

M. A. Dauphin, for many years president of the Louisiana Lottery Company, is dead.

Governor Pattison's Cabinet will be composed as follows: Secretary of the Commonwealth, William F. Harity of Philadelphia; Attorney General, William U. Hensel of Lancaster; Adjutant General, William McClelland of Pittsburg. They are all good selections.

The Bradford Argus published at Towanda by E. Ashman Parsons, appeared last week with a handsome new heading, a new dress of type, and a general change in its make up. It is most decidedly improved, and its editor promises to infuse new life and interest in his paper, which has always been a well conducted Journal and one of our most valued exchanges.

The new County Commissioners, Court Treasurer, Associate Judge, Register and Recorder, and Prothonotary will be sworn in on Monday next. All are new hands except Register and Recorder Campbell, who succeeds himself, and Commissioner Rittenhouse, Prothonotary Quick has been deputy clerk for many years, and will be perfectly at home in the office.

Commissioner Edgar has filled that office before, and knows all about it, while C. L. Sands being a practical business man, will make a competent official. Geo. A. Herring, the present efficient Treasurer, will hand over the funds to John L. Kline. Hon. Mordecai Millard goes on the bench and will assist in the administration of justice.

Too Many Tax Measures. The prospect that the year 1897 will see the entire State debt wiped out has not been lost sight of by the farmers of the state, and they are seeking to have their local taxation or school purposes reduced by advocating an increase of the State appropriation for common schools from \$2,000,000, the present figure, to \$4,200,000 as soon as the debt is paid.

While the amount appropriated by the state for school purposes has been doubled within a few years, there is no doubt that it can be doubled under the present system of state taxation as soon as the state debt is finally paid, that should appear to be the best subject to which the state money could be applied. Still if the bulk of the school funds are raised by local taxation the tax-payers will be likely to make a greater personal interest in the schools and secure better schools as a result.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, D. C. Dec. 29 1896. Mr. Harrison is no longer confining himself to secretly manipulating the wires that are being laid to secure him a renomination in 1897. He is now openly a candidate; and no republican of prominence who visits him leaves the White House without being made aware of that fact, and he is losing no opportunity of making deals to secure delegates to the next republican national convention.

Secretary Rusk, who has within a week taken occasion to publically announce not only that he was not a candidate, but his support of Mr. Harrison, is confident that he can secure a solid delegation from his State, and the other members of the cabinet are all working to do the same thing in their respective States. This has been made much easier by the fact that the result of the recent election together with the attitude of the republican leaders in Congress on the Force bill and other matters to which he is opposed has removed all desire on the part of Mr. Blaine for the nomination.

Senator Stockbridge, of Michigan, feels about a hundred per cent larger than he did a week ago. He is credited with having had Judge Brown, of his State, nominated to the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court in the face of the active opposition of his Senatorial Colleague, General Alger and Secretary Blaine, all of whom supported another Michigan candidate.

Christmas knocked the republican leaders in the Senate out in the first round. Mr. Hoar refused to even entertain the idea of passing the usual resolution for a holiday recess and stated that the Senate would be in session every day until the Force bill was passed, but he reckoned without counting the strong home attractions of a majority of the Senators of his party. By Christmas eve the Senate was short of a quorum and adjourned to Saturday; on Saturday the number of Senators had dwindled to 18 and after a five minute session, devoted to prayer by the chaplain, an adjournment was taken until today.

Attorney General Miller has made his contribution to the Harrison boom in the shape of an opinion which, if it holds good, will enable Mr. Harrison to turn the World's Fair into a mammoth Harrison machine, by appointing an army of political heelers to do imaginary work towards preparing for the exposition, while their real work will be for Mr. Harrison and the republican party.

The anti-silver republicans, who are all in favor of the Force bill, do not derive much satisfaction from the expected arrival of two more votes for that measure, in the persons of the new Idaho Senators, because both of those Senators are understood to be enthusiastic friends of free silver coinage. These anti-silver republicans are opposed to any financial legislation of any kind at this session, and they only agreed to the financial bill recently reported for the purpose of quieting the silver men in their party and fully intended to prevent a vote ever being taken upon it.

Commissioner Raum has been compelled by Secretary Noble to write a letter in favor of the bill now pending to reduce the attorney's fee for obtaining an increase in pension to \$2. The attorney's lobby still boldly and confidently announces their ability to defeat the bill.

Public opinion has proved too strong for the House committee on Rules, which has decided to report in favor of Representative Dockerty's resolution authorizing an investigation of the charge against Congressmen of speculating in silver bullion.

They Have Never Failed! I have been sick more or less for the last ten years, which has cost me many dollars in doctors and druggists' bills. The last two years it only cost me three dollars. Why? Because I used Sulphur Bitters instead of employing doctors. They cured me of jaundice.—E. F. Boyd, Hoboken.

FRESH CLIPPINGS.

Joseph Waring, of New Orleans, thinks he is the only surviving soldier of the Black Hawk war. The Washington Monument must be oiled to check its further scaling. Think of such an imposing shaft being converted into an oilstone!

A society has revealed itself in England called the "Proportionate Giving Union." The members give a fixed part of their income to charitable works. A newly elected judge in Kansas has been sent to a law school by the Farmers' Alliance to pick up a knowledge of the judicial business. Better late than never.

The submarine war boat has led to the flying of balloons from war ships. A balloon hovering over a ship can detect every movement of a submarine boat coming to the attack. A St. Louis doctor has discovered that silver dollars carry infection. The chief fault with these dollars heretofore has been that they were not contagious enough.

Zakie's almanac for 1897 has this report: "As Jupiter is now culminating (by direction), the elevation of the Prince of Wales, either to the regency or the throne, is now close at hand.

Hugo Zoller, who has been exploring the Finisterra mountain range in New Guinea, says he never found in the most thickly wooded region of West Africa a country so difficult to penetrate as that of this mountain range. The British Museum has secured from Thibet a copy of the "Jangyu," a monster encyclopaedia of Thibetan Buddhism. It comprises 225 volumes, each of which is two feet long by six inches thick. Three thousand rupees formed the price for the work, which was formerly in the possession of a Buddhist monastery in Thibet.

Mr. Isaac J. Greenwood, of New York, is exhibiting a tooth mounted in gold, and above it hangs this extract from Mr. Greenwood's father's will: "I give and bequeath to my eldest son, Isaac John Greenwood, forever, all of the curios, medallions, snuff boxes, General Washington's tooth, and the under false jaw of the tooth made for him by my late father, John Greenwood."

Cheap Living in London. A once famous American disappeared from New York some years ago, and months afterward was recognized in London, says Julian Ralph, in Harper's Weekly. He told me that it seemed to him that he lost consciousness here and regained it there, everything between the loss and recovery being a blank to his mind.

A Great Electric System. One of the most attractive places in Philadelphia, especially at evening, is the store of Bailey, Banks, & Biddle. The vast establishment is lighted by night by 700 incandescent electric lights, a system of lighting which it has taken an expert electrician six months to perfect. It is certainly as near perfection as the art of illumination has so far reached and the effect is what might be termed entrancing.

Bursts of bright yellow light come from numerous overhead electrolights, while ingeniously hidden globes light up with startling brilliancy the cases devoted to silverware. Along one side of the store effulgent beams of light shoot out from behind single slips of flowers, being reflected by the glittering plate-glass mirrors. In the art room the various objects of beauty have in addition to their own charm, received the benefit of this system of artificial lighting.

"Struck Gas" will be presented in the Opera House this Friday evening. The New York papers thus speak of it: "Struck Gas" has been carefully produced at the Amphion Academy this week and is pronounced as good, if not better, than the average run of comedies of its sort, and has been pleasing to those who have seen it. The company is a good one, and have given the comedy in its best phase. Every one in Brooklyn who patronizes theaters saw it last season, and will want to see it again.

There's more plot in "Struck Gas," which was presented at the Amphion Academy last evening, than any of the Tannehill farces which have been seen in Brooklyn. The hit of the evening was Lillian Harper as Nan. She sang well, danced gracefully, and altogether worked hard to make the comedy a success. Drake and Duck, the two members of the G. A. R., were capably played. The balance of the cast was in capable hands.—N. Y. World, Sept. 17, 1889.

When I Was Sick! My room looked like a drug store, I had so many bottles in it. The more I dosed, the worse off I was. Finally, I paid my doctor and told him he needn't come any more. I was troubled with Chronic Rheumatism, and couldn't get out of bed alone. Six bottles of Sulphur Bitters cured me.—Benj. Fitch, Adams House, Boston.

A BOY'S LOGIC.

He Likes 'em—thing Better, Even if It is Worse—His Argument. Recently the youngest son of the family was heard to get up again shortly after retiring for the night and vigorously stir the straw of the mattress. He was asked what he was doing.

"Oh, I am only putting the straw to the middle. The mattress is too high on the outside, and always makes me roll to the middle of the bed." Shortly after he had laid down again he was asked if he had now suited him.

"No!" he replied. "I have got it too high in the middle now. It almost makes me roll out." "Well, why don't you change it?" "Oh, I don't want to change any more. It is better this way, even if it is worse."

Little Clarence is an acute and observing little fellow. He is full of curiosity and is continually asking the why and the wherefore of all he sees or hears. His usual query is "What for?" and this he will repeat until he receives an answer that appeals to his sense or imagination. He has frequently seen his father decapitate a chicken and "to kill" to him meant the same as "to chop the head off."

Again he repeated his "What for?" and humorously some one replied "To kill people." That settled it. That was the sufficient reason. He looked up knowingly and naively remarked: "Chop their heads off."—Indianapolis Journal.

Two of the colored lights meant. Two dudes who had vacant suits and were dressed in the latest fash, including Ward McAllister's latest literary struggle, sat in the Boston train, and bobbed up and down as the train joggled along. The continual appearance and disappearance of lights, green, red, and white finally awakened a substitute for brain in one of them, who watched the flashing signals with increasing wonder.

"Aly, me boy," said he. "What is it, Oseah?" "What aw those?" "Those aw lights, Oseah, don't y know?" "I think, Aly, they aw flash flys of wawiegated colors."

"You swipise me, Oseah. Those aw signal lights. When the fellow that wuns the engine sees those he knows he's all right. When he sees wed light he knows he isn't all right. When he sees green lights he—he—he—"

"He didn't know what's the matter?" "How nice, Aly, me boy, you have a great brain." "Ywas," acquiesced Aly. And he again leaped into facial unconsciousness.—[Albany Argus.

He Didn't Forget It. A wife recently gave her husband a sealed letter, begging him not to open it till he got to his place of business, says the Sheffield (England) Telegraph. When he did so he read: "I am forced to tell you something that I know will trouble you, but it is my duty to do so. I am determined you shall know, let the result be what it may. I have known for a week that it was coming, but kept it to myself until today, when it has reached a crisis, and I can not keep it any longer. You must not censure me too harshly, for you must reap the results as well as myself. I do hope it won't crush you."

How He Came to Marry. The romance of the life of the fur dealer, the late John Ruszits, is interesting. Some 30 years ago, while abroad on a business trip, he visited a friend in Stockholm. While in conversation with his friend in the latter's parlor he heard music in the next room. The pianist was a young lady from Bremen who was visiting there. Mr. Ruszits turned to his friend and said: "If I should ever marry I would like to marry a woman like that."

The gentleman went to the door and called the lady in. "What do you think Mr. Ruszits just said?" he inquired. "Of course the lady didn't know, Mr. Ruszits struck in and said: 'Well, I am not afraid to repeat it,' and he proceeded to do so."

And This Is Fame. There may have been a happy time when fame attended me; When airy grace with charms of face And figure stole the heart.

The tramp of fame sent forth the name of her whose willow form And flying feet with rapture sweet, Could make the pulses warm. The ballet queen were mials of means, And no dramatic star Was valued more, could higher soar— But now look where we are! Who blames us for high kicking now?— But what avail regrets? They steal our time in shortest clothes To boom —'s cigarettes. —[A. T. Worden.

For Rent.

A large front room on the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building, five windows, steam heat, gas and water. Inquire of Geo. E. Ellwell. tf.

Leases for sale at this office. 3 cts each, 50 cents a dozen. tf.

TRIAL LIST FOR FEBRUARY.

Margaret Ludwig vs. Phoebe Stackhouse. John P. Cressy vs. B. & S. R. R. Co. John Zapp vs. B. & S. R. R. Co. E. W. M. Low vs. E. R. C. Co. N. & P. Pearson vs. John Harmony. L. H. Lee & Bro. vs. Silas Hurnage. The foregoing six cases are set down for first week subpoena returnable Wednesday, February 4th, 97, at 10 a. m. Samuel Ihnird vs. George W. Koons. C. C. Evans, Com. vs. Erie A. Rittenhouse. Neospeck Falls Bridge Co. vs. S. B. Bowman, et al. J. McHenry & Bro. vs. C. J. Ash. S. J. Boone vs. E. & E. R. R. Co. John Getkin vs. Penna. R. R. Co. William A. Hess vs. John Cole. Samuel P. Boone vs. E. P. Albertson. Samuel P. Boone vs. Lemuel Drake. Main Twp. School District vs. Charles Reichart, et al. Columbia County vs. George Fisher et al. E. J. Finerty, Jr., vs. Conyngham and Centralia Four District. E. J. Finerty, Jr., vs. Conyngham and Centralia Four District. Jacob Gruver vs. J. C. Menstinger.

GRAND JURORS.

The following is a list of grand Jurors for Feb.uary Term of Court. Benton—Jacob Karns. Berwick—James Smith, Francis Evans. Bloomsburg—John Wolf, W. C. Rieble, Wm. Deiterich. Catawissa—N. C. Hartman, Al. H. Kline, Lloyd Miller. Centralia—George James. Centre—George E. Sponser. Greenwood—W. R. Henderson. Fishing Creek—John DeWitt, Wm. Jackson—Z. A. Butt. Locusts—Henry H. Rhode. Madison—Clark Christian. Mifflin—Lewis Temple, John C. Hotter. Orange—M. L. Kline, Urbans McBride, William J. Stastler. Philadelphia—Mark Hagar. Scott—John Wain. Sugarloaf—Wm. E. Hower.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Beaver—G. P. Hunsinger, Isaac Harrieger. Centre—G. H. Peterman. Fishing Creek—S. J. Conner, H. J. Edwards. Berwick—Vax Levy, Al. Ross, E. A. Wilson. Bloomsburg—Gess. Hunt, J. H. Merger, J. F. Peacock, Thos. Annatta, Thos. Webb, T. W. Gunion. Catawissa—Z. B. Gipe, F. P. Merceron. Centralia—Gus Peterman. Centre—Stimel H. Stiller. Conyngham—A. J. McDonnell. Fishing Creek—Louis Robinson, L. M. Creveling. Alford—Frederic W. Hess, J. W. Krummer, Samuel Smith. Franklin—Peter G. Campbell, Jonathan Loreman, Wm. Temple, H. Hess, J. W. Krummer, Samuel Smith. Greenwood—Wm. Davis, Wm. Masters, J. K. Watts. Jackson—Perry Knouse. Locusts—Jeremiah Snyder. Montour—Daniel Bailor, James Quick. Mt. Pleasant—P. P. Davis, John H. Wolf. Mifflin—Wm. Temple, C. S. W. Fox. Orange—Freeman Bellas, Joseph Fleckenstein, John Kline. Phillips—R. W. Lyons, Wm. Swartz. Ruarting Creek—Wm. Honck, Jayberry Levan. Scott—Silas Young. Sugarloaf—A. L. Fritz, John Moore.

SECOND WEEK.

Bloomsburg—D. A. Cressy, Thos. Gorey, W. C. Harzel, G. H. Peterman. Centre—John Taylor. Beaver—Levi Singley. Berwick—Freeman Sillier. Catawissa—W. J. Martin, A. H. Sharpless, E. D. Tewksbury, Alfred Hower, Luther Kyer. Centre—F. P. Lagenbuch. Fishing Creek—John Harbert, George Labour. Greenwood—E. M. Stackhouse, Ed. Welliver. Heintock—Chas. Bonny, Wm. Howell. Jackson—Abram Knouse, Samuel Diltz. Locusts—Samuel C. S. W. Fox. Main—John Bowman. Mifflin—Michael Harzel, C. W. Hess. Madison—Erasmus Henderson, Wm. Smith. Mt. Pleasant—Robert Kind, Clinton Crawford. Sugarloaf—John G. Brink, John G. Lawbach. D. R. Cole. Scott—R. F. Foulk.

THE MARKETS.

BLOOMSBURG MARKETS. CORRECTED WEEKLY. RETAIL PRICES. Butter per lb. \$.24 Eggs per dozen26 Lard per lb.11 Ham per pound12 Pork, whole, per pound05 to .05 1/2 Beef, quarter, per pound06 to .06 1/2 Wheat per bushel 1.10 Corn ears " "70 Oats " "60 Rye " "80 Buckwheat flour per 100 2.60 Wheat flour per 100 2.60 Hay per ton 10.00 to 12.00 Potatoes per bushel 1.00

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Reported by G. S. Palmer, Wholesale Commission Merchant in Fruits and Produce, 160 Reade Street, New York. Dec. 29, 1896. Business for the week opens quietly, a heavy snow storm causing some impediment to prompt moving of produce. Eggs have further advanced, selling fresh eggs 31c, hined 22c. Market rules very quiet on poultry, fancy turkeys selling from 13 to 15c, chickens 8 to 11c, fowls 8 to 10c, ducks 12 to 14c, geese 9 to 10c. Game: Quail \$1.00 to \$1.25 a dozen, partridge 75c to \$1.00 a pair, redhead duck \$2.00 to \$3.00, mallard 10 to 85c, rabbits 8 to 10c. Dressed calves, active 8 to 10c, dressed pork 4 to 6c. Market continues very firm on potatoes, fancy Hubrons, Burbank, selling \$3 25 to \$3 50, sweet potatoes \$2 75 to \$3 50, carrots \$2 00 per bbl., onions, red and yellow, \$3 75 to \$4 00, white \$4 00 to \$6 00. Turnips 90c. Apples steady at former quotations, choice winter varieties \$4 to \$5, greenings \$5 to \$6. Cranberries \$3 to \$3 75 a box, grapes 3 to 4c a lb., butter very quiet, select dairy tubs and pails 23 to 26c, prime 21 to 23c, entire dairies 20 to 23c. Market on beans continues weak, marrow \$2 80 to \$2 90, medium \$2 20, white kidney \$3, red kidney \$3 20. Market on dried fruit continues without change. Honey, clover 14 to 18c, buckwheat 10 to 13c, hay 55 to 70c. Rye straw 60 to 85c. Fura, other \$1 to \$1 10, fox 60 to 70c, skunk 55c to \$1, con 50 to 85c mink 50 to 82c, muskrat 15 to 18c.

REAL ESTATE.

—FOR SALE IN— BLOOMSBURG. Main Street.—Desirable building lot 50x214, price \$1200. Fifth Street—House and lot, house rents for \$5 per month, room to build several more houses. 110 feet front on Fifth street, price \$1600. First Street—Frame house, 6 rooms, lot 50x214, price \$1050. Fourth Street—Large frame house, 8 rooms, lot 100 feet front on street, price \$2200. Fifth Street—Large frame dwelling house, 8 rooms, out-kitchen, barn, fine fruit, &c., lot 75x 200, price \$1500. Main Street—Large store building, with dwelling house on same lot, corner lot fronting on two streets, price \$1800. Tenant houses and a number of vacant lots in other parts of the town, all of which are for sale on easy terms. For further particulars inquire of WINTERBURN & BECKLEY, First National Bank Building, Bloomsburg, Pa. tf.