

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1887.

The new Inter-State Commerce law does not seem to work smoothly as yet, and the Inter-State Railroad Commissioners have their hands full.

The editors and proprietors of Sunday Grail, Williamsport, have been sued for libel by a Bellefonte gentleman.

Democrat State Chairman Dallas Sanders has issued the following call: A meeting of the State committee, pursuant to adjournment, will be held at Harrisburg on Wednesday, May 11, 12 o'clock, noon, at the State House.

Nebraska has furnished an illustration of the practical value of Arbor day. In that State of great prairies ago 12,000,000 shoots were planted; now the United States Forestry Commission reports that there have been growing 300 miles west of the Mississippi, and that 605,000,000 trees are thriving where a few years ago none could be seen save along the streams.

The sensationist who started the story that President Cleveland had decided to decline a re-nomination next year, has done a good service for both the President and the country. He precipitated a general discussion of the question of Cleveland's re-election in every State and Territory of the Union, and that discussion developed every special element of strength and weakness of the administration.

Superintendent Grimes. The reelection of J. S. Grimes to the office of county superintendent on Tuesday afternoon by the school directors of Columbia county, gives general satisfaction to the public.

An Elastic Law. If for no other reason than to assure some uniformity in the execution of the law, the bill to regulate the granting of licenses now pending in the legislature, or some similar measure, should have a place on the statute books.

In Huntingdon county, for instance, the associate judges construed the law to give them the authority to refuse every application for license in which they chose, no matter what the desires of the community might be in the matter and they consequently overruled Judge Furst, the president judge's opinion that certain licenses must be granted under the law and that all license applications not so granted are practically a prohibition.

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A Defender of the Homestead.

President Cleveland, in his recent letter of instruction to the Secretary of the Interior, serves notice on the land grant corporations that although they may want the earth and the fatness thereof, they shall have in future no more of it than they are legally entitled to.

The case which called out this significant letter was one of peculiar hardship. A settler named Garfield Miller took up a homestead and proceeded to improve it, the land being fifty miles from the line of the Northern Pacific Road.

The Garfield state which is to be unveiled with imposing ceremonies cost \$65,000, of which \$30,000 was appropriated by Congress for the pedestal, and the other by the Society of the Army of the Cumberland.

The inscription on the pedestal has been criticised because it refers to Garfield as "Senator" and also "Member of Congress." It was never in fact a Senator, but only a Senator-elect, and strictly speaking there is no such thing as a "member of Congress" but only Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Mollie Maguire. THE LAST TWO OF THE FAMOUS CONVICTS GRANTED THEIR PARDONS. The Pardon Board has approved the applications for pardon of Michael O'Brien and Christopher Donnelly, familiarly known as "the last of the Mollie Maguires."

Our Heating. It is gratifying to notice that some progress is made in the work of substituting steam for stoves in railroad cars.

Our Wealthy Men. Much has been said in newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries.

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Poll Tax Abolished.

No more poll tax need be paid in Pennsylvania for the exercise of the right of suffrage. The bill abolishing the tax was passed at Harrisburg last week.

Court Proceedings. Court convened in regular session on Monday morning. His Honor Samuel Dreher of Stroudsburg was President Judge and Henry C. G. Murphy and C. B. McHenry associates on the bench.

Application of Benjamin Spenberg for restaurant license in Berwick withdrawn.

Application of Benjamin Michael of Beaver petition guardian of Fannie, Charles and Robert Messenger. Commonwealth vs. George H. Fisher. Defendant entered into recognizance with M. A. Bibby as surety in sum of \$200 for appearance at next session.

Report of viewers for a road in Brarceek twp. near Edward Hughes confirmed nisi.

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Robst and Hattie Kingrose—Grammar School Fifth Street.

Recitation—Grace Woodward—Grammar School Fifth Street. Cobble's Song—Primary Third St. Valedictory—Mabel Meyer.

Evening Program. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock. Opening Chorus—Ella Hassert, Fannie Steiner, Hattie Steiner, Hattie Beist, Hattie Lottman, Mary Crevelling, Morris Sloan, Charles Gilmore, Charles Lawal, Fred Druker, and others.

Salutatory—Mertie Bidleman. Male Quartette—Oscar Ent, George Hart, Ed. Ent, Frank Colley.

Recitation—"The Laps that Touch the Sky"—Maggie Evans. Piano Solo—"Old Black Joe"—Mary Harman.

Drama—"Wooing under Difficulties"—Elisha Fornwald, George Hart, Frank Colley, Joe Furman, Agnes Garrison, Edith Weiss, Annie Elliott.

Recitation—"The Laps that Touch the Sky"—Maggie Evans. Piano Solo—"Wandering Minstrel's"—Maggie Evans.

Chorus—"The Sunny Long Ago"—Lulu Lovell, Edith Weiss, Annie Eyer, Frank Brown, Charles Bidleman, Harry Hess, Joe Furman, William Leacock, Edward Traub, George Williams, Michael Casey and others.

Military Drill and Lamp Song—Oscar Ent, Edith Weiss, Annie Eyer, Frank Brown, Charles Bidleman, Harry Hess, Joe Furman, William Leacock, George Sloan, Frank Colley, George Hart.

Duet—"Over the Waves we float"—Ella Hartman, Ed. Ent. Solo—"The Sunny Long Ago"—Frank Colley. Valedictory—Hattie Longman.

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MINE DISASTER. FIVE MEN KILLED AT ABRILAND. A terrible accident occurred Wednesday afternoon at Tunnel Colliery, Abriland, operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.

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