

JAMES K. KERR, a prominent member of the Pittsburgh bar, died in that city on Friday last, after a protracted illness, aged 52 years.

At all events, the number of public registers being exposed and punished just now is more than sufficient to prevent the spread of the disease.

The above is taken from one of the leading daily papers of the State. The quotation is as familiar as household words, but the second line, as put by the editor, is a fine libel on the English of Shakespeare.

The select committee appointed by the House of Representatives at Harrisburg at its last session, to investigate the management of the State treasury, submitted its final report to that body last week.

In view of the advanced age and long service of Hon. Wilson McCandless, Judge of the District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, a bill has been passed in the lower house of Congress permitting him to retire from the bench on full pay.

The jury in the Babcock indictment, recently tried at St. Louis, returned a verdict of not guilty. While it is true that no man, whatever his position in life may be, ought ever to be convicted of a criminal offence unless upon clear and undoubted testimony, the escape of Babcock, while it is a legal acquittal at the hands of a jury, is a moral conviction in public estimation.

The following act of Assembly may prove valuable information to those recently elected to borough and township offices. It was adopted in March last and fixes the tenure of municipal and other offices.

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That all members of Councils, and other city, ward, borough and township officers, excepting school directors, to be elected on the third Monday of February next, and in any year thereafter, whose term of office would, under the existing laws, expire prior to the first Monday of April, shall continue in office from the date at which said term would otherwise expire, until the first Monday of April next ensuing thereon; and the term of office of any such officer, elected on the first Monday of April, shall terminate on the first Monday of April next ensuing thereon.

The military organization of this State is known by the imposing title of the "National Guard" and consists of nineteen regiments, with a fearful number of Major Generals and other subordinate officers.

Col. D. S. Hensinger, expenses in line of inspection of troops, \$2,226 29

What benefit did the people of the State derive from the inspections by these military gentlemen, arrayed "in all the pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious war?"

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Section 2. That the members of the legislative departments of municipal governments of this Commonwealth hereafter elected shall assemble in their respective places of meeting, for the purpose of organizing, at one o'clock in the forenoon of the first Monday in April, next ensuing, and that the mayors of all cities of this Commonwealth shall be inaugurated and take the official oath at twelve o'clock (noon) of the same day.

Section 3. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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Gen. Babcock's Return.

After receiving the congratulatory telegrams of his friends and visiting Gen. McDonald in the St. Louis jail Gen. Babcock has returned to Washington to resume his duties of private secretary to the President.

As a result of the acquittal of Gen. Babcock it is already intimated that the conspirators will be granted new trials.

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A CHIEF OF WAR STORY.

The following curious story we find in the Home (Ga.) Courier, the editor claiming that it has never before been published:

While Pickett's division was before Newbern, General Pickett received by flag of truce, a letter from a gentleman in Boston, accompanied by a package of money containing \$2,000, in which the writer stated that he had a brother, a Federal officer, in the Libby Prison; that his brother was a former comrade of Pickett in the Mexican war, and appealed to him, by the friendship of their old days, to forward the money to his brother.

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News and Other Notings.

General Sheridan is a father, his wife having presented him with a daughter on Friday night.

Michael Brestlin and wife, of Schuylkill county, have had twenty children, none of whom were twins.

Daniel Murphy, of Tulare, Cal., has bought 9,000 square miles of land in Mexico at two cents an acre.

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A MATTER OF POPULAR INTEREST. We confess from the English Register the following account of a man who has been in America. A visitor and traveler in America. A visitor and traveler in America. A visitor and traveler in America.

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Governor Bagley, of Michigan, urges upon every citizen of his State who owns a piece of ground, whether it be large or small, to plant upon it, on the 15th of April next, a tree which shall be venerated in the distant future as one planted by patriotic hands during the Centennial year of the Republic.