

On Wednesday last week the Legislature of Nevada re-elected Senator Jones United States Senator for the fourth time.

Hon. JOHN FARRELL, one of Clearfield county's representatives has introduced a bill in the Legislature providing that a ton of bituminous coal be fixed at 2,000 pounds and a bushel at 70 pounds and compelling the employment of check weighing men and standard scales.

It is a fortunate thing for Cambria county that a new Commissioner was elected on the last Monday morning before the election. One Commissioner will not make a quorum, but one competent official on the board will be very useful to the taxpayers.

Hon. SAMUEL BUTLER, Ex-State Treasurer of this State died at his home in West Chester, on Monday afternoon at a feeble illness aged 65. He served two terms in the lower House of the Legislature and in 1879 was elected State Treasurer on the Republican ticket, serving two years.

In the Senate at Harrisburg, on Tuesday Senator New's bill requiring murderers to be hanged in the Eastern and Western penitentiaries instead of the jail yards of each county as at present was unanimously passed and ordered to the House for concurrence. Should his bill pass and become a law it will not likely interfere with the execution of murderers as present under sentence, although we have not as yet seen the full text of the bill.

A COMMITTEE commissioned by the State to make inquiry into the cause leading to the Mannsboro mine disaster with a view of a thorough revision of the existing mining laws, consisted of their labors at the mine on Tuesday and departed for Harrisburg. The evidence is principally of a sensational character. All the testimony presented favors conclusively that Fire Boss William Smith, who was among the victims of the recent calamity, was derelict in his official duties as he was addicted to the liberal use of intoxicating liquor.

Dr. Wetherill, Secretary of the State Board of Lunacy, has just made a tour of inspection among the State hospitals, and has made a report to the Board. In the five State institutions for the insane he found about 5,215 inmates, distributed as follows: Norristown Hospital, 1,990; Harrisburg, about 870; Warren, 778; Diamond, 746; and Danville, 972. Dr. Wetherill says a work at each of these places, using through all the departments thoroughly, and he reports that he found them in admirable condition, with the exception that they are overcrowded. Measures will be taken to induce the Legislature to provide for extra accommodations.

What is the McKinley bill, says the Harrisburg Patriot, doing for the country? Let us see. Seven hundred iron-workers have been thrown out of employment at Potomac and four hundred and fifty are without work at Red Bank, Berks county. At Raney & Rogers' blast furnace, New Castle, Pa., the employees have accepted a reduction of ten cents a day for laborers and fifteen cents for tinsmiths and iron men. At the Bethlehem steel works on Monday 1,700 employees were obliged to submit to a 10 per cent reduction in pay. The same cut was made at the Emma blast furnace, Cleveland, O. Has anybody heard of an increase of wages in a protected industry since the McKinley bill went into effect?

What the Page bill removed, says the Philadelphia Record, there is but one remaining danger that seriously threatens the people in the present Congress. This is the gigantic steamship subsidy windfall, which if made a law, would double the public Treasury of not less than \$20,000,000 in the next ten years. A general lobby is still in Washington pushing the infamous measure in the interests of its chief beneficiaries. The main object of the bill is to make these persons present steamships built with the public money, and to pay them out of the Treasury for transporting ocean freight their own interests. This far-reaching scheme has been hailed by the vigilance of the Democratic majority and its promoters are on the watch for any opportunity to push it through the House when its opponents shall be off their guard.

On Thursday night of last week, while attending the annual banquet of the Board of Trade and Transportation, at Des Moines, in New York, William Windley, Secretary of the United States Treasury was suddenly taken ill and died in a few minutes thereafter without ever recovering consciousness. Mr. Windley had just concluded an able address and taken his seat when the fatal summons came. Mr. Windley was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on 10th May 1827. After attending Harrowood he went to Minnesota, where he practiced law and in 1859 was elected to the thirty-sixth Congress as a Republican, and was re-elected and served five terms. In 1870 he was appointed United States Senator from that State to serve an unexpired term and was twice re-elected. In 1871 President Garfield appointed him Secretary of the Treasury which position he held until the death of Garfield when he resigned and was again appointed United States Senator. After serving his term he was defeated for reelection and took no active part in politics until the election of President Harrison, when he was again appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

This colored people, says the Pittsburg Post, proposed to test the sincerity of President Harrison's devotion to their race, which he has so energetically set forth in pushing the Force bill. There is a vacancy in the cabinet, and it is argued that if the President will invite to his cabinet a representative of the race that elected him by their votes in the pivotal States it will do more to break down race prejudice and advance the colored fellow-citizen than all the Force bills that were ever proposed, or all the sympathetic resolutions of Republican conventions or fine words in President's messages.

We believe this is a logical conclusion. If, instead of inviting Congress to weary months of debate on the rights and wrongs of the colored people, the President will, so to speak, take the bull by the horns, and name a clear, fair, fall-blooded citizen of purely African descent to a cabinet office it would serve as a precedent that might be fruitful in great results. President Harrison has yet to appoint a colored man to any office of the least account at the North, although he got his election by colored votes in the close States. He reserves official recognition for the Southern negro, and is willing to tolerate the prejudices of the South the selections are not always welcomed, but nothing of that kind need be feared at the North.

We of the North, thanks to the inborn and broad liberality that permeates our noble souls, have no race prejudices. We welcome the black man to his full share of the honors and emoluments of official station. Notice how many of them are holding lucrative places in our city, county and State administration. Why not have a simple article in the cabinet of the blue-blooded Harrison family. Congressman Doolittle, always eloquent on the wrongs of the race, should take up this matter. But alas, he will not. The push is of the fishiest surface variety.

ANOTHER mine horror occurred on Wednesday, this time in Luzerne county, by which eighteen miners lost their lives. The Spring Water coal mine at Jenneville, Luzerne county is operated by J. C. Hayden & Co., and the surface work of the mines was covered by an acre of water, the recent heavy rains having increased the size of the pool. John Cole and Patrick Boyle went to work on Wednesday morning in a basket in No. 1 lift. No. 8 lift is just above No. 2, and was filled with water. Boyle drove his pick through the roof, which made a big opening, and immediately the water began to run down into the mine.

Boyle and Cole ran for their lives, and as they passed through the mine they cried out at the top of their voices for everybody to get out. This warning saved a great many lives, there being at the time 118 men at work in the mine. With every minute's time the holed-up water in the mine grew, and soon it was the size of a hoghead in diameter. The water then came into the mine like a torrent, driving everybody and everything before it. Miners were smashed to pieces and all the woodwork carried away. There were some narrow escapes. Men who were at work in distant parts of the mine had to race with the running flood. When they started the water was at their feet, but before they reached the bottom of the slope the water was up to the neck of some. Eighteen men are drowned in the mine, and it is estimated that it will take at least a month to pump out the water and reach them.

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His First Veto Message.

GOVERNOR PATTERSON sent to the Senate last evening a message vetoing the resolution passed by both branches of the Legislature on Monday last, and the final disposition of the Force bill, and they have accepted the result with the best grace possible although it is far from satisfactory to them. Not so Mr. Harrison. He is so wedded to the idea of Federal interference in Southern elections and its consequent benefit to him and his party that he refuses to believe the Force bill dead, and has begun scheming for another attempt to rush it through the Senate. He is strongly seconded by Speaker Reed and the House Republicans generally, but the idea has so far been very coldly received by the Senators whose recollection of the two square knock-downs they have already received while battling for this unpopular and unjust bill makes them shy of again entering the ring against the intelligent public opinion of the country.

Still there is no telling what these Republicans may do. It is certain that if they saw their way clear to pass the bill they would do so. Their only desire is as strong for the passage of the bill as it ever was, but it is the dread of another defeat that makes them hesitate to re-engage. They are fully aware that all danger from this bill will not be passed until the close of the session, and they will see to it that the Republicans get no chance to catch them unawares.

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