

The Centre Reporter.

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A prominent New York politician, who has the confidence of Senator Tilden, is authority for the statement that the New York Republican Convention will not be called until April, and that the probability is that the New York delegation to the Chicago Convention will be instructed to vote for Senator Conkling for the Presidential nomination.

Gen. Boynton is after Gen. Sherman and wants him court-martialed. A communication from Gen. H. V. Boynton, Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, to the secretary of war, charging Gen. W. T. Sherman with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and asking for a military court to try the charges was made public on Friday. Gen. Sherman's friends privately say that Boynton is simply the instrument of the Grant movement.

Gen. Boynton charges Gen. Sherman with being guilty of slander and other mean things. The pope is not well, says an item from Rome. Well, just the fix a good many people are in.

We should be pleased to find that the few commonwealth cases at our recent term of court are an indication of better morals in this country. We have not for years known the criminal list so light and trivial as that of last week. Much of our county tax comes from commonwealth cases in which the county is left to pay costs. Time is consumed and important civil cases have been postponed from term to term, simply on account of the number of cases on the criminal list.

Just here it occurs to us that parties found guilty of crimes at our quarter sessions, in the last four or five years, have had heavy sentences passed upon them by Judge Orris, and we take it that meeting out justice upon persons of bad and vicious disposition, and who are gradually taking warning that the stern hand of the law will be laid heavily upon them if arraigned and found guilty of deeds of crime. We do not believe in dealing leniently with criminals as a rule, and that the heavy sentences that have followed the moral reformers in this country are not for years known the criminal list so light and trivial as that of last week. Much of our county tax comes from commonwealth cases in which the county is left to pay costs. Time is consumed and important civil cases have been postponed from term to term, simply on account of the number of cases on the criminal list.

There are rumors of a war between this country and European powers arising out of the Isthmus canal project. We give further particulars in another column.

The most startling thing we have read of late is the case of a small-pox patient who made a narrow escape from being buried alive at Ottawa, from which a dispatch of 30th inst. says: The small-pox patient who had such a narrow escape from being buried alive on Wednesday is doing well this morning and will recover. It appears that when the gravestone was placed on the lid of the coffin, after it had been lowered into the grave, three shovelfuls of sand, that the supposed dead man came to life, and the coffin was hastily drawn out of the grave and the lid was unsecured. The supposed corpse sat up and exclaimed, "My God! I have had such a narrow escape!" He was at once lifted out of the coffin and an overcoat thrown over his hospital. He was then removed to the hospital.

At the miller's convention that recently met in Harrisburg, there was an interesting discussion upon grading grain. The miller said that the grain was graded according to kind and quality. Upon the question of kind, it is said that the opinion of the miller was that the grain was not better than either the Fultz or the Clawson. One member said he made a difference of five cents on all grain, and the miller insisted that all wheat must be graded according to the miller's scale, and five cents more should be paid for it. This, they claimed, would suit the farmer, but be opposed by those who sell mixtures of cheat, cockle, etc., for wheat.

On Wednesday of this week the republican state convention assembled. All are in the interest of the law. The republican third-term power, or in the interest of the law. We half like predicting that Don and his pap will wiggle the concern for Grant, in spite of the strong feeling for Blaine as recently manifested in numerous instructions from the man from Maine.

There is not one particle of doubt about the majority of Penn's republicans being opposed to Grant. In fact, the republican party of our state have the moral courage to oppose Cameron dictation, and we shall not all be surprised to find him carrying the whole thing away in his pocket, which has been Cameron style.

In New York, on Saturday a Reverend brot into the clutches of the law. The grand jury of general sessions court on Saturday found twenty five indictments against Rev. Edward Cowley, manager of the Shepherd's Fold, charging him with stirring, heating and cruelly ill-treating children placed there under his care. Cowley was arrested on a warrant and taken to the district court, where he was committed to the custody of the sheriff. Bail was fixed at \$500 on his own recognizance, in default of which he was locked up in the Tombs.

A sample of the fish was a hot water with a spoonful of the same, which was served for the pious fraud, but a starvation meal for the little innocent ones under his care.

There will be no special election for congress on 17th as the committee will only carry a vote of 50, Thursday. Cameron has defeated the Dauphin county republican delegates for Grant.

There are four counties in the state free from debt. These are Adams, Bradford, Butler, Centre, Columbia, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Luzerne, Mercer, Berks, Schuylkill, Washington and West.

The appointment of Hon. J. Simpson Affens of Huntington, as supervisor of the seventh census district, in which Centre county is included, will give general satisfaction. He is competent in every sense of the word.

MASONRY AND THE OBELISK.

Several distinguished Free Masons have given their opinions in a day or two upon the relation to Masonry of the obelisk recently made in Egypt by Commander Goringe. Authorities, it will be seen, are divided on the main point. Many do not believe that the obelisk is a monument to the stone and implements described in any way whatever significant of the mysteries of this benevolent Order. Others insist that these obelisks are once established for the Order a very great antiquity; for, although the obelisk was not placed on its present site in an extremely ancient time, it is to be noted that those who assume that the stones found beneath it are Masonic do not leap further and carry the date of their Order to the foundation of the pyramids for no perceptible reason. Mr. Singleton, of Washington, is the most intelligent of the objectors to the theory of the Masonic relation of the obelisk. He not only does not assent that some ancient Order of Masons demolished the antiquity of Hiram, but he does not even admit that Hiram needed demolition, and holds that this ancient friend of the workman had no more historical relation to Masonry than is a building erected by some human creature seen today to have had a sort of sensitive love for secret societies—a passion developed in a contrary ratio to their enlightenment. The Hiramite mysteries, the Barcei orgies, the early Christian Church itself, are evidences of this, and as a survival of that institution, which may be said to have its roots in antiquity, but not otherwise. Nevertheless the discoverers in Egypt present a fine field for the speculations and inquiries of men learned in the rubbish of other ages.

ME. CAMERON MAKES A SPEECH. From the Washington Post (dem.). Mr. Don Cameron rose to make his maiden speech in the senate, yesterday, and when his name was announced from the chair a hush fell upon the crowd gathered in the senate chamber. The level of his desk. When the senator had found his feet, he fixed his eyes firmly on the upper portion of the bridge of his nose, swept the senate chamber with his eagle eye and calmly rebutted the top portion of his coat. The interest at this point was intense. After grasping about in his left breast pocket for some time he struck a paper and, and drew out and exhibited to the public gaze a long official envelope, which was carefully deposited on the senatorial desk that perhaps after a few days ago seized twelve illicit grain distillers, destroyed eight copper stills and 15,000 gallons of beer, and seized five barrels of whiskey and arrested six illicit distillers in Laurel, Clay and Jackson counties, Kentucky.

The Williamsport greenbacker has nominated Judge Linn, formerly of Bellefonte, for Mayor. The judge however is a hard-money man.

Whisky is quiet—says a news item. Just try it once, and see whether it won't be fusy enough.

Gen. Grant, it is reported, is having a good time in Cuba. No doubt, but the news goes back to him that the truth of it is the effect that the whipping post has to lessen crime where it is used.

In ten counties in this state the republicans have chosen Blaine delegates. This is quite a serious revolt against Cameron dictation, although we believe that Blaine is one of the greatest demagogues in the land. But as it shows that there are some independent republicans who will not be fooled by the youthful Don, we call it good so far.

The old case of snapping the pistol for fun with its usual effects comes up again, but strangest of all by a mother at her son, which shows that there are fools among women too as well as among men in this criminal practice.

At Lehigh Gap, Carbon county, on Friday last, Mrs. Anthony snatched an old pistol she had no idea was loaded at her six-year old son, when it exploded, and the little fellow was so badly wounded that his life is despaired of.

Ninety maulers at the Reading hardware works are on a strike, because the firm refuses to run more than one cupola.

A pretty state of affairs it will be when a firm can not do as it pleases about running one or more cupolas.

The Morning Post says, the suggestion is thrown out that if Mr. Potter's bill pass the New York legislature, providing for a choice of electors by congressional districts, the entire vote of the state may be thrown out because the proceeding would be contrary to the constitution of the United States. This amendment provides that if the rights of electors be abridged, the representation of that state in the electoral college may be abridged in proportion to the number of citizens deprived of such right. Under Mr. Potter's bill citizens of each congressional district would only be permitted to vote for one elector, and the two electors would be chosen by the congressional districts. Thus all citizens would be practically disfranchised except that in they may vote for electors-at-large, which would, therefore, be the only ones admissible under the constitutional amendment referred to.

The Penn's republican state convention assembled on 4th week. Don Cameron, it was reported a few days ago, no matter how the delegates were instructed, Well, if he can, in spite of the many instructions for his down as the most abject slaves of an empty headed youth, whose only power lies in his money bags. A day or two will tell.

Recent preparations for the increase in the German army have caused commotion in all German capitals, and there is a general feeling of uneasiness in all diplomatic circles. Rumors of a probable collision between Russia and Germany are seriously discussed here, and the relations between the two powers are considered quite warlike. The czar receives daily reports from the commanders of armies concerning the condition and state of the national defenses, and there is a marked activity in military circles. There are also reports that Russia is endeavoring to negotiate an alliance with France.

On the other hand it is asserted that Bismarck is to secure the cooperation of Austria and Italy in his designs, whatever that may be.

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