

The Kniffin case is one which is likely to knock out even such a hard hitter as Jersey Justice.

The grip is called schaffkrankheit in Germany, and yet the disease does not seem to be more fatal in that country than in any other.

The Vassar girls have the grip, but they don't fancy it as much as they would if it emanated from a coat sleeve with a masculine arm in it.

Speaker REED reverses the Cleveland maxim that public office is a public trust. He acts as if he believed that it is exclusively a Republican trust.

Even if this season were characterized by atmospheric serenity, which it is not, the base-ballists would manage to make it stormy by their unseasonable contention.

The Methodist preacher who died some days ago in Virginia from the effects of a Masonic initiation must have been put astraddle of an unusually refractory goat.

As an especial compliment General HASTINGS was invited to participate in a fox chase in Delaware county. But isn't QUAY the fox that the General has most reason to keep his eye on?

It will be a great relief to the members of "the grand old party" in Pennsylvania when QUAY shall terminate their suspense by telling them who their next candidate for Governor shall be.

The monopolists who are asking for a restoration of the tariff on quinine deserve to be afflicted with the worst form of bone-break fever and be denied the relief which quinine pills afford.

The President is charged with having violated Virginia's game laws in shooting old man Wootton's hog. But his case wasn't the first instance of Republican violation of state sovereignty.

The prophets are all at sea about the weather of this winter, but wait till the ground hog puts in his appearance on the 2nd of next month, and then we shall have something definite on the subject.

It is stated in the papers that "two tons of adulterated cheese were seized at Duluth." If it was Limberger, the natural strength of the article must have necessitated the employment of a very strong force to seize it.

After having filled the Senate with millionaires, the Republicans are howling at the Democrats of the Ohio legislature for giving the senatorial nomination to CALVIN S. BRICE who is supposed to be worth some money.

It is amusing to see what an interest the opponents of a reformed ballot system take in the rights of the illiterate. But sifted down, isn't it more of an interest in the opportunity of the party heeler to get in his work on election day?

It is proposed to require medical students to study longer than they now do before they can be admitted to practice. This may not make the doctors any smarter, but the danger to the public might be thereby diminished by making them less numerous.

The French government has just constructed and tested a vessel which can be kept under water for four hours at a time. That is nothing extraordinary for French vessels. Some of them that fought the English in NELSON's time have been under water ever since.

The Germans are buying up all the camphor they can find in the market. It isn't to be supposed that their purpose is to put it in whisky and keep it on the top-shelf of the cupboard. They haven't any old-womanish intention of this kind, but want to use it in making smokeless powder with which to kill Frenchmen.

The Queen Regent of Spain offers a prize of some \$10,000 for the two best essays on the life of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, a sum almost equal to the amount which the Queen Regent's predecessor ISABELLA, four hundred years ago, grudgingly gave for the fitting out of the expedition that made CHRISTOPHER'S life worth writing about.

Judge KELLY having died, manager QUAY is already kindly offering to furnish the district of the dead Congressman with a candidate for his vacant place. If the Boss has the right to control the State, why shouldn't his power include its component districts? This is a question which the kickers in the late Mr. KELLY's halliwick should seriously ponder.

MARY, the mother of WASHINGTON, should by all means have a monument, as is proposed, in return for having produced such a son. But if the fact were generally known that the old lady had a decidedly Tory leaning during the Revolution and but slightly, if at all, sympathized with GEORGE in the cause in which he was risking his neck, it might dampen the patriotic ardor that is demanding a memorial for her.

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Ben Butler on Ballot Reform.

General BEN BUTLER has declared against ballot reform. At the annual dinner of the Butler club in Boston, on the 8th inst., the Jacksonian anniversary, the redoubtable General made a fiery speech in which he denounced the new-fangled Australian ballot system.

The funny part of it was that he did it in the interest of the Democratic party. It is so entirely natural that the man who set himself up as a rival candidate to the Democratic presidential nominee in 1884, and who did what he could to defeat the same nominee four years later, should be solicitous that nothing should be done that would injure the Democratic party.

CHARLES A. DANA, who pursued the same course that BUTLER did in opposing Democratic nominees, is affected by a similar fear that ballot reform will injure the Democracy.

This Anomalous Winter.

In looking over Monday's papers we were treated to a weather record which was unprecedented for this season of the year. The recollection of the oldest inhabitant has nothing that can furnish a parallel with it. In Philadelphia on Sunday a temperature of 72 degrees was reached and the atmospheric condition was more like June than January.

No previous January within the recollection of the present generation could show such a record. A number of reasons are assigned for this condition of the weather by those who want to be considered scientific.

Among the prominent victims of the grip is to be numbered WALKER BLAINE, eldest son of Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE and assistant of his father in the State Department, who a few days ago was taken with the prevailing disease which ran into pneumonia and terminated fatally on Wednesday evening.

Judicious Liberty.

The residents of Centre county to whom HASTINGS' methods are familiar, will not be surprised to hear how he made a point over his chief opponent, DELAMATER, in ingratiating himself with the colored Republicans of West Chester.

How often has the same gentleman by a similar appliance swayed the political sentiments of the colored voters of Bellefonte! On the eve of an election a dollar judiciously applied here, there and elsewhere among that class of our citizens, has enabled him to bring them into solid line in support of the Republican ticket.

A Delicate Subject of Tariff Taxation.

The Ways and Means committee, which is hopelessly entangling itself with the tariff question, is roping in all sorts of experts to give their views on the subject. Last week two New York grangers, who live near the Canada line, appeared before the committee and earnestly called its attention to the desirability of putting a duty of 50 cents a bushel on beans as a protective measure.

But the proposition of the bean protectionists is likely to meet with a storm of opposition from Boston where the popular feeling is easiest and soonest touched through the medium of the sacred bean pot.

It Isn't Anything New.

It may be some satisfaction to "grippe" patients to know that they are not suffering from a disease that is entirely new, but that their ancestors shivered and sneezed under the infliction of a similar ailment a hundred years ago.

This goes to confirm the truth of the assertion that there is nothing new under the sun. Our present affliction from "la grippe" is but a repetition of what our forefathers suffered from the same cause, only they didn't give it a French name.

A Level-Headed Granger.

A veteran granger of Virginia, named ALEXANDER S. WEDDERBURN, who is evidently the possessor of solid horse sense, made his appearance before the Ways and Means committee to give his views on the tariff in respect to its effect upon the agricultural interest.

Farmers who are gifted with practical sense know the injury that results from public subsidies, and consequently do not want to have their business bolstered by treasury bounties. They would prefer to have a fair field for their exertions which would be best afforded them by such a tariff reduction as would enable them to procure the necessities at cheaper rates.

Quay Should Declare His Choice.

The Pottsville Miners' Journal asks Senator QUAY to make a declaration of his choice for Governor. He certainly ought to do this and relieve the Republicans of the State of the embarrassment of making their own selection.

Inauguration of Ohio's Democratic Governor.

The inauguration of Governor CAMPBELL at Columbus on Monday was a great demonstration. Fully 30,000 strangers were in the city. About seventy-five political organizations were represented by delegations of various numbers, and twenty companies of militia took part in the parade.

In his inaugural address the Governor recommended the immediate repeal of the law enacted during the administration of his predecessor, putting the government of a number of municipalities in the hands of the governor. This he denounced as contrary to the spirit of our institutions and opposed to home rule.

He Ought to Be Satisfactory.

The Democrats of the Ohio Legislature have nominated and elected CALVIN S. BRICE United States Senator in place of Senator PAYNE whose term is about to expire.

Death of Congressman Kelly.

Hon. WILLIAM D. KELLY, of Philadelphia, the oldest member of Congress, whose extreme illness was mentioned last week, died on the 9th inst., at his residence in Washington.

The Question of the World's Fair in Congress.

Since the re-assembling of Congress after the holiday vacation, it may be expected that the question of the location of the World's Fair, which will depend very much upon the congressional appropriation, will be taken up in earnest.

Playing a Fine Game.

Some people think they see a comedy in the great attention which QUAY last week paid HASTINGS at Washington. The Adjutant General was the special guest of the junior Pennsylvania Senator, who entertained him and Mrs. HASTINGS at the Quay mansion.

The superficial observer might take this as an indication that the Boss intends to give HASTINGS the nomination for Governor. But there are others who believe that Pennsylvania's autocrat is merely tickling the young Centre county statesman so that he may be in a good humor and not be disposed to kick when he is let down.

Spawls from the Keystone.

In five years the business of the Pittsburg Post Office has been more than doubled.

On account of a dispute between some religious bodies Sellersville is without a Sunday school.

Steve Edkins, of Williamsport, placed an old horse in a barn and left it there to die of starvation.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chester county will hereafter insure against wind-storms.

Alexander's hat factory at Reading has been closed on account of the ravages of the grip among the employes.

On the farm of Jacob Clemens, near Spring City, there was born a calf without eyes, but otherwise perfectly formed.

Jeremiah Horn, 11 years old, of Pottsville, stole a ride on a coal train, and in attempting to alight had a leg cut off.

Darius H. Price, aged 63 years, dropped dead in a blacksmith shop on Monday at Wilkesbarre, while talking to his son.

A Hungarian woman at Scranton beat with a soup ladle the policeman who was arresting her husband and hurt him badly.

Mr. Walker, of Easton, ex-Superintendent of the public schools of Northampton county, was taken to the posthouse several days ago.

Some miscreant at Scranton threw a stone through the electric clock of Lewis Rliebart, which he has been many years constructing.

One of the girl inmates of the Morgana Reformatory set fire to the place in order that she might be sent to jail to join her sister who is there.

A bullet accidentally shot from a pistol being cleaned by John Drake, of Homestead, entered his mother's head last Thursday and killed her.

The Williamsport Local Flood Commission has an unexpended balance of over \$13,000, and will soon decide on the disposition to be made of it.

The fact that a lawsuit was brought against her husband soayed upon the mind of a Latrobe woman that she made two attempts to take her life.

Applicants for liquor licenses at Pittsburg are applying for both wholesale and retail licenses, in the hope that they will get one or the other.

John G. Whittier, the poet, has written Mrs. S. L. Oberholzer, of Norristown, assuring her that he still remembers and loves his old friends.

The firm of Carnegie, Phipps & Co. has been censured by the Coroner of Beaver Falls for gross negligence, which caused the death of a workman.

The Dickson Manufacturing Company of Scranton received an order from the Ontario and Western Railroad to build twenty five locomotives.

While cleaning out the vault in the cellar of his restaurant, G. T. Burridge found two snapping turtles that had been thrown there three years ago and forgotten.

A son and two daughters of Harvey Skean, of Pottsville, have died with in the past two weeks of diphtheria, and another child is seriously ill with the same disease.

C. J. McVaine, a well-known contractor and builder at Allegheny, who had done much work for the city, was unjustly arrested as a suspicious character a few days ago.

Enoch Kitterer, of Pittsburg, aged 78 years was married on Thursday to Mrs. Julia Kromer, who is a few years younger. All the children of the contracting parties are married.

At a wedding at the residence of Charles Miller, near New Bethlehem, two sons and a daughter entered the married state, and the ceremony was performed by another son.

Threatened with arrest for the nonpayment of his board bill, W. E. Morris, a boarder at the Madison House, in Pottsville, sought revenge by attempting suicide in his room.

Richard R. Quay, son of the junior Senator, has begun a suit against the proprietor of an oil establishment which adjoins his father's home at Beaver, on the ground that it is a public nuisance.

The electrical shocks that killed two horses and stunned a lineman in Pittsburg seem to have shocked the whole community, and Chief Bigelow has promised that all wires will be buried within a year.

The railroad authorities refused to ship the body of Mrs. Oscar Miller, of Hamburg, who died of scarlet fever, and it was found necessary to drive the funeral cortege thirty miles to the cemetery.

Joseph Kridy, a Hungarian, who kept a boarding-house at South Bethlehem, clubbed a son of one of his boarders because the child had been taken ill with scarlet fever and caused the house to be quarantined.

Mounted on the back of a restless Mustang, Henry Kurtz, an aged resident of Kurtz House, rode into the bar-room of the hotel at that place and took a drink. The man who lost the bet paid for the drink.

Having no money to pay for the hire of the carriage in which he had taken a lady friend driving, Arthur Matthews, of Pittsburg, sent the team back to the stable in the girl's care. She was arrested and held.

A constable armed with a warrant for a Reading boy sat in the parlor, being entertained by the father, waiting for the boy to come down stairs, but the youth escaped out of a window and over neighboring roofs.

The residence and grocery store of A. A. Stevens and the general store of Jacob Krugh & Co., at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, were destroyed by an incendiary fire Friday morning. Total loss, \$12,000; partly insured.

Mrs. Gilroy, a malicious old woman living on the outskirts of Pottsville, has successfully resisted all efforts of constables to arrest her. In a few days a number of officers will adopt military tactics and proceed against her house in a body.

Patrick Gallagher, aged 56 years, a resident of Plymouth township, Montgomery county, while driving to Conshohocken on Friday afternoon stopped at a toll-gate near that place, and while in the act of paying toll fell over and expired from heart disease.

At South Side, Pittsburg, a big black Newfoundland dog holds possession of a highway. His companion, an animal which is the exact counterpart of the dog, died in the middle of the road, and the living animal refuses to leave the body or allow any one to come near it.

Philip Harman, blind and penniless, and his wife, who have been living in filth and squalor in an old hut in the out-skirts of Lancaster, and who have resisted all efforts of charitably-disposed persons to remove them, were taken by force to the county almshouse a few days ago by grand Army comrades of the blind man.