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Certain Williamsport papers have quarreled with the County Commissioners over official patronage and are making things lively for the Commissioners. The Commissioners paid up and stopped their papers. *E. H.*

Chairman Kiser has been authorized by the Democratic State Committee to call the Democratic State Convention to meet at Harrisburg on the 4th day of September next to nominate a candidate for State Treasurer.

There is a dispute among our exchanges as to when a prohibitory amendment to the State Constitution may be again submitted. We quote from the Constitution. "No amendment or amendments shall be submitted oftener than once in five years."

An impression has gone over the state that an act was passed at the last session of the legislature increasing the salaries of election officers, and many inquiries have been received at the state department. The act never became a law.

The members of the Standing Committee of the Democratic party met Saturday July 20th instant and appointed the delegates for the various townships of the county and elected Peter A. Evans, W. C. Johnston, C. B. Ent, and Dr. F. W. Redeker, delegates to the State Convention.

There are some editors in the world who measure the virtues of the County Commissioners by the amount of official patronage they dispense. The COLUMBIAN has never heaped abuse on a board of County Commissioners because they did not give it their printing, and on the other hand it has not hesitated to criticize such actions as deserve criticism, on the part of boards that were giving it a full share of their work.

For the first time in many years there will be no Democratic county convention this year, as there are no offices to fill. The people will no doubt rejoice that for once they can go through the summer without being importuned by candidates. There are some suckers, however, who make a business of bleeding candidates, that are unhappy. Their occupation is gone for the summer. Next year there will be a number of offices to fill, with numerous applicants in the field, and then they can ply their trade for all there is in it.

President Harrison's Son Abroad.

Russell Harrison, son of the President, is having a royal time abroad according to a cable dispatch to the New York *World*. He has dined with the Queen and slept in Windsor Castle one night; has taken luncheon with the Prince of Wales and his family at Marlborough House, and is spending a day with the Marquis of Hartington at Hartfield House, in Hertfordshire. When seen by your correspondent Mr. Harrison was engaged in packing neckties, silk underclothing, silver-mounted perfume bottles and monogrammed tooth-brushes into a series of beautiful new Russian leather valises, with initials R. H. preparatory to taking the train for the Prime Minister's county seat, where he spends the night. Mr. Harrison said that court etiquette forbade his going into details concerning his reception at Windsor Castle and Marlborough House, and Minister Lincoln, who was with him during his visits, and advised him not to talk about them.

Antiquity of the Siot.

Is there anything new under the sun? Now it has been discovered that the idea of "drop a nickel in the slot box" is older than Christianity. In the Egyptian temples devices of the kind were used for automatically dispensing the purifying water. A coin five drachmas dropped into a slot in a vase set a simple piece of mechanism like a well sweep in motion, a valve was opened for an instant and a portion of the liquid was permitted to escape. The apparatus is described in the "Spirituals" of Herod of Alexandria, who lived two hundred years before the Christian era, and is illustrated in the sixteenth century Latin manuscript translations of his work, in which, by the way, is also delineated the Egyptian fire engine of the author's day, with its double force pump valves, lever arms, goss, neck and probably too, air chamber—but this is a mooted point—which form the essential features of the machines of the nineteenth century.—*Fire and Water.*

Trot Can Remember.

"Some time before the death of Seth Green the celebrated New York fish culturist and naturalist," said a Philadelphian who takes great interest in piscine matters, "I paid a visit with him to the fish hatchery of the State at Caledonia. In one of the ponds there at that time there were 5,000 large brook trout, every one of which had been captured with the fly-tied brooks—so infrequent brooks—in the Adirondack region. These trout Mr. Green said, had convinced him that fish have reasonable power of memory. When they were hooked, he said, and were reeled slowly in by careful fishermen who were capturing them for the state pond, they had time and opportunity to note the form and character of the tackle that made them prisoners. According to Mr. Green they never forgot that experience."

"The trout had been in the pond a long time, the females never being allowed to spawn there, and would follow Mr. Green as he walked along the edge of the water tossing bits of liver into the pond. To show that his theory about their memory and reasons was correct, he would carry a cane and a fish rod concealed behind his back. If he took his cane from its concealment and held it out over the water the fish paid no attention to it; but the moment he produced the rod with its reel and line attached, away the trout scampered like a flash to distant parts of the pond. Mr. Green told me that he would permit any one to cast a fly in that pond to his heart's content as he was satisfied that not one of the trout would come near it, as vividly did they remember their enemy of five years ago. *E. H.*

LAWYERS' BIG FEES.
CASES IN WHICH A FORTUNE WAS RECEIVED FROM ONE CLIENT.

The most lucrative classes of legal work are patents, railroads, wills and real estate. Many a lawyer has made his everlasting fortune out of a single patent case. It is common report that George Harding received for his professional services in the litigation over the oleomargarine patent enough money to enable him to build the enormous Hotel Kaaterskill up in the Catskill Mountains, and could have retired from patent practice then and there had he been so disposed. Mr. Harding, who, by the way, is that proverbial acute personage "a Philadelphia lawyer," is yet in the prime of life, half, with whiskered, rosy-faced, English looking and stoutly proportioned. It is possible that when he named this famous fee if his up in the Catskill he didn't know that Kaaterskill means "Tom-Cat Creek."

A resume of all the great patent litigations of the past twenty-five years would be simply a list of cases in which enormous fees have been paid, and in some cases earned. "A patent lawyer," said Mr. William Hilditch Field, "often earns a fortune in one cause, because he may often be compelled to give up for that one case all his other business, and for years, day in and day out, month after month and actually year after year; devote all his energies to the mastery, first of the principles, the detail, the technique of the patent and then to placing them properly before the courts getting decrees for his client's rights enforcements and enforcing those decisions perhaps in every state in the union."

The Howe sewing machine patent is a case in point. There are indeed 100 many cases in point—cases, too, of the first magnitude—for me to attempt even to enumerate them—but the Howe case will do for an illustration. The Howe people retained as their counsel a Mr. Jordan. They told him he must give up all his other business and attend only to their patents. For this, in the nature of a fee, they paid him a large annual salary. But in a addition they had to give Mr. Jordan the right to retain at their expense attorneys in many other states to watch closely the progress of any suits Howe might have in court. These fees in the aggregate were, of course, enormous, but the income from which they were made was enormous. Every sewing machine in the country had to pay Howe \$5 for the use of his patent on the eye in the point of a needle for example."—*New York World.*

THE CURIOUS BIBLES.
WHAT THEIR NAMES ARE AND WHY THEY ARE SO CALLED.

The curious Bibles is a general name given certain editions of the Bible which are prized by the mild lunatics known to medical men and to the general public as bibliomaniacs, not for their intrinsic value, but because they contain certain old misprints or mistranslations.

Foremost among them is the Breeches Bible, so called because in the third chapter of Genesis it speaks of Adam and Eve as having "made themselves breeches" of fig leaves. This edition first appeared in 1551, in quarto form, and we owe it to the English reformers exiled at Geneva. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it served as the regular family Bible, its popularity being due to the Calvinistic comments that liberally sprinkled the margin.

The Bag Bible, which appeared in London in 1551, and was originally known as Matthew's Bible, is indeed known for its curious soubriquet to the fact that the fifth verse of the ninety-first Psalm is translated, "So thou shalt not need to be afraid of any buggy by night." The original idea of the word—a goblin or spook—is still to be traced in bogie, bugbear, bugaboo.

The Wicked Bible, printed in London in 1631, was so called because the notation was omitted in the Seventh Commandment, so placing an awful injunction upon the faithful. This is much sought after, because it was promptly suppressed, the printer being fined £300 by Archbishop Laud. The money, it is said was devoted to a supply of Greek type for the University of Oxford.

The Vinegar Bible was printed in 1717 at the Clarendon press, and is so known because the parable of the vineyard in the title to the twentieth chapter of St. Luke is printed "Parable of the Vinegar."

The Whig or Peacemaker's Bible obtained its name from an error occurring in St. Matthew, v. 6, where "Blessed are the peacemakers" is substituted for "peacemakers."

The Treason Bible has the passage in Jeremiah, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" rendered, "Is there no treacle in Gilead?" and the Donay (Roman Catholic) version has what is claimed to be greater than that of any other sarsaparilla.

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A CALL TO THE PROHIBITIONISTS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

You are hereby respectfully but earnestly requested to call meetings in your several townships and boroughs, and choose two or more delegates to represent you in the county convention to be held in the free church at Millville, Pa., on Saturday, August 17, 1889, at 2 o'clock p.m. Let the members of the County Central Committee especially, see to it that we have a full attendance, as very important business will be presented for consideration.

The time demand concentrated, vigorous action. Let our central idea be first, last and all the time, the complete overthrow of the liquor traffic. Let us marshal our forces and mass them in solid phalanx, not only to resist the common enemy of our home and country, but to assume the aggressive, and attack him in his strongly entrenched position behind the bulwarks of political partnership.

The apparent ease with which our opponents have swept away most of the non-partisan efforts to establish prohibition, by this time, gives us at least a faint conception of their power. They are powerful but invincible; for with right, justice and God on our side even the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. If we are true to our best interests, and the best interests of our fellow men, if honor, truth, justice and temperance in their trust shall cause a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight." Let us, therefore, resolve, in the strength of the Lord, to gird on our armor, stand shoulder to shoulder in this irrepressible conflict that is now upon us. The Goliath of Rome has defied the combined forces of the friends of virtue and sobriety, and we dare not remain neutral. Our innate sense of right and wrong compels us to take one side or the other. Let there be no half measures—no compromise with Satan and his minions, but with our eyes open, our hearts fixed upon the one central idea, the total extirpation not only from our State, but from our nation, of the diabolical business of running souls as well as bodies. Let us go forward, straight as the arrow to the mark or as the need to the pole. The Struggle will, or may be long and severe, but shall we shrink from the performance of our manifest duties? "Up, goats, and at them!" Victory will ultimately crown our efforts if we are true to our trusts.

The public generally are invited to attend the meeting. The W. C. T. U. are especially solicited to favor us with their presence.

Yours for the war,
J. B. PATRON,
Chairman of Prohibition Party.

Must Pay the License.

Merchandise Appraiser J. J. Haley, assessed the various Orie Houses of Schuylkill county by the license tax of fifty dollars. The Union Hill Association, of Pottsville, took a appeal from the assessment and an argument was made before Judge Parker who decided that the license must be paid.

PARKER-McBENRY—On the 17th, at the home of the bride, by Rev. A. Houtz Mr. George K. Parker of Greenwood twp., Miss Lizzie J. McHenry of Mt. Pleasant twp.

MARRIED.

BOYER-WILLIAMS—On the 8 of June at the Reformed parsonage in Orangeville, by Rev. A. Houtz, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyer and Williams, both of Berwick.

PARKER-McBENRY—On the 17th, at the home of the bride, by Rev. A. Houtz Mr. George K. Parker of Greenwood twp., Miss Lizzie J. McHenry of Mt. Pleasant twp.

DEATH.

HIPPIESENTELL—In Caire twp. on the 15 inst. William Hippiesen, aged 60 years.

McGARGEL—In Orange twp. on the 16 inst. John McGargel, aged 79 years, 6 months and 16 days.

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