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Some of the Illinois papers are trying to get up a boom for John Logan for President. A worse candidate might be found but the probability is most remote.

Hon. Frederick T. Feylinghuysen of New Jersey was, on Monday, nominated and confirmed as Secretary of State. The white plumed knight from Maine is now open to an engagement. It is said, that Grant will choose one of the remaining cabinet officers. Surely this is to be a Stalwart administration.

John Cessna has concluded not to contest the election of Judge Baer, but proposes to sue Judge Hall for libel. A live man is Cessna, always presenting some novelty for public consideration. His mission on earth does not extend beyond "whooping up" the Republican ticket, if he could only be convinced of it.

We call the attention of our readers to the article on the first page of this paper, entitled "Zach Chandler on Hayes." It is a scathing indictment of the fraudulent President and gives some illustrations of his meanness and duplicity not before known. Coming from such undoubted authority as the veteran Stalwart Senator the exposures are worthy of note.

Congress has not yet fairly settled down to work. The House is waiting for the Speaker to appoint the various committees, and this it is said will be done until after the holidays. The session was not in session from Thursday until Monday. In the Senate on Tuesday the session was devoted to the discussion of Mr. Pendleton's bill to regulate the civil service. In the House a large number of bills were introduced, among them one to repeal the internal revenue tax on matches, bank checks, cigar, snuff and spirits distilled from apples and other fruits. Before the end of the session was half completed 756 bills had been referred to committee.

Congressman Strait, of Minnesota, has received a telegram signed by the postmaster, sheriff, and two prominent citizens of St. Peter, saying there was a woman in that town who was a servant in the family of Mr. Scoville Guitteau's brother-in-law and counsel, last May, and that she heard the possible murder of General Garfield discussed by members of the family at that time. Mr. Strait placed the telegram in the hands of the district attorney and vouches for the responsibility of the persons who had signed the message. It has been privately reported here for some time that Guitteau had communicated to the Scoville family his intention to kill the President before the 2d of July, when the murderous shot was fired.

DEATH OF COL FORNEY.

Col. John W. Forney died at his home in Philadelphia on Friday morning last after a brief illness. He was born at Lancaster, September 30th 1817. He entered a printing office when a boy and for the remainder of his life was connected with newspaper work. In 1857 he founded the Philadelphia *Press* and to that journal the best of his editorial labors were given. He earnestly advocated the election of James Buchanan to the Presidency and contributed in no small degree to the success of the Democratic ticket. Subsequently he opposed Mr. Buchanan's administration and thereafter served with the Republicans. At the last election he warmly espoused the cause of Gen. Hancock. At the time of his death he was editor and proprietor of the *Progress*, a newspaper of more than ordinary merit. Col. Forney had filled an important place in the journalistic and political world that his loss will be keenly felt. He possessed rare abilities both as editor and politician, and was a man of ripe culture in literature. The world is poorer for his death and it will be hard indeed to fill his place. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and the body was interred in Laurel Hill Cemetery. The pall bearers were General W. S. Hancock, Hon. W. D. Kelley, General D. E. Sickles, Hon. S. J. Randall, Hon. E. B. Hart, Hon. A. G. Curtin, Colonel A. K. McClure, George W. Childs, Daniel Dougherty and Lewis C. Cassidy.

THE ASSASSIN'S TRIAL.

The evidence given in the trial of Guitteau for the past few days has shown his utter depravity in the strongest light. He seems to be utterly destitute of all moral perceptions and his life has been one of the most despicable character. He grows more insolent every day and not only interrupts witnesses and counsel but is outrageously abusive. His brother, John W. Guitteau, has had more or less to say, and there have been several family quarrels. Rev. Dr. R. S. McArthur, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York, testified as to the disreputable character of the assassin, who had been guilty of every imaginable offence against decency. Guitteau was very noisy and impudent. The trial was adjourned from Friday until Monday. Dr. Edward C. Spitzka testified on Monday that Guitteau was insane, but the cross examination was so searching as to do away with the effect of the testimony. Guitteau was exceedingly exasperated and paid no heed to the rebukes of the court. It is becoming quite apparent that the assassin is perfectly sane and is playing a part to induce the jury, coupled with a desire to keep himself before the public. In the court room on Monday some person called out "shot him." Warden Crocker has received recently a number of anonymous letters advising him to remove the prisoners from the wing of the jail in which Guitteau is confined, so that in the event of a dynamite explosion no lives except that of Guitteau will be endangered.

On Tuesday Dr. Spitzka was again on the stand, but his testimony was not important. Dr. Fordyce Barker of New York testified that he believed Guitteau was sane. Samuel B. Phelps, a broker of New York, was the next witness and was outrageously insulted by the assassin. Guitteau's behavior grows worse daily.

On Wednesday Rev. J. L. Withrow D. D., Charles A. Bryan and Henry M. Collier were witnesses. Their testimony was damaging to the character of Guitteau and he became furiously angry and abusive. The sickness of a juror brought the case to a close for the day.

TERrible TRAGEDIES. TWO LIVES BY WHICH HUNDREDS OF LIVES WERE LOST—SHOCKING MISMANAGE- MENT.

One of the most frightful disasters ever chronicled occurred in Vienna on Thursday evening of last week, when the Ring Theatre was destroyed by fire and nearly all those in the building burned to death. The origin of the fire is not known but it was probably from the fall of a lamp on the stage. No less than 580 bodies have been taken from the ruins and the official list of the missing is 917. There were two or three hundred ballet girls upon the stage clad in light dresses and all of these perished. The scene is described as terrible in the extreme. The frightened people fought madly to gain the doors and scores were trampled to death before the flames roared them. The stagehands were literally choked with bodies. In one gallery it is estimated that there were 50 persons, and none of them escaped. There is great indignation in the city as individuals have revealed the greatest blundering and mismanagement.

The grand jury made final report as follows:

To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Columbia county:

The grand inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inquiring for the body of the County of Columbia, respectfully report that we have, pursuant to our required duties calmly and deliberately investigated all the bills of indictment presented for our consideration and have passed upon them according to their merits. We have also examined the county buildings and find them in good condition, except some needed repairs around the Court House, and that the water closets in court yard are in a filthy condition.

GERALD HOWER, Foreman. Exceptions filed to widow's award presented in estate of Edward Haffey.

Cyrus McHenry, L. K. Appleman and Abram Dildine appointed viewers of a road in Pine and Greenwood.

Sold in estate of George Leith and bond approved.

Petition for citation filed in estate of Adam Gable.

Commonwealth vs. R. F. Howell. Formation and bastardy. Case tried. Verdict guilty. Usual sentence.

Sheriff Ent acknowledged the following deeds:

J. Comstock and M. S. Williams, land in Orange for \$20. Sold as property of John Stiner.

Clark Merrill tract in Greenwood, to Anna Haffey for \$7,000.

Edward Haffey lot, Centralia, to Sarah Haffey for \$700.

William Watts land in Franklin, to Charles Reiter for \$700.

Sold in estate of John Hicks.

C. W. Miller appointed guardian of Ralph R. Aul, a minor.

Sale of real estate ordered in estate of Peter Appleman and bond filed.

Sale of real estate ordered in estate of Samuel Rhone.

Commonwealth vs. Freas Guina. Recognition of defendant and John Guina in \$100 for good behavior of defendant for one year. Same in case of Samuel Jones, Jr.

Moses Howser, J. Kostenbauder and W. Stoker appointed viewers of a road in Catawissa, near W. Keffer's.

Following sales of real estate were confirmed thus: Estates of Philip Miller, Collins W. Sutliff, George Hollenback, Mary Cleaver, W. White and William Verry.

Writ of partition will be issued in estates of George Breece, John Kline and David Beaman.

Samuel Kiser appointed viewer of a road in Pine, near George Stockhouse's, in place of W. R. Demott, who is unable to act.

Road in Benton township, near T. B. Cole, confirmed finally.

Recognition of Charles Brown, Daniel Geiger and Stanley Ellis entered to keep the peace for one year.

Auditor's report in estate of Jonathan George, confirmed nisi.

Auditor's report in estate of Alexander Garrison, confirmed nisi.

Sale of real estate ordered in estate of W. L. Linn.

Road in Franklin, near Thomas Ashworth, confirmed finally.

Road in Sugarloaf, near Jess Fritz's confirmed finally.

Road in Roaringcreek, near W. Dresbach, confirmed finally.

Report of bridge inspectors, near Kimble's hill, confirmed finally.

Report of bridge inspectors near E. J. McHenry's, confirmed finally.

Petition for widening road in Eay at John Hummel's house presented. Jas. C. Brown, P. Billmeyer and John K. Girtton, approved viewers.

Inquest on body of John Connors, in Centralia, approved.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. McGinnis, Charge, Arson. Plea guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, costs of prosecution, and undergo one year and three months' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Sale ordered in estate of Benjamin Balme, Auditor's report in estate of E. J. Thornton, confirmed nisi.

John Horne, Gera Hower, Wellington Yeager, Robinsius Herbel, Daniel Morris and John Brofe appointed inspectors of a bridge in Locust near Esther furnace.

John Horne, Henry Applegate, William Harlan, J. B. Cornelson, I. C. Purcell and E. A. Doty, appointed inspectors of a bridge in Pine near Joseph Shoemaker's.

Petition for the appointment of a commission to review the ground for an independent school district in Catawissa township filed.

Also petition for commission for independent district in same township, known as McIntyre's, filed by Jas. J. Brower, J. C. Brown and I. B. Rupert appointed.

G. W. Supplee, A. K. Smith and Conrad Kraemer appointed viewers for site of bridge over Little Fishingcreek between Pine and Greenwood.

Allen Mann, M. Slicher and J. Moss appointed viewers for road in Catawissa near Pine and Greenwood.

Report of Auditor in estate of D. W. Robins, confirmed nisi.

A. P. Watts vs. Columbia County Saving Fund. Verdict for plaintiff for \$85.60.

Phoebe Wolf, et al. vs. J. Wood and wife. Verdict for plaintiff for \$485.20.

Samuel Bogart vs. B. H. Karns. Verdict for defendant.

John M. Clark, et al. vs. County Commissioners. Petition presented for change of venue.

Henry Moyers vs. O. D. L. Kostenbauder. Verdict for plaintiff for \$49.85.

Sheriff acknowledged deed to Evan Buckle, land in Centre township for \$1550.

To A. B. Herring for one-half interest of lot in Orangeville for \$350. Sold as property of Calvin Herring.

To Geo. Hascot for lot in Bloomsburg, sold as property of S. Jacobi for \$1205.

To W. Lord for lot in Orange for \$109, paid as property of J. P. Rice.

John Appleman, John Betz and C. H. Dietrich, appointed viewers of a road in Mt. Pleasant, near Joseph Gilbert's.

R. Buckingham, Esq., appointed auditor of public accounts.

Catawissa school district case continued until 17th inst at 9 a.m.

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You may rest assured that you are safe in being speedily cured by Thomas' Electric Oil in all cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, toothache, etc. One trial only is necessary to prove its efficacy.

Commonwealth vs. F. P. Evans. Assault and battery. Case tried, verdict not guilty. Samuel Swepnicher, prosecutor and defendant each half the costs.

Commonwealth vs. B. Kester. Not a true bill. F. Gail, prosecutor, to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Pat Murphy. Assists and battery. Recognition entered for appearance at next court.

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Commonwealth vs. Richard Henry and Philip Stover, supervisors of Hemlock township. Charge, non repairing roads. True bill.

Commonwealth vs. W. Rockle and J. Muselman, supervisors of Scott township. Case tried. Verdict not guilty, costs to pay.

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