

The Beaver Argus.

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Gen. James R. McCormick, ex-Congressman from the 14th Missouri District, has presented his bill to pay to Acadia College in that State the secret of this generosity is given by *The St. Louis Democrat*:

"The joke of the whole thing is that the worthy ex-Congressman collected a debt which could not be paid, and which it is probable he would not have obtained in any other way."

The Chambersburg Repository (Rep.) contains an article on the doings of the last Legislature in these words:

"If no people have not become hopeless and discouraged beyond recovery by this betrayal of their interests they may still derive some benefit from the last Legislature. The remedy is in their hands. The constitutional convention is not to be held until the year 1892. In the meantime the Legislature has passed laws which are a disgrace to the people. It has accepted, rescued us from the power of corrupt trusts. The striking example was that had should inspire the people with determination to ratify the constitution proposed. It has taken no steps to legislate that the convention may be held. It has, however, passed a law which has increased the tax, and should be met by the people regardless of party, but not for the safety of their institutions."

CHAS. A. DANA, of the *New York Star*, has not a very exalted opinion of those Americans who, by hook or by crook, get into the Virginia Exposition. He says nearly all who are steering in that direction from the United States are notorious loafers, hummers and dead beats. "If Dana is right in his classification of the persons who are on the wing for the Austrian capital, those who are left behind ought to be thankful that the Exposition was conceived. It takes an element from our country, for four or five months at least, which we can very well spare. If that element could only be induced to prolong its stay from this country, we have no doubt but that it would result in the nation's good."

There is no little inquiry just now after the facts touching the way the State has defrayed the expenses of the Commission to the Vienna Exposition. A Pittsburgh contemporary explains the matter in this way:

It appears that Senators Wallace, Rutan, and our own Graham, represented the State at the Vienna Exposition, which met to settle some of the questions connected with the general appropriation bill, and while so acting, introduced an entirely new section of law, which was passed by the commission. It is a bill for the purpose of appointing a Governor Harrison in pursuance of this section, and is now pending in the bill, and under no other authority, selected Senators Graham, Cutler, and Davis, to the three fortunate commissioners."

Through the official catalogue of the American Department of the Vienna Exposition, it is seen that Pennsylvania has forty contributors at the Fair. A number of these reside in western Pennsylvania, but the great bulk of them belong to Philadelphia. The Governor of this State has appointed ten or twelve commissioners to the Exposition, but all pay their own expenses, save and except Messrs. Graham, Rutan, and Davis. These gentlemen got up the law authorizing their own appointment, and were sharp enough to so fix matters that the State must provide them with all the pin-money needed during their absence. That's an advertisement has been over the people. Therefore, who wouldn't be a law-maker?

BRICELAND, the Allingham murderer, who escaped from the Washington jail, a few evenings ago, was recaptured and brought back to his cell, having been captured by a law-monger near Collins station in West Va. He is said to have suffered greatly from cold and a want of food during his absence, and really seemed rather pleased to get back to his prison home again. Ever since his trial grave doubts have been entertained concerning his guilt and much sympathy has been expressed for him. Since his recapture, this sympathy has been measurably increased, and many persons of prominence and influence in that region are now interesting themselves in his behalf, and the probabilities are that he will be pardoned by the Governor of the State.

A LETTER from Congressman Frye of Maine is published concerning the effects of the Maine Liquor Law, and his statements are endorsed by the entire Congressional delegation of that State. The following are the important portions: "I cannot do, from my own personal observation, unhesitatingly affirm that the consumption of intoxicating liquors in Maine is not to-day one-fourth as great as it was 20 years ago; that, in the country portions of the State, the sale and use have almost entirely ceased; that the law, under a vigorous enforcement of its provisions, has created a temperance sentiment which is marvelous, and to which opposition is powerless. In my opinion our remarkable temperance reform of to-day is the legitimate child of the law."

The general indignation expressed all over the State, by both people and people in reference to the "Vienna steal," has induced the belief that Senator Graham at least, will decline to draw the \$2,000 appropriated by the Legislature to defray his expenses to Vienna and back. No little appropriation, of which we have any knowledge, was ever looked upon as this one. Men and women of all parties and classes characterize it as the meanest, pettiest robbing they ever witnessed. If therefore in deference to this public sentiment Mr. Graham refused to pocket his share of the spoils, that much will have been accomplished at least by vigorous protest from the newspapers and taxpayers of the State. Then let the protesting go until Messrs Rutan and Davis are likewise brought to a sense of the fitness of things, and become so ashamed of their conduct, that they will pay their own expenses while seeking health and pleasure abroad.

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HERE AND THERE.

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