

Shall the Tinkering be Begun.

On Monday, next, Court convenes in this place and about the first proceedings that will take place will be instructing the grand jurors in attendance as to their duties, by his honor, Judge Furns. Whether the recommendations of the Court will be in the same line as those given the Grand Jury at the November term, we do not know.

Upon one subject that was elaborately and carefully presented at that time, and which we presume will be called to the attention of those who are sworn as Grand Jurors—the enlargement of the Court House—every tax-payer in the county is interested.

It is that those who will be called to act upon this matter, may, if they think proper, ascertain the sentiment of the people of their respective sections, before taking action, that we bring it to their attention at this time.

Every tax-payer in the county who reads the papers, knows what the recommendations of the last Grand Jury were. The same resolutions endorsed or presented by the one that meets next week will enable the Court to issue process upon the Commissioners compelling them to carry out these recommendations, let the consequences and costs be what they may to the tax-payers.

The changes and improvements proposed, contemplate an addition of thirty feet to the front of the present Court House. This would necessitate the tearing out of the present front, raising and putting on a new roof, changing the floors, elevating the ceilings, altering the vaults, removing the partitions, erecting new stairways, re-modeling and changing the steam fixtures, re-seating the Court room, and in fact building an entire new building with the exception of the rear wall and such portions of the side walls as would be left standing after the front end was knocked out.

It is a question whether a new building, from the ground up, would cost as much as the proposed changes to the old will, and the Grand Jury that meets on Monday next, must determine if this contemplated expense shall be undertaken or not.

The fact that their action in the matter will be final and conclusive, no matter which way they determine—makes it the more important that they render their decision only after the most careful and thorough investigation of the necessities of the case.

If they listen to the men who want contracts; to the lawyers who want a larger building and more expensive surroundings, and to others who are more interested in spending the people's money than in lessening their taxes, they will follow in the footsteps of the body that surprised the tax-payers by its recommendations made at the November term, and will fasten this unnecessary and unknown cost upon the county.

We have no intent of dictating to or attempting to influence the action of the men who are called here to perform a sworn duty, and whose province it will be to look into and report upon the condition of the county buildings. What we desire is, that they shall carefully consider this matter from the tax-payers' point of view, as well as from the side that will be presented them by those most interested in accomplishing that which was begun last November.

If the demands of justice are delayed; if the business of the Court is hampered; if the county records are kept in unsafe places; if the offices of the county officials are too small or unfit for the uses for which they are set aside in consequence of the size and condition of the present Court House, let those who are to act in this matter consider carefully, whether it would not be better to get along with what we have for a little while, until the county is again out of debt, and then erect a good, substantial, creditable building, rather than to begin doctoring, and changing and remodeling the present one, at an unknown expense and with a result that no one knows whether it would prove satisfactory or not.

Whether or not Mr. Calvin Bruce or the Democratic State Committee, of Pennsylvania, are the direct representatives of the Democracy of the State, will be determined next Wednesday. If Mr. BRUCE owns the Democracy of Pennsylvania, he should have the power to say who shall represent it in the National Committee—if it owns itself, it will name whom it sees proper—whether it be MR. KERR, MR. GUFFEY, MR. HARRITY or some one else.

On Monday last the National Bank of Muncy closed its doors and upon examination, it was discovered that bonds, securities, deposits and notes had vanished, and about the only thing that was left of it was the name, the furniture and the officials. Just how it happened that the government examiners never discovered the rotten condition of this institution, of course is not explained. They should have known, just as it was their duty to know, the condition of the dozen or more other National banks that have gone down during the past year, and of which they knew actually nothing, until the doors were closed and the depositors had lost their money.

If the big salaries that are paid to these examiners, who, if they do examine, never seem to discover anything, was saved and turned over to the depositors who lose their money by trusting it to government banks, simply because they are such, there would be more justice and more security in the system, than appears to be at present.

The Muncy Bank Closed.

The Vault Burst Open and Ugly Disclosure Made.—The Cashier Arrested.

MUNCY, Pa., Jan. 11.—United States Bank Examiner E. H. Dengler posted a notice this afternoon on the doors of the First National bank at this place, notifying the public that it had suspended. The excitement was great. The bank examiner was sent from Washington last Saturday by the comptroller of currency, because the bank's statement was not satisfactory. On his arrival he tried to open the vault but failed. Then he sent for an expert and after several hours of hard work the vault was opened. He found that it was empty.

The bank had not been doing a profitable business and had sustained some very heavy losses lately. There was \$70,000 on deposit at the last statement and there is now a shortage of about \$10,000. Captain J. M. Bowman is president and James M. Bowman and Baker Lande are directors. Many of the stockholders are wealthy men.

LATER.—Previous to the announcement of the suspension there was a run, during which between \$7,000 and \$8,000 and the money on hand was paid out. Dela Green the cashier and ex-bank examiner for this district, was arrested between 10 and 11 o'clock tonight, as startling disclosures were made during the evening. When Examiner Dengler opened the vault he found that \$23,000 in money and bonds was gone. Shortly after this the excited depositors started a run. Dela Green was arrested while in bed and was taken before United States Commissioner Bentley, who demanded bail in the sum of \$20,000. During the night he will remain in the custody of the deputy marshal.

Examiner Dengler said this evening that the affairs of the bank are in very bad shape and it looks as if the institution had been looted. A shortage of at least \$40,000 has already been discovered and the full amount it is expected will be much greater.

Prepares For His Hanging.

Dr. Graves, the New England physician whose case has excited such broad-spread interest within the past few weeks, has been condemned to hang. It is simply another illustration of the dangers of trifling with women of "shady" character. His victim became a little obnoxious to the doctor and his only recourse was to drug some "good old rye whiskey" which he sent to Denver, Col., for her use.

All of the evidence presented by the prosecution, has been of a circumstantial nature but the chain has been so strongly forged that murder in the first degree could be the only verdict; while the condemned man still maintains his innocence. The last accounts of him are contained in the following telegram from Canon City, Col., dated January 12th:

Dr. Graves arrived here shortly after midnight. He was not alone, for four other prisoners sentenced for various crimes were taken to the penitentiary at the same time. Dr. Graves was securely shackled and was handcuffed to another prisoner. On the journey from Denver to this place the doctor displayed a great deal of nerve, chatting unconcerned about things in general, but refusing to talk about his case. On arrival here Dr. Graves and his fellow prisoners were taken to the penitentiary, about a mile from the station. The enormous pile of grey stone which forms the penitentiary locks even colder than the weather, and the doctor, as he glanced at the walls before passing through the heavy door of the main entrance, shivered as from ague. After breakfast this morning the doctor was taken to the prison barber shop, where his hair and aristocratic side-whiskers were removed and he was given a striped suit in place of his dignified Prince Albert and well-fitting vest and trousers.

The Haytian War a Myth. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—In reference to the sensational rumor that a vessel had been fitted out here, by revolutionists, who proposed to make war on Hayti, Hannibal Price, the Haytian Minister, said to-day: "I cannot understand why so much fuss should be made about so small a matter. The so-called revolution amounts to nothing at all. There was an attempt to fit out a vessel to war on Hayti, but what of it? This is not the first attempt. There were two others, neither of which came to anything. In a like manner this attempt was frustrated almost at its inception."

Garza is an Outlaw.

No Political Meaning in the Raid of the Revolutionists.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Jan. 14.—Captain J. G. Bourke, attending federal court at Brownsville, wires that he has obtained valuable information with reference to persons identified with the Garza movement, from a prisoner. Garza left Los Angeles with 271 men. He did not wait for all that were to come, and he was probably hurried by the proximity of the troops. Garza is said to have become despondent of accomplishing much on Texas soil and will probably gather his scattered forces and go into Mexico. News of this character is now expected.

A dispatch from Rio Grande City says that Lieutenant Thomas Garza, the deputy marshal who escaped during the Retinal fight, has come in and surrendered himself. The revolutionists are reported to be badly scattered. Several of them crossed the river during the night.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Prince Iuribide, the heir of Maximilian, who has resided here since last July, when shown the reports implicating himself and the Clerical movement, expressed ignorance of the entire affair.

Minister Romero says: "As to the Clerical party, I have no doubt that it would be glad to see the Liberal government overthrown, but I do not believe the Clericals would compromise themselves by becoming allied with such an outlaw. I do not believe there is any political meaning in the least in Garza's raids. He is a bold outlaw. That is all."

When Prince Iuribide was mentioned Senator Romero smiled. "He has as much chance of becoming president of Mexico as he has of being president of the United States. It would be easier to found an empire in the United States than in Mexico. Iuribide is a young man without the means of following or ability to make an attempt even toward political prominence. He is a pleasant gentleman socially and that is all."

The minister treated the whole matter lightly as not deserving serious consideration.

Letters That Never Came.

They tell a funny story of a man who rented a box in the postoffice awhile ago. He appears to have been new to the business and failed to get the hang of the thing. After a month or so he called on one of the postoffice officials and began to kick about the box. "The blamed thing never had any mail in it," was his complaint.

"I have looked in that box every day since I rented it and it hasn't had a thing in it the whole time. I even addressed a letter to myself and never heard from it."

The man took a look at the box and the postoffice man inquired if the box renter had ever opened his box. Why, no; of course not. Couldn't he see that there wasn't anything in it.

Of course it turned out that he had forgotten the number of his box though it was on his receipt, and had been watching and swearing over an unrented one. He found a stock of mail in his box at last and went away feeling small enough to crowd inside of it.—Buffalo Express.

Foraker's Knife Still Open.

Republican Strife Makes Ohio Easy Game for Democrats.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 10.—Since the great battle between Sherman and Foraker for the Senate seat, ended, it has become apparent to the most casual observer that the breach between the two Republican factions is wider than before, notwithstanding the honeyed words of the leaders of the two factions. The result of the fight, no matter whether Sherman or Foraker won, would have been the same. It meant a split in the Republican party.

These two party machines are more clearly opposed to each other than ever before, and each will vigilantly watch for a chance to crush the other. Sherman is on top, but Foraker is a powerful and slippery under dog. It is generally believed that this quarrel makes it easy for a Democratic victory in this State the coming Presidential election.

A Tramp Variety Show.

William Leary, of the Gem Theatre, Suspension Bridge, N. Y., has entered into a wager by which he stands to lose his theatre or win \$2,000. Leary wages that he can organize a "tramp variety show" consisting of five men and five women, who will walk from New York City to Chicago in 100 days, Sundays excepted, and give shows on the way. The company must start from New York on June 1, 1892, without a cent of money in their pockets and they are to use no money except what is earned by the show; also they have the privilege of one night in New York city. In case any of the actors got lame a stretcher will be provided, and the rest will have to carry him or her, as the case may be. The wager grew out of a discussion on the bursting up of shows on the road. A forfeit has been posted, and the balance is to be deposited by March 1.

Fluids at Meals.

The Present Medical Opinions on the Subject.

It was formerly considered injurious to take fluids with the meals, owing to the fact that the juice of the stomach was thereby diluted and the digestion of the food retarded. A noted Russian physician has conducted extensive experiments to determine the effect of taking fluids with the food, and gives the results of his researches thus: "On the whole the widely spread custom of taking fluids during or just before one's meals, proves to be rational and fully justified on strictly scientific grounds. To take fluids with the meals is almost as important an adjunct to digestion as the mastication of solid food preparatory to swallowing it."

Sir Edwin Arnold Talks.

His Remarkable Forecast of the Future—Destiny of the United States.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Sir Edwin Arnold arrived from the west and left for New York last night. For an hour of the time between trains he talked enthusiastically of what he had seen since last in Chicago. In the course of his remarks he said:

"I reserve as the destiny of the great United States the control of all the lands to the south of the whole of the South American continent. These petty troubles with Chili will die away and all will be yours. In South America alone there is room for 500,000,000 more people. Some day it will have that many, and all will acknowledge the government at Washington. We in England will not grudge you this added power. It is rightfully yours. With the exception of the canal across Isthmus of Nicaragua you must have control of it and all of that surrounding Egypt and the New World."

"England has all she wishes. India will always be ours. Two men will always oppose a war over that country, the Czar of Russia and the Prime Minister of England whoever he may be. Still, just such a war is inevitable, although it may not come for many years. When from unavoidable causes these countries come in conflict the Romanoff dynasty will be wiped away forever. Every Russian throat east of the Caspian sea will be cut and the Khanates will reign once more in Asia. The remnants of the retreating Russian army will face at home a revolution which will overthrow the reigning house. England need have no fear. Understand that there is no truth in the talk of our small army. It is the largest in the world. We can place in the field more than two million men."

Refugees Leaving Chile.

Minister Egan Getting Rid of Suspects in His House.

VALPARAISO, CHILE, Jan. 9.—[New York Herald Cablegram.]—United States Minister Egan early this morning left the American Legation at Santiago, escorting Juan and William McKenna and Jose Carrera, three of the nine refugees under his protection. They took a train for Valparaiso and upon their arrival here went without delay aboard the United States cruiser, Yorktown.

This action on Minister Egan's part, it is said, was taken with the tacit approval of the present Chilean Government. There seems to be no doubt that the rest of the refugees will leave the Legation under similar conditions at an early date.

Mail Orderly Brady, of the Yorktown, who was sent ashore some time ago to file a cable despatch, did not return to his vessel, and was supposed to have been foully dealt with, but who proved to have been a deserter for the sake of a woman of this city, has been arrested and taken aboard the Yorktown. The widow and children of Balmaceda will go to Europe in February. They expect to reside in Barcelona.

President Montt yesterday visited the prison in Santiago and released Colonel Moran and Errazuriz, who were officers of Balmaceda's division at Coquimbo. He also gave orders to release some of the other Balmacedist military officers confined there.

One of the most delicious breads is the old-fashioned tea-cake, which used to be served on New York tables on Sunday evenings, the only day in the week when the average New Yorker enjoys the luxury of the tea table. Measure out a quart of flour, add half a cup of sugar, two large teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one even teaspoonful of soda, and half a teaspoonful of salt. Sift all these dry ingredients together twice through a sieve. Rub a piece of butter the size of an egg through the mixture, mixing it in till the mass is a fine powder. Add the yolks of two or three eggs and milk enough to make a batter as stiff as you can stir it. Beat this batter vigorously till it is well lighted. Then "fold in" carefully the whites of two or three eggs, according to the number of yolks used. Two eggs make a very nice cake, but possibly the cake is better with three. The amount of milk will depend upon the kind of flour used. "New process" flour will require more milk than pastry flour, and the cake is rather better made with pastry flour.

Patriotism, Not Pensions.

From the Wilmington News, Rep. An old soldier in Boston has surrendered his pension certificate because he does not want assistance from the government. That old soldier's name should be made public, and when he dies the government should place a suitable monument over his grave. If all the old soldiers who receive pensions, which they do not need, would follow the example of the Boston man they would make it manifest that they fought for their country and not for a pension.

State Treasurer's Report.

Harrisburg, January 5.—The state treasurer's monthly report shows \$5,330,672.17 in the general fund and \$782,750.25 in the sinking fund. The large amount in the general fund is necessary to meet the \$5,000,000 school appropriation which is paid in June. After next June it is not expected that so much money will be carried in the general fund except just before the school appropriation is due each year.

Extravagance Has Gone Out.

From the Columbus Post. The Democratic majority of the house committee on rivers and harbors announce that the appropriations for public improvements will be reduced to the minimum by the present congress. This is right and it is Democratic, too. There will be no billion-dollar business in this congress. Extravagance went out with Republicanism and economy came in with Democracy.

Highest Railway in the Alps.

The new Alpine railway, the Brienz or Rothhornbahn, is the highest railway in the Alps and commands magnificent views. It is 2351 metres (7836 feet) high at the summit level, and ascends 1682 metres (6606 feet) or sixty-seven metres (223 feet) higher than the Pilatus Railway. The journey occupies one hour and a half. The gauge is 0.8 metre. The line is a pure rack-and-pinion railway on the Abt system, and is similar in construction to the Monte Generoso Railway. The steepest gradient is one in four—that is, less than the maximum Pilatus ascent. The railway has been built in a remarkably short space of time. It was begun so recently as the 1st of October, 1890. No fewer than ten tunnels were bored; numerous streamlets were bridged and heavy stone dams had to be erected.—Boston Transcript.

Proposed Amendment to the National Constitution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Representative White, of Iowa, introduced a joint resolution to amend the constitution, so as to give to congress the sole right to make and issue money, and forbidding its delegation to any corporation or association.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Jno. I. Kunes, aged 63, was killed, while watering a log slide, in Cameron county, on Tuesday of last week. A large log jumped the slide, breaking both his legs and fatally injuring him. His remains were taken to his home, at Beech Creek, for burial.

A GAY JERSEY SHORE DECEIVER.

An exchange gives the following account of how a gay young woman from Jersey Shore went to procure marriage license with one admirer and then married another the same day: During the last week of December Edward Ruffhead, a prosperous young man from Kansas, arrived in town, expecting to be married to Miss Ida Quigley. On Thursday, January 7th, Mr. Ruffhead and Miss Quigley went to Williamsport on the 9 a. m., Beech Creek train, for the marriage license. On their arrival in the city Miss Quigley went into a millinery store to make some purchases, agreeing to meet him later, but it was the last he saw of her till Saturday evening. In the meantime Harry Eisman, a barber working for Henry Betts, of that place, went down on the Philadelphia and Erie train, and by appointment met Miss Quigley. They at once took the train for Elmira, and were married. Eisman came to this town last fall, and is an entire stranger, Miss Quigley only having met him about the holidays. Eisman is reported to have received and accepted a money gift on Christmas from a young lady, of Lancaster, to whom he is said to have been engaged. Miss Quigley was about twenty years old, good looking and has always borne a good reputation, but this escapade is the disgust of the town.

THEY GOT THEIR JUST DESERTS.

When the season of the Pennsylvania Inter-collegiate Foot-ball League closed, with the postponed game between State College and Haverford, but one thing remained to be done and that was, the awarding of the pennant to the victorious team. It is well known to lovers of the game, in this community, that the State College eleven had the largest percentage of games won, as well as the highest number of points scored against their opponents, but Dickinson refused to play her game scheduled for Altoona, on Thanksgiving day, and the subsequent protest, entered by Bucknell University against the playing off of the postponed game with Haverford, left some doubt, in the minds of the more conservative lookers on, as to what the executive committee of the League would do in the premises. The committee held its meeting, in Harrisburg, on last Thursday and after careful consideration of all the evidence presented, in both cases, awarded the pennant to the Centre county institution and furthermore expelled Dickinson college from the organization. This action on the part of the committee, was rather unlooked for, but undoubtedly the right thing to do. When a College fails to live up to its agreement in an organization, with other institutions, and acts in the questionable ways which have characterized Dickinson's course ever since her admission, the only thing that can be done is to deny it the rights and privileges derived from such an organization.

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peacefully without a struggle, as gentle as the sun sank in the quiet evening sky, his spirit passed away into its eternal rest.

Four days the body lay in state, in a beautiful dark wood casket, and when it was borne to its tomb, in the Pine Grove cemetery, a vast throng of sorrowing friends were present to pay a last tribute to the memory of the departed. His grand children: Newton, John and Elmer Hess and Elmer and Linn Musser were the pall bearers. Rev. C. T. Aikens conducted the funeral services and the noble life he extolled was inspiration for a most touching tribute to the pious, charitable, christian life so well spent.

Mr. Hess was of a family of longevity and the last, but one, of five brothers and four sisters. Mrs. William Harter, of Woodward, surviving him. His brothers were Michael, Henry, John and Benjamin, the last of whom was an Evangelical minister. His sisters were Mrs. Wm. Musser, Mrs. Jacob Motz, Mrs. Samuel Cramer and Mrs. Wm. Harter. The family was born on the old Michael Hess farm in Haines township, which has been in the Hess name for one hundred and twelve years. Mr. Michael Hess, a nephew, is the present owner. In 1833 he married Mary Magdalena Hess and their union was blessed with six children. Death entered the family circle in 1856 and removed the mother. The next death messenger was to summon his youngest son Samuel some eight years ago. About four years later he was suddenly bereft of his daughter Sallie who was most near and dear to him. His ripe experience and wise judgement could always be safely relied on. A home, of sixty-three years, now desolate by the loss of this venerable father can but feel assured that his unstained, christian life will ever be hallowed by his sorrowing children, who are Michael Hess, of Shingletown, Jonathan Hess, of Williamsport, Mrs. P. F. Bortoff and Mrs. Lydia Stover, of Pine Grove Mills. His step children are Wm. Hess, of Philipsburg, and Mrs. Jonathan Stover, of Altoona. He is the last one of the building committee of the Pine Grove Lutheran church. In this house of worship he was always present and filled all the various offices of the church as well as offices of trust, in his township, to which he was frequently elected and in 1848 and 49 he served as one of Centre county's commissioners, with credit to himself and honor to his constituents. He voted at every general election for seventy-two years, always casting his ballot in the interest and advancement of Democratic principles. He was of German descent, born April 11th, 1799. He came to the farm, then raw, barren land, in 1829. After years of toil the land was cleared and good commodious buildings erected. Abundant crops and the best stock were his ambition. It was a vernal place to go, a resort for everybody where all alike were hospitably entertained.

This venerable old man was one of the WATCHMAN'S oldest subscribers and truest friends. His strong character and noble disposition endeared him to everyone who knew him and, though his time had come, we cannot but feel sad when we remember his fast friendship for us.

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