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From the Pittsburgh Telegraph. THE LIMITED LIABILITY ACT.

Governor Hartranft has approved the "limited liability act," passed at the last session of the Legislature, and it is now a law. This act authorizes any three or more persons to form "a partnership association for the purpose of conducting any lawful business or occupation within this Commonwealth," and provides that they shall not be liable for its debts beyond the amount which they have individually subscribed. The word "limited" is required to be affixed to the titles of all partnership associations formed under this act, and must appear not only on the sign outside their places of business, but in all advertisements and other official publications of the same, as well as in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, checks, receipts, etc., relating to them. Failure to have this word expressed whenever the name of a partnership association is used, renders every person participant in the omission liable for whatever indebtedness or damage may result.

Limited liability companies, which hitherto could only be organized in Pennsylvania when specially chartered and incorporated by the Legislature, may be formed under this excellent law without asking permission of anybody. It is simply necessary that the persons contemplating the formation of such an association should sign and acknowledge before some magistrate a statement, setting forth their names in full, the total amount of capital subscribed by each, the character and location of the business, the name of the location of the association, its contemplated duration, and the names of the officers, who are to be chosen in a certain specified manner. This statement, and any amendments subsequently made to it, are to be filed of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

The best results are expected from this law, which was urged on the Legislature by the most enlightened and energetic business men of the State. It will cause an increased flow of capital into associations for manufacturing and commercial purposes, and put an end to the creation of chartered monopolies, by giving any firm that may elect the privileges and advantages of a corporation.

Telegrams from all parts of California show that the crops are in a flourishing condition.

The British and Foreign Bible Society issued 2,654,089 copies of Bibles and Testaments last year.

A tonorial contest for the championship of the city has been arranged between two barbers of Indianapolis.

"She roped her way to glory" is the way a Western journal announces the fate of a little girl who jumped rope 233 times.

Intelligence has been received that Hon. Charles H. Doolittle, Judge of the Supreme Court of New York, was lost overboard from the Abyssinia on the 21st ultimo. He was on his way to Europe for a short vacation for the restoration of his health.

Washington, June 9.—The advocates of civil rights met another defeat in the House yesterday. The belief is expressed that every successive attempt to get up the bill will be met by an increased Republican vote in the negative.

Late on the night of May 30 a fire occurred in the State Lunatic Asylum at Harrisburg. The doors were thrown open, and about 100 of the inmates were allowed to escape, only 12 of whom left the grounds. The building was not materially damaged.

A colored girl at Brentown, Ky., aged nine, has displayed an extraordinary retentive memory. A man reading in her presence for some length of time, was astonished to hear her repeat, word for word, what he had said twenty-four hours previous. She has been proved capable of repeating fifty lines from a book after hearing them once read.

The House post office bill, among other things, provides that newspaper postage on papers published once a week or oftener shall be paid in bulk at the office of publication at the rate of one and one-half cents for each copy or fraction thereof. Newspaper exchanges and papers to bona fide subscribers within the county where published are to go through the mails free. The Senate amendment to the bill strikes out the provision for the free carriage of the agricultural reports, and says that the free delivery system shall only apply to cities having thirty thousand inhabitants.

The New York Times has a competent correspondent investigating the subject of taxation in South Carolina. He makes it clear that taxation is enormously high, amounting in many cases to actual confiscation. The average rate is four and a half per cent. This upon a fair valuation would be very high—twice that of New York city; but the facts cited by the correspondent go to show that the valuation of property for the purpose of assessment is very high, reaching, in some instances, many times its cash value. By this means a tax nominally of four and one-fifth per cent. may become a tax of 7 or 10 per cent. When taxation reaches any such proportion as this, it swallows up the entire income from property, or even more, and becomes confiscation.

GENERAL NOTES.

Col. Thomas A. Scott will be fifty December 28, 1874.

There is a prospect of a large crop of apples in Vermont.

The Mill river disaster inquest has been adjourned until June 13.

The Arkansas Legislature has adjourned to meet on December 7 next.

Governor Dix has appointed Abraham Lansing State Treasurer of New York.

In fifteen elections under the local-option law in California the anti-liquor people carried eleven.

A man named Turney was killed by Cincinnati express at Duncannon, Pennsylvania, May 28th.

The long-standing award to the Choctaw Nation is about to be paid by our Government.

The Bible is said to have been translated into Persian verse by a native of that country.

Alabama thinks some of her recently discovered coal beds may be worked profitably.

The tide of emigration from the New England States westward, has greatly increased since 1871.

An Indian tribe, in Michigan, is said to consist of an old horse, a chief, and a demijohn of whisky.

An ignominious death was that of the New Hampshire man who was killed by the bursting of a beer barrel.

The New York stage-drivers' strike has ended in the success of the employers.

On the 28th ult., the car works of George Brier & Co., near Torrence station in Illinois, were burned. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

An old woman in Washington has forwarded ten cents to pay her share of the national debt before she dies.

A bill has passed the House that no person shall serve as a juror in a United States court who cannot read and write English.

The State Engineer of Louisiana writes Governor Kellogg that three million cubic feet of levee will be required to protect the State from overflow next year.

The body of Arthur Sharp, sixteen years old, a victim of the Mill river flood, has been found. The bodies of only four of the known victims are now unrecovered.

The House Committee on Appropriations have agreed to insert, among other items in the sundry appropriation bill, \$750,000 for the Philadelphia post office building.

The Little Rock news does not indicate the most peaceful feelings in that country as yet. Thieves, robbers, and outlaws seem to run things about as they please.

A special dispatch from Rome says the health of the Pope is steadily improving and he is able to be about, but physicians advise that he shall not go into the open air much.

A bill has passed the House giving to the widow of Captain Hall the amount due him at the time of his death, \$1,835, and \$15,000 for the papers of his Arctic explorations.

The first criminal trial for violating the railroad law of the State of Wisconsin took place on Saturday. A station agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad was found guilty of charging more than the legal fare for tickets, and was fined \$1.

A young man, named George Cordes, aged about 27, died at Harrisburg, on Sunday, of trichina, caused by eating raw ham a few weeks since. A sister of the deceased, who partook of the meat at the same time, died a week previous of the same disease.

The Court of Common Pleas of Pittsburgh on Thursday reversed the decision of the acting Mayor in the case of the temperance woman recently arrested here. The women are jubilant over their victory.

The corner-stone of the new Museum of Natural History, Twenty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, New York, was laid Tuesday by President Grant, in presence of July 5,000 persons. The building will be twenty-five feet longer than the Capitol at Washington, and will cost about \$6,000,000.

The monument in honor of Colonel E. E. Ellisworth was unveiled in the cemetery at Mechanicsville, N. Y. May 27th, in the presence of a large crowd. An oration giving the history and career of Ellisworth, was delivered, a poem was read, and there were other exercises.

The Speaker of the Senate and House of Representatives of this State met Monday, in the Senate Chamber at Harrisburg, for the purpose of opening the bids for publishing the Legislative Record for the next four years. George Berger being the lowest bidder, the contract was awarded to him.

On May 27, while a young man named Burton and two women were crossing the Hudson river, at Albany, in a boat, the former attempted to hand in a dog which was swimming after them, and fell into the water. One of the women, in her efforts to help him, also fell in, and both were drowned.

A severe storm, resembling a cyclone, passed over St. Louis on May 28th. It was accompanied by hail. Much damage was done to buildings, fences, awnings, etc. Several houses were unroofed, and signs and awnings were hurled about promiscuously. In the river several steamers lost their smoke-stacks, and were otherwise damaged. The damage to shipping is estimated at upwards of \$15,000.

At Harrisburg, on Monday, a post mortem examination was made of the body of George Cordes, who died from the effect of eating ham containing trichina. By a powerful microscope thousands of moving trichinae were visible, moving like snakes and resembling box constrictors. In the space of an eight of an inch sixty five were counted. There were doubtless millions of worms in the body of the deceased, who suffered terribly before death.

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