

AND THE COUNTY PAYS THE COSTS—OF ELECTION CONTESTS.

JUDGE CAMPBELL, of Philadelphia, died on Friday of last week aged 80 years. Judge Campbell was Postmaster General under Franklin Pierce's administration from 1852 to 1856.

At a union meeting of the railway brotherhoods held at Lehigh, Pa., on Sunday, with over 600 representatives present, the question of the federation of the different brotherhoods was discussed but no definite action taken.

A PAIR of driving wheels seven feet in diameter are being constructed for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. The locomotive of which they are to be a part will run between New York and Chicago. These will be the largest driving wheels in the world, and the locomotive is expected to run at an average speed of fifty-miles an hour.

A LEADING Republican made the remark the other day that "there was nothing in the Davis-McGough election contest, but what worried the party leaders was how to let go." It is an easy matter going ahead, subpoenaing witnesses, taking testimony etc., when the county pays the costs, but to drop the contest now will put those who started it in the position of pleading the bally-act. Let her go Gallagher!

HON. JAMES GILBERT BLAINE died at his Washington home at 11 o'clock on Friday last, after a long illness. Mr. Blaine was born on the 31 of January, 1800, at West Brownsville, in this state, and at the time of his death had completed his 63rd year. He began his national career as a member of Congress in 1822 and since then has always been a prominent figure in National politics and for the past twenty years the leader of the Republican party.

WHEN a President is inaugurated at Washington he is usually sworn in with a large new bible, which is afterward presented to some member of his family. But Mr. Cleveland in 1885 took the oath on his mother's bible. It was a small book, Morocco bound and gilt-edged. So far as is known he still has the book, and in the belief that it will be used at the coming ceremony the clerk of the supreme court has not purchased a bible to be used on that occasion.

GENERAL DAVIS, editor of the Doylestown Democrat, speaks of pension matters with the advantage of a double experience—first, as a gallant soldier; secondly, as a pension agent, with the opportunity for observation of the working of the pension laws afforded while acting in that capacity. In a late number of his newspaper we find the following paragraph: If pension reformers are really in earnest, they will begin by repealing, or suspending, the Dependent bill of 1890. It is the worst of all pension legislation; it lets in every bounty-jumper, bummer, thiever and deserter, in fact all the disreputable classes, who are now robbing the taxpayers without being entitled to a dollar by reason of any service.

WISCONSIN was the first of the Republican states of the West, says the Philadelphia Record, to enter with enthusiasm into the tariff Reform movement. Long before Cleveland had delivered his famous message of 1887 Wisconsin had sent Democratic delegations to Congress pledged to the work of Tariff Reform. While two Democrats will after March 4 next represent the state in the Senate, seven of the ten Wisconsin members of the next House are Democratic tariff reformers. It was no easy task to dislodge a political party so strongly entrenched in power and supported by so large a popular majority as were the Republicans of Wisconsin. But the inflexible adherence of the Wisconsin Democracy to the progressive ideas of the party and the receptivity of its people to these ideas have finally accomplished a political revolution against which there is no sign of reaction. The example is worthy of the consideration of the Democrats of Pennsylvania, who not many years ago were in a far better position than were their brethren in Wisconsin. By determined effort Pennsylvania also might be brought into line with rest of the Tariff Reform states.

A REVOLUTION has occurred in Hawaii, one of the Sandwich islands, in the Pacific ocean. The existing government had been overthrown and a provisional government established. The cause of the overthrow was ostensibly, the arbitrary actions of the queen, but probably the real cause was the desire of the majority party for annexation to the United States. A delegation is now on its way from the island to Washington who are delegated by the new government to ask annexation to our country.

The Hawaii consist of twelve islands in the north Pacific, and, up to the present very interesting time, have constituted a kingdom. Their position is between Mexico and China, extending about three hundred and sixty miles, in a curve from northwest to southeast. The names of the islands and their areas are: Hawaii, 4,040 square miles; Maui, 603 square miles; Molokai, an islet, scarcely to be considered; Kahoolawe, 60 square miles; Lanai, 150 square miles; Molokai, 169 square miles; Oahu, 522 square miles; Kauai, 527 square miles; Lehua, another islet; Nihoa, 70 square miles; Kaula and Bird Island, islets; Toai, about 6,100 square miles, of which Hawaii constitutes two thirds. The islands are especially constructed for the growing of a superior quality of sugarcane.

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Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, D. C. January 27, 1893. The Fifty Second congress may die in a Senatorial dead-lock unprecedented in the annals of Congress. If Mr. Harrison follows the advice that is being given him by prominent members of his party and nominates a Republican as successor to the late Justice Lamar. The Supreme Court is in theory, if not in fact, a non-partisan body, and the death of Justice Lamar leaves only two men—Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Field—on its bench who were Democrats before their appointments thereto; after a man takes his seat upon that bench he is not supposed to have any politics, but the Democratic party knows its cost what a mistaken idea that is. It is certainly not to the people whose interests are constantly at stake in questions coming before this court that its membership should be as nearly divided between the political parties as possible, and for that reason the Democratic Senators are disposed to resort to every honorable method to prevent the addition of another Republican to the six already sitting on the bench, and if Mr. Harrison nominates a Republican to the vacancy they will, if they can, dead-lock the Senate, even if it results in hanging up all legislation and forcing an extra session of Congress in view of Mr. Harrison's early retirement and the fact that the new Justice cannot take his seat until after President Cleveland's term begins. It would only be common decency for Mr. Harrison to fill the vacancy for Mr. Cleveland to fill, and if it were not for the pressure that is being brought to bear upon him by his party associates it is believed that he would adopt that course. Should he nominate Attenborough, General Miller, who has been his personal preference for every vacancy in the court that has occurred during his term, or Mr. Harrison, who has been popularly with Democratic Senators might prevent their voting against his confirmation.

Secretary Foster's report on the condition of the Treasury and his estimates of the probable receipts and expenditures for the remainder of this and for the next fiscal year is at last in the hands of the House Ways and means committee. It is far from satisfactory, as it is known that the surplus which he figures out is obtained by failing to deduct liabilities amounting to \$46,000,000, which will have to be met in the period covered by his estimates, and Mr. Foster will probably have to undergo a rigid cross-questioning.

An amusing episode took place in the House one morning this week, just before the session began. Chief Wolf, of the Palouse tribe of Washington Indians in all the glory of a red blanket and red paint was taking in the sights. After strolling around the hall for awhile he walked up to the Speaker's chair and taking a seat therein calmly surveyed the members who were in their seats reading papers, or writing letters. While he was sitting there a witty member remarked: "That's the first savage who has occupied the Speaker's chair since Reed vacated it." Reed was sitting near by and heard the remark, and he joined in the laugh which followed.

There is an interesting rumor here to the effect that the Republican National committee is engaged in setting up the name to make J. S. Clark the Republican candidate for President in 1896. The idea is not taken very kindly by the Harrison Republicans who regard Clark as a "hoaxer of the first order." By 1896, judging from present indications the Republican party will be past "hoaxing."

They asked for bread and received stones. The Republican Senators from the new states having convinced their colleagues that their objections to the admission of the four Territories now fully equipped for statehood, was a party mistake, very injurious to the states they represent, a Republican caucus of Senators was held to determine when and how the Territories might be admitted. The first thing the caucus did was to strike Arizona from the list, as being certainly Democratic. Then it proceeded to arrange a programme, which, while acquiescing in the demands of Oklahoma, Utah and New Mexico, was to be admitted to the family of states, only if first they about one chance out of a possible hundred to get the bill providing therefor through at this session of Congress. The programme as arranged, giving the right of way to the Territorial bills after the Cherokee strip, the anti-option and the Nicaragua canal bills are disposed of. What that right of way is worth may be judged from the fact that the Senate has not yet disposed of a single one of the appropriation bills.

The contract for the inauguration fireworks has been awarded to the St. Louis Fireworks Co., the price being \$4,650.

General Doubleday Dead. MORRISTOWN, N. J., January 27.—General Abner Doubleday died last evening at his home in Mendham, about four miles from this place. General Doubleday, who was 74 years old, has been suffering for some time with Bright's disease. He leaves a widow but no children. General Doubleday was a Lieutenant in the Mexican war. He also took an active part in the civil war and was one of the first to return the fire against the enemy when Fort Sumter was fired upon. At the battle of Gettysburg he was made Brigadier General, and after the death of General Reynolds directed the movements of the Union Army at Gettysburg and General Hancock arrived to relieve him. After the close of the war General Doubleday lived quietly in his New Jersey home, supported by his government pension.

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