

The Columbian

BLOOMSBURG, PA. Friday, January 29, 1875.

Pope Pius IX has proclaimed a general jubilee for the year 1875, extending throughout the Catholic world.

Hon. Wm. P. L. Walker, of Marcy, has been elected President of the Locomotive Mutual Insurance Company, in place of Joshua Bowman, Esq., deceased.

Advertisements closed in upon us with a rush. By next week we will be able to fill our columns with many that we could not when we will be able to give our usual quantity of reading matter.

The U. S. Senator elected from Nebraska, the regular Republican nominee, is said to be a member in politics, having been an adherent of President Johnson and an irregular supporter and opposer of all parties. His name is Padlock.

The Hasleton Sentinel gave representative Fincher, of that locality, great credit for his "frankly protest" against the election of Frank Bessant as State Senator, and that when Fincher willed on the subject the Sentinel had to take back its praise. Still goes.

The Commissioners of Luzerne county are acting for an act of the Legislature in extending from grand jurors, concerning bridge subjects, all persons who may be personally benefited by their election. We are of opinion that few bridges would then be built by counties. If passed the law must be a general one.

Speaker Patterson has at length announced the committees of the House of Representatives. Mr. McHenry is on Elections, Bureau Statistics and Compare Bills. Mr. Ryan on Ways and Means and Mining. Mr. Achenbach, of Clinton, (formerly from Columbia) on both the important committees of Ways and Means and Federal Relations, and Insurance.

A Radical tax collector in New Orleans, a leading friend of Pinchback, killed the Assistant Secretary of State, on the 24th inst, with a large knife. The latter had attempted to shoot the former, but his pistol missed fire. Both were taken to the hospital, and are in a light colored condition. Another array might now be sent to Louisiana.

Delaware has re-elected Hon. Thomas F. Bayard to the U. S. Senate by a unanimous vote of her Legislature. He is one of the ablest and most successful men in that body, and commands an influence in the Senate second to no man there. Probably no man in the nation is better fitted for the Presidency than he.

Upon examination of the Wayne county Herald will find that the COLUMBIAN was accurate in its statement about the proposed increase of salaries of county officers, if the Philadelphia papers gave a correct statement of the bill. It is not the practice of Legislatures in these days to reduce salaries—increases is the order of the day.

The Pottsville Standard urges the nomination of Hon. James Ellis, of Schuylkill county, as the next Democratic candidate for Governor. Mr. Ellis served several years in the State Legislature with ability and distinction, and in all respects acquitted himself most honorably. He would do honor to our State as a good Governor.

Hon. George Scott, of Columbia county, has been elected President of the State Agricultural Society. We need not tell the people of this county who he is or what are his merits, but will say that the choice is eminently fit to be made. Notwithstanding the fact that as day's service between two row handles, whose money he is capable of, he will no doubt make an efficient President. The time and place for the next State exhibition have not yet been fixed upon.

They had a close contest for U. S. Senator in the Michigan Legislature, notwithstanding the Republican majority of 20—Zack Chandler, whose money he is capable of, attends him to public favor and who has already served two or three terms in the U. S. Senate, was the regular nominee of the Republican caucus, but was beaten by J. P. Christianity, by a vote of 67 to 63. What the successful candidate is we do not know, but it is utterly impossible that anybody else in Michigan could be as mean a man as Chandler.

A Republican Congressman who vented to reconstitute with Gen. Grant about the danger to the party resulting from his Louisiana action was severely rebuked with the declaration "I could be re-elected to-morrow." Those who are in a situation to know say that the President has such an idea of his personal popularity that he has no doubt he can be re-elected for an indefinite number of terms, no matter what he may do as regards public measures. If he tries it again he will change his mind.

In Massachusetts, Henry L. Dawes, Republican, was last week elected U. S. Senator, which is an immense improvement upon anything that the blue-bellied State has had in that body within the last twenty years. Although an able Republican, Dawes is a gentleman and has disposition and courage to fight many forms of corruption, and withal has much energy.

His election is a surprise. Last winter he and Horvath divided the party so equally that the Democrats held the balance of power and prevented the election of either. This year it was supposed the same result would follow, but a majority of Horvath's friends for some unexplained reason caved and Dawes was elected. Butler and Dawes now lead Massachusetts, in place of the snob aristocracy of Boston who kept Sumner and Wilson in that position.

The contract for post office scales just concluded by the Government with the Messrs. Fairbanks, is said to be the largest contract of the kind ever entered into in the world. In a similar on the subject the contractors say the fact that in every capital of Europe, in the chief cities of India, in some barbaric China and Japan, and all the great American railroads, in the small pioneer stores on the western frontier, in the large establishments of our merchant princes, and in the laboratories of our men of science, the Fairbanks Scales is the standard, must have influenced the decision in favor of the champion scale-makers of the world. This is the largest contract for scales ever made in the world, and it is a matter for congratulation that the Postmaster-General acted as he did in the award. If the same principle were adopted in all the government contractors a beneficial impetus would be given to American manufacturers in first-class goods. The footing obtained by the Fairbanks Scales in Great Britain is an honor to our country, and that it has become the Government scale is due to its merits.

The Political Power of Corporations. One of the evils, in which is embraced a vast amount of public injury, attending the existence of powerful corporations, is the fact that they always aim to control government and to enrich large sums of money from public treasuries. A bad characteristic of this fact is also that they aim to control officials and official bodies by the corrupt power of money. Having once corrupted public officers to serve their ends, the officers of course remain corrupt as to all things, and continue to swindle the people in every possible form. An example in point is the Pacific Mail Steamship company. It paid seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as its own books show, to effect the passage of a bill through Congress giving it ten millions of dollars from the United States Treasury. And to this amount of systematic corruption must be traced the bad action of our State Legislatures for years past. First they were corrupted to serve Railroad purposes, chief among which were the sale of the public works, which in this way perhaps a proper measure, but the passage of the bill in the case was effected by corruption of the most glaring and raffish character. This was followed by the repeal of the tonnage tax, by means of the boldest and most direct bribery. This was naturally succeeded by the corruptions and recklessness incident to war times, and at almost any time it is possible for the Republican party, built on that foundation and maintained by the prodigal and illegitimate use of public and corporate money. A huge Railroad corporation steadily came to own the Legislature and nearly all branches of the State government. It controlled at will, not only Legislatures, but nominating conventions, often of both parties; it appointed State Treasurers and used the money of the people in the Treasury to the personal profit of its officers, to carry elections by the introduction of an immense system of fraud at the ballot box; it appointed U. S. Senators, who became its representatives instead of representatives of the State; it made the accounting officers for the State; it screened its Treasury officials, and it sought to crush, still seeks to crush, and to a great extent succeeds, every public man and every newspaper that attempts exposure or resistance. It aims at exclusive and (practically) imperial power, by stifling all honest action by public men, giving bold notices to the timid, and selling to its desires and abandoning all ideas of constitutional government. It looks upon the tax payers as the legitimate and most promising objects of plunder, and it will try to crush every public man who does not give assent to the sentiment. This powerful corporation largely makes our Judges, our Senators, our Congressmen, our Legislators, Governors, State officers, and all officials who have control of important public offices—and corrupts them all.

Next Governor's Election. The election for Governor next fall in Pennsylvania will no doubt be one of the most exciting political contests that ever took place on this continent. Upon its result will probably depend the Presidential election of the next year, and the future existence of the Republican party. It will be politically a death struggle. The defeat of the Republican party then will be its utter destruction and annihilation as a political organization. With the State and Federal Governments in their hands, with all the power and plunder in their grasp, and with their bread and life at stake, of course the Republican leaders will leave no unemployed effort to obtain success. The Democracy will not be idle. Encouraged by their recent victories they will make superhuman efforts to crush their great foe. The struggle must necessarily be fierce. Now is the time to prepare, and our Democracy should keep themselves well posted in regard to current events. THE COLUMBIAN essays to discuss all current questions of public importance; to keep a close watch of parties and public men, and to report their actions and conduct faithfully; to advise its readers of all that is done or proposed to be done by Congress or the Legislature that affects the public interest, besides giving all the current news of the day, local and general. Its readers, therefore, when the great political contest of next fall arrives, will be thoroughly posted on all subjects that will enter into it, and will be well prepared to meet the issue in all its phases.

Columbia county ought to be able to give from 2,000 to 2,500 majority to the Democratic candidate, and will do so with proper effort. The very basis and most potent element of successful effort is a thorough circulation of faithful and industrious party newspapers. All experience shows that the local paper is the best and most effective for this purpose. May we not therefore appeal to our Democratic friends everywhere throughout the county to see that the COLUMBIAN is in the hands of all the Democratic voters? Not for our personal interests, for these little or no profit on subscriptions, but with the direct view of swelling the Democratic vote. Now is the time to prosecute this work. Let every active Democrat feel his duty to send in five or ten names and as many more as he can. They need not be accompanied by advance payment, all kinds of names will be accepted, and there is no postage to pay on county papers. With proper effort the party in Columbia county can be so organized that every Democratic vote may be made available and the majority as largely increased as to make it one of the most important and influential counties in the State. Spirit and energy is all that is required. Share the effort be made?

Congressional. The Radical leaders are having a grand time at it in Washington. The carpetbaggers demand the passage of the civil rights bill and authority to Grant to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, which would end in retreating several of the southern States back to a territorial condition. As there was opposition to this in the Republican ranks a caucus was called, and under the leadership of Gen. Butler it was agreed to propose the radical bill to the Speaker, and to take a bill from the Speaker's table, strength in bulk, and this enables the latter to pocket the bill or more of the amount paid by the State. This is a gross abuse, and if the Speaker and Clerks of the House are honest men they will see that it is corrected. By the courtesy of Mr. McHenry we are entitled to a copy of the *Record* every day and if it does not come in that way it is a nuisance. We hope somebody will see to it that there is some decency practiced in regard to this business.

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The election of Mr. Wallace to the Senate of the United States was the resignation of his seat in the State Senate. We believe it is held that he used not resign until the commencement of his new term, (March 4, 1875), but if that be a valid explanation of the law, we do not see why he may not resign in the State Senate until he takes the oath of office of U. S. Senator. As the latter body will probably not meet until next winter, we see no use in his resignation until the close of the session of the State Senate.

We are to judge the present Legislature, like disease, by the symptoms it exhibits, no reform need be looked for. Nothing of practical importance has as yet been done or proposed, except the election of U. S. Senator. The State is industriously at work passing a bill to increase the number of judges of the two Houses, although there are already so many that they can scarcely find enough to do to amuse themselves. In the House, the committee have at length been announced, and a laughing batch they are. On Friday both Houses adjourned until Wednesday, to give the members a chance to have a gay time in Philadelphia.

We still have great hopes of the reforms of the new Constitution, because the powers of the Legislature are so largely circumscribed, but look for none from the Legislature itself. The burden of increasing the number of members is fatal to its usefulness, and must be rectified at the earliest opportunity. Until that is done, and the large pay demolished, any material good that will be done by the body will be purely accidental. The sessions should also be limited to sixty or ninety days and all arrangements for more than a day prohibited.

The whole Democratic party appeals to its members to be faithful in their votes on all questions. Let them, at least, make a faithful and honest record. The party demands it of them.

In Northumberland county they are applying for an additional Law Judge. Of course there are cases where the increase of business makes this action very familiar, nearly all with which we have become familiar, the reason for the application is simply the incompetency of the President Judge or the mere greed of aspirants—lawyers who are said to make \$5,000 or \$10,000 per year at the bar anxious to go upon the bench at half that figure. Northumberland but a few years ago was one of four counties forming a two, finally a district by itself, and now an extra Law Judge is being applied for, and business makes all this necessary, they want twenty Judges there within the next ten years!

After Johnson Elected U. S. Senator. After a severe struggle and upwards of fifty ballots ex-President Johnson was elected U. S. Senator by the Legislature of Tennessee on Tuesday last. Two years ago he was defeated by money furnished by the administration, and the same game was attempted at this election. But the feeling in behalf of his election, in view of the recent governmental outrages in Louisiana, was intense, and his success was greatly favored by Grant and the Republican leaders in Washington. He will now be a member of the court to try Grant before he was himself tried a few years ago. His presence at Washington as Senator will be most distasteful to the Radical leaders because they will be encouraged by their recent victories they will make superhuman efforts to crush their great foe. The struggle must necessarily be fierce. Now is the time to prepare, and our Democracy should keep themselves well posted in regard to current events.

United States Senators Elected. In addition to the names elsewhere noted as having been recently elected to the U. S. Senate, there are the following: Francis Kierman, Democrat, New York, in place of Fenton, Liberal Republican. He is said to be a very able man. T. P. Randolph, Democrat, New Jersey, in place of Stockton, Democrat. He is also an able man. J. E. McDaniel, Democrat, Indiana, in place of Park, Republican. Gen. Barnside, Republican, Rhode Island, in place of Sprague, Republican. The only improvement is that Barnside is not a Yankee.

In Wisconsin and Minnesota, both of whose Legislatures contain Republican majorities, all efforts to elect have so far failed.

An irrepressible genius whose name—Haines, editor of the *Williamson Democrat*, is about opening out into a Democratic daily in that city. If any body can keep up such an institution there and make it pay it is Haines. Once upon a time a stranger on horseback overtook President Jefferson on the road, also on horseback. The subject of politics was introduced and the stranger abused Mr. Jefferson in unmeasured terms, personally, intellectually, morally and in every possible way. The philosopher-statedman listened at first but made no reply. Finally the stranger asked the name of his companion. "Thomas Jefferson," was the modest reply. With eyes opened to their utmost tension, the stranger replied, "my name is Haines," and sinking his spurs deep into his horse, he plunged into the world. Neither he nor his horse ever heard of afterwards until his lineal descendant turned up in Williamsport and is now to serve that goodly city with a Democratic daily. Haines will succeed—it is in him—he is a genius, and makes a good paper.

The *Legislative Record* is a publication that would be useful (particularly to editors) if properly mailed at Harrisburg. It should reach those to whom it is sent every day, but in place of that it usually receives from three to seven numbers in a single roll, and often four or five rolls together. These of course are never even opened, and are of just the value of waste paper. We are informed by an anonymous correspondent of Harrisburg, that the States papers are existing in numbers, but the papers and folders pay by weight in bulk, and this enables the latter to pocket the half or more of the amount paid by the State. This is a gross abuse, and if the Speaker and Clerks of the House are honest men they will see that it is corrected. By the courtesy of Mr. McHenry we are entitled to a copy of the *Record* every day and if it does not come in that way it is a nuisance. We hope somebody will see to it that there is some decency practiced in regard to this business.

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Prepare for War. The President last week sent a special message to Congress urging the thorough arming of the military defenses of the seaport cities, and their improvement elsewhere. As these are only useful in case of foreign war, it is suggested that the President may be determined to free a war with Spain. We apprehend, however, that even if this be the object, the money kings will reveal war between the United States and any foreign country.

Important Election Decision. In a contested election case in Venango county, Judge Trunkley, one of the clearest and ablest Judges in the State, decided several points of much public interest. 1st. In one case he has fixed the place for holding the election at an old school house. A new one had been built at about 300 feet distance, to take its place, and the officers held at election of the latter. The Judge rejected the return deciding that "if an election be held without necessity, at a different place from the one designated by law, the entire poll must be rejected."

2d. The law disqualified persons in the service of the United States from acting as election officers. In one case from a postmaster had served as such and on this ground it was sought to throw out the return.

While the Court condemned in plain terms the gross violation of the constitution and the laws of the State on the part of individuals who assume and perform the duties of an office for which they are disqualified, and said such men should not be allowed to escape a penalty, if one can be found for the offense, it held that the action of these officers was valid, and the election held by legal.

The remaining question at issue related to the legality of the votes of unregistered persons who were not required to produce proof of their qualifications at the time of voting. On this point Judge Trunkley's review of authorities was full and elaborate. The gist of the decision is that, "under the act of 1874, the vote of a person, whose name is not on the registry list, without the proofs of qualification, is illegal when received, and cannot be made legal by evidence of qualification on the trial."

Therefore it is plainly the duty of election officers to require proof in all cases from persons offering to vote, and to name as not on the registry list, and that fact should be kept in mind for future occasions.

EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE. THE ALBANY FOR FEBRUARY, the most beautiful of Art Journals, is published by the Albany Art Association. Its engravings are of the highest quality. A look at "Keeping the Peace" will carry any of its friends. "The Commemorative" and "Hunting the Stag" are all national, expressive, life-like and true to nature. The literature of the number is equal to its pictures. Subscription tickets, at 50 cents, entitle the holder to the volume for a year, and entitle the new owners, and to tickets in the distribution of art premiums. THE ALBANY COMPANY, publishers, No. 55 Madison Lane, New York City.

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STATEMENT. SHOWING the amount of indebtedness, the amount of interest, and the amount of principal, of the various bonds and mortgages, of the various banks, and of the various other financial institutions, of the State of Pennsylvania, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1874.

Table with columns for Name, Amount, and Interest. Includes entries for Bank of Northampton, Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., and others.

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