

The Columbian. BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1886.

John B. Gough was stricken with paralysis Monday evening, while lecturing in the Franklin Presbyterian church at Philadelphia.

Election Reform.

ENTIRE COLUMBIANS—I am writing this article for the election is not crossing, and therefore unattended by results. My object is to submit to the consideration of our party the necessity for a reform in the selection of candidates to be elected for the government and public duties of the town of Bloomsburg.

My idea is that the Democratic party of the town of Bloomsburg should on the Saturday week before the spring election, elect one delegate for every thirty voters and fraction of twenty thereof, by districts, each person voting for the whole party office, and one delegate for every thirty voters and fraction of twenty thereof, by districts, each person voting for the whole party office, and one delegate for every thirty voters and fraction of twenty thereof, by districts, each person voting for the whole party office.

In this way, the Democratic party by making good nominations and electing competent men would be able to manage the affairs of the town; and if they do not elect good, competent and responsible men, they would be displaced as they ought to be. Where both parties are responsible, neither party is responsible. No matter what the charge may be, the answer is "You're another."

Controller of the Currency.

The following article in which our distinguished townsman, Hon. C. R. Buckalew is mentioned, is taken from a special Washington dispatch to the St. Paul (Minn.) Press of Feb. 17th.

The president's ignorance of the views of Mr. Gurney, controller of the city of Chicago, on the silver question has alone stood between the latter and an appointment as controller of the currency. The president will put no one but anti-silver men on guard, and if Mr. Gurney is to be expected to resign as silver, and will show good cause for his opinions he will undoubtedly receive appointment.

Another Great Man Gone. HORATIO SEYMOUR DEAD. Ex-Governor Horatio Seymour died at his home in Utica N. Y. last Friday night, after a protracted illness.

Horatio Seymour was born in Onondaga County, New York, in 1811. He received a liberal education, studied for the bar and upon his admission began practice at Utica.

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unsuccessful, the influence of Pennsylvania and fame of James Buchanan having carried the body in favor of the Pennsylvania favorite. After this count Governor Seymour again turned his attention to his professional duties, following the usual custom of resigning to his permanent retirement, and in 1862 he was again forced into public life.

During the present week, Education will be the subject of debate in the Senate and the Fitz John Porter case will be again dragged through the House. Representative Swinburne, of New York, in a speech on the Porter bill, bore testimony to the fact of the servation, to the jealousy which existed among the officers of the Army and said jealousy seemed to him to be one of the fine arts taught at West Point.

The discussions which the Blair Educational bill elicited in the Senate during the last Congress are likely to be repeated in this. The subject was exhaustively considered then, and little that is new can be said upon it now. Senator Morgan of Alabama, is still in the front of the opposition with a clearer field before him now than Mr. Blair had in 1881.

The Senator said he knew many would reproach him for opposing a measure that seemed to be a great benefit to the people of Alabama, but he prayed God he might be able to do so. He said that he had seen a man who had sworn to support the Constitution, and that it is an unwarrantable invasion of the States' rights. He does not believe that the whole country should be taxed for the benefit of localities, and he protests that the appropriation for the public schools of a State than for its churches or dispensaries.

There were two brilliant events at the White House during the past week. The President's third State dinner was held in honor of the Supreme Court, and the first card reception of the winter was given to the members of the press. To this both Houses of Congress were invited, besides the officers of the Army and Navy, the Judiciary, and various other officials in Washington.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING? Dear COLUMBIAN: Governments have had their glory, dominion and decay, in all ages. The lessons of example and experience are the best. The Republic of Rome commenced to decay when the tracheid died—it was the tracheid that carried the life of the Republic, and when it died, the Republic died.

It cannot be that the annual celebration of the birthday of such a man when his whole character comes into review and the principles that developed in his life, among the most have some influence for good upon the nation, just as the contemplation of a beautiful picture excites in the love of the beautiful, and has a tendency to mould us into the same image.

A Great Victory. A Terrible Case of Scrofula Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. In the winter of 1873 it was attacked with Scrofula in one of the most aggravating forms.

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FOUND IN THE RIVER.

THE BODY OF JOHN D. HARRINGTON OF AUBURN, RECOVERED AT MILFILLIN.

MURDERED AT BINGHAMTON DEC. 27th.

Last Monday morning as Jacob Bittenbender and A. M. Hess were catching wood in the river about a mile above Milfillin, they observed a dead body floating in the water. The body was taken out of the water, and it was found to be the body of a man. He was apparently a man of about 45 years, heavy build, well dressed in a suit of black, with a white shirt and a white necktie.

There was a watch chain, but no watch, nor pocket book. Telegrams were sent up the river making inquiries, and on Tuesday noon a brother of the deceased arrived at Milfillin and identified the body as that of John D. Harrington, late of Auburn, N. Y. He was a well to do man, engaged in large contracts, and on the night of Dec. 9, 1885, was in Binghamton. He visited a saloon and was never seen alive after he came out of the place.

There are some clues as to the murderers, but as nothing could be done until the body was found, no arrests were made.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

BY JOHN SUTTON.

Among the earliest reminiscences of my life, is that of my widowed mother in the evening, laying aside her work, and gathering little children around her knee, singing to them patriotic songs and relating to them the legends of the brave and of the free. She told us of Tell, and of Wallace, and of Bruce and of our own Revolutionary heroes, but bid us never to forget the name of Washington.

Some men die and are almost immediately forgotten, or if remembered at all it is by those who were nearly related or intimately acquainted, and he, indeed, a poor creature, that has lived in the world, and who has shed a tear over him when he dies, others die and are remembered by the generation that was contemporary with them. But some men never die. The true, that the light of the eye goes out, the bloom of the cheek fades, the hair turns white, the strength of the limbs fails, and the body is laid in the grave out of sight, but in their words, in their acts, and in their characters, they still live and will continue to live, while there is a generation on earth capable of appreciating the good and the true.

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