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Next fall's State election will be for a state treasurer and auditor general.

The city councils of Danville, Ill., have peppered the saloons in that town by raising the saloon licenses from \$400 to \$600. There are forty saloons in the city. It will be in order now for the saloon men to cut their glasses down one-third and add a little more water, and they will come out ahead.

A bushel of potatoes must weigh sixty pounds if the bill before the legislature passes.

If some of the fellows who are legislating on the potato would take to raising the article they would not be so far out of place.

Senator Cameron's trip to Europe is intended as a sort of kill-two-birds-with-one-stone arrangement. He expects to improve his health by the trip and thinks his absence will improve the health of the Republican party in the state.

Senator Hill, of Colorado, is going for Secretary Teller, of same state, exposing his rottenness. Teller in turn makes out Hill an egg of a flavor that no longer could be hatched into a chicken. No doubt they are both telling the truth, as Republican leaders not supposed to fib any when telling on each other.

A meaner thing than Hayes did, than taking the stolen presidency, was in not attending Riza Pinkston's funeral, a few days ago, she having died in prison.

The London Times and Englishmen are more afraid of Irish dynamite than of Irish conventions. There is something positive about dynamite which is not found in talk. The great Thunderer only sneers at gatherings like that of the great Irish convention in Philadelphia, the other day, of which the Times remarks thus:

"The Irish convention at Philadelphia began with a clap-trap of folly and malignity and closed after the same fashion. The whole scene, it says, would be painful were it not supremely ridiculous. The only practical suggestion made by the convention for injuring Great Britain is the advice to the people of Ireland to buy nothing from England unless they are obliged to. It is a confession of impotence when Irish malice is driven to such a paltry expedient, which, if tried, would only injure its adopters. The lesson of Great Britain is to ignore Irishmen and abandon the hope of bringing them to a better frame of mind by a continuance of unmerited favors."

The case of the County against the late board of Commissioners, was tried last week. The claim was for something like \$400, and the finding of the jury was \$196. This is all for excessive fees allowed to some of the County officers, found so upon a close sifting out of the law, mostly out of spite on the part of individuals because the Commissioners would not allow them to bleed the county. The little excesses thus allowed were simply in accordance with the practices of all previous boards; there was no charge of dishonesty against the Commissioners or any allegation that they wrongfully appropriated a single cent to their own uses. Some of these fees went to district attorneys, and other officials, and one item was for paying Mr. Tuten \$37 for election proclamation published without authority. These parties will likely refund the sums thus drawn and leave very little for the Commissioners to pay. The law is often so muddled in such a case that mistakes are made without wrong intent, and this is true in the case of the late board of Commissioners.

A Harrisburg special of the Times, on 2, says, from what Governor Pattison said to-day the inference is drawn that if the Legislature does not pass the apportionment bills at the regular session he will call an extra one for that purpose. "The Constitution ordains that an apportionment be made now," he said. "It is the duty of the Legislature to make one and it is my duty to see that the Legislature performs its duty." Not a member of the either house appears to believe that an apportionment will be made this session. This afternoon the house postponed for the present the resolution reported by the ways and means committee fixing June 6 for the final adjournment. This move means the Democratic leaders of the House are in favor of continuing the session after that date should there be good reason to hope that by so doing a compromise could be reached on the apportionment.

## SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

Senate Bill fixing the salaries of county officers in counties containing 40,000 and less than 58,000, passed that body on 3. It provides for the payment of salaries as follows: District attorney, \$800; sheriff, \$3,000; prothonotary, \$2,000; clerk of the orphans' court, \$1,500; clerk of quarter sessions, \$1,000; register, \$1,000; recorder of deeds, \$1,500; treasurer, \$2,000; county commissioners, \$600 each; auditors \$100 each; keeper of prison or county jail, \$700; directors of the poor, \$100 each; jury commissioners, \$75. Where the offices of clerk of orphans' court or quarter sessions and recorder of deeds were held by the same person, such officers shall receive \$2,000. Where the offices of recorder of deeds and register of wills are held by the same person, \$2,000; where the offices of clerk of orphans' court and clerk of quarter sessions are held by the same person, \$1,000. In case the offices of register, recorder and clerk of orphans' court are held by the same person, \$2,000. The bill applies to Delaware, McKean, Tioga, Susquehanna, Northumberland, Cumberland, Franklin, Clearfield, Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Clarion, Armstrong, Butler, Washington, Mercer, Venango and Lycoming counties.

The Committee of Conference has failed to arrange matters satisfactorily between the employers and the employed in the vast Pennsylvania and Ohio iron interests. After a fifteen minutes session on 4 in which the manufacturers and the workmen defied each other to force the issue if they dared, the committee adjourned *stae die*. This means unless the manufacturer's withdrawal their notice, that on and after June 1 wages are to be reduced, millions of capital will lie idle by the closing of the shops and foundries, and that one hundred thousand men will go out on strike to fight over again a battle that is alike disastrous to victor and to vanquished.

The Morning Patriot thinks reconciliation does not reconcile, so far as the hostile elements in the republican party are concerned. The salwar and half-neck factions are as far apart to-day as they were when Garfield fell before the assassin's pistol. The causes of division which originated in 1851 and were intensified in 1852 are still operative with an apparent widening of the breach in the party as the result. The supporters of Garfield will never forgive the fatal opposition to his administration instituted by the stalwart leaders and the latter are resolved that, come weal, come woe, no half-breed candidate shall be nominated for president or elected if nominated.

## SALOONS IN IOWA COMPELLED TO PAY FROM \$200 TO \$1,600 A YEAR.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 4.—Since the final defeat of the prohibitory amendment in the Supreme Court a wave of high license has swept over Iowa, which bids fair to drown prohibition and furnish an honest solution of the temperance problem. Under the statute the sale of spirituous liquors is absolutely prohibited under strong penalties. The sale of ale, wine and beer is subject to municipal regulation or prohibition, at the option of the community, but when the traffic is permitted it is not confined to these beverages, and the sale of stronger drinks goes on under the cover of the ale, wine and beer cause. Convictions for this violation are difficult to secure, and consequently very rare, and the traffic goes on with impunity. License before licenses throughout the State have been low, ranging from \$50 a year in Davenport to \$500 in many interior towns. Creston had a \$1,500 and Ottumwa \$1,000 license, but these were rare exceptions. Since the death of the prohibitory amendment Des Moines has raised the license from \$250 to \$1,000, Clinton and Burlington from \$200 to \$600. Davenport from \$50 to \$200, and the up-country towns have become general. In Des Moines the saloons have been closed for two days, not on account of the high license, but on account of the arbitrary features of the ordinance, which made the saloon keepers who availed themselves of these privileges ready victims of malicious prosecutors. The City Council met this afternoon and modified these objectionable features, but did not reduce the licenses. About forty saloons will take out licenses, which is a reduction of 20 in number. There has been no general closing of saloons in Iowa, but a very material reduction in number has resulted from the high license wave, and those which are gone can best be spared.

## BURNING OF THE GRAPHIER, Fifty Lives Lost

San Francisco, May 3.—The news of the burning of the steamer Graphier was brought from Nonoalco, B. C., by the John McAllister. She was burned four miles off Seymour narrow on Sunday evening. The fire was discovered by the engineer and immediately reported to the captain. One hundred passengers were aboard, principally Chinamen, and all were in bed. An immediate search was instituted by the captain, who discovered the fire back of the boiler connections. The engineer started the donkey engine and connected the hose. By this time the passengers were warned and the excitement was intense. The Chinamen behaved like maniacs and were utterly uncontrollable. They seriously impeded the action of the officers. The captain ordered all shot who refused to obey orders. Notwithstanding this the Chinamen rushed backward and forward on the vessel until it was found necessary to knock some down and to carry them below, and others were put in irons. All the time the fire was gaining, and efforts for its control were unavailing. The captain ordered pilot Franklin to head the steamer for the Vancouver shore. As soon as the sands were struck the boats were lowered but in the excitement the Chinamen jumped pell mell into the boats and swamped them. Owing to the intense smoke those who could swim did not

know in which direction to strike out, and surrounded by a mass of struggling Chinamen, they were drowned. Victoria, B. C., May 3.—The steamer was proceeding north with one hundred passengers and a full cargo. It is supposed at least that fifty lives were lost, including Captain J. Jagger.

## EXECUTION OF A MAN WHO HAD KILLED THREE MEN.

Baton Rouge, La., May 6.—Robert Butler was hanged at Columbia yesterday for the murder of George Buras and Abroah Hunter in August, 1876. Butler was known as a desperate character. He followed these two men twenty miles to this place. Butler was shot while they were camping with their families at night in the woods with their wagons. He silently crawled up within shooting distance under the cover of night and shot them both at their camp fire and then fled. He was captured in Texas and brought to this place where he was tried and sentenced to be hanged. In the following month he made his escape from jail, but was recaptured a few weeks later, heavily ironed and lodged in jail. On the 24 of August Butler escaped a second time and was pursued by a posse of twenty-five men. On morning of the 5th of the same month he came upon him at Monroe and surrounded him. He drew a revolver and shot at one the posse, killing him instantly. He then made his escape. Last March he was again captured and brought to this place. Butler was about thirty-five years old. He was also accused of the murder of a white lady, in 1871, but positively denied it, accusing Bill Johnson, a fugitive from justice, as being the murderer.

## DEFEAT OF THE MAHDI.

Cairo, May 3.—A telegram has been received from Colonel Hicks, reporting that on 29th ult., he had an engagement with 5,000 rebels. The battle which lasted half an hour, resulted in the defeat of the rebels, with 500 killed, including the Lieutenant General of El Mahdi, the False Prophet, and many wounded. The Egyptian loss was light. Colonel Hicks praises the gallantry of the Egyptian troops. The victory has cleared the Province of Senhar of rebels.

## ERB INTERVIEWED.

The news of the action of the Pardon Board reached Middleburg on Tuesday and was the general topic of conversation all day. On Wednesday morning we called at the jail and the Sheriff kindly permitted us a private interview with the old man. We asked him if he had heard the news from Harrisburg, to which he responded that he had heard some talk but was slow to believe it. Being armed with a daily newspaper we opened it and read it in German—translating it from the English. He fixed his eyes on a spot on the floor and shook his head as if it were unwelcome news. We asked him what he thought of it. He said it was not what he expected, but, continuing, he said, "what justice could you expect when there was so much false swearing done in a case as there was in mine. You say it is for life. Well, I do not expect to live very long at my rate, but do you think there is any hope for pardon?"

We replied in the affirmative, but could not give him much encouragement in that line. "Well," he continued, "then the thing is as good as settled. I would rather have it that way than be hung. Those of my friends (which he emphasized) who were so anxious to see me hanged will now not have the pleasure of attending such a picnic."

He asked us why he could not just as well stay here in jail as be sent to the penitentiary. We told him that he could work at his trade (shoe making) and earn his living. That there he would see the county only about seventeen cents a day which would average a little over one-third of a cent a year to every man, woman and child in the county. "Well," he said, "I have never been to Philadelphia in my life, and I would just as leave not go now, but I hope they will get me a new pair of shoes, and my coat and hat are worn and dusty. My pants look better but they need patching." At this point we chimed in by remarking that his suit would do to go down in and when he got there he would be presented with a brand new suit of the latest cut and striped.

"Do you think the Sheriff will put me in irons to take me down?" he inquired. We told him he could rest assured that the sheriff would take every precaution to prevent his escape, but at the same time would not place him into unnecessary discomfort.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, In the wisdom and goodness of an all wise Providence he has seen fit to take from our midst our well beloved sister, Mrs. Kate Dale, who has been a faithful, earnest and efficient worker in the E. L. S. School. Resolved, That while we deeply lament her loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him that doeth all things well. Resolved, That the sympathy of the members of the Boalsburg E. L. Sunday School be extended to the bereaved husband and children, and that the school be draped in mourning for thirty days. Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to two of the county papers for publication, and a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased. Mrs. J. J. CONDO, Mrs. C. SWENEY, Mrs. A. HESS, Committee

Victoria, B. C., May 6.—Later news as to the burning of the steamer Graphier increases the extent of the calamity. At least seventy lives were lost. Only two bodies have been recovered. The survivors give harrowing accounts of the disaster. Auction at Brockerhoff's store, every Saturday afternoon and evening, until goods are all sold, as will be seen from our supplement. All put up will be knocked off, hence a rare opportunity is offered for bargains, which no one should miss. A special from Hermosillo, Mexico, says:—An engagement took place at

Sueqoch Canyon, 163 miles southeast of here, between the Apaches and the federal troops, resulting in the defeat of the Indians, who sustained a loss of twelve killed and many wounded. Three of the troops were killed and five wounded.

London, May 5.—A dispatch has been received from Tabreez, Persia, saying that city has been visited by an earthquake which destroyed a great many houses and caused the death of many persons.

A dispatch has been received from Tabreez, Persia, reporting that that city has been visited by an earthquake, which destroyed many houses and caused the death of a large number of persons.

Deadwood, May 6.—Two feet of snow have fallen here since the 1st inst. All the roads are blocked.

When the Irishmen's great convention adjourned in Philadelphia the other day, they all felt so good over the success of their affair, that all agreed to strike for the Philad. Branch and get new suits, in order to show John Bull that some things can be done well as others. On English oppression and cheap clothing at Lewins', there is no diversity of sentiment among true Irishmen.

## MERCANTILE APPRAISMENT.

The vendors of Foreign and Domestic Merchandise, Distillers, Brewers, Brokers, etc., in Centre County will take notice that they are appraised and classed by the undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile and other Licenses Tax for the year 1883, as follows, to wit:

Name	Class	Tax
Apprentices		
M M Mueser, Merchant		10 75
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Phillip Bros, do		10 75
Feidler & Humke do		10 75
Bundel Akens, Musical Inst		14 75
Bollefonte		
V J Bauer & Co, Grocer		15 10 75
Joe, Cadam, Confectioner		14 75
D Wagner, Merchant		11 10 75
Cyrus Strickland, Grocer		14 75
E Brown, Jr & Co, do		10 10 75
Bundel Akens, Musical Inst		14 75
James O Brain, Pools		40 75
M Levi & Co, Clothing		12 10 75
Graham & Bros, Merchants		8 20 75
S & A Loeb, Merchants		9 20 75
Joseph Bros, do		9 20 75
John D Stewart, Furniture		10 20 75
Harper Bros, Merchants		10 20 75
George Blackford, Tobacco		14 75
D B Weaver, Grocer		7 75
S Lewis & Co, Clothing		10 10 75
J H Sands, Confectioner		14 75
F P Richards, Jeweler		14 75
John Harris, Patent Medicine		9 20 75
Lyons & Co, Merchants		9 20 75
C U Hoffer & Co, Merchants		10 60 75
H Y Sultz, Stationery		14 75
E Graham & Son, Boots and Shoes		14 75
F B Messers, do		14 75
D Soutbeck, Confectioner		14 75
Doll & Mingle, Boots and Shoes		14 75
James Harris & Co, Hardware		19 20 75
J Zeller & Son, Drugs		10 10 75
Do do Patent Medicine		2 20 75
Montgomery, Grocer		14 75
H K Hicks, Hardware		9 20 75
H C Weaver, Tobacco		11 4 75
F P Richards, Stationery		12 10 75
George E Lewis, Grocer		12 10 75
Valentine Stores, Linc, Mer		6 50 75
F B Messers, do		12 10 75
W H Wilkinson, Sample Agent		10 10 75
F P Richards, Jewelry		14 75
F P Richards, Tobacco		14 75
Do do Pool Table		14 75
A J Croser, Tobacco		14 75
F P Richards, Pools		10 10 75
Do do Patent Medicine		2 20 75
Do do Grocer		10 10 75
Do do Patent Medicine		11 10 75
R F Barnes, Tailor		14 75
Gordon & Laidie, Implements		14 75
Berwin, White & Co, Coal		10 10 75
James Harris & Co, Hardware		19 20 75
Spangler & Co, Furniture		14 75
Harry Teuts & Co, Grocers		14 75
W T Hoyer, Bottler		60 75
Alexander & Co, Coal and Grain		11 10 75
O Smith, Confectioner		14 75
W T Hoyer, Grocer		14 75
J Powers & Son, Boots and Shoes		14 75
D German & Son, Dry Goods		14 75
W T Hoyer, Grocer		14 75
Mrs L Hass, Grocer		10 10 75
Singer Mfg Co, Sewing Machines		14 75
Do do Patent Medicine		2 20 75
Fred Becker, Distiller		2 8 75
Wm Brown, Bottler		8 75
Benore		
J J Thompson & Co, Merchants		12 10 75
J B Messers, Merchant		14 75
J B Messers, do		14 75
Blanchard		
J A Quigley, Merchant		10 10 75
J K Glover, do		10 10 75
J I Kinney, do		10 10 75
A E Graham, Pool Table		30 75
Boalsburg		
Thos Kelley, Grocer		14 75
H S Stover, Merchant		14 75
G B Jack, do		14 75
J N Dings, Dry Goods and Drugs		14 75
Do do Patent Medicine		2 20 75
Centre Hall		
Cleves Dinges, Merchant		12 10 75
J B Messers, do		14 75
J D Murray, do		14 75
Do do Patent Medicine		4 20 75
J O Dinger, do		14 75
W A Bosk, Agent Merchant		14 75
Centre Hill		
H J Barnes, Merchant		14 75
M Sells, do		10 10 75
Colburn		
Samuel Greeninger, Merchant		14 75
F H Stover, Grain and Coal		12 10 75
F H Stover, do		10 10 75
Geo Stover, Distiller		10 10 75
T F Vonada, Grocer		14 75
Fleming		
A J T E Grosz, Merchants		11 10 75
Do do Drugs		6 20 75
F P Leathers, Merchant		12 10 75
Union Cooperative Association, Limited, Merchants		14 75
Fowler		
S S Miles, Merchant		14 75
Guyer		
C W Keith, Merchant		14 75
Houserville		
J M Houser & Co, Merchants		14 75
Howard		
B Luth, Merchant		9 20 75
Lucas & Bro, Mer, and Coal Dealer		11 10 75
H A Moore, Drug		14 75
Do do Patent Medicine		4 20 75
N I Shenek, Merchant		14 75
F F Klins, do		14 75
Robert Cook, do		14 75
John W Cook, do		14 75
J A Antes, do		11 10 75
J B Messers, do Mer, and coal dealers		14 75
Anson Scheuck, Hardware		14 75
Hublersburg		
Henry Brown, Merchant		12 10 75
J B Messers, do		10 10 75
Julian Furnace		
J Hoover, Merchant		14 75
D Levin, do		14 75
Phoenix Plating Mill Co, Mer		14 75
J Parsons, Grocer		14 75
Lemont		
J B Messers, Merchant		14 75
Wm Thompson, Jr, & Co, Mer		12 10 75
D F Taylor, Drugs		14 75
Do do Patent Medicine		4 20 75
Linden Hall		
D Hess, Merchant		10 10 75
Loveville		
Rhodes & Smith, Merchants		10 10 75
Madisonburg		
A Ocker, Merchant		10 10 75
Martha Furnace		
J J Thompson, Merchant		14 75
J F Williams, do		14 75

Milesburg.

A T Rogers, Grocer 14 | 7 75 || W B Hines & Son, Merchants | 12 | 10 75 |
C H Kiss & Bro, Drugs	14	7 75
do do Patent Medicine	4	5 75
A W Hinkel & Co, Merchants	11	7 75
John Hibler, Merchant	11	4 75
E H Carr, Coal dealer	14	7 75
W Coy & Linn, Merchants	11	10 75
Wm. J. do	14	7 75
A C Lillings & Co, Limited, Mer	12	10 75
Mrs. S Lucas & Son, Merchants	14	7 75
Howe Mfg Co, Sewing Machine	14	7 75
Millheim		
H H Tomlinson, Merchant	12	10 75
Jacob Eisenhart, Drugs and Grocer	14	7 75
Kessler & Hoffinger, do	8	20 75
Musser & Smith, Hardware	13	10 75
Jerome Spelgelmeyer, Merchant	15	10 75
E C Campbell & Son, do	14	7 75
J W Stam, Merchant	14	7 75
J A Papp, Pools & Billiards	49	75
Moshannon		
A M McClain, Merchant	5	14 75
Nittany		
Mrs. M E Holmes, Merchant	15	10 75
Penn Hall		
J B Fisher, Merchant	12	10 75
Phillipsburg		
Matley & Shelton, Tobacco & Con	14	7 75
C Minton & Son, Merchants	8	20 75
Kessler & Hoffinger, do	8	20 75
W D A Nauget, Jewelry	11	7 75
J F Barber, Hardware	10	10 75
W H Westerman, Jewelry	14	7 75
Gray Wolf & Co, Merchants	6	10 75
F F Mill, Drugs	14	7 75
do do Patent Medicine	10	10 75
E M McKinley, Drugs	14	7 75
do do Patent Medicine	2	20 75
C Parker, Exr Stationery	14	7 75
W E Burchfield, Grocer	14	7 75
A W Harper, do	14	7 75
E M Fournier, Confectioner	14	7 75
L J A K Switzer, Stationery	10	10 75
J Lytle & Co, Grocers	12	10 75
Sprinkle & Son, Merchants	14	7 75
Crisman & Nice, do	7	20 75
do do Patent Medicine	3	10 75
F Myers, Confectioner	14	7 75
W N Aase, Grocer and Confectionery	14	7 75
J Rus, Green Grocer	14	7 75
Stroome & Lehman, Mer	10	20 75
G W Hoyer, do	14	7 75
E F & W A Hoyer & Co, Grocers	14	7 75
W H Berland, Tobacco & Confr	14	7 75
Bliss Reeser, Grocer	12	10 75
R Arisman, do	14	7 75
John Peighalt, Furniture	14	7 75
A A Lynn, Grocer	14	7 75
J Sanky, Boots and Shoes	14	7 75
B B Krammer, Pool and Billiards	5	50 75
G Lyon & Co, Merchants	14	7 75
M E George, Drugs	8	4 75
do do Patent Medicine	4	7 75
C M Herlinger, Clothing	10	20 75
J M Hall & Co, Hardware	10	20 75
H O Hoffer, Pools and Billiards	14	7 75
do do	14	7 75
Alfred Jones, Hardware	14	7 75
J N Koonover, Boots and Shoes	14	7 75
Stewart & Johnson, Furniture & Grocer	14	7 75
Stevens, Britton & Co, Merchants	11	10 75
Williamsport Oil Co, Wholesale	12	10 75
A R Pottel, Jeweler	14	7 75
F S Smith & Co, Grocer	14	7 75
John Nuttall & Co, Merchants	11	10 75
E A Davis & Son, Jewelry	14	7 75
J H Herling, Mus. Instruments	14	7 75
Pine Glen		
G R Book, Merchant	15	10 75
Pine Grove Mills		
J C Sample & Co, Merchants	12	10 75
Wm D Snyder, do	10	10 75
D M Weaver, Grocer	14	7 75
Pleasant Gap		
W H Scott, Jr, & Bro, Merchants	14	7 75
R P Barnes, Merchant	14	7 75
J F Mann, do	14	7 75