

The Columbian and Bloomsburg Democrat

BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY MORNING DEC. 24, 1869.

AS THE COLUMBIAN has the largest circulation of any paper published in Northern Pennsylvania...

On Saturday last Secretary Boutwell announced his intention of selling three millions of gold between this and the first of January.

Radical financiers may be a good thing for somebody but that somebody isn't the people. Selah!

GOLD at 1209 or thereabouts and business firms going down by scores—such is the news which reaches us from New York.

It is with the deepest regret that we learn of the appointment of the man, Edwin M. Stanton, who has broken more laws than he ever read, to the important, but no longer honorable position of Associate Justice in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senator Lowry on Geary. The reporter of the Harrisburg Patriot has been interviewing State Senator Lowry, and the following is given as the result.

AS TO GOVERNOR GEARY. I want no quarrel with his Excellency. He treated Mr. Brewster shamefully, but let that pass. I want no trouble with the Governor. I have trouble enough with the "ring."

His undue anxiety to be re-elected led him into many acts which are not defensible. Geary dreaded the power of the "ring" more than he feared or trusted the people.

THE WIT OF COVODE. Covode told me he had witnessed so much political fraud and rascality during the last campaign that he hoped he would not die within the next six years.

THE CASE OF SCHEPPE. Governor Geary will hang Scheppe if he can. The man may be guilty, but a Scotch jury would say, "not proven."

"PUT YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE." Charles Reside's dramatic story, will, it seems, continue to delight the readers of THE GALAXY during the greater part of the next year.

THE GALAXY'S programme for 1870 is, in other respects, a very inviting one. A new story from Mrs. Edwards, the author of "Susan Fielding," "Archle Lovell," etc., and one of the very best female novelists writing the English language, is promised, to begin, probably, on the completion of Mr. Reside's story.

We have received the December number of "The Practical Farmer" published monthly by Paschal Morris, 18 North 13th St. Philadelphia.

Congress. FRIDAY, Dec. 17th. In the Senate yesterday, a resolution was offered to close the account of Col. J. W. Forney, which was adopted.

THE RANTZ MEETING. ITS CAUSE.—Nathan J. Hess, (a government witness, now dead), testified on the trial of D. M. Henry, that on the morning of the 14th of Aug. about 7 or 8 o'clock, Rantz notified him of the meeting; that he went to Rantz's through curiosity to see what was going on.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18th. In the Senate, yesterday, among the measures introduced were bills to abolish the franking privilege and substitute postage stamps and stamped envelopes for official correspondence.

TUESDAY, Dec. 21st. Both Houses of Congress assembled yesterday. In the Senate, Mr. Schurz introduced a bill to reform the civil service of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22d. In the Senate yesterday, a brief executive session of the House Census bill was taken up, re-committed and a joint resolution adopted suspending all existing laws in regard to taking a census until Feb. 1, 1870.

THURSDAY, Dec. 23d. The Senate after an executive session adjourned to January 10th 1870. The House after some discussion of no general importance also adjourned to Jan. 10th, 1870.

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CONFIRMATORY OF THIS EVIDENCE was the testimony of a number of other witnesses examined upon the trials for the prosecution and for the defense. But we shall confine ourselves to the testimony of government witnesses, and in addition to the statement of R. L. F. Colley given in our 19th number, will cite those of two others made in the M'Henry trial.

SARAH RANTZ SWORN: I saw defendant at Tabbs' Hotel. She was sick in the bar-room where the child was born. I was called in to take care of the child, and washed it three times; she said R. L. F. Colley was there, and a large, healthy male child, and was born on the 26th of October, 1869. I am not a physician.

JONATHAN HETHERINGTON SWORN: Live near Ringtown. Became acquainted with Nankervis and wife on the 31st of November. They had a child, and she told me it was a boy, and she called it "Tragena."

CHARLES LINDEMUTH SWORN: Am son of Benjamin. I was not home on 4th of August. I was in Catawissa Valley, where the child was found. As I was coming home saw the child lying under the log; I went toward it and put my hand upon it, and it moved, then I went back, and waited until it came. The child was wrapped in flannel.

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ANDREW LINDEMUTH SWORN: I met them on Wednesday, with bag and something like a child, on the road near Hetherington's, and when on Sunday read without child on Thursday, about a mile and a quarter from Hetherington's. They did not stop to speak to me.

WILLIAM R. TUBBS SWORN: I live in Rupert, in Columbia county. Mrs. Nankervis came to my home on the 26th of October, when she went to Centralia; Tuesday afternoon they both came back to the house, and she appeared to be very nervous. I saw her in the bar-room until she could be removed up stairs, which was accomplished by Nankervis and a doctor.

DANIEL L. STAUFFER SWORN: I am Deputy Coroner and Justice in Union township; held an inquest on the body of a child on the 17th of November, and the charge was: It was placed under a log; had to push the log back to get the child; there was blood on the child's face; it had a mark on its forehead from a knot in the log against which it had been lying; the upper part of its dress was wet; about 16 inches of the lower part of its dress was dry, and had been wrapped in the flannel, which was dry, except where the child laid in it; the child seemed to be two weeks old, a big fat child, and was wrapped in a blanket, and when I found it; the child laid under a rod from the creek, on the opposite side of the log; all its clothes and underclothes were wet.

TRIAL OF REV. SAMUEL R. NANKERVIS AND WIFE. On Tuesday morning the District Attorney called on the case of the Com. vs. Samuel R. Nankervis and Mary J. Nankervis, alias Tragena—Infanticide. The whole morning was occupied in empanelling a jury, and the following persons were duly sworn or affirmed, viz: Wm. B. Reber, Nathan Herb, Kline Morris, George Heffer, William Forney, John Bressler, Adam S. Haas, Christopher Broad, Benjamin Harris, Aaron Arts, Howard Edmunds and George Paxson.

THE TRIAL OF JOHN RANTZ. The same witness, being more fully examined, testified with still greater completeness on this point. He said, "It was reported around by different persons that soldiers were coming up to help some citizens who had been trying to take drafted men, and that they would burn the buildings of those that they were drafted and of them that resisted. There was no opposition made or resistance offered to the soldiers when they came up."

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ANOTHER MINING HORROR. HAZLETON, DEC. 18.—A terrible mining accident occurred this morning at 6 o'clock, at the village of Hazleton, near this place. At the hour named the community was startled from slumber by a loud noise, caused by the caving in of a log No. 1 of Linderman & Skeer's coal mine.

THE RESIDENTS OF HOUSES NOS. 3 AND 4, Mr. Philip Weheran, his family and boarders, and the family of Mr. Wm. Morris and boarders, were saved from a terrible death by a singular circumstance. A dog by the name of Mr. Wm. Morris awoke the family by its persistent howling and barking. One of the men rose for the purpose of ascertaining what all the noise was about, and discovered that the house was sinking.

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LEGAL NOTICE. The undersigned has entered bonds as Executor of the estate of John F. Hetherington deceased, and has been appointed administrator of the same.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, the following real estate is offered for sale at public sale, on Saturday, the 27th of December, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the residence of Benjamin P. Hartman, administrator, etc., of Andrew and Elizabeth Hetherington, deceased, the following described valuable real estate to-wit: A certain lot of land, situate in the Township of Hazleton, in the County of Columbia, Pa., containing about one acre and nine-tenths of an acre, and bounded as follows, to-wit: Fronting on Market Street, and extending back to the rear of the lot, and bounded on the west and north by the lot of Andrew and Elizabeth Hetherington, deceased, and on the east and south by the lot of Andrew and Elizabeth Hetherington, deceased.

BRICK DWELLING HOUSE. Brick Kitchen attached, Brick Ice House and Spring House, Coal House, etc., a large Frame Dwelling House, 100 feet long, and other outbuildings, in a part of the estate of said deceased, situated in the Township of Hazleton, in the County of Columbia, Pa., and bounded as follows, to-wit: Fronting on Market Street, and extending back to the rear of the lot, and bounded on the west and north by the lot of Andrew and Elizabeth Hetherington, deceased, and on the east and south by the lot of Andrew and Elizabeth Hetherington, deceased.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid on the day of the sale, and the balance on the 1st of January, 1870, on the confirmation of sale; the balance to be paid in cash, or by note, on the confirmation of sale, with interest on the same from the date of sale, and the balance to be paid on the 1st of January, 1870, on the confirmation of sale, with interest on the same from the date of sale.

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