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CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. R. Shaw, Opticist, 58 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	00	30
12 " M.	00	30
3 " P. M.		30
Barometer	29	7-10

List of Jurors for the March Term.

The following persons have been drawn to serve as Jurors at the March term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions:

GRAND JURORS.

Robert Allingham, market master, city; Alex. Brown, grocer, Allegheny; George A. Berry, glass manufacturer; Peebles; J. G. Connor, plasterer, city; H. B. Cochran, farmer, Mifflin; J. B. Duff, do., Ohio; Harmon Dshaven, do., Shaler; J. P. Diel, clerk, city; Alex. Forsyth, merchant, city; J. Forsyth, clothier, city; Henry Good, farmer, Mc. Candless; Jacob Glomer, collector, city; E. H. Hastings, surveyor, city; M. B. Hartzell, collector, Birmingham; Joseph Irwin, "old gentleman," Allegheny; Jeremiah Kerr, horticulturist, Lawrenceville; Robert C. Ludwick, farmer, Versailles; John Morsage, do., Charties; James Montooth, grocer, city; J. W. Morgan, tailor, Collins; John K. Negley, merchant, Collins; Frederick Quigg, laborer, city; John A. Reed, clerk, city; James Wible, farmer, Shaler.

TRAVERSE JURORS:

Jacob Aber, farmer, Baldwin; Daniel Boisel, dentist, Allegheny; John B. Bryard, gentleman, Peebles; John Boyd, carpenter, Tarentum; Giles S. Bate-, blacksmith, Lawrenceville; S. Bulford, Assessor, Allegheny; Samuel Beitler, restaurant, city; John B. Ball, gentleman, city; John Boriand, farmer, East Deer; Samuel Collins, wheelwright, Collins; J. Gardiner Coffin, agent, Allegheny; David Collins, farmer, Penn; James Clark, laborer, city; James Calhoun, farmer, Sewickley; Boz. Jones Joseph Chadwick, laborer, Manchester; John G. Curtis, Register, Allegheny; Samuel Dyer, grocer, Allegheny; P. H. Eaton, merchant, city; Caleb Edmondson, farmer, Elizabeth Tp; James Elliot, laborer, city; Josiah Grey, jr., farmer, Findley; Samuel Gormly, gentleman, Allegheny; James Hill, farmer, Penn; Morgan Hall, gentleman, city; R. M. Hartley, engineer, Pennsboro; L. D. Hughes, tailor, South Pittsburgh; John Jones, machinist, Baldwin; Thomas Kidd, farmer, Snowden; Robert Lafferty, bricklayer, city; S. Lusk, carpenter, Collins; Sol. Sutton, gent., Allegheny; Joseph Little, Jr., farmer, Peebles; John Mimick, gent, city; Wm. Montooth, grocer, city; John Mitchell, farmer, Sewickley tp.; James Miller, sickle maker, Shaler; Thos. Moreland, feed store, city; Alexander McGrath, laborer, Charlotte; Andrew McCauley, farmer, Franklin; Moses McGowan, farmer, Mifflin; James McKain, collier, Lower St. Clair; Wm. Owens, bricklayer, Allegheny; Sam'l Ray, gent, city; George Reynolds, wagon maker, Manchester; John A. Renshaw, grocer, Allegheny; Wm. Simonds, boatman, Collins; John Shipton, grocer, city; Isaac Stewart, laborer, Manchester; Columbus West, coachmaker, city; Levi Wade, gent, city; Jonathan Walls, carpenter, city; George Wragg, farmer, Indiana.

Meeting of the Teacher's Association—Election of Officers.

The Teachers' Association of Allegheny County held a regular monthly meeting on Saturday—the President, Mr. Eaton, being in the Chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel Findley.

Mr. John Cowan was appointed Critic.

Messrs. Morton and Monroe being absent, Miss E Harrison read a selection entitled "The Closing Year." The reading was highly creditable.

Rev. Samuel Findley was requested to read, but was excused on account of illness.

Mr. A. D. Simpson was then invited to read, and responded by reading "Bergen on the Rhine."

Mr. Henry Williams, by request, read "The Present Age," by Channing.

Prof. Monroe, having arrived, read "Lord Marmion," by Scott.

The Executive Committee reported the name of Miss Agnes Frazier as a member of the Association.

Mr. A. T. Douthett, County Superintendent, then delivered a lecture on "The Condition of our Common Schools."

The report was followed with remarks by Messrs. Simpson and Batt.

The annual election of officers was the next business in order, and resulted in the choice of the following named gentlemen:

President—A. D. Simpson, Allegheny.

Vice President—D. W. Elder, Peebles tp.

Secretary—Benjamin Jones, city.

Treasurer—A. Batt, Birmingham.

Executive Committee—Messrs. W. W. Dickson, S. Findley, D. Dennison, S. Colvin and F. Brown.

On motion, it was resolved to have a Teachers' Institute on the Friday evening preceding the next meeting in February, and the Executive Committee was empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the occasion.

Mr. J. H. Newell, Principal of the Fourth Ward school, in this city, was requested to address the Association upon the subject of "Primary Education." The gentleman, who is the inventor and patentee of a new system of Primary Instruction, then proceeded to explain his invention, which consists of a small box, divided into six chambers, containing block letters, or rather, blocks of wood with the letters marked legibly thereon, and so arranged that the child can readily form them into words, after the same manner that a compositor picks up and arranges his types for printing. The leading aim is to combine amusement with instruction, thereby increasing the facilities of the pupil, and diminishing the arduous duties of the teacher. The invention strikes us as admirably suited to the end in view, and we would earnestly commend it to teachers and the public generally, as it is equally adapted to schools and to the family circle.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the members postponed remarks upon the invention until their next meeting, after which the Association adjourned.

The Grand Jury at the Penitentiary.

The presentment of the late Grand Jury, as our readers will recollect, gave a slap at the Warden of the Western Penitentiary, for a want of courtesy shown them upon the occasion of their visit, and hence they were unable to say what was the condition of the institution. This grumbling has provoked a counter statement, in which it is pretty clearly set forth that the Grand Jury, as an official body, has no care or concern over the State prison, and hence they had no right to complain if they were not afforded an opportunity to inspect and report. The law for the government of the penitentiaries, in regard to visitors, provides as follows:

"No person who is not an official visitor of the prisons, or who has not a written permission according to such rules as the inspectors may adopt as aforesaid, shall be allowed to visit the same; the official visitors are the Governor, Speaker and members of the Senate, the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General and his deputies, the President and Associate Judges of all the Courts in the State, the Mayor and Recorder of the cities of Philadelphia, Lancaster, Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Commissioners and Sheriffs of the several counties, and the acting Committee of the Philadelphia Society for the alleviation of the miseries of public prisons.

"None but the official visitors and have any communication with the convicts, nor shall any visitor whatever be permitted to deliver to or receive from any of the convicts, any letter or message whatever, or to supply them with any article of any kind, under the penalty of one hundred dollars fine, to be recovered as hereinbefore provided for other fines imposed by this act."

The Railroad Tax.

The editor of the *Journal* states that "a bill will shortly be read in the Legislature to change in many respects the organization of our county affairs," and suggests that this would be a suitable time to have a law passed authorizing our County Commissioners and City Councils to levy a tax (should a levy be made for a railroad purpose) upon *all the interests in the county*, instead of exclusively upon real estate. It appears from the last annual report of the Auditor General, that the State realized, in 1860, only $60,000 from property appearing upon the books of the Assessor in Allegheny county, while the amount received from other sources in the county was $180,000—or three times as much as from the real and personal estate, appearing upon the Assessors' books. If the railroad tax were assessed under our present laws, the whole burthen would fall upon the real estate, estimated at $25,430,563. In order that the tax may be equalized, it is proposed to have such an act passed as will authorize the taxing of the following interests:

Chartered Banks	$4,500,000
Other Dividend paying Stocks	4,500,000
Mercantile Capital	5,000,000
Manufacturing Capital	5,000,000
Miscellaneous Capital	5,000'000
Total	$25,000,000

The Wonders of Oildom—More Rich Strikes.

The oil excitement still continues unabated in the Venango region, and but little notice is taken of anything but "mammoth wells" and "immense fortunes." Of this character is the following, from the last number of the Franklin *Citizen*:

"A fountain well was opened on the Buchanan farm, on Saturday week, which has thrown Oilville and the mouth of Oil Creek generally into a feverish state of excitement. It yielded during the first week, without the aid of a pump, about 550 barrels of oil, about 25 or 30 of which were wasted before the well became manageable. Curtis & Co., the fortunate proprietors, have certainly made a grand strike.

"The Knapp well, near it, again overflowed, on Friday last, and threw out some 50 barrels before it stopped. The Wedsworth well, s'so, started another overflow on Friday night, and on Saturday was still yielding at the rate of about forty or fifty barrels in twenty-four hours. It flowed in waves or regular pulsations, at intervals of about five seconds. The flowing of this well was as strong and loud as blowing off of steam on a steamboat; and could be distinctly heard a half a mile. Indeed, this entire section seems to have been recently visited by an Oil quake of great severity. As eye witness vouches for the truthfulness of these accounts."

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Charles Willough-by and James G. Rafter, convicted at the present term of Court of grand larceny, have been conveyed to the penitentiary by Jailor Small. The former goes out for three years and three months, and the latter for two years and three

Sentences in the Criminal Court.

Edward Harris, colored, convicted of stealing a coat from a certain ebony Andrew Jackson, was convicted to serve one year and six months in the Penitentiary.

James Moore, convicted of attempting to shoot officer Riddle, while arresting him on suspicion of theft, was next brought up for sentence. His features bear a hollow, sunken, cadaverous expression, and Mr. Collier, his counsel, in requesting the clemency of the Court in the sentence, stated that the prisoner has the consumption. Judge McClure said that an excellent and skillful physician was in daily attendance at the Penitentiary, together with a Board of Visitors, and it would be better to trust their discretion in this matter. The prisoner remarked to the Court that he had no intention to shoot the officer—he merely intended intimidation; that he was in very bad health and consequently nervous, and hardly knew what he did. The Court replied that the law treated the offense of resisting the officers of the law as one of the most heinous, they being in constant peril in the discharge of their duties. He was sentenced to two years and six months in the Penitentiary.

District Court Trial List.

The following list of causes will be taken up in the District Court on Monday, Jan. 28th. Judges Hampton and Williams will hold separate Courts, as heretofore:

391	Foor vs Wood	427	Wightman vs Lothrop
399	Hon vs Patterson	455	Same vs Reynolds
399	Mc Cuffs vs F. D. & L. Co	422	McClures vs McCullough
400	Fahnes ock & Co. vs Same	430	Deakvs vs Reed & Bro.
401	Spang & Co. vs Same	78	Linford vs Abbotts
402	Orgill vs Kline	167	Commonwealth vs Wilson
403	Hite Lewis vs Ross & Co	261	Fritz vs Gallah-r
404	Michaels vs Gerlach	243	Anderson vs Borough Rimmi gham
405	Michaels vs Gerlach	268	Hall & McCabe vs Walker
406	Sawyer vs F. & M. Bank, Allegheny	281	Robinson vs Oliver
413	Wagner vs T. R. Lorens Garnishee	312	Allegheny City vs Schanley and wife
415	Robinson vs Lewis	315	Same vs Darlington and wife
416	Anderson vs Rody Patterson	70	Allegheny City vs Pehenton
417	Thompson vs Thompson	71	Same vs Same
418	Same vs Same	164	Howe vs Ostorn
419	Same vs Same	243	Boro Manchester vs Robinson
420	Same vs Same	407	Dimmon vs Ormsby
421	Same vs Same	321	Merriman vs Blackburn & Magi
422	Same vs Same		
431	Moon & Barton vs City Pittsburgh		

A Mixed Case.

An application was made in the Quarter Sessions, on motion of Jacob Whitsell, Esq., for the release from prison of Mathias Smith, committed by Ald. Nicholson on a charge of adultery, on oath of Eliza Smith, on the ground that the woman with whom the offense is alleged to have been committed is the wife of the prisoner. This application presents an anomaly. The Court would not entertain the motion, stating that the facts in the case were for a jury to determine, not the counsel or the Court. The motion was opposed by Mr. Snowden. It appears that the prisoner was some time ago, married to the prosecutrix, by the Mayor of Allegheny, not celebrity by his own free will, following a very common practice of settling a suit for affiliation. He has since treated the alliance more as a matter of form than otherwise, and afterwards married one Agnes Welland, his cousin; the alleged offense consisting in his cohabitation with the latter. He is therefore open to either a charge of adultery or bigamy, which will depend on the proof in regard to his double marriage. Which horn of the dilemma he will be compelled to take is not for us to determine.

Mr. Gough's Lecture.

"Life in London" was listened to on Saturday evening by a crowded audience. Everybody expects Mr. Gough to be eloquent on "Temperance," but on "London!"—what has Mr. Gough in particular to do with London? Well, if you had been at the City Hall on Saturday evening, you would know. That's all.

But no; that is not all; at least it is better it should not be. Mr. G. is to lecture again this evening on his own subject, "Temperance," and after all you have missed, if you have missed the two past lectures, you had better not miss this—which we bear is to be the last for the present.

Stabbing Affray.

On Saturday night, two brothers named William and James McGirk, made a murderous assault upon Jeremiah Costello, stabbing him twice in the region of the left shoulder blade. The difficulty occurred at McGirk's house, in "Harderrable," and whisky is said to have been the moving cause. Both the men attacked Costello, although it is not known which of them did the stabbing. One of the wounds was directly over the scapula, and the other was in flesh wound, or rip, three inches in length, below the scapula—neither of them being serious. The McGirk's were arrested and committed to jail for assault and battery with intent to kill.

THE OIL EXCITEMENT.—We have ...reports from reliable sources, gentlemen of interest who have seen the operation, that the well of Childs & Co., at Smith's Ferry, is now actually pumping from ten to twelve barrels per day. This well is but 60 rods from the Ohio, and is said to be superior to that of the Venango oil region. It sells readily from the well at fifty cents per gallon.

A company has been formed in Upper and Lower St. Clair, and others in the Sixth Ward of the city, and preparing to bore on what is known as the Hazen farm near Old Brighton. They report that the surface indications there are equal to the best oil sites about Tidenote and Franklin, and express a determination to push the matter forward as rapidly as possible. The work is under the direction of Mr. James Fife.

BARN BURNT BY AN INCENDIARY.—On Monday night last, the barn on the farm of Jacob Wolf, of Plain township, Stark county, Ohio, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. Wolf had gone east with cattle, and only his wife and daughter were at home at the time. The barn was completely filled with last year's crop—wheat, oats, barley, hay, wagons, farm utensils, &c. In the stable were two horses known to the shed adjoining were a lot of hogs, all of which were consumed. Mr. Wolf's loss will be but little short of $2000. It is considered certain that the barn was set on fire, and suspicion parties are suspected to be guilty of the arson.

LARCENY OF A POCKET BOOK.—On Saturday, a man named James Duffy was committed to jail by Mayor Wilson, to answer a charge of larceny preferred by John S. Brice. The parties were in company at the Continental Saloon, when it is alleged Duffy got possession of Brice's pocket book, which contained $55 in bank bills. Duffy admits that he had the pocket book, but states that he handed it back to Brice. The bar-keeper at the saloon alleges that he saw Duffy take the pocket book a second time, and keep it.

POLICE APPOINTMENTS.—Mayor Wilson has made no change whatever in the organization of his police force, and has announced the re-appointment of the present incumbents as follows:

Mayor's Clerk—Wm. Kirkpatrick, jr.

Chief of Police—Robert Bagos.

Day Police—J. G. Patterson, J. S. Richardson, Jeremiah Fombert, A. J. Moon, W. C. Hamilton, Daniel Lowry, J. M. Riddle, John McIlwaine.

Janitor—Robert Meekim.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.—Everybody knows that "Hambojee, the Royal Wizard," is to give one of his inimitable entertainments at Lafayette Hall this evening. Besides the usual number of gifts to be given away, the Professor offers three valuable prizes for the three best compositions, to be decided by the audience. As the exhibition itself is well worth the price of admission, we doubt not but the Hall will be crowded to overflowing.

SMALL POX.—A few cases of this dreadful malady recently developed themselves in Spring township, Crawford county, and the result was that the schools were closed up, and no service was held in the churches. Lately, however, all vestiges of the disease have disappeared; the schools and churches are opened, business has assumed its wonted form, and the intercourse of the citizens is free and unconstrained.

ALLEGED LARCENY.—Clark Hosack, not unknown to the police, was yesterday committed to jail by Mayor Drum, to answer for the larceny of some beef from Wm. Blacketock, butcher, of Allegheny. Mr. B. had missed chunks of beef from time to time, and Hosack, having been caught too close to the premises, was arrested and committed.

THE LUMBER TRADE.—The Brookville *Star* says: "From what we can learn, there will be as much lumber run out of Red Bank next spring as there was last spring, and unless money matters get easier by that time, there will be no demand, for it is Pittsburgh."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—The next annual session of the East Baltimore M. E. Conference is called for Wednesday the 13th March, at Chambersburg, Pa. Bishop Simpson is expected to preside. The Baltimore Conference meets at Staunton, Va., the same day.

REMOVAL.—Mr. L. G. Graff, Commission Merchant, finding his stand too small to carry on his business, which has become quite extended, has removed to 247 Liberty Street, near the head of Wood, where he will be pleased to see his friends and the public generally.

PETITION FOR VACATION.—A. S. Bell, Esq., presented a petition in the Common Pleas Court, for the vacation of a public road lying partly in Findley and partly in North Fayette township, starting from the premises of John M'Nall.

AUDITOR APPOINTED.—In the Common Pleas Court, on motion of John W. Riddell, Esq., Thomas M'Connell, Esq., was appointed as Auditor in the matter of the extension of Union street.

DIPHTHERIA prevails to an alarming extent in Limestone township, Clarion county. Out of fifty cases, however, but one proved fatal—that of Tate Alison, jr., aged twenty-four years.

LAFT COLLEGE.—We learn that about a dozen students, from the Southern States, in attendance at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, have left for their homes within the last ten days.

☞ DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 246 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

☞ DOCTOR C. EARLE, Water Cure and Homeopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. No. 138 Smithfield St.

☞ All should not fail to read the advertisement of Prof. Wood, in to-day's paper.

☞ BLOOD FOOD.—Attention is called to this most remarkable and scientific preparation, advertised in another column. It is an entirely new discovery, and must not be confounded with any of the numerous patent medicines of the day. It is a certain remedy for all the diseases specified, and especially those of a chronic nature—of long standing—of weeks, months, and years. Suffering ones, try it.

MESSRS. GRUBER & DEPUY, of New York, are the sole agents for it, and also proprietors of the world-renowned Dr. HAYDN'S IMPERIAL CORDIAL, an article which every Mother should have in her medicine closet in case of need, and containing, as it does, no paregoric or opiate of any kind, it can be relied upon with the utmost confidence, and will be found an invaluable specific in all cases of infantile complaints.—*Olde Hee's Journal, Oldtown, Me.* For sale by GEO. H. KEYSER,

The Workingmen's Meeting in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26.—Although a deep snow covers the streets to-night rendering pedestrianism very uncomfortable, the mass meeting of the workingmen of this city at Independence Square is largely attended. Some five or six thousand men are standing ankle deep in the snow listening to the speeches of their representatives. The employees of all the large manufacturing establishments of the county marched to the place of meeting bearing torches and lanterns, and accompanied by bands of music. The mottoes inscribed on the banners were mostly suggestive of a peaceful conciliation of the present national difficulties, and expressive of approbation for the Crittenden plan of compromise. Mr. I. Vanhoughton, superintendent of the P. R.R. car works, presided over the deliberations of the meeting. A series of ably written resolutions were read and unanimously adopted, lamenting the present national troubles, inaugurated and hastened by political demagogues; recommending the repeal by the State Legislature of all obnoxious laws; the passage by Congress of the Crittenden plan of compromise or some other measure to be submitted to the people, and in case the present Congress finds itself unable to agree upon any such terms, requesting the members thereof to resign their seats that they may be filled with competent representatives of the popular will. The resolutions also deprecate any collision between the forces of the General Government and any of the States, as such a calamity would strike the death-blow to all hopes of a settlement, but pledge the workingmen to sustain the Federal Government in the maintenance of its powers. They provide for the appointment of delegates to the National Convention of workingmen, to meet at Philadelphia on the 22nd of February, and a committee of 33 present these resolutions to the members of the Legislature and Congress. The enthusiasm manifested during the proceedings gave evidence of the anxiety of the workingmen and their determination to interfere in the present crisis.

Baron House, Jan. 25.

BATON ROUGE, Jan. 25.—The Secession Convention to-day was partially occupied in hearing speeches from the Commissioners of South Carolina and Alabama. Efforts were made for co-operation with the Convention.

After much discussion on the resolution submitting the question of secession to a vote of the people, the Convention adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

BATON ROUGE, Jan. 26.—At the last minutes past one, the following was declared to be the result of the vote on the ordinance of immediate secession: yeas, 113—nays, 17. Cannon are being fired. The Pelican flag is everywhere unfurled, and great excitement prevails.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 26.—The Legislature has agreed on the sovereign flag of South Carolina. It is to be of a blue ground with a white cral center-piece and a golden palmetto tree therein.

The Senate adopted a resolution to-day authorizing the Governor to call out a force to the assistance of Florida if needed, in case of a threatened invasion. The number of men is unlimited.

The steamer Columbia went ashore on Sullivan's Island beach yesterday morning, while going out. The weather has been tempestuous for a week past.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Fifty artillery men from New York arrived this morning and immediately left for Fort Washington, to relieve the marines' force temporarily on duty.

It is not true that Mr. King, first assistant Postmaster General, refused to hold any communication with Ex-Senator Yulee. He simply declined to show him the papers as asked to see, relative to the abolition of the post office and discontinuance of the mail to Pensacola. The interview was reciprocal on both sides.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The leader says that C. L. Briggs, of New York city, has been tendered the Consulship to Liverpool, and has signified his willingness to accept the post.

The steamer Nashville, for Charleston, was detained from sailing on Wednesday in consequence of the discovery that eight steerage passengers were aboard, and because the owners were notified the night the steamship Columbia was ashore at Charleston harbor.

RICHMOND, Jan. 27.—The House to-day passed the Senate bill to relieve the banks of the South from the penalties incurred by their suspending specie payments.

The other proceedings of the Legislature were unimportant.

RALEIGH, Jan. 26.—The House to-day passed a resolution sending commissioners to Washington to meet the Southern Convention at Montgomery, Ala. It will pass the Senate. The proceedings otherwise were of an uninteresting character.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 26.—The legislatures yesterday appointed the following Commissioners to meet the commissioners of Virginia on February 4th: James B. Clay, Joshua F. Bell, Gov. Morehead, Wm. O. Butler, James Guthrie, Charles A. Wickliffe.

EVANSVILLE, Jan. 26.—The steamer Melrose, bound from Cincinnati to Nashville, sunk near Uniontown, Ky., yesterday. Loss on boat, fifteen thousand; loss on cargo, four thousand; mostly insured.

MONTGOMERY, (Ala.) Jan. 26.—The State Convention will adjourn on Friday till the 4th of March.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 26.—Last River falling rapidly, with 8 feet 10 inches water in the canal.

[For the Daily Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MESSRS. EDITORS:—*The Editors of the Journal*, in stepping aside from the usual dignity of the press, to make a gross personal attack on the County Auditor, should have been sure they were the proper ones to give utterance to such wholesale falsehoods. The article now under consideration was apparently conceived in a degree of malice which, not less palpable than its palpable misrepresentations, are calculated to astonish and offend every honest and honest reader who knows anything whatever about the duties of said officers. The assertion that the reporter "audited so much of the accounts as were presented to the papers—and which only took about two hours," is untrue, as a brief search would have never counted a column in any book about the office of the Treasurer; it was probably handed him by some one more familiar with the books in that office. The supposition of the editor that the accounts could be counted and all the vouchers examined carefully, in anything like the time he would allow for it, is simply nonsense, and no person of ordinary intelligence will believe it. When the annual expenditures of the county did not exceed $100,000, it took from three to four months to audit the accounts, and now when the expenditures have more than doubled, it is asserted that they should do it in less time. The frequent depletion of the Treasury has (perhaps necessarily,) given rise to a system of cancelling and renewal of warrants, oftentimes with interest added, and also dividing large into smaller warrants, and afterward consolidating and adding interest, &c., was a source of much trouble, which retarded our progress very materially.

The editor charges that the Auditor "turned the office at the rate of a half an hour each day" is a base falsehood, which admits of no palliation, and which, when taken in connection with the subsequent violent abuse of the Auditor, and the subject matter into the duties and labors of the Auditors, and make whatever qualifications on the article in question the facts would justify, evinces a most consummate disregard for truth. We can refer to numerous respectable, truthful gentlemen, and can prove by them that the office was occupied by the Board *regularly*.

It is, we believe, however, no part of the editors of the *Journal's* policy to give the Auditors fair play. We think we understand the motives which prompted the attack, and time will probably demonstrate that they did not entirely proceed from a disinterested desire to save the money of the dear people.

These surmises may be dwelt upon more definitely at another time. In the meantime we invite Editors, Lawyers, accountants and any others who may feel an interest in reference to the duties of the Auditor, or the financial conditions of the county, to call and examine for themselves. W.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

Important from Washington.

[Special Dispatch from our Evening Edition.]

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 26, 1861.

Extraordinary efforts are now being made to prevent Floyd from being indicted, though presented by the Grand Jury.

This, it is thought, may not be impossible—at least those accustomed to manage such things seem to think so. One thing they can build on for certain—the District Attorney is an avowed Secessionist.

It is now known that the Brooklyn and Macedonian have both gone to Pensacola—the latter ship went even so long as a week ago.

It is doubtful whether the Floridians will attack Fort Pickens. Doubtless, if there can be choice, they would prefer less danger!

The statement which has been so freely made within a few days past, is now found to be untrue—that England will recognize the Southern Confederacy as a government *de facto*, against the protest of this government.

All the foreign ministers here openly condemn the accession—even those representing slaveholding nations.

Mr. Black has formally notified them that no clearances but those given by United States officers will be regarded.

Most of the Virginia delegation are sending out inflamatory dispatches and letters to operate on the election for the convention.

Messrs. Seward, Crittenden, Douglas, Dixon, and others, have been conferring as to the basis of a compromise; but have not as yet agreed. H.

XXXVIth Congress—Second Session.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 26, 1861.

HOUSE.—Mr. Grow, of Pa., offered a resolution that the select Committee of five, appointed on the 7th inst., be instructed to enquire whether any secret organization hostile to the government of the United States, exists in the District of Columbia; if so, whether any officers or employees of the city of Washington, or officers or employees of the Federal Government in the executive or judicial departments are members thereof.

Mr. Burnett, of Ky., said he desired to know, and it is certainly due to the House to know, whether any reason or fact exists for faltering in any such an investigation. It is a reflection on the city of Washington and the Federal Government, and ought not to be entertained unless the gentleman from Pennsylvania states on his own responsibility that there is such a conspiracy. As for myself I don't believe in any such conspiracy. I don't believe that any such purpose is contemplated either by the citizens of this District or the Federal Government. I don't believe that any such purpose is contemplated by the citizens of this District in volume of smoke, that of making any foray or raid in this city or interfering with the peaceful inauguration of the President of the gentleman's choice. It does seem to me the right and proper thing to do, and should be made by the gentleman from Pennsylvania before we inaugurate proceedings directly reflecting on the patriotism and faithfulness of the people of the district and the Federal Government. A more miserable, contemptible mode of engendering bad feeling, and making the excitement worse than it is now, could not be introduced.

Mr. Grow—I would not have offered the resolution, unless I had supposed there was something to base it on.

Mr. Cox, of Ohio—Is debate in order?

The Speaker—I did not understand the gentleman from Kentucky as objecting to the resolution. If he did, then debate is not in order.

Mr. Branch, of N. C.—I will object to the resolution until I am the Chairman of the next committee.

Mr. Howard, of Michigan, to his seat.

Mr. Grow—I spoke to the chairman yesterday regarding this resolution and I understood him to say I have reason to believe that there was such a design entertained by some persons in the employ of the Government. To what extent it has gone I don't know, and for that reason I desired an inquiry into it. If the gentlemen on the other side don't want to investigate the subject, they can object, and that would afford better evidence that there is something in it.

Mr. Burnett—I have not objected to the resolution. If the member says there is reason for investigation he shall have it as thorough as he desires. The House or myself see no necessity for the remark that in being objected to would afford evidence of such conspiracy.

Mr. Green—I demand the previous question.

Mr. Wyatt, of Tenn.—I claim the right to say a word personal to myself.

Mr. Green—I ought to have said that the gentleman from Penn., Mr. Wayland, yesterday afternoon, objected to the resolution, because of the absence of members present.

Speaker—The question is now on the adoption of the resolution

Mr. Kunkle, Md.—I object to the resolution. [Cries on the Republican side, too late.] I announced my intention to object to it long since, as the gentleman from Penna indulged in some remarks about and threat—made—I know anything of the desires of some one to take the responsibility of objecting to the miserable imposition, which is a reflection on the people of Maryland. I will tell him that there are no conspirators, as a brief search would have never counted a column in any book about the office of the Treasurer; it was probably handed him by some one more familiar with the books in that office. The supposition of the editor that the accounts could be counted and all the vouchers examined carefully, to anything like the time he would allow for it, is simply nonsense, and no person of ordinary intelligence will believe it. When the annual expenditures of the county did not exceed $100,000, it took from three to four months to audit the accounts, and now when the expenditures have more than doubled, it is asserted that they should do it in less time. The frequent depletion of the Treasury has (perhaps necessarily,) given rise to a system of cancelling and renewal of warrants, oftentimes with interest added, and also dividing large into smaller warrants, and afterward consolidating and adding interest, &c., was a source of much trouble, which retarded our progress very materially.

The editor charges that the Auditor "turned the office at the rate of a half an hour each day" is a base falsehood, which admits of no palliation, and which, when taken in connection with the subsequent violent abuse of the Auditor, and the subject matter into the duties and labors of the Auditors, and make whatever qualifications on the article in question the facts would justify, evinces a most consummate disregard for truth. We can refer to numerous respectable, truthful gentlemen, and can prove by them that the office was occupied by the Board *regularly*.

It is, we believe, however, no part of the editors of the *Journal's* policy to give the Auditors fair play. We think we understand the motives which prompted the attack, and time will probably demonstrate that they did not entirely proceed from a disinterested desire to save the money of the dear people.

These surmises may be dwelt upon more definitely at another time. In the meantime we invite Editors, Lawyers, accountants and any others who may feel an interest in reference to the duties of the Auditor, or the financial conditions of the county, to call and examine for themselves. W.

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