

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, PA. Friday, Dec. 17, 1880.

That part of President Hayes' message which speaks of having accomplished so much reform in the New York Custom House will be read by Vice President Arthur with exciting interest.

Mayor Cooper of New York City on Friday last sent to the board of Aldermen the name of Adam Campbell for controller, in place of John Kelly. A bitter debate ensued, but the nomination was finally confirmed by a vote of 13 to 8.

Edward Rickard, formerly of Cincinnati, but for two or three years reporter on Chicago papers and lately connected with the press in St. Louis, shot his landlady, Mrs. Lina Wilson, a few evenings ago because she would not go to the theatre with him. The ball shattered the lower jaw and passed into her neck, inflicting a serious wound. Rickard was arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

Another terrible mining accident occurred last week in Wales, resulting in the loss of thirty-two lives.

South Wales, in which the disaster occurred, is getting a fatal pre-eminence in colliery disasters. Scarcely two years have elapsed since the terrible explosion at Abercrombie, in which 300 out of the 357 people in the mine were killed. This disaster, one of the most terrible on record, occurred on September 11, 1878, at Abercrombie, near Newport, in Monmouthshire.

This catastrophe absolutely demolished whatever standing-ground Mr. Conkling may have had. But what does that honorable gentleman do? Does he drop the subject, or does he endeavor to show Mr. Bayard that the judgment he had formed from the preceding fact and opinion of the House on Mr. Bayard's last letter is dated November 21, in the Press of December 11, but under date of November 29, Mr. Conkling publishes a letter, over his own signature, with those of Messrs. Arthur, Boutwell and Davis, in which he makes this astonishing statement:

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C. December 14th, 1880.

We did not have a first week of the House of which any one—Democrat or Republican—could be proud, but there is a promise of better things hereafter. What is known as the Morgan resolution to control the election count may pass before February, when the vote will be counted. This decision, which is permitted to interfere in the meantime with so imperatively necessary things as appropriation bills, the refunding bill, the re-appointment bill, etc. There is no reason why it should not. In the debate yesterday on the resolution, which was permitted only because the refunding bill was not quite ready, Mr. Reed, of Maine and Mr. Davis of North Carolina took the principal parts to-day, the refunding bill will be considered, and one or two more appropriation bills probably reported.

Every editor lives to have his friends, and particularly his readers, call on him. They belong to the same family, as it were. But when you call to see the editor don't stay too long. Editors are generally very busy during business hours. If you have any suggestion to make or news to communicate, state it in as few words as possible. Don't offer any excuses or indulge in a long preface to what you have to say.

When you write to an editor for publication, make it short—hit it down. Pitch right into the middle of your subject and be sure to stop writing when you are through. Editors always like something fresh and original in the way of communications and are especially fond of news. But the editor must always be the judge of what is worthy of publication. Of course, every writer thinks his own production the best, just as every mother thinks her baby the prettiest that ever was born. But the editor may be so stupid as to have a different opinion. If so, it can't be helped. Don't try to argue him out of his notion. If he is too stupid to appreciate a good thing you can't expect to remedy his dullness.

General Grant was well received last evening in this city. The formal part of the arrangements were all in the hands of the "boys in blue," a radical organization which the General commands. To-night, another demonstration of the General's friends will be made. He will stay but a few days. It is said that the money has already been subscribed.

Harvard Conkling.

If Messrs. C. A. Arthur, Roscoe Conkling, George S. Boutwell and Noah Davis were common ward politicians, their extraordinary "card" in the Press of Saturday would have attracted little attention. But one is Vice President elect of the United States, another is a United States Senator and a third has been a Senator and Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and when men holding such positions accuse another of falsehood the natural presumption would be that they had reason for their accusation. And yet it is made evident by the correspondence between them not only that this attack upon Senator Bayard was without justification, but that Senator Conkling at least, who is evidently the instigator of this strange performance, knew that the joint statement was both uncalculated for and untrue.

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The iron ore mines at Rittenhouse Gap, Longwamp township, Berks county, are among the most productive in the State. The greatest depth to which a shaft has been sunk is over 200 feet and the ore is of superior quality.

It is charged in Shannandash that the proceeds of a ball gotten up there for the purpose of assisting the widow of John Siney, at one time the king of the coal regions, instead of being given to her, were devoted to the payment of the expenses of a Green Back parade.

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Among the vagrants who applied for relief to the police authorities of New York City last week was a young man named Rudolph Rucker. When called upon to give an account of himself, he said that his father was the principal of a college at Darmstadt, and had given him a first class education. He speaks Greek, Latin, Hebrew, French, English, German and Italian, and when put to the test was found not to be an exaggerator of his accomplishments. He had come over to this country to turn his attainments to account, and had met with poor success.

The number of old men who have gone crazy over marriages with young ladies in England lately is exciting wonder and fun. The latest is a divine of 82 with grandchildren already married. He is rich in losses and fishes outside the spiritual vineyard, and is what a managing mother-in-law or a business-minded dame would consider a good catch. The lady is only 18, and was baptised by her future spouse when he had a quiverful of grandchildren running about.

Andrew Gage informed a neighbor at Danville, N. Y., that his mother had fallen into a cistern and was drowned. The neighbor said he ought to get her out at once because she might be resuscitated. But Andrew replied that it was too late, and she was surely dead. She was rescued, however, and when she began to revive Andrew said he shouldn't wonder if he should accuse him of pushing her in. He was right, for she made the charge with the first breath she could command. He had induced her to stoop over the cistern and remove some leaves, and then tumbled her into the water, unloosing her hands when she grasped the wall for support, and finally hitting her on the head with a stick to quiet her. She had a few hundred dollars but he was impatient to inherit.

Probably fifty years hence there will be abundance of trees in the West. Agricultural nations are rapidly awakening to the necessity of planting them. The Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad Company has begun the planting of hundreds of acres of trees on its lands.

Items.

Gough has been lecturing twenty-five years. The late Mary Shields, of Philadelphia, bequeathed \$75,000 to Pennsylvania's charitable institutions.

Hancock received more votes in Ohio than any Republican ever received up to 1850. The estate of the late Governor William of Indiana is estimated to be worth \$100,000, of which \$75,000 is invested in farming lands.

Senator Thurman is spoken of as the only politician whose name was never connected with that of a railroad.

General Mahone, the readjuster from Virginia, has chosen his seat on the Democratic side of the United States Senate chamber.

The Delaware Legislature will be asked to create an office by which the records of the marriages, births and deaths in that State may be kept.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Commonwealth vs. Cawless supervisors. Case continued.

Commonwealth vs. John Getkin and David Getkin. Verdict not guilty.

Road in Franklin township near John Maus. Report confirmed finally.

Road in Fishersburg and Orange township near D. Achenbach. Report of viewers confirmed finally.

Road in Benton township near T. B. Cole's mill. Report of viewers confirmed finally.

Estate of Win. S. Evans. Inquest confirmed finally.

Estate of Collins Sattell and Jacob Sugars of inquests confirmed finally.

Commonwealth vs. Mottine and Smithers. Reasons for granting a new trial filed.

Commonwealth vs. Johnna Fowler. And on December 9th, 1880, the court sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of five dollars and to the Overseers of the Poor of Centre township, Columbia county, to pay the costs of this prosecution; also to pay to Martha Powers the sum of three dollars for lying in expenses and the sum of fifteen dollars for the support of the child from his birth to this time; also to pay the sum of one dollar per week in quarter yearly payments for the support of the child until it shall attain the age of seven years and to give a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, with approved surety to the overseers continued for the maintenance of the child and to stand committed in custody until it be confirmed finally.

Commonwealth vs. Stephen Dietrich, jr. Jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault with intent to commit rape.

Commonwealth vs. German & Drake. Recognition of German and Keller in \$500 each for appearance of defendants at next session.

The Locust Mountain Coal and Iron company vs. James Monaghan et al. In equity. The plaintiff's counsel enter an order that the bill be entered pro confesso.

Commonwealth vs. George Grant. Jury returned a verdict of guilty in manner and form as he stands indicted.

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