

At a drawing for seniority by the seven superior court judges it was decided in favor of Judge Rice who will be the presiding judge.

The Republicans in congress are not tumbling over each other in their efforts to revive the McKinley tariff. There are a number of manufacturers who would not be averse to having the people milked for their special benefit, but their congressmen cannot see that it would be healthy in view of the close proximity of a presidential election, to commence protecting them so soon.

In Washington City on Wednesday, Representative Ephraim M. Woomer, of Lebanon, Pa., representing the Fourteenth congressional district, fell on the slippery sidewalk and broke his left leg above the knee. He lay for some minutes on the street suffering intense pain until a colored man came along and assisted him. The injured man was taken to the Hamilton House in a wagon.

On Wednesday Governor Hastings granted a respite for sixty days to James McMullen who was to have been hanged at Pitsburg, on Thursday for the murder of his wife. The respite was granted at the request of McMullen's attorneys and their action is unauthorized by the condemned man, and is displeasing to him, as he was anxiously awaiting the carrying out of the sentence of the court.

In a letter to State Senator McCarell, of Dauphin county, on Monday United States Senator Cameron declines to be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate. Mr. Cameron makes it very emphatic saying: "I have not been, am not now, and will not be a candidate for re-election to the senate of the United States." This lets the bars down and there will be a hungry horde of Republican statesmen making for the ASP.

The United States government still has about 600,000,000 acres of land for sale. This does not include the territory of Alaska, which alone has about 370,000,000 acres, such as they are. There are also military and Indian reservations, and timber reserves which will in no time be thrown open for settlement. It will be seen, therefore, that we still have land enough for a good many families when they come to buy them.

The president of the Bethlehem Iron company, received a few days ago from Lieutenant Meigs, engineer of ordnance for the company, a cablegram stating that a very successful test of armor plate had been made at the Cray's proving grounds, near St. Petersburg. The test resulted in the Russian government accepting 550 tons of Harveized armor plate. The test proved that American armor is without doubt the best made in the world.

A correspondent of the London Daily News, at Constantinople sends the following: "A correspondent at Mersina, in describing the pillage and burning of hundreds of Armenian villages, says that the United States cruiser Marblehead visited the coast at Payas, and demanded from the Turkish authorities the surrender of an Armenian doctor, who is now an American citizen, and who was carrying an American passport. He and his wife were promptly delivered to the commander of the Marblehead. Smoking villages were clearly visible from the deck of the cruiser.

The quarterly meeting of the state board of charities was held at Harrisburg one day last week. Secretary Bidle submitted his annual report, in which he reviews the operations of the board for the past year. He says the penitentiaries are overcrowded, there being 1,400 prisoners in the eastern penitentiary in accommodations provided for not more than 50 per cent. of that number. The western penitentiary is full and the Huntingdon reformatory receives only prisoners under twenty-five years of age, who are serving their first term, and hence can afford but little relief to the penitentiaries.

The members of the Pennsylvania delegation in congress have received a circular letter from the Pennsylvania Millers' state association, the outcome of a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the association held in Philadelphia last September, to make an appeal for legislation that will broaden markets for American flour. The letter says the flour mills of this country have ample capacity to grind into flour every bushel of wheat produced here, and that the statistics of our exports for the last fiscal year show that the equivalent of nearly 20,000,000 barrels of flour went out of this country in the shape of whole grain, to be ground in foreign mills, and most of the products of it sold in competitive markets against American flour.

It may be surprising to many people to learn that the eleventh census of the United States has not yet been completed, but promises to be finished soon. It required seven years to complete the tenth census, and as the eleventh will be completed in two years less time, some improvement has been made, but still it seems to take an unreasonably long time to make a census, and this seems to justify the demand, by many people, for a permanent census bureau to be engaged at all times in gathering facts, leaving only the numbering of the people and statistics in connection therewith to be gathered at the decennial census. The cost of the latest census up to June 30, 1895, was \$10,381,000 and when printed in books makes 25 volumes of 22,000 pages.

The loud gentlemen such as Boutelle and Dingley, in congress, says the Harrisburg Patriot, who believe they represent somebody, have concluded that their temporal happiness depends upon the impeachment of some body or the recall of a representative of the United States in a foreign country. These fellows began with Blount, passed on to the young man who married a South Sea islander, reached the president at the last session of congress and now are trying to have Ambassador Bayard impeached.

The offense of Mr. Bayard consists in having made a speech against protection at a banquet in Edinburg. In doing this he is accused of being unpatriotic, of insulting the American people and of being the representative of a party instead of the people. Grave charges these, but are they true? Who is the patriot? The man who loves his country and always speaks and labors for its advancement. Protection never added anything to the country's progress. It merely made millionaires and congress purchasing "combiners." The true patriot votes against protection every time. Mr. Bayard did not insult the American people. "The people" are always the majority, and the result of the last three presidential elections will show who are in the majority. The people are not worried about Mr. Bayard's very true remarks.

Following the usual course, Mr. Bayard was selected because he is a Democrat and an active one. But, as just shown, he was talking for the majority of the people when he referred to the wrong of protection. He pointed out a fault which the minority has made the majority suffer for, and in doing so he couldn't rise above party because his is the majority party. Mr. Bayard may seem indiscreet but nothing more.

It is awful to contemplate the ruin wrought in Armenia by the Kurdish, Turkish and Circassian butchers. With unparalleled refinement of cruelty, the assassins, after having satisfied their thirst for blood, made sure that the survivors of pillage and massacre should perish by destroying their stocks of food. It is estimated that fully 500,000 Armenians, mostly women, children and the aged, who have been deprived of their natural protectors by the swords of Moslem, will be compelled to face the hard winter of Asia Minor without food, shelter or clothing. The Red Cross society, the only organization which could have adequately coped with the emergency, is denied permission to interfere by the sultan lest the unpeppable horrors of the situation should be revealed by the hundreds of agents who would be sent to the devastated provinces. And all the while the Christian powers have an armada of battleships close at hand, but will not raise a finger against the mad or drunken despot of Stamboul by whose order or connivance the destruction of a race is being accomplished.

The statesmen of Europe should beware lest the execrations of their peoples be turned away from the Turk and hurled at their too deliberate heads!

This is what the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard said and for the saying of it Republicans have threatened him with impeachment.

"In my own country I have witnessed the insatiable greed of that form of state socialism styled protection which, I believe, has done more to foster class legislation and create inequality of fortune, corrupt public life, banish men of independent mind and character from public councils, blunt public conscience, and place politics upon the low level of a mercenary scramble than any other single cause. Step by step, and largely owing to the confusion of civil strife, it has succeeded in obtaining control of the sovereign power of taxation, creating the revenue into an engine for selfish and private profit (its allied beneficiaries and combines are called trusts), and gradually the commercial marine of the United States has disappeared, the few vessels lately built being an exception and proving the rule, as they were only built by making a breach in the general tariff and navigation laws."

Now, what's the matter with this thoughtful, truthful statement!

In answer to an inquiry as to the proper construction to be placed upon section 9 of the "Return of Personal Property," in which insurance policies are required to be taxed "at their value at the time of assessment" the auditor general of the state has made the following reply: "In cases where a policy has no surrender value and where no benefit can accrue to the insured or his estate until his death, such policy would have, of course, no taxable value; but policies, in the case of endowment policies having surrender values are held to be taxable, the amount at which they should be assessed depending, in each case on the nature of the policy, the amount paid, and the present cash value of the same."

Among the bills introduced in the United States senate last Thursday was one by Hon. M. S. Quay, of this state, amending the pension act of June 27, 1890, so as to grant a pension of \$8 a month for each child under 16, or soldiers and sailors, who being dependent on either the widow or children of men who served ninety days or more in the army navy.

Both the Quay and combine factions of the Republican party in Philadelphia seem bent on seeing which can offer the people that city the most "reform." They are both howling for the election of good men for councilmen and the city will be cheated no matter which side wins.

While Walter Russell was robbing a Chicago saloon a bulldog chased him up on top of an icebox and kept him a prisoner.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1895.—President Cleveland's statement of what the administration had done to maintain the Monroe doctrine and his intimation of what it was prepared to do in that line was no play to the grand jury. The paragraph in his message which contained the statement has not a line or sentence of misapprehension; it merely notifies the world in dignified and diplomatic language that the Monroe Doctrine is not a farce, but a fixed fact behind which is all the strength of the United States. There is a cue for President Cleveland in the unanimous support of that portion of his message by Democrats in both house and senate. The Democrats are uniting the Democrats, notwithstanding radical differences of opinion on the financial question, and of the party putting up a stiff fight in the presidential campaign. Not only are the Democrats all pleased with the president's Monroe Doctrine talk, but some of the Republicans have not hesitated to openly commend it—nine tenths of them are committed to the support of the Monroe Doctrine. For instance, Senator Hale, and Maine, for instance, Senator Hale, and Maine, for instance, treatment of our foreign affairs seems to be conservative and satisfactory, and Senator Lodge, of Mass., a radical of radicals, said: "In regard to Venezuela, I am happy to say, the president has taken an excellent and sound position."

While President Cleveland's views on Cuban affairs are not popular with those who allow their sentiment and enthusiasm to sway their better judgment, in and out of congress, who believe that he is correct, but probably not enough to prevent the adoption of resolutions in both house and senate declaring in favor of the recognition of the independence of the Cuban revolutionists. At least that's the way it looks now. Two such resolutions have already been introduced in the senate and similar ones will be introduced in the house. There will be some sky-rockets thrown off by the president and unless something now unexpected shall prevent, one will be adopted.

It seems to be disturbing some people because the president devoted his message exclusively to foreign affairs, and his financials leaving the routine affairs of the government to the heads of the various executive departments. The innovation is an excellent one and ought to be kept up. Why should the president go over the heads of his cabinet and make a public report of the members of his cabinet, some of which are made public in advance of his message?

The president evidently did not expect Congress to accept his recommendation for the retirement of the greenbacks and treasury notes and the issue of long time, low interest bonds, upon which national bank notes might be issued, to replace them. There is no objection to making the recommendation: "I have suggested a remedy which my judgment approves. I desire, however, to assure the congress that I am prepared to co-operate with them in perfecting any other measure, promising thorough and practical relief." Now let congress devote the time it is giving to jumping on the president's plan to the production of a better one. That's the way to convince the country that it is not interested in national prosperity than in trying to elect the next president.

The Republicans in congress will probably have an early opportunity to show how sincere their recent shouting for the removal of Minister Anzeures was. England's reply to the demand of this government, long delayed, for a specific answer as to whether its demand for the territory called by Venezuela would be submitted to arbitration is now on its way to Washington. Should it be a refusal to arbitrate, as it is said to be, President Cleveland will on send a special message to congress, and the Republicans will have a chance to show what they are willing to do for the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine.

It seems that at last President Cleveland has succeeded in nominating a man for a seat on the bench of the United States supreme court who is satisfactory to everybody and whose nomination will be unanimously confirmed by the senate. The lucky man is Judge Rufus W. Peckham, a member of the appellate court of New York, a life-long Democrat, and a brother to W. H. Peckham whose nomination to be justice of the supreme court by President Cleveland was rejected by the senate because of the opposition of Senators Hill and Murphy. Among numerous bills introduced in the house and senate this week were a number providing for the erection of public buildings in various places at an aggregate cost of more than eight millions of dollars. If that sum were going to be kept up, and the bills passed, it will certainly become necessary for congress to provide additional revenue for the government.

World's Largest Steamer.

New York, December 9.—The new monster twin screw freight and passenger steamship which Harland & Wolff are building for the New York service of the Hamburg American Line will be christened the Pennsylvania, in honor of the Keystone State. The new steamer will be the largest freight carrying steamer in the world. She will have a displacement of 20,000 tons and a dead-weight carrying capacity of 15,000 tons. Her other dimensions are: Length, 560 feet; beam, 82 feet. The Pennsylvania will have the latest style of triple-expansion engines, their total horse power being 5,500. She will be ready quite early in the season of 1896. The Pennsylvania will have accommodations for 200 first class and 1,500 steerage passengers. Her builders expect her to make fifteen knots an hour.

Double Pay For Christmas.

Sharon, Pa., December 9.—Committees from the best farmaceutics' federation of the Shenango Valley today gave notice to the officials of the seven ten furnaces that has created a stir in iron circles. They demand that they receive one and a half days' pay for working on Sundays and other legal holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, when they expect double pay. This is equal to a 15 per cent. advance. The officials positively refuse to consider the proposition and a strike is imminent. About 5,000 men are involved.

May be a Double Murderer.

New Castle, Pa., December 10.—M. C. Judd, the Pittsburg and Lake Erie telegraph operator, jailed here on Friday for the murder of Henry Huff, at Mahoningtown, may yet have to answer for a second murder. Early Friday morning, before Judd had seen Huff, he had a quarrel with Benjamin Pitzer, of Mahoningtown. Pitzer had a hammer in his pocket and during the quarrel Judd seized it and struck Pitzer a blow on the head. Pitzer is reported in a critical condition.

A Narrow Escape.

Wilkesbarre, December 5.—The people residing in the neighborhood of the Phoenix mine in Wilkesbarre were in a state of excitement to day, when they learned of a case of suspended animation. Mrs. Remenski, a widow, was taken suddenly ill on Monday night. Everything was done for her friends to aid her, but she continued to sink and was apparently dead on Tuesday afternoon, though there had been no physician called to examine or prescribe for her. An undertaker was called to day to prepare the body for burial and a coffin was brought to the house. Later on the undertaker began his arrangements to inject embalming fluid into the body, and when the syringe touched the flesh the corpse opened its eyes and looked about in the room in astonishment. What was going on among the weeping relatives. The undertaker, who was very much frightened, ran from the house, procured a physician and with considerable effort the woman was restored to consciousness, and this afternoon she is able to sit up and converse with her many callers. The physician says it was a case of suspended animation. The woman is about forty-five years of age and has always been in good health. The affair has aroused much interest.

Venezuelans Don't Yield.

Washington, December 8.—Dr. Andrade, the Venezuelan minister at Washington, has been informed that the British demand for Great Britain on his government for \$60,000 as indemnity for the arrest of British subjects within the disputed territory has been refused. Minister Andrade however, says he will undoubtedly be notified after the message is placed in President Cleveland's hands. He expressed surprise to-night at the report that England should present such a claim and stated that it would not be called an "ultimatum," as it was an original demand and there would be much correspondence and investigation before it reached that status.

Diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela, he stated, have been suspended for some time, and for that reason the German minister acts as representative of the British government at Caracas. He added that the sentiment of the Venezuelan people was against yielding to the British in the dispute and they would be very likely to object to paying an indemnity.

Clever Thieves Got \$1,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., December 7.—A bold and successful robbery of nearly \$1,000 in money was perpetrated in the business office of the Commercial Gazette to day. Saturday afternoon is pay day at this newspaper. Just as Cashier Grady, who was alone in the business office, had completed the task of inclosing the money in the envelopes, two men, business-like in appearance, addressed him on the subject of placing an advertisement in Monday's paper. Cashier Grady placed his pile of envelopes on the bookkeeper's table back of the counter and gave his entire attention to his supposed customers. One of them slipped behind the counter, seized the cash and fled. Both robbers eluded pursuit in the crowd on the street.

Burglars Drowned.

Morgantown, W. Va., December 9.—The bodies of two robbers, who rolled Hood's store at Lanesville Saturday night, and were drowned while crossing the Monongahela river in a skiff with their booty, were fished out of the river this afternoon. The men were strangers. The burglary occurred at Lanesville, 15 miles up the Monongahela river. The robbers carried off a large quantity of dry goods to the river, where they were placed in a skiff. The skiff was found capsized yesterday morning about the middle of the river, and the goods were floating near it. The skiff was overturned just above the mill dam in deep water, where there is no current. The strangest thing is that no cries for help were heard during the night.

Nine Buildings Burned.

Rigeway, Conn., December 9.—A fire which broke out here last night, burned until 4 o'clock this morning when the firemen succeeded in getting fairly under control. Seven buildings used by various business concerns and two dwelling houses were destroyed. The fire was the most disastrous that ever occurred in this place. It threatened at one time to wipe out the entire business portion. As it is the buildings destroyed contain the majority of the stores in town. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Three Tots Were Killed.

Charleroi, Pa., December 9.—By the explosion of a can of gunpowder the three children of Mike Andrejas, a coal miner, were killed. Andrejas brought the powder home, intending to use it for blasting coal. He put it in the kitchen near an open fire. While he and his wife were upstairs a terrible explosion occurred, which blew out one side of the house. The three little children were badly burned that they died in less than an hour.

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