

THE BEAVER RADICAL.

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Too much significance cannot be attached to the young Republic of Spain. Whether it be a bubble to soon burst, we do not know, but if it survives long enough to prove its excellence over other forms of government, it will become permanent. An experiment of two or three years would place Republicanism in Spain, as in France, upon a firm basis, and then the Republics of Europe would very seriously threaten the downfall of the old order of things. Citizens, as they become educated, are becoming rulers, and the world is tending toward a universal rule of the people. Republicanism is marching forward on the continent. All things seem to conspire to aid the movement. The German-Franco war established, against the interests of the Emperor of Germany, a Republic in France, which offers more danger to the German throne than did Napoleon himself, and now the abdication of Amedeus shakes the crown on his father's head, and scatters far and wide the seeds of revolution. We pray for strength to the young Republic. The hopes of the world are centered there now, and all eyes are turned in that direction to see whether the people of Spain are intelligent enough to become their own rulers, and to maintain the liberty with which the sudden turn of events has just put them in practical possession. We hope for the best, for with France, Spain and Switzerland on the side of the people, the universal emancipation of all peoples is only a matter of time.

THE supplemental Local Option bill received a "black eye" in the House on Thursday of last week in being postponed, and when again pressed for final action this week, it was killed outright. There is a decided, earnest demand that the House shall pass this, or some other bill, giving to all citizens equally the right to express, through the ballot box, their opinions in regard to the expediency, or right of granting licenses. Another bill, which passed the Senate on the same day, gives to the people of Allegheny county the right to vote on the third Friday of April, instead of a month earlier. Whether this last bill will pass or be defeated, will probably depend upon the Allegheny county members themselves; but nothing is more certain than that those members, who put themselves on the record against this measure, will incur the hostility of a large and respectable class of citizens, and their promotion for meritorious services in the Legislature will be rendered doubtful. The people don't want any shirking, but expect each member to do his duty.

GOVERNOR HARTRANFT vetoed a bill repealing the cumulative voting act, so far as it relates to the borough of Connelville, in Fayette county, on the ground that such legislation is special, for if the law is wrong in its application at one place, it is wrong for all other districts where it is in force, and ought therefore to be repealed. We are informed that a number of such bills were before the Legislature, but that this veto put a stop to that kind of legislation. In this matter of restricting special legislation, the Governor has done right, and deserves the thanks of the people, for the stand he has taken. All such laws as the above, should be general, and to secure this, more than anything else, the people called a Constitutional Convention. The Governor in this, as in other things, has taken the right course, and we are assured that he has the firmness necessary to maintain it.

THERE were no license granted at the last court in Jefferson county, Judge Jenks ruling, that, under the no license law, which has been recently adopted, the court had no such authority, but the applicants who appeared by their attorneys, and argued against the constitutionality of the law, intend to make one of the applications a test case, and carry it up to the Supreme Court.

WE will say to our correspondents from Independence that for the present we have concluded not to publish their communications in reference to the Boktown bridge, inasmuch as the *Argus* has promised to give the subject "an airing." The *Argus* man, we have no doubt, has gone to considerable trouble to acquire all the facts, and we have his published pledge, that he will give them to his readers, fearlessly and truthfully. The *Argus* claims to be actuated by worthy motives, and now stands pledged to the honest citizens of Beaver county, who, according to that paper, have been outraged by that job, to make the demanded disclosures, without favor or affection. Under the circumstances we are disposed to wait for that disclosure, if made within a reasonable time; then if we discover that a wrong has been done the then Commissioners we will be free to defend them, or if we discover they have been recreant to their trust, incompetent to perform their duties, or dishonest in the distribution of the people's money, and require a castigation, we shall deal out to them the merit of their conduct. If the *Argus* does not make its threat or promise good within a reasonable time, our columns will be open to the discussion of this, or any other matter relating to the transactions of our county Commissioners, in regard to which our readers ask to be heard.

THE Legislature has passed a bill authorizing the Governor to appoint as many Notaries Public as he deems necessary, provided that each Notary shall pay twenty-five dollars into the State Treasury, for the use of the Commonwealth, before his commission issues. This is a good bill which recommends itself, and we are surprised that it has not been passed long since. At every session of the Legislature from fifty to one hundred bills are passed, authorizing the Governor to appoint Notaries Public, until the volume of pamphlet laws fairly groaned with the burden of bills of this character. Where a Notary Public is necessary at all, it will justify the payment of the amount required, but such a requirement will tend to diminish the number of such officers, and increase the work of those who hold commissions.

THE President of the German Immigration Society at Washington has received information that a large increase of emigration from Germany will take place this Spring, and that now plans are being matured by which twelve thousand wine, and ten thousand tobacco growers can come over and settle, as a colony, in the West. We want all the Germans we can get, and it speaks well for our country that it continues to be the place of attraction for the industrious classes of that favored country. Let them come and be Americanized, for of such are good citizens made, and to them we can safely entrust the use of the all-powerful ballot.

THE manufacturers of Beaver Falls held a meeting at that place last week, and resolved to have no part nor lot in dictating to the Cutlery company who they must and who they must not employ in carrying on their business.—*Argus*.

THE italics are ours, and in the language of the *Argus*, in reference to the speech of John Eakin, Esq., the above sentence "might be creditable to a boy of six years of age, but we are inclined to believe that a moderately bright lad of seven, would be a little ashamed to father" its grammatical construction. The *Argus* had better take our advice and consult the school children.

A NATIONAL Convention met in New York, at the Cooper Institute, on Wednesday of last week, for the purpose of considering the importance of so amending the constitution as to embody a recognition of the Christian religion and the Christian's God. Several prominent speakers were present and delivered able speeches, but we do not perceive that the movement gains in popularity.

WE are compelled to omit, reluctantly, some interesting correspondence and news matter, on account of the unusual press of advertisements, which has taxed our printers to the utmost.

OUR "Devil" complains of the excessive cold weather of the past few days, and attributes it to the accumulation of cold wrath in the shape of icebergs, avalanches of snow in the *Argus* office that is soon to swoop down upon the "incompetents" in the "airing" of the Boktown iron bridge, and other contracts, which that pure sheet is about to give. He thinks the "airing" had better soon begin, as he is longing for Spring, and the Commissioners, who are responsible in the matter, may as well be scared as frozen to death.

Why don't the *Argus* 'air'?

THE Senate Committee to investigate the Louisiana muddle, have made a report, in which the majority declare that the election held was illegal, and that, therefore, there is no government in the State. Senators Morton and Trumbull dissent from this view, but disagree with each other, the former reporting in favor of the Kellogg, the latter the McEnery government. It is reported that Senator Morton's view of the case will likely prevail, but the subject is badly muddled throughout.

SEVERAL officers of the United States Navy, who are now in Rome, being received by the Pope, were asked how the people in America would regard his taking up his residence among them, and replied that they would consider it a great honor.

OUR exposure of the *Argus* lie will be found in another column.

FROM HARRISBURG.

Pennsylvania Railroad—Governor Hartranft's Firmness—The Reading Railroad's Bill Defeated—Senator Rutan's Insurance Bill Passed the Senate—Local Option Supplement.

Correspondence of the Radical.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 24, 1873.

The event of last week here, was the refusal of the Governor, to sign the bill authorizing the Pennsylvania Railroad to increase its capital to an unlimited extent. The bill passed both Houses without opposition, or a single vote against it, and in fact without the attention of the members being directed to it in the least. It was said the Pennsylvania road had to build two additional tracks through Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, and a large increase of capital was necessary. This company now controls and operates one-third of the railroad lines in the country, and is such a mammoth corporation it was thought useless to limit their capital, especially as Pennsylvania cannot be injured now by any increase. This was the view taken in the Legislature, but the Governor declared very emphatically he would approve of no bill that did not fix a limit. His decision surprised the officers and friends of the road very much, and every effort was made to induce him to sign the bill, but all to no purpose. He was as firm as a rock, and there was no way but to recall the bill and amend it to meet his objections, or have it vetoed. Your Senator introduced a resolution to recall the bill on Monday evening, to amend it as demanded by the Governor, and the resolution was allowed to pass, although the friends of the road were in a very bad humor, and many counseled an open break with the Governor, and an effort to pass the bill over his veto. The Governor, by his stand on this question, and his firmness under strong pressure, has raised himself very much in the estimation of good citizens. He has demonstrated that he is not controlled by corporations, and has courage enough to resist any combination, no matter how powerful. The evident purpose of the Pennsylvania Central was to prepare for the adoption of the new Constitution, prohibiting special legislation and limiting monopolies. Gov. Hartranft saw the purpose and interposed to prevent its accomplishment, for which he deserves the thanks of the people of the whole Commonwealth. The Reading Railroad, the second great corporation in the State, got a check on Monday night, that was unexpected and salutary. They had, against the protest of the Trustees, laid out their road through the grounds of the Lunatic Asylum, near Harrisburg, and were going ahead to grade the road, notwithstanding the fact that it would be disastrous to the institution. The agent of the road, at Harrisburg, was instructed to watch the Legislature, and see that no act was passed to prevent their going ahead, and the company relied upon his ability to do so. The Attorney General proposed a bill on Monday, prohibiting the road from passing through the grounds attached to the Asylum, and gave it to Senator Rutan, to introduce. At the session on Monday evening, the bill was read, and a motion made to suspend the rules and pass it. Before the agent could get any one to object (one objection being sufficient to prevent its passage for five days, or until the Committee could report,) the rules were suspended and the bill passed. The bill was sent to the House the next morning, and while

a member who had agreed to object to its passage, was out, it was taken up and passed. It was a sight to see the agent of the road, when he found his friend was not in his seat, and the bill was going through, and hear him denounce the Legislature for hasty legislation and taking snap judgment. Gowan was telegraphed for, and he left the Constitutional Convention, to induce the Governor to withhold his approval. The Governor gave him two days to present his arguments, and after innumerable conference, telegrams and letters, signed the bill, as he had intended from the first. Both the great railroad corporations have thus got notice that they can't run things just to suit those companies, and hereafter there will not be so much presumption in these quarters.

On Wednesday, the Senate passed Mr. Rutan's Insurance bill, creating an Insurance department, and regulating the organization and control of companies, without any material amendment, and with little opposition. There is little doubt it will pass the House this week or next, and insurers and insured will all be largely benefited thereby. It is understood that Mr. Foster, for many years Corporation Clerk, in the office of the Auditor General, and the fittest man in the State for the position, will be appointed Insurance Commissioner, on the passage of the bill.

The House was much excited last week over the Local Option Supplement which passed the Senate some weeks ago. This bill provides for an election in Allegheny county, Harrisburg, Lancaster and other places where no election can be held, unless this or a similar bill passes. Of course the liquor men are determined the bill shall not pass, and it is alleged large sums of money have been sent here to prevent its passage. The bill was on the calendar on Wednesday, and would have been reached in a few minutes, when a motion to adjourn was made, and carried. Again on Thursday an adjournment was carried, to prevent the bill being reached, and the bill goes over. As the law requires three weeks notice to be given before the election, no election can be held in March now, unless it is amended so as to require a shorter notice. Every man who voted in favor of adjournment, may be set down as against the bill. Many who voted that way, say they will vote for the bill when it is reached, and so they may, not daring to do otherwise; but every member understood the vote on adjournment was a test question, and no matter how plausible an excuse they may offer, there is no doubt they wanted to kill the bill, and it is generally believed, many were "set up," as the phrase is, to vote as they did. A large sum of money, estimated by some as high as two hundred thousand dollars, was raised in the cities to defeat this bill, and the fair presumption is, that this money has been distributed. Four of the Allegheny members went with the friends of whisky, notwithstanding a large delegation from that county was here urging them at the time to stand by the bill, if they expected to be respected at home hereafter. The members from your county voted right every time, and can all be relied upon all the time on this question. The liquor men seem to have abandoned the effort to repeal the law, and are using the money raised to prevent any further legislation. Allegheny county will be saved to the liquor interest, by the shameful conduct of part of the delegation from that county in the House. No bill authorizing a vote in the cities or in the county will be permitted to pass, and the traffic will continue another year. It is to be hoped that the whole delegation next year will be composed of such men as Newmyer and Young, whose record is right throughout.

The only local bill from your county, signed by the Governor, is one authorizing the borough of Baden to collect for two years, an additional tax for school purposes. There are a number of others on the calendar of the two Houses, and will be passed this week. Since THE RADICAL appeared, containing names of candidates for State Treasurer, Hon. Russell Errett has been spoken of, and if he consents to be a candidate, there is no doubt of his nomination and election. His ability, integrity and eminent services for the party entitles him to the place if he desires it, and make him as strong a candidate as could be named. He has not been consulted, however, and the suggestion of his name is without his knowledge.

A CORRUPTION FUND AT HARRISBURG.

The Liquor League Willing to Distribute \$200,000 Among the Legislatures for the Repeal of the Local Option Law—Enough Votes Already Secured in the House, but Many of the Senators Against the Beliefs—Hartranft Fulfilling his Promises to the People.

[The following, which is from the Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, shows the condition of Local Option at Harrisburg:]

HARRISBURG Feb. 15, 1873.

On Tuesday or Wednesday of next week there will be a test struggle on the local option question in the House. The supplemental bill introduced some weeks since, and referred to the Judiciary General Committee, has been held there ever since, in the hope that some arrangement could be made for the defeat of the whole subject by the rejection of this supplement and the repeal of the original law. The liquor men of the State have raised over \$200,000, and the money is now in Harris-

burg, ready to be distributed for the purpose named. In the House enough votes have been secured to reject the supplement and repeal the original bill, and possibly sufficient could be had in the Senate for the repeal of the original bill, though it is declared that Senator Wallace firmly opposes every proposition to have the Democrats join in the same work. He insists that the Republican party passed this measure, and its repeal must now be made by those who placed it on the statute books. When the Democracy voted against the original bill, a year ago, they did so believing it was a measure not demanded by the people, but now they are convinced it is popular, and therefore Mr. Wallace and other Democratic leaders are resolved not to participate in the repeal, but to stand by public sentiment on the subject. In the meantime, the test to be made in the House Tuesday night or Wednesday, will demonstrate how many votes have been secured by the liquor interest. The struggle will be an interesting one, particularly when it is so well known that so many people, indeed, so large a majority of the people, in nineteen out of every twenty counties and cities of the State, favor the law as it stands upon the statute books, and are eager for its operations. Even if the House is reckless enough to repeal the original law, there is no present hope of its going through the Senate. In that body, not only the Democracy, but some of the ablest Republican leaders, are determined the law shall have a fair test and that the people shall be gratified in their almost unanimous desire to check the fearful ravages of rum. Such men on the Republican side of the Senate as McClure, Strang, Warfel, Rutan, and others are sternly opposed to all repeal. Rutan is particularly eager to show his hand with the people in this measure, as he has set his face in the direction of a certain brick house on the river bank, where one John F. Hartranft is now comfortably lodged on a salary of \$10,000 per annum. Mr. Rutan wants to be next Governor, and, as Beaver county has been particularly successful in winning honors from the Republican party, his chances, calculating from that standpoint, are good; and these he intends to improve by sturdy adherence to the temperance cause.

I am thus specific in my statements on this subject of local option; to show you the inner as well as the outer working of the influences which surround the subject. If even the liquor league, with its round \$200,000, could succeed in both branches of the Legislature, they will find an obstacle in the Executive Chamber which they cannot surmount, a sturdy and determined opponent whom they cannot conquer or corrupt. Gov. Hartranft has been closely observing this whole movement, he has taken great pains to inform himself as to the desire and will of the people, and being satisfied that they are opposed to the repeal of local option, and that they want the law made general all over the State, he will veto any bill passed for repeal, and is most anxious that a general bill be adopted. The Governor has been covertly approached on both these points, and to all inquiries he has made the same firm and emphatic reply, namely: "The popular will must be obeyed; I am resolved to respect it." The attitude of the Governor on this subject has surprised many men, none more so than the liquor men, who supposed that he could be "approached." But mark what I tell you, John F. Hartranft resolved, when he took his oath of office, to be faithful to it, and in this God-blessed resolution he has confused the plans and startled more than one clique leader in the State who dreamed in his greed for political emolument that he had a title in fee in Hartranft.

As to Investigation.

We take the following from Grace Greenwood's Washington correspondence: "One cannot but laugh at beholding alarmed politicians running frantically about, crying 'Investigate me! investigate me!'—very much as the old lady on a steamboat, which had struck a bar, ran from passenger to passenger with a collapsed life preserver about her neck, shrieking 'Blow me up! blow me up!' Mr. Blaine, who set this investigation ball in motion, must be a little astonished to see to what an avalanche it has grown. In his rencontres with Mr. Job Stevenson, I have sympathized with the Speaker, being loyal to the Administration; besides, he is a friend of mine. I knew him in his days of comparative innocence, when he was in College, and never had seen Washington; and now, as an old friend, I wish he could attain to the philosophic calm of, say the Sage of Concord, of whom I once heard this little story: He was one evening discussing among a group of awe-struck admirers, some one of those little questions of philosophy, ethics and religion, with which he is so delightfully at home—optimism, pre-existence, Pantheism, or immortality—when an orthodox young man present ventured to interrupt him with a damaging Scripture text, prefacing it with 'But, Mr. Emerson, Job says'—The Sage turned his cold, wise eyes on him, and with sublime self-complacency replied, 'It is immaterial to me, sir, what Job says.'"

—The resignation of Senator Wilson was referred to the Judiciary Committee in the Massachusetts House with instruction to consider and report when the vacancy can be filled.

EVERYBODY complains of his gas bill, and yet it is a "light" expense.

LOCAL ITEMS.

AGENTS.—C. W. Taylor, Beaver Falls; Ezra Fugh, New Brighton; J. Linnenbrink, Rochester.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The *Beaver Radical* is the most extensively circulated Weekly Newspaper in Western Pennsylvania.

Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad. Going West—Mail, 7:45 a. m.; Accommodation, 8:40 p. m. Going East—Accommodation, 9:10 a. m.; Mail, 9:37 p. m.; Express, 7:07 p. m.

Arrival and Departure of Mails. Western mail leaves at 8 a. m.; arrives at 4 p. m. Eastern mail leaves at 8 p. m.; arrives at 8 a. m. New Lisbon mail leaves every Friday, (instead of Monday,) at 8 a. m.; arrives on Saturday, at 5 p. m. Black Hawk, St. Clair, Clarkson and New Lisbon.

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Physicians will always find a complete stock of fresh and reliable medicines, at the *Beaver Drug Store*. All official preparations made according to the new Pharmacopoeia (1870); a large assortment of Elixirs and new remedies always on hand. HUGO ANDRIENSSON, *Beaver Drug Store*.

Notice Extraordinary.—All orders for Photographs must hereafter be paid for, (at least in part) when the order is given. Orders not so complied with will receive no attention. H. NOS, Feb7-2m

Try the Improved Economical Plow. You can get it for nothing at M. L. Armstrong's, Harrisburg, Pa. Feb21-4t

Fahnestock's Pure White Lead. Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Varnishes, Paints, Window Glass and Putty at the very lowest cash prices, at Hago Andrienssen's *Beaver Drug Store*. Feb21-4t

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Two entire new Horse Wagons, for sale at Speyerer & Son's. Feb21-4t

Heathen Chinese.—Great excitement is now manifested by those who are agitating this much vexed question of Chinese Coolie labor; but if you wish to be excited to your own interest, just come to John Kennedy & Co's, Main Street, Beaver Falls, and buy your shoes, boots and gaiters. Yes, sir, you can buy just as cheap there as any place in this county and the very best quality of stock. The famous *Buffalo Boot* can be found there, and Misses shoes of the latest and most approved patterns. Look out for the Keystone Boot & Shoe Emporium, JOHN KENNEDY & Co., Main Street, Beaver Falls.

A Warning.—If you are afflicted with a cough you cannot get a remedy that will give you relief as speedily and permanently as will Dr. J. Magnuson's Combination Expectant, now for sale by Gilliland & Kerr, New Brighton, Dr. Hendrick & Co., Beaver Falls, and druggists generally. Price 50cts. Feb21-4t

Soldiers' soldiers' widows, guardians of soldiers' orphans, and dependent fathers and mothers of soldiers who died, or were killed, while in the army of the United States, either in the war of 1812, the Mexican war, or the rebellion, can have all claims for pensions, bounties, arrears of pay and bounty land, promptly and satisfactorily presented by calling on GILBERT L. EBERHART, attorney at law, New Brighton, Beaver county, Pa. Feb21-4t

Special Attraction.—Umstead & Henry, manufacturers and dealers in Boots, Shoes, Suits and Shippers, Broadway, New Brighton, are now offering special inducements to purchase in order to clear off a large stock of goods, to make room for a new spring stock. Call and see them and secure a bargain, as they are determined to sell regardless of cost.

A word by way of explanation. This firm has been long and favorably known for the great care and good judgment with which they select their stock, and for the neatness and durability of all the goods manufactured by them in proof of which see the premium list of our agricultural society, as they have universally taken the highest premiums for fancy work in all its branches. Those who manifest a desire to wear a shoe or boot not only in the fashion, but one that gives satisfaction in every particular, come to Umstead & Henry, from all parts of the county to have their work done. Their place is nearly opposite Bradfords' Real Estate Office, Broadway, New Brighton. Feb21-4t

Hon. John Scott has our thanks for a copy of the last Census Report.

Brown's Bellefonte Republican is a new sheet, neatly printed, Republican in politics, probably, and promises to be vigorous and lively. Do it up, Brown, and let the other fellows continue to toil.

Lent.—The Lenten season commenced on Ash Wednesday, the 26th, and will continue forty days. It will be duly solemnized by the Roman Catholic church throughout the country.

All deeds or instruments of writing dated before the 1st day of October last, should be stamped on being offered for record, and as stamps, owing to the repeal of the law, will soon become scarce, persons having unstamped writings dated previous to said 1st of October last, should immediately procure and apply the stamp and thus have their deeds, etc., properly recorded.

Miss Anna Dickinson will lecture on next Thursday evening, March the 6th, in the large audience room of the M. E. Church, of this place, on the subject "What's to Hinder," touching, as we are informed, upon the all important woman's question. Miss Dickinson is one of the most talented of her sex whose fame is world-wide, and it would be a disgrace to the place not to give her a crowded house. What woman or man does not want to see and hear this distinguished representative woman lecturer and author? Come from Rochester, New Brighton, Bridgeville, Vanport, and with Beaver and vicinity give this lady such a reception as will gratify her and show our appreciation of her abilities and services. Tickets, 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents.

Judge Trunkin, in his charge to jury at Franklin, uttered the following: "When a druggist in good faith sells spurious liquor on a physician's prescription it is a defence to an indictment; but when the druggist knows it to be a small subterfuge of a man honored by diploma which he dishonors."