

The Columbian.

FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF WOLVES, WILD CATS, FOXES, MINKS, HAWKS, WEASLS AND OWLS, IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, etc. That for the benefit of agriculture, and for the protection of game within this Commonwealth, there is hereby established the following premium for the destruction of certain noxious animals and birds, to be paid by the respective counties, in which the same are slain, namely: for every wild cat two dollars, for every red fox one dollar, for every mink fifty cents, for every weasel fifty cents, for every hawk fifty cents, for every owl, except the Screech owl or barn owl, which is hereby exempted from the provisions of this act, fifty cents.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of any person, having killed any animal or bird mentioned in the first section of this act, and who is desirous of availing himself of the premium therein provided, to produce such slain animal or bird before any magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace of the county, in which the same was killed, and make affidavit of the time and place of killing the same.

SECTION 3. Upon the destruction of the ears or heads as aforesaid, the magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace shall give to the person producing such animal or bird, a certificate of compliance with the provisions of this act directed to the commissioners of the county, in which such animal or bird was slain, which certificate shall contain the following facts, the kind of animal or bird killed, when, where and by whom killed, and the date by whom and in the presence of what elector the ears or heads of animal or head of said bird was destroyed, and upon the production of such certificate, the said commissioners shall give an order on the county treasurer for the payment of the premium or premiums provided by the act, and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to issue the same.

SECTION 4. If any person shall willfully and fraudulently collect any premium or premiums provided by this act, or shall aid, assist or abet in any official capacity, or otherwise, in the same, he, she or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, they shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and undergo an imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. Any or all laws, or parts of laws, inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

ROBT. E. PATTON.

THE PRESIDENT DECLARES IN ITS FAVOR.

In a recent interview President Cleveland said, concerning the eight hour law: "I believe that law is a sound and good one and that it should be enforced to the letter. I have no information regarding instances of its violation or evasion, but if such instances are presented to me I will see that the abuse is remedied and the law enforced."

But after all, the beginning of sorrow. There are cart loads of books upon evidence, civil and criminal, upon Bankruptcy, upon Liens, upon Affidavits of Defense, Mechanics' Liens, Saving Fines, Married Women's Divorce, the Domestic Relations and almost every other subject with which the courts are called upon to deal.

It is manifest that the money invested in books and book cases is enormous, far beyond that it should be or need be, and it is in this matter especially, where revolution and reform are urged, that a few considerations and figures will show what could be done and what soon must be done.

There are forty members of the Bar in Columbia County, and it is safe to say that there are twenty-five complete sets of the Reports of our Supreme Court in the county, and also numerous incomplete ones; together with several thousand volumes of outside Reports and text books of the law. Including the collection in the Bar office in the Court House, it is safe to say that there are law books in Columbia County cost not less than thirty thousand dollars; and many of them are duplicated, as it were, more than twenty times over.

The cases and shelves for the care of these books cost more than a thousand dollars. This is a dreadful waste of money. Ten thousand dollars would probably pay for all the separate works and reports in all the libraries in the county; and ten dollars a piece annually would keep the library stocked with all the necessary current law literature.

If all the law libraries in Bloomsburg were put into a joint stock concern, with duplicates of the Reports, and a proper and convenient building erected for the purposes, the tax for law books, which now runs to hundreds of dollars a year, would be a mere bagatelle. The capitalist who would erect such a building would make a profitable investment, and all parties would be benefited. Take a building in which three or four law firms are tenants; hire the books, and before a year the light room for a common library, one fourth as many books as are now provided by them would be enough, and they would have the use and advantage of a large library at small cost.

Fifty volumes of working books would be all that any lawyer would need in his office; and he could examine his authorities at his good leisure, at his table in the common library room, and with the use of five times as many books as he could own himself.

His stock in this library concern would be valuable, and could be sold to new members; and those desirous to come in and use, for a few hundred dollars, a library worth thousands. J. G. F.

ing a large apple tree that stood in the yard and seating herself in the fork of the tree. There she would remain for hours, reading some favorite book. At this time she was familiarly called Johnny Cleveland. She did not forget her friends after leaving here, either, but has kept up correspondence ever since. Letters have been received from her by these families since she has been living in the White House. She has also sent them her pictures and they have received invitations to visit her at the capital.

"A lady at Muncy attended one of her receptions at the White House. The hostess promptly recognized her and said: 'Are you here May?' Don't go away, I want to have a talk with you."

"Do you think Rose has much influence with Grover?" the gentleman was asked.

"Has she? You can depend upon it she has. Why one of her old friends here thought he would like to have a position in the Patent Office. He wrote to Miss Cleveland, expressing his desire in that direction, and almost by return mail he received a letter conveying the coveted appointment. Oh, yes, she has plenty of influence with Grover."

"It has been claimed that Miss Cleveland had helped write the message do you think she did?"

"Well, I heard a lady who is well acquainted with Miss Cleveland and who is thoroughly familiar with her literary style, say: 'If the President's sister did not write three-fourths of the message then I am wrong in mistaking that I've ever been in my life before.'"

The same gentleman assured the Telegram correspondent that Miss Cleveland while with the Muncy Seminary displayed a strength of character, a self-reliance and a determination that attracted attention at the time, and those who then became acquainted with her have not been surprised at the prominence she has since attained, aside from the distinction involved in being the mistress of the White House.

Mr. Muncy are naturally very proud of having known a lady who is now in such an exalted position.—Enid Telegram.

CONCERNING LIBRARIES.

And especially concerning law libraries, in which it seems to me a great revolution and reform might and should be made. The small, compact and neat law library is a thing of the past. Of the making of law books there is no end. Subjects are subdivided and large and expensive volumes written upon branches which, a few years ago, were sufficiently treated in a chapter or division of a volume. On one single subject, that of "Corporation" legislation and litigation, have evolved hundreds of volumes, and railroad reports are coming to be a nuisance, and a cumber of the shelves.

And what is still more frightful they are being produced by the Courts and the reporters by the dozen a year.

Every large county in the State must have its legal journal, and the weekly issues are forced upon the attention of the Bar of the State, and support vehemently. I do not mean to say these publications are of no value—far from it. It is the fact of their value to the busy lawyer, and the trouble, for that matter, that must be admitted that much of the matter in them is mere padding. Still they exist and in most cases give good reason for continuing to exist. And it is to be feared that instead of diminishing they may increase, though the new editions of the County Court Reports is a step in the right direction, and may prevent some bad abuses.

The date of our first reported Supreme Court case in Dallas is 1754, and to 1854, one hundred years ago, there were only eighty-six volumes issued. From 1854 to 1884, only thirty years, there are eighty-six more, and these do not include Grant and Pennsylvania.

And if to these we add the side reports, making several hundred volumes more, it can be readily seen that we need not go outside of Pennsylvania to overwhelm the poor country lawyer with books, and distract the judges with conflicting decisions which are called authorities, and altogether making confusion worse confounded. But in addition to all this, the reports from sister States and of the Supreme Court of the United States are thrust upon us; and as if there were not yet enough, the "American Decisions" begun in California, and propose to go to 1854, one hundred years ago, and there are twenty-five volumes issued. There are cart loads of books upon evidence, civil and criminal, upon Bankruptcy, upon Liens, upon Affidavits of Defense, Mechanics' Liens, Saving Fines, Married Women's Divorce, the Domestic Relations and almost every other subject with which the courts are called upon to deal.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25, 1885.

Skirmishes between the President and the Republican Senators; lively debates in the lower branch of Congress; notable speeches in the Senate; a Convention in behalf of the Mississippi river; and another by the National Board of Trade are features of the week at the Capital.

The controversy between the President and the majority in the Senate has reached an interesting point, and there is prospect of a political debate at that end of the Capital this week. The Republicans of the Senate determined long since to make such trouble for the President and his party as they could. They will take every advantage within their reach to perplex and annoy the Administration.

They assume this course to be a political end in itself, and to hamper and embarrass the President in all the arts of obstruction and legislative chicany. They were drilling for this onslaught on the persons and policy composing the Administration.

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Northampton County during 1885 granted 32 divorces.

Pink-eye has made its appearance in Reading on Saturday.

Dandelion sold at 10 cents a plate in Reading on Saturday.

The new carpet factory at Bristol is rapidly nearing completion.

The new Lutheran Church at Lititz will be dedicated on February 14.

The deposits in the National Banks of Reading amount to \$8,903,063.

Pittsburg's cemetery has been tested and is now ready for business.

A large skating rink at Beaver Falls is to be converted into an opera house.

Eight divorces were granted at the last session of Crawford County Court.

The Quakertown creamery consumes about 6,000 pounds of milk per day.

The ice on the Susquehanna below Columbia is reported to be 3 to 4 feet thick.

A disease among horses has broken out in Pennsburg Township, Chester County.

The free bridge question is agitating the minds of the average Connellysburg citizen.

In various places in the State skating rinks are being transformed for theatrical purposes.

The Commissioners of Crawford County have fixed the tax levy at seven mills for the present year.

The twenty-four banks in Lancaster County have an aggregate capital and surplus of \$4,200,000.

A Union County youth recently drank a pint of whiskey and started to run two miles. He fell dead at the end of the second mile.

Four hundred and eight students are on the roll of the West Chester Normal school. This is the largest number in the history of the institution.

Recently a butcher going from Millford to Frochtown in a wagon was found to be almost frozen. Restoratives were applied and he revived.

During December 4,125 squares of roofing slate was shipped over from Bangor and Portland Railroad from Bangor and 4,559 squares from Pen Argyl.

Two tramps who had been put to work breaking stone at Altoona worked faithfully until after they had their dinner, when they suddenly took their departure.

Three women were immersed in the Schuylkill River on Sunday, while the thermometer registered 15 degrees above zero. One thousand persons witnessed the ceremony.

Judgment was rendered in favor of the defendant in a suit where the plaintiff attached a railroad's wages through a West Virginia agency for a bill he owed a Pittsburg party.

A Germantown girl who has been three months a wife will sue for a divorce. Her husband has treated her in cruel and shameful manner. The courtship was as brief as the honeymoon.

A girl ten years old, of Scranton, wants the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company to pay her \$15,000 damages for one of their trains striking her and cutting off one of her feet. The trial is in progress.

The Hungarians Going.

A Hazelton dispatch says: "The recent stoppage of work at many of the mines in this region on account of the workings having been flooded, has caused a large exodus of Hungarian laborers who have been thrown out of work, and crowds of them are leaving daily for New York City to take passage for their native country. The exodus is also in progress in other parts of the coal region, and it is estimated that over 800 Hungarian laborers will be sent to New York City during the last week of the year."

It is an established fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine in the world that cures rheumatism, and it is a certain fact to assume that what is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla will do for you. Therefore, if you suffer the pains and aches of rheumatism, give this potent remedy a fair trial.

A Positive Cure.

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