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PENNSYLVANIA, SS.:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

GOVERNOR OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH.

A PROCLAMATION.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—The goodness of God to us as a people calls for our public acknowledgment and our grateful praise. The past and the present are crowded with His blessings. Nothing has occurred to imperil the principles of civil and religious liberty upon which our Government is based, or to interfere with its harmonious operations in all its departments. We are at peace with all foreign nations, and the noise of violence is unheard within our borders. While all enjoy perfect freedom of opinion, the genial influences of our free institutions, and the mild spirit of our holy religion, are more and more uniting us in one brotherhood. Our educational institutions are diffusing intelligence among the masses of our citizens, inducing a higher appreciation of their privileges, and a deeper sense of their obligations. Though in some localities the pestilence has prevailed, our country at large has enjoyed unusual health, and we are blessed with an abundance of all the necessaries and the comforts of life. Our industrial pursuits are fast recovering from the torpor induced by the recent financial embarrassments; confidence is being restored, and business is resuming its wonted activity. Mercies crown all our relations in life, and the hopes of a glorious immortality wait to cheer and bless every heart.

Prompted by my own convictions of duty, and in conformity with the expressed wishes of many of my fellow citizens, I, WILLIAM F. PACKER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Do hereby appoint *Thursday, the 18th day of November next*, to be observed as a day of general THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER, and recommend to all our people that, setting aside on that day all worldly pursuits, they assemble in their respective places of worship, and unite in offering thanks to God for His goodness, imploring His gracious forgiveness, and the continuance of His mercies. And while our hearts throb with gratitude to God for His unnumbered blessings, let a liberal charity be extended to all upon whom have been laid the burdens of misfortune and want.

GIVEN under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this Twenty-Eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-third.

(SEAL)

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WM. M. HIESTER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

☞ Our excuse for any lack of interest or want of attention to this week's paper, will be found under the obituary head, in another column.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.—The citizens of Western Pennsylvania are making ontensive arrangements to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the capture of Ft. Duquesne. This Fort was the principle one of a line established by the French, between Canada and Louisiana, and designed to cherk the colonies and confine their dominion to the Eastern slope of the Alleghony Mountains. It was captured by Col. (afterwards General) Washington on the 25th day of November, 1758. This was an event of great importance to the people of this country as it proved the overthrow of the French and the establishment of the Anglo-Saxon dominion in the Valley of the Ohio. Military companies, civic, literary and benevolent associations and the various departments of industry are invited to join in the celebration, which is to terminate in the Duquesne Depot of the Pennsylvania Rail Road, erected on the site of the old Fort. Appropriate addresses will be delivered in the afternoon, and Edward Everett has been invited to deliver his address on "Washington" in the evening. Excursion tickets will be issued by the Pa. R. R., for the occasion.

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH.—We take pleasure in recommending the above paper to those of our readers who wish a first rate, readable and reliable paper from the capitol, during the coming winter. It will contain full reports of the doings of the state legislature and congress, and all matters of interest to the people of the State. We consider the Telegraph one of the *very best* daily papers in the State, and the proprietors spare no pains or expense in making it what it should be, and is, a credit to our State Capitol, and themselves.

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STATES UNION HOTEL.—During a recent sojourn in the city of Brotherly Love, we made our head-quarters at that excellent house of entertainment, the "States Union," on Market Street, between Sixth and Seventh. In all our travels we have not met with better accommodations at any public house. The deservedly popular proprietor, Col. Hinkle, appears to understand the wants of his guests, and understanding them, always supplies them. We recommend the States Union to all who wish a good meal's victuals, and a comfortable night's rest. Price of board $1,25 per day.

NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN.—By the San Francisco *Bulletin* we learn that an important new treaty has been made between the government of Japan and the United States, the latter being represented by Mr. Harris, United States Consul at Jeddo. A son of Capt. Tatnal had left with a treaty for Washington, by way of China direct. By this treaty a new port of entry will be opened to Americans. This port lies in the bay of Jeddo, five miles from the city. Americans are to be allowed to travel through any of the ports, which are open to them. It is stated that a Japanese Prince, with a suit of fourteen attendants, was to depart from Japan forthwith for Washington, via California and Panama.

☞ In the Court of Oyer and Terminer of Allegheny county, the case of David S. Evans, charged with the murder of his wife, in June last, of which we gave an account at the time, was taken up on Tuesday. Much interest is said to be manifested in the case by the citizens of the county, the Court room being very much crowded. The prisoner manifests but little concern, apparently, although he watches the proceedings closely.

☞ Some fifty thousand dollars of notes which purported to be on the "New England Bank of Fairmount," Maine, (there being no such institution in existence) have been circulated throughout the country by some Wall Street Brokers during the past week. The original projectors of the fraud are supposed to have circulated nearly half a million.

☞ The receipts of the U. S. Treasury for the quarter ending September, 1858, amounted to $25,250,000, of which nearly $13,500,000 were derived from the customs and 10,000,000 from loans. The expenditures were upwards of $52,000,000, including over $8,000,000 for the army and $4,000,000 for the navy.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

☞ Remember the Ladies' Fair opens today.

☞ Parson Brownlow is mentioned as a candidate for Governor of Tennessee.

☞ The Moravian congregation at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, have over a million of dollars at interest.

☞ First class stores in Chicago, which one year ago brought $1500 per year, are now offered for $500.

☞ Col. Fremont has succeeded in one of his suits against the mining companies in California.

☞ The railroad between Hagerstown and Chambersburg, Md., it is said, has been purchased by the Hon. Simon Cameron.

☞ To get rid of Spanish quarters at their full value, drop them into the collection box as it passes around on Sunday.

☞ A fight for a wager is shortly to come off in Memphis, Tenn., between an Australian bear and a Spanish bull.

☞ The Hartford *Times* noticing the death of an editor, says, "He was a high winded gentleman, and a pungent writer."

☞ The New York *Courier* hangs out the Seward flag for President, and the *Sun* runs up the Douglas flag.

☞ Wm. C. A. Lawrence, of Harrisburg, is recommended by a number of papers for Speaker of the House.

☞ The editor of the Weekly *Phœnix* talks about copy-righting the original articles which appear in that paper. It will cost him but little.

☞ A Berks county Dutchman says: "It ish a great pity dat Clancey Chones ish beat: he ish a goot man; he ish de Committee on de Chair of Mean Ways."

☞ An emigrant to Oregon, writing home to one of his friends says: "We are getting on finely here, and have already laid the foundation of a larger jail!"

☞ A friend who recently returned from Washington, in reply to a question as to where he had been, said, "I have been after an office and got the refusal of it.

☞ Morrissey's wife, who is said to be the daughter of a wealthy man in Troy, won $2,000 on the result of the fight, and his father-in-law won $80,000. So reported.

☞ Five hundred bushels of potatoes were sent from Rocky Hill, Conn., to New York one day last week. The crop is said to have been so plenty in East Hartford, as to sell for the low price of seventeen cents a bushel.

☞ The testimony taken in the contested Congressional election case in St. Louis, Blair vs. Barrett, it is stated is developing an immense amount of scandalous fraud—enough to clearly elect Mr. Blair to his seat.

☞ Morrissey, the bruiser, lost upon the New York election the thousand dollars he won in the fight with the Benicia Boy. He got rid of it very easily, considering what hard knocks he got it by.

☞ The Managers of the Washington Monument, in Washington city, say that they will go on with the monument now if they can get the money. It has been carried up 175 feet already.

☞ Ruminating People.—The Louisville (Ky.) *Democrat* says that the amount of tobacco chewed in the Circuit Court room in a day, during the criminal term, is estimated at 25 pounds! The reader may believe this if he *chews!*

☞ Game.—The Peru (Ind.) Republican reports a huge squirrel hunt at that place a few days ago, in which two parties of six killed exactly three hundred squirrels each. That sort of game must be abundant out there. Wild turkeys, too, are said to be rather "numerous."

☞ Two dozen large and fine Buchess of Angoulême pears, weighing nearly a pound each, were sold in the market, under Faneuil Hall, Boston, on Thursday, for *six dollars a dozen.*

☞ Sad News.—The latest "fashions" say, "skirts are still worn very long behind, sweeping the ground; but in front they will be much shorter."

☞ The wounded members of the Gouldy family are improving in health, except Mr. G., who is gradually sinking, and his death is daily expected.

☞ Mrs. Elizabeth Wakefield, mother of Rev. Israel C. and Cyrus L. and Emanuel J. Pershing, Esqrs., aged about 57 years, died at Johnstown, on Monday of last week.

☞ "Wife," said a man, looking for his bootjack, "I have places where I keep my things and you ought to know it." "Yes," said she, "I ought to know where you keep your late hours—but I don't.

☞ The editor of the Tyrone *Star* offers a gold watch worth *forty dollars* as a premium for the largest list of subscribers sent into that office, previous to the first of April next. He must have more money than most country editors.

☞ A Judge out West has recently decided that it might be insanity to sign another man's name to a check, in place of your own; but when you draw the money on the check, and spend it, there is a great deal of sanity in the proceeding.

☞ The track on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad will be completed through to Chicago and the cars running by the 28th inst. This will be an important era in the history of the road, opening as it will a new line of travel and facilities of shipping eastward.

☞ The Palmer (Mass.) *Journal* says that Deacon Daniel Mixter, of Three Rivers, who is suffering from a cancer in his bowels, has been *forty-six days* without taking any nourishment. A little cold water taken into his stomach is immediately thrown off.

☞ The terms on which Douglas will make peace with the Administration are, that all of his friends who have been removed from office shall be reinstated. Otherwise he will carry on the war with rodoubled fury. This is the last news from Illinois.

☞ Some hard-money rascal recently perpetrated the following upon the back of a one dollar bill, Bank of Tennessee:

"Thou art but the Ghost of cash,
The spirit of a specie dollar,
Thy paper fabric is but trash,
And all thy promises are holler."

☞ Chess Phenomena.—A correspondent of Harper's Weekly speaks of two little chess phenomena, residing in Fayette county, Ky They are a boy and girl, aged eleven and thirteen years, respectively, and, blindfolded, can beat any of the most experienced players in that section.

☞ "The Institution."—The Concord (N. H.) *Statesman* says that a rather literary young gentleman, wearing a study gown, came to that city, and told the hackman at the railway station, that he wanted to go to "the institution," whereupon Jehu conveyed him to the State prison.

☞ A gentleman, who witnessed the fight between Morrissey and Heenan, says that so powerful was one of the blows dealt by Heenan, that the face of a watch held in the hand of another person, who was "timing" them, at a distance of ten feet, was sprinkled with Morrissey's blood. Horrible!

☞ Immense Corn Crop in Kentucky.—The Louisville Journal says that the corn crop has never been so large in Kentucky as the present crop promises to be. It states that there are fields in the blue grass region estimated at 175 bushels to the acre, while fields promising 72 to 80 bushels are quite common.

☞ The Hon. E. B. Washburne is re-elected to Congress from the 1st (North-Western) District of Illinois by the comfortable majority of 9,500. We believe this is the largest majority given, or to be given, for any Member of the next House of any party in any District of the entire Union. The Hon. John F. Farnsworth, in the Chicago District, is very likely to have the largest majority next to Mr. Washburne.

☞ Senator Hammond of South Carolina, in a recent speech at Barnwell, said that the idea that Kansas could be a Slave State always was a delusion, and after confessing that it was almost certain that the Lecompton Constitution was obnoxious to the people of that Territory when it was first presented to Congress, he adds. "I confess my opinion was *that the South herself should kick that Constitution out of Congress.*"

☞ Singular Freak of a Dying Man.—Mr. Bennet Alridge, one of the oldest citizens of Petersburg, Va., being eighty-one years of age, died at his residence, Halifax street, last Friday. He had some time since prepared for the event by having his grave prepared and a heavy tomb stone ready. The grave was dug and lined with granite—the old man having the singular fancy that the devil couldn't scratch through such solid walls.

☞ The Buffalo *Republic* says another steam canal boat has been completed at Geddes, on a new principle. The paddles are like wings, and can be expanded or closed up at pleasure.—While the boat is passing through locks, the wheels are closed up like a fan against the side of the boat, and when wide water is reached, the wheel is spread, and commences operations. The contractions and expansions of the wheels are accomplished by machinery.

☞ They do wonderful things out West, and there are wonderful people there. In Michigan, a man pulled a snake three feet long, with teeth measuring an eighth of an inch, out of himself, having previously killed the animal by starvation, after it had been in his stomach for seventeen years; in Hardin county, Ohio, a young lady was relieved of a tumor which weighed one-fourth as much as she did herself; and in Cincinnati, there is a girl whose digestive organs are consolidated, but who talks and eats with two logs and walks with two mouths—or *vice versa*, if the public prefer it.

Fatal Mistake—Two Babies Lost.

On Saturday, about noon, a heart-rending misfortune happened in the family of Wm. M. Gold, engineer at the Pearl Mills, residing on Western avenue, Allegheny. The wife of Mr. Gold is the mother of twins, not yet two months old. For a few days past they have been troubled with cholic, and the doctor prescribed a very common remedy—paregoric. On Saturday they were very restless, and Mrs. Gold, previous to preparing dinner, took the phial containing the paregoric, (as she thought) and gave each of the babes a portion of the contents.—The previous evening she had administered to them five drops each, which failed to quiet them, and she determined then to increase the dose, pouring it into a teaspoon, without counting the drops. She then placed the babies in the crib, and paid no particular attention to them for some time. Their unusual quietness attracted her attention, and she observed a langor and extreme drowsiness, which greatly alarmed her. She fled for a neighbor woman, who immediately began to inquire what she had given the children. The woman replied that it was paregoric, and upon turning to the phial, she was horrified at finding the paregoric and laudanum phials side by side. She then remembered that she had placed the laudanum there after having applied some of it to her flugers which she had burnt the same day. An examination convinced her that she had given her babes laudanum instead of paregoric, and she cried out in the agony of despair, that she had poisoned her darling babes. Dr. Perchment was summoned, but owing to the length of time which had elapsed, and the large quantity of the drug administered, (about twenty-five drops each) he at once pronounced their case as utterly hopeless.

Every means were resorted to, in order to keep the little sufferers awake—shaking, punching them, and such like inflictions. They were thus prevented from passing into the catamose state, but violent spasms supervened, and they continued to suffer in this way until Sabbath morning, when they gradually fell into a lethargy, in which condition they remained until evening. The brain of one of them became affected very much, and it lay motionless, as if in death, with its eyes open. The other rested apparently, with the eyes closed, as in sleep.—This may be accounted for from the fact that one of them, soon after the accident, was subjected to a warm bath, whilst the other was put into a cooling bath. When the physician found them, the poison had taken such a hold upon the system, that the stomach pump was not applied.

The distress of the family is painful in the extreme, and the mother is almost deranged, harrassed as she is between hope and despair.

We cannot refrain from alluding, however painful it may be, to the gross recklessness so frequently displayed on the part of mothers, in administering medicine to children. The unfortunate mother is not to be censured in this case, as it was purely accidental. But she was totally ignorant of the properties of paregoric, or she would not have attempted to guess at a dose of fifteen drops, which was all that she intended to give. According to her measurement, she actually gave twenty-five drops. Even that quantity of paregoric would have had a most mischievous effect upon those infants, to say the least of it. The same deadly narcotic, (opium) predominates in both these medicines, the difference being only in degree: and they should never be administered unless under the sanction of a physician—and then in exact accordance with his directions. Better far to put up with crying and peevishness in children, than to drug them incessantly, even under advice of a doctor. In nine cases out of ten, the relief is but temporary, and they are drugged to their subsequent injury.—*Pitts. Press.*

P. S. At last accounts, the children were slowly recovering.

Another "Fast" Young Man a Murderer.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* gives the particulars of a murder committed in that city on Saturday evening by a son of a wealthy citizen of Cincinnati. Three young men sons of wealthy and prominent business men—named Charles Cook, son of the elder member of the firm of Cook, Adams & Co., lumber dealers; William Seiter, son of Geo. Seiter, baker, and Wm. Swift, son of the firm of Pendleton, Swift & Co., dry goods merchants, visited a house of ill-repute. Seiter got into an altercation with a woman named Kate Bareman and knocked the woman down a number of times, beating and kicking her brutally, Cook took part in the affair and also knocked the woman down, finally drawing a knife and stabbing her horribly. The scene then is described by the *Gazette* thus:

The wounded woman, who was covered with blood, lived perhaps twenty minutes. After the fatal blow was struck, she raised herself partially from the floor by one elbow upon a lounge, and called for a glass of water, which, with a spasmodic effort, she threw into her mouth, and then, with an oath, exclaimed to Cook. "You have stabbed me." A minute after, one of the girls bent over Kate, and told her she could not live, and she advised her to pray. The sin stained courtezan, in that hour of blood could realize the necessity of prayer—of asking forgivness for the manifold transgressions of her erring sister, whose spirit was rapidly passing to its final account! And the victim of "the liberty of the knife" *did* pray—while the gapping wound in her side gave utterance to a breathing sound with every word that was uttered! She prayed for herself, for her husband and child, and sank into the arms of death with the prayer still upon her lips.—What a scene for a brothel!

The young men were arrested, and the murder has created intense excitement.

Useful Receipts.

A VERY FINE WHIP.—A lad, twenty years of age, a horse and light wagon, long snapper, plenty of money, well mixed, and fancy pants and an idea that his father is rich, and you will have a most delicious article. If a crisis comes and sweeps away his father's wealth, he is admirably qualified to drive a hack.

AN ORNAMENT FOR SMALL PARTIES.—Select one of your daughters when she is tender, say about fourteen. Put her into a parlor with a piano and shake them well up together for three years, adding a quarters' tuition on the harp, and a fine mustachied Italian teacher. Throw in a dancing master, and you have an elegant ornament for small parties.

TO DRESS POLITICIANS.—Take them when they are troubled with a softening of the back bone just before election day, and stuff their ears with reports of their opponent's strength. Then broil them on the gridiron of prospective defeat until they begin to simmer, then hand them a subscription paper for a torchlight procession, and have a skimmer ready to catch the mint drops, which can be used as you see fit.—*Boston Gazette.*

TERRIBLE SUFFERING FROM THIRST.—A long letter appears in a Texas paper concerning the passage of M'Culloch's emigrant train across the staked plain to California. The Great American Desert, through which the train passed, is a barren waste, and poorly supplied with water. Out of 1600 head of cattle, 950 died for lack of water, and for a period of seventy-six hours were without a drop to slake their thirst. The men also suffered terribly, and many shot down famishing bullocks on the road, pulled off their boots or shoes, caught the *thick hot blood*, and drank it freely.

The Pleasures of Holding Office.

Mr. CONNELL, one of the editors of the *Eagle*, published at Lancaster, Ohio, has thrown up his position as chief clerk of the Comptroller of the Treasury, and resigned in the tripod. He gives as his reasons for so doing, what may not prove unprofitable food for the contemplation of many young men who look upon a clerkship at Washington as a place where fortunes are to be made, and eminent distinctions gained. He says:—

"We return with feelings of pleasure to the chair editorial, after an absence of one year. A year in the public service at Washington has had the effect of convincing us that the private station is the post of honor, pleasure and profit; and we quit public office gladly, voluntarily, and without a single regret at the loss of its honors or emoluments. It seems strange that there should be such a fascination in those positions at Washington for the young men of our country. When obtained, they are but living graves, in which the occupant buries his hopes, his ambition, and his energies. No matter how brilliant, how intelligent, how industrious, he becomes metamorphosed into the tread mill horse, pursuing the same weary, never changing round, until death sets him free. No matter how energetic, the weary routine of official life lies crushingly upon his energies and aspirations. It is enough to say that such a life did not suit us, and that we would not, while young and in health, sell out our future for an annuity of $2,00 per year, at the will of changing political dynasties."

Robber's Cave Near Clarion.

Our friends at Clarion have a "mystery" in their vicinity, which considerably agitates them. The *Citizen* says that about five miles from Clarion a singular discovery was made by Mr. Mason. While hunting bees, he noticed under some rocks a Buffalo robe and other evidences of the former presence of some animals less laborious and less honest than those he was in search of. Being somewhat frightened, he called others, who, after some search, discovered jewelry of different kinds, worth in all about one hundred dollars. In addition to this, a pair of boots and pantaloons, a vest, cravat and fine coat, with the skirt considerably torn, pieces of which were found in different places, were picked up near the jewelry depot. The circumstances induced ten of the adjacent citizens to repair to the spot and lie in wait that night for the return of the depositors but through the imprudence of kindling a fire in the after night, nothing was effected. In dispersing the next morning, a sack of flour, three freshly dressed chickens and a blanket, were found unconcealed, as though they had been hastily left. Several other articles, such as powder, caps, an old revolver, augers, a bottle of chloroform, &c., were picked up,

Money in Dead Letters.

The dead letter branch of the General Post Office has just closed another quarter's work. During the three months which terminated on the 30th ult., there were found two thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine letters, which contained money amounting in the aggregate to $12,621.82. For the quarter which closed 30th June last, there were received four thousand five hundred and forty-nine letters and $21,498 85 in money. For the quarter ending the 30th March, two thousand four hundred and seventy-two letters and $13,475 15 in money. Quarter closed 31st december, two thousand three hundred and fifty-two letters and $12,361 96 in cash. Total in the year, twelve thousand one hundred and two letters and $61,139 72 in money. It is gratifying to state that under the efficiency and promptitude which characterize the finance bureau, over nine-tenths of the whole amount of cash has been restored to the original owners.

A PETRIFIED WOMAN.—A few days since, says the Cincinnati *Inquirer*, a gentleman residing in Rising Sun, Indiana, who had married a second time, wished to remove the body of his wife to a new cemetery. Preparations were made to that effect, and laborers opened the grave in the usual manner; but when they reached the coffin they could not lift it, so great was the weight. After obtaining considerable assistance, however, the men succeeded in raising the coffin from the tomb. They then could not resist the temptation of peering into the coffin and learning the reason of its unusual weight, and found, instead of the remains of a corpse, a stone figure, the exact counterpart of the woman who had died. This strange story soon spread, and hundreds and thousands of persons were present to see the strange spectacle. The husband took the body of his departed spouse home, and has it there now, where it is visited by hundreds of the curious and scientific. The body seems to have been petrified, and to have become a perfect stone woman. The probability is that the body has become adipocere, and will before long melt or crumble.

FIRST FAMILIES OF VA.—The origination of the term, the "First Family of Virginia," is thus explained by an exchange. In the early settlement of that State, it was found impossible to colonize it unless women went there. Accordingly, a ship load was sent out, but no planter was allowed to marry one of them unless he had first paid one hundred pounds of tobacco for her passage. When the second ship load came, no one would pay more than seventy-five pounds for the matrimonial privilege, except it were a very superior article. Consequently the descendants of all those who were sold for one hundred pounds of tobacco, were ranked as the first families, while those who brought out seventy-five pounds are now ranked as the second families; and the reason why no one can ever find any of the second families, is because you can't get a Virginian to admit that his mother only brought seventy-five pounds of tobacco.

A MAN KILLED.—On Monday evening of last week, a man named John Palmer, who lived near Blacklick station on the Indiana Branch Railroad, came to his death in the following manner: He had been at Blairsville, and in the evening started for home. As he attempted to cross the railroad bridge over Blacklick creek, he lost his balance, and was precipitated upon the rocks below, a distance of about 25 feet, breaking his back bone or spinal column, and both his arms. Two men who were with him, immediately went to his assistance, but he was dead when they got down. The deceased was addicted to taking strong drink, and we are informed he was intoxicated at the time of his death. He left a family. Another warning to topers.—*Indiana True American.*

FASTEST TIME ON RECORD.—The great trot between the stallions, Ethan Allen and George M. Patchen, which occurred at New York a few days ago, leaves the former, from the easy manner in which the victory was accomplished, the undoubted master, in the way of speed, of all the trotting stallions of the country. The time of 2 minutes 28 seconds, with a one hundred pound wagon, is better than ever was accomplished by any trotting stallion in the world, and may be ranked superior to Flora Temple's wagon exploit, which was performed in the same time, inasmuch as the vehicle of the little mare was much lighter. Indeed, there are many who regard this 2:28, to wagon, as fully equal to Flora Temple's 2:24, in harness.

Election News.

Returns from all the counties of New York show a Republican majority of 18,640. The Republican majorities for Congressmen are much larger, footing up, in seventy nine districts, 66,344. The vote on the Constitutional Convention is small, but, so far as heard from, there is a majority in favor of it. Gerrit Smith polled an average vote of 100 in each county, or about 6,000 only in the State.

The returns from Illinois indicate a Douglas majority on joint ballot in the Legislature of 1—three majority in the Senate and five in the House of Representatives. Four Republicans and five Douglas members of Congress are elected, leaving no member for the Administration from Illinois. Eighty-three counties in the State have sent in their returns, and if the remaining counties vote as in 1856, the Democratic State ticket will have a small majority.

In Wisconsin three Republican Congressmen are elected, and the Republicans have a majority of 39 on joint ballot in the Legislature, with three counties to hear from.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.—The New York *Herald* says that the Queen of Spain has agents here, who have command of two millions of dollars, to be invested in this country. The same paper states that most of the crowned heads of Europe are doing an active business in the way of investments in the United States.—Louis Phillippe had large possessions in our Republic, and Louis Napoleon has sent out from three to five millions here to be invested by his agents. It is said that the greatest operators in this way are the petty princes of Germany, whose investments in American securities amount, it is believed, to fully fifty millions of dollars.

SHOT WITH WATER.—A young German of Chicago, named Simon—says the *Press* of that city—committed suicide on Saturday last in the following strange manner: He went into a shed, took a gun, and loaded it with *water*, placed the muzzle in his mouth and fired, completely shattering his head. When found he was standing in the corner leaning on his gun. The room presented a terrible appearance, being completely drenched with blood, and covered with pieces of head and brains. The cause of the suicide is traced to the refusal of Simon's father to permit him to marry the girl of his choice.

☞ Wonderful Swimming.—The Hawaiian (H. I.) Advertiser says that on the 10th of August a schooner plying between the islands with eight natives and three foreigners on board upset. The natives picked up the foreigners, put them on the bottom of the vessels, and then started to swim to the nearest island—*fifteen miles distant.* They swam during the remainder of that night, through the following day and night, and on Thursday six out of the eight landed on Nihau, an old man and a stripling having proved unequal to the task.

CITIZENS LOOK HERE.—The subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Altoona that they have erected a market house on the corner immediately opposite the United Brethern Church, in the Altoona, where they are prepared to serve out to customers the best quality of Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Sausage &c. They invite a share of patronage, hoping to be able to give entire satisfaction in their dealings.

Oct. 21 1858-3t. PERCIVAL & ISENBERG.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Francis Stephens, late of Logan township, Blair county, dec'd, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present the same duly authenticated for settlement.

October 21 1858-6t. JACOB GOOD, Adm'r.

MORE NEW GOODS!—THE UNDERSIGNED has just received a fresh supply of FALL and WINTER GOODS, consisting of Cloths and Cassimeres of all qualities and colors; Plush Velvet and Silk VESTINGS. Also, a large stock of Shirts, Drawers and Undershirts, Gent's Pocket Handkerchiefs, Gloves, &c.—Please give me a call before purchasing elsewhere, as I am prepared to sell as cheap as they can be had in town.

Nov. 4, 1858. T. ELWAY.

WEST BRANCH INSURANCE CO.—The undersigned, Agent for Blair county, will take short and long risks on Buildings, Merchandise, Furniture and Property of every description, in town or country, at as reasonable rates as any company in the State. Risks also taken on the lives of horses. Office in Masonic Temple.

March 18, 1858-1y. JOHN SHOEMAKER, *Agent.*

BLAIR COUNTY INSURANCE AGENCY.—The undersigned, Agent of the Blair County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is at all times ready to insure against loss or damage by fire, *Buildings, Merchandise, Furniture and Property*, of every description, in town or country, at as reasonable rates as any Company in the State. Office in the Masonic Temple.

Jan. 3, 56-tf] JOHN SHOEMAKER, *Agent.*

TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE ASSESSMENT No. 15, made by the Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company, in Blair county, is payable at my office. The Assessment is 3 per cent. on all notes in force May 13, 1858.

JOHN SHOEMAKER, *Receiver.*

Altoona, July 15, 1858.

FOR RENT.—THE STORE-ROOM now occupied by J. & J. LOWTHER, will be for Rent by the 15th of October next.

Sept. 23, 1858. WM. M. LLOYD.

CONFECTIONERY.—PLAIN AND fine Confectionery manufactured and for sale by WM. N. SHUGARD,

March 25, '58-1y[191 North Third street, Philad'a.

RAISINS.—1,000 BOXES BUNCH and Layer Raisins in store and for sale by WM. N. SHUGARD,

March 25, '58-1y] 191 North Third street, Philad'a.

CREAM TARTER, SUPER-CARBONATE of Soda, Saleratus, Washing Soda, Durkee's Baking Powder, in store and for sale at

Sept. 2, '58-tf.] A. ROUSH'S Drug Store.

CONVEYANCING.—ALL KINDS of writing done at the shortest notice.—Deeds, Mortgages, &c., executed in the neatest manner by

JOHN SHOEMAKER,

Jan. 3, 1857-tf.] Masonic Temple, Altoona.

OYES! O YES!—GENTLEMEN draw nigh and hear. JOSEPH F. TROUT announces to the public, that he is ready to discharge his duty as an Auctioneer whenever called upon. [Jan. 2, '56.

SETTEES FOR SALE.—THE UNdersigned has on hand a lot of Settees which he will sell cheap for cash. JOHN SHOEMAKER,

March 25 tf.] Masonic Temple.

ORANGES AND LEMONS.—500 boxes Oranges and Lemons in store and for sale by WM. N. SHUGARD,

March 25, '58-1y] 191 North 3d street, Philadelphia.

SOLUTION OF CITRATE OF MAGNESIA—a cooling Cathartic, mild in its operation and agreeable to the taste, prepared and for sale by

June 24, 1858.—tf A. ROUSH, *Druggist.*

YOU CAN ALWAYS OBTAIN ALL kinds of Flour and Feed by calling at

June 18, '57-1y] HENRY LEHR'S

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO call and test the merits of the articles kept by

June 18, '57-1y] HENRY LEHR.

LOTS FOR SALE.—12 BUILDING Lots, situate in different localities, in this Borough for sale on reasonable terms, by [27-tf.] J. SHOEMAKER.

CAMPHENE, BURNING FLUID, Linseed Oil, Spirits of Turpentine, White Lead and Alcohol, for sale cheap at A. ROUSH'S

BLANKS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS neatly and expeditiously executed at this office.

SPECTACLES AND EYE PRESERVERS for sale at [1-tf.] KESSLER'S

ALL THE STANDARD PATENT MEDICINES AT [1-tf] KESSLER'S

Altoona

LOCAL

OVERDOSE CASE OF [illegible] two weeks since, a g[illegible] Altoona, was instantly [illegible] could not hear the r[illegible] fired close to his ear. [illegible] whatever it may have [illegible] fect. The deafness co[illegible] ty was called in, who [illegible] known to medical men [illegible] but without avail. As [illegible] mined to test the me[illegible] case, and accordingly [illegible] and placing the point [illegible] on the current lightly [illegible] increased it. After [illegible] for some time, the he[illegible] much restored that he[illegible] upon the table. Agai[illegible] in his ears and the flui[illegible] them the second time [illegible] loud talking in the roo[illegible] place in the afternoon, [illegible] allowed to rest until [illegible] the wires were again [illegible] ing the fluid for a few [illegible] the man was perfectly [illegible] member of ever having [illegible] of deafness being cure[illegible] certainly demonstrate[illegible] used effectually in so[illegible] harm, we think, wo[illegible] this cure in all cases o[illegible] efits might be beyond [illegible] is a powerful agent in [illegible] animation to paralize [illegible] should it be found a cu[illegible] can not be estimated.

LEGAL TENDER.—So[illegible] to know what is a legal[illegible] persons are greatly in[illegible] cents are a legal tend[illegible] sometimes captious peo[illegible] in copper coin, which [illegible] are obliged to receive—[illegible] coined at the mint and [illegible] United States upon 'i[illegible] which is a synopsis of 'i[illegible] the subject, it will be [illegible] not a legal tender. Th[illegible] ment of debts with coin [illegible] ing coin be legal tender [illegible] 1. All gold coin at th[illegible] debts of any amount. [illegible] 2. The half dollar, q[illegible] and quarter dime, at[illegible] for debts of any amoun[illegible] 3. Three cent pieces [illegible] under thirty cents; an[illegible] 4. By the law passe[illegible] Congress, we may add. [illegible] amount under ten cents [illegible] By the laws of Congr[illegible] five years ago, gold was [illegible] for large amounts, [illegible] large quantities of cent[illegible] times pay their bills wi[illegible] of the creditor, will [illegible] stoppage to that antic[illegible]

LONG EVENINGS.—The[illegible] the harvest has been g[illegible] of toil are to be succeed[illegible] a beneficient Creator s[illegible] the reinvigoration o[illegible] the mental improvment [illegible] the autumnal to the [illegible] evenings suggest and af[illegible] nity for rest recreation [illegible] the family newspaper, [illegible] the popular lecturer, ar[illegible] portant in subserving [illegible] The newspaper will keep [illegible] relations with the prog[illegible] the doings of his fellow [illegible] school-teacher will mak[illegible] with the books o[illegible] ore of the past; while [illegible] duce him to the more in[illegible] and science, and the mor[illegible] advancing philosophies, [illegible] applications to the var[illegible] life.

ADJOURNED COURT.—[illegible] Tuesday, the 23d of No[illegible] holding of an adjourned [illegible] the argument list. [illegible] The Court appointed [illegible] member for the holding [illegible] Common Pleas, and ord[illegible] to be put on the list for [illegible] Jos. Baldridge vs. [illegible] Lyman Hubbell vs. [illegible] Lloyd & Wilson vs. [illegible] Moore's Ex'r vs. [illegible] David Goodwin vs. [illegible] T. G. Pomroy vs. [illegible] Jury to be selected by [illegible] his occasion. Judge Ki[illegible] reside in place of Judge [illegible]

ALMOST A MURDER.—S[illegible] f last week, containing [illegible] Murderer in Every Ho[illegible] nce, ere a lady of this p[illegible] ame very nearly being [illegible] xplosion of one of the [illegible] as using. We had no [illegible] e article, that the truth [illegible] soon be made apparen[illegible] almost every instance [illegible] hen the event may tak[illegible] dy had on a woolen dr[illegible] ould not ignite quickly [illegible] smother the fire before [illegible] red.

TRIAL POSTPONED.—W[illegible] spatch, that the trial of [illegible] an from this county no[illegible] harged with murder, ha[illegible] e February session. T[illegible] e Court did wrong in de[illegible] a reason that the caus[illegible] d that the delay has be[illegible] at the prisoner may be [illegible]ean time.

NOTICE.—The Altoona [illegible] eading Room Associati[illegible] Saturday evening next, at [illegible] for the occasion [illegible] of the me[illegible]