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Congressman Mackey and Senator Boyer have our thanks for documents sent.

Representative Shugert has been added to the Military committee and representative Alexander to the Educational committee.

Some one in the legislature has offered a bill to make general election day a legal holiday. This is all nonsense and the legislature should make no more legal holidays, we have enough of them already, and more than necessary. If the legal holiday business goes on, there will be a lengthening of the year to find time enough to do legal business.

It is reported that Edward S. Stokes, the murderer of Fisk, is becoming friendly and gradually breaking down his health. His counsel are making renewed efforts for his release, and have some hopes of accomplishing it.

At Washington a rumor has been current that Cameron will endeavor to have the Pennsylvania delegation set up for Conkling, with a view to bringing in John B. Packer as a compromise man, but although everybody has heard about it nobody knows where it originated.

Speaker Kerr has appointed as his private secretary, an Alabama ex-convict. No comments—Tyrore Herald, raised.

What of it if the Grand has released Merrilla Mosely as his confidential friend, and held Gen. Longstreet in a fat office for the last couple years?

Gov. Hartman of Pennsylvania, says the Sun, in his annual message advises vigorous measures against the disturbers of the peace in the coal regions, and recommends that every Sheriff be authorized under specified restrictions, to raise a special constabulary, to be paid and supported by the county, armed by the State. He also says that the Attorney-General should be authorized on his own information, to indict an officer or citizen who failed to perform his duty, which is a rather vague recommendation and if carried into effect might result unpleasantly for the Governor himself.

It is a matter of notoriety in the Schuylkill mining district that the Molly Maguire conspiracy was a mere pretext for the protection of the Republican party, and a well-informed correspondent says it would be almost impossible to find one of them who would not give his last shirt for Gov. Hartman. Judge Penning was especially obnoxious to these murderous ruffians; therefore in the last election they were not only cast for Hartman, and it was not unusual to hear them say that he had always befriended them they were bound to support him at the polls. From the time of the late Gov. Geary, who pardoned a noted member of the Molly Maguires, who had been convicted of killing an aged man and wife at Locust Gap, and leniency extended to these lawless men for political ends has been a public scandal, and will in a great measure account for the defiant attitude they maintain toward their more peaceable neighbors.

THE LEGISLATIVE RECORD FRAUD.

We are receiving the Legislative Record, as usual, behind time, and several numbers folded together where the law requests that they be mailed daily, and each number with the contents of the day before. Instead of this, the Record is often weeks behind and comes in bunches, thus making it of little or no account to the public and the press desirous to know what proceedings are actually had in the senate and house at the earliest possible moment. The Record thus is a fraud, and the Legislature should not tolerate such an imposition, but make Mr. Berger come up to time as he is well paid for it. Besides we need the list of "yes" and "no" strings out in what printers call "fat matter" which occupies hundreds of pages, at \$12 to \$15 per page, where in solid matter a few pages would suffice. This is a downright piece of plunder, and some member could do the public good service by calling attention to this robbery on the part of the printer at Harrisburg, and save several thousand dollars per session which now go into C. H. Berger's pocket. Will Senator Boyer or representative Shugert and Alexander see to it?

CHICAGO "CROOKED" WHISKY.

Internal Revenue Supervisor Tutton, Philadelphia, city, has received instructions from Secretary Bristow to proceed at once to Chicago to superintend the trials arising from the seizures of distilleries, etc., made by him in that city in May last. These trials commenced on Tuesday last. They involve the forfeiture of a large amount of property and the trial of over thirty persons who have already been indicted. The indications are that most of these parties will plead guilty and permit the forfeiture of their property by default, but the Secretary directs the supervisor to be prepared with the evidence for the prosecution of each person indicted, as no promise or understanding has been, or will be made looking to a compromise of any of the cases. They are to be prosecuted vigorously.

CONGRESS.

The democrats are determined on re-nouncement, on 5, Mr. Holman, who is second on the Committee on Appropriations of the House, that, after a careful examination of all the estimates now before the committee, it is manifest that the expenses of the Government for the next fiscal year can be reduced at least \$4,000,000. He proposes in the items of river and harbor and public buildings alone to cut down the estimates \$5,000,000. In the estimates for the Post-office Department a heavy reduction is also to be made, chiefly in the items of Postmasters' salaries and the free delivery of letters. The law now provides for the salaries of 30,000 inhabitants there shall be free delivery. It is proposed to limit the free-delivery to cities of not less than 80,000 inhabitants. The next heavy reduction is to be made in the estimates for the army. It is probable that the committee will recommend a reduction of the army to 150,000 men, with corresponding reductions in the staff and general officers. The estimates for the Indian Bureau will also be largely reduced.

It is believed in the best informed circles at Washington, that a determined effort will be made by the friends of the Yuma and Pacific railway project to get

an endorsement by the government of the bonds of the company. The southern congressmen, of both political parties, at a meeting in the city of New Orleans, have made it a condition of their support of the Yuma and Pacific charter and a bargain with the advocates of the Centennial appropriation as the means by which to secure success. The utterly selfish and grasping conduct of the Union Pacific corporation, and especially its illiberal and jealous opposition to all other proposed lines to the Pacific, have made it enemies in and out of congress. It is maintained by some that the facts brought to light by the Credit Mobilier investigation in the Forty-second congress afford ample ground for congress to declare its charter forfeited.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

On 12th bills were presented in the Senate upon the following subjects:

An act relative to persons writing threatening letters. Section First provides that if any one shall knowingly send, deliver or utter such threatening letter, with a view to extort anything which is liable to imprisonment for three years and pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Mr. Dill, a supplementary act relative to burial grounds and cemeteries situate in incorporated boroughs which provides that Courts of Quarter Sessions may close and remove the same.

Mr. McKean, an act to provide for the erection of watering troughs for the use of horses and cattle on the high roads of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Rockwell, an act to provide for the erection of a poor house for keeping the pauper in several counties of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Lawrence, an act relating to collateral inheritance, also, an act regulating, making, repairing and keeping in repair public roads in the county of Washington.

CARELESS USE OF FIREARMS.

Mr. Anderson, (Allegheny), an act to punish persons for the careless use of firearms. It provides that any person who shall point, discharge or threaten to discharge any gun or pistol, at any other person, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of one thousand dollars and two years imprisonment. Nothing in the act is to be a bar to recover damages that may be sustained in a civil suit for any injury caused by the careless use of firearms.

Also several bills to suppress vagrancy, and one for the repeal of the bankruptcy law.

PREPARING FOR SPECIE PAYMENTS.

A SCHEME BY WHICH NATIONAL BANKS MAY AID THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION.

Washington, January 12.—Mr. Burdett, of Illinois, introduced a bill in the House to-day to require national banks to prepare for the redemption of Specie Payments, which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

The bill's plan is to require banks to retain in their vaults a certain amount of interest received upon their bonds, deposited with the United States Treasurer as security for circulation, as a reserve for the redemption of their circulation, until the amount of this reserve is equal to 20 per cent of the circulation. For instance, if a bank has \$200,000 capital and \$180,000 circulation, it is obliged to deposit \$200,000 worth of securities at 5 per cent. The coin interest on these bonds is \$10,000 and the bank will be required by this bill to hold this interest in coin or coin certificates until \$30,000 is accumulated. The total amount of bonds held as security for bank circulation is about \$800,000, and by Mr. Burdett's plan about \$200,000,000 in coin would be accumulated by the banks annually.

A member of the Ohio legislature has offered a bill imposing a duty of \$80 for taking the name of coal in vain. That would bankrupt the state and pay off the national debt in one year.

The inland insurance and deposit company of Lancaster Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg, president J. Cam. Muhlenberg, cashier, closed its doors on 19th. The directors on ascertaining the condition of affairs, made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors to S. H. Reynolds a prominent attorney of that city. It is supposed the assets will pay general debtors, but little is yet known about the real condition of affairs.

The product of the Cambria Steel Works, Johnstown, Pa., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1875, was valued at \$10,000,000. This is the largest output, by many thousands tons, of any other five ton plant in the world. The capital stock of the company which runs this establishment is \$7,000,000.

William M. Tweed is said to have been on Thursday 6, in a store on Notre Dame street, Montreal. There is good reason to believe he is presently living with friends in the upper part of the city.

Twenty-five thousand insurgent Turcomans are assembled near Andiphan, which they are preparing to besiege.

A train ran off the track near Odessa, Russia, on Saturday. Sixty-eight persons were killed and fifty-four were wounded.

AMNESTY DEBATE—BLAINE AND RANDALL.

Washington, January 11.—The amnesty debate was begun at 1 o'clock Hill, of Georgia, who replied to Mr. Blaine. Very close attention was given the galleries being densely crowded. The debate will continue most of the day. Opinion is divided whether Blaine's amendment will pass or not but the Republicans say they will be satisfied if they can place the Democrats on record against excluding Jeff Davis from the amnesty bill. The Southern members generally groined over the course of the amnesty debate has taken, and many of them voted openly and boldly that they will vote against the Centennial appropriation because of the course pursued by Mr. Blaine. The Republicans who favor the appropriation charge Mr. Randall with being responsible for the defeat of the appropriation bill if it is defeated. He was present at the presentation of the amnesty measure until the Centennial bill had been acted upon, but he has positively refused to do so, believing that his duty to his party was paramount to the passage of the Centennial appropriation.

The Lewisburg Academy of Music was totally destroyed by fire on last Friday morning, at 3 o'clock.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the next Legislature for the passage of an act, authorizing an investigation of the financial management of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and a bill to amend the act, relating to the Centre & Spruce Creek Railroad Company.

The above was handed us for publication by an esteemed friend, who was requested to do so by a third party, whose name we do not know. There is no doubt but that the Legislature is a round-about way is often resorted to in order to accomplish a thing of doubtful expediency when a straight and open course would let too much daylight into it than might be desired. Now we can see right through the above notice which is to be clad with so much mystery, and at once pronounce it a laughing and a sham, and only calculated to delay our already too delayed railroad, and the upshot is this: The party—one in particular—who is at the head of this committee, in a sham investigation and get up a temporary cry to serve a purpose and make little or no change. Our friends have already been delayed by annoyances from the same quarter, giving the Pennsylvania railroad company excuses for much of the delay we have already suffered from. There is nothing that a committee can investigate, and as the move has been made, we desire the party to do so, and when they are through, will call attention to the fact that we predicted it would all be a humbug. If any stockholder desires to examine the books he has the law on his side for doing so. There has been too much fooling with our railroad already, and here are those in this county who are as much to blame as the Pennsylvania railroad company, and the Lord knows it has been long enough. Certain parties are pretending to be the friends of the railroad through Pennsylvania, yet stab it in the dark upon every opportunity, and the above sham is another move of the kind and in addition to serve for a little capital some fellows are seeking after. Now go right ahead, and do not say that our exposure prevented your investigation. Let no one offer any opposition to the passage of the act asked for, and when the thing is over, the friends of the rail will find us correct. If there is any one in this valley that takes a special interest in the early completion of our road, it is the editor of this paper. Few have given us more money, few have spent more time in the Reporter than we have. Mr. Blaine (Rep. Me.) suggested that the Centennial Appropriation bill should be passed first, and the railroad bill should be passed afterwards. We are confident and we caution against the advice of men who have thrown every possible obstacle in its way, when at the same time they pretend to be its friend. Let no stockholder be beguiled by fellows who want to "investigate." The greatest cause of delay and the most fatal, is the stockholders mortgage bill in the Legislature a few years ago; it pretended friendly measure too, that threw us back six months, that three or four years into the panic times which caused operations to stop, and since that little has been done. Now investigate.

THE LUMBER TRADE.—From a statement in the Williamsport Daily Banner we gather the following figures on the lumber trade in the West Branch Valley for the past year: The shipments from Williamsport for the year amounted 183,341,421 feet being 31,674,868 feet less in 1874. Log harvest being shipped 39,501,000, being an increase of 2,950,345 feet. Taking all the points included in the estimate—Williamsport, Lock Haven, Renovo, Lerry's Creek and south of Troy—and the amount of lumber shipped in 1875 is 284,657,065 feet, being a decrease from 1874 of 47,665,919 feet. The stock on hand in Williamsport is given at 267,871,504 feet.

Gov. Hartman was inaugurated on Tuesday. The Farm School cadets were present. Hartman should have had the Molly Maguires in his parade also, so that those bloody fellows did good work for him in Schuylkill last election.

Lebanon, Pa. January 15.—The jury in the case of Ellen Beaman against the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, for having taken her beyond Avoca Station, in March last, whereby she became permanently disabled by reason of exposure to inclement weather, came in to court this morning with a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$4,250. The company has moved for a new trial.

A white man named Miller is harrasing the blacks of Northern Alabama, and persuading them to apply to congress for a separate country of their own, from which whites shall be excluded and which will then become a paradise having black lawyers, doctors and merchants. He promises to be the Moses of the negroes. His ranges are producing much discontent among the laborers.

It appears that indicting the state of South Carolina did not suit the purposes of the radical legislature to make the Third district out of contiguous territory, one county being separated by 25 miles from the others comprising that district. This fatal constitutional defect will probably annoy Congressman Hoge elected from that district.

Washington, D. C. January 16.—Mr. Pinchback has written to a friend that he will be again in Washington this week to urge action by the senate on his claim to a seat in that body.

On the last ballot for senator in the Kentucky legislature, Saturday the contestants stood as follows: Beck 50, Williams 42, Leslie 20, Wadsworth 14.

THE TOWN OF ABANCY, PERU, DE-STROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

Peru, January 3.—Letters have been received in Lima, dated Cosco, December 11, which announce the complete destruction by earthquake, on the 4th of the town of Abancy, between 4 p. m. and 5 p. m. of the 9th, no less than thirty-seven shocks occurred several of which were very severe.

The town is said to be completely destroyed, but it is not known if loss of life has occurred. The damage done is very large.

Hency is a town in Peru, the capital of a province on a river of the same name, sixty-five miles west-south-west of Cosco. It has important sugar refineries. Its population is about five thousand.

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VALPARAISO INUNDATED.

TWO LIVES LOST AND \$1,000,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.

Valparaiso, January 3.—Telegrams announce a severe flood in Valparaiso. The business part of the city was inundated, two lives lost and \$1,000,000 worth of property destroyed. The flood was caused by heavy rains and stormy winds on the 10th ult.

The net earnings of the North Pennsylvania railroad for the year ending October 31, 1875, were \$512,192.34. After paying interest and taxes there remained \$109,627 on hand.

SALT FOR THE THROAT.—In these days of salt for the throat, it is not surprising that a clergyman, who is one of the thousands who are suffering from this disease, should have written to a friend, and said to him, "I have tried many cases, but I feel it my duty to say a word in behalf of a simple, and what has proved to me most effectual, if not a positive cure for sore throat. For many years past, indeed, I may say during the whole of my life, I have suffered from this disease, and have been subjected to sore throats, and more particularly a dry hacking cough, which is not only distressing to myself, but to my friends, and those who are brought into contact with me. I was induced to try what virtue there was in common salt. We commenced by using it three times a day, morning, noon and night. We dissolved a large tablet of pure salt in about half a tumbler full of cold water. What a relief! The throat most thoroughly just before meal time. The result has been that during the winter we were not free from cough and colds, but I have been free from sore throats, and I have been able to do my duty. We attribute these satisfactory results solely to the use of the gargle, and most cordially recommend a trial of it to those who are subject to this disease. Our friends have already been delayed by annoyances from the same quarter, giving the Pennsylvania railroad company excuses for much of the delay we have already suffered from. There is nothing that a committee can investigate, and as the move has been made, we desire the party to do so, and when they are through, will call attention to the fact that we predicted it would all be a humbug. If any stockholder desires to examine the books he has the law on his side for doing so. There has been too much fooling with our railroad already, and here are those in this county who are as much to blame as the Pennsylvania railroad company, and the Lord knows it has been long enough. Certain parties are pretending to be the friends of the railroad through Pennsylvania, yet stab it in the dark upon every opportunity, and the above sham is another move of the kind and in addition to serve for a little capital some fellows are seeking after. Now go right ahead, and do not say that our exposure prevented your investigation. Let no one offer any opposition to the passage of the act asked for, and when the thing is over, the friends of the rail will find us correct. If there is any one in this valley that takes a special interest in the early completion of our road, it is the editor of this paper. Few have given us more money, few have spent more time in the Reporter than we have. Mr. Blaine (Rep. Me.) suggested that the Centennial Appropriation bill should be passed first, and the railroad bill should be passed afterwards. We are confident and we caution against the advice of men who have thrown every possible obstacle in its way, when at the same time they pretend to be its friend. Let no stockholder be beguiled by fellows who want to "investigate." The greatest cause of delay and the most fatal, is the stockholders mortgage bill in the Legislature a few years ago; it pretended friendly measure too, that threw us back six months, that three or four years into the panic times which caused operations to stop, and since that little has been done. Now investigate.

COLLIERIES RESUMING.

Pottsville, Pa. Jan. 15.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, on Monday, a number of collieries worked by the Reading company and private individuals, giving employment to a large number of men and boys, will resume operations. Mr. Habbitt is a methodical, watchful and successful manager of the collieries which usually are deemed essential to the success of the railroad. He has been more absorbed in the controlling of his investment than in developing a business system. Mr. Habbitt is a native of New York, and also has been a manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and has been successful in his management of the collieries.

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