

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN

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After the Constitutional Convention on Monday the President announced the standing committees, twenty-seven in number. The Harrisburg Patriot, in speaking of the composition of the committees, gives President MERRITT praise for the sound judgment and impartiality he has exercised in performing this difficult, but important, duty.

Our readers are already aware, that in pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed at the last session of the Legislature, a vote will be taken in each county of the State, on the day for holding the next spring elections, which on this county will be on the third Friday of next February, on the question of granting licenses to the keepers of hotels, restaurants and eating-houses.

It is somewhat singular that the constitutional right of a Legislature to pass a Local Option law has recently met with two diametrically opposite opinions by the highest judicial tribunals in two of the States. Two weeks ago the Supreme Court of New Jersey decided it to be constitutional, and a few days afterwards it was decided to be unconstitutional in Massachusetts.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Pittsburg Gazette confidently asserts that SIMON CAMERON will meet with no difficulty in being re-elected to the United States Senate by the next Legislature. We should think so ourselves, judging from the material of which that body is composed.

TRICE has CAMERON debarred the Legislature of this State, and trice has been elected to the Senate. But in the present instance the tools have all been made ready to his hand and he will therefore be compelled to resort to his well-known and systematic scheme of corruption to accomplish his purpose.

As we predicted in our last issue, the infamous attempt of the radicals in Alabama, aided and assisted by GRANT'S United States Marshal, to prevent the Democratic members of the Legislature, composing as they do a small majority, from organizing and proceeding to business, ended in a miserable failure. The members who were arrested by the Marshal while on their way to the Capital and taken to Mobile, gave bail to answer the charge against them, whatever that was, and then started for Montgomery, the seat of government.

The Democrats, having thus a majority in the Senate and House, organized in the State House and elected the necessary officers. The "Rump," composed of carpet-baggers and negroes, met in another building, elected officers and appointed a committee to wait on Governor LINDSEY and inform him that they were ready to receive any communication he desired to send them.

CONGRESS will meet next Monday. It will be what is known as the short session, and will expire by its own limitation on the 4th of next March. There is a project on foot, at least some of the leading radical journals have so stated, to pass a bill providing for the immediate re-assembling of that body, which is thought to be a dodge to secure the re-election of Speaker BLAINE in advance of the next regular session, which would not commence until the first Monday in December, 1873.

We are not now aware of what important questions will come before the approaching session for its action, with the exception of the scheme authorizing the government to purchase and operate all the telegraph lines in the country, a project which was strongly pressed during the last session, and defeated.

It was stated a short time ago, apparently on good authority, that GRANT would again attempt to procure the ratification of a new treaty, yet to be made, for the acquisition of San Domingo. The friends of the President, however, deny that he has any intention of reviving that insane project, or not at least at the coming session. What he may attempt at the succeeding session remains yet to be developed.

The table which we publish below shows the result of the Presidential election, by majorities and electoral votes, according to the latest returns. It is true they are not all official, but they will be found to be nearly correct when the result is definitely ascertained. It will be seen that GRANT'S popular majority in 687,800. From this must be deducted 106,000 Democratic votes that were given for BUCKALEW at the October election in this State, but which were not cast for GREELEY in November.

Table showing Presidential election results by State, including columns for State, Grant, Greeley, and Electoral Vote.

The following Washington dispatch is taken from the New York World. If it should prove to be true, and if Congress will carry out the recommendation of the President, it will do that which it ought to have done at the session succeeding the close of the rebellion. There is an old adage, however, which says that it is never too late to do good.

GRANT'S declaration just prior to his appointment of FAIRMAN to be Post-Master at Philadelphia, that he intended in future to enforce the rules of the civil service, has caused quite a commotion among the radical members of Congress who have arrived at Washington. The simple reason is, that it will prevent them from dictating appointments not fit to be made as a mere reward for partisan services.

The "Missouri" Disaster.

ANOTHER BOAT'S CREW PICKED UP - HORRIBLE SUFFERING AT SEA. HAVANA, Nov. 21. - The steamship Mora Castle arrived to-day from New York via Nassau, the 8th inst. She brings news of the safety of another of the boats of the ill-fated steamship Missouri, and that John Freney, first assistant engineer, David A. North, third assistant engineer, Charles Sinclair, oiler, and Charles Conway, fireman, who survived almost incredible sufferings, were at Nassau, and will leave for New York on the return trip in the Mora Castle.

It is not a great draft upon the public purse, nor a creation of dangerous family influence, when the President appoints a dozen or more of his relations to office; but it is a bad example, and shows a low view of the Presidential office. But far worse than this was the scandal of a President's brother-in-law at the capital, following the profession of agent for claims against the government, carrying his family influence into the subordinate executive departments where such claims are judged, and actually—as he testified before a Congressional committee—appearing cases from the departments to the President, and appearing before him to urge them.

The summer absence of the President from the capital is matters of no great moment in the affairs of the Government, and his frequent jaunting excursions could be excused but for his proclivity for a peculiar kind of entertainments, who bring him and the Presidential office into disrepute and expose him to be made the instrument of designs upon the Government. When the great conspiracy, to make a private speculation out of the wide-spread ruin of the innocent, burst upon the public on the memorable Black Friday, the public mind was shocked by the intelligence that the President had been caught in the toils of the conspirators, and had been made to do their bidding by writing letters to stockholders to sell their shares against increasing his sales of gold.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—A Whole Family Buried Alive.—The Capital City (Nebraska) News says: A family by the name of Hunt, consisting of the father, mother and three children, have been living on a claim some two miles from Marion Center, in Marion county, Kansas, about a mile and a half from the house, and the house was built of stone and roofed with dirt and sod, which was supported with timbers. Night before last, as some persons were returning home from a dance, they noticed that the roof of the house had fallen in, and immediately they went to the house and found that the roof had fallen in upon the family as they lay sleeping in their beds. The party went at once to relieve them, and upon taking the dirt away found the mother and three children dead, and the father, who was fastened to the floor, was the only survivor.

Is HANGING PLAYED OUT?—New York Mockery of Justice.—There have been unpunished murders in New York before the eyes of the people, and when a man is guilty of a crime, either with or without a premeditated design, and the law is not taken for granted, it has already been taken for granted. The World the other day contained the names of twenty men and one woman now locked up in the Tombs accused of murder, indicted and awaiting trial, and not one of them had any expectation of a worse thing happening to him. Look at a few of them: Foster killed Putnam with a car-hoek, and was sentenced to the State Prison for life. Putnam's offense against Foster was that he mildly rebuked an insult offered by Foster to a young lady under Putnam's protection. Foster was sentenced to be hanged July 14, 1872. Stay applied for to several judges. All refused it but Pratt over in Brooklyn. Foster was hanged again March 22, 1872. Another stay was interposed by another judge, and here we still are.

A LESSON IN BROTHERLY KINDNESS.—We have yet to see in the Southern newspapers any expression of feeling called forth by the Boston fire other than the most sympathetic and kindly. Remembering that Boston was for a long time, to the Southern mind, the representative of the anti-slavery movement, and afterwards of loyalty to the Union, it is not surprising that the Southern press should have been so full of expressions of sympathy from that quarter for a recognition equally pronounced and heartfelt. The donation from Chicago has been felt to be peculiarly sympathetic and full of meaning. But the intelligence that in Charleston, S. C., and other places in the South, efforts are being made to send relief to our fire sufferers, and the receipt on Saturday of a check from the late Confederate Secretary of the Treasury and of deeper significance. They show that the Southern heart is not so cold and policy were antagonistic to the South in a large measure, these warm and cordial expressions of sympathy from that quarter call for a recognition equally pronounced and heartfelt.

Middleton, Pa., November 24.—A fire, which commenced here at 12 o'clock last night, and burned till 4 a. m., destroyed Etter, Carmany & Siple's sawmill. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, on which there is an insurance of \$15,000.

After the Election.

WHAT A GRANT ORGAN NOW DARES TO SAY ABOUT GRANT. It was unfortunate that Grant came into office with the conspicuous gift of citizens to the successful General who in the line of precedents was the coming President. Then he showed an inclination to call the givers to high places in the government, it gave the opposition a weapon against him. When he took a share in the gift that citizens were contributing to General Sherman, and his engagemens involved himself in the scandal with Mayor Bowen, he compromised his personal dignity and exhibited qualities unbecoming to his station.

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On Friday evening, Mrs. Terry, aged 60 years, while up stairs in her residence, rear of No. 20, Fourteenth street, Pittsburgh, brushed her clothes against a grate, the took fire, and she jumped upon the bed to extinguish the flames, but the bed clothing also took fire, and before the old lady could be rescued she was burned terribly, and lingered in the most intense agony for nearly twenty-four hours. She was a widow lady and lived alone. The nitro-glycerine magazine at Scrubbers, Yanago county, exploded on Saturday forenoon, killing two men and greatly damaging the building. Those killed were Harry J. Wolfe, a telegrapher, and H. A. Wright, a torpedo agent. Only fragments of their bodies were recovered, as they were literally blown to atoms. A watch belonging to one of them was found on the hillside, a considerable distance from the building. The cause of the explosion is not known.

A novel substitute for the custom of giving wedding presents was recently adopted by a youthful couple in a Western town. They were married in church, and a fee of twenty-five cents was collected from persons entering to see the ceremony. The whole amount was given to the newly married pair as a capital to commence housekeeping. This is a good plan, if one made a business of marrying and adopted it he could make a fortune in a week. If any of our readers try it we shall be glad to know the result.

—Mrs. Fair attempted, it seems, at the time of her second trial, to poison the Judge who was to preside and all the counsel for the prosecution. This revelation is made by the man whom she brought to put poison into the Judge's drink, or into the milk-can at his door. In corroboration of this startling story, a plan of Judge Dwinelle's house was found in the possession of the waiter, and the Judge's wife remembers that at the time of the trial she was cautioned by an unknown woman not to put the milk-can out of doors, as usual.

—The Clarion Democrat says that in Beaver township, that county, lives a German Lutheran minister, who, though poor and obscure, has a wonderful interest in constructive genius. Possessing the German love for music, he has devoted his leisure time for years to inventing some kind of a musical instrument so simple in his practice and so skilled in playing, that the best music. He has no other contrivance which can be attached to an organ or other musical instrument, and by touching the keys in regular order, commencing at the left-hand side, any tune which it is set will be played.

News and Political Items.

—The epizootic has reached Altoona. —An Ohio lunatic has eloped with his mother-in-law. It was the only way he saw open to get rid of a mother-in-law. —There is an ex-husband of Fannie C. Chaffin in Noblesville, Ind., but he is singularly silent concerning his whilom bride. —Massillon, Ohio, is small, but it has 121 widows and 200 marriageable girls. If any young man is desirous of leaving a widow, Massillon is the place.

—The Boston Relief Committee give it as their opinion that \$1,000,000 will be needed to carry those dependent upon them through this emergency. —A Connecticut man has invented a machine by which one man can make four thousand keys in a day, or double the number which can be made with any tool now in use. —Mrs. Elkins, aged 79, lately drove her team, with a load of apples, from Jackson, N. H., through the Pinkham Notch of the White Mountains, to Guildhall, Vt. "Age cannot tire."

—The oldest postmaster in Ohio is Michael Dorsay, at Caplinia, Elyria county, commissioned February 2, 1839. He is tenth on the list of all postmasters in the United States. —Mara, who attempted to assassinate ex-Alderman McMullin in Philadelphia, has been sentenced to six years and nine months imprisonment, and to pay a fine of one thousand dollars. —A New York printer has just died who, though born on West Broadway, was never on a ferryboat in his life, never saw Central Park, and had not been further up town than Bleeker street in his life. —An Iowa colt a year ago and a half old weighs 1800 pounds, or at least 700 pounds more than an average full-grown horse, and is warranted to hold more "epizootic" than any other equine of his age in the world.

—Two young men of Raymond, N. H., named Bradley Sturtevant and Alder Powle, were drowned in a pond, while gunning on Sunday, by breaking through the ice. A boy who went in with them they threw out and saved. —Mary Snyder died near Leesville, Crawford county, on Monday week, in the one hundred and eighth year of her age. She was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, somewhere between 1760 and 1768 —The record being lost. —Murder, it may be said, literally stalks through the street of New York these days. The latest case, and even in its simplicity the most horrible, is that of a cigar-maker named Martin, who, on Saturday, shot his wife fatally in a fit of ill humor. —Murder, it may be said, literally stalks through the street of New York these days. The latest case, and even in its simplicity the most horrible, is that of a cigar-maker named Martin, who, on Saturday, shot his wife fatally in a fit of ill humor.

—An extensive fire occurred at Harrisburg on Friday, which is believed to have been the work of incendiaries. Several buildings near the corner of Raspberry and Cranberry alleys, between Second and H. A. Wright, a torpedo agent. Only fragments of their bodies were recovered, as they were literally blown to atoms. A watch belonging to one of them was found on the hillside, a considerable distance from the building. The cause of the explosion is not known.

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