

The movement on the part of Dr. Wagenceller and Mr. Lovett, to contest the election of last fall, is creating considerable excitement among some Democrats in this county. The editors of the Democrat and Watsontown Record are terribly exercised, and even threaten to prosecute the signers of the petition, and those who made affidavits that they believed illegal votes had been polled. Whether these threats are intended for the purpose of intimidation to stop proceedings, we are not prepared to say.

It is, however, certain that legal proceedings, as urged by these editors, would bring their friends to grief and would go a great way to induce people to believe that the statements correct, and that it was done through fear of exposure. If, then, these editors were shrewd they would advise an investigation into the matter, so as to vindicate their friends from such a charge. If the charges are incorrect, an investigation would give an opportunity to prove their innocence, but if the proceedings are stopped through threats, or even prosecutions, it would show as though an investigation was shunned. In all proceedings of contesting elections, it is necessary that a petition be signed by a certain number of voters, who pray for an investigation, and who assert that they believe fraud had been committed. In this case the petition was signed by some of our most reputable men in the county, and we believe that they were sincere, and we believe that they were fully vindicated as to their integrity.

As to the contest of the seats for Senator and Representative, we have no interest in the matter further than if fraud has been committed, we should like to see the parties who are guilty receive the punishment they deserve. If fraud was committed, and these gentlemen have been deprived of their seats by a few unscrupulous individuals in defrauding honest voters of their rights, we think the matter should be investigated, and the perpetrators punished. If no fraud was committed, then it certainly would be a satisfaction to the districts where it is alleged frauds had been committed, that they are fully vindicated from any such accusations. We do not pretend to say that there was actual fraud anywhere, but if there was, there are more who would know more about it, and are better acquainted with the manner in which it was usually done, than the editors of the Democrat and the Record. We remember well when these two aspirants were looking after their office, and were considered too small fry for the "Ring" politicians, and were consequently beaten by a little legged man and wire working. Ballot-box stuffing was then supposed to have all been done in the coal region, and the citizens of that district held up to scorn, when it might have been that others were equally guilty. When the Knights of the Golden Circle were in operation, the Democratic majority was in many of our several districts where they were most boasted of belonging to the "Court House Ring," and there was no Republican election officers were then allowed to participate in holding the elections. If these things were done then, could it be possible that the same might be repeated by those parties at a time when their party had become desperate at its rapid downfall? As the editors of both the Democrat and the Record accused their fellow Democrats of defrauding them out of office, they should not blame others for doing the same thing, but should urge an investigation so as to vindicate the honest portion of their party and expose the rascals that helped to cheat them.

The contest for the Mayoralty in Philadelphia has opened, and from appearances will be a lively one. The present Mayor, Stockley, has been nominated by the Republicans, and Alex. McClure by the Democrats. Enthusiastic meetings are held to urge the claims of both candidates. Forney's Press is loud in praise of that slippery politician, McClure, but is likely to meet with defeat, as the citizens of Philadelphia cannot afford to give up good government for a doubtful one. Stockley will undoubtedly be elected by an immense majority, of which he is certainly deserving, as he has administered the affairs of the city in a most satisfactory manner.

SENATOR MORTON, in a recent speech in the Senate, took strong ground in favor of the rights of Congress to control the railroads. The Committee on Transportation, it is said, will take the broadest ground claiming for the general government absolute sovereignty, independent of the rights of States, except such as are distinctly defined by the Federal Constitution, over railroads and canals, as a necessary consequence of the power expressly granted, "to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States." This upsets and sweeps away the old and absurd doctrine of Calhoun and the State Rights party, which has acted like an incubus on the South, and for the past half century has paralyzed all enterprise and progress in that section of the Union. The doctrine maintained by Mr. Morton is not only in accordance with common sense, but is sustained by the opinion of Chief Justice Marshall many years ago. If Congress can regulate the channels of commerce with foreign nations, why not among the States?

THE editor of the Watsontown Record thinks it was not "nice" in us saying that Mr. Cadwallader left any money in the County Treasury when he retired from that office. We confess it would not have been "nice" if we professed to be a "Ring" Democrat. We are aware that such a thing had probably never occurred with any Democratic Treasurer. We find that Mr. Cadwallader's predecessor, who did not leave a cent in the Treasury when he retired, belongs to the county, charged against him. So it is only a question what Mr. Auten would call "nice." For our part we prefer Mr. Cadwallader, who left some six or eight thousand, on which the county had to pay interest for several years past.

GOVERNMENT REVENUES are improving. During the existence of the panic, the monthly revenues fell short several millions of dollars. But during the month of January the receipts have exceeded the expenditures nearly two millions of dollars, which was applied to the payment of the public debt.

TIMES are improving. Manufacturers are gradually resuming work, and as confidence is restored matters will right themselves.

FREE BANKING.—It is said the Committee in Congress will report in favor of Free Banking.

THE new Election law has passed both houses finally, and is signed by the Governor. The following provisions relate to the approaching February election:— Sec. 14. That from and immediately after the passage of this act, the court of common pleas in the proper county, in election districts where assessors have not heretofore been elected, shall appoint one or more persons in each election district to be the assessor thereof, who shall perform all the duties relating to elections now required to be performed by assessors under the provisions of this act; such assessor shall be appointed as nearly as can be ascertained from the party having a majority of the votes in their respective districts. Sec. 15. That at the election to be held on the third Tuesday of February next, and at the election annually thereafter, there shall be elected in each election district in the state, as well as those wherein the registration of voters has heretofore been made by the officers appointed and not chosen by the people to perform the duty as in all others, one person as judge and two inspectors, in conformity with the general laws of the commonwealth, to conduct the elections for one year and also an assessor who shall perform the duties incident to elections as required by the provision of this act.

Sec. 16. That the assessors appointed under the fourteenth section of this act shall within five days after their appointment proceed to make lists of the qualified electors in their respective election districts, and deliver the same to the commissioners, who shall transmit a certified copy of the same to the judge of each election district at least forty-eight hours before the election to be held on the third Tuesday of February next; said assessors shall also post ten copies thereof in conspicuous places in each election district at least ten days before said election, and the lists so made by the assessors during the two secular days preceding the day of the delivery thereof to the commissioners (of which days public notice shall be given by hand bill issued said district) shall be open for inspection and correction, in the custody of said assessor from ten a. m. to three p. m. and from six p. m. to nine p. m., of each of said days, in the manner provided in section second of this act, and all of the records, papers, and records secured and paid for thereby, are hereby made applicable to the lists herein named.

Sec. 17. That respective assessors, inspectors and judges of the elections, shall each have the power to administer oaths to any persons claiming the right to be assessed or the right of suffrage, or in regard to any other matter or thing required to be done or required by any said officers under this act, and any willful, false swearing by any person, in relation to any matter or thing concerning which they shall be lawfully interrogated by any of said officers or overseers, shall be perjury.

THE great Evans case was finally disposed of on Saturday at Harrisburg, by the finding of a verdict in favor of the State for \$18,963.50. Whether the State will ever recover the amount or not is extremely doubtful, unless, indeed, there be law sufficient to warrant its being claimed then and there by the people of this State, and secured from those who used Evans as their cat-paw and pocketed the swag.

One thing, however, has been secured, and that is the full vindication of the position of Governor Hartranft and Treasurer Mackey, the then financial guardian of the State. The outrageous charges made against these gentlemen, so overwhelmingly disproved by their election to their present high positions by the people of the State, are doubly refuted by the verdict of the jury referred to; the trial and its results being to the prosecution of the case in the interests of the Commonwealth by the Governor and Mr. Mackey.—Miner's Journal.

AN ELEGANT CUSHING.—An elderly gentleman, who has a large fund of anecdotes, stated to us an anecdote of Caleb Cushing which will bear printing. Some forty years ago, Mr. C. was paying court to a wealthy Baltimore lady. Baltimore ladies then showed their charms in the light of fallow-dips, gas being unknown. There were a couple of slips on the mantelpiece, and as they much needed snuffing, the lady rang a bell for a servant. Mr. Cushing, asked why she rang, wet his thumb and finger, and snuffed the candles a la Yankee. The lady was horrified at Mr. Cushing's unscrupulous style of snuffing candles, and so dismissed him.

Sunday school begging for every conceivable purpose, finds a set-back in this remark of a common-sense Christian, told by the Christian Union: "It is almost time to be a fashion among Sunday school men generally, whenever pressed for a personal contribution to any object, to respond, 'No, I can't give, myself; but I'll tell you what I can do—I think I can get you something from the Sunday school?' The editor adds: "We were reminded again of Arcturion's patriotism in determining that the country should be saved, even though every one of his first wife's relatives were sacrificed."

Since September 7, 1708, 2,367 persons have been naturalized in Berks county. A New York mechanic has invented and had patented a car coupler that will save life and limb in coupling freight cars, and that no person need get in between the cars to couple or uncouple.

Attorney General Hinmick has decided that the State Legislature may repeal the Local Option law without violation of the Constitution.

A Painful Scene in Court. HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—An exciting and painful scene occurred in the court-room this morning, when the sentencing of prisoners convicted during last session of court took place. The two negroes, Moody and Koenig, convicted of the murder of Abraham Behm, were in the crowd to be sentenced, and before he was called Rosemine made a full confession, admitting the truth of the witnesses who convicted him. When called to stand up, Rosemine made a spasmodic effort to arise, but immediately fell heavily to the floor, overcome by the awful solemnity of the proceedings and the weight of guilt on him, the poor wretch evidently suffering the agony of a dozen deaths at the contemplation of his hanging. Moody was placed in the situation in which he was convicted entirely on circumstantial evidence, women link by link by an indefatigable prosecuting attorney, until the web was too strong to admit of the prisoners' escape, and now his searching and keen arguments are corroborated by a confession of the party convicted.

NEW YORK HERALD ALMANAC.—We have received the Almanac and Financial, Commercial and Political Register for 1874, published by the New York Herald. It is complete in all its departments—a reliable volume for reference. It contains 162 pages. Price 25 cents.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The West Chester Republican makes some damaging statements in regard to the Pennsylvania Farm School, based on information given by a trustee before the West Grove Farmers' Club. Notwithstanding the institution has a clear net income of nearly \$20,000 a year from the sale of land scrip appropriated to it by the national government, it is running in debt every year to the amount of \$6,000.

The official statement of the dry goods importations at the port of New York for January of the present year, has just been published. The total valuation of these imports amounted to \$8,815,074, a decrease as compared with January, 1873, of \$3,837,308, and in comparison with 1872 a decline of \$6,844,871. The indications point to a light spring trade in imported British and European goods.

Philadelphia leads all other cities in the molasses sugar trade. Last year she imported 104,000 hogsheads of molasses, against 100,000 for New York and 43,000 for Boston.

Mr. James Cornelius, the oldest citizen of Lewisburg, died a few days ago. His progeny numbered 145, 116 of whom are still living.

One of the members of the Massachusetts Legislature has introduced a bill to select married men to support their mothers-in-law, if necessary. There is little likelihood that the measure will pass.

Most of his colleagues will unquestionably prefer to have this class of relatives placed on the retired list and pensioned by the State.

If women would study housekeeping and their husbands study law, medicine and bookkeeping, wouldn't there be much less complaint of bad servants?

The public debt of the United States was reduced last month one million eight hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and eleven dollars. A sad disappointment to the enemies of the administration, who have been predicting an increase.

The Olympic Theatre, on Market street, below Thirteenth, Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. Adjoining houses were injured by the fire. Two firemen were killed by falling walls, and others were injured.

A large number of two dollar counterfeit notes are in circulation, chiefly on the First National, Ninth National, Marine National, Shaw and Leather National banks, State of New York, and the National Bank of Commerce. A number of five dollar counterfeit bills have also been discovered.

Who in the world drinks all the beer that is made? Last year Lancaster county sold 23,000 barrels, Schuylkill county 30,000 barrels, Luzerne county 25,000 barrels, and Berks county 35,000 barrels. To consume it all it would appear as if almost the whole population would have to become beer drinkers.

Herman Alicks, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Harrisburg, died in that city last Wednesday week.

Michael Hoffman, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Perry township, Berks county, died on Saturday last, in the 87th year of his age. He represented Berks in the Legislature for three years.

Many people, particularly children, suffer from the ear ache; and for the benefit of such we give a sure but simple remedy. Put in two or three drops of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, stop the ear with un-dressed wool, bathe the feet in warm water before going to bed, and keep the head warm at night.

Capt. Charles Sager, who keeps a superb stock of live horses in Portland, Me., informed us recently that he uses Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders regularly in his stables, and that the expense is more than offset by the diminished amount of grain necessary to keep his horses always in good order.

Reading's hat factories turn out over 2,000,000 hats a year.

A train on the Iron Mountain Railroad, Missouri, was stopped by a band of masked robbers, one hundred and twenty miles from St. Louis, on Saturday, and the passengers robbed of their money and valuables.

THE FOOT-DAVIS AFFAIR.—Ex-Governor H. S. Davis, in a card, returns to his attack on Jefferson Davis, saying: "There is no act of my public life which I have sought to conceal, and there is no legitimate responsibility which any of my published writings concerning Davis and his innumerable malfeasances may bring upon me which I am not prepared to meet either in public discussion or upon the field of honor."

continues to improve. Collections, we are assured by one of our largest dry goods houses, are very much better this year than they were last. So far, in this month of January, in the house referred to, the collections are at the rate of seven per cent. better than in January, 1873. This result upon old obligations is certainly both favorable and hopeful. The fact is the panic of last fall had no reality in it. It had no bottom, and should have affected nothing. But men got frightened, and it took just so long a time for them to get over their fright. They are at it now and business goes on as usual.

THE WEATHER is as changeable here as a fashionable woman. In the morning zero—at noon 60°—at night rain, and ice by midnight. You need overcoat, umbrellas, linen dusters and furs to be perfectly safe when you go out. Oh! for an old-fashioned winter.

SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH. Obstruction of nasal passages, discharge falling into throat, sometimes profuse, watery, acid, or thick and tenacious, mucous purulent, or putrid, offensive.

In others a dryness, weak or inflamed eyes, ringing in ears, deafness, ulcerations, scabs from ulcerous altered, nasal twang, offensive breath, impaired smell, etc. Few only of above symptoms are usually likely to be present in any case at one time.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Auditor's Notice. (Estate of David Gotshall, deceased.) NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county, to make distribution of the funds in hands of Henry Brown, deceased, will meet all parties interested in said distribution at his office in the borough of Sunbury, on Friday the 7th day of February, A. D. 1874, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Auditor's Notice. (Estate of Alexander J. Sober, deceased.) NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county, to make distribution of the funds in hands of Alexander J. Sober, deceased, will meet all parties interested in said distribution at his office in the borough of Sunbury, on Friday the 7th day of February, A. D. 1874, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

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Notice in Divorce. Martha Strubly, vs. Pious of Northumberland County, Petitioner. Parties Subpoena for a Divorce. No. 155, March Term, 1874. Charles B. Straub, Clerk of the Court. To the Respondent above named: You are hereby requested to appear at a Court of Common Pleas to be held at Sunbury, in the County of Northumberland, on the second Monday of March next, to answer the complaint of the libellant in the above stated case.

Assignee Sale of Valuable Personal Property. WILL be offered at public sale at the Coach and Carriage Shop of J. F. Lerch, cor. of Fourth and Chestnut streets, in Sunbury, Pa., on TUESDAY, the 24th of FEBRUARY 1874, the following property, to wit: One four-seated Phreton, three top buggies, a lot of second hand buggies, several top wagons, 1 horse, one one-truck wagon, one set double harness, one sewing machine, a lot of stoves, one manufacturing sewing machine, one side-spring machine, one lot of spoked, wheel hats, carriage boots, axles, springs, points, shafts, buggy boxes, lot of hickory and ash lumber, and a variety of stock numerous to mention. Also, at the same time and place, a two-story brick building on the corner of Chestnut and Fourth streets, in Sunbury, Pa., being 35 feet in front and 30 feet in depth.

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