

**Cameron Freeman.**  
EBENSBURG, PA.,  
FRIDAY, -- MARCH 25, 1881.

By special invitation, one hundred and fifty members of the Legislature visited the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, on Saturday last. They were treated with great hospitality during their brief stay at the hospital, and the only thing to be regretted was that they were not induced to remain there permanently.

**SAM WILKESON**, who claims to have loaned Henry Ward Beecher ten thousand dollars to enable him to continue his contract with the publishing house of F. B. Ford & Co. to write a "Life of Christ," which Beecher failed to do, the said book owing to the "Bible scandal" and trial having been, as Wilkeson says, "knocked higher than a kite," has sued, or is about to sue, the Plymouth church preacher to recover that amount of a law-suet action. The world will never know the irreparable loss it sustained through Beecher's failure to complete that "Life," but Wilkeson knows that it cost him \$10,000 to start the experiment.

THAT JOHN I. MITCHELL, the new Senator from this State, is a profound and far-seeing statesman is made perfectly manifest from the broad view he takes of the bargain entered into by his colleague, Don Cameron, with Mahone, who advocates the doctrine that the honor of a State consists not in the payment of its public debt. Mitchell says: "I think that the action of Mahone means the dawning of a new and bright day for this country." He means the establishment of national, not local, parties. The fetters have been broken and the apostle of a new order of things has come forth. Mitchell is undoubtedly a "brilliant" as is evident from this opinion as to an opinion.

COL. JOHN M. BOWMAN, formerly of Johnstown, has, as our readers are acquainted with, retired from the editorial chair of the "Register," and he has, as a reason therefor, as assigned by the *Altoona Sun*, being that he is an outspoken Blaine man and a determined opponent of the Cameronite. It is true that he was using his grip on the radical press of this Congressional district and desperate measures had to be called into requisition to stop the spirit of manhood and independence that was making itself felt among the Republican masses. John Cassin and Stewart Elliott were equal to the emergency in Bedford county, and Bowman was a victim to the demands of the machine.

It appears from a communication made last week to the House at Harrisburg by its chief clerk, that each member is entitled under existing laws to two copies of Smith's "Legislative Hand Book," and that it requires six thousand eight hundred copies of that book to fill the legislature. If a more exact and gigantic fraud than this was perpetrated on the State treasury we would like to hear of it. And yet, just as we anticipated, the appetite of members for "Hand Book" grows by leaps and bounds upon, for a joint resolution was offered in the House not long since by a Democratic member authorizing the printing of several thousand copies for distribution. The member referred to served during the session two years ago, and of course carried away his share of the plunder at that time in the shape of thirty copies of the book, and although he has been, or will be, loaded down with a like installment at the present session, he is still not satisfied, but wants to have more. He has, in fact, upon him by incurring the expense of furnishing him "the rest of us" with several thousand extra copies, and has been persistently practicing for years but how men who know the distinction between stealing an article they want and the old-fashioned way of honestly paying for it, can be so grossly deceived as to the windfall, has always been to us a profound mystery. Has no member of the House the honesty and nerve to refuse the last ditch this shameless outrage?

SOME MEN are born great, some achieve greatness, while some have greatness thrust upon them. One of the last named class was Lincoln, and he was to be a shining example. When Grant made him Secretary of War, at the instance of Logan, his fitness was the best of the country. In the hands of the public press, was made to rest on the fact that he was a son of Abraham Lincoln. His fitness must be shown by his acts and his name, not by his lineage. Jefferson was a shining example of a man who was great in his own right, and not by the name of his father. It is now urged in his behalf that Lincoln is older than Jefferson was at the time of his declaration of Independence, and older than William Pitt when he became Prime Minister of England. A good many men have been named after Jefferson in this country and in England who were older than Jefferson or Pitt at the periods of their lives referred to, but the name of Jefferson was not given to them. It fell upon their shoulders by the fact that they were a son of Abraham Lincoln. His fitness must be shown by his acts and his name, not by his lineage. Jefferson was a shining example of a man who was great in his own right, and not by the name of his father. It is now urged in his behalf that Lincoln is older than Jefferson was at the time of his declaration of Independence, and older than William Pitt when he became Prime Minister of England. A good many men have been named after Jefferson in this country and in England who were older than Jefferson or Pitt at the periods of their lives referred to, but the name of Jefferson was not given to them. It fell upon their shoulders by the fact that they were a son of Abraham Lincoln.

**UNEXPLAINABLE FACTS.**—Affairs do not edify in this world. The other day there were several persons who were killed by several persons were killed, but only one, as it turned out, fatally. He was a young fellow named John, who was a member of the Federal Guard, and he was killed by a bullet which was fired at him by a young man named John. The young man named John was a member of the Federal Guard, and he was killed by a bullet which was fired at him by a young man named John. The young man named John was a member of the Federal Guard, and he was killed by a bullet which was fired at him by a young man named John. The young man named John was a member of the Federal Guard, and he was killed by a bullet which was fired at him by a young man named John.

To DON CAMERON is given the credit of infamy, as the cause, by, according to Billy Mahone into the Republican camp, and thus enabling Arthur, the Vice President, so long as parties are equally divided in the Senate, to control by his casting vote the fate of nominations and of all legislation. No man more competent than Cameron to engineer such a job could be found in all the land. He graduated in a school kept by his illustrious father, and in which the study of such difficult and complicated work was taught as a specialty. Don was an apt scholar, and soon learned all the ropes, as exemplified by evidence of which a report was made to the lower branch of the Legislature in 1863 by a select committee, of which John Cyrus L. Perlin was one of the members from this county, was chairman, which showed from the testimony taken by it that a night or two prior to the election of U. S. Senator, in January of that year, a meeting took place at Cameron's residence, in Harrisburg, at which were present Simon, his father, lying on a bed either sick or feigning to be so, Don Mitchell, John J. Patterson, pupil of the same school, and Dr. Boyer, the Democratic member from Clearfield county, and that Boyer was then and there offered to become a lobbyist for the two Camerons and their protégé Patterson, fifteen thousand dollars, or a larger sum, in greenbacks, if he would carry for Cameron's father for Senator Charles R. Buckleaw. For reasons not necessary here to mention, the bargain fell through and Buckleaw was elected by one vote. Who, therefore, knew better how to consummate a corrupt bargain with Mahone than an expert like Cameron?

**OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.**  
DEATH OF SYLVESTER J. MEGARRE.—ARRIVAL OF FRANK B. BOYTON.—RECEIVAL OF THE BIBLE.—BIBLICAL POLITICAL FRANCHISE.—BIBLICAL POLITICAL FRANCHISE.—BIBLICAL POLITICAL FRANCHISE.

**PHILADELPHIA, March 21, 1881.**  
DEAR MURPHY—Since your last letter our city has lost, in the truest sense of the term, one of its very best citizens, the late and much lamented Sylvester J. Megaree. His history is linked with the history of the Quaker City. He was truly one of Philadelphia's most prominent and respected citizens. He had closed the life of one of the noblest gentlemen that it has ever produced, and to ever come in contact with, and to fathom and appreciate. No man in Philadelphia was more highly esteemed and more loved than J. Megaree. Honor, honesty, kindness and manliness characterized all his actions. He was a true patriot, and he was a true friend to his country.

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