ely for Mayor, Thos. A. Lewis for Comptroller, and Jno. Fox for Sheriff.

—The House Committee of the Ohio Legislature held a protracted session on Thursday night, hearing the case of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, argued by Judge Ranney and Hon. J. T. Brooks.

—Trade in Memphis is said to have never before been so lively as during the past few days. The aggregate sales in four prominent branches of goods at wholesale for the present week will probably reach four million dollars.

—The town of Medina, Ohio, was burned on Thursday night, the fire originating in a wooden shop. The place was built entirely of wood and there were no facilities for extinguishing the flames. The population was about three thousand.

—At Shelbyville, Indiana, Thursday night, a desperado named Vanarsdell, attacked deputy Sheriff McCorgle and seriously injured his head. The latter shot his assailant through the breast. Both of the men are in a very critical condition.

—It is understood at St. Paul that Gen. Hancock, commanding the Department of Dakota, will be transferred to either St. Louis or San Francisco, having been offered his choice of these locations since the death of Gen. Thomas, and it is believed that he will prefer St. Louis.

—Advices from all points above St. Louis and from the large tributaries of the Mississippi indicate that the height of the flood is not yet attained. Very much property has been destroyed, and various towns are threatened with further and serious losses on account of the washing away of the river banks.

—Some two hundred and fifty or three hundred ladies and gentlemen will be included in the excursion of the Ohio Legislature to Washington. Arrangements have been perfected for the party to leave on Monday afternoon next, and to spend the night and Tuesday in Baltimore and proceed to Washington the next day.

—The Bleachery at Pontiac Mills, Warwick, R. I., was destroyed by fire last evening. Some goods were saved from the finishing room, but the remainder of the stock, machinery and buildings, except the Kier House, are a total loss. The mills were owned by B. B. & R. Knight, of Providence, who have $50,000 insurance.

—The Fenian Congress at Chicago has changed the old constitution of the Brotherhood, and in place of President and Senate appointed an Executive Committee of nine members. It has also voted to send a committee of three together with the New York Fenian Convention, to be held on the 19th inst. The Congress probably adjourned last night.

—The water from the broken tunnel at St. Anthony, Minn., undermined, on Thursday, the Summit and Island flouring mill and the Moulton planing mill. Both were completely destroyed. Total loss over $50,000. The prospect now is the entire eastern portion of Hennipin Island, on which are many valuable mills and the costly dam and bridge, will be swept away before the water can be shut off from the head of the broken tunnel. To accomplish this a dam is now being built which will keep the water not only from entering the tunnel, but from the saw mills at St. Anthony, capable of sawing 280,000 feet of lumber per day, rendering them useless for the best portion of the season.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

Freedmen's Bureau Investigation—Torchlight Procession and Serenade to the President—Cuban News—Revenue Hatters—The Senate Personal Difficulty—Arctic Expedition, &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, April 15, 1870.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU INVESTIGATION.

The Fernando Wood-Howard investigation began yesterday, and several witnesses have appeared for the prosecution. General Howard and Mr. Wood are both present, attended by their respective counsel. Among the first acts of the Committee was the passage of a resolution making all the proceedings of the Committee strictly secret.

Mr. Wood was in favor of having the investigation open, and of allowing the representatives of the public press to be present. To this arrangement Mr. Cornell, chairman of the Committee, and a majority of the friends of General Howard, objected.

The counsel was informed that no copies of the evidence would be allowed, and that no re-direct examination would be permitted. In short the Committee proposes to do what no other investigation has ever been able to accomplish, namely, stop all leaks and constitute itself a veritable star chamber. Under these circumstances nothing can be gained except from witnesses who have not the fear of the Committee before their eyes.

The witnesses examined yesterday were A. S. Cox, executor of the estate upon which the Howard University is erected, the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, and J. W. Ramsey and William Dennison, trustees for the University. The evidence was mainly relative to certain real estate operations. Testimony was taken showing the worthless character of the patent brick out of which the Howard University was built, and how Gen. Howard and his associates in the transaction were personally interested in these brick.

Several of the workmen engaged on the building, and some of the trustees and other officers of the First Congregational Church, are summoned for to-morrow.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION—THE PRESIDENT SERENADED.

There is a torchlight procession tonight in celebration of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment and in favor of the proposed change of government for the District of Columbia. About fifteen thousand persons are in line. A number of residences of prominent citizens are illuminated, as is also the house of Vice-President Colfax.

President Grant was serenaded, and in reply to remarks by Judge Fisher said: "I could not say anything to those who are assembled here this evening to convince them any further than I have done of my earnest desire to see the Fifteenth Amendment become a part of the Constitution. I will only add, that I hope those enfranchised by it will prove themselves worthy of the benefits it confers and to those who have the franchise without it, that all may be mutually benefitted by it. I feel confident that this will be the result. If I hadnot thought so I should not have been so anxious for its ratification."

The procession then proceeded to the eastern portion of the Capitol, where speeches were delivered by several members of Congress.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM CUBA.

The friends of Cuban independence have received intelligence that a revolt on the sugar plantations near Colon were obliged to abandon their work on account of the advance of a large body of insurgents, and that the Spanish troops retreated; also, that the column of Spanish troops, under Goyneche, had twice defeated and driven back to Puerto Principe, and that General Jordan is still in command of the patriots.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Senate Republican caucus this morning resumed the consideration of the charges brought against Secretary Boutwell by Senator Cole. After discussion the whole matter was referred back, without instructions, to the same committee of three Senators who recently took testimony on the subject, the understanding being that they will use their efforts to bring about an adjustment of the personal difficulty.

REVENUE ORDER.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued special order No. 76, rescinding special order No. 71, prescribing a system of books to be kept by wholesale liquor dealers, rectifiers and distillers, to take effect 1st of May.

The commissioner has decided that hotel bills incurred while traveling or away from home in the transaction of business, may be deducted in income returns.

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations held an irregular meeting yesterday, and gave some attention to the Arctic expedition question. The opinion was expressed, by a prominent member of the Committee, that the whole matter would fail, in consequence of the rivalry indulged in by the two leaders who are now pressing their respective views.

CONSTITUTIONAL BUSINESS.

The proposition of the Oswego Board of Trade for a reduction of duty on Canadian wheat of ten cents was advocated before the Ways and Means Committee to-day by Representative Churchill. The Committee are unlikely to yield thereto.

No action will be taken on the funding bill this week.

JUDGE BOND.

The Radical Senators, who some days since opposed Judge Bond's confirmation as Circuit Court Judge for Maryland, have changed their views, and are now urging for support him. It is supposed that administration influence has effected this.

ARIZONA INDIANS.

Gen. Ord reports that many of the Apache tribes in Arizona are peaceable and well disposed and recommends they be placed on a reservation away from the mining lands.

RECOGNIZED.

The President has recognized Paulin Nibayet as Consul of France at Chicago.

ST. LOUIS.

Return of an Alleged Defaulter—The City Treasury Verification—Sudden Change in the Weather.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 15.—Christian Garrett, who was clerk in the City Auditor's office several years previous to 1869, was charged with embezzling funds from that office and fled to Germany to avoid arrest. Subsequently he was indicted by the grand jury and efforts made to procure his arrest, without success. On Wednesday he returned to the city and to-day voluntarily appeared before the criminal court, gave $5,000 bail, and was released. The exact amount of Garrett's embezzlement is not known but it is estimated at nearly $100,000.

The committee who have been examining the accounts of Sunisky, defaulting Treasurer, have completed their labors and will report to the Mayor to-morrow.

After several very warm days, the weather suddenly changed last night and rain, hail and snow have been falling to day. The mercury marked 80 yesterday; to-day it fell 36.

Notwithstanding the withdrawal of the Union printers, the *Republican* is working a reduced force, and claims to be able to hold out against the strikers.

The Ohio Legislature.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

COLUMBUS, April 15.—The House spent nearly the whole day on the appropriation bill. The Senate amendments were all agreed to, and the bill is now a law.

The House passed the Senate bill amending the municipal code, after making several amendments to it. The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments, and the bill will probably fail.

CINCINNATI.

Tow Boat Blown Up—Only Four out of Twenty-Three Persons Known to be Saved.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, April 15.—The tow boat Raven exploded her boilers at eleven o'clock to-night above the Little Miami depot and floated down to the foot of Butler street, where she sunk. Twenty-three persons were on board. Madison Circle, deck hand, from Boston, Ohio, was brought ashore badly hurt. Three others are known to be saved, but the fate of the remainder is not now known.

LATER.—Captain Samuel DeWolf, of the Raven disaster, was badly hurt about the head and had his right arm broken; J. Aleshire, of Gallipolis, was hurt through the hips. Both are at the Broadway Hotel. Ellis Aleshire, carpenter, was seriously scalded, and known to be saved; Joseph Martin, first engineer, D. Dewalt, mate, Thos. J. White, fireman, Jos. Martin, and two persons unknown are saved. The fate of the remainder cannot be determined at this late hour.

The officers and crew not heard from are as follows: Asa Woodward, pilot; Jos Martin, first engineer; George Abels, second engineer. Firemen, Reuben Saucer, John Christy, Henry Brown, colored, Ed, (last name unknown,) Levi Saucer, first steward; Robert Decker, second steward; deck hands, Stewart Leavitt, Samuel Findlay, John Findlay, Robert Hicks, Robert Bailey, Ellis Barnes, Joshua Safersed.

The boat was owned by the Pomeroy Transportation Company, and was just cleaning out when the explosion occurred. She had on board one hundred and forty pounds of steam and a full head of water.

THE WEST.

Denver Central and Georgetown R. R.—Gold Discoveries in New Mexico.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

DENVER, April 15.—At a meeting of the Denver Central and Georgetown R. R. Co., held this afternoon, John Evans was elected President, Chas. Burleigh, Vice President, R. R. McCormick, Secretary, and D. H. McDaniel, Treasurer. Arrangements are being perfected to secure the construction of the road at an early day.

Santa Fe telegrams report great excitement prevailing there over new gold discoveries eight miles south of Barney Sinton, N. M. The roads are said to be lined with people traveling to the new mines.

The University Boat Race.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW HAVEN, April 15.—Yale University crew selected to-day follows: Bone, stroke; Cleveland, '71; Cushing, Parsons and Swayne, of '72; and Hemmingway, of '73. Bone and Cooney were in the last year's University crew, and Cleveland and Swayne were in the Freshmen crew. The race with the Harvards occurs July 25d, probably near Providence.

AFRICAN M. E. CONFERENCE.

Sixth Day's Session—The Missionary Cause—Wilberforce University—Miscellaneous.

Conference opened yesterday morning with Bishop J. M. Brown in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Jas. A. Hardy. Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Rev. S. O. Jones offered a resolution recommending the *Recorder* as the organ of the Sabbath Schools. Adopted.

The Committee on Missions made a report. Pending its adoption Rev. W. A. Hunter advocated its claims, made an able and impressive appeal to the church, in a pointed manner, the designs of the church in the matter of church extension and the Allegheny, and mounting a very capital horse, I endeavored to keep pace with her along the road which skirts the river. But she moved so rapidly that, after riding three miles and a half in sixteen minutes, I gave up the attempt. In one hour and thirty minutes after, I was at Middletown, twelve miles below Pittsburgh, where several gentlemen who had preceded so far came aboard. If, therefore, the current in the Ohio be rated at four miles an hour in the present fresh, she has gone at the rate of eight miles an hour in still water. In coming up the rapids of the Ohio below this town on Monday last, she passed the shore at the rate of twelve miles an hour, a speed which would exactly agree with her descent this morning.

The Senate Committee on Commerce of this town is, I believe, very inadequately understood to the eastward of the mountains. I am informed that one of the most respectable merchants of this place, that the amount of the *freight only* of his consignments to and from Pittsburgh, Leana, and the States below Pennsylvania, will be this year $60,000—and every day adds to the extent and facilities of the business carried on through Pittsburgh. The great difficulty which has rendered the transportation by sea in times of peace from New Orleans to Philadelphia and Baltimore, and thence by land to the immense country west of the mountains, preferable to the voyage up the Mississippi and Ohio, has been in the slowness of the keel boats and barges necessarily employed in the latter. The navigation by steamboats puts an end to the only objection to this course of the trade, a course, which in a few years will be come the principal, if not the only one. Situated as I am at present, on the spot where the advantages which the public will reap from the introduction of steam navigation will be sensibly felt, it is difficult to repress the expression of feelings which arise towards the persons who have so long, by their mode of navigation, so often before attempted and laid aside in despair, has become *practicable*, and its principles reduced to mathematical certainty. But it is unnecessary to give them vent. The obligation which the nation, I had almost said the world, owes to him, will be freely and fully acknowledged by history, when the envy and cupidity of his detractors will be remembered only with disgust and reprobation, &c., &c.

It is worthy of your attention in Washington and Georgetown to consider that between New Orleans and Washington there will be, when the road from Cumberland to Brownsville is completed, *only seventy-two miles of land carriage*, and that over a capital turnpike road.

When the late Chancellor Livingstone applied for his grant for the exclusive navigation by steam on the North river to the Legislature of New York for thirty years, on condition that he should actually accomplish it, a very sensible member of the Legislature rose and asked he could have easily had a grant of any further extent, as the navigation by steam was thought to be on a footing as to practicability with the navigation by the rein deer in the Chancellor's park. The case is altered since then, for many people have found out that it is an old invention, open to every body who can read Mr. Fulton's specifications, or look at his boats.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—Lovers of burlesque should not fail to attend the Opera House this evening, as this is the last day of Miss Elise Holt's engagement. She is beyond doubt the Queen of Burlesque. An interesting bill will be presented at the matinee this afternoon, and also this evening.

ART GALLERY.—If the weather is fine to-day the Art Gallery will be one of the most attractive resorts in the city. In fact, day or night, or at any time, we know of no more pleasant place to spend an hour or two. The Gallery is filled with paintings. They are the productions of some of the best masters. They represent scenes and events of the most varied character, and altogether will repay a strict examination. The Gallery is at 231 Liberty street, head of Wood.

Mortuary Report.

The following is the number of deaths in this city, as report by Dr. G. McCandless, Physician of the Board of Health.

Imperfect dilation of lungs, 1; disease of the brain, 1; still born, 4; general dropsy, 1; burned, 1; hemmorrhage, 1; convulsions, 2; tuberculosis, 2; pneumonia, 4; old age, 1; congestion of brains, 2; premature birth, 1; Scarlatina, 1; catarrhal fever, 1; measles, 1; acute bronchitis, 1; enteric fever, 1; acute gangrene, 1; apoplexy, inflammation, 1.

Of the above there were under 1 year, 10; from 1 to 2, 7; from 15 to 30, 1; 30 to 40, 1; 40 to 50, 1; 50 to 60, 1; 60 to 70, 1; 70 to 80, 2; 80 to 90, 2.

Males, 11; females, 17; white, 24; colored, 4; total—28.

THE PAST.

Departure of a Mississippi River Steamboat From Pittsburgh Fifty-six Years Ago, and What Importance was Attached to the Event.

Reuben Miller, Esq., places in our possession a number of very interesting copies of the Philadelphia *General Advertiser* as far back as February 1814. The papers are in excellent preservation, and contain a vast amount of information which is all the more readable from the fact of having been published as the current events of over half a century ago. We make selection of but one article of local interest in this neighborhood, which will be read with pleasure by our steamboatmen and others engaged in river navigation. The correspondence is dated Pittsburgh, April 23d, 1814, and reads as follows:

MISSISSIPPI STEAMBOAT.

This morning the steamboat Vesuvius, intended as a regular trader between New Orleans and the falls of Ohio, left Pittsburgh. A considerable freshet in the river renders it probable, that notwithstanding the great size and draft of the vessel, she will pass the falls without difficulty, after which she will meet no obstruction in the rest of her passage. There is now on the stocks here, just ready to be launched, a boat adapted to the navigation of the Ohio above the falls, which will be finished in time to meet the Vesuvius on her return from New Orleans at the falls. The boats are built by Mr. Fulton, under the agency of Messrs. Livingstone and Latrobe, for companies who have vested very large capitals in the establishment. The departure of the Vesuvius is a very important event, not only for this place, but for the western part of the Union, but for the whole of the United States. In describing it, it is not necessary to use the language of conjecture, which unfortunately for the credit of our trade, too often renders real facts incredible, or at least lowers their importance in the estimate of the reader. Nothing puffed into notice. It does not require the ornament of metaphor to impress upon the public mind the incalculable advantage of an easy intercourse by water, effected in large vessels, which move with certainty and rapidity, through an extensive inland navigation, embracing a space almost as large as the whole continent of Europe, and comprising in its precinctes of almost every climate. This intercourse, though now only in its infancy, must in a few years, become of immense magnitude.

About three years ago a steam boat of about four hundred tons burthen was built here, and now navigates the Mississippi between New Orleans and Natchez. The Vesuvius, which, with another boat of the same size and construction now building, is intended to form the proper link in this chain of navigation, is of 480 tons burthen, carpenter's measurement. She has 160 feet keel, 32 feet in the beam, and will, when loaded, draw 5 to 6 feet water. The whole of her hold below deck, excepting a neat cabin for ladies, and the place occupied by her machinery, is appropriated to the cargo. On her deck is built what in a ship would be called a round house, extending nearly half her length, and elegantly fitted up as a cabin, having twenty-eight double berths on each side. The hour of her departure was fixed by several times tried in going up and down the Monongahela and Ohio for four or five miles, and performed very satisfactorily. This morning (Saturday, April 23,) everything being in perfect order, she passed at six o'clock up Monongahela in front of the town to its eastern limits, and returning down the opposite shore, went down by the landing at the Point. Most of our citizens were assembled on the bank as she passed. In order to witness and ascertain her speed, I crossed the Allegheny, and mounting a very capital horse, I endeavored to keep pace with her along the road which skirts the river. But she moved so rapidly that, after riding three miles and a half in sixteen minutes, I gave up the attempt. In one hour and thirty minutes after, I was at Middletown, twelve miles below Pittsburgh, where several gentlemen who had preceded so far came aboard. If, therefore, the current in the Ohio be rated at four miles an hour in the present fresh, she has gone at the rate of eight miles an hour in still water. In coming up the rapids of the Ohio below this town on Monday last, she passed the shore at the rate of twelve miles an hour, a speed which would exactly agree with her descent this morning.

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