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Quay's friends are claiming that they can get enough Democratic votes to secure his election. This is folly, as there is not a Democrat in the Legislature base enough to betray his party in that way. And if there is one base enough, he wouldn't dare to do it.

According to State Treasurer Beacom's annual report, the receipts for the year are about \$1,000,000 short of the estimate. The disbursements during the year exceeded the receipts by about the same amount. The obligations due on November 30 were \$5,000,000, and the available balance, \$2,229,617.10.

Unless further trouble among the natives arises, Admiral Dewey will come home in the spring to enjoy a rest, also to receive the sword of honor presented to him by Congress. It has not yet been decided as to who will make the presentation. It may be done by President McKinley, at the White House, or it may be presented by Secretary Long.

The committee in charge of the arrangements is making extensive preparations for the inauguration of Governor elect William A. Stone, which will take place on Tuesday the 17th. The parade will take place in the morning and will consist of six regiments of the National Guards, Grand Army Posts, Sons of Veterans, Political Organizations and State Officials.

The new bankruptcy laws, framed by Congress, and which have recently gone into effect, while they possess many features of undisputed merit, do not redound to the benefit of the county sheriffs. The reason for this is that a large proportion of the business of the sheriff's office, resulting through insolvent debtors, promises to be transacted under the new bankruptcy laws through the district laws of the United States. This will sacrifice the fees of the sheriff.

The Superior Court opened its first 1899 session at Scranton on Monday. Judges W. W. Porter, W. D. Porter, recently elected, and Dimmer Beeber, the appointee to succeed the late Hon. Howard J. Reeder of Easton, took their seats. Fitting tributes were paid the memory of the late Judge Reeder by President Judge C. E. Rice and Attorney Russell C. Stewart representing the bar of Northampton County in which Judge Reeder was born, lived and died.

The recent New York poisoning cases have led to secret experiments, through which, it has been discovered, that a person may be poisoned and the most rigid examinations will not furnish any evidence of the cause of death. For instance, the drug may be put in the bath tub, in which case it is sure death, or placed in perfumery and given to a person to inhale, a method which is equally as dangerous. It is now believed that many of the sudden deaths, which have occurred in New York, and which were attributed to various diseases of the heart, were victims of this poisoning practice. Verily, the rapid strides of the criminal inventor is shattering our belief in the old adage, "murder will out."

THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

The present outlook in the Senatorial matter is that the Democratic Senators and Representatives will nominate Hon. G. A. Jenks for United States Senator. No better nomination could be made, if there were the most remote chance of his election. But with the large Republican majority in the legislature, it is absolutely certain that the Senator will be a Republican. If the Democrats will make some concession to the anti-Quay element, the combination would be strong enough to select a man who will not be under the control of Quay, and the latter's defeat would be a stunning blow at the Quay machine in this state. By standing out for a straight party nominee, the Democrats will drive the Anti Quay Republicans to vote sitters for him, or for some man whom he will name and control. Fusion is far preferable in our judgment, because by it there is a chance to throw off the Quay yoke, and to disrupt the Republican party. No party advantage can be gained by an attempt to do an impossible thing.

In a long article last week the *Sentinel* endeavors to make it appear that Judge Herring committed a great wrong in directing a verdict for the defendant in the suit of William Case and wife against the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. The opinion of the court published last week in THE COLUMBIAN gives his reasons fully and clearly for his action. If he is wrong, the Supreme Court will correct the error and send the case back for a new trial. If he is right, that court will affirm it, and that will end the matter.

It is a common practice for the courts to grant non-suits, and to direct verdicts for the defendants, when, in their judgment, the plaintiff fails to make out a case of negligence on the part of the defendant, or the plaintiff's testimony itself discloses a state of facts which, as a matter of law, constitutes contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff. Judge Herring held that by the act of Mrs. Case in voluntarily leaving the train at an unusual point, she took her own risk, and was guilty of contributory negligence, and could not recover damages, and therefore he took the case from the jury and directed a verdict for the defendant.

We do not propose to discuss the merits of this case, and would not have mentioned it again, but for the publication of the article above alluded to, which was calculated to prejudice the public mind not only against the court, but also against the defendant in case of another trial; but we shall refer to another case to show that the action of the court was not unusual.

Some years ago Albert E. Cadow brought suit against the D. L. & W. R. R. Co., for damages, for injuries received by himself from a fall while crossing the tracks at East street in this town. His leg was broken, and he alleged negligence on the part of the defendant in not having planking all the way across the street, between the rails. The details of the suit are not material. Suffice it to say that it was as close a case, if not closer, than the present one. The suit was tried before arbitrators, who gave the plaintiff an award of \$4300. The company appealed, and it was tried in court, before Judge Elwell, who at the end of the plaintiff's evidence and without hearing the defendant's side, granted a non-suit, on the ground that Cadow could not get damages, because he was guilty of contributory negligence. Cadow's counsel moved to take off the non-suit, and after argument, the Court granted a new trial, on the ground that he erred in granting the non-suit. Owing to Judge Elwell's illness, Judge Dreher presided at the second trial, and he refused to take the case from the jury, and they rendered a verdict of \$4500 for the plaintiff. In refusing a new trial Judge Dreher said in his opinion that he would probably have taken the case from the jury, if Judge Elwell had not struck off the non-suit and granted the second trial. The defendants took the case to the Supreme Court, and there it was reversed, and decided in favor of the railroad, showing that Judge Elwell was right in the first place, when he took the case from the jury.

The decision of the Supreme Court will determine whether Judge Herring was right or wrong in the present case, should the matter be carried to that tribunal.

The following, concerning an important decision of the Supreme Court, is from *New Ideas*, Philadelphia: "No decision of the United States Supreme Court has attracted more widespread interest than that delivered by Chief Justice Bradley, exempting agents, canvassers, salesmen, etc., from all special tax, county and town taxes. All such special licenses or tax laws are declared unconstitutional, and any law officer who attempts to enforce them is individually liable for damages."

Poisoned Blood

Disagreeable Itching Spread All Over His Body—Sleep Disturbed—Hood's Sarsaparilla Drove Out the Poison and Cured.

"I have been poisoned every summer for years. Last summer the poison came out on me worse than ever before. I would frequently be awakened during the night by the itching. I would scratch myself, but instead of being relieved the trouble spread to different parts of my body. I tried various remedies which people recommended to me, but none of them ever helped me. I made up my mind the poison could not be cured until my blood was pure and then I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. While taking the first bottle I felt relieved from the itching. I kept on taking the medicine and it has entirely cured me. I can now go on my fourth bottle and I can sleep soundly at night." WILLIAM RAM, 3126 Westmont Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Get only Hood's.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

DON'S REVIEW.

In speaking of the present business conditions, *Dun's Weekly Review of Trade* says:

"The year begins with the kind of business demand that counts. For months there has been a rising demand for materials, but now the crowding demand for finished products begins to advance prices, in the iron and steel industry about 1 per cent., without quotable changes in pig, except at the East. Beams have advanced \$2 per ton, angles \$1, bars \$1, and plates are strong, with an Australian order for 32,000 tons refused at Chicago because the works are already overcrowded. Many thousand cars are covered by orders at Pittsburg, 10,000 tons bars are taken for agricultural works at Chicago, 105,000 tons rails are taken by the Pennsylvania Company, the Midland Railway Company of England has ordered 20 locomotives from the Baldwin works and many other home and foreign orders are reported. The demand has never been greater at the beginning of the year than it is now. Nor is there discovered reaction in the boot and shoe industry, although shipments in the holiday week were smaller than for some years. New orders are of fair quantity, and about as large as can be expected until the question between manufacturers and leather producers has been settled. A new factory, said to be the largest in the country, if not in the world, is about to be erected at St. Louis, and expansion in business at the West is remarkable. With hides a shade higher at Chicago, leather is also a fraction higher."

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—Baggage men are the only people who know how to check the grip.

—Among the agreeable remedies, honey ought to be good for the hives.

—There are some lively times promised at the Republican caucus next week.

—A young man who will stagger on the streets in order to make people believe he is intoxicated, when he isn't, is utterly devoid of good sense.

—Notwithstanding the fact that beer has fallen in price, from \$7 to \$5 per barrel, and the saloon and hotel keepers still sell at 5c. a glass. The drop didn't benefit the consumer any, very few drops ever do.

The deputy register and recorder of Clearfield county is authority for the statement that the records in his office show that 31 children born in that county in the last six months have been named after Admiral Dewey. And the end is not yet.

K. G. E. Rulings.

By the recent legislation of the Supreme Castle, Knights of Golden Eagle, the following decisions are of interest: Members who have been suspended for non payment of dues, and are over the age limit prescribed for reinstatement, will be furnished a dismissal certificate free of cost, in case said member desires to form or join a veteran castle. A sir knight can be elected in his absence. Castles cannot take in honorary members. Grand chiefs, noble chief, grand templars and noble templars become past officers at the end of the term for which they were elected irrespective of the matter of installation. A brother who has been deprived of his sight after he has received the second degree shall be entitled to receive the third degree. Deaf and dumb persons cannot become a member of the order. A Japanese cannot become a member of the order. The fact that a grand chief succeeds himself as a grand chief does not deprive him of his right to be admitted to the supreme castle as a past grand chief.

CALIFORNIA.

Extraordinary Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

America is a great country. In variety and grandeur of natural scenery it is unrivaled. To traverse it, to behold its diversities and its wonders, is a liberal education, a revelation to the immured metropolitan citizen. The Personally-Conducted Tour to California under the direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which leaves on February 9, affords a most excellent opportunity to view the vast variety and boundless beauty of this marvelous land. The party will travel over the entire route in the model Pullman train of smoking, dining, sleeping, and observation cars exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, and subsequently at Atlanta, Nashville, and Omaha. This train will be placed in service for the first time on this occasion, and will be in charge of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon, who will look after all details of the trip, as well as the individual welfare of members of the party. Stops will be made at Mammoth Cave, New Orleans during Mardi Gras Carnival, El Paso, Los-

Star Clothing House

During the Month of January, will offer Special Reductions in All Winter Goods Must be sold to make room for Spring Goods.

WE WILL OFFER BIG BARGAINS IN STORM COATS AND ULSTERS, FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Come and see the Big Bargains in Winter Caps At Townsend's Star Clothing House.

CUT SALE AFTER STOCK TAKING.

We have just finished taking stock, and we find it larger than it ought to be. There is only one way to reduce it, and that is to put the knife into it. We do not intend to figure on cost, but what price will move the goods.

This sale will commence January 4th, and last until January 15th.

25 pieces of Dress Goods that have never been sold for less than 56c. per yard, and one of the best makes we can buy, go at this sale for 28c. per yard. Don't miss these.

A lot of All Wool Cloths, worth from 25 to 50c., at 19c. Ladies' Muslin Underwear, at prices that will save you money. Drawers, at 12 1-2c., worth 25c. pair. Night Robes, at 25c., worth 50c.

Muslin, 36 inches wide, unbleached, as heavy as Appleton A, 10 yards for 49c.; 10 yards of fine unbleached Muslin, 36 inches wide, 34c.; 10 yards of Hill Muslin, 49c.; 9-4 Unbleached Sheeting, best goods, worth 20c., we will sell at this sale at 15c.

Men's Underwear, worth 50c., for 25c., as long as it lasts.

Silverware, 25 per cent. off.

China, 33 1-3 per cent. off until January 15th, 1899.

We will put on sale a lot of Ladies' Shoes, not all sizes, at 98c. A lot of Men's Shoes at 98c.

A lot of the best makes in Shoes, and the newest toes, one lot worth \$3.50, at \$2.98, and one lot, worth \$2.75, at \$2.49.

If you are going to buy a Bed Room Suit this Spring we can save you money, if you buy it by January 15th.

Broom Corn has advanced from \$60.00 to \$140.00 per ton. We have some brooms on hand and our customers will get the benefit of it. Brooms, worth 35c., we will sell for 19c., until January 15th, 1899.

F. P. PURSEL.

Angeles, San Diego, Redlands, Riverside, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Del Monte, Santa Cruz, Mount Hamilton, Menlo Park, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Manitou and Garden of the Gods, Denver, and Chicago. Nineteen days will be spent in California. Round-trip rate, including all necessary expenses during entire trip, \$400 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg; \$395 from Pittsburg. For itinerary and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. 1-12 31

The police of Reading have raided a club of one-legged men for their excessively hilly and too great partiality for the growler. It was very appropriately named, the Peg-leg Club, one of the principal conditions of membership being that the applicant wear an old fashioned wooden leg, no new-fangled artificial limbs being tolerated. All the members, 27 in number, were peddlers and fakirs and were sent up for 30 to 60 days each to give their hilarity time to cool down.

POLITICAL CARDS.

- FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JOHN N. GORDON, of Montour.
- FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER, J. C. RUTTER, JR., of Bloomsburg.
- DR. T. C. HARTER, of Bloomsburg.
- FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, C. A. SMALL, of Catawissa.

The above announcements are all subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention, to be held Tuesday, June 13th, 1899, Primary election, Saturday, June 10, 3 to 7 p. m.