

The bill extending the minimum school term six months failed on final passage in the Senate.

Governor Beaver has signed the bill enabling President Judges to obtain assistance from other Judges in transacting judicial business.

Speaking of Doorkeeper Bassett's postponement of the end of the Senate's final session by turning back the hands of the clock, the Mauch Chunk Democrat remembers that Thaddeus Stephens received his first nomination by Congress by the same device, when the clock was hurried up instead of being kept back.

The common law rule "keep to the right" on country roads is to be tested in the Allegheny county courts. A suit for damages just brought up at Pittsburgh grew out of a collision between a buggy and a wagon, in which the buggy was made a complete wreck.

The European nations, with war starting them in the face, have had agents going through this country to take advantage of inventive genius which may have been exerted in the manufacture and improvement of firearms and implements of war.

In a conspicuous position on the editorial page of the New York Sun yesterday there was a quotation attributing to a Senator of the United States a reference to the President as "that old hind-quarter of beef up at the White House."

There are many people who criticize Mr. Cleveland's policy strictly from the stand-point of principle who have no sympathy whatever with the motives, the methods or the malvolence of the Sun's purely personal course towards him.

The peculiar opposition of the Sun to the President has done and is doing Mr. Cleveland more good than harm.

On Saturday, March 12th, the two yachts, the Coronet and Dauntless, started from New York for a race across the Atlantic. Last Sunday, March 27th, the Coronet arrived in Queenstown a little after 12 o'clock noon, many miles ahead of her antagonist.

The Luzerne County Agricultural Society has decided upon a mid-winter meeting at their course in Wyoming on the 2nd of July, when three prizes will be trotted for, the amounts of which are not yet stated.

There was a warm contest in the House last week over the Brooks high license bill. The opponents of the bill offered an amendment on second reading providing that no license shall be revoked without a jury trial, and this was carried, but afterwards lost on reconsideration.

Secretary Whitney has placed an other brilliant feather in the cap of this Administration. Probably, no Democrat, not even Saml. J. F. F. while living, ever received such unmitigated praise from the Republican press as has been showered upon him during the past week.

From every side his energy and sagacity is applauded, the work he has done to beguile the people to accept of a new tariff, and the ability he exhibits in directing the general work of his Department. It really looks too as if the name of Mr. Whitney would be associated in history with the building of the American Navy.

It is to be hoped that there will be no more lamentations for the present over the failure of the Naval bill. As Secretary Whitney is satisfied with the outlook. He says the problem which puzzles everybody is solved, and that the work of fortifying coasts and equipping ships is in just as good shape as it would have been if the Senate bill had become law.

The effect of the new law upon this city will be pronounced. Practically the entire population of the Government Department will be organized at once, a large clerical and official force will be appointed by the Commission, legal and other representatives of all the railroads in the United States will be drawn here, besides thousands of people.

Presentations to the Queen—Her Views in REGARD to AMERICAN LADIES.—THE CANDIDATE of the AMERICAN MINISTER.—WHO IS WHO? THE AMERICAN EXHIBITION.—LORD ALBERT TENNYSON at HOME, &c.

LONDON, March 19th, 1887. The darkness of London is fast and deadly. There is a society paper here which heads its weekly gossip column with the title "N. thing in the Papers," and this last week that is true enough I can assure you.

Two Kentuckians—one of them a blacksmith—recently called at the Navy Department and announced that they had discovered a process of treating steel which would practically revolutionize the art of steel tool-making. They did not divulge the nature of the invention further than to intimate that it related to the chemical bath in which the tool is immersed in the tempering process.

Those morals are like anything but those of Mrs. Sewar. The query is, how much of the Phœnix is to be given to what American ladies would be eligible for presentation if they were British subjects. It is quite clear that the sine qua non of respectability as interpreted by British standards, means that you must not have been mixed up in any public scandal.

On April 22, 1863, in Charleston, S. C., at the residence of Gov. Pickens, a party was assembled to witness the marriage of Annie Pickens to Lieut. Rochelle.

It was a time when terror and anguish were prevailing throughout the entire South, and the booming of the Union guns then roared in the harbors, but the little number who had collected together at a detached and quiet spot, though their hearts were aching and they were trembling with terror.

The English society papers say that the Queen has signified her intention of visiting the American Exhibition very soon after the opening, which will take place on May 2nd without fail.

The county seat of Hamilton county, is beautifully located in a bend of the Boone river, which borders the city on the north and east, and is studded with a heavy growth of natural timber.

The "plataea" or second bottom on which the original part of the town was located, is gently undulating, with a gradual descent towards the river, and is a rich alluvial deposit, combining loam and sand, and adapted to the purposes of a town.

Among its public buildings and conveniences, are a fine court house, a spacious and excellent graded school building of modern style and appointment, a successful system of water works, three good hotels, one of them the finest in the county.

The future of the place is such as to invite the attention of people looking for a desirable location in Iowa, where school facilities are the most excellent, and where the country is rich in all the natural advantages that contribute to the development and growth of an important inland town.

The per cent. of "waste land" is very light, and the gradual approach of our farmers to a condition of content and comparative independence attests the high character of the soil and the natural advantages of the country.

The prices of farms and improved lands are yet very reasonable, and people looking for homes in Iowa—whether as residents in town, or country—will do well to visit Webster City and Hamilton county before making purchases.

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