

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The public debt was decreased \$0,680,180 12, during the month of February

The Tax and Tariff bill has been passed by the United States Senate, just as it came from the House.

The Senate passed bills for the admission of Colorado and New Mexico as States this week, but the House refused to suspend the rules and pass the bills.

A Blairsville correspondent of the Pittsburgh Commercial announces that General Harry White will be a candidate for State Treasurer in the ensuing Republican State Convention.

Those who have devoted most time to bullion statistics estimate that the "stock of coin and bullion in the United States on the first of January, 1875 (not counting the supply in California in 1869.) must have been about \$250,000,000, or say fifty millions more than in 1869.

Washington, March 8.—The Secretary of the Treasury will issue a call this week for thirty millions dollars of bonds on account of the sinking fund, under the act of March 3d, last.

The demise of Congressman James Burdett, of the First District of Massachusetts, which occurred yesterday morning at Fall River, by hemorrhage of the bowels, within an hour after his arrival home, makes the sixth death in the Massachusetts Congressional delegation in two years.

One of the best arguments in favor of compulsory education, is that of the statement of the chaplain of the New Hampshire State prison, who in a report, covering the experience of more than twenty years, says that of 3000 convicts who have been under his charge, one out of six could not read, and that in the whole number there was not a single lawyer, physician, clergyman, editor, printer or school teacher.

The Legislature has fixed the 18th of this month for adjournment, and unless the Democratic members of the House succeed in extending the session, much important legislation will remain unacted upon.

The influx of Meconite immigrants from Russia to this country is on the increase. Nearly one thousand families are soon to arrive in Canada to settle in Manitoba.

The act defining the offense of kidnapping in this State was signed by the Governor last week. It imposes a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty-five years on all persons found guilty of kidnapping children.

Greenbacks vs. Coin. The following, appearing in the Pittsburgh Commercial, purporting to be the substance of an hour's conversation with one of the city's oldest business men, will be found to contain many pertinent facts worthy a careful perusal.

What is money, and of what use is it? It is neither food, shelter or clothing; it is not gold, or silver, or copper or nickel, or paper, although all of these can be used as money.

Our definition of money would be 'A plain and easy method of keeping accounts between individuals and the public' by means of tokens which are readily transferable.

During the year just closed. Coming into existence at a time when every kind of business was to a certain extent depressed, and when retrenchment in every direction was being made, it has fought its way, and become, not only an established fact, but a

whether it be of the counting-room, the professional office, the workshop, or the family. Its circulation, equal to the best from the start, has grown in extent and importance daily, until now it acknowledges two equals—the Dispatch and Leader—so far as the number issued daily is concerned, and no equal as to the character of its readers.

We have been taught from infancy, and have thus come to believe that gold and silver are precious metals. The belief in this humbug has been a dead weight on our country—a heavy drag on our prosperity—and will continue to be until the belief is exploded.

All wealth is the product of labor—money is not wealth; it is only a certificate that the bearer has parted with, or furnished to the community a certain amount of labor or its products; these certificates are readily transferable, and thus enable men to transfer property and keep accounts easily and simply; a baggage check is not baggage, but is proof that it belongs to the holder.

Oh, says the hard money man, we don't want an irredeemable currency. Who redeems the greenbacks? Why, the same chap that redeems the gold. The greenback has the faith of the Government, and all the property and all the labor of the country is pledged for its redemption.

Gold and silver have a conventional value and an intrinsic one; their conventional value is very large, and their intrinsic value very small. Gold was the first metal discovered. It was known for ages before any other, yet it had never been used except as an ornament, or in drinking cups or spoons.

Gold is unfit for an earthly use except as an ornament. It takes a fine polish and keeps it, and this quality is its only valuable one. It does not oxidize easily, and it is fortunate that it does not as its oxide is ten times more poisonous than arsenic—fully as much so as corrosive sublimate.

Daniel Friel was tried February 24, and convicted, and sentenced, at Boston, to the State Prison for life, for the murder of Peter Smith, colored.

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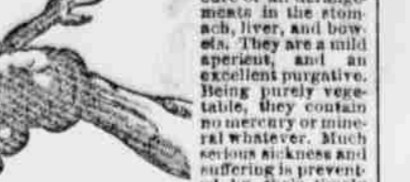
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary of the last will and testament of Philip Meyer late of Benning township Elk County Pa., deceased, having been granted to John Gleichner, of said township, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same to the undersigned without delay.

JOHN GLEICHNER, Benning, Feb. 25, 1875—n116.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners of Elk County will hold a court of appeals at their office in Ridgway, on the 9TH and 10TH DAYS OF MARCH, A. D. 1875, for the purpose of hearing and determining appeals from the assessments, and reviewing the military enrollment of 1875, at which time and place all persons feeling themselves aggrieved by said assessments can attend if they see proper.

By order of the Board. C. H. M'CAULEY, Comm'rs, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, February 15, 1875, f 1618-24

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.—Estate of John E. Turley, late of Jay township, Elk County, Pa., deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims against the same will present them without delay in proper order for settlement to

A. W. GRAY, JULIUS JONES, Adm'rs. Benzenette, Feb 25th, 1875—n114

TO THE CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Your attention is specially invited to the fact that the National Banks are now prepared to receive subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the Centennial Board of Finance. The funds realized from this source are to be employed in the erection of the buildings for the International Exhibition, and the expenses connected with the same. It is confidently believed that the Keystone State will be represented by the name of every citizen alive to patriotic commemoration of the one hundredth birthday of the nation. The shares of stock are offered for \$10 each, and subscribers will receive a handsome engraved Certificate of Stock, suitable for framing and preservation as a national memorial.

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