The Centre Reporter.

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Has the state government at Harrisburg quit printing public documents? This question we ask because in the last three sessions we have not received any from the legistature save the slow coach *Record*. If there are no documents to mail we suppose the state must be saving something handsome in postage, or is the postage account big as ever with no documents mailed? A chance for reform here. Who can see it first?

Cabinet timber for Garfield—E. C. Humes of the 1st Nat. Bank, Bellefonte, for Secretary of Treasury.

Well, the official vote shows that the majority of the American people, as always, are democratic, Hancock's majority over Garfield being 6,333.

The fools are not all dead yet, as we observe that somebody has introduced a bill into the Legislature providing for the compulsory attendance by Directors at County Institutes and paying them for such attendance at the rate of $1.50 per day.

The House Committee has agreed to a bill, long expected, abolishing the tax on matches, bank deposits (including savings banks), bank checks, patent medicine, perfumery, etc. The committee refused to abolish the tax on bank capital. There is hardly any doubt but the bill will become a law at this session.

Queen Victoria made $4,000 on stock farming last year, is an item we see in an exchange. To this the REPORTER can confidently add that Queen Victoria, with her own hands raises beans, cucumbers, potatoes, and other vegetables—with her fork from a plate to her mouth. She must be quite a farmer, and might start a grange in England.

Gen'l Beaver does not itch for office. We know Gen'l Beaver. Now then quit thrusting cabinet positions, governorships, and senatorial honors upon him. We do not wish to have the General's funeral to come off prematurely. He is a good man among us.

The Western Union Telegraph Company officially announces that it has completed the purchase and taken possession of the lines of the American Union and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies. This puts about all the telegraph business of the country into the hands of one company and creates a monopoly of the business that will compel the public to pay high rates for messages.

The New York Herald's Washington correspondent says that Garfield has not yet fixed upon Blaine for the state department, and that he will not settle upon his cabinet until close of February. Perhaps not. The Herald is afraid that Conkling is to be snubbed, and lays in a plea for him, and would like to see him boss the next administration, in preference to Blaine, and thinks Conkling dragged the party thro' after it stuck in Blaine's hand. The Herald calls the Grow bolt in Pennsylvania a Blaine affair.

Senator Wallace introduced a constitutional amendment, proposing a change in the mode of electing President, by direct vote of the people. It proposes to divide each State into as many districts as it has Senators and Representatives in Congress, and each district to to have one vote for President. The returns to be canvassed by State officers and their decision to be final. The two Houses of Congress to declare the result in joint convention. This embodies the principle of minority representation in the votes of the several states.

A special meeting of the General Appropriation and Geological Committee of the House was held the other evening to hear application of the Board of Managers of the Geological Survey for an appropriation of $125,000, to be paid in equal instalments in three years.

Unless this geological survey can be induced to put in a proper amount of service in Centre county, our members should put a No in on this appropriation. A good round sum has already been spent in this direction, enough to have completed their labors in the state. We fear some persons are having a "soft snap" in this business.

The "local" of the Mifflintown *Democrat* is good at stealing local squibs. It pleases us to know that he displays good judgment in taking our items wholesale. —*Hun. Journal.*

For our part we care but little for exchanges appropriating our items, but it is sometimes provoking to see a little paragraph we have gathered up go through two other papers and then be credited to the second and even third. This latter has been done repeatedly in our neighboring counties of late and don't speak well either for the eyesight or brains of those who do it.—Lewistown *Gazette.*

Just what the REPORTER has to say—lots of local items from our colums credited to other papers.

The Delaware Democrat says the Republican party having conferred the right of suffrage upon a million and a half of blacks who could not read or write, now proposes that they shall be educated at the expense of the National Government. The Media American in espousing the new plank in the Republican creed says, "A Republic cannot afford to tolerate ignorant suffrage.,' Isn't it a little singular that the American, holding such views, did not oppose negro suffrage when it was first mooted, or have its editors only now, after ten years experience, discovered that "ignorant suffrage" endangers not only (we use the American's language,) "the safety of the nation, but its very existence"?

Speaking of Senators Davis and Mahone, the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: Of late numerous speculations have been indulged in as to the probable course of Judge Davis in the Senate after the 4th of March, and intimations, born of hopes, have been frequent that he would act with the Republicans on the organization. The result has been that he has come to be considered in the minds of some almost as uncertain an element as General Mahone. It will, in the natural order of events, be but a very short time before all the speculations on the subject of the course of these two Senators will be set at rest. But your correspondent feels authorized now to say, on the best of information, that Judge Davis will certainly stand by the Democratic organization of the Senate. So far as General Mahone is concerned the certainty that he will do the same is almost, if not quite, as strong as in the case of Judge Davis.

A new fuel saving idea has been brought to the test a few days ago. In these days of the wholesale destruction of our woodlands and the heavy drain upon our coal beds, anything that will tend to lessen the consumption of these important substances will prove a blessing. We are led to these remarks by what we see of an exhibition that was given in Jersey City the other day of a new fuel, a combination of petroleum and steam, the exhibition was of such a satisfactory nature that results are promised of importance not easily exaggerated. Colonel Rose of the Pennsylvania railroad, says a locomotive can be run from New York to Philadelphia for four dollars instead of $25, as now, with coal. The Commercial says: To produce combustion nothing is more necessary than by the means of an atomizer to unite dry steam and crude pretroleum only, a common inch pipe being used for this purpose, one for steam, the other for oil, with cocks to regulate the flow. The junction is made within six inches, of perforated brick, of the retort, which the nozzle enters, and instantly on a match being applied the whole interior of the furnace (an ordinary reverberatory smelting furnace) becomes intensely heated, so much so that all the exposed surfaces may be easily fused. If applied to a steam boiler on locomotive or on ship board, it is only necessary to place retorts made of fire clay on the grate bars, thus protecting the boiler plates from injury.

The Chicago News says the most violent haters of the Hebrews in Germany are the educated classes—the preachers and professors. They go so far as to charge Jews with foul conspiracy, with enmity to the German welfare, and they demand that they should be banished from Germany or exterminated; they say that the Hebrews are making too much money, that they are too comfortable, that they must be killed off. On the part of the Government, Bismarck's organ endorses the proposition to stop the immigration of Hebrews; to close all official positions to them; to forbid them to teach in the public schools. Now, in the face of such facts as these, is it not too soon for our modern philosophers, like Prof. John Fiske and others, to congratulate the world upon the progress of liberal opinions and the absence of a mediaeval spirit of persecution. It looks to us as if there were a large quantity of mediaevalism in this anti-Semitic movement in Germany, a country on whose financial, military and literary history the Hebrews have shed such a flood of glory.

Conkling and Butler of South Carolina, had a spat in the senate on Monday on the South Carolina census, which the administration reports correct in spite of the lies of the leaders. Butler put some solid truth shots at Conkling. Butler says that if Conkling says anything offensive in his proposed reply, that he will give him a Roland for his Oliver. It would not be surprising if Conkling would revive the Hamburg massacre charge against Butler, in which event Butler will ventilate the Canonchet affair with Mrs. Sprague and the Governor's shot gun.

At the opening of the Criminal Court on Monday, in Wilmington, Del., Chief Justice Comegys called the Gand Jury's attention to the recent address of Col. Ingersoll in that city, saying it was blasphemous and worthy of the attention of the jury as coming under the law of blasphemy.

The New York board of trade have sent to the senate a protest against the confirmation of Stanley Matthews as a judge of the supreme court, because he is a friend of the big corporations.

A big storm in Minnesota, and only one railroad in operation—the rest being snowbound.

—An item is going the rounds of the papers to the effect that ——, of this place, has subscribed $1000 for the building of a new Lutheran church here. While it affords us much pleasure to confirm the matter we can truly say for ——, that he feels much annoyed at the unsought notoriety given him on account of his subscription, given as we know it was from love to a good cause, and not to have his name and deed paraded before the world. *'Nuff said.*—Millheim *Journal.*

But queerly enough the *Journal* man has a namesake who also subscribed, and it gave him notoriety in something like the following:

"Mr. E. Jonathan Deininger, of Reading, Pa., has much encouraged and made happy the hearts of the St. John's Lutheran congregation of Millheim by a cash subscription of $200."

BREAKERS AHEAD.

That the Grant Stalwarts are suspicious of Garfield has been apparent on the surface of things for sometime. Blaine is to be the controlling force of the incoming administration. There is no doubt of that, or that he cordially dislikes Grant as a pretender to the Presidency. The Maine boss thinks the boss-at-large has had enough. The State Department has little patronage, and that out of the country, but to remedy this defect in his premiership, the great spoils departments of the Government, the Treasury, Postoffice and Interior, are to be assigned to Secretaries who will work in unison with Garfield and Blaine, and antagonize Conkling and Grant. The latter can have their pick of the navy, the Army or the Attorney General offices, which amount to little or nothing in the way of patronage, in comparison with the others. This seems to be the present outlook, and it is provoking guarded explosions of wrath. The New York *Herald*, which has become a great Conkling organ, protests in dignified and stately leaders. The most outspoken oracle of the Stalwarts however, is Gorham of the Washington *Republican*, who has lately returned to the capitol from an unsuccessful Senatorial mission to Harrisburg. He can no longer hide the wrath of his faction, and empties the bitterness of his soul on the Reformers who have carried off the good thing of the new administration, in this way:

"The Republican party seems to be divided into two factions, one of which thinks it ought to achive victory, while the other thinks it will best thrive on defeat. The former are called Stalwarts, and the latter Reformers. Men compose the first of these factions; sneaks the other. We warn the President-elect against this pestilent tribe. Assuming, though they do, all the political virtue extant, he will find by and by, if he does not know it now, that they are the basest of hypocrits and the most dishonest of men.

"The corrupt and rotten crew which we have but feebly described have done much toward disintegrating the party since its grand triumph in November. No art is left unpracticed to alienate from the incoming Administration the men who are regarded as the special friends of Gen. Grant. The daily gossip is full of pretended information which, if half of it were true, would consign the new President to infamy and the party to the tomb.

"The party ship is drifting on to a lee shore, and will soon be beached, unless mutiny and greed are throttled by those who have been intrusted with her navigation."

These are the first loud mutterings of the coming storm, and they are caused by the knowledge that the reins of the next Administration are to be in the hands of Blaine, and that the machine is to be run against Conkling. Garfield repudiates the treaty of Mentor. This is not unexpected. He has not the virtue of fidelity, or the back-bone of the average politician.

The roof of the depot at Buffalo caved in from the weight of snow, killing four, a full train of passengers in at the time.

MRS. MILLER AND GEORGE SMITH EXECUTED.

PARTICULARS OF THE EXECUTION.

Williamsport, February 3.—George Smith and Catharine Miller, the murderers of the latter's husband, have paid the penalty of their crime. Mrs. Miller passed her night in a spirit of unrest, and this morning broke down under the terrible strain to which she was subjected last evening by a meeting with two of her children and the impending execution. Her chief concern seemed to be the future welfare of her little ones. Her spiritual adviser, Rev. T. F. Reeser, left her about dark with her children, who shared in the last supper with their mether. The granting of this privilege seemed to offer great comfort to the condemned, who embraced and kissed them repeatedly. Their final farewell was heartrending. About an heur before the time for the execution she became very nervous, and created an apprehension on the part of the sheriff that much difficulty would be experienced in conducting her to the gallows.

Smith ate two suppers last evening, an operation which he repeated the two days preceeding. He slept only about two hours, but this morning declared that he felt composed and had made all the necessary preparations to meet his God.

At 11.10 the prisoners were taken from their cells and conducted to the scaffold. Mrs. Miller uttering piercing cries for mercy while in the solemn march, and which increased in intensity as the platform of the gallows was reached. Smith was much more composed, but prayed almost incessantly. The woman had to be supported while walking to the scaffold by two men, and when placed on the chair under the rope which was soon to encircle her neck would have fallen if she had not been held in position. Her cries were pitiful in the extreme, and her body swayed violently. Smith repeatedly called on God to have mercy on his soul, but his steadiness was in striking contrast to her pitiful condition.

After the straps had been adjusted Rev. J. A. Bright read Smith's statement, as follows: "Friends, I did the deed myself. She laid the plan. She often asked me to do it. When I had killed him she gave me the rope to hang him up. She gave me the apron to wipe up the blood, and told me where to throw it down under the barn. When I came back to the house she took a white wash rag and wiped the blood from my clothes."

Rev. Mr. Reeser read a statement of the woman. In it she admitted her guilt, in general terms, and that she was led on from one crime to another. Before leaving her cell she had adhered to the confession in which she charges Smith with the crime.

At 11.20 the condemned were raised from their chairs, beth supported by men standing behind them, and in a twinkling the drop was sprung and they were hanged. Scarcely a twitch could be observed after they had dropped. The execution was witnessed by about 150 people.

Smith's Confession.

I became acquainted with Mrs. Miller while I worked at David Clark's above town, about ten years ago; have only been intimate with her during the past two years; first became intimate with her when they moved into Magg's house below town; she ran after me wherever I would be at work; she made the first proposition to put Miller out of the road; this was when they lived at Brown's place at Safe Harbor; she neither wanted me to take a gun and go up along the narrows and shoot him, or take a club and knock him over the narrows; I did not see her after that time until she moved to Captain Brown's place; then she asked me if I would not put him out of the road. I told her I would not do it. Then she kept running after me and begged for me to do it; she told me if I would not do it that I should get her some poison; I told her I would do that, so I got some arsenic for her at Joseph Dingler's livery stable, where I was driving teams at that time; I took the poison out and gave it to her and she said "it would be all right now;" this was about one month before Christmas; I then went to Loyalsock and did not see her till the last of February; on my return I first met her at the Lutheran church and walked part of the way home with her; she then wanted me to put him out of the road. I told her I would not do it; three different times she asked me to put him out of the road, she said no one would find it out, then she told me that Mrs. —— had a little gun that she would lend to her and she would set in the barn and I should go there and make a noise and she would listen and send Miller out; then I should shoot him; this was two days before the thing happened. I asked her if she knew what would become of us if we would do it; she said it would never be found out, because her and Mrs. —— talked about it. I went out there on Thursday afternoon and she commenced talking about it again; I told her she had better stop talking about it; she said there was a rope at the end of the clothes line that would do to hang him with. We met at Hemler's on Thursday evening, she went there first; I came an hour after her; she stayed until half-past 9 o'clock; when she went out I thought she had gone home; when I went out she was sitting alongside the fence waiting for me; she took hold of me and asked me to go along up; I did not want to go; she said, "Yes, you must go;" we talked on the way up about putting him out of the road; she said; "I want it done this night, and I will tell you how you can do it—take a club and make a noise at the barn, and I will listen, and when I hear you I will call him." I made a noise in the barn and she came to the window, and she told me in a low voice to go and she would go back and send him out; he came out of the front door and walked around the house by the well and walked along the fence to the barn; when he came to the barn I struck him with the club; I did not knock him down; he turned around and ran towards the house; I followed him and when near the house I struck him again; he fell and I picked him up and carried him to the barn, I did this alone; I struck him once after I laid him down in the barn; I then went to the house and she gave me the rope out of the closet; I went to the barn and hung him up; I did this myself; I then went back to the house; she wet an apron and gave it to me; and told me to go down in the barn and wipe the blood off the floor and then throw the apron under the barn; I did this and went back to the house; she said "you need not run off for it will never be found out;" I stayed there until three o'clock in the morning; I was worried so I did not know what to do; I then went down to Magg's; arrived there about four o'clock; was there until arrested. John Brown had nothing to do with it; I did it all myself. Mrs. Miller once spoke of throwing him down the well; she did not aid in killing him, but she urged me on and planned the thing. John Brown talked about Andy Miller on the Thompson street swinging bridge in Jersey Shore, the fall before the killing of him; he said, "they are going to put Andrew Miller out of the road—did you see the other party?" I said I wanted to go to the post office, I stopped and asked him what party it was; he said "you will find out soon enough what party." I then walked away from him; this was all I ever talked with him about it; this is all true. I hung him up myself; he was not quite dead and stood on his feet; I placed my left arm around his body and threw the rope over the beam; I lifted him up with my left arm and pulled the rope over the beam with my right hand.

MRS. MILLER'S STATEMENT.

The murderess, whose last request was to be buried aside the husband she had helped to kill, told the following story of the crime:

On Saturday, prior to the murder of my husband, I was joined by George after leaving church. He spoke to me about putting Miller out of the way. He said he wanted me. I told him that he had better go away. He said "No," that he had a spite against Miller and he would have it out of him. I begged him not to do it This was his first threat. Afte we moved to Brown's house he commenced to talk to me again about destroying him. Mr. Miller cut his foot in the woods and George brought me poison to poison him with. When he gave it to me I said, "No George; before I do that I will take it myself." George said, "No Kate, I don't want you to take it." I told him I would destroy it, I put it in the cooking stove. After Miller's foot got well George came to our house again. On the day my husband was killed George came to our house in the morning and stayed until four o'clock. In the evening I went to see Mr. Hemler's sick son; was there about half an hour when George joined us at Parker's lane. A short distance from the house he commenced to talk to me about what he was going to do. I said, "George, I think you had better not; you know that you have enemies and know that I have." I said if he did we might both lose our lives by it. He said no, we would not; nobody would find it out. He said if he did not get it done that night he would do it if it was ten years from then.

On the night of the murder my husband said he heard a noise at the barn and asked where his revolver was. I heard him say, "You black ————." I jumped out of bed and started to go out of the room, and I sunk right down on the floor. After a bit I heard some one coming in; thought it was my husband. I went down and George was in the kitchen. He asked for a rope. I said, "I cannot get it, I am too nervous." I told him there was a rope in the closet which my husband sometime used. After he went out and hung Mr. Miller he came in and we sat down stairs awhile. We then went up stairs. He told the children he had killed their father and hung him up in the barn. He told them if they would tell anybody he would whip them. He said I should send the girls in the morning to the barn and they would see their father hanging up. He said I should send them to tell the neighbors that their father had hung himself in the barn. When I waked up I did not think of George or I should have stopped my husband from going out. He was always introducing the subject and I always trying to stop it. I would have stopped it that night if I had known it was going to happen.

A TERRIBLE FLOOD.

San Francisco, February 2.—The flood in the Sacramento river culminated this morning at Sacramento, the waters being within a foot and a half of the top of the levees of that city. The levee below the town broke and the country was overflowed. The town of Washington, Yolo county, opposite Sacramento, is inundated. The damage in both cases reaches an enormous sum. The entire Sacramento valley presents the appearance of an inland sea. Numberless houses have been swept away, but fortunately the loss of life so far as reported, is very small. The hills, high ground and levees in the overflowed district are covered with live stock, and there is a great demand for boats to save the cattle, sheep, etc., remaining, as a great number have been drowned. It is raining in the Sierra Nevadas from Plumas to Calaveras counties and there is an immense deposit of snow. If the rain should extend high up the mountains another flood is probable. Should it come on top of the already immense body of water in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys there is no telling where the inundation would end or destruction of property stop, as the water covers places that were never overflowed before.

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Yours Truly,
A. S. KERLIN.

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THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

Harrisburg, February 7.—At 12 m. the joint convention was called to order by the lieutenant governor. The following is the vote for senator on the nineteenth ballot:

Oliver,	32
Wallace,	24
Grow,	29
MacVeagh,	2
Phillips,	2
Baird,	1
Curtin,	1
Shiras,	1
Whole number of votes cast,	92

Only fourteen senators and seventy-eight representatives voted.

No change on Tuesday of any note.

TWELVE MEN THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED.

London, February 7.—Twelve men are imprisoned and supposed to have perished by a colliery explosion in the Whitefield colliery, near Chell, Staffordshire. The pit took fire and is still burning.

LATER.

It is now stated that seventeen persons perished by the explosion in the Whitefield colliery.

EIGHT CHINAMEN BURIED ALIVE.

San Francisco, January 31.—A dispatch from Santa Cruz says: Eight Chinamen, who were employed cutting timber for a mill company on the South Pacific Coast railroad, near Daughterty mill, fourteen miles from Santa Cruz, were buried alive, yesterday, by half a mile of the mountain sliding down. Eighteen were employed and but ten escaped.

THE CALIFORNIA FLOODS.

San Francisco, Feb. 5, 1881.—About three thousand five hundred square miles of the Sacramento Valley is under water. The losses cannot be even guessed at present, but the aggregate will be a stupendous sum.

A SHIP AND THIRTEEN MEN LOST.

London, February 7.—The ship Bremman was recked near Berwick, (Shetland Islands) on Friday. Thirteen of the crew were drowned, and seven saved.

THIRTY-TWO PERSONS DROWNED

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The Republicans of Clinton county have nominated for the Legislature General Jesse Merrill, resident in Lock Haven, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of J. C. C. Whaley.

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The Kintzler murderers have been denied a new trial and are sentenced to be hanged.

OPINION OF AN EMINENT CONDUCTOR.

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