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NATIONAL NOTES.

CONGRESS AND GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS.

Reports on Indian Transfer Submitted to the Senate--The House Decides Against Another War Claim--Message of the President Upon the New York Nominations--Messrs. Arthur and Cornell Charged With Prostituting Their Offices to Party Purposes--Other Matters of Interest.

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Senate.

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A letter of the secretary of the interior regarding an increase of salaries of Governors of Territories was referred to the committee on appropriations.

CREDENTIALS.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the credentials of George G. Vest, elected United States Senator from Missouri. Placed on file.

PENSION CLERKS.

Senator Voorhees, from the committee on pensions, reported a resolution instructing the secretary of the interior to report the additional clerical force necessary in the pension office and pension branch of the surgeon general's office to give to applicants prompt examination of their claims, and speedy and efficient transaction of the business of pensioners. Agreed to.

MESSAGE.

Mr. Pruden, assistant private secretary to the President, appeared in the Senate chamber with a message from the President. He was accompanied by a messenger bearing a huge bundle of documents, supposed to be from Secretary Sherman regarding the New York customs appointments, but the bundle was not disturbed in open session.

SHIELDS.

Senator Shields was appointed a member of the committee on railroads and enrolled bills, in place of his predecessor, Armstrong.

EXPOSITION PARIS.

Senator Hamlin, from the committee on foreign relations, reported adversely on the House joint resolution in relation to the expenditures on the industrial exposition in Paris, and it was indefinitely postponed. In explanation, Senator Hamlin said the resolution only repeated what is not law. It is the duty of the secretary of state to make that report of expenditures, and he would do so as soon as he could ascertain the amount.

INDIAN TRANSFER.

Senator Saunders, from the joint committee to inquire into the expediency of transferring the Indian bureau from the interior to the war department, reported that the committee had been unable to agree, and submitted a report accompanied by a bill to authorize the President temporarily to transfer the custody, control and management of certain Indian tribes from the interior to the war department, and for other purposes. Laid on the table, and Mr. Saunders gave notice he would call it up for consideration at an early day.

The Senate, on motion of Senator Conkling, went into executive session, and when the doors reopened adjourned.

House of Representatives.

ABANDONED PROPERTY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Mr. Conger, from the committee on judiciary, reported back the bill in reference to the proceeds of the sale of captured and abandoned property. Printed and recommitted.

VOLUNTEER NAVY.

On motion of Mr. Whitthorne the Senate amendment to abolish the volunteer navy was non-concurred in.

MILITARY POST.

The Senate bill was passed for the erection of a military post at El Paso, Texas.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Speaker then called committees for reports of a private nature.

Private bills from committees were then considered and later the House went into committee of the whole, Covert in the chair, on the private calendar, the pending bill being the one known as Fairfax's minority bill.

Mr. White opposed the bill as a war claim.

Mr. Hunton advocated it.

Mr. Potter favored the bill. It was not a war claim and not subject to the objection that it was for property destroyed in the enemy's country. The property lay within the defences of Washington city, not insurrectionary territory at all. It lay in territory excluded by the proclamation of President Lincoln.

After further debate a motion to report the bill to the House was defeated, ayes 76; nays 78, and on motion of Mr. Burchard the enacting clause was stricken out and the committee in accordance with the rule rose and reported its action to the House, which by a vote of yeas 121; nays 89, concurred in that action. The following is the vote:

NAYS.

Bacon,	Everett,	Patterson, N.Y.,
Bagley,	Gardner,	Peddie,
Bailey,	Garfield,	Pollard,
Baker, Ind.,	Hamilton,	Pound,
Baker, N. Y.,	Hanna,	Price,
Bayne,	Hardenbergh,	Pugh,
Blair,	Harris, Mass.,	Rea,
Bouck,	Harrison,	Rice, Mass.,
Bragg,	Hart,	Robinson, Mass.
Brentano,	Hartzell,	Robinson, Ind.,
Brewer,	Hayes,	Ryan,
Briggs,	Hiscock,	Simpson,
Brown,	Hubbell,	Sapp,
Bundy,	Hunter,	Sexton,
Burchard,	Humphrey,	Sinnickson,
Caldwell, Tenn.,	Hungerford,	Smith, Pa.,
Calkins,	Ittner,	Sparks,
Camp,	James,	Springer,
Campbell,	Jones, N. H.,	Steward,
Caswell,	Jones, Ohio,	Stone, Iowa,
Claflin,	Joyce,	Strait,
Clark, Ia.,	Keightley,	Thompson,
Cobb,	Ketcham,	Tipton,
Cole,	Landers,	Townsend, O.,
Conger,	Lathrop,	Townsend, N Y.
Covert,	Lindsey,	Townsend, Ill.,
Cox, Ohio,	Lockwood,	Turney,
Crapo,	Marsh,	Van Voorhes,
Cummings,	Mayham,	Wait,
Cutler,	McCook,	Ward,
Danford,	McGowen,	Warner,
Davis, Cal.,	McKinley,	Watson,
Deering,	Mitchell,	White, Pa.,
Denison,	Monroe,	White, Ind.,
Dickey,	Neal,	Williams, Wis.,
Dunnell,	Norcross,	Williams, Ore.,
Dwight,	Oliver,	Willets,
Eames,	Overton,	Wright—121.
Ellsworth,	Page,	

NAYS.

Aiken,	Elam,	Money,
Aldrich,	Ezins, S. C.,	Muldrow,
Atkins,	Felton,	Muller,
Beebe,	Finley,	Patterson, Col.,
Bell,	Franklin,	Phelps,
Bicknell,	Garth,	Potter,
Bisbee,	Giddings,	Rainey,
Blackburn,	Glover,	Reagan,
Bliss,	Goode,	Rice, Ohio,
Blount,	Gunter,	Robbins,
Boone,	Harris, Ga.,	Rose,
Bridges,	Harris, Va.,	Scales,
Brogden,	Haskell,	Shelley,
Buckner,	Hatcher,	Singleton,
Butler,	Hewitt, N. Y.,	Smalls,
Cabell,	Hewitt, Ala.,	Smith, Ga.,
Caldwell, Ky.,	Herbert,	Steele,
Candler,	Hooker,	Stenger,
Chalmers,	House,	Throckmorton,
Clark, N. J.,	Hunton,	Vance,
Clarke, Ky.,	Jones, Ala.,	Waddell,
Clark, Mo.,	Jorgensen,	Walker,
Cook,	Kenna,	Whitthorne,
Cox, N. Y.,	Kimmel,	Wigginton,
Cravens,	Ligon,	Williams, Del.,
Crittenden,	Mackey,	Williams, Ala.,
Davis, N. C.,	Maish,	Willis, Ky.,
Dibrell,	Manning,	Willis, N. Y.,
Durham,	Martin,	Wilson—89.
Eden,	McKenzie,	

Mr. Boone submitted a report of the commission appointed for the purpose of examining the practicability of transferring the Indian bureau to the war department in favor of transfer.

Mr. Van Vorhes submitted a dissenting report on the same subject. Reports ordered printed and referred to the committee of the whole. Adjourned.

NEW YORK NOMINATIONS.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The following is the President's message sent to the Senate to-day, relative to the nominations of Collector Arthur and Naval Officer Cornell:

To the Senate: I transmit herewith a letter of the secretary of the treasury in regard to the suspension of the late collector and naval officer of the port of New York, with accompanying documents. In addition thereto I respectfully submit the following observations: The custom house in New York collects more than two-thirds of all the customs revenues of the government. Its administration is a matter, not of local interest merely, but is of great importance to the people of the whole country. For a long period of time it has been used to manage and control political affairs. The officers suspected by me are and for several years have been engaged in the active, personal management of the party politics of the city and State of New York. The duties of the office held by them have been regarded as of subordinate importance to their partisan work. Their offices have been conducted as a part of the political machinery under their control. They have made the custom house the centre of partisan political management. The custom house should be a business office. It should be conducted on business principles. Col. James, postmaster of New York city, writing on the subject, says: "The postoffice is a business institution, and should be run as such. It is my deliberate judgment that I and my subordinates can do more for the party of our choice by giving the people of this city a good and efficient postal service than by controlling the primaries or dictating nominations."

The New York custom house should be placed on the same footing with the New York postoffice, but under the suspended officers the custom house would be one of the principal political agencies in the State of New York. To change this they profess to believe would be, in the language of Cornell in his response, "to surrender their personal and political rights."

Convinced that the people of New York, and of the country generally, wish the New York custom house to be administered solely with a view to public interest, it is my purpose to do all in my power to introduce into this great office the reforms which the country desires. With my information of facts in the case, and with a sense of the responsible obligation imposed upon me by the constitution to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," I regarded it as my plain duty to suspend the officers in question and to make the nominations now before the Senate in order that this important office may be honestly and efficiently administered.

(Signed) R. B. HAYES,
Executive Mansion, Jan. 31, 1879.

SHERMAN.

Secretary Sherman's letter to the President, in reply to Arthur, is very long. He repeats that all the allegations stated in the department letter of the 15th inst. are susceptible of the clearest proof, and says the department is prepared to verify them, if it is the pleasure of the Senate to give the opportunity.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In executive session, after reading the President's message and Secretary Sherman's letter regarding the New York custom house nominations, Senator Conkling made a speech, closing with the expression of opinion that the Senate should proceed to consider and act upon the pending nominations without further postponement. Senator Matthews offered a resolution providing: First—That the message and accompanying documents should be printed and laid on the table, and that further consideration of the nominations should be postponed until next Monday. The first branch of this resolution was agreed to without division, but the proposition for postponement gave rise to extended discussion. Finally a vote by yeas and nays was taken on Matthews' resolution to postpone, and resulted in its adoption; yeas 35, nays 26. The affirmative votes were cast mostly by Democrats, and the negative votes by Republicans. Matthews, Hoar, Dawes, Burnside, Windom, Wadleigh, Mitchell and Ferry, however, voted in favor of postponement, and Eaton, Barnum, Voorhees, Davis of Illinois, and McPherson were recorded in the negative. This vote does not absolutely foreshadow favorable action on the nominations, for several Senators who voted for postponement are definitely known to be opposed to them, but the advocates of confirmation have been greatly encouraged by it, and to-night they confidently expect success in the final vote Monday.

GENERAL CAPITAL NEWS.

FOUR PER CENTS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan since yesterday's report $4,811,500.

MEXICAN INDEMNITY.

The third installment of the Mexican indemnity, $300,000, has been paid the State department.

DEBT STATEMENT.

The debt statement to-morrow will show the aggregate cash in the treasury instead of coin and currency as heretofore. A new feature will be added showing assets and liabilities.

PATENT OFFICE RESTORATION.

The supervising architects of the treasury and capitol and the superintendent of public buildings and grounds are requested to make plans and estimates for the restoration of the patent office building to the condition existing before the fire, except that the roof be made fire proof.

EVENING SESSION.

The Assembly had a session this evening and considered some sixty bills in committee of the whole. Among the bills introduced were to provide for the manner of procuring abstracts of title to real estate amending the revised statutes as to teachers certificates; authorizing the city of Milwaukee to purchase and use machinery.

ALEXANDER-HUNTON.

Columbus Alexander appeared before the grand jury to-day for the purpose of having Hon. Eppa Hunton indicted for sending him a challenge to fight a duel last summer. Alexander was examined at some length, after which further consideration of the case was postponed until Monday.

PLEURA-PNEUMONIA.

A Disease that Threatens to Check the Export of American Cattle—English Dealers Taking Steps to Defend Their Interests.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—News that the British government had prohibited the importation of live cattle from America has created considerable excitement among shippers of live stock, and also among ship owners, several lines of steamers running from this and other American ports having made large contracts ahead for 1879. The *Evening Post* says: "During the summer months last year many of the large steamers of the National line were especially fitted up and wholly devoted to this business, the number of cattle shipped by a single vessel often numbering more than 400. The alleged decision of the English government was entirely unexpected. The present is the dullest time in the trade, but even now there are probably more than 1,500 head of cattle on the way to England. Two cargoes consigned by Goldsmith & Taffee arrived at Liverpool yesterday, and Phillips said he had received no word from their agent there of any attempt to prevent their landing. The British vice consul says he had no official notification of any attempt on the part of the British government to prevent the importation of American cattle.

THE BRITISH MINISTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The British minister has informed the department of state that pleura-pneumonia having been detected in a cargo of cattle on the ship Ontario, from Portland, her majesty's government is considering whether they can retain the United States under exemption of part 4 of the 50th schedule of the act of 1878.

EXAGGERATED.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 31.—The privy council department has under consideration the subject of future arrivals of cattle from America. Those engaged in the trade contend that unnecessary alarm has been created out of the Ontario's case and dispute the statement that the animals suffered from pleura-pneumonia. They have retained veterinary surgeons of high repute to act as a check upon the privy council inspectors.

WINONA.

Records of Births and Deaths—Two Citizens of St. Charles Jailed for Non-Payment of Dog Tax.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

WINONA, Minn., Jan. 31.—The record of births and deaths in Winona for 1878 show that the total births were 315—males 180, females 136. The births included four pair of twins and six illegitimates. The deaths were 148—male 79, females 69.

Messrs. Bateman and Clark, of St. Charles, recently incarcerated in jail here for non-payment of the dog tax, are still in durance vile. Application for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Mitchell. The matter will be argued to-morrow. It is claimed the charter of St. Charles gave the city authorities no power to imprison the men.

The Investigation of Judge Blodgett.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—The sub-congressional committee to inquire into the charges against Judge Blodgett heard the evidence of Durley, Sheep and other members of the late federal grand jury. Their testimony was in effect that an indictment had been found by that jury against the register in bankruptcy, Hibbard, for perjury and making a false report, but that an indictment was not found, District Attorney Bangs informing the jury that with the concurrence of Judge Blodgett he should refuse to frame it, and that Blodgett had said to him that he, Blodgett, was responsible for the interpretation of the law under which Hibbard made his returns and affidavits. Several witnesses testified to remarks by Judge Blodgett or from him, to the effect that the jury were grangers, loafing here at the government expense, and should be dismissed. Also that Judge Bangs had seemed reluctant to bring before the jury other than minor matters. Adjourned.

The Billiard Tournament.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Sexton 600, Garnier 446. Sexton ran 169. Schaefer 600, Heiser 223, eighteen innings. Schaefer ran 396.

ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.

The testimony in the Reno case yesterday was unimportant.

Hanlan, the Toronto oarsman, sailed from New York for England, yesterday.

Judge Williams, of the Chicago criminal court, yesterday decided that the vagrant act does not preclude the trial of the accused by a jury, and is therefore constitutional.

Gov. Marks, of Tennessee, will issue a proclamation declaring the repeal of the charter of Memphis. The legislature took a recess until February 11th.

A garnishment for over $200,000 was served on the German National bank of Memphis and the county trustee, yesterday, enjoining them from paying out any funds belonging to the city. This state of affairs is the result of the repeal of the city charter by the legislature. The garnishments were issued by the United State courts in behalf of foreign holders of city bonds who had previously obtained a mandamus against the city.

J. Madison Wells, of New Orleans, to an interviewer yesterday, said he had not been indicted, but acknowledged he would not be surprised at any prosecution against himself.

W. L. Hall, general Western agent of the Wabash railroad, has severed his connection with that line to accept a similar position with the Vandalia road.

The Musical Society's Matinee.

The Musical society will give their second matinee performance of the season at Music hall this afternoon. An excellent programme, given below, has been prepared, and as this will be the last public appearance of Miss Gilbertie Davidson for this season, at least, there will no doubt be a large and fashionable audience present. The performance will begin at 2 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

Overture—Fatinitza ..... Suppe
Orchestra.
Soprano Solo—Batti, Batti ..... Mozart
Miss Gilbertie Davidson.
Violin solo—Air Varie ..... De Heriot
Mr. F. Will.
Allegro de Concerto for piano (with string quartette accompaniment) ..... H. S. Saroni
Mrs. A. Stierle.
PART I.
Selection—Chimes of Normandy .... Planquette
Orchestra.
Angels' Serenade (with violin obligato). Millard
Miss Gilbertie Davidson.
Waltz—Geschichten aus dem Wiener Wald
..... Strauss
Orchestra

FORTUNATE FRANCE.

NEW ADMINISTRATION SMOOTHLY LAUNCHED.

General Approval Expressed by the People—Foreign Comment Generally Favorable—Gambetta Elevated to the Presidency of the Deputies—Burning of the Plague Infected Villages Favorably Considered by the Czar---City of Glasgow Bank Officials Found Guilty of Fraud—General News.

France.

THE NEW REGIME.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 31.—Gambetta has been elected president of the chamber of deputies by 314 votes out of a total vote of 405. It is still uncertain whether Dufaure, president of the council, will retain the office. A message from President Grevy will be communicated to the chamber probably Thursday next.

CABINET COUNCIL—REJOICING.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—A cabinet council was held this morning at President Grevy's private residence. Minister Teisserenc De Bort will probably be appointed ambassador to England, Gen. Chanzy to Russia, and Col. D. Anlau to Austria. There is a general feeling of congratulation throughout France at the issue of the crisis. Flags are flying in many parts of Paris. The *Soir* has reason to believe Dufoure has consented to retain the premiership on condition of the formal abandonment of the impeachment scheme.

FOREIGN OPINION.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The London newspapers unanimously congratulated France on yesterday's proceedings.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The German press generally approve Grevy's election.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The *Post*, commenting on the situation in France, says recent events have introduced party conflict into the French army, and on this rock either the army or the republic must founder.

CABINET CHANGES.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The *Standard's* Paris correspondent says that M. Teisserenc de Bort, minister of commerce, and M. Waddington, minister of foreign affairs, will retire from the cabinet, and Premier Dufaure will remain only a few weeks.

A Paris dispatch says Gambetta's election to the chair of the chamber of deputies is regarded as giving him a consultative voice in the government.

Italy and Spain have received the news of M. Grevy's election without comment. Germany only is anxious. MM. Waddington and St. Vollier will retain their posts.

General Foreign News.

HEROIC REMEDY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 31.—It is stated Prof. Botkin, physician to the czar, advises the burning of Wellianka and other villages where the epidemic has broken out, together with all furniture in them, and the removal of the inhabitants to healthy places. In spite of the heavy expense such a scheme would involve, the czar is said to be disposed to follow Prof. Botkins' advice.

THE AMEER IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 31.—The ameer of Afghanistan has arrived on the Russian frontier. His followers were disarmed. The ameer alone was allowed to retain his arms. The Russian authorities endeavored to persuade him that it would be useless to go to St. Petersburg, but the ameer insists and unless prevailed upon to abandon his intention may be expected to reach the Russian capital by the end of February, though every effort will be made to deter him. The ameer appears to be astonished at his treatment.

PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The German government, to prevent the introduction of the plague, has prohibited the importation of all articles prohibited by the Austrian committee and also manufacture of felt. The imperial chancellor will draw up regulations relative to travelers' baggage. The sanitary commission of the Scheldt quarantines all vessels from the Black sea.

BISMARCK'S TARIFF.

Bismarck's protectionist tariff will include a duty on English coal of 10 per cent. ad valorem.

PAPAL CONSISTORY.

ROME, Jan. 31.—A consistory is fixed for the 21st of February. The Pope will retrace his allocution and will retrace the pontifical policy of the year. He will also give a sketch of his scheme for the future.

GUILTY BANK OFFICERS.

GLASGOW, Jan. 31.—The trial of the directors of the City of Glasgow bank, on charges of fraud, theft and embezzlement, resulted in the conviction of Lewis Potter, of the Glasgow shipping firm of Potter, Wilson & Co., and of Robert Sumner Stronak, manager of the bank, of the offenses charged. The other directors were found guilty of uttering false abstracts of balance sheets. Sentences deferred.

FAILURE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Charles Shay & Co., merchants in the China trade, failed. It is believed their liabilities are heavy.

A dispatch from Jelallabad states an unconfirmed rumor that Shere Ali is dead. Major Cavagnari does not credit the report.

RESIGNED.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A Paris dispatch says the French ambassadors at St. Petersburg and Vienna, have resigned, or are about to resign.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The engineers and dockmen at Liverpool and Birkenhead, numbering 2,000, struck to-day.

A Berlin dispatch says Bavaria has moved the rejection of the parliamentary discipline bill in federal council.

A general strike of iron workers numbering 3,500, and brass founders, will commence to-day at Liverpool. Two thousand boiler makers and ship builders are also considering the advisability of striking.

He Answered "No."

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—Morrison Renshaw, the *Globe-Democrat* reporter who was sent to jail some days ago for contempt of court in refusing to answer certain questions asked him by the grand jury, was taken before that body again to-day and in reply to the question asking whether he obtained the information he published from any member of the grand jury he answered "no," whereupon he was discharged and is now breathing the air of freedom.

Julius F. Justin, an old German pioneer, died Jan. 27th at Mukwonago, Waukesha county. He emigrated to this country in 1848. His age was 73. He was prominent and highly esteemed among his German fellow citizens.

SCHOOL GUARDIANS.

A Regular Meeting of the Inspectors Last Night--Trouble About the Wood Contract and Several Other Things--No Legislation to Be Asked For.

The board of education held a regular session last night, President Murphy in the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Inspector Donnelly called attention to the Rosemount district school, saying that the city was paying enough to run the school. The matter was referred to the secretary to make investigation and report thereon.

A communication was read from the trustees of the MacAllister college, by Mr. H. K. Taylor, setting forth that interest was due, at 10 per cent., on $5,000 bonds, since last May.

Several of the board were anxious to learn how the 10 per cent. interest came about, when the bonds only called for 7 per cent.

M'ALLISTER COLLEGE BONDS.

Mr. Taylor explained that the bonds were due in September, 1877. Since that time the trustees had been taking 10 per cent., being willing to allow the board to retain the money at that rate. This interest had been paid by the late Mr. Manson, and he (Mr. Taylor) thought he was dealing with a regular officer of the board. Messrs. Scheffer, McCardy and others said they never knew anything of the arrangement, but agreed that the evidence was all in favor of Mr. Taylor, and some means ought to be devised so that the college would not lose, though the board was not legally bound to pay the difference in the interest. Both saw no way out of it, but expressed their sympathy for Mr. Taylor.

President Murphy saw no way out of it.

Mr. Donnelly couldn't understand why there wasn't some instrument of writing between the late Mr. Manson and Mr. Taylor. He always thought 7 per cent. was paid, and couldn't understand how 10 per cent was paid on 7 per cent paper. He moved the reference of the matter to Messrs. Scheffer, McCardy and Mr. Otis, attorney of the board, to investigate and report. Carried.

OUTSIDE OF TOWN.

A communication was read from David Ramaley asking that money paid to admit his children to the city schools be refunded, and stating as a reason that his business was in town, and he only lived just without the sacred limits.

Mr. Scheffar didn't see how the help could be extended.

Mr. Donnelly believed the relief could be given.

Mr. Withey gave a similar instance in the Sixth ward. There was a farmer over there whose house was in Dakota county, but whose farm was largely in the Sixth ward. He wanted his children to attend the Sixth ward school without paying. How could it be done?

The president put a quietus to the matter, by saying they escaped the city personal tax, didn't vote in the city, etc., and couldn't, in consequence, have the privilege.

FUEL FOR THE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Corning, of Smith & Lewis, wood contractors, stated that racks had been put up at the schools to be filled. In filling them up, the loads didn't come up to the level in the racks. Subsequently the racks were measured and the contractors had found them to measure eight feet and a half high and forty feet and eleven inches in length, when the measurement should have been eight feet by forty for the twenty cords required. The contractors had other minor grievances, and closed by asking for a committee to investigate.

Mr. Donnelly moved the appointment of such a committee. Carried.

President Murphy—I appoint on that committee Messrs. Donnelly, Dufrene and Weed. They've got buggies, and one is an Irishman, another a Frenchman and the third a Dutchman, and ought to amalgamate.

OFFICERS REPORT.

The superintendent of schools submitted the following report, which was accepted:

I have the honor to report the total enrollment of the public schools of the city for the month of January, 1879, as 3,289 pupils. The following is the enrollment, percentage of attendance and number of cases of tardiness in each school:

	Pupils.	Prct. of attendance.	Tardiness.
High school	187	97	253
Jefferson	628	94	212
Madison	415	94	112
Washington	305	94	67
Adams	333	93	58
Franklin	275	93	74
Lincoln	317	92	117
Neill	227	89	223
Humboldt	262	94	106
Vine street	117	92	62
McLean	111	92	86
Rice	112	92	86
Total	3,289		1,385

The resignation of Miss Wheaton, of the High school, was submitted, to take effect on the first of March.

President Murphy wanted to know why she resigned. Several voices (in a whisper)—May be she's going to be married. The resignation was accepted.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The special committee on school accommodations, reported that the school facilities were not sufficient, Jefferson, Vine street, Neill, Washington, Franklin and Adams schools being especially overcrowded, and recommended that the Vine street school be disposed of and that a new location for a new building be selected, etc., the committee on property being empowered to act in this matter. Report accepted.

The board then went into a rattling discussion on legislation. Nothing definite was done. But Mr. Weed wanted "Bill" Murray to be watched, or he'd have the board legislated out of existence. The council came in from other members for a small bit of caution. The subject finally arranged itself so that all matters pertaining to new legislation should remain undisturbed just where it was now.

Mr. McCardy wanted a new school house in the fourth precinct of the Fourth ward. This would prevent the payment to Rosemount school district.

Mr. Scheffer suppressed any discussion on the motion by offering a resolution, which was adopted, to have an agreement, and pay on it, with Rosemount township for the tuition of city children attending the district school.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Donnelly directing the committee on property to dispose of all school property unsuitable for school purposes at public sale, after the committee had investigated and decided upon such property. Carried.

BORROWING MONEY.

The teachers', janitors', etc., pay rolls for January were submitted and allowed.

The secretary explained that there wasn't any money on hand to pay the salaries.

Mr. Scheffer moved that the president and secretary be authorized to borrow the money, $7,000, to meet the payment. Carried. Adjourned.

The Produce Exchange, of Cleveland, has resolved in favor of an extension of the Grand Trunk railway to that city, as a means of getting an independent route to the seaboard.

DISASTERS---DEVILTRIES.

RECORD OF THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.

Destruction by Fire of the Alms-House, Near Louisville, Ky.—Miraculous Escape of the Inmates—Out of Three Hundred and Forty Persons But Four Lose Their Lives, and Two Suffer Serious Injury—Grist Mill Destroyed, and Four Persons Killed by Boiler Explosion—Miscellaneous Criminal Deeds.

ALMS HOUSE BURNED.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 31.—The Louisville alms house, situated five miles south of the city, was entirely destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown, at 10 o'clock this morning. Three hundred and forty persons were in the place at the time, nearly all of whom escaped. James Ridley, imbecile, was burned fatally. Fred Meyer in escaping broke his neck. Henry Kehler perished in the flames. Thomas Dixon was killed by a fall. Nathan Caldwell was severely hurt, and Mrs. Johnson was severely burned and will probably die. The exit scene is described as horrible in the extreme, but the most marvelous feature is the small loss of life attending it. Nearly all the inmates were aged invalids, imbeciles and cripples. There were more colored persons than any other class, yet, strange to say, none were seriously injured. Their ages ranged from 108 years to 50. The building was erected by the city of Louisville in 1874, at a cost of $75,000, and was insured as follows: Continental, of New York, $5,000; Commercial Union, of London, $5,000; Hartford, of Hartford, $6,000; Royal, of Liverpool, $5,000; Franklin, of Louisville, $5,000; Farmers and Drovers, of Louisville, $5,000; German Security, of Louisville, $5,000; Union, of Louisville, $5,000; Louisville German, $5,000; Western, Louisville, $5,000; Queen, of Liverpool, $5,000; Underwriters, of New York, $5,000; Western Assurance, of Toronto, $5,000. Total, $70,000. The paupers were assigned other quarters at once.

DISHONEST CLERKS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 31.—Citizens of Urbana, Ohio, are considerably exercised at the discovery of crookedness in the county treasurer's office. The treasurer, James Blase, has left the business of his office mostly to his two clerks, one being a brother to Blase. These young men have been in the habit of overcharging on tax receipts, and then entering the true amount on the books. They were discovered by a tax payer who claimed he had been overcharged. Upon this several other parties compared notes and found they had been systematically defrauded. The young clerks have been living fast lives for some time past, spending money freely. The treasurer is making restitution in every case discovered. The total amount of these frauds is not yet known.

M'DONALD AND "THE SYLPH."

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 31.—The examination of Gen. McDonald, Mrs. Lamotte and Mr. Thompson, charged with resisting United States officers, commenced this afternoon before Commissioner Bloadgood. Deputy Marshals Newell and Simpson and Custodian Hubbard stated the particulars of the alleged resistance to the execution, after which an adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

TERRIBLE BOILER EXPLOSION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—A terrible boiler explosion occurred at Secor, Ill., yesterday, in L. Gassner's grist mill. The mill was instantaneously destroyed and four persons killed: Wm. Collins, engineer; Henry Brans, Wm. Wheeler, a foreman on the Toledo road, and Young Mahistick. Joseph Horn was probably fatally injured. The coroner's verdict was negligence.

POLITICAL PRISONERS.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31.—A number of political prisoners from Caddo and Tensas parishes, arrived and appeared before Judge Wood, charged with violating the election laws and interfering with United States supervisors in the discharge of their duties, and were bailed at $3,000 each to appear when called. Thirty prisoners from Natchitoches parish, arrested upon similar charges, arrive to-night.

CRIMINAL LIBEL.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—A. B. Wakefield, a somewhat notorious individual here, was arrested this morning at the instance of Wm. Hyde, managing editor of the St. Louis *Republican*, on the charge of criminal libel, and was released on bail. There are a large number of affidavits in the case which place Mr. Wakefield in an awkward position.

The specific charge against Wakefield is that he asserted on numerous occasions, and to various persons, that there is a keno and gambling ring in the city, composed of the chief of police, McDonough, Robert C. Pate and Wm. Hyde. His trial is set for Feb. 11, and it is said revelations of a very scandalous nature in connection with gambling, lotteries, etc., the police board and State officials will be made.

DEATH IN THE ELEVATOR.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 31.—This forenoon Harry Dean, an employe of Smith, Slough & Payne, Lock street, fell off the elevator, at the third floor, dropping to the cellar, a distance of fifty feet, dying a few moments after.

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 31.—Louis Fraver, of Hanover, Pennsylvania, while attempting to jump from a moving train in the Union depot, this city, at a late hour last night, slipped and fell under the car wheels. He was so badly mangled that he died this morning.

MRS. COBB AND BISHOP.

NORWICH, Conn., Jan. 31.—It has just transpired that Mrs. Cobb and Wesley W. Bishop had an interview at the jail a few days since at the latter's request. Jailor Beckwith, Rev. Hugh Montgomery, and Mr. Thrusher, of Mrs. Cobb's counsel, were present. Bishop thought he could draw Mrs. Cobb to a confession of guilt by such interview. Mrs. Cobb refused to recognize him when he entered the room. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Bishop said to Mrs. Cobb: "Katie, you know that the statement of mine is true." Mrs. Cobb replied indignantly: "I don't know any such thing. I know it is not true." Bishop repeated his appeal in various forms and was met with a similar denial each time. He then left the room.

LOSS OF OYSTER BOAT AND CREW.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31.—The oyster schooner Adamantine has been found sunk in the bay. Her captain, Horace Baker, of Philadelphia, was lashed to the topmast, and the bodies of nine men, composing the crew, were lashed to the deck, which was several feet under water. The inhabitants of Smith's island saw the wreck on the morning of Jan. 2, but owing to rough weather were unable to go out to it, although the captain was seen signaling from the topmast where he was lashed.

BANK DEFALCATION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—A discrepancy has been discovered in the Indiana National bank amounting to $6,000 or $7,000, which is claimed by the directors to be in the accounts of James M. Nicholls, former teller. Mr. Nicholls, on the other hand, says that the deficit occurred after he left the bank, and that he is not responsible for it.

RELAPSE, REMORSE, DEATH.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Wm. Wirtz, a reformed gambler, who of late has been living an exemplary life, had relapsed into his old bad habits to-day, and this evening, coming home in a distracted state of mind, took a heavy dose of chloral and chloroform, with fatal effect.

TRAIN WRECKER AT WORK.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 31.—The train which left South Bethlehem on the North Pennsylvania railroad this evening was wrecked at Iron Hill station. The entire train, which was well filled with passengers returning from Dr. Linderman's funeral, was thrown from the track, but no one was killed. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch, the lock of which appears to have been broken, and the switch left open, with the intention of throwing the train from the track.

MILWAUKEE FIREMEN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 31.—A fire this evening in the large trunk manufactory of Romadka Bros., fronting on Fourth street, near Wells, caused a loss of about $25,000 on stock, and $5,000 on building. Romadka Bros. had an insurance of about $5,000. It is estimated that the property destroyed is covered by about $23,000 insurance, distributed in about equal proportions among twenty companies. During the fire Assistant Chief Engineer Foley and a truckman named Kurtin fell through the elevator from the top to the basement and both were seriously hurt. The fire was caused by two boys while playing, one of whom pushed the other against a gas jet the flames of which set fire to his clothing and thence communicated to the inflamable woodwork of the building. The boy ran out of doors and threw himself into the snow, extinguishing the flames.

Board of Trade Row in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Considerable ill feeling has been engendered this week on account of the adoption by the board of trade of a regulation prohibiting clerks of members appearing on the floor of the board. To-day resolutions were posted for action in ten days demanding that this action be rescinded and that provision be made for the accommodation of clerks. It is understood that, in the event of refusal by the board to repeal the objectionable rule, some of the most prominent members will apply for a charter for a new board with unusual privileges for members, and a paid-up capital of $500,000, and will secede from the present organization, build commodious new quarters and transact business independently.

Religious Meetings.

The meetings being held at the First Baptist church are of more than usual interest. Last evening the exercises were held in the main edifice, which was quite largely attended. The services were opened by Rev. Mr. Barnes in a short address, urging upon all Christian people the importance of work—active, hearty, continued work.

Mr. Jacobs, after reading and commenting upon several portions of scripture, took for his text Isaiah 55-6, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." The sermon was one of power, and reached the hearts of his hearers. After the sermon a number of requisitions for prayers were made, and a special meeting was held with those who had manifested their desire for the prayers of others. The meetings for to-day are a bible reading and prayer meeting at 3 P. M., (closing in time for the 4:30 P. M. teachers' meeting at the Y. M. C. A.); a prayer meeting at 7 o'clock, and preaching by Mr. Jacobs at 7:30 in the evening. All Christian people are urgently requested to attend and participate in these meetings.

PERSONAL.

R. Hanisch, Esq., Lake City, at Upman's.

Dr. Otis Ayer, Le Sueur, at the Metropolitan.

B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago, is in the city and is stopping with Horace Thompson.

James J. Green, Esq., of the Le Sueur *Sentinel*, is at the Metropolitan.

Dr. R. M. Whitefoot, U. S. A., Washington, D. C., and wife, at the Metropolitan.

Mr. E. V. Bogart, Winona, the "boss" chicken man of Southern Minnesota, at the Metropolitan.

Hon. Gordon E. Cole, Faribault, was an interested listener to the tramp discussion in the Senate, yesterday.

Hon. Franklin H. Waite, Mankato, occupied a chair upon the floor of the Senate, for a little time, yesterday. It looked natural.

Hon. John H Reaney received the congratulations of his Senatorial associates at his convalescence upon resuming his seat in that body at the morning sitting, yesterday.

Judge John L. Macdonald, Shakopee, paid St. Paul