

The Columbian. BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1887.

A genuine Western cyclone visited West Virginia last week and caused considerable destruction of property.

The Railway Age in commenting on the unexpectedly large mileage of completed railway construction for the first quarter of 1887, says that from January 1 to April 1 no less than 1,040 miles of new main track have been laid on different lines in 25 of the states and territories.

Only three Presidents before Mr. Cleveland, says the Washington Star, "had the pleasure of celebrating their semi-centennials while in that office."

John Wanamaker has placed, in the tower above the wholesale department of his establishment, a set of chiming bells. There are five bells, weighing respectively 27, 350, 410, 917 and 3,018 lbs.

On Tuesday the house passed finally the following bill: The homopathic pharmacy bill; amending the act of 1864, giving assessors two dollars a day; amending the act of 1867, authorizing cities and boroughs which have elected superintendents and employ no less than one hundred teachers to hold separate teachers institutes; requiring a brand upon all goods, wares, &c., made for sale by convict or other labor in any penitentiary, reformatory, or other institution.

The dispute between President Judge Furst and Associate Judges McCarthy and Foreman, of Huntingdon, is a somewhat startling reminder of the usually slumbering power of lay Associate Judges in Pennsylvania.

It is proposed to appeal the case to the Supreme Court, but we don't see what remedy is afforded there. The granting of licenses is so largely a matter of judicial discretion that the Supreme Court would not be likely to make a law mandatory by the letting of a writ of certiorari.

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The old Hanover Cemetery, in Wilkes-Barre, wherein repose the remains of many of the victims of the Wyoming massacre of 1778, caught fire Friday last, and before the flames could be got under control they devoured the fences and blackened and otherwise injured the monuments.

Justice to Our Judges. There is an unreasonable prejudice in the minds of some of our legislators against the pending bill granting an annuity to retired Judges who shall have served twenty years on the bench and reached a certain age.

The principle of an annuity to retired Judges is based on the clearest and broadest demands of justice. The Judge who is called from the bar to administer justice, must be well on toward the noonday of life at least, and when he is removed from the bench, he is, as a rule, unfitted to return to the struggles of the bar.

The writer hereof has personally known of Judges in this State distinguished for their ability and integrity on the bench, who die in absolute poverty. It is manifestly unjust that their families should be left in want.

There are more than half a dozen Judges in the State to-day who could not be beneficiaries under the bill in question, and two of the number are on the Philadelphia bench.

It is an open secret that the late Judge Ludlow's illness was aggravated by the apprehension that broken health would compel him to retire from the bench, after thirty years of the most unflinching and faithful judicial service.

It is an open secret that the late Judge Peirce would not have been re-nominated last fall if he could have been retired on an annuity. He was known to be broken in health and enfeebled mentally.

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The widow of President Polk, and Mrs. Johnson, the niece of President Buchanan, who was four years the mistress of the Mansion; Mrs. Patterson, the daughter of President Johnson; Mrs. Grant, who had the position for eight years; Mrs. Hayes, who had it for four; Mrs. Garfield, who had it only six months; Mrs. McKinley, the late President Arthur's sister, who was lady of the White House during part of the three years of his term; Miss Rose Cleveland, who reigned fifteen months, and lastly, the young wife of the President.

When, last evening, General George Sheridan repeated by request, his lecture on "The Modern Pagan," which was, by the way, an attack and a refutation of Ingersollism, he was introduced to the audience by the Lieutenant-General of the Army.

General George, as he is called by his friends, owes his title of General to having once been Adjutant-General of Louisiana. He was elected to the third Congress in that State, in which election he was contested by Governor Pinchback, and he was not awarded his seat until the closing hours of the last day of the session.

On April 13, the remains of President and Mrs. Lincoln were privately taken from the residence at Springfield and interred in the north vault of the Lincoln monument in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Less than a dozen persons, members of the Lincoln Monument Association and Lincoln Guard of Honor, were present.

The secret grave was directly under the north base of the obelisk, about thirty feet from the north entrance but only accessible through the south door. The body of Mr. Lincoln was in a walnut coffin, lined with an air tight lining of lead, and was placed in a cedar box and the cedar box in a casket in a pine box.

While the remains of Mr. Lincoln were exposed to view General Reese, president of the Guards of Honor, took the remains of Mrs. Lincoln over to the Lincoln Monument Association. The coffin was then sealed up and taken out by the workmen and carried around to the vault on the north side.

The business boom may be judged by the occupancy of all the empty houses in the city. It is a barometer of the moving business. After the sale of the Samuel Savage estate, on the hill, last Saturday afternoon, there was a little peculiar display, but the "Queensbury rule" was not observed—hence the whole affair should be condemned as a 66 foul.

Soon the shrill whistle of the locomotive will be heard through our land. Waterbury, Cambria will hear it through the telephone. Boundtown will not hear it all, they have no telephone. After a lapse of a long cold winter our agricultural community is presenting a business-like appearance.

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Advertisement for Simmons' Liver Regulator, featuring an illustration of the product and text describing its benefits for liver health.

Advertisement for Fautless Family Medicine, describing its effectiveness for various ailments and its safety for all ages.

Advertisement for J. H. Zeilin & Co. Philadelphia, Pa., listing various goods and services offered.

Advertisement for Schuyler's Hardware, listing various tools and hardware items.

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