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Apples are now getting ripe down in Texas. Who wouldn't be in Texas? A mountain of white chalk has been discovered in Idaho, and is near-falling spring is in close proximity, an enterprising man might start a dairy there without investing in a single cow.

In the counties of Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia, and Dauphin the casualties in the mines, for the past seven years, have made 4,328 widows and orphans.

If the centennial exhibition cost 7,000,000, the amount claimed to complete it, in order simply to realize this sum it will be necessary for 15,000,000 people to visit it once, at the price of admission, 50 cents, and as the time is confined to 158 days, from May 10 to November 10, deducting Sundays, on which it will be closed, it will require the daily attendance of over 35,000 people.

The liberality of the Legislature in making appropriations for charitable purposes promises to bankrupt the State Treasury. The State Treasurer estimates those appropriations at \$1,600,000, against the usual \$800,000.

In the Senate, Warfield of the Finance Committee, stated that the appropriations proposed for the coming fiscal year, would exceed the estimated revenue \$1,000,000. This would seem to involve the necessity of cutting down appropriations and confining them strictly to State institutions.

Dom Pedro, Brazil's emperor does not wish much show in his visit to the United States. Before he leaves New York, he expressed his desire to travel as a private citizen and is wished to avoid all demonstration. He is now in California, and a dispatch from San Francisco, of 25 ult., says: Dom Pedro and party arrived this evening at Pleasanton, forty miles from the city. His car was detached from the train, and the road half an hour ahead of the overland train. The object was to avoid any demonstration on his arrival, and it was a perfect success. The party passed through Oakland without attracting attention and crossing the Bay and arriving at the wharf took carriages to the Palace Hotel. Seats were engaged by telegraph for the party at Mechanics' pavilion to-night to hear Gilman's orchestra on the arrival of the train at Sacramento. Dom Pedro and party hastily examined the workshops of the Central Pacific, expressing regret at the brevity of the inspection. The party will remain in the city four or five days and then go to other points of interest.

The Williamsport Bulletin, republican, thinks this a wrong time to commence criticizing Grant. Grant undoubtedly thinks so too. If there is any fellow just now that would like to "let alone," it is useless Grant.

McKee, of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who was convicted some months ago of being in the whisky ring, has been sentenced to a fine of \$10,000 and he is imprisoned two years in the county jail. This is heavy punishment for an eminently respectable and influential gentleman, a deacon in the church, a prominent leader in politics, and proprietor of the principal Republican organ west of the Mississippi. But there has been altogether too much robbery of government by such respectable people and the lesson of Deacon McKee's disgrace must prove wholesome, so says the Herald.—Times.

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On same day Professor Wickesham was re-appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, and was confirmed. Messrs. McMichael, Shoemaker, Curran, Mitchell, of Franklin county, and McCrea, of Philadelphia county, were appointed as a Board of Centennial Managers.

That was a sound message of Grant's vetoing the repeal of the law reducing the president's salary from \$50,000 down to \$25,000 the old figures of Washington, Buchanan, and Lincoln. We printed the veto message in the Reporter last week, and we call it sound, because it shows great veneration for the constitution, which in this instance reminds us of a deadbeast repentance, for we never knew Grant before to build much upon the constitution—perhaps it is only lately he became acquainted with that ancient piece of parchment, and he evidently got to like it because the constitution is full of "provisions" and it is "pro-

visions" that Grant has been after during his eight years in the presidential chair. The \$50,000 salary he was full of "provisions" that Grant. The president in his veto says that "in his experience \$25,000 does not defray the expenses of the executive" for provisions for one year. Probably it would if attending horse-races, Long Branch balling and burning around the country were dispensed with. And then he says that \$25,000 "is not one-fifth in value what it was when fixed by the Constitution in supplying" provisions. Grant is as sound upon the Constitution as he is upon the supply of provisions. If the increased salary had been \$100,000 per year, he would have vetoed a bill reducing it to \$50,000, because "his experience" that amount would be needed by the executive to buy provisions, and he could have proven it all by falling back upon the Constitution which has provisions in it.

To distinguish the present session of the Legislature from former ones, we might baptize it as the "boom-erang session." England once had a parliament which went down into history as the "rump parliament," and the "boom-erang legislature of Pennsylvania" is a title which would sound as elegant and as "musical" as the "rump parliament." The boom-erang, thrown by the savage, flies into queer directions, and there was some queer "bill" connected with the passage of the boom bill, and the boom-erang has led to some queer revelations as to "how they do it" at Harrisburg.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS HAVE DECLARED IN FAVOR OF TILDEN FOR PRESIDENT. The Arkansas radical state convention passed a resolution in favor of Morton. The radical state convention of California has pronounced in favor of Blair.

HARRISBURG.—A BOOKER T. WASHINGTON. On Monday last the trial of Petroff was taken up in the House for the violation of the anti-bribery statute of the Constitution. J. Alexander Simpson, of Philadelphia, appeared as counsel for Petroff, Wolfe, Hayes and Reburn managed the case on behalf of the House.

Capt. Skinner, Journal Clerk, was the first witness examined. He substantially repeated his testimony given before the Committee in relation to the case of the late Hon. E. M. Corwin and Petroff. It bore hard on the Philadelphia member. At 1 o'clock Skinner's examination was concluded, and the House took a recess.

The entire day was consumed in considering the case of Petroff, charged with corruption and improper conduct in the passage of the boom bill. A vote being taken on inserting a clause instead of expulsion, it resulted in the negative, and on a vote being taken on expulsion it resulted in the affirmative by the following vote—yeas, 118; nays, 46.

In another column of the Reporter we publish the prospectus of the Philadelphia Times. Pennsylvania never had a better daily than the Times and it seems to be everybody's favorite. It manages all the news of the day, has able correspondents at all important centres, and is edited with marked ability.

On 1 inst a boiler explosion on a ferry boat between London and Bingen killed thirty persons. The boom at Lock Haven contains 75,000,000 of lumber. Mr. Geo. W. Brislin, late of the Osceola Revere, is a candidate for the Senatorial nomination in this district. Dom Pedro has once more set his face to the east, and has his gear fixed on Old City.

N. Y. Tribune: According to the statement by the Bowlers, published in yesterday's Tribune, the late guardian, George H. Pendleton, died in collecting the war claim of their railroad upon the Government, which they did not fully receive. He was paid nothing beyond what they were glad of, and were fully convinced that he had amply earned. We have no doubt that this is an exact statement of the case. There has never been any Senatorial investigation into the matter which either the stockholders of his road or the family of the heirs for whom he was guardian, or any respectable people and the lesson of Deacon McKee's disgrace must prove wholesome, so says the Herald.—Times.

Grant from a third-termer has come down to be neutral—he is for nobody now, since himself out of the question. How suddenly his notions changed, and nothing else but a little investigation did it. Had he been only a one-termer he might have retired without a blasted reputation or a disgraced administration—but the evil practice of the one-termer term has finished him up and it would be well for the country in the record of the last four years of Grantism could be wiped out.</