

THE COLUMBIAN.

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Garibaldi, the great Italian General, is dead.

The supreme court has ruled in a case from Norristown that borough ordinances prohibiting the erecting of wooden buildings are inoperative.

Senator Mitchell has refused to pay the campaign assessment laid by the republican congressmen in this in this he appears to practice what he preaches.

A ratification meeting of the Independent Republicans will be held at Pittsburgh on next Tuesday. Senator Stewart, Col. Duff, Col. McMichael and Major Merrick are the speakers for the occasion.

What a pity it is that Dorsey is so busily engaged just now, in trying to keep himself out of the penitentiary! He might have been very useful this fall in assisting Cameron to conduct the campaign in this State.

George Lear, chairman of the Harrisburg Convention, addressed a letter to Thomas Cooper, on June 3, in which he says: "I am glad to hear that you are going to the State Convention to meet again on June 21st and that is nothing but a Cameron affair."

D. S. Elliott, a delegate to the Harrisburg Convention, from Bedford county, refuses to attend the meeting called by the chairman of the State Committee of the 21st of this month, to nominate a candidate for Congress at large. He claims that the functions of that body ended when it adjourned sine die, and no one has the power to call it but the people. What a middle they are getting into.

There is great excitement in the oil regions over the new wells that are flowing at a rate heretofore unheard of. One well gives 1,500 barrels a day and another one 900, and the oil is running away for lack of tankage. For the last five years the supply has exceeded the demand, and has accumulated in the storage tanks until upwards of 30,000,000 barrels are held in these receptacles. The result has been to send the price of oil down to a very low figure.

The candidacy of Hon. Charles R. Bucklew for Congress has been received with great favor by the people throughout the election congressional district. It does not suit some of the politicians who have an eye on the prize, quite so well, but this is the people's year, and they will take it with such a man as Mr. Bucklew in the field there will be but small demand for the average candidate. It is to be hoped that there will be no contest for the position, in Columbia county.

A Washington correspondent says that Don Cameron and Logan have quarreled. The occasion was on the question of the retirement of General Sherman. Don is a member of the senate military committee, and as he is a nephew of Sherman's by marriage all his influence has been thrown in the doubtful general's favor. A few weeks ago the military committee held a meeting at Cameron's house. During the discussion which ensued Cameron opposed the bill. Crossing over to the latter's seat, and shaking his head like an angry bull, Logan exclaimed, "I thought you were a man of your word; I'll never allow you in the future to make an agreement in committee only to break it in open session. I shall fight Sherman with all the energy of my soul." The bill will come up again as unfinished business, and a large sized row will probably ensue before the matter shall be finally settled. Don is reported to have said that he did not propose to have Sherman retired; to which Logan said that he (Cameron) might lose the small fry politicians of Pennsylvania, but the sort of thing was played out in Washington; that Sherman had long since passed the age fixed in the bill and ought to be on the retired list now. It is very probable, however, that Cameron will carry his point and have an exception made in Sherman's favor. The southern democrat, particularly Butler and Hampton, dislike Phil. Sheridan intensely, and as he would be commander-in-chief of the army in the event of Sherman's retirement, it is safe to assume that enough votes from that party will be cast in Sherman's favor to make his enforced retirement impossible.

THE COURT HOUSE.

The Commissioners of Columbia county on Tuesday last, as stated elsewhere, awarded the contract for building an addition to the Court House, to Hawke & Co. of Danville. This firm no doubt includes experienced builders, but as there were five other bidders, all of them lower than Hawke, and all of them practical builders, it does not appear why the contract was awarded to the highest. It cannot be because he offered better security than the other bidders, for after he had secured the contract he was looking around town for one to go on his bond. At the first letting for the new jail in 1877 the contract was awarded to Charles Krug at \$56,975, although J. R. Diehm & Co. of Pottsville bid \$41,075, and the reason given by the Commissioners was that Diehm's bondsmen were all out of the county. The present board of commissioners let the Court House to a party who lives out of the county without asking who is offered as security. The letting of the jail at \$16,000 more than the lowest bid was followed by an uprising of the people, and a suit in court the commissioners were enjoined from carrying out their action. In the opinion filed in that case Judge Elwell says: "The general government in the letting of its contracts has adopted the lowest bidder principle. As before stated, it is the statutory rule in several of the largest and most wealthy counties of the State. It is the safest for the public, as well as for the contractor of the officers to whom are entrusted the public interests, and therefore ought to be adopted."

And again, "In the exercise of a sound discretion it was the duty of the Commissioners to have made such inquiry as was necessary to put them in possession of the facts in regard to the lowest bidder for this work." In the face of the fact that the law as laid down by the Court, are the tax payers willing to permit this repetition of the fall job to be carried out?

A Shameful History.

The public has long been aware of the inefficiency of the American navy, and morally attached to the Navy Department, but few will be prepared to learn the extent of the organized system of fraud and barefaced robbery as disclosed by the information furnished in answer to Mr. Hewitt's resolution calling for details of the condition of the service. The names of sixty-eight steamers are reported, and the Department officially declares that to "make them efficient to engage in battle with an enemy of the same general classification" would require \$23,524,141. Eleven of these steamers could not be repaired under a year; some of them would need two years for overhauling, and fifteen are reported not worth repairing. The dilapidated condition in which our war vessels are is a shameful history, but when it is known that this disgraceful condition of the navy is owing to the fact that the appropriations have been misapplied, and that this system of plunder was carried on under the administration of a Secretary who is now chairman of the Congressional committee which controls all other advances of money for the Department, the people have a right to be indignant. During the eight years Mr. Robeson was Secretary of the Navy, according to the report of the committee of the House of Representatives, the aggregate cost of repairs on the navy was \$149,000,000. A single instance shows how the money was spent. The hull of the Tennessee appears to have cost originally, in round figures, \$855,000; her engines and machinery, \$764,000, in the time of war. The aggregate cost of repairs on the hull since she was built to October 1881, is reported at \$14,000, of which Secretary Robeson spent in eight years \$583,000. The aggregate cost of repairs on her engines and boilers in the same period was \$76,000, of which Mr. Robeson managed to spend in his eight years \$450,000. She cost, hull and machinery, originally \$1,799,000. She has had expended on her repairs on hull and machinery \$1,390,000. This during 15 years, and of this Mr. Robeson spent in his eight years \$1,030,000, leaving only \$360,000 for repairs on hull and machinery during the whole remaining period; yet the Tennessee has been in active service almost the whole time since Mr. Robeson left the Navy Department, and should have needed proportionately costly repairs year by year.

Many of the ships have been repaired at a cost of one half and two-thirds their original outlay, and are now utterly worthless except for scrap iron. Yet it will be remembered that, while under Robeson as Secretary of War the Department was a mere nest for plunderers, the Republican party stood by him and voted him extra millions to squander upon the specious pretext of apprehended war with Spain, and subsequently placed him in the position he occupies to-day, where his influence is paramount in deciding upon navy estimates and expenditures.—Philadelphia Record.

The Labor Strike.

The present labor strike, extending to fully one hundred thousand men in a single channel of industry, is the most remarkable of all the many labor disturbances of the past. While it covers the Western part of the State and all the country from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi, the large iron industries of eastern Pennsylvania and Philadelphia are not affected by it, although they are embraced in the same organization that has taken issues with employers. Another exceptional feature of the strike is that more than one hundred thousand men decline labor at the wages they received when the iron market was better than it is now, while thousands of other laborers are discharged from employment because declining business compels the reduction of labor. It is, indeed, an anomalous condition of affairs, when the Pittsburgh ironworkers strike for increased wages, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the unerring barometer of trade and business prosperity, discharges its labor roll to the number of many hundreds on the line west of Pittsburgh, and many hundreds on the line between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. These anomalous facts are not in accidental coincidence. They go to the very marrow of the issue, and show that the controlling factors in solving the grave problem that now vexes employers and employed.

It is evident that the present strike cannot last long. Its large proportions are the best guarantee against a protracted struggle, and the end will, as it always has been, the attainment of justice or approximate justice between the disputants. If our present declining markets and diminished demand for the products of our striking industries shall continue, there will be no increase of wages, and intelligent leaders in the labor movement will speedily so understand it. If business shall exhibit signs of revival and increased demand for iron, employers will yield and pay the increased rates until another depression shall come; or, if there may be a permanent business improving and demand increasing? Every intelligent and dispassionate observer of the currents of trade, must confess his fears that the products of our industries are more likely to be cheap than dear, for some time to come; and if such apprehensions shall be realized, the labor strike will simply deplete the treasury of the labor organizations until they are exhausted, and then the present or reduced wages will be accepted. In short, the strike will be successful if there shall be a permanent demand for iron at prices which will warrant the increased wages demanded, and it must be unsuccessful under all other circumstances.

It is creditable to the labor organizations of the country generally, and especially those in Pennsylvania, that they have scrupulously maintained law and order in their dispute with employers. In Milwaukee they have degraded themselves and forfeited public sympathy by turbulence and violence, but in Pennsylvania and Maryland there has been no shade of lawlessness. As long as labor shall make its issue for increased wages within the law, none can complain of its action. Whether wise or unwise, it is the exercise of an unquestioned right; but whenever it assumes to limit the rights of others who may choose to contract for themselves, or to resort to violence in any form, it becomes its own worst enemy and the enemy of public and private safety. There are evident signs of a peaceful issue in this section of the country. It may be delayed for weeks, but the prudent expressions heard from those who can speak responsibly for both sides give reasonable hope of a peaceful and perhaps cordial determination of the dispute.—Philadelphia Times.

NEWS ITEMS.

F. E. Beltaover has been re-nominated for Congress by the Democrats of Cumberland county.

Do not be deceived. Insist on having the genuine Brown's Iron Bitter made only by the Brown Chemical Co. and take nothing else.

Mr. James Mitchell, of Clearfield, last week ran the largest raft down the Marietta that ever went out of the West Branch river, it being 340 feet long and contained 15,303 feet of lumber.

HOW WOMEN LEARN.

Women everywhere use Parker's Ginger Tonic, because they have learned by experience that it overcomes dependency, indigestion, weakness in the back and kidneys, and other troubles of the sex.—Home Journal.

The amount of capital invested in Philadelphia enterprises, according to the official census returns, is \$170,495,191. The total amount of hands employed is 73,862.

The tents at Mountain Grove camp-meeting ground are being painted in two colors, which will add greatly to their appearance. The camp-meeting seasons are to be extended to ten days, instead of one week, as has been the custom.—Sunbury Gazette.

HEARTILY RECOMMENDED.

Don't condemn a good thing because you have been deceived by worthless nostrums. Parker's Ginger Tonic has cured many in this section, of kidney and nervous disorders, and we recommend it heartily to such sufferers.—Niles.

The Stalwart State convention at Harrisburg neglected to pass a resolution of thanks to one Charles J. Giteau for his services to the party, and yet there could not have been a Stalwart convention and a Stalwart ticket nominated if it had not been for Giteau and his little battle. Stalwart Republicans are ungrateful.—Bedford Gazette.

Miss Lydia Woodward, daughter of the late Chief Justice Woodward of Wilkes Barre was married last week to Col. E. H. Hancock, of Philadelphia. They will make their homes in Philadelphia.

Wm. McCartney, 89 Lloyd Street, Buffalo, N. Y. fell and sprained his ankle. His employer, H. Anderson, 94 Main Street, procured some Thomas' Electric Oil, and he says that a few applications enabled him to go to work as usual.

The Sunday News Dealer, will make its appearance next Sunday with eight pages and will continue thus in its enlarged form.

Hon. Robert P. Allen, of Williamsport, is the orator at Lafayette College at their commencement, this month. The exercises commence on the 25th of June and continue until the 28th.

"REUMATISM," Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

The wheat crop will be exceedingly large this year. In Michigan 'tis said the crop will exceed that of the exceptional year of 1880 by at least a million bushels.

The trial of the Malley and Blanche Douglas at New Haven, Connecticut, for the murder of Jennie Cramer, has been postponed until June 13th on account of the illness of a juror. In case of his death the whole trial, which has occupied several weeks, will have to be repeated.

A citizens meeting was held in Williamsport on Saturday last to consider the question of repairing of Third and Fourth streets. A resolution was offered that if the citizens living on Third and Fourth streets would raise one third the amount of expense, and finish another third to be refunded to them in taxes, then the council should pass an ordinance that the street be repaired. The resolution was lost, and hence the streets will not be repaired. The expense of repairing is put at \$45,000.

Keeping a Room.

A look into the girls' room will give one an idea of what kind of a woman she is probably become. A girl who keeps her clothes hung up neatly, whose room is clean always, will be very apt to make a good wife and a successful woman. Order and neatness are essential to our comfort as well as that of others about us. A girl who throws down her things anywhere will do things in a slovenly, careless way. A girl who does not make her bed, and who leaves her dinner and wash dishes lying about, will never be a good wife. A girl who does not make her bed, and who leaves her dinner and wash dishes lying about, will never be a good wife.

IRON DALE FURNACES, FOR SALE!

The Bloomsburg Iron Company offer for sale at a low price, their furnaces and all their real estate and mining rights in Columbia and Snyder counties, Penna., with or without their chartered property. Also, such parts of their stock and other personal property as purchasers may desire. For further information apply to C. R. FAYTON, President, Bloomsburg, Pa.

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