

Bedford Inquirer. BEDFORD, PA., FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 1867. THE DUTY OF CONGRESS.

When the Constitutional Amendment, submitted by the last session of Congress to the people, was passed, it was believed that the South was disposed to accept the results of the war and to abide thereby. Under this impression, and hoping that the President would acquiesce if not assist in the Congressional scheme of reconstruction, the terms were made the most lenient possible, and indeed much more lenient than some of our most experienced and far-seeing statesmen then deemed advisable or prudent.

THADDEUS STEVENS' SPEECH. On our first page will be found the speech of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens on the introduction of his proposed substitute for the Enabling Act of last session. We publish the bill along with the speech and ask for both a careful perusal. The rejection of the Amendment by the South has rendered some legislation similar to that proposed in this bill absolutely necessary. If the bill as it stands be not passed, its main features will be embodied in whatever legislation the present Congress may devise for reconstructing the Southern States. All who believe that loyal men, and not traitors and rebels, should rule the country, will give the Great Commoner an impartial hearing.

GEN. A. L. RUSSELL. We clip the following well deserved and highly complimentary notice of our friend and former townsman, Gen. A. L. Russell from the Montour American. It has the greater significance at the present time, in the midst of the Senatorial contest, from the fact that Gen. Russell is a warm friend of Gen. Curtin, while the American is an earnest advocate of the claims of Gen. Cameron.

COLEMAN, CONNELL, COWLES, GRAHAM, HAINES, LANDON, LEWRY, MCCONAGHY, RIDGWAY, STUTZMAN, WORTHINGTON, and HALL—Speakers. Representatives—Barton, Brown, Cameron, Chadwick, DeHaven, Donahoe, Frobenor, Ghegan, Harrison, Hoffman, Humphrey, Kennedy, Kerns, Kimmel, Kinney, McCann, McKee, Mann, McKis, Meckling, Mely, Seiler, Sharpless, Shuman, Stumbaugh, Stivers, Waddell, Weller, Whann, Woodward, Worrall, Wright, and Glass—Speakers. For Curtin—Senators Royer, Taylor and White. Representatives Adaire, Allen, Chase, Colville, Davis, Day, Epply, Ewing, Giallacher, Gordon, Lee, McGreevy, Penny-packer, Peters, Pillow, Quay, Wallace, Watt, Wharton, and Wingard.

BYRON PORTER, Sub-Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau at Austin reports on December 18th, the shooting of two freedmen in that county, under circumstances of a most revolting and atrocious nature. A letter has been addressed to Maj. Gen. Griffin, and signed by 16 citizens of Austin detailing numerous outrages at Prairie Lea, Caldwell county, and asking that a company of troops be stationed there to protect freedmen and Union soldiers; also for an agent of the Bureau at that place.

FRIENDS COVE. Friend's Cove is one among the desirable, if not the most desirable localities, in Bedford county. When viewed from the mountain summit, on either side, it suggests the idea of an oasis in the desert, or a green and lovely island in the midst of the ocean. The cove itself, is some fifteen miles in length, by three and a half in width. Stretching from a small river in the North-east, denominated by a classical tourist the "Blue Juniata," to the fork of Evil's mountain, in the South-west, this picturesque plain, thus reposing in the embrace of the mountain, presents a scene of natural beauty, worthy the pencil of a Raphael; or the descriptive powers of a Defoe.

FROM MEXICO. Another rumor as to Abrazacion—Maximilian expected at Vera Cruz. From an arrival from Havana, January 12, it has been received. The French forces were getting ready to embark, and would do so as soon as the fleet of transports from France arrived. The steamer Elizabeth, sent by the Emperor of Austria, had arrived at Vera Cruz to take home Maximilian, who was expected to arrive there in a few days.

THE RIGHTS OF RAILROAD TRAVELERS TO FIRST CLASS CARRIAGES. The length to which some conductors of railroads have carried their "discretionary power," says the Cincinnati Commercial, as most travelers know, too long, but there are few people in these good ahead times, who care to press the matter to the final arbitration of a court of justice, or even carry it before the directors of the railroad on which their rights have been curtailed.

FROM CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, January 10. The receipts of the Federal government from California for the past year were fifteen millions nine hundred and sixty-one thousand eight hundred dollars. Disbursements for the same period, twelve millions forty-seven thousand three hundred dollars. The combined exports of treasure and merchandise, amounted to sixty-one million five hundred and sixty-seven thousand four hundred dollars.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of Pennsylvania gives the following statistics for the school year of 1865-66, as follows:—There were in that year 1863 school districts in the State, 3,146 schools, 16,141 teachers and 725,313 pupils with an average attendance of 478,000. The total cost of the school system for the entire State, including taxes levied and State appropriations, was for the year \$4,195,258.57. The increase in the number of school districts was 25; in the number of schools, 222; in the number of children attending school, 19,932; in the average attendance at school, 18,946; and in the total cost of the system, \$581,020.02. Not including Philadelphia, the increase in the per centage of attendance was 10.9; in the average length of term, one day; in the average cost of tuition per month, four cents; in the number of male teachers, 430; in the number of female teachers, 62; in the salaries of male teachers, \$2.52; in the salaries of female teachers, \$2.10; in the cost of tuition, \$230,244.67; in the cost of fuel and contingencies, \$48,071.55; and in purchasing grounds, building, renting and repairing houses, \$222,209.77.

WOMAN'S HEALTH.—In the Herald of Health, for January, Madame Demorest who is good authority on female dress in general writes a very sensible article on the subject of the undergarments and covering of the feet for proper attention and speaks feelingly of "elastic which keeps the stocking up at the knee" as impeding the free circulation of the blood while "the fashion now prevailing of tight fitting corsets and drawers for the sake of modesty, as well as health a plentiful supply of underclothing." These straightened sentences are as sensible as they are modestly expressed and it is to be hoped that sensible and modest women will follow Madame Demorest's advice and wear less "elastic" and more of it thicker under clothing and more of it thicker walking boots. These are the processes which make women happy and undertakers miserable.

THE BITUMINOUS COAL TRADE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The Coal Product of the United States. According to the census of 1860, the quantity of bituminous coal produced in Pennsylvania, in that year, was 2,511,964 tons of 2,240 pounds. For the whole United States the bituminous coal product was in 1860, according to the census report, 5,222,541 tons of 2,240 pounds, the product of Pennsylvania being almost one half the product of the whole country. Since 1860, a number of bituminous coal basins have been opened in Pennsylvania in the Alleghenies and the northwest counties; so that, in 1866 the bituminous coal product of Pennsylvania was doubtless not less than 4,000,000 tons.

AGUA DE MAGNOLIA. A diet delight. Superior to any cologne, used to bathe the face and person, to render the skin soft and fresh, to allay inflammation, to perfume clothing, for headache, &c. It is sold by all Dealers, at \$1.00 in large bottles, and by DEMAS BARNES & Co., New York, Wholesale Agents. Saratoga Spring Water, sold by all Druggists.

S. T.—1860—X. Persons of sedentary habits troubled with weakness, lassitude, palpitation of the heart, lack of appetite, distress after eating, torpid liver, constipation, &c., deserve to suffer if they will not try the celebrated PLANTATION BITTERS, which are now recommended by the highest medical authorities, and warranted to produce an invaluable beneficial effect. They are exceedingly agreeable to the stomach, and are adapted to all other tonics where a healthy, gentle stimulant is required. They purify, strengthen and invigorate. They create a healthy appetite. They are an antidote to change of water and diet. They strengthen the system and enliven the mind. They prevent miasmatic and intermitten fevers. They purify the breath and acidity of the stomach. They cure Dyspepsia and Constipation. They cure Liver Complaint and Nervous Headache. They make the weak strong, the languid brilliant, and are exhausted nature's great restorer. They are composed of the celebrated California bark, wintergreen, saffron, roots and herbs, &c. The demand for Drake's Plantation Bitters, from all particulars, see circular and testimonials around each bottle.

P. H. DRAKE & CO. Saratoga Spring Water, sold by all Druggists.

HARRISBURG CORRESPONDENCE. HARRISBURG, January 10, 1867. The public will be pleased to learn that the forthcoming Report of the Adjutant General is a document calculated to be of interest to each and every family who had a representative in the Pennsylvania forces during the late war. Complete lists of the two hundred and ten regiments, besides all the unattached companies, batteries, etc., are to be found in the work, and great care has been taken by Gen. Russell to have them correct in every respect. The same report shows that since September, 1861, the State issued 227 flags, 35 standards and 112 guidons. Of these 217 flags and standards have been returned, 11 were lost or destroyed, and the balance are unaccounted for. The volume referred to contains a complete record of the three months' regiments that entered the service at the beginning of the war. These were scarcely mentioned in former reports. I would advise your readers to secure a copy of this valuable State document.

A glance at the list of members of the Legislature discloses the fact that not a single Senator whose term expired with the close of the last session, has been returned, while, on the other hand, fifty-two Representatives have been re-elected, several for consecutive terms. After a recess of five days, the Legislature re-assembled on Tuesday last. During those five days there was quite a calm, politically speaking, many of the members having gone home. But on Tuesday the storm broke forth with redoubled fury. The all-important topic—the Senatorial question—became the theme of conversation and warm discussions on every corner and in every hotel. On the same day Hon. Thaddeus Stevens made his appearance here, and his quarters at the Jones House were visited by many prominent Republicans. To fully realize the true state of affairs in this great contest, your readers would have to witness it. With Cameron men, Curtin men, Stevens' men and Grow men, all pressing the claims of their respective friends, there was no little excitement. It cannot be denied that the game of brag was played by all parties, and it was claimed that each of the aspirants had enough votes to insure his election. Unfortunately, there was but one Senator to be chosen, and three of the four prominent candidates were doomed to disappointment, as will readily be observed by a glance at the result of the caucus held on Thursday night.

The votes cast for Governor at the October election were counted at a Joint Convention of the two Houses held on Thursday last. The result was as follows: For Gen. Geary.....307,274 For Heister Clymer.....290,000 Geary's majority.....11,778 Both Houses have passed the following preamble and resolution: WHEREAS, It has been currently reported for some time past, and charged in the public prints of the day, that improper influences have been used to secure the election of various persons for the office of United States Senator; AND WHEREAS, Such charges, if unfounded, are derogatory to the character of the Legislature and should be disproved; or, if true, should be at once ascertained, in order that the guilty parties may be brought to justice and punished; therefore, Resolved, That a Select Committee of investigation, consisting of three members of each House, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine into the truth of such reports and charges, and report to each House the result of their investigations, and that such Committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

The above originated in the House of Representatives, where it was introduced by Mr. Stambaugh, and after its passage there was taken up in the Senate and adopted. The standing Committee of the Senate were announced on Tuesday. Your Senator, Mr. Stutzman, is Chairman of the Committee on Election Districts, and is a member of the Committee on Judiciary, Local, Private Claims and Damages, and to compare Bills. The first annual banquet of the old Pennsylvania Reserves will be given in Harrisburg on the 9th of May next. Every honorably discharged officer or soldier who ever belonged to the Reserves is invited. Circulars can be had by addressing John H. Taggart, Box 562 Philadelphia, giving name, rank, company and regiment with Post office address. On Thursday evening the Republican members of the Legislature met in caucus to nominate a candidate for United States Senator. But one ballot was necessary, and it resulted in a majority of eleven for General Cameron, over all others: The vote stood: For Cameron, 46; Curtin, 28; Stevens, 7; Grow, 5. As it may be desirable to have the vote in full for future reference, I give you a list of the gentlemen who voted for the aspirants named above: For Cameron—Senators Brown, (Mercer)

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. TOPEKA, KANSAS, Jan. 11.—The House joint resolution ratifying the "Constitutional Amendment" was introduced in the Senate to-day, unanimously without debate. A large delegation of the best men of Leavenworth are here in the interests of their Senatorial candidate, ex-Governor Carnegy. The excitement shows no abatement. The opposing candidates are forming combinations to defeat the resolution of Senator Pomeroy, and the sale of Senatorial posts commenced last night.

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The Virginia Legislature rejected the constitutional amendment on Wednesday, only one member voting for it.