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NUMBER TWO.

THE POLICE—WHAT THEY DO AND WHAT THEY SHOULD DO—TREATMENT OF DRUNKEN MEN—CORNER LOAFING—DISORDERLIES—CROWDS—PLACES OF AMUSEMENTS, &c.

In our last we urged the necessity of an increase in and a re organization of the police force, and it is our design in the present article to give the most apparent reasons for such a change, in as brief terms as possible.

There is no doubt but the councilmen, elected from time to time by the people, have performed their duty and passed wholesome regulations and ordinances for the government of the city. But as the police force is now organized it is next to impossible for the Mayor to see that they are properly enforced. To our mind every one of them should be strictly carried out according to the letter of the law As long as the force is so small as at present, and the police are either engaged in the search for criminals, with the hope of making forty cents by arresting one, and seventy-five cents more by taking him to jail, or in lounging about the office, roasting about the stove in winter, sleeping in the summer, this cannot be done, and a change is most desirable. With an increased and well-organized police many evils could be checked and nuisances abated, for, as we have before remarked, a preventive police is more important than a detective police, and the mere presence of an officer in a particular locality would frequently prevent the perpetration of outrages and the infringement of ordinances. If it is deemed advisable (of which we have grave doubts) to maintain a "shadow" system, let that also be done, but let us have such a force as will permit the distribution of officers through the city for the purposes designated.

A stranger visiting our city is always struck by the number of people who congregate (especially at night) upon the street corners, and would naturally suppose that there was no ordinance against corner loafing; yet there is an ordinance (see City Code, ch. XIII sec. 7) which makes it the duty of police officers to apprehend all persons "whom they may find gathered together at the corners of the streets," and take them before the Mayor, who may fine them from $1 to $25 for each offence. True, an effort has recently been made to keep the corner of Fifth and Smithfield clear, but there are other localities where the evil is just as great. Now, we do not say that this provision could be enforced by our eight daypolicemen, and therefore we should have more.

The same remarks will apply to crowds on the sidewalk, in front of lager beer halls, places of public amusement, &c. We have seen Fifth street, and other thoroughfares, almost impassible, from crowds of men and boys congregating, obliging ladies and gentlemen to make a long *detour* to avoid them, and no effort made to remove the crowd. This should not be so; these crowds should be dispersed at once, so as to permit free locomotion through the streets, without the unpleasant necessity of being jostled by the rude idlers who now so frequently throng the streets.

Again, it should be the duty of the police (without the dollar a night the proprietors are now obliged to pay, at the risk of being indicted for public nuisances in permitting disorderly assemblages upon their premises) to be present at all legitimate places of amusement, to be on the look out for pickpockets, who frequent such places, and for the purpose of quieting all disorder and keeping down disturbances, which may occur in a moment. In no city is this matter so much neglected as here. If sent for and paid a police officer is detailed for the purpose named, but if any thing is transpiring which demands the presence of an officer elsewhere, he is called away and the people who pay taxes and have a right to expect protection from the police, are obliged to look out for themselves in any emergency that may occur.

There is another strong reason why the perquisites now enjoyed by police officers, in the shape of fees for the arrest of drunken and disorderly persons, whom they take "on view" should be cut off. It is generally conceded that drunkenness is not a crime of itself and only becomes so from the excesses it induces. In nearly every other city, when a man is found on the streets in a state of intoxication, by day or night, he is, provided he is not noisy, and can tell where his residence is, directed, and frequently, when incapable of locomotion, conveyed home by the police, who are instructed not to arrest such persons unless they become violent. Here this is not the case, as the temptation to make a fee is so strong that any slightly inebriated person, however well disposed, may be conveyed to the tombs and locked up until he shall become duly sober. This, of course, is a risk that persons who drink to excess must incur, but if police officers were so situated that there would be no inducement to arrest in such cases, the individual would more frequently be conducted to his home, and the city and county thus saved the expense these indiscriminate arrests of drunken persons entail. It would be better for all concerned if the course adopted in other cities, even larger than this, should be pursued here.

Then, too, the term "disorderly persons," whom the police are also empowered to arrest on view, is very much abused. We have known perfectly sober men, who whiled away time when passing through the streets at night by singing a song, to be arrested by the night watch and taken before the Mayor on a charge of disorderly conduct. Abuses of this kind should not be tolerated. They doubtless arise from the loose construction placed upon "disorderly conduct." The duties of police officers in this particular, whether the force is constituted as at present or re organized, should be clearly defined, and any infraction of the rules punished by suspension or dismissal from the service.

There are other abuses which might be referred to here, but we have said enough for the present. We think there are additional reasons for a re-organization of the police force and an increase of the same, as it must be evident to all who reflect upon the subject that the present staff of officers employed by the city cannot properly discharge the duties which belong to their position, some of which appear to have been entirely forgotten.

SENTENCED.—On Saturday morning, in the Court of Quarter Sessions, Judge Mellon delivered an opinion in the case of Alexander McConnell, convicted of wilfully and maliciously attempting to fire the machine shops of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, in Manchester, argued on Saturday the 9th. It was to the effect that the case had been properly tried in the Quarter Sessions; and this being the only ground of the application, the motion was overruled. McConnell's counsel, Hon. P. C. Shannon, made a touching appeal to the court for leniency. The prisoner, who is very youthful in appearance, was then directed to stand up; and Judge Mellon sentenced him to pay a fine of $100, and undergo an imprisonment of two years in the Western Penitentiary. During the delivery of the sentence McConnell appeared much affected, and his eyes were suffused with tears.

WE call attention to the card of Jas. W. Craft, formerly of Beaver, now engaged in the forwarding and commission business in St. Louis, and commend him to the public. His references are of the best character.

TEMPERANCEVILLE ELECTION.—At an election held in the borough of Temperanceville, Friday, March 15th, 1861, the following persons were elected, viz:

Burgess—Geo. R. Cochrane.
Council—David Robinson, James McBride, Henry Replin, James Ferguson and James McDowell.
School Directors—David Robinson, G. K. Gamble and Henry Replin.
Judge of Elections—John Graham.
Inspectors of Elections—Geo. Westerman and Thomas Creighton.
Assessor—Thomas Creighton.
Assistant Assessors—James McDowell and Wm. Gelb.
Auditors—Samuel H. French and Jos. Ryan.
Constable—John Thompson.

We publish the above by special request. On the same day elections were held in several of the boroughs and townships of the county, but we have not space for all the returns sent us. However, in those districts where a party test was made, the Democracy have been generally successful, showing that a great revulsion has taken place in the political complexion of the county.

CLEARFIELD ITEMS.—The *Republican* announces the death of Mr. Gould Wilson, of Houston township, who was crushed to death by some logs upon the ice, while breaking them loose from the bank and rolling them into Sinnemahoning creek. He was about 23 years old, and leaves a wife and two children. Also, that Thos. H. Forcee, of Graham township, was seriously injured by a lash-pole while assisting to land a raft. A hand at Woodward's drive was singularly wounded by a handspike, with which he was prying logs. It flew out of his hand and struck him on the throat, cutting it open immediately under the chin, so that the movements of his tongue can be seen through the wound. The barn of Thos. Daugherty, near Perrynville, was destroyed by fire last week, with about eight tons of hay, some grain, and a sleigh. It is supposed that the rats ignited some matches left in a lantern in the barn.

The same paper says: "The late freshet caused much damage to the Anderson Creek Navigation Company's works. One of their upper dams was swept away, causing an immense rise of water in the creek, sweeping away the bridge over the creek on the new turnpike, near Moore's mill, and the bridge at Bridgeport, on the Erie road. A portion of the dam at the woolen factory, in Union township, was also washed away, as well as a portion of the large dam above Curwensville. It is doubtful whether the company will get any logs to market this spring."

MILITARY.—The "First Pennsylvania Zouaves," at their meeting on Thursday, disbanded, and reorganized under the name of the "United States Zouaves," with our friend George Siegrist as Captain. Peter Wills was elected First Lieutenant, and W. Lentz Second Lieutenant. Leopold Saltz has been chosen First Lieutenant of the Pennsylvania Dragoons, vice Gottlieb Fass, resigned, and Conrad Eberstein, Junior Second, promoted to his place.

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Miss Tennessee Claflin, the "Wonderful Child."—Her Dupes Complain—She is Arrested and Exposed.

Most of our readers have seen, during the last three months, flaming bills, announcing that Miss Tennessee Claflin, the "Wonderful Child," only twelve years old, who was endowed with supernatural gifts, which enabled her to cure diseases and tell where stolen or lost property could be found, could be consulted at the Scott or St. Clair Hotel. She had among the credulous many believers, some of whom employed her to point out supposed buried treasures, and the result was that Tennessee, who was backed by her father and mother, put money in the family purses. But some, suffering from bodily diseases, who went to the "wonderful child" to be made whole, found, after weeks and months of patient waiting, that their condition was not improving, and made complaint against the Claflins, father, mother and daughter, before the Mayor. Finding some delicacy about making an information against them, that duty devolved upon Chief of Police Patterson, who brought a charge against the three, for unlawfully combining and conspiring to cheat and defraud the public by advertising a "natural clairvoyant" and one "endowed with supernatural gifts in the healing art," professing by this means to have performed wonderful and miraculous cures, also with cheating and defrauding sundry persons by pretending to "tell fortunes," and also to give directions for the recovery of lost and stolen goods, &c.

Upon this information, some officers were sent to the St. Clair Hotel (where the family had removed from the Scott House) in the afternoon. Tennessee, supposing them to be customers, invited them to her room one at a time—not discovering, by her second sight, the object of their visit; but she was soon undeceived when she found herself and parents called upon to answer the charges named.

The hearing took place in the afternoon at four o'clock. A school-teacher of Birmingham was the first witness. She had visited her at various times, during eight weeks, to be cured of sore eyes, had paid Tennessee $11, had her fortune told, undergone a semi-mesmeric operation, performed by passing the hand over her forehead and eyes, and taken pills and other medicine, prescribed and furnished by the "wonderful child," all to no purpose, (though a cure was to have been effected in three weeks,) she not being benefited in the least. Tennessee had pretended to tell her fortune by spirit rapping. She did not believe, herself, in the girl's supernatural powers but was induced by her friends to apply to her for relief.

Another witness, a music teacher, who boards at the St. Clair, had been under treatment for brain-disease, and though of sound mind when she first went to the "wonderful child," it was now so much distracted from their treatment that she was crazy at times and didn't know what she was doing. She paid her $5 at first, and Tennessee told her fortune, taking witness' hands in her own. On stating the nature of her complaint an immediate cure was promised, and medicine was given, which she took according to directions—sometimes as many as sixteen pills daily and other medicine; her throat was also operated on by rubbing with the hand. After the Claflins moved to the St. Clair witness grew quite intimate with them. She said her family were very profane. She had heard Tennessee say she was no clairvoyant—had been trying to do with spiritualism—it was a gift from God, which she could not explain. Her sister, Linda, told witness that her father didn't care a d—n, so he got the money. The customers might go to h—ll. Tennessee told her that he had called her the "wonderful child, because nothing of the kind had ever been heard of before—clairvoyance wouldn't make them a living—but this would be the wonder of the world and attract a great many people." Witness said Tennessee had told her things which set her wild, among others that her deceased husband was in h—ll. She was to give Tennessee music lessons, and she gave her a "lucky stone." Had seen two, three or four dozen people there, to whom her fortunes told in a day; they generally went away complaining of the "wonderful clairvoyant" as a humbug. She generally knew whether their friends were dead or in the Heaven or hell.

Here the examination was stopped until 10 o'clock this morning, when others who have been duped by these imposters will appear before Justice Wilson.

The Commonwealth was represented by Jas. Sutherland and H. Wilkie Robinson, the defence by John J. Cassidy and John C. M'Carthy. The latter gentlemen objected to Mr. and Mrs. Claflin being held in recognizances, as there was no evidence against them and asked their discharge, but the Mayor insisted upon their giving bail for their appearance to-day, which they did.

Miss Tennessee was present during the whole examination and took matters very coolly, only giving vent to an occasional exclamation of surprise and "holy horror" during the hearing of the last witness. She is, apparently, sixteen or eighteen, though the bills and advertisements say she is but twelve.

THE KANSAS FUND.—The following additional contributions to the Kansas relief fund were received at the Mayor's office on Saturday:

Elder's Ridge Congregation, Indiana Co	$26 00
Students at Elder's Ridge Academy	12 —
Total	$38 00
Amount previously reported	$4,725 29
Total contributions to date	$4,763 29
Amount remitted	$4,700 00

Another remittance will soon be sent forward, as there is a balance on hand of $63 52, and the returns from three exhibitions given last week are expected in a day or two.

COPPER SHIPMENTS.—The following is a list of the shipments of copper from Lake Superior last year: Minnesota mine, 2,157 tons; National mine, 727 tons; Rockland mine, 5[illegible] tons; Ev. Bluff mine, 42½ tons; Adventure mine, 88 tons; Ridge mine, 29½ tons; Nebraska mine, 25½ tons; Carp Lake mine, 20½ tons; Superior mine, 14 tons; Hamilton mine, 8 tons; Aztec mine, 5 tons; Victoria mine, 3½ tons; Bohemian mine, 3½ ton; Knowlton mine, 2 tons; Ogima mine, ½ of a ton. Total amount of shipments, 3,064½ tons.

SHIDLE'S WALL PAPER.—One of the oldest houses in the wall paper trade in the city is that of Mr. Shidle, Smithfield street. He has now on hand, as will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, a full supply of paper for the Spring trade, embracing the neatest patterns for parlors, halls, chambers, public buildings, &c. Mr. Shidle will sell his goods low for cash, and all who know him need no assurance that articles bought from him will be exactly as represented.

WE call the attention of those wishing to enter into a safe and profitable business, to the "For Sale" of the Barrel and Keg Factory in Pitt township, adjoining the city line, on the bank of the Allegheny river. It is admirably adapted to the manufacture of Oil Barrels, and as those made of White Pine are said to prove as good as those of Oak, the factory has unusual advantages.

RUNAWAY BROUGHT BACK.—A lad named Woods, ten or eleven years old, whose parents reside on Grant street, was brought to the city on Saturday, by Mr. Henry Busha, formerly of this city, now constable at Connellsville, having left home some days since and gone to that place. He was sent home to his mother, who said that he had once before ran off and gone as far as Philadelphia.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED.—In the Court of Quarter Sessions on Saturday morning, Judge Mellon, before whom was argued a motion for a new trial in the case of J. W. Williams, convicted of forgery, granted him a new trial, chiefly on the ground of newly-discovered testimony. Williams was required to find additional security for his appearance at the next term of Court.

DRS. STEBBINS & MUNSON, dentists, have formed a partnership and opened an office at 105 Fifth street, second door below the Cathedral. See card.

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

Oil Operations.

On Saturday night last, the gas at Jones & Beckham's well up French Creek, caught fire. The derrick, walking beam, about 1,000 feet of rope and some barrels were consumed. Two men sleeping in the derrick were badly scorched.

The Cartwright oil company is operating on East Sandy. They have one well upwards of one hundred feet deep and struck a small vein at forty feet, and at fifty-nine feet a good vein, but not sufficient for pumping.

At a meeting of the Continental Oil Company, at the National Hotel, on Saturday evening, the following officers were elected, to serve six months: President, John J. Sample; Secretary, Thomas C. Davitt; Treasurer, Philip Shephler; Superintendent, John S. Shephler, of Rochester, Pa. The company propose to sink a well immediately on "Big Run," Wood county, Va., two miles from Williamsport, where the surface indications are said to be excellent.

From the Lawrence *Journal* we condense the following items:

The "Chew Oil Company," who found oil at a depth of 45 feet last fall, and pumped a considerable quantity by hand, are about to resume operations with horse power. They have large quantities of surface oil.

Jomison & Palmer have a lease from the Chew Company, and are down 70 feet; they have had several veins of oil, but have not pumped any except with sand pump. They are using horse power, and intend to put in a chamber and commence pumping soon.

Scull & Company have sunk a well on the Chew farm 41 feet deep, and have a fine show of oil.

The Shenango Oil Company, in New Castle, are running out with horse power. They intend to go down some six or seven hundred feet, if oil is not sooner discovered.

Weyman & Son, operating on Shenango, are down 145 feet, and still driving pipe.

At Freeport, last Monday, Messrs Rowan, Weaver, Murphy and Hamer, who have been boring on Buffalo creek, within the Borough limits, reached the invisible oil regions, being down only 110 feet. If the oil will permit, they intend to bore a little farther.

The Venango *Spectator* estimates the number of wells in the Franklin and Oil Creek districts at one thousand. Rather under the mark, we imagine.

Oil has been found on the Stoffey farm, below the Hoover well, near Franklin. The indications for a good well are excellent.

On Wednesday morning last a company engaged in boring a well at Titusville, removed a plug which had been inserted for some purpose, when a stream of oil instantly poured up over the conductor.

The hands at the well of Messrs. Mead & Steele, on Oil Creek, struck a vein of oil the other day, which was forced by the gas one hundred feet above the mouth of the well. The gas subsequently caught fire, burning down the derrick and engine house, and injuring one of the hands so badly that his life is despaired of.

A Pittsburg Company has leased a farm on the opposite side of the stream and will soon be at work.

The *Courant* states that the Union Company has an excellent show of oil—probably as good as any on the Mahoning. The well will be tested as soon as an engine can be procured. The work of pumping in the vicinity of New Castle is still progressing.

BENEFIT OF MR AND MRS HAMBURJEK.—At Concert Hall, this evening, Hamburjer, the wizard, gives a prize entertainment, when a rare programme is offered, embracing an address to "Our Flag," by Mr. Lyne, feats of necromancy (new tricks) by Hamburjer and Springtiney, music on the piano forte by Mrs. Hamburjer, trained canary birds by Sig. Duvan, a mechanical figure, with school-boy imitations, by Prof. Charlwood, Mons Romberg, imitations on the French horn. Several ladies and gentlemen have also volunteered their services, and Mr. Hamburjer will exhibit the wonderful invention for the prevention of collisions on railroads, when he has invented, simplified and successfully exposed. The entertainment will be one of the most attractive of its character ever offered here, and we expect to see the hall crowded. A silver champagne cup is presented to the fire companies which shall have responded to the largest number of alarms, and they have been most active in sending them, so that a large attendance is certain.

LYCEUM MINSTRELS.—This star company gave their first performance at the theatre on Saturday evening. A good audience was in attendance and the manifestation of delight were loud and frequent. It is only since a new company met with such warm a reception here and we are glad to know it was so well deserved, for never have we witnessed a better performance in negro minstrelsy. Every man is perfect in his line. Wambold and Birdsall are both exquisite singers, which beat it is difficult to say. Billy Birch and Fox are full of the very essence of fun; Cool White is as country and polished as ever. Asche is great on the clarionet and bugle, while Master Albertini and Andrews are capital dancers. Such a company must be popular, and we are certain that the theatre will be crowded to its utmost capacity to-night, and, indeed, throughout the week. The concert will be preceded by the laughable piece of "Hunting a Turtle."

SUSPICIOUS.—On Saturday Chief of Police Patterson arrested two men calling themselves Henry Cawby and Henry Bowen, who arrived here on Thursday from the West and next day received $400 or $500 worth of silks, which they offered to dispose of at a store on Market street. The goods consist of dress silks, silk handkerchiefs and sewing silks, and as the men gave contradictory accounts of the manner in which they obtained them, the Mayor concluded to hold them until he could learn from Cleveland and Cincinnati if any such articles had been stolen.

A CORPORATION IN TROUBLE.—The Pittsburgh and East Liberty Passenger Railway company having failed to comply with the terms of their contract with the city by keeping the streets traversed by the cars clean, leaving some of the thorough fares exceedingly muddy, information has been made against the Company by S. P. Cooper, second district Street Commissioner, before the Mayor, charging them with a violation of the ordinance. If the nuisance is not immediately removed the penalty will be enforced.

DISORDERLY FEMALES.—Barbara Wilbaugh and Sarah Keely, both notorious, were arrested on Friday night at a beer hall in the Fifth Ward, where they had been indulging, and fined $3 and $2 respectively by the Mayor on Saturday morning. Mrs. Taylor, her daughters Sarah and Caroline Foreman were arrested by the Mayor's police on Friday night, at the house of the former, on Tunnel street, where they had been very noisy. The Mayor fined them $2 each and costs.

ALLEGED LARCENY.—A young man was arrested at Masonic Hall, on Thursday night, by officer Hague, upon a charge of stealing seventy-five dollars from a citizen of Enon Valley, who pursued the young man hither, caused his arrest, and took him back for trial.

SENTENCED.—Mathew, Judiah and Alexander, three brothers, and David Robinson, a colored boy, convicted at Uniontown for stealing, each sentenced to serve in the penitentiary for three years, were lodged in the institution on Wednesday.

DIVORCE GRANTED.—In the Court of Common Pleas, on Saturday, the application of Sarah Larison for a divorce from her husband Wallace Larison, upon the ground of abuse and desertion, was granted.

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WASHINGTON CITY, March 16.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nominations of Nelson G. Isbell, co lector of Detroit; Wm. C. Butler, collector in Camden, district North Carolina; Jno. W. McMath, Collector at Mobile, inspector; J. M. Edmunds, commissioner General Land Office; Geo. Spinner, treasurer United States; C. C. Ripley, of Minnesota, secretary of legation to Brussels, and Jacob S. Haldeman, minister resident at Stockholm. A number of army appointments were confirmed. The treaty with the Winnebago Indians of Minnesota was ratified.

The Charleston *Courier*, of Thursday, announces the commissioning of the Lady Davis as the first war vessel of the Southern Confederacy. She is armed with twenty-four pounders, under the command of Lieut T B Hazer, seconded by Lieuts Dozier and Grimball, all late of the Federal Navy.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 16.—SENATE—Mr. Rice, of Minnesota, rising to a question of privilege, caused to be read the brief supplemental report of the House select committee on Indian trust bonds, in which they say there is not the slightest suspicion that the senator was implicated in that abstraction, and that anything of seeming reflection upon him in their main report was entirely the result of misapprehension.

Mr. Douglas' resolution, calling for information as to the southern forts, etc., was taken up.

Mr. Wilson moved to lay it on the table.

Mr Douglas hoped a vote would be permitted to be taken on the resolution.

Mr. Wilson did not wish to suppress debate. He merely made the motion as a test question.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 16.—It is said on good authority that Crawford and Forsyth, the confederate State commissioners, entertain the strongest hopes of preserving peaceful relations between the two governments. There is no doubt their diplomacy is judicious.

It is intimated that there are between five and ten thousand applications already for appointments connected with the Post Office Department. The number of letters daily received is unprecedentedly large, sometimes six or seven hundred. Nineteen clerks are engaged attending to them, and applications for employment in the departments of State are correspondingly numerous.

It is not yet ascertained that any order has been issued by Presidential authority for the evacuation of Fort Sumter. From what is actually known a formal surrender of the post is not anticipated.

NEW ORLEANS, March 16—Camp Cooper has been surrender d to the Texas authorities. The United States officers and soldiers were permitted to march with transportation and subsistence necessary, to San Antonio, at the place the public arms and property are to be delivered to the Texan authorities.

Advices are received here to the 15th state that the steamer Rusk had returned with state troops. The federal troops had evacuated Fort Brown on the 12th. They had left the harbor for Key West and Tortugas.

Several hundred state troops have enlisted for six months to serve under Ford on the Rio Grande, occupying the various forts.

The Convention is discussing measures of military defence.

Maj. Macklin, of the United States army, has resigned, and tendered his services to the state.

Capt. Sayre, of the Confederate army, has arrived, and will muster in the regiment of rangers for the frontiers, by order of President Davis.

There is nothing further about Gov. Houston.

Mr. Douglas had heard it intimated that one or two senators desired to speak.

At the suggestion of Mr. Powell, the consideration of the resolution was passed over till Monday.

Mr Hunter inquired of Mr. Fessenden when it was probable that the Senate would adjourn?

Mr. Fessenden had no knowledge on the subject; he did not hear a member of the Cabinet had said in a very few days.

Mr. Mason moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Texas resolution relative to quartering troops in Washington.

Mr. Fessenden moved to go into executive session, which prevailed by a vote of 27 against 16. After which the Senate adjourned.

LOUISIANA, March 17.—The adjourned Southern Rights meeting, held yesterday afternoon, passed unanimously the resolutions presented on Friday night, and appointed delegates to the mass convention at Frankfort, on the 20th. Perfect order prevailed.

Mr. Guthrie addressed the Union meeting. He counseled moderation, saying that Mr. Lincoln was honest, and that time would ultimately accord the just demands of the south.

Rise falling slowly, with 8 feet 8 inches water in the canal. Weather clear; mercury 36 deg.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The Royal Mail steamship Arabia, from Liverpool on the 3d, via Queenstown on the 3d, arrived at this port this evening bringing 260,000 lbs in specie.

The steamer Australia arrived at Queenstown on the same day that the Arabia left that port. Having returned in consequence of an accident. Her mails and passengers but not her specie, were transferred to the Arabia. Captain Hockey, of the Australian, reports that his steamer broke both flanges of her screw on Feb 20th, but she continued on her voyage westward till the 26th, under canvas when a heavy gale was experienced from the westward and she put before it, reaching Queenstown on the 3d. During one day she made two hundred and eighty miles under canvas. The Royal Mail steamship Canada arrived at Queenstown on the 22d inst.

AUSTRIA.—A Paris letter to the London Daily *News*, mentions a rumor, which is accredited in official quarters, that Prince Metternich has just communicated to M. Thouvenel an important note from the Court of Vienna, wherein it is asserted that the Austrian government will never recognize Victor Emanuel as King of Italy, and if France withdraws her troops from Rome, Austria will immediately replace them by her own army, and if the revolutionists make the least movement in Venetia and Hungary, she will cross the Mincio.

The French Senate had been spiritedly debating the address to the throne.

During the debate in the French Senate on the address to the throne, the Prince Napoleon justified the policy of Piedmont and uttered some sympathetic word relative to Venice, though, as he added, he would deplore an untimely attack. He opposed the union of the temporal and spiritual power of the Pope of Rome, but said the independence of the Pope must be insured.

The London money market was unchanged.

RICHMOND, VA., March 16.—In the Convention to-day, a delegate presented a series of Union resolutions from the people of Norfolk County, they were wrapped in the American flag.