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December 5th, 1886.

Any shortcomings in the editorial department of this week's Argus, must be attributed to the illness of the editor.

Meeting of Congress.

Congress met on Monday last, and at 2 P.M. the annual message of the President was read to both Houses. The message itself is conciliatory in tone, but neither recommends the adoption nor rejection by the States of the constitutional amendment proposed at the last session.

Decline in Prices.

A comparison of the provision market for the three months just passed with the condition during the same period of last year, says the New York Tribune, will show a difference decidedly in favor of the downward tendency of this year.

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Colonization Projects.

A great project of colonization was inaugurated by one Wm. M. Gwynn, formerly U. S. Senator from California. This colonization project was undertaken by the reputable Senator, under the auspices of the Emperor Maximilian, by whom the plan Mr. Gwynn was to be converted into "Duke" Gwynn.

A second great colonization project was undertaken by James H. Odell, of the Beaver Local. The objective point of this second scheme was the town of Beaver. Odell wished to bring a new population here, to rehabilitate the town, to banish the "Puritanaical ghosts," and every thing like morality, run a general mill against the churches and religion, and to introduce a new era in which free whiskey, free slander, and an unlimited amount of lying should be the chief characteristics.

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The Editor of the Local Blowing His Own Horn.

From the brave words of the editor of the Local in speaking of himself and the influence of his paper, we have scarcely any doubt but that some of his distant readers believe that he kills and eats at least one radical per week, and that the influence of the Local is second to no paper in the country.

As an instance of this, one of his most scurrilous and low attacks upon one of our citizens, now temporarily at Washington, which was made some time ago, has, as we are informed, never yet reached the ears, or met the eyes of that gentleman, which may be considered rather rough on the sensational character of the paper.

In regard to the influence of the Local, we shall only remark that while the present editor displays some activity as a "snapper-up of inconsiderable trifles," and a retailer of loose slang, there has never been a time within the last twenty years when the Democratic party had so little power in this county, and its organ so little influence as at the present.

Another point upon which the Local man "blows his horn" is the advertising medium of his paper. Now look "how plain a tale" will put our blowing neighbor down.

However, upon this hypothetical claim the Local bases a demand for the public printing. It says that the performances of last year must not be re-enacted, and demands in behalf of the tax-payers that such advertising be let to the lowest bidder.

The things we eat are daily becoming less costly in the markets. The decline is not so perceptible at the stalls and shops of retailers, and to the actual consumer at the hotels and boarding-houses it is wholly unknown.

United States Senator.

The press and people of this State are generally complaining of the absence of the United States Senator in the halls of the Capitol. The explanation of the temporary absence of the Senator is not only not noticeable, but greatly to be commended. The determination to place in Mr. Cowan's seat a true man, one faithful to the grand ideas involved in the great military contest which triumphed over, and which the people are fully determined shall triumph in the great civil contest that is going on, is very clear.

From all that we are able to gather from public and private resources, the conclusion is forced upon us, that the contest lies between Governor Curtin and Gen. Cameron, and that nothing is likely to happen to change this. Of course, we would prefer that to have the Senator located in the West, where we think it belongs, but, as we have said, this question seems to have been already overrid by the shape which the canvass has taken.

This, we believe, is the correct statement of the Senatorial canvass as it is at present, and we believe it is the opinion of the best observers that it is not likely to change materially before this and the day of election.

We agree with the Commercial, that the contest for the Senatorship as we look upon it now lies apparently between Governor Curtin and General Cameron, and also that public sentiment in Western Pennsylvania is undoubtedly in favor of the former. But the contest between these rival chiefs has been long and bitter, and this very circumstance of itself may possibly bring about a condition of things that may bar the nomination of either, and involve the necessity of uniting upon a man who has not been so conspicuously before the people as a candidate.

A SINGULAR case of self-immolation is just now proposed here. The editor of the Local says he will agree to make "intelligence the basis of suffrage in this county." This proposition on his part to disfranchise himself, if for the public good, is a sacrifice we did not calculate upon his making; and whether the proposal is ever acted upon or not, we earnestly beg the "powers that be" to take his case into serious consideration when they come to create that "new office," and appoint the "Court House Guard," of which he talked so voluminously last week.

A TELEGRAM from Washington on Wednesday last states that the message sent a day or two before by Secretary Seward to our Minister in France, by way of the Atlantic cable, cost the Government nineteen thousand dollars in gold.

The tone of the caucus of Republican members, is an early indication, in regard to some things, of the action of Congress. The formal declaration by Mr. Thaddeus Stevens that, having been conservative at the previous session, he is going to be radical this, will provoke a smile, and be received as a sign. The early step touching removals and appointments by the President is full of interest, most decidedly so to those who have enjoyed the favor of the Executive.

Local Matters.

Mr. Edgar Cowan, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, has at last been induced to pay his subscription to the Telegraph, amounting to \$35. In order to accomplish the collection of this bill, we were compelled to write several dozen letters, and then answer one pleading poverty and only advising us that we ought to send it gratuitously.

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Tribute of Respect.

WHEREAS, in the inscrutable providence of God, Mary Alice Welsh, a pupil of our school, who had greatly endeared herself to teachers and schoolmates, has been taken from us by Death; Therefore Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in this great bereavement, and reverently acknowledge that all His acts are done in Justice and Mercy.

The Assassination—His Arrest in Alexandria, Egypt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1886. Secretary Seward received this evening the following highly important dispatch by the Atlantic cable: ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, Dec. 1, '86. I have arrested John H. Surratt, one of the assassins of President Lincoln.

District of Columbia.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The recommendation by the President that the District of Columbia should be permitted to have a Representative in Congress, is almost the only one the message contains; and it is one, we are glad to say, which has many sound reasons in its favor, with few against it. It will, no doubt, receive the attention its importance demands.

Town Lots for Sale.

TWO LOTS on Second Street, Beaver, near river bank; beautifully situated for building; each with good board fence; each 120 feet front by 200 back. Inquire at this office at the notary's office. died '86.

FREE TO EVERYBODY!

A LARGE 6 pp. Catalogue, teaching how to remove Tan, Freckles, Pimples, Blisters, Moth Patches, Sallowness, Eruption, and all impurities of the skin. How to force Whitened, restore, curl, and beautify the hair; renew the age, cure Drunkenness, Nervous Debility, and other useful and valuable information. Everybody send for it. Address BERGER, SHUTTS & CO., Chemists, 285 River Street, Troy, N. Y.

Auditor's Notice.

IN the Orphan's Court of Beaver county, in the matter of the settlement of the estate of James May, dec'd. And now, to wit, November 17th, 1886, on motion the Court appoint Wm. S. Morlan, Esq., an Auditor to make pro rata distribution of the assets in the hands of M. B. Ingraham, Administrator, to and amongst the creditors.

NEW BOUNTY.

OF One Hundred Dollars DUE SOLDIERS OF 1861-62 & 63. SHOULD BE FILED BEFORE APRIL 1st, 1887.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Beaver county, the undersigned will sell at public auction or outcry, on the premises, on THURSDAY, January 3d, 1887, at one o'clock, P. M. the following described property, situate in Chippewa township, Beaver county aforesaid, being the real estate of Horace N. Kennedy, late of Beaver county, deceased.

Domestic Goods.

All of the above Goods have been purchased at Eastern Markets, for Cash, and are ready to sell them at the lowest price. Our assortment being unusually large, would especially invite the ladies to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. We guarantee to sell goods at lower prices than any house in Pittsburgh. Very respectfully, NELSON & ROESSLER.

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.

Has received a fresh supply of Cranberries, Turkey Peas, Canned Peaches, Layer Raisins, Spiced Raisins, Green Corn, English Corn, Dried Corn, Golden Syrup, Sweet Potatoes, Pickles, No. 1 Macaroni, &c. Also, a prime assortment of Tea, Coffee, &c. Terms, strictly CASH. A. S. HARVEY, DEALER IN No. 24 1/2 West St., Pittsburgh.

CASH FOR HIDES.

THE subscriber will pay the highest price in CASH for Hides, Sheepskins, and other articles. Address: JAMES HARRIS, 240 West 10th St., Sharon, Pa.

Gifts for the Holidays.

Bridal Presents, BASKETS, L.L.G. CUPS, AT B. MULHEIM'S BRIDGE ST., BRIDGEWATER, PA.

Christmas & New Year presents.

LARGEST, MOST VARIED & COMPLETE STOCK OF Christmas & New Year presents ever offered in the county. Bridgewater, Pa. B. MULHEIM, 1886.

New Store!

New Goods, New Firm!

NELSON & ROESSLER.

for the purpose of carrying out the best style of Dry Goods Trade in all its various branches. The best quality of goods at the lowest prices. Nelson & Roessler.

DRESS GOODS.

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. FRENCH MERINOS, COBURG, SHAWLS, HOSIERY, &c. and a full assortment of Domestic Goods.

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