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The United States Senate is equally divided. This gives Vice-President Arthur the casting vote. This will require him to attend to the duties of his office, and prevent him from passing his time fishing as Wheeler did while fraudulently occupying the position.

A short time ago Judge Woodward rendered a decision that Catholic convent property was exempt from taxation under the constitution and existing laws of Pennsylvania. An appeal was taken and the case has already been heard in the Supreme Court. Judge Woodward's decision was reversed by the higher tribunal and no small importance is attached to the final disposition.

The following bill has passed second reading in the State Senate:

An act forbidding overseers, guardians or directors of the poor of the several counties, cities, boroughs and townships of this commonwealth from receiving or retaining in any almshouse or poor-house children between the ages of two and sixteen years, and providing for the care and disposition of the same.

THE PAY OF LEGISLATORS.

In answer to an inquiry from the Auditor General as to the pay of members of the Legislature, Attorney General Palmer has written an opinion in which he declares that the act of Assembly giving those officials \$1,000 for a session not exceeding one hundred days, and \$10 a day thereafter for a period not exceeding fifty days, unconstitutional. It is now eighty eight days since the Legislature convened. There were sessions held on fifty three days, twelve weeks were Sundays, seven days there was no quorum, and sixteen days, no session. The House only passed thirty-seven bills out of five hundred presented, and the Senate only forty seven out of two hundred and fifty, but hardly twenty have yet reached the Governor, and yet after this enormous waste of time, the Legislature expects to continue its session for fifty days longer after the expiration of one hundred days, for which each member wants ten dollars a day, when they could have done all that was necessary to be done before they worked hourly and laboriously to the present time. We believe that Attorney General is right, and hope that his opinion may be enforced. It is high time that a heavy hand is placed upon this body, and an end is put to this squandering of public money to pay men who do not earn one third of what they receive. The Legislature is under Republican control. Much of the time wasted was caused by the fight over United States Senator, and much more by their filibustering, and if a Republican Attorney General can prevent his party from taking a large amount of money from the State Treasury, we will be entitled to the thanks of the whole people for the honest discharge of his duty. Below we append an extract from his opinion.

"The act of 1874 first provides a salary of \$1,000 for a session not exceeding one hundred days. If the session continued but half a hundred days the salary of \$1,000 would be earned, and doubles would not be declined. It then allows a per diem compensation of \$10 for such additional time as shall be necessarily spent beyond the hundred days, thus giving both a salary and daily pay. The limit is limited to fifty days, but the right to provide additional compensation beyond the salary for fifty days implies the right to confer it for three hundred days or as long as the general assembly may choose. Nor is this suspicion of sudden political conversion confined to the South. It may be accepted, we think, as a settled principle in the drift of American politics that the masses of both parties regard with distrust any sudden change of front by their political leaders. A resolution to effect this must commence at the bottom and work up to us. We are illustrating this by many instances of change by public men of great ability and unquestioned probity, of whom there was never cast the suspicion of sordid motive. They carried with them few followers. This was especially conspicuous in the Greeley campaign. If this is the result with the best and bravest of American statesmen, how much stronger will it be in a case where every attendant circumstance points to downright and undeniably corruption, as in the treachery of Mahone."

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Next Thursday evening has been fixed as the time for holding a special session to consider the bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. There are many anxious but hopeful Temperance people around here who I am afraid are destined to be disappointed. This Tuesday afternoon being the time fixed for the consideration of the bills repealing the Recorder's office of Philadelphia both bills were taken up and passed on second reading by a viva voce vote. From all indications there will shortly be one less office in Philadelphia.

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The Harrisburg *Patriot* seems to take a great interest in the welfare of the Legislators, and regularly "goes for" Attorney General Palmer in his opinion concerning their pay. The *Patriot* is a good news paper but it always takes care to look out for number one. In Harrisburg it is considered the proper thing to keep in the good graces of the Statesmen.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

HARRISBURG, March 29th, 1881.

The row which was stirred up in the House last Monday evening when the irrepressible Charlie Wolfe after the old timed fashion succeeded in working up the boys, was indicative of more trouble to follow later on. The repeal of the Recorder's act was the prime cause of this disturbance, the unruly element of the House opposing the proposed legislation and thus compelling the friends of the bill to filibuster in its favor, again when the bill was legitimately reached on the calendar for first reading the ruling spirit of the present lowgrade House dropped out in characteristic style. The grave business of legislation which tempts the correction of one of the most ardent abuses extant in the ring censured city of Philadelphia had given to the introduction and consideration of the following nonsensical resolution, which I quote in full as a specimen of the kind of high toned measure introduced: "The consideration of the Recorder's appeal bill being in order, Mr. Hazard offered the following:

"Resolved, That the Philadelphia *Times* in the issue of Monday gave notice that to day the legislative circus would exhibit at the Capitol; and Whereas, It is plainly apparent that the *Times* aforesaid did not properly publish the programme as made out for the circus managers aforesaid; be it

Resolved, therefore, That hereafter before any programme is enacted upon the floor of the House by the circus aforesaid that the order of exercises be suspended until the arrival of the clown from the Philadelphia *Times* whose appearance on the tan shall be heralded by a howl from all circus animals.

Thus they gloried in their own shame.

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