

Governor Pattison's Appointments.

Much interest attaches to the probable material of which Governor PATTISON'S cabinet will be composed. The names of many prominent Democrats are mentioned in connection with the higher offices in the Governor's gift, but so far nothing has been positively asserted except with relation to the offices of Secretary of the Commonwealth and Attorney General.

Mr. HENSEL'S appointment, we think, would be especially acceptable to the Democrats of the State. He has long been recognized by them as one of the most active and able of their leaders, and his devotion to the cause of Democracy in many a hard fought campaign has inspired a confidence which would be gratified by seeing him made a part of a Democratic State administration.

There were rumors that prominent Democrats were dissatisfied with the Governor's reported intention of making Mr. HARRITY Secretary of the Commonwealth, Judge GORDON, of Philadelphia, being especially mentioned as being displeased with it, but this proves to be irresponsible newspaper gossip.

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The inquiry is a pertinent one in view of the determination of the party leaders to maintain a tariff policy which was so overwhelming condemned by the people, involving the party in a disaster as destructive as a conflagration.

There is something very ugly in the look of the New York census enumeration. It appears that PORTER paid his enumerators for counting 100,000 more names in New York than are included in the total of the population of that city as officially returned.

It wasn't so long ago that INGALLS, of Kansas, declared that "the purification of politics is an iridescent dream." Since then he has discovered that it isn't so much of a dream as he imagined.

It is a noteworthy fact that in those States where the secrecy of the ballot has been protected by reform ballot laws an advantage has resulted to the Democracy.

Well Pleased With His Work.

The Secretary of the Navy makes a good report of the progress that has been made in the creation of a new navy. He has reason to congratulate the country and also his party on the change of policy that has taken place in naval management.

This disgraceful state of affairs was changed when the first Democratic administration after the war placed the navy in charge of a Secretary who infused a new spirit into its management and inaugurated a policy which resulted in the construction of some of the finest ships of war that any nation can boast of.

It is to the credit of Secretary TRACY that he has continued the course upon which his Democratic predecessor put the reconstruction of the navy, and it is with justifiable pride that he reviews what has been done in giving the nation first class ships of war, a work in which he has zealously and efficiently followed the example of Secretary WHITNEY.

To the general public which knew D. K. JAMISON & Co. as prominent Philadelphia bankers with the reputation of being substantial and prosperous, their sudden collapse last week was the cause of great surprise.

Parnell's Fall.

MR. PARNELL'S moral lapse has done the Irish cause great injury. It has brought about dissension and division at a time when harmony of sentiment and unity of purpose are most needed to secure success.

Europe is suffering from an unusually early winter. The British Islands are covered with snow of an unprecedented depth for so early in the season, and the British traveling public are suffering from snow bound trains.

The President's Message.

President HARRISON'S message, delivered to congress last Tuesday, attracts more attention than it deserves on account of a desire to learn what he has to say after the tremendous beating his party sustained at the last election.

Much of the message is devoted to the McKinley tariff bill. The President shows no sign of having changed his good opinion of that measure. The verdict of the people against it seems to have had the effect of confirming his favorable impression of it.

It is just like Mr. HARRISON that, after the awful crushing down his party received, he should stick with increased tenacity to the proposition which did as much as anything else in bringing about the merited punishment.

The Democratic members had reason to applaud on Monday when Hon. C. R. BRECKINRIDGE, of Arkansas, was sworn in to succeed himself as a member of the congress from which he had been so unjustly and arbitrarily expelled.

Among the deposits of State money in private banks was one of \$25,000 with the banking firm of D. K. JAMISON & Co., at Philadelphia, which failed last week.

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Commissioner RAUM is insatiable in his demand for more money for the payment of pensions. For the coming fiscal year he demands \$133,000,000, in addition to the \$33,000,000 deficit for the current year.

CAMERON has gathered in the Republican Senators and Assemblymen pretty thoroughly. Pledges to vote for him have been signed by the two Senators and four Representatives from Lancaster county, and there is evidence that enough have been listed to secure his reelection easily.

Escape of the Nicely Brothers.

The Murderers of Farmer Umberger Get Out of the Somerset Jail—One of them Recaptured.

Last Saturday evening Joe and Dave Nicely, together with some other prisoners, managed to escape from the Somerset jail. They had been convicted and sentenced to be hanged for the inhuman murder of farmer Umberger, after robbing him.

Putting his lantern down, he raised his fork and walked to the rear of the mow, and was just in the act of plunging it into the hay when Nicely rolled out from under the pile and cried: "My God! Don't kill me; I'm badly crippled and nearly dead."

NICELY'S STORY OF HIS ESCAPE. Nicely had scarcely gotten back into his quarters at the jail and had been attended to by the prison physician when he told the following story of his escape: We had intended holding up Milt, the deputy Sheriff, and taking his keys from him, but when we discovered that the combination box was open we concluded that the easiest and safest way would be to get out through the roof.

Joe was the first one to slide down the rope, and he could not have gotten more than half way down when it broke with him. Hambertson followed and must have clung to the water spout on the side of the building, as he wasn't hurt at all.

Joe said his foot was sprained, but he was able to stand up and I told him to leave me and look out for himself. Joe and the other two fellows started down the ally on a run, and I followed after as fast as I could crawl.

I managed to get over the fence at the end of the ally and must have laid there for an hour, suffering intensely with my broken foot and sprained arm. I could hear the shouts of the people in the jailyard, and had it not been for the excitement I would have crawled back to the jail and given myself up.

Heels Items. J. J. Johnsonbaugh has moved from the McMullen farm to the widow Zimmerman's farm.

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against the holding of large tracts of land by foreign owners; favor a secret ballot and a constitutional convention to secure the same; demand adequate justice to all; the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and favor co-operation within industrial classes to secure needed reforms.

Long Imprisonment of an Innocent Man.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 26.—In 1871 Overt Bailey was convicted of being accessory to the murder of Thomas Harrison, a farmer of Dearborn county, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. This morning Governor Hovey paroled him.

Personals.

—Mr. C. W. Struble, of Struble's station transacted business in our city on Tuesday. —Fred Kurtz, Esq., of the Centre Hall Reporter, came in on the 9-15 on Wednesday morning.

—Mr. A. Stevens, an eminent barrister of Tyrona, is here on the Holt Shipman case which has been occupying the attention of our court nearly all week.

—Miss Bottorff, the charming young lady from Salona, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Powers, departed on Wednesday morning for her home.

—W. H. Wigton and family have moved from their home in Phillipsburg to Bryn Mawr, a suburb of Philadelphia.

—Tuesday's page of the Bush House register is ornamented with the signatures of D. H. Holt and Wm. P. Duncan of Phillipsburg, A. B. Weaver, of Clearfield and Jas. F. Marshall, of Snow Shoe.

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Pine Grove Mentions.

Our young friend, Robt. R. Fry, has slaughtered the largest pork in town. Others yet to be heard from.

A. B. Struble, of Struble's station, spent Wednesday looking up business interests in Tyrona.

Mr. Robt. Gardner, one of our most prosperous and oldest farmers, has disposed of his valuable farm, by private sale, to Mr. John Homan.

The ladies of the church will give a turkey and oyster supper in the lecture rooms of the Lutheran church, one of the finest collections with all the toothsome viands that the farm and market can afford, will be offered. Proceeds for the church.

The necessary arrangements to hold the Farmers' Institute in our town on the 10th and 20th of January, are being made.

The pangs of defeat over which some of our republican friends have recently been brooding, have been somewhat appeased by partaking of the Thanksgiving goblet to which it is hoped, the unpleasant and unpalatable taste of an overdose of crow will yield, from which they have been suffering ever since the fourth of November.

The death of Mrs. James Deeters occurred last Friday, the 20th inst., of a lingering illness from typhoid pneumonia. Her remains were interred in the Graysville cemetery on Sunday, the 31st.

Books, Magazines, etc. Mother, home and heaven; Golden Thoughts on; Editor Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, D. D., and others. 454 pages. Illustrated. Price \$2.75.

Harper's Magazine for December is a superb Christmas number. It opens with "As You Like It," the third of the series of articles on the comedies of Shakespeare, while Charles Dudley Warner, in an article entitled "The Winter of our Content," relates many interesting facts regarding the climatic influence of southern California.

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