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STATE TICKET.

AUDITOR GENERAL:
GEN. JOHN F. HARTANFT,
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.
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OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

BALTIMORE VS. PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia in her stately dignity, with the incubus of the Penna. Central Rail-road clogging her footsteps, is gradually permitting her younger but more energetic rivals to gain upon her in the race of progress. Baltimore, aided by the enterprise and liberality of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, has recently established a regular line of steamers to Bremen. She has been enabled to do this through the liberality of her great Railroad Company which has subscribed half the money necessary to inaugurate the enterprise. Philadelphia with more than double the population and wealth, and the terminus of one of the great railroad lines of the country has no line of foreign steamers. Efforts have been made time and again to establish such a line, but, owing to the lack of enterprise and liberality on the part of her wealthy citizens and corporations, have never succeeded in establishing a permanent line of steamers to any foreign port. Why cannot the Penna. Central Railroad Company do as much for Philadelphia as the Baltimore and Ohio Company has done for Baltimore? The Penna. Central has been the pet of Philadelphia and of the whole state, having been built and placed upon a sure basis by the liberality of the city and state and now like the generality of pets, shows its appreciation of the favors shown it, by the most unparalleled ingratitude. Managed in a spirit of supreme selfishness it is willing to sacrifice all the best interests of the state that nurtured it and its chief city to which it owes so much, to the one idea of grasping all the outside railroad world, in order to pour wealth into the coffers of its closest managers and stockholders. In order to accomplish this it went to Harrisburg last winter, and asked and received the privilege of increasing its capital stock \$55,000,000. Did it give ten or twenty millions of this toward establishing a foreign line of steamers for Philadelphia or for the building of branch or mainline railroads to contribute to the prosperity of either the city of Philadelphia or state of Pennsylvania? Not one cent was given toward either. But instead perhaps, a hundred thousand dollars were spent in occupying the route of the Connellsburg and Southern Pennsylvania Railroad, in order to prevent the building of a road on that route by any other company. That is a hundred thousand dollars were spent by this tyrannical monopoly to prevent a line of road being built, that would develop one of the richest mineral sections of the state and pour increased business, wealth and population into Philadelphia and largely promote the prosperity of the whole state. What thanks did the people of the state receive; any evidence or gratitude for their liberality in thus extending the privileges of the Central Railroad? On the contrary they are taxed in freights and passenger fare over the central Railroad far heavier in proportion than parties outside of the state and made, in great part, to pay the expense of keeping the monopoly's line in repair, so that they can carry outsiders and their freights at rates far below what the patient citizens of the state are made to pay. The result of this policy is that throughout the state, wherever the people are obliged to patronize the monopoly, they find that freights, in many instances, cost as much or more to-day, from Philadelphia, than they did when goods were carried westward in Conestoga wagons. It is not much to be wondered at, therefore, that many poor begin to imagine that the boasted advantages of railroads are not so great an improvement on the old methods of transportation after all. Such are the results of having imposed upon us a grand, greedy, grasping, selfish monopoly. When will the people of Philadelphia awake to their interests and shake off the yoke of Central Railroad tyranny? When she does so, and co-operates with the rest of the state in making all corporations, and especially this grand monopoly, the servants, instead of the grinding and tyrannical masters of the people, she may hope to take the place she deserves to occupy among the great cities of the nation. Until then, driven away by illiberality, selfishness and lack of enterprise, the business of the state will continue to seek other and more liberal and promising centres of trade.

COLLAGE, shows that they cannot sustain even an educational institution without foreign aid. But the wide spread torpor and misery that rest like crushing shadows upon every department of labor and industry, can never be expelled unless capital and fresh muscle and enterprise from other quarters come in to impart life and energy, and stimulate the responding population. So important and so palpable is this fact, that not long since a leading journal in Richmond, Virginia, kept up for weeks an urgent editorial invitation to Northern men to come on with their money and buy lands, and mills and factories, and start once more the wheels of labor, assuring them of a warm and cordial reception and denouncing as vile slanders the reports that they would encounter risk of personal violence.

It is not pleasant for us to be compelled to state that at present, in many Southern States, there is no safety for a Northern man to buy property and attempt to carry on any farming or manufacturing enterprise. We have never gone out of our way to give added circulation to the prejudicial stories that are periodically current about the South. Whenever we could, consistently with the truth, present the bright side of the picture, we have cheerfully done so. But it is, in our judgment, perfectly clear from the accumulated information which papers upon us, that notwithstanding the cheerful fancies of such military optimists as General HANCOCK, there is an immense amount of crime perpetrated in Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, and portions of Arkansas and Missouri. How far it would be possible to curb these excesses by military power we cannot determine. It is probably impossible to keep perfect order so wide an area and among so many populations so thoroughly demoralized by a long and unsuccessful war. The war will elapse before anything bearing the faintest semblance to the orderly and regulated institutions of the North will prevail. Then will slowly set in a desirable immigration, and the wasted and cursed South will begin to recover, to get strength, to enjoy the blessings of law, and to reap the fruits of sensibly directed industry.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

We are indebted to the courtesy of an unknown friend for a copy of the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* containing a somewhat hasty notice of the donation of \$20,000, by John A. Brown, Esq., of Philadelphia, to Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa. Beside the present, this institution has recently been the fortunate recipient of a number of handsome donations. The largest of these was \$220,000 made by Mr. Pardoe. A number of other citizens of the State have given sums ranging from \$20,000 to \$25,000 toward its endowment. We always delight to record contributions toward building up and increasing the number and efficiency of our institutions of learning. On the education of our people depends the stability of our free institutions, and men of wealth can do nothing that will contribute more to the glory of the state and the welfare of her people than to contribute liberally of their means to promote the efficiency and permanency of our educational institutions. We also approve of concentrating, to a certain extent, efforts of this kind, upon a few good schools rather than upon a great many indifferent ones.

While, therefore, we are gratified to record this last act of benevolence, we feel constrained to call the attention of the public to a matter of both state and national interest. We mean Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg. Will not some of our millionaires donate a few hundred thousand or a million dollars to rear an educational institution on this historic ground, which shall not only an honor to the state but to the nation? What finer place in all our wide land to send our sons to learn lessons of wisdom, and patriotism at the same time, than that on which our national liberties were for the third time rescued from the enemies of free institutions? Gettysburg is already enblazoned on the pages of history as one of the great battle-fields of the world. Its name will be surrounded with a halo of glory, and pilgrimages will be made to Cemetery Hill and Round Top from all parts of the world, while the human heart continues to thrill with the inspirations of freedom, and honor to be rendered to the men who sealed their devotion to its principles with their life-blood on its hardly contested field. Pennsylvania College already ranks among the first educational institutions in the state having had almost twice as many students as Lafayette in 1867 and being exceeded by only three others in the State. But this is not sufficient; occupying as it does a central position between the North and the South, easy of access and of historic fame, as a matter of national and state pride, it should be made the first of the kind in the nation. We hope yet to see our Alma Mater occupy this proud position and to hear her named among the great schools of the world. Who will inaugurate the good work? What shall we hear from Philadelphia? Noted for her patriotism during the war, will she not give at least as much toward a matter of national interest and pride as she has done for places of less note?

GOV. GEARY AND THE FREE RAILROAD LAW.

Some of the more unscrupulous of our copperhead contemporaries have endeavored to throw blame on Gov. Geary for vetoing what was passed. They doubtless have weighty reasons for thus aiding the monopoly. Gov. Geary made a noble stand behalf of the people by vetoing the first bill, which every one knows was so modified by the Senate after being passed by the House, as to suit the wishes of the Central Railroad Company. The bill was then given in charge of a committee of conference where the Senate amendments were acceded to and the bill in this shape, as passed by the Senate, was forced through the House and sent to the Governor. There were two points on which they differed: one that the bill contained provisions not relevant to the subject stated in the title and was therefore unconstitutional; the objectionable provisions were interpolations by the agents of the monopoly allowing any existing railroad company to increase its capital without limit; the other objection was that the bill was entirely too stringent in its exactions to meet the wants of the people and that more liberty should be allowed. When the veto was sent to the House another bill was immediately passed, we believe unanimously, obviating the objectionable features of the former one, it was promptly sent to the Senate where it was also passed and has since been signed by the Governor. So that instead of being blamed for his courage in vetoing a free-railroad bill, doctored to suit the Central Railroad Company's views,

he deserves the thanks of the people for giving them a law such as they have been asking for. If he had signed the first bill with its exceptionable features we would now be saddled with a nominal free railroad law and yet be unable to build roads because of its restrictions. We have not yet seen the bill but are credibly informed that under it there will no longer be any hindrance in our laws to building railroads anywhere in the State. We hope it is so and that the people will once more be free to build roads where they please and find them conducive to their interests, limited only by their ability to raise the necessary money. Gov. Geary has been true to his promises notwithstanding the false assertions of his Copperhead enemies, and will receive the thanks of the people for his faithfulness.

MR. LYNCH'S GRADUAL RESUMPTION PLAN.

Mr. Lynch of Maine has pending in the House of Representatives a plan for gradually resuming specific payments. Briefly stated, it consists in issuing from the Treasury coupon bonds to the amount of \$300,000,000 of denominations of \$100 and upward, bearing interest at four per cent, payable quarterly in lawful money, and making these and greenbacks reciprocally convertible into each other at the pleasure of the holder; after the 1st of May next, all United States legal tender notes received by the United States, say \$180,000,000 per year, or \$15,000,000 per month, are to be retired and destroyed, and in their stead notes payable one year from date, in coin, to be issued to all creditors to whom legal tenders have heretofore been paid. By the 1st of May, 1869, \$180,000,000 in coin notes would have taken the place of the present greenbacks, having been paid out for salaries, Government contracts, currency interest, and all expenses of the Government. These notes will come due at the rate of half a million of dollars a day during the year 1869, and are to be redeemed gold. By repeating the same operation for 1869 and 1870, the whole issue of greenbacks now outstanding would have been converted into demand notes, and would be redeemable in gold by May 1, 1871. Mr. Lynch says that he firmly believes that the presentation and redemption of the first \$15,000,000 of these notes would so establish public confidence as to reduce the premium on gold to a nominal figure. The difference between the plan and that of immediate resumption is that it limits the amount of notes which can be presented to the Government for redemption to half a million of dollars per day after one year from the 1st of May next. As our gold receipts from customs amount to about a third of a million a day, it is thought that so gradual a run on the Treasury for its gold could be successfully met until the public confidence had so far improved as to reduce the premium on gold to a nominal figure, when specie payment would be resumed by the banks and the people voluntarily. Mr. Lynch's plan is one of the most thoughtful of the gradual plans of resumption yet advanced.—*Tribune.*

THE ELECTIONS.

Our copperhead contemporaries have recently been exemplifying the old saying, "drowning men catch at straws." Beyond recording their old majorities in a few local elections and heralding them abroad as "great re-actions," "glorious victories" &c., they have had nothing to cheer their drooping spirits until the barren victory of Connecticut. Barren victory we call it because—though they carried the Governor by 73% of a majority, an increase of about 700, it was done by the increased vote of a few large towns, where there are reported to have been extensive frauds committed. The charge of frauds is further substantiated by the fact that while the Governor has been elected by the copperheads, the Republicans have carried the legislature by an increased majority. The victory in fact is worse than barren, it is an absolute defeat, for while they have elected the Legislature a run on the Treasury for its gold could be successfully met until the public confidence had so far improved as to reduce the premium on gold to a nominal figure, when specie payment would be resumed by the banks and the people voluntarily. Mr. Lynch's plan is one of the most thoughtful of the gradual plans of resumption yet advanced.—*Tribune.*

THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The American Colonization Society is making an earnest appeal for money to colonize Liberia more than two thousand freedmen who want to go there. Four thousand freedmen have petitioned Congress to send them to Liberia, or to give the Colonization Society the means to send them. Some of their petitions have been published, and also some letters from them, from all of which we judge they are persons of some intelligence, good character, and earnest in their desire to emigrate. They are poor and unable to pay their expenses. Many of them have friends in Liberia. They are all needed there—and as they want to go there, it seems desirable that they should be assisted. The Society's ship is expected to sail first of May and can carry six hundred and fifty of them. Donations should therefore be made at once and sent in sums, large or small, to Rev. W. McLain, D. D., Financial Secretary, American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.

MR. GOLDWIN SMITH IS COMING.—Mrs. Goldwin Smith, to correct inaccurate report, that are afloat, writes from Oxford, England: "I am going to devote myself to the study, and, if after due study I feel equal to the task, to the composition of American history. With this view I shall probably take up my abode in the United States in the course of the present summer. My undertaking necessarily implies a prolonged residence in the country where it must be carried on. But I am not going to seek naturalization in America, or to cast off my allegiance to my own Sovereign and my native land."

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JOHN W. BARNDOLLAR,

Bloody Run Station, Jan. 31, 1868. 3m.

In view of the frauds developed in the Senatorial contested election case just concluded, and of the frauds proven in the contested election cases in Philadelphia, and of the fact that the immense Democratic vote in the Luzerne and Schuylkill mining districts, is now known to have been cast on false naturalization papers, it is not a piece of impudence in Judge Sharwood to remain on the Supreme Bench. There is not a doubt that Judge Williams was fairly elected, that he had a majority of the legal vote cast, and that he should now sit on the Bench of the Supreme Court. If George Sharwood is the man of honor he is claimed to be, he should blush to hold a place which nine out of every ten honest men in the State believe was secured for him by the frauds of his partisan supporters.

State Guard.

The strength of the British army, exclusive of the forces in Ireland, is 156,650; of the militia, 134,037; of the volunteers, 154,689; of the yeomanry cavalry, 16,185—total 441,561. To support this force Parliament was asked to vote about 15,000,000. The *Pall Mall Gazette* supposes that fifty per cent of these troops, in round numbers a quarter of a million, could be brought into the field.

We find the very "cool" paragraph annexed in the *Tioga Agitator*, of Friday: "We see that Judge Woodrow is alluded to as 'Bombardeus Furioso.' We should as soon allude to the Polar Bear as a tropical expander. The man has more heat in his blood than a Samoan. The impulse he ever had is to tie an extra knot in his party-songs. Whenever he enters a room the mercury falls to zero; house plants freeze, and the servant piles on wood or coal."

Wong has at last been received from Africa that Dr. Livingston is still alive, and this time there can be no mistake, since the information comes from the intrepid traveler himself, in the shape of a letter to Sir Roderick Murchison. The doctor writes that he is in good health, that his expedition has been completely successful and that he expects to return to England at an early day.

CASSIUS M. CLAY, late minister to Russia, is expected to reach New York on his return home, in a few days. It is said that he intends to stump Kentucky, his native State, for the nomination of the Chicago Convention. Mr. Clay is an eloquent and effective political speaker, and will, no doubt, render efficient service to the good cause in that political debate.

The reports from Washington that have been industriously circulated for some time, to the effect that a number of the Republican Senators had given out intimations that they would probably vote for the President's acquittal, are entirely discredited by well informed persons. The indications now are that a solid Republican vote will be cast in the Senate for his conviction. The loyal people of the nation will say amen!

Some rich developments are expected during the progress of the President's defense. It was expected that the managers would have included Grant and Stanton among their leaders. It is stated that they have been held in reserve for putting testimony after the defense has closed. Sumner does not want to be called away from the War Department to testify in the case. He intimates that possession of the building will be seized by the President during his absence.

On MONDAY Mr. George B. Vashon, colored, Allegheny, Pa., was admitted as a lawyer in the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington. Judge Nelson administering the oath. Here a railroad track makes it very inconvenient to drive a carriage through the street in which it is laid. The rail is a deep groove into which the carriage-wheel drops, and from which it is extricated only at the risk of braking the wheel or the axle.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

HENRY Ward Beecher returns an income of \$38,248.

HENRY Plate, one of Barnum's Albino children, is dead.

Gov. Geary has signed the bill repealing the liquor law of last year.

SENATOR Yates' condition has been such that, since the impeachment trial began, he has been rarely in his seat, and has not once voted. His friends, both at home and in Washington, are insisting that he shall resign.

The Bishop of the M. E. Church have set apart Friday, April 24th, as a day of fasting, special prayer, and intercession before the General Conference, the highest council of the church.

CONCERNING the practice of sleeping in church, Henry Ward Beecher says: "If a man is compelled to lay down in a flat rail, with a projection in the middle, which keeps the grooved wheel of the carriage in place, Carriages are thus not incommoded by the least by the railroad. Here a railroad track makes it very inconvenient to drive a carriage through the street in which it is laid. The rail is a deep groove into which the carriage-wheel drops, and from which it is extricated only at the risk of braking the wheel or the axle."

GENERAL Meads in Georgia, and General Shepherd in Alabama, have issued orders directing the suppression of the murderous rebel secret society called the "Klux Klan."

The song "Tramp, tramp, tramp," was composed by a prisoner confined in the Iowa Penitentiary and was first written on the walls of his cell with charcoal. It has netted the publisher thousands of dollars, but not a cent to the author.

A FOX-LEDGED miller at Logan, Ohio, one day carelessly suffered his hand to be caught in a revolving shaft. Bracing himself promptly, his hand went by the roots. In will hereafter have but little trouble in shaking.

Mrs. SWISSEWELL says there is a great row brewing among the female members of loyal families, growing out of the question as to who shall be first lady in the land—Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Grant, or Mrs. Sprague. Swissegolden

Col. WM. MILLIS, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, at Pittsburgh; declines becoming a Republican candidate for Congress, on the invitation of 1,400 citizens of the 21st District.

The *La Croix Democrat* says that the New York World is every day doing the Democracy more injury than any Radical Journal in the country, and with its damnable heresies is accomplishing untold evils." It also calls its New York contemporary a "viper."

In the Ohio Legislature, a few days since, Christopher Hughes, esq., of Butler County, a sturdy Democrat delivered a speech in which the following passage occurred: "I would rather trust the Democratic party in political matters than God Almighty!"

REV. HENRY GREEN has been unanimously elected President of Dickinson College, of New Jersey, to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden resignation of Rev. Dr. McLean. Dr. Green, who is a nephew of Hon. N. W. Greenlate, Chancellor of New Jersey, is a Professor in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The bill before the United States Senate, regulating the mode of empanelling United States juries in the trial of cases where the United States is party, is regarded as quite important. It authorizes jurors to be summoned and empanelled who live outside of the district and State where the case is to be tried. This will allow the courts in the cases of Surratt and Jeff Davis to summon jurors from any of the States in the Union. The original opposition to this bill came from the Democratic side of the Senate, but it is said they suspect that the bill was drawn for the especial purpose of meeting the cases of Surratt and Davis. The bill was finally passed by a vote of 57 to 8.

The Copperheads are making a great noise over the recent trials, and yet they have not even tried any blue-bird, swallow, martin or other insectivorous bird, at any season of the year. Dear few, &c., are only to be found killed during the months of Sept. & Oct. and Nov. & Dec. and Jan. & Feb. and Mar. & Apr. & May. The birds are not to be found in the month of June.

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The Deseret News urges the Saints to withstand the temptation of the newly discovered gold mines on the Sweetwater, and to turn their attention to agriculture. The mines, it says, are "a curse for a man to be led into" to be a latter Day Saint. It is this wisdom that has made the saints so prosperous.

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THOMAS D'ANGEL MCGEE, a distinguished lawyer of the Canadian Parliament was shot dead by an unknown assassin, at the door of his house, in Ottawa Canada, at half past two o'clock yesterday morning. McGee had just left the Parliament House. There is great excitement in Canada over the assassination, and threats of retaliation are made against the Fenians, who are accused of complicity in the crime. A Fenian rising and raid are also feared.

COL. JOHN B. BACHELIER, of Boston, has constructed the most perfect bath, pines ever executed in the field of Gettysburg. Its twenty-five square miles were surveyed, and the location of every hill and grave carefully determined; and instead of the topographic symbols, the region is represented with minute accuracy. The position of rebel troops was gained from wounded officers in hospital, and of our troops by personal visit to each regiment engaged.

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