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The amendments made by the Senate to the silver bill were concurred in by the House on yesterday week by an average vote of 202 yeas to 71 nays, which is more than two thirds.

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Monday last Judge Whitaker, of New Orleans, before whom Thomas C. Anderson was tried for forging and altering the election returns of Vernon parish, overruled the motion for a new trial made by Anderson's counsel, and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Dr. St. Clair, of Indiana, who is a member of the State Senate, occupies a high rank in his own profession, but is not likely to achieve distinguished honor as a legislator. Some time ago he introduced a bill into the Senate imposing a tax of one cent per gallon on petroleum oil to be paid by the producer.

At the election on last Tuesday week the voters in six wards in Philadelphia, in which they have a special local option law, passed on the question whether or not license should be granted in their respective wards, and here is the result:

Table with 4 columns: Ward, For, Against, Total. Rows include Thirteenth ward, Fourteenth ward, Fifteenth ward, Sixteenth ward, Seventeenth ward, Eighteenth ward.

This result is certainly not calculated to inspire the advocates of the local option project with any confidence in their future success. It will be observed that the total vote did not reach 7,000, whereas the aggregate vote in the same wards at the Presidential election in 1876 was over 32,000.

The members of the investigating committee appointed last year by the South Carolina Legislature, to ascertain what frauds had been committed on the treasury, and to what extent the money of the State had been misappropriated, made a report last week which reveals a mass of corruption and exposes an amount of systematic fraud on the part of the officials of that State which even in these degenerate days is without a parallel.

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A thrilling and a true and wonderful escape. The Gravel Locomotive, published at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, is responsible for the following: A strange occurrence, indeed we might say a miracle almost, was related to us the other day by a gentleman from Clarion. As told to us the story runs: On Tuesday afternoon a drayman from Clarion, Pa., was engaged to drive a heavy rig from Messrs. Lovoy & Montgomery.

How Pius IX. abolished the Tax on Salt. Among the taxes laid upon Pio Nono since his death the following deserves place: "Shortly after his election to the Papacy, and when Cardinal Antonelli held his first office as Secretary of State, he was in the street, his official carriage being drawn by a mule, and he was followed by a crowd of people.

The Republican Legislature at Harrisburg, after having been in session almost two months, has succeeded in sending three bills to the Governor for his action. It is well that such should be the meagre harvest of legislation, for the fewer laws that are enacted the less likely are the interests of the people to suffer.

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A Wonderful Inventor.—A New York Sun reporter visited Menlo Park on Tuesday last day, to call on Prof. Thomas A. Edison, the inventor of the telegraphic, telephonic, and sextuplex dispatches, carbon telephone, stock indicator, electric pen, and various other inventions.

The treaty of peace between Russia and Turkey has not yet been signed, the delay being occasioned by the efforts of Turkey to secure a change of some of the severe terms demanded by Russia, which she may possibly succeed in doing.

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News and Gayer Notings.

A Maine woman has a head of natural hair over eight feet long. All the families of Danby, Vt., are now related through cousins intermarrying. Mollie Darling teaches a writing school in Devereux, Herkimer county, N. Y.

A silver mine is reported to have been discovered recently near Myerstown, Lebanon county. Godfrey Brossais Saint Maria, Cardinal Archbishop of Rennes, France, died on Wednesday last. A special from Rome says an explosion of dynamite at Parma, Italy, on Saturday, killed six and wounded sixty-three persons.

Two years ago a drover started from California with 4,000 sheep. He has just arrived in Texas, having driven the flock all the way, assisted by two well-trained dogs. The sheep have increased in number, and frequent stops for pasture have kept them in good condition.

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A Cincinnati landlady is holding a woman in her custody for four dollars board. Seems to us we'd rather lose the four dollars. The house of David Okie, near Bridge-water, N. S., was burned on Friday night. His brother-in-law, J. C. Court, House, was badly burned.

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A CHEERY TRAMP.—The following singular, not to say doubtful, story comes from Richmond, Va. The latest news sensation here is the fishing party in Church Hill, which is the lofty and picturesque locality of this city, rises a wide fashionable promenade, in the shape of a wide, grassy lawn, and is a favorite resort for the people.

A FAMILY BECOMES INSANE.—The Duquesne Telegraph tells the following remarkable story: One of the strangest occurrences on record took place in a small town in Wisconsin, a few miles from the city of Madison, Wis. A man named Johnson, together with his wife and two children, were living in a small house in the town, and were all afflicted with insanity.

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