

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Culled From Dispatches From Both Hemispheres.

SEVEN DAYS' NEWS IN BRIEF.

A General Resume of the Leading News of the Day, Prepared in a Suitable Form For the Reader Whose Leisure Time...

The trial of P. Rienzi, on the charge of killing Frank Secondo at Canajoharie, N. Y., last July, commenced before Justice Stover of Fonda. At the conclusion of this trial Thomas Glynn, better known as "Tubby" Glynn of Johnsons, will be tried on the charge of murdering Lewis Eckenbrack at Fonda in December.

The big Continental hotel, in the course of erection on the banks of the St. Lawrence river in the west part of Ogdensburg, N. Y., was burned. The fire started in the cupola and was the work of an incendiary. The loss is placed at \$9,000, with only a small insurance.

George Gosman of Buffalo, about 47 years old, a baker, shot himself while dependent over fatigue to secure employment. He died in the hospital.

Sir Alfred Milner has been appointed governor of Cape Colony, to succeed Lord Rossmore, better known as Sir Herbert Robinson, who resigned on account of ill health.

The F. B. Morse building on State street, Lowell, N. Y., occupied by L. A. Eschbach, postmaster, a grocery store, and George Jeffers, haberdash shop, was burned.

City Clerk Benjamin of Brooklyn has refused to pay to the comptroller \$1,140 he received as fees for issuing naturalization certificates. Mr. Benjamin said that he treated as a state officer and that the city treasury had no right to the money.

Alfred Thomas J. O'Malley of the Twenty-third ward, Chicago, and John Santer, who have been on trial for the murder of Gus Coadiner, an election judge, in 1894, were acquitted by a jury.

In two weeks from Feb. 18, the present congress expires by limitation and from this time forward all things legislative will have to give way to the appropriation bills, which must be passed before the final adjournment.

An examination of the remains of John W. Howard, who committed suicide last October, at Daventport, N. Y., exhausted at the request of W. B. and C. W. Mallory of Alabanga, Ill., has resulted in the complete identification of Howard as Mallory's brother, who had been mourned by his parents and relatives as dead for the past 30 years.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived at Halifax by the mail steamer Mongolian from Liverpool, accompanied by Lady Tupper.

Dr. Henry H. Brooks of New York city has been appointed associate in bacteriology at the state pathological institute in New York city.

The Dewey and Lancaster Light, Power and Conduit company has been incorporated at Albany with a capital stock of \$300,000 to supply gas and electricity in the villages of Dewey and Lancaster and the town of Cheektowaga, Erie county.

The exports of grain from the port of Philadelphia since Jan. 1 is the largest in years. Up to the present time nearly 3,500,000 bushels of corn and 300,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped to Europe.

Hon. Roswell L. Burrows, who has practiced law in Buffalo for half a century, has died there. He was 73 years of age. At one time he was a member of the assembly and was county judge of Erie for a number of years.

Major John E. Blair of Corning, N. Y., who had a war record of honor and was one of the greatest criminal lawyers in that part of the state, is dead, aged 73 years.

The Bradley & Currier company of New York city was incorporated at Albany with a capital stock of \$200,000 to deal in real estate.

When the court at Fonda, N. Y., adjourned seven jurors had been selected for the trial of Pasquale Rienzi, for the murder of Frank Secondo.

The general store of W. H. Frye and the postoffice at Wells, Hamilton county, N. Y., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$6,000; partly insured.

Stephen Corlies of Albany has been appointed a member of the commission to represent the state of New York at the Tennessee centennial.

William Babal has been suspended as postmaster at Waukegan, N. Y., pending investigation of an alleged shortage of \$900 in his accounts. One of his bondsmen, Mr. Cramer, has been placed in charge of the office.

Thomas D. Williams, who for the past 18 years has been the chief operator of the Western Union Telegraph company in Pittsburgh, and well known to the fraternity throughout the country, died of pneumonia. Mr. Williams had been connected with the Western Union for over 40 years.

William John Cox, a farmer who lived near Coles, N. Y., 40 years old, was killed by a milk pail. He was found by a policeman and was taken to the city hospital. One of his ankles was fractured and he sustained internal injuries. Physicians hope for his recovery.

Newspaper Office Guttered by Fire. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—The office of the Poston Fifth avenue was nearly destroyed by fire, causing a loss to the paper of about \$90,000, well insured. Loss on the building is not yet known. The only other tenant of the building was Gleason, the railroad ticket broker, whose loss was small.

Received His Money. OLEAN, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Frank Rehrman formerly an employe of the Standard Oil company at the Acme works in this city, and who was injured several years ago by falling from a scaffold, has received a check for \$5,000 from the company after a lengthy battle in the courts.

McKinley Confined to His Room. CANTON, O., Feb. 16.—Major McKinley is confined to his room and his physician advised him to see no visitors until he has recovered from his cold. This is the first time he has been inaccessible to callers since his return from Columbus, over a year ago.

Auburn Telephone Company. ALBANY, Feb. 18.—The Auburn Telephone company has been incorporated with a capital of \$4,000 to operate a telephone system in Auburn. The directors are B. M. Wilcox, Thomas Jones, H. W. Zachcock, James C. Shaw and A. P. Rich of Auburn.

ARMAND DE CASTON

Funeral of Opera Singer Who Died at the Metropolitan.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Probably no man or woman connected with the theatrical or operatic profession had such a tribune paid to his memory as was displayed at the funeral services over the remains of Count Armand de Caston, known as an accomplished opera singer, who died at the Metropolitan Opera House, while playing in the performance of "Martha."

The crowd that collected in front of the French church of St. Vincent de Paul filled the block on both sides of the way from Sixth to Seventh avenues. Shortly after the arrival of the body the services began, the officiating priests being Very Rev. Theodore Wucher, the deacon Rev. Thomas McTavine and subdeacon Rev. William McAdam, the assisting priests being Very Rev. Provincial V. Souillard and Rev. Father F. Gruchetian.

The prayers for the dead were read by Rev. Father Wucher, who made a few remarks in French in eulogy of the dead man, after which the body was removed from the church, followed by the mourners to the Grand Central depot, where it was placed on a train and conveyed to Kensico cemetery in Westchester, where it will be kept in a vault until sent to France in April.

During the services Jean de Boszko and his brother Edmund and Mme. Caszko accompanied the three front pews, and were apparently much affected during the services, they having been great friends and admirers of the deceased.

WOLVERTON RELEASED

Locked Up For Fourteen Months For Not Settling a Board Bill.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—Attorney Dwyer of Rochester made application for Justice Childs in the special term of the city court for the release of George F. Wolverton from the custody of the sheriff of Monroe county.

Wolverton, a railroad engineer, has been locked up for over 14 months on account of an alleged indebtedness to a Buffalo boarding house keeper.

Justice Childs granted the application for his release and referred to his imprisonment as the most outrageous case of injustice he ever encountered in his years of experience on the bench.

Steamer Paganvanta in Commission.

New York, Feb. 18.—The new twin screw freight and passenger steamer Pennsylvanian of the Hamburg American line was placed in commission on the regular service between New York and Hamburg today and she will leave New York with a full cargo, carrying a total of over 15,000 tons measurement.

It is claimed by the Hamburg American line that this is the largest cargo that has ever taken out of New York on one ship. It is interesting to note that it would take the ordinary freight cars or about 18 freight trains to transport this enormous quantity.

General Gomer Wounded.

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—From private advices received here it is learned that an engagement between Spanish troops and insurgents has taken place.

The wound forced him to resign the command to Leuder Rosales, who assumed command and conducted the rest of the skirmish, which resulted in driving back the Spanish.

Shortly after General Carrillo arrived and assumed command of the Cuban army. General Gomer is during the engagement had his horse shot from under him.

Will Not Buy Prison Supplies.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 16.—Mayor James K. McGuire of this city says he will refuse to purchase supplies from the state prison for city use at the direction of Superintendent of Prisons Lathrop, unless compelled to do so by the courts.

The mayor has received a threatening letter from the superintendent quoting the state law in the matter, but says he will ignore it.

Fire at Beaver Falls.

LOWVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The extensive wooden and paper plate factory of the Smith & Stephens company at Beaver Falls was burned to the ground, together with nearly all of the contents as well as the engine house. From 30 to 40 men were employed. The loss is about \$30,000. The fire was started by the explosion of a lamp.

Bicyclist Johnson Ill.

TORONTO, Feb. 17.—John N. Johnson, the skater and bicyclist, is dangerously ill at the hospital and his condition is improving. While driving he caught a severe cold, which has had serious developments. Johnson has several contracts to sign in Minnesota, but it will be some time before he will be able to leave for that city.

Bequest For Yale College.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Feb. 16.—William Lamson, the Le Roy banker, who died, left an estate of about \$700,000. He was married and his nearest relatives are a cousin in Canada and a second cousin in England. He willed all but a few thousand dollars of his property to Yale college from which he was graduated in 1863.

Fall of a Sleep Walker.

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 16.—While in a somnambulistic state Hugh Devlin, aged 38 years, walked out of a third story window and fell 90 feet. He was found by a policeman and was taken to the city hospital. One of his ankles was fractured and he sustained internal injuries. Physicians hope for his recovery.

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RESTRICT IMMIGRATION

Immigration Bill Goes to President Cleveland.

TESTS FOR THE IMMIGRANTS.

Final Vote Stood 34 to 31—Physically Capable and Able to Read and Write—Arrivals From Cuba During Present Trouble Except.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The immigration bill now goes to the president, the last legislative step having been taken in the senate by an agreement to the conference report on the bill. Strong opposition was made to the report, but on the final vote the friends of the measure rallied and a small majority, the vote being: Yeas, 34; nays, 31.

The bill as passed extends the immigration restriction against "all persons physically capable and over 16 years old, who cannot read and write the English language or some other language; but a person not able to read and write, who is over 30 years old, and who is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years old and capable of supporting such parent or grandparent, may be sent for and come to join the family of a child or grandchild over 21 years old, similarly qualified and capable, and a wife or minor child not able to read or write, may accompany or be sent for and come to join the husband or parent similarly qualified and capable.

For the purpose of testing the immigrant's literacy he is compelled to read and write from 21 to 30 words of the United States constitution. Aside from these exceptions of the present law the bill inaugurates a new system of restricting immigration from border countries and designed to apply principally to immigration from Canada. The provisions are as follows:

Sec. 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any male alien, who has not in good faith made his declaration before the proper court of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, to be employed on any public works of the United States or to come regularly or habitually into the United States by land or water for the purpose of engaging in any mechanical trade or manual labor, for wages or salary, returning from time to time to a foreign country.

Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company or corporation knowingly to employ any alien coming into the United States in violation of the next preceding section of this act. Provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to the employment of vessels, deck hands or other employes of vessels or railroad train hands, conductors, engineers, brakemen, firemen or baggage-men whose duties require them to pass over the frontier to reach the terminals of the rivers or to loadmen or guides on the lakes and rivers on the northern border of the United States.

A violation of these sections is made a misdemeanor, punishable by fine up to \$500, or imprisonment up to one year, or both.

A special provision exempts from the operation of the law persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorder there.

The law is to take effect July 1 next.

MCKINLEY IMPROVING

Took a Short Drive—Will Go to Cleveland Late This Week.

CANTON, O., Feb. 18.—Major McKinley took a short drive Mrs. McKinley accompanied him.

The sun was shining brightly, the air was mild and it was an ideal day to be out of doors. The major enjoyed the drive greatly and experienced some effects. It seems to be very much exhilarated by the little outing. It is still necessary for him to avoid exertion and to take the best of care of himself, but he is making a most satisfactory recovery.

Dr. Phillips, the attending physician, will not consent that his patient shall take up any of his former routine this week, so any visitors or those the proposed trip to Cleveland before the latter part of the week.

William K. McClintock of Chicago, who applies to be consul to Rio Janeiro, was among the day's arrivals.

CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Mrs. Cleveland Receives the Members at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The session of the first national congress of mothers was held in the banquet hall of the Arlington hotel. A thousand tickets of admission were issued, but fully a third more than that number of women were crowded into the room and the adjoining parlors when the hour for opening the congress arrived.

Mrs. Cleveland, by appointment, received the members and their friends at the White House after the morning session. There was a vast gathering, and the officers estimated that at least 1,300 people were in the line that passed through the corridors and entered the blue parlor, where Mrs. Cleveland received her visitors.

Rienzi Not Guilty.

FONDA, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The jury in the case of Pasquale Rienzi, who for three days has been on trial here for the murder of Frank Secondo of Canajoharie, brought in a verdict of not guilty. A jury is now being selected to try "Tubby" Glynn of Johnsons, charged with the murder of Lewis Eckenbrack in December last.

Fatal Elevator Accident.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Feb. 18.—One of the passenger elevators in the St. James hotel got beyond control of the conductor. It went up full speed, crashed through the roof, turned over and fell down the shaft a distance of five stories. The elevator conductor and a guest were in the elevator car at the time. Both are dying.

Norman S. Dike Resigned.

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—Adjutant General Tingburgh has accepted the resignation of Norman S. Dike of Brooklyn, who has been serving as lieutenant colonel and as assistant judge advocate general of the State National Guard.

John J. Service Dead.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Feb. 18.—John J. Service, a wealthy resident of the town of Florida, and a director of the First National bank of this city, died, aged 79 years.

MINERS BURIED ALIVE.

Roof Support Weakened by the Blast.

SIX MEN CAUGHT IN THE RUINS.

Terrible Accident in the Freeman Mines at Talleville—One Body Missing. Two Men Escaped Injury. Dawley's Spine Was Broken.

GOVERNOR, N. Y., Feb. 15.—One topic for miles around has been the terrible mine accident which occurred at Talleville. The accident occurred in the Freeman mine, leased by the United States Tale company. There were eight men in that section of the mine, which was a new one, 100 feet underground.

A blast had been fired and the men were engaged in sealing off the loose pieces. A pillar of tale, 30 feet square, had been left standing for a support to the roof of the shaft. Six of the men were working around this. Without a warning of any kind the huge mass, comprising about 200 tons of rock, slipped from its position and collapsed, burying the men.

Five of the men were jammed up against the wall and terribly crushed. The sixth, William Dawley was thrown up in some manner and but three feet of the rock lay on him. Two other men, Adolf Trombley and William Horn, were in the mine. The former was beyond the pillar and was out of danger. Horn was working close to the pillar, but up near the roof.

When the crash came the rocks fell all around him, striking his drill, but he was not injured. He crawled up the track of the skip to the end of the ladder, and went to the surface to give the alarm. A searching party was at once organized and put to work.

The first body found was that of Fred McCoy. He was single. Next the bodies of Mildred Louvelan were found.

All this time groans were issuing from the heap of debris, and the workmen finally located William Dawley. After several hours' labor the man was uncovered. It was found that his spine was broken, one of his legs crushed, and there were other injuries of an internal nature. He retained consciousness to the time of his death.

Louvelan leaves a widow and three children. Dawley a widow and seven children. The body of Charles Larock was found later. He leaves a widow and six children. Then the body of Albertson was found. He leaves a widow and two children.

A few minutes later the remains of John Matthews were brought to the surface. He was married and had eight children. The body was in a terrible condition. The body of Tetheron was minus the legs.

Witnesses Against Hammond.

BRIDGEVILLE, O., Feb. 17.—The Hammond case is exciting a great deal of interest here and throughout Canada. When the court opened hundreds of people were made to obtain admission. The crown witnesses number 40, seven of whom are from Buffalo and New York. When the prisoner was led into the box he looked pale, but calmed down immediately. He pleaded "not guilty." Several witnesses were examined and gave damaging testimony against the prisoner.

Howard Benham Held.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Howard C. Benham was ordered held by Justice Dunham to await the action of the grand jury, which will convene on Monday, March 9, on the charge of murder in the first degree in having caused the death of his wife, Florence J. Benham, by means of prussic acid. When the examination was resumed W. C. Watson, Benham's attorney, announced that no testimony would be offered on behalf of the defense, and the case was submitted to the court without argument.

Mrs. Modjeska Ill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Modjeska will not be able to act again this year. She has cancelled all her engagements and her company is now in process of disbandment. Modjeska will be removed to her home at Modjeska Station, near Pasadena. Mrs. Modjeska was taken ill Thursday. Her condition became serious and her physicians feared appendixitis. She improved slightly and no operation was performed.

Arthur Duestrow Hanged.

UNION, Mo., Feb. 16.—Dr. Arthur Duestrow was hanged here today. Duestrow was a former well-known millionaire of St. Louis. The crime for which he was hanged was the murder of his wife and their young child. He had hoped that Governor Stephens would commute his sentence, but yesterday the governor decided to allow the law to work its will on the murderer.

Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 18.—Miss Susan B. Anthony received congratulatory notes from all over the country on her 76th birthday. A reception in her honor was held at Powers hall, which was largely attended.

Deaths From the Plague.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—An official dispatch from Bombay says that 1,835 deaths occurred there during the week ending Feb. 13, of which 813 were due to the bubonic plague.

Why There Was No Salute.

Black Jack Perovoi, who was a naval captain before the war, once brought a cargo of Spanish jacks home in a man-of-war. He was in Spanish waters when the jacks were given to the United States by Spain, says the New York Sun, and was ordered to bring them out in his ship. It made him very angry, but he got the beasts aboard and sailed for New York. When he came through the Narrows, the guns had been rolled back, and out of every port there stuck a jack's head. Thus decked out and without a salute he came to his anchorage. The admiral commanding sent post-haste to demand why Captain Perovoi had not saluted. "I didn't salute," was the doxy captain's answer, "because I couldn't. I had two men twisting every jack's tail, but not a d—d one of them would bray."—Argonaut.

Horsehoes Examined.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 18.—The state board of examiners of horsehoes are holding an examination here. There are 82 registered and about 100 unregistered shoers in the city.

COMPTROLLER'S CELEBRATION.

One Hundredth Anniversary—Many Notables Present—Handsome Souvenirs.

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—At the dinner given at the Hotel Kenmore by Comptroller Roberts, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the comptroller's office, five ex-comptrollers were present: Mr. Hopkins of Buffalo, comptroller from 1873 to 1878; Mr. Olcott of New York, comptroller from 1877 to 1889; Mr. Chapin of Brooklyn, comptroller from 1884 to 1888; Mr. Wemple, comptroller from 1888 to 1892; and Mr. Campbell, comptroller from 1892 to 1894. Mr. Hillhouse, comptroller in 1890 and 1891, was prevented from coming by sickness in his family.

Mr. Wadsworth, who is chairman of the committee on agriculture in the present house of representatives, was detained by the fact that his bill is to be brought before the house this week.

Mr. Davenport was prevented from coming by a wedding in his family. Governor Black, Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, Deputy Secretary of State Davidson, State Engineer Adams, Speaker O'Grady, Leaders Ellsworth and Cantor of the senate and Nixon and Finn of the assembly were present.

Mr. King of the State bank and Mr. Grosbeck of the Commercial bank, representing the two checking banks of the state, and Deputies Morgan and Merrill, and Mr. Birschall of the comptroller's office, were also present. The table was circular and was banked in American beauty roses. The Kenmore furnished an elaborate bill of fare.

A feature of the comptroller's banquet was the presentation to each guest of a beautiful little volume entitled "A Century in the Comptroller's Office." It is put out of hand in the highest style of the printer's art. On the cover is an artistic impression in colors of the seal of the comptroller's office, and in the lower corner are the figures 1797-1907. The book contains a cut of each of the 30 comptrollers that have held the office, together with a full name of each, taken from the warrants on file in the office, and also a list of Philip Phelps, who was deputy comptroller 40 years, and of Willis E. Morriman, who has been connected with the department continuously for 31 years and is at present the second deputy comptroller.

MCKINLEY'S INAUGURATION.

Arrangements Nearly Completed—Decorations Unusually Elaborate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The arrangements for the inauguration of President McKinley two weeks from next Thursday are rapidly nearing completion and the indications are that in point of brilliancy and attractiveness the ceremonies, the decorations and the festivities in connection with the inauguration week will be more lavish than those in former years.

In the decorations of the ballroom finer results are expected than ever before. All spectacular effects will be avoided and a more artistic and harmonious arrangement of flowers, lights and bunting will be secured. About \$10,000 will be spent by the inaugural committee in decorating the main ballroom and the private rooms set apart for the use of the presidential and vice-presidential parties.

The decorations of the city promise to be unusually attractive. The reviewing stands for the first time will be decorated by the committee, and in accordance with designs furnished by the Floral Exchange of Philadelphia. The president's reviewing stand will be exceptionally fine.

POSTAL RATE DECREASES.

Large Drop Compared With Last Year—Largest in a Long Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Another big decrease in postal rates was this time amounting to \$104,441 net is shown in the statement of the gross receipts at the 30 largest postoffices for January, as compared with January, 1897. The net receipts were \$2,820,247, a decrease of \$18,303. Only nine of these offices showed increases and those were slight. The big proportional decreases were at Rochester, about 15 per cent, and Albany, over 10 per cent. New York's total receipts were \$94,672, a decrease of \$18,303; Chicago, \$407,257, decrease, \$31,322.

This is the biggest decrease in receipts noted for a long period and a remarkable leap from the previous month's net decrease of \$33,000.

Springfield Rifles For State Guard.

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—In view of the action of the assembly committee on military affairs, it is probable that the national guard will soon be merged with the Springfield rifle in place of the one now in use. The committee agreed to report favorably to the assembly the bill of Senator Murphy, allowing the state to exchange the present Remington rifles for the Springfield rifles now in possession of the United States, at no cost to the state except for transportation.

Editorial Association Meets.

SALVINGTON, Feb. 17.—The 13th annual convention of the National Editorial Association opened auspiciously here with several hundred delegates present. The visitors were welcomed by Mayor Ely for the city, by President Curtis of the chamber of commerce for the commercial interests, and by F. B. Ballou of Cleburne, president of the Texas Press association. President Thomas made an appropriate reply to the various addresses.

Rattan Companies Consolidate.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—The stockholders of the Wakefield Rattan company, at a meeting held in this city, ratified the plan of effecting a consolidation with the firm of Heywood Bros. & Co. of Gardner. The new company will have a capital of \$6,000,000 and will be the largest rattan company in the world. It does not intend to conduct business as a trust, it is claimed, as no further combinations with rattan firms are contemplated.

Schooner Peck Safe.

MIDDLETON, Conn., Feb. 18.—The friends of Captain Hamilton of the sailing schooner Howard H. Peck received a telegram stating that the Peck, after a detention on her destination, has returned. The message contains the information that the schooner was blown across the Gulf of Mexico three times within as many weeks. All on board are safe and sound.

W. P. O'Mally Dies in Denver.

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The news of the death in Denver of W. P. O'Mally of Geneva has been received here. He was 88 years old and was educated at Fordham. He served at one time as editor of the Geneva Democrat. The remains will be brought home for burial.

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GENERAL

Death of a Noted Cavalry Officer—Survived the Day at Gettysburg.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—General Alfred Pleasanton, one of the most distinguished cavalry commanders of the late war, died at his apartments in the Greason House in this city.

In spite of the fact that General Pleasanton was one of the most eminent cavalry commanders of the war, he had for the past seven years lived in almost absolute hermitic life in Washington, desubjecting himself to all persons save a few of his most intimate friends. He felt that he had not been well treated by the government after his distinguished services in the war, and this, together with ill health preyed upon his mind and man. His eccentric habits were well known to the District of Columbia.

General Pleasanton was born in the District of Columbia. He served throughout the Mexican war and was brevetted for distinguished gallantry at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. In 1855 he was raised from the rank of captain and became a major in the regular army in 1863, a year later becoming a brigadier general in the volunteer service.

As a cavalry commander he was eminently capable and brilliant. He rendered distinguished services at Antietam and against Price in the campaign in Missouri, but his most distinguished service, perhaps, was at Gettysburg, where he was the chief of Meade's cavalry force.

It was claimed by many of General Pleasanton's old army friends that he really saved the battle of Gettysburg by bringing into play his light shrapnel batteries against Pickett's advance, in the famous charge across the wheat field, while many of the heavy Union batteries were inactive on Little Round Top.

Bills Reported Favorably.

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—The assembly committee on internal affairs reported favorably on these bills: Providing for the relief of tax funds collected in Oneida county and which were lost through the failure of the Fort Senawick bank at Rome