

The Beaver Argus.

BEAVER, PA., MARCH 27TH, 1872.

On the 4th page of this paper will be found an article from the Harrisburg correspondent of the New York Sun, purporting to expose the members of the Ring which gobbled up the greater portion of the ten per cent commission of Evans for collecting the Pennsylvania tax claims from the United States, amounting to some \$200,000. It will be seen that names, dates, amounts received, &c., are specifically made, and, if true, they reveal a state of corruption and fraud as should consign the conspirators to a contemptuous prison. It is interesting to contemplate the moral turpitude developed in this expose; and, it is but just to say, the parties accused have sworn before the investigating committee that the charges are false. We think they should not beslow in corroborating their statements by disinterested testimony. The manuscript of Evans in another column, looks rather ugly toward the Auditor General; especially when taken in connection with those contained in the Evans matter. It is sincerely to be regretted that any obstacles should be thrown in the way of the investigation and punishment of all species of bribery and fraud. This thing of trying to another and cover up corruption under the plea that it is the policy of the party, is a mistaken policy, and does more injury than an honest, open determination to expose and punish the offenders. A party that will not free itself from the charge of gross frauds and peculations of the public funds is not deserving the support of the people. The Pennsylvania tax claims from these political sins, but this does not excuse us from the duty of fearless and watchful effort to clear our skirts from the charge of an endeavor to whitewash grave alleged delinquencies on the part of public officers.

It is very clear to those who have given our State finances a little thought that the people have been fleeced to the extent of nearly three hundred thousand dollars due Pennsylvania; and it is almost equally evident that the present administration of the State officers and other parties, at Philadelphia, to make this fleecing operation a success. Now if these two points are well taken, it occurs to us that the Attorney General of the State should take hold of the matter, and develop every fact and uncover every scandal which had either a direct or remote connection with the affair. The Evans investigating committee is made up of men who are looking ahead for political honors, and not one of them will have the nerve to ask such questions as will implicate the influential persons thought to be the rogues in the War Claims swindle on the contrary, it is almost certain that that committee will make a report extenuating every body but poor Evans, who has been chased out of the State. The people, therefore, need expect but little at the hands of the committee referred to; and if Attorney General likewise fails them they will have to grin and bear the loss, and patiently wait for "the better time coming."

It is refreshing to note that many of the leading political journals of the country who follow the re-nomination of General Grant, are setting their faces against this "reading out," which is as flippantly done by the "little clerk of the party," John W. Forney, in the Washington Chronicle, says we have come to this, and admitted it, that several prominent Republicans are avowedly opposed to the re-election of Gen. Grant, and will work determinedly to accomplish his defeat before the convention. Their intention must be understood. But because Senator Sumner and Horace Greely, and even Senator Schurz, oppose the nomination in office of President Grant, they are not the less recognized as leaders by the great mass of the party. We do not approve of the position they have taken in this regard, but we know the less reason for their great service in the cause of true Republicanism; and moreover we know the people recognize it, no matter what particular man or men they support or oppose for the Presidency. The raising of these great leaders together out of the party, simply because they have their preferences in relation to the Presidency, or even because one or all of these several leaders may have aspirations for the office, "reading out" altogether, which is so flippantly done by this "little clerk of the party," is very ridiculous.

"That which is sure for the goose" appears not to be "saucy for the gander." The House of Representatives of the United States, on March 21st passed a bill forbidding clerks, attorneys or members of the partnership within two years from the time they left such employment, under a penalty not exceeding \$500, and an imprisonment of not more than one year in the penitentiary. A similar law passed the House last session, but failed in the Senate. It was proposed to make the law apply to officers and members of congress as well as clerks, but a substitute leaving all out save the clerks was finally passed by a large vote. This the head of a Bureau inure no penalty and is justified by law in doing the same act which in the subordinate becomes a high misdemeanor. It is difficult to see the equity in this character of legislation.

By a vote of thirty-five to seventeen the U. S. Senate, on Friday last, passed the amendment to Mr. Sherman's tariff bill omitting tea and coffee. This result completely astonished the Ohio Senator, who had expected that the rate of duty on tea and coffee would be reduced on all manufactured articles entering into general use. When the Senate adjourned a motion to the latter effect was pending. It has been suggested that in

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. J. H. Parker, whose excavations in Rome have already revealed valuable discoveries, is endeavoring to form a company with \$50,000 capital for purchasing land in Rome, exploring it thoroughly and then reselling it, perhaps at a profit, for building purposes. He has no less than thirty explorations already in view, before the formation of the company. After the organization is effected the field of labor will be almost unlimited.

The Panama pearl fisheries are now carried on by negroes, whose villages resemble those of Western Africa. The value of the fishery is about \$150,000 a year, but there are signs of exhaustion. In consequence of the use of diving machines, it is proposed to regulate the fisheries by law, experiments having shown that after two years' repose the crop is largely increased.

Professor A. M. Edwards believes that the bulk of the guano deposits was originally a mud formed by the accumulation of the bodies of animals and plants, for the most part marine. Deposited on the ocean floor and subsequently upheaved, its organic matter was transferred into bitumen. The bitumen, &c., found in guano, are arranged as deposited in water, and not as if they had passed through the stomachs of fish and birds.

Near Richmond, in Canada, is a vein of asbestos, from which it is estimated that one hundred tons per day could be taken for fifty years. It is especially valuable for steam-packing. On the steamship Anglin, the asbestos packing round the pistons was still good after having been used while the vessel ran 23,000 miles. The speed of the piston was 300 feet per minute, and the pressure of the steam 75 pounds per square inch.

The Medical and Surgical Reporter notes the introduction in Guy's Hospital, London, of the clay dress for burns, which was first applied by Dr. Hewson, in the Pennsylvania Hospital. A boy "burned eight months" previously, and both the milk and the application first made to the most painful sore. It gave such relief that he begged to have the other arm dressed in the same way, which was done with wonderful success.

Dr. J. H. Salisbury, of Cleveland, has been studying rock sculptures found in various parts of Ohio, which he thinks indicative of something higher than the present symbolical pictures of the Indians. He finds that they have many characters in common with the Original signifying or hieroglyphic alphabets and specially note the resemblance to a bird-track character which was used by the Chinese in their syllabic-alphabet some eight centuries before Christ.

Forty - Second Congress. SECOND SESSION.

SENATE, March 18. - Mr Conkling succeeded in having his resolution amended calling on the President for information relative to the recommendations by Senators of candidates for appointment to office.

HOUSE - Several local bills were introduced. A discussion occurred in regard to printing the long debates in the Congressional Globe, pending which the adjournment was taken.

SENATE, March 19. - A bill for the relief of the officers and crew of the Kearsarge was passed giving them \$10,000 in prize money. Numbered bills were introduced, but no definite action was had on any one.

HOUSE - Mr. and Mrs. Howard passed a resolution for information relative to the case of E. Howard, a native of Philadelphia, who has been unjustly arrested, condemned and transported by the Spanish authorities in Cuba.

SENATE, March 20. - The Chicago relief bill was passed. The bill for the relief of the officers and crew of the Kearsarge was passed. The bill for the relief of the officers and crew of the Kearsarge was passed.

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INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Explosion of a Torpedo at the Navy Yard.

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