

—Who said that WASH REESE and HARRY SCHREYER had decided not to open that grocery store?

—The Philadelphia dollar mark candidates seem to have been a good thing. If you judge from the way people pushed them along.

—Bellefonte and Philadelphia are apparently not quite ready for a reform in councils. The time will come, however, when the rascals will have to "git."

—The time for an investigation of the Bellefonte poor department is here. A Democratic auditor must unearth the rottenness that pollutes that department.

—The spring elections are a thing of the past and it is to be hoped that every one will forget any unpleasantness that might have found its origin in the contest of Tuesday.

—A Philadelphia amateur juggler swallowed a hat pin just to show off before some friends. Doctors had to cut him open to remove it and now he isn't as much stuck on jugglery as the pin was on him.

—About nine days more and the fifty-third Congress will have become a thing of the past. Its history will haunt the Democratic party like a horrible nightmare and the disorganizing spectre that it has cast over Democracy will hang on to the party for years.

—"Out of the frying pan into the fire" seems to be Governor HASTINGS' predicament. If he vetoes the extravagant appropriation bills that the Legislature will send up to him for action he will offend their supporters and if he approves them the masses of the people will kick.

—The increase in the percentage of criminals admitted to the western penitentiary last year leads some to conclude that the hard times drove many people to thieving for a livelihood. Would it not be about as fair to say that it was a desire to improve business for courts and lawyers?

—Statistics show that one person in every 1,985,153 who travel by rail or boat are killed accidentally. No facts are recorded as to the casualty attending travel by tramping, but by from the number of tramps we have had to feed this winter we imagine the rate is even lower than this.

—The faculty of Harvard University voted as its opinion, on Monday afternoon, that it would be well for the athletic committee of that institution to put an end to inter-collegiate foot-ball. It is only an opinion, however, and wise as it is there is very little chance of the students concurring in it.

—McCLURE'S three hundred loaves of bread all came back to him Tuesday. His own election would have made him happier, but when we saw that bread bobbing up and down on the waters that wrecked CHAMBER'S political bark we recognized it at once as JIM'S. It was returning to him after twenty-five days.

—The defeat of S. A. McQUESTION, for Justice in the South and West wards, is a great misfortune to the people of these precincts. And to those who are cognizant of the corruption that brought it about the fitness of the transaction is all the more apparent. That a man of such a character as Mr. McQUESTION should have been defeated for an office, which he is so eminently qualified to fill, by a candidate whose support was largely procured by questionable methods, is a disgrace to the wards that time can never efface.

—The returns for the borough of Bellefonte give every indication that people cast politics aside and voted for the men they preferred, irrespective of party affiliation. That this was the case is evidenced by the election of a Democratic overseer and auditor in a Republican borough and of the election of a Republican to council from the South ward, where a Democratic majority of eighty is generally conceded. It is a lamentable fact, however, in the latter case, that Democrats seized this opportunity to even up political scores of long standing and while under the deceptive covering of voting for the best man they really had their motive in the fatal partyism of "settling old scores."

—An item of news from Albany, where the Republicans are running the legislative business, is to the effect that "there seems to be a craze upon the part of members of the Legislature to create new offices, with large salaries attached to them and requiring big appropriations." In this account there is a striking similarity to the information we have from Harrisburg, where our state Legislature displays the same disposition to create new offices, increase salaries, and appropriate money for such enlarged expenses. Whether in Congress or in state Legislatures, it is impossible for the Republicans to restrain their inclination to squander the public money.

Democratic Watchman

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

VOL. 40

BELLEFONTE, PA., FEB. 22, 1895.

NO. 8.

Philadelphia's Political Fanaticism.

It was entirely too much to expect that the Republicans of Philadelphia would overcome their party fanaticism for the sake of good municipal government.

In the canvass they did not attempt to deny that the city was badly governed; that the people's money was lavished upon a set of favored and avaricious contractors; that the streets were kept in bad condition, the water supply of the worst quality, and the gas deficient.

Those who entertained the hope that after the example of civil reform set by New York it would be followed by the suppression of the "combine" of politicians who have converted Philadelphia's city government into a means of personal plunder, miscalculated the disposition of the fanatical majority, who would sooner have their city robbed than that their party candidates should be defeated, and willingly submit to being misruled and plundered in their local affairs for the sake of the tariff.

A Law Against Lynching.

Texas has made the first move to stop the lawless and barbarous practice of lynching by a bill now pending in its Legislature, which provides that any county in which a lynching occurs shall be liable to the heirs of the victim to the amount of not less than \$3,000, and that a Sheriff who shall allow a prisoner to escape shall lose his office.

This is not a very long step towards stopping the uncivilized lawlessness against which such a measure would be aimed, yet it is a step in the right direction. A good effect will be produced by making a county pecuniarily liable for the breach of law that attends the act of lynching, as each citizen is thereby made personally interested, as a tax-payer, in preventing it, but the liability should be heavy enough to be appreciated by the tax-payers.

Lynching is a stigma upon the civilization of this country, a form of lawlessness whose frequent repetition is creating a contempt for the regular process of the law. No State is exempt from this demoralizing irregularity. It is not confined to the South or the wild West. Ohio has had three or four lynchings within the last few years; New York has had one, and the recent lawless execution of a prisoner by a mob in Monroe county, this State, remains unpunished. There is not a State in the Union that should not have an enactment on its statute books sufficiently effective to prevent lynchings from taking the law into their own hands.

What They Could Have Expected.

The two bills introduced in the House at Harrisburg for the suppression of pluck-me stores have been reported negatively by the committee to which they were referred.

The labor advocates, who had these bills in charge, are said to be very indignant over the way they were disposed of, but what else had they a right to expect? At the last election the Republican leaders ignored State issues, among which pluck-me stores, semi-monthly payment of wages, and other labor questions were involved, and insisted upon running the campaign exclusively on the tariff issue.

If a Democratic Legislature had been elected, and the Governor were now named SINGERLY instead of HASTINGS, there could be no question of the passage of laws that would put an end to the infamous extortion of pluck-me stores; but a Republican Legislature has capitalistic interests to attend to, and the Republican Governor is personally interested in coal operations with which a company store is connected.

The Superintendent of State Printing has been comfortably provided for by an annual salary of \$2,000, to which figure it was raised some years ago from \$1,200. The latter was considered amply sufficient compensation for the duties he had to perform, and when it was increased to \$2,000 he was a very liberally paid officer.

When the state constitution provided for the separation of general and municipal elections, by requiring them to be held on different days, at a considerable interval, its intention was to separate the questions of local government from the influence of party politics.

The state Legislature is developing a paternal disposition. Among the bills passed by the House is one for the protection of persons who are unable to take care of their own property. There are persons of this kind, who would be benefited by a law affording such protection, but the persons who suffer from the kind of legislation usually passed by Republican Legislatures are far more numerous.

Senator KAUFFMAN pathetically calls upon the Republicans of the Legislature not to dump such a load of extravagant bills on the Governor, which he will have to take the responsibility of either signing or vetoing. Such an appeal, however, will not stop the flow of reckless and profligate legislation, and the Governor will find himself confronted by a sterner duty than objecting merely to junkets. The entire course of legislation appears to be conducted on the junket principle, and we shall see to what extent the backbone of the Governor will enable him to interpose his veto.

Inconsistent Propositions.

A resolution has been introduced in the House at Harrisburg calling for an investigation of the charge that aliens are employed at the insane asylum at Wernersville, and a number of Republican members have spoken with "patriotic" fervor demanding that these foreigners be removed.

But these narrow minded and bigoted partisans should be consistent. The same day on which the resolution against the aliens at Wernersville was introduced, another "patriotic" Republican member offered a bill for an appropriation to erect a monument to LAFAYETTE on the field of Brandywine, where he was wounded in defence of American independence.

It is right that the illustrious alien and defender of American independence, LAFAYETTE, should have a monument on the battle field where he shed his blood for our liberty, but it is becoming that the bill for the erection of such a monument should come from a party that has adopted the persecution of aliens as one of its principles?

Governor HASTINGS, by the exercise of his gubernatorial authority, has removed the Democratic members of the Commission for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States. They were ex-Senator CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, Mr OVID M. JOHNSON and Mr. ROBERT E. MONAGHAN, who were appointed by Governor PATTISON and are three of the ablest lawyers in the State.

Bills introduced in the state Legislature for the taxing of building associations has excited the alarm of the members of those useful organizations, and steps will be taken to protect their interests against such injurious legislation. Building associations are generally composed of men of limited means, striving to secure homes for their families, and were treated with such encouraging consideration by the Democratic Income Tax bill as to be entirely exempted.

In its zeal for the multiplication of offices the Legislature is engaged in making some remarkable additions to the state government. Among other bills creating new departments and new official places to be filled by partisan retainers, is one that designs to establish a Bureau of Plumbing and Drainage. With such an arrangement every household using water pipes would be subjected to the inquisitorial invasion and arbitrary regulation of a state plumber, or his subordinates.

Making It Easy for Pattison.

Mr. Pattison accepted the flag of reform and bore it heroically and defended it eloquently in every ward of the city, and he emerges from the conflict prouder of his cause than is even Mr. Warwick of his victory. He is more the leader of the friends of honest government in both city and State than ever he was before, and while heated partisans will shout over his assumed political annihilation, his considerate opponents will well understand that he must be a more dangerous foe of political misrule in defeat than he could have been had he not made the brilliant record of the campaign just closed.

A Compliment That Will Tackle Metzger Too.

The nomination to-day of Solomon S. Metzger, as postmaster at Bedford, Pa., ends a lively contest between Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds and County Chairman Horn. Judge Reynolds indorsed Mr. Metzger, who is an old soldier and a business man. Chairman Horn's candidate was George Bush, who held the office under Cleveland's former administration.

A Happy Ending.

The war, that was likely to break out between Mexico and Guatemala, "hath smoothed its wrinkled front," and peace will now reign again between these two almost belligerent countries. The fact that they have settled their little trouble without blood-letting is a big pointer in favor of a peaceful solution of all difficulties between nations.

He Will Know Just What to Do.

There is a marked contrast between the poverty and calamity wails, on which Gov. Hastings made his campaign, last fall, and the jobs that are being pushed through the legislature for creating new offices and squandering the public moneys. When these bills come before him for his signature, citizens will be better able to see just what kind of a reputation Governor Daniel is entitled to for sincerity and integrity.

'Tis Well You Did Forget the Farmer's Name—Such a Lie.

A Pine township farmer whose name we have forgotten was surprised last Friday morning when he went to the barn to "tend the stock." In the cow shed he found three deer and in the horse stable a black bear and a catamount. The deer ran at his approach but bear and catamount were so badly frost bitten that he dispatched them both with a heavy oak water bucket.

So Could Bellefonte.

Robert McKinney, storekeeper for contractors Collins & Martin at Kittanning Point, made information one day last week before Alderman Raymond in Altoona, charging Peter Sailor with uttering ten blasphemous oaths. The defendant paid \$11 fine, including costs. Osceola could stand a few arrests of this kind and break up this heathenish practice.

A Traveler's Risk of Getting Killed.

According to the government railway statistics, it is just a bit safer to travel by water than by rail, though the difference is not great. In 1894, 700,000,000 were carried by steamboats, and of this number 255 were lost. Railroads carried 593,560,612 passengers, and of the number 299 met death by accident. It is a very low percentage—one person in 1,985,156.

The Original Trilby.

The first Trilby known to history arose in prominence in Kansas in the year of our Lord 1892. His occupation was that of an humble politician, and his name was Jerry Simpson. He was an apostle born too soon; though he went in his bare feet for years, their praises were never sung.

Men Must Live In One Way or Another.

The warden of the Western Penitentiary says that the number of inmates has increased thirty per cent. in the last two years, and he attributes this to the hard times, theft having the highest percentage in the list of crimes.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Martin Johnson was frozen to death in his shanty at Easton.
—Allegheny City proposes to borrow \$400,000 and build water works.
—Falling in front of a train at Ashland, John Stamus was ground to pieces.
—The man found fatally frozen at Titusville has been identified as John Foss.
—A State conference of Christian Mission workers was held Saturday at Harrisburg.
—The jury at Scranton acquitted Joseph Reminski, on trial for the murder of August Gans.
—On her way to visit a sick neighbor, Mrs. Lucretia Irvin was killed by a train at Kittanning Point.
—A block of ice 37 inches thick in the Williamsport 5th office shows how frozen things are down there.
—Williamsport last year shipped 196,850,000 feet of lumber, a decrease of 73,150,000 from the previous year.
—Gas that escaped from a furnace nearly killed three members of R. E. Wenrich's family at Reading.
—Burglars, after beating Robert Boland broke into Hawley post office, Wayne county, but secured no booty.
—Brigade Commanders of the National Guard will fix the time for the annual inspection by Inspector General Morrell.
—Julia Ann Thompson, the oldest person born and raised in Pottstown, celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary Monday.
—Oil men at Pittsburg have subscribed \$50,000 for the new company organized at Bradford to oppose the Standard Oil Company.
—The Mill Creek hotel at Mill Creek was entirely destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The loss is \$5,000 covered by insurance.
—John S. Tomb & Son have stocked their mill at Cedar run, Lycoming county with 3,000,000 feet of pine and hemlock logs.
—Leonard Armstrong, a farmer living near Blairsville, Thursday caught an eagle measuring seven and one-half feet from tip to tip.
—The Reading Hardware Works, at Reading, one of the largest industrial plants in that city, will go on full time next Monday.
—Judge Yerkes of Bucks county, declares he will revoke the license of any saloon keeper who sells drinks to prison inmates or paupers.
—Benjamin, the 2-year old son of Mrs. Isaacman, of this place, was roasted to death by his clothing catching fire while playing near the stove.
—About 125 wage claims, aggregating \$300 have been filed against Contractor F. J. Amweg for work done on the Wernersville Insane Asylum.
—Three miners, John Condy, Andrew Kajeck and John Townsky, were badly burned Saturday at the Hazleton mine where a fire raged, unabated.
—Harry Huff of Lock Haven, accidentally swallowed a tack from an eight ounce pack the other day. As yet the foreign substance has caused no trouble.
—The body of the man found in Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Mingo Sunday morning has been identified as David R. A., son of Milton Detweiler, of Oaks Station.
—A 4-year-old son of David Kltner, on the Henry Shaffer farm in Centre township, Perry county, swallowed a cent one day last week and at last accounts was seriously ill.
—Owing to snowdrifts, Mrs. Fergus McDermott, living two miles from Altoona, only reached that town Saturday with the news that her husband froze to death eight days ago.
—Mrs. Hugh Neish, an invalid woman, residing near Kiferstown, fell against a grate Sunday and was so badly burned that she died in great agony yesterday. She was 50 years old.
—A Clearfield man sent twenty-five cents to a New York party for information in regard to keeping hydrants from freezing and was advised to dig it up and take it into the house.
—The plant of the Sunbeam Publishing Company, at Annville, was sold by the Sheriff Monday to satisfy numerous judgments. H. M. Kline, of Lebanon, purchased the plant for \$3,890 3/4.
—Samuel B. Smith, a member of Company G, N. G. P., died in Lewistown last week, from the effects of a cold received while attending the inauguration of Governor Hastings, at Harrisburg.
—Ellis B. Reed, of Hastings, Cambria county, has been arrested and taken to jail at Ebensburg, charged with outraging the 14-year-old daughter of Edward Spencer, whose home is near that of Reed's.
—This week will be the most prosperous one that the Homestead Steel Works, at Homestead, has had for a long time. Every department of the big plant is in operation for the first time in the past six months.
—Frank Snyder, of Palmyra, was Monday accidentally shot in the hand by his friend, Harvey Heilman, who was carelessly handling a revolver. The wound is an ugly one and serious complications may result.
—A state conference of Christian Mission Workers was held in Grace Methodist Episcopal church at Harrisburg. Rev. Sent, of Altoona, presided. The sessions were devoted to discussions of methods of work.
—W. F. Jordan, editor of the Harrisburg Sunday Telegram, and his business manager, Miss I. E. L. Hills, were arrested Monday on a charge of libel against Miss Gertrude Free, of York. The defendants entered bail for a hearing.
—The first cure effected in Allegheny by the use of the anti-toxine remedy is reported in the case of Minnie Oerman, daughter of Herman Oerman. The girl, who is 6 years, was dangerously ill with diphtheria, but after being inoculated a wonderful change was observed in a day. She will recover.
—The funeral of Mrs. John A. Weber, of Pottstown, well known in Catholic circles, took place Monday at her home at that place. Among Philadelphia priests and taking part in the service were Rev. W. A. McLoughlin, Rev. Eugene Murphy, Rev. Gerald P. Coughlin and J. P. Shanahan.