

DAILY POST.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1864.

The Allegheny County Democratic Committee of Correction, will meet at the ST. CHARLES HOTEL, in Pittsburgh, on SATURDAY, the 23d inst., at 10 o'clock a. m. Business of importance will be submitted to the Committee, and therefore a full attendance of the Committee will be expected.

CHARLES SEALE, Chm. D. R. HAZEN, Sec'y.

GEN. McCLELLAN'S REPORT.

If the report of Gen. McClellan of the campaign of the peninsula, could be laid in full before the American people, their verdict would be overwhelming in its condemnation of the Administration. No unprejudiced mind can read the correspondence between him and the President and the War Department, without concluding that he, and only he, had the slightest comprehension of the magnitude of the rebellion, and of the means necessary for its suppression. In fact the War Department appears to have been utterly stupid except for mischief. In McClellan's letter to Stanton, written yesterday's Post we published, written yesterday's Post we published, written yesterday's Post we published...

MARRIAGE CORRESPONDENCE.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 18, 1864. Editor Pittsburgh Post.—From present appearances it seems that we are all to die and end politically. Whilst the Democracy devotedly adhere to a Constitutional course of action, it is very evident that the Republicans are ready and willing to take all the chances necessary to secure all the advantages, and, in the end, an organization. Upon the other hand, the Democracy have acted in the most honorable manner. As far as they are concerned, nothing but strict justice is asked. The Senator from Allegheny, Mr. PENNY, who claims to be Speaker, and although a political opponent, has been generally and liberally regarded as a fair man. His political friends have from the very first felt that they have forced him into a position which is dishonorable and cowardly. He now feels it his duty to resign the office and end his career in the State. Without distinction of party, are ready to concede the fact that his course is beneath the man and his reputation! It is not possible that he can any longer so far forget his honor as a lawyer and a gentleman, and one who has any regard for his character, as that he will hold out against what common sense teaches him is right. No man can be expected to do otherwise. It is a sad predicament that in the end he will acknowledge his error.

THE DEAD-LOCK IN THE STATE SENATE.

Letter from Ex-Governor Packer. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 12, 1864. HON. WM. HORTON—Dear Sir: If in these terrible times the community could be surprised at anything which can happen, they would surely be astonished by the bold and revolutionary attempt, now being made by the party in power, to overturn the constitution, and to usurp the powers of our State Senate. Nothing can be plainer than the constitutional requirement that the "General Assembly shall meet on the first Tuesday of January, in every year," and that then each House shall choose its Speaker, and other officers. Not only is the Senate authorized and directed to choose its Speaker, and the House of Representatives to choose its Speaker, but each House, (that is every House,) as it meets, shall choose its Speaker and other officers. This has been the construction of these sections of the Constitution, and without question from any quarter, since the adoption of the Constitution in 1790, until the meeting of the General Assembly in 1864. The Speaker of the former "House" (as each branch of the Legislature is denominated,) only presides until the credentials of a new "House" are laid before him. Then he

LOYALTY IN THE PHILADELPHIA CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Last week we chronicled the fact of some of the officials in the New York Custom House, being detected in supplying the rebels with arms. These detected traitors to a Government to which they were indebted for their daily bread, were some of the loudest-mouthed loyal Union Leagues in New York. By the following from a Philadelphia paper, it will be seen that this kind of loyalty alluded to, is also abundant in that city. The Bulletin says: Mr. ALLEN, the cashier, had made up a deposit of twenty-one thousand dollars in gold, which was divided among five bags. These bags were placed upon a stool inside the enclosed space occupied by the cashier, and the latter then went in search of the messenger, leaving the assistant cashier at his desk, inside the railing, with his back to the money. During the few minutes which elapsed before the messenger took charge of the money, two of the bags were spirited away. The loss was not discovered until the messenger reached the mint, where a count of the money disclosed the fact of the robbery. Mr. ALLEN is positive that he left five bags upon the stool, while Mr. SANDERS, the messenger, is equally positive that he placed in a single bag before starting to the mint. The affair is undergoing a strict investigation, but thus far no clue has been found to the robber.

THE TRAGEDY IN CHILL.

Two Thousand Five Hundred Persons. The tragedy in Chill, Chile, Dec. 14, 1863. In a moment the flames started, and spread to the magnificent organ of the Church in the evening of the 8th inst. more than two thousand victims were perishing in the flames. The scene was described, and although the witnesses of the terrible reality, I feel how utterly impossible it is to convey in language an idea of the horror of the scene. It has been the custom for the past few years to celebrate the anniversary of the great earthquake, in the Church of the Company of Jesus Church, situated at the corner of the street of the same name and bounded by the streets of the Company. The carriages having organized a religious association, known as the "Society of the Virgin," held annual services during and immediately upon the 8th with a grand illumination of the Church and sermon in the evening, at which the members were earnestly entertained to be present. This year, determined to outshine all former exhibitions, the members were adorned the church with garlands of flowers, colossal vases, and with an unprecedented number of lights. He was vainly remonstrated with by the archbishop and others in authority, who reluctantly gave their consent to the display. The church was filled to the roof with garlands and flowers, and towards midnight a continuous stream of human beings, almost exclusively women, poured into the church until every space was densely packed, and the members of the church and far out into the plaza were filled with a hushed and scolding crowd. The doors were then all closed, save the main entrance, for the double purpose of preventing the confusion occasioned by the mass coming and going, and of making the preacher more distinctly heard. At a little before seven, the assistants began lighting up the great chandeliers, and finishing the grand altar, the rest of the building being fully illuminated with thousands of lamps, most of them of the gas oil, when, from a transparent pane of glass at the foot of the Virgin, burst forth a jet of flame. The attendant endeavored to extinguish it with his pitch bucket, but the inflammable liquid penetrated the fabric and only increased the danger. In a moment the flames started, and spread to the magnificent organ of the Church in the evening of the 8th inst. more than two thousand victims were perishing in the flames. The scene was described, and although the witnesses of the terrible reality, I feel how utterly impossible it is to convey in language an idea of the horror of the scene.

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