

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. —The 170th anniversary of Old Swedes' Church, Swanson street, near Christian, will be celebrated next month. The anniversary sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Simes.

—The forty-eighth anniversary of the Sabbath school of the First Presbyterian Church, Southwark (German street, below Third), was celebrated last evening in the presence of a large number of persons.

—Over 5000 quarts of strawberries were shipped on Wednesday from counties along the line of the Eastern Shore Railroad to Philadelphia and New York. This crop will be a large one, and in a few days berries will be received from stations along the Delaware Railroad.

—Among the witnesses examined late on Wednesday afternoon in the Truman homicide case, in the Oyer and Terminer, was Joseph Reed, a colored man. He came to the stand assisted by a cane, and appeared greatly enfeebled and gave his testimony with difficulty, caused by the oppression in his breathing. A few hours after he left the court he dropped dead at his home of heart disease.

Domestic Affairs.

—Gold closed yesterday at 14 1/2.

—The Internal Revenue receipts yesterday were \$580,470.

—The contest for the Majority of Washington is being very actively carried on.

—The Postmaster-General made a number of postal changes in this State yesterday.

—Professor Niles, of Trinity College, Hartford, is the new Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire.

—General Negley, yesterday, being called a liar by a Scotch lobbyist, promptly knocked him down.

—The President has announced his intention of promptly signing the Northern Pacific Railroad bill.

—Arguments in the case of Paul Schoeppe were commenced in the Supreme Court at Harrisburg yesterday.

—General Jordan denies that the Cuban revolution is at an end, and represents the patriots as likely to hold out for an indefinite period.

—Charles Myers, alias Brown, charged with breaking into the house of Mr. Esau, at Germantown, was arrested in New York yesterday.

—A rumor prevailed in Ottawa yesterday that Minister Thornton had been directed to demand protection of the Canadian frontier by the President.

—Great preparations are being made by the Grand Army of the Republic for the decoration of the soldiers' graves in the neighborhood of Washington.

—In the Senate yesterday, after the close of our report, the Legislative Appropriation bill was considered until adjournment.

—In the House, the River and Harbor bill was reported and referred to the Appropriation Committee. The Northern Pacific Railroad bill was voted upon. The amendments were all defeated, and the bill, as it came from the Senate, was passed by a vote of 107 yeas to 85 nays. Messrs. Kelley, Myers, and O'Neill voted for the bill, and Mr. Randall against it. Mr. Bingham made a report from the conference committee on the Fifteenth Amendment bill, which it was agreed should be voted upon to-day. Mr. Lynch's Navigation bill was considered, pending which the House adjourned.

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OBITUARY.

Judge Richard Stockton Fields. —Hon. Richard Stockton Fields died at Princeton, N. J., on the night of Wednesday last, aged sixty-seven. He was a native of New Jersey, and graduated with high honors at Princeton College. He entered on the study of law and brought to it a mind of no ordinary ability. He soon rose to a commanding position at the Bar of New Jersey, which was pre-eminent for talent and legal research. He resided all his life at Princeton, where he made his cottage home celebrated for its floricultural and horticultural collections. He was a professor for many years in the law department of the College of New Jersey, which was owing to his energy and talent.

Judge Fields was very prominent in the cases involving large interests connected with the vested franchises of the railroads and other great corporations of New Jersey. He was of a modest, retiring disposition, and shrank from unnecessary contact with the active world of political life, and sought the cloistered privacy of his library and the genial society of men of science and letters, whom the College and Theological Seminary drew to Princeton. He was active in the councils of the Protestant Episcopal Church, both in the Diocesan and General Conventions. He had three daughters, but no sons. Two of his daughters survive him, we believe.

He was appointed by President Lincoln to succeed Hon. Philmore Dickerson (who died December 10, 1861) as Judge of the United States District Court of New Jersey, and he remained so, winning high encomiums for the learning and knowledge of the law displayed in his decisions during the exciting decade which has just terminated.

A few weeks ago, while hearing an important cause at Trenton, in open court, he fell senseless, after uttering some incoherent remarks, and since that time he has lingered in painful pain, with both mental and physical suffering. His successor was appointed immediately on his resignation, Hon. John T. Nixon.

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Postmaster-General from 1782 to 1789, and from 1792 to 1794 published "Historical Collections," consisting of State papers and other historical documents, intended as materials for a history of the United States. In 1828 Samuel Hazard commenced the publication of the "Pennsylvania Register," which was issued until 1836, forming sixteen volumes large octavo. He next published the "United States Commercial and Statistical Register," forming six large octavo volumes, issued from 1839 to 1842. The "Annals of Pennsylvania" from 1800 to 1862, an octavo volume of 800 pages, was next issued by Mr. Hazard. He also, by appointment of the Legislature, printed the "Pennsylvania Archives," from 1826 to 1790, from the original records, forming twelve volumes. Mr. Hazard was indefatigable in his labors, and was respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Rev. Isaac Collins.

The Rev. Isaac Collins, one of the oldest members of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a defender of that city in 1814, died on Wednesday afternoon in the eighty-first year of his age, at Baltimore. Mr. Collins was a preacher of nearly sixty years' standing, and was widely known among the Methodists of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. He became a convert in 1810, and served both as chaplain and soldier under General Harrison, on the lakes, in 1812. He subsequently participated in the battles of Bladensburg and North Point, and was near the British General Ross when he fell in the battle of North Point, in 1814. His service in the Church extended over a wide extent of country in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, and during the long period of his itinerant ministry he was instrumental in converting thousands of persons, among them great numbers of colored people in that city.

THE ASSEMBLY.

Yesterday Afternoon's Session.

The afternoon session was devoted, according to prior agreement, to the celebration of the Holy Communion. The galleries were crowded and the services were impressive. Rev. Dr. George W. Musgrave presided and the elements were distributed by the clergymen. The services were concluded with benediction by Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, of New York.

The Evening Session.—Continuation of the Reception of the Foreign Delegates.

Rev. Dr. John Edmond, of the United Presbyterian Church of Great Britain and Ireland, was the first of the delegates introduced. He thought this must be a most remarkable body to have received the congratulations of three great different foreign bodies. The fact that this great body represented a cluster of stars, united by the crescent of peace, was added an especial significance to the solemnity of this occasion. He compared the organization of his own Church with that of the Presbyterian Church here, and concluded with an expression of opinion that the great Christian duty of the people of this country was to cultivate friendly relations with the people of Great Britain. The flag of universal peace should be flung on high, and the Scriptural doctrines enunciated by Him who first elevated it on high should be the mottoes of every Christian.

Dr. McLeod, of the same Church, followed in the name of the American Church and country, and felicitated us to the question of reunion, considering all branches of the Anglo-Saxon race as one, and hence rejoiced over every union of the people speaking that tongue.

The Moderator (Dr. J. T. Baokus) responded in a brief expression of appreciation of the cordial feeling expressed by the delegates who had spoken.

Rev. David Inglis, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, presented the congratulations of his brethren upon the reunion, after which the Assembly adjourned.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Meeting of Both Branches of Councils. —Both branches of City Councils met yesterday in their respective chambers at the usual hour.

Select Council.—The Mayor returned, without his approval, the ordinance establishing a market stand to be erected on Third street, and on Germantown road, at Calowhill street. He refers to the act of March 24, preventing certain obstructions in the public highways between Girard avenue and Walnut street east of Broad street. This makes the ordinance, except so far as it applies to Calowhill street, west of Broad, illegal.

The veto was sustained by a unanimous vote, and the bill was defeated.

John Welsh was elected by acclamation Trustee of the City Ice Bond.

A resolution granting permission to the National Telegraph Company to erect poles in the city of Philadelphia was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Harkness presented a communication from citizens complaining that the wooden building authorized by Councils at Fifteenth street and Columbia avenue, as a ticket office for a base-ball ground, is now being used as a lager-beer saloon. In this connection, he presented a petition relating to the ordinance granting permission to erect the building in question, referring to the fact that the shed has never been used as an office since its erection, but is a nuisance to the neighborhood by the sale of beer. Referred to the Committee on Police.

An ordinance was agreed to appropriating \$35,000 for a school building in the Fourteenth ward.

An ordinance was presented authorizing the purchase from the Board of Health, asking an appropriation for the manumitting of Pennsylvania road, from Broad street to Point Breeze. Agreed to.

All the ordinances from Common Council directing the opening and repairing of streets were postponed for the present.

The ordinance from Common Council, making an appropriation to pay the damages for the opening of Bridge street, from Lancaster avenue to Fortieth street, was concurred in; also, the ordinance repealing that portion of the ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings, so far as it applies to the Twenty-fifth ward.

Common Council.—A communication was received from the Board of Health, asking an appropriation of \$10,000 to meet the extraordinary expenditures entailed by the prevalence of relapsing fever in our city.

Referred to the Finance Committee. Also a communication from the same board requesting Councils to prohibit the holding of night markets, especially from May 15 to October 15, as it is impracticable to clean the markets after 10 o'clock at night. Referred to the Committee on Markets.

William Cummings was re-elected Trustee of the City Ice Bond by acclamation.

Mr. S. Miller, chairman of the Highway Committee, presented a resolution for the grading of Clearfield and other streets. Agreed to. Also, a resolution for the manumitting of Pennsylvania road, from Broad street to Point Breeze. Agreed to.

Mr. Kline, acting as chairman of the Finance Committee, presented an ordinance appropriating \$6000 for the payment of the expenses of the Public Buildings Commission and other purposes. Agreed to. Also, an ordinance appropriating \$20,000 for the payment of damages for the opening of Bridge street from Lancaster avenue to Fortieth street. Agreed to.

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Mr. Hahn, chairman of the Police Committee, presented an ordinance declaring uncovered and garbage carts, nuisances, and imposing a penalty of five dollars on their use. Agreed to. Also, an ordinance allowing the erection of wooden sheds for market purposes on Calowhill street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. Agreed to. Also, an ordinance repealing the ordinance prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings, so far as it applies to a portion of the Twenty-fifth ward. Agreed to. Also, an ordinance extending the provisions of the ordinance prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings to the Twenty-seventh ward. Recommitted to the committee.

In joint convention the following officers were elected: For Vardens—Samuel V. Merrick, Samuel J. Christian, George W. Hacker, Charles C. Van Horn, Thomas B. Beck, E. Harper Jeffries, William Craig, Sr., William M. Greiner.

Trustees of Northern Liberties Gas Works—Jacob Taylor, Isaac A. Shepard.

Mr. W. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Election Divisions, presented an ordinance creating two new divisions out of the Eighth division of the Twenty-first ward. Agreed to.

Also, an ordinance creating a new division out of the Third division of the Fifth ward. Considerable discussion was had, it being alleged that the petition for the division of this ward had never been before the committee. The bill finally passed.

The amendments of Select Council to the ordinance for the construction of certain sewers were concurred in.

Mr. Hanna, Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire, presented an ordinance extending the "Fire Alarm" Telegraph to Roxborough, and appropriating therefor \$5000. Pending its consideration the Chamber adjourned.

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