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"A. K. M." finds raising a greased Grant pole as difficult as catching a greased pig.

The Republican convention to nominate candidates for president and vice-president will be held at Chicago, June 3.

Read prospectus of "The World" in another column. The "World" under its present management has greatly improved in every respect and is now the ablest and best edited democratic journal in the United States. It contains the latest telegraphic news from all parts of the world and discusses all questions of the day with clearness and spice.

THE R. R. COMMITTEE MEETING.

The demand of the Penn'a railroad upon our people for an additional $25,000 to complete our road has been received with a howl of indignation from Lewisburg to Tyrone—and justly too, because the people from Montandon to the Potter township line have paid every cent of their obligations, stock, guarantee bond, guaranteed right of-way, and whatever was asked originally of them.

The Company admitted this in their interview with our committee on Tuesday of last week.

Our money—some $200,000—was spent to grade the road, and then the railroad company abandoned it to the ravages of the elements for near eleven years, and now they would have us pay again for repairing what resulted from their own neglect. Our people have a right to feel indignant over such an unjust demand.

The present Penn'a railroad directors say to us they "are ignorant of the whole matter and that it was the work of former boards and all new to them and that the thing should consequently take a new start, and the first thing in order would be that the local people guarantee to subscribe $25,000 which is to be spent again in overhauling the neglected road-bed."

The Company alleges they are responsible for nothing, and stand behind the Lewisburg, Centre & Sp. Cr. Company as the big bugaboo to blame in the matter. This strikes us like one of the great trees of California trying to hide behind a huckleberry stalk. President Roberts thought the fault might lie with the directors along the line not pressing the interests of our road and permitting it to be smothered. This is rough on the local directors and they have the floor to tell our people what they did when in Philadelphia every year, whether they smiled with the smilers down there, or, pricked them with thorns to do justice to our people—if the latter, it knocks out that dodge at least.

Our people have a right to be angered—they have been robbed and swindled out of lands and great sums of money and deceived in promises by somebody, and there may have been aiders and abettors outside of Philadelphia in that kind of work; yet we trust not, and hope that such grave suspicions are unfounded.

We are not going to give it up yet—if we must die we will do it with a struggle. Let our people hammer away now until the road is made. Let us still insist upon its completion.

The secretary of the treasury transmitted to congress estimates of appropriations needed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885. The amount estimated as required for all the expenses of the government is $283,125,305, which is $22,323,282 less than the aggregate appropriations for the present fiscal year and $57,154,857 less than the sum called for in the estimates submitted last year. The appropriations for the present fiscal year, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, aggregated $305,448,387, the estimates on which these appropriations were based calling for $340,280,162.

Altoona *Advance*: During our recent trip to Centre county we had the pleasure of meeting Ex-Senator Peale, of Lock Haven. It was through Mr. Peale's work and management that the Vanderbilt railroad system has been run into Clinton, Centre and Clearfield counties, opening up vast fields of coal, iron and lumber, and causing the expenditure of millions of dollars.

Ex Senator Peale is one of the best lawyers and most eloquent men in Pennsylvania. When in the State Senate he made one of the best speeches in favor of labor there. He is a Democrat and if his party would put such men in front it would not long remain a minority party in Pennsylvania

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President Roberts expressed the opinion to our committee that the abandonment and neglect of our road was not a fault of the Penn'a railroad company. He thinks it may have been the fault of our own directors along the line not looking after the interests of our road. As we can't just see it, nevertheless we say to Jim Coburn and others "along the line," you have the floor now.

WHO TOOK FULL PAY?

THOSE WHO OPPOSED PAY.

Some of the Representatives who had been loudest in their denunciation of the bill granting full pay were among the foremost in the rush upon the Treasury and surprised everybody by their inconsistency in grasping, if not all the cash that they could get, at least as much as they could take without entirely disregarding the question of honor. Buttermore, of Fayette; Donahue, of Philad.; Neely, of Clarion, all Democrats, who voted to sustain the Governor's veto, hurried to the Treasury after breakfast and took every cent called for by their warrants. Amerman, of Lackawana, the spokesman of the administration in the House, drew pay for Lord's day, sham session days, no session days and all other days, except recess. All that he handed back to the Treasury was $110. Hasson, of Venango, chairman of the appropriation committee, who, also, was among the most vigorous opponents of the salary grab, followed Amerman's example. Nicholson, too, the author of many Democratic apportionment bills, whose vote against passing the appropriation over the Governor's veto was regarded as an indication that he would give the State a big slice of his warrant, took all but $110.

ONLY THE RECESS MONEY.

Of the other members who supported the veto, Adams, of Huntingdon; Bierer, of Westmoreland; Engleman, of Northampton; Horne, of Cambria; Jenkins, of Luzerne; Lorah, of Berks; McCormick, of Montour, all Democrats, handed back only the recess allowance, Adams and Bierer throwing in their mileage also. The only supporters of the veto who returned large sums were Crawford, Democrat, of Philadelphia, who presented his entire warrant to the State; Landis, Republican, of Lancaster, who cut off $820, and Gilmore, Democrat, of Fayette, the successor of Dukes, who handed back $208.50. The remaining of the twenty-five members who sustained the Governor—Deitrich, of Lycoming; Gates, of Venango; M. M. Hayes, of York; Martin, of Mercer; Merry, of Clinton; Geo. Morgan and A. H. Morgan, of Philadelphia; Riland, of Northumberland, and Taylor, of Clearfield, all Democrats, have not yet presented their warrants. Of the four Senators who opposed the passage of the appropriation bill—Gordon, Laird Hess and Vandegrift, Democrats—all but Laird have been at the treasury, Gordon giving every cent to the State, but Hess and Vandergrift returning only $150 and $160, respectively. Senator Adams, of Philadelphia, who was not present, wrote to Chief Clerk Cochran, saying he will deduct $600 from his warrant.

THAT $25,000.

A sample of public opinion along the line:

It is an outrage.—Col. Eli Slifer.

It's very mean.—Cornelius, Lewisburg *Chronicle*.

It's an insult added to injury.—John Irwin, Jr.

It's an outrage and there's no honor about them.—Col. D. G. Bush.

A robbery and a swindle, &c.—By scores of others.

A ——d outrage.—Gov. Curtin.

It's all poppy-cock, all poppy-cock.—Col. Jas. Milliken.

The Butler, Pa., court-house was burned last week. Uncle Jake Zeigler was not devoured by the flames—now what was the use of having that fire?

Eighteen hundred bills were already introduced in Congress. If the apple crop turns out as well next year cider will be cheap.

How the bosses have risen: Blaine, Conkling, Don Cameron, and Gen Sherman have all become grandfathers within a few weeks.

The Morning *Patriot* gives clerk Meek a warm send-off on the discharge of his duties.

The Lock Haven *Express*, of 15, says: Work on the Beech Creek, Clearfield & South-Western Railroad is being pushed very rapidly at present, about half a mile of track being laid each day. Eight miles of track have been laid between Mill Hall and Beech Creek, and if the work is pushed as rapidly as it has been the road will probably be completed by April 1st, 1884. At present about two hundred and twenty-five men are employed ballasting and one hundred laying track. The men are principally Sweeds and are generally better workmen than Italians.

The Danville *Intelligencer* thinks the prospects are good for the L. & T. R. R. being completed from Montandon to Danville. It says that "it would prove the most direct and shortest route from the North Branch to Pittsburg and the great west."

Yes, so it would, if the link west of Spring Mills were completed.

Gov. Curtin introduced a bill into Congress for the retirement of Gen. Meigs; also to increase the pension of one-armed and one-legged soldiers.

The State Grange met at Harrisburg last week. The resolutions adopted demand that technical instruction in agriculture be included among the common school studies and that the State College be restored to the designs of its originators; they declare against discriminations by railroad companies; denounce the Legislature for its failure to apportion the State; favor the equalization of taxes and ask Congress to encourage the cultivation of sugar.

Leonard Rhone, Master of State Grange, and deputy Jas. Weaver, were present from this county.

Last week Gov. Pattison, faithful to his duties, addressed a letter to the Auditor General asking for a detailed statement of the disbursement of the contingent fund of the two houses of the Legislature during the extra session. The object is not stated, but there are rumors of crookedness.

Col. Eli Slifer is one of the directors along the line of the road who, president Roberts thinks, may have neglected its interests and thereby caused its abandonment. How about this, Col. Slifer, your word will weigh five tons in the matter? are you big enough for the big corporation to hide itself behind you?

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——Come to Adamsen's lecture, on eve of 24. See another col. Don't miss a literary treat.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

At this season of the year, when the Christian world is celebrating the nativity of our Saviour, our thoughts are directed to our Lord Jesus Christ at that time when He came literally and personally a stranger into this world. In that day He was a stranger. The world did not receive Him. "He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and his own received him not." In that Judean town he found no shelter. He was wrapped "in swaddling clothes" by the virgin-mother, and "laid in a manger, because there was no room in the inn." He was a stranger, indeed, in the world. Long was He expected, heralded by the prophets of centuries; yet when he came He was not recognized, unknown—the world's door shut against Him! But it has not been ever so. Even in those days some hearts received Him. Some shepherds from the fields came with joy to behold, lying in a humble manger, the child who was to be the Saviour—Christ the Lord. And the wissmen of the East hastened to fall down before Him and offer Him gifts and their worship; and some aged and devout souls, who had waited in faith for the consolation of Israel, blessed God when the saw the child Jesus, and uttered, in pious gratitude, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servants depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." And there were the disciples and the apostles and the faithful women who followed our Lord in the world, who loved Him and received Him in their humble homes. But these are not all who, when the Lord was a stranger, have taken Him in. No; to the company of the righteous on earth, in the day of judgment stand at the King's right hand, the Lord says, "I was a stranger, and ye took me in." And the righteous ones were not alone those who had lived on earth in our Savior's time, but were those gathered out of every nation and age and country, who extended this act of mercy to the least of their brethren, had done it unto the Lord. We receive the Lord in another way than, besides the literal housing of Him as a man in the natural world. He says in His Word that He stands at the door now and ever, knocking and waiting for admission. And if any man open, He says, "I will come in unto him, and sup with him and he with me." Christ is in heaven, yet is He very close to us on earth. He who made the world and is God alone is yet to-day in the world and the world knows Him not. "There standeth one among us whom we know not"—now as in the day of John the Baptist. He it is who alone baptizeth our hearts with His Holy Spirit of truth and with the fire of divine love. And because we know Him not, because we think of God as dwelling afar off in heaven and not near us on earth, because we know not of His divine humanity, which embraces all men and is near to all, therefore is this present Christ a stranger. Christ comes to us now a stranger, disguised under the cloak of our common humanity, that we may in freedom, without compulsion, learn to love and serve our fellow-men. He comes in the form of the common practical precepts of the Divine Word, the laws of Charitable and righteous living—man with his fellow-man here on earth. No duty so common-place or mean in the eyes of men; no impulse to good; no gentle act or expression of affection or pity or compassion; no word of forgiveness and reconciliation; no withholding from an evil or blasphemous word, or from an uncharitable opinion or utterance; no little way-side word, or deed of encouragement, or help, or consolation; nay, finally, no trustful and prayerful act of resignation, wherein we accept cheerfully from God the lowly, toilsome way of patient endurance which He has laid before our feet;—but, in so doing, the Lord Jesus has come to us as a stranger, and we have taken Him in. So does the Lord desire to be taken into our hearts—freely, willingly, we opening the door, not in fear, but gladly and warmly, as to receive an humble guest who has no claim on us but that of the brotherhood of all in the love of God. The noblest sentiment of humanity is appealed to in the befriending of strangers, heaven and the love of God flow down into such an act with mighty power. But above the natural duties of hospitality there is a spiritual act of hospitality, or receiving as a stranger one of the least of the Lord's brethren. The Lord's brethren are in the widest sense our neighbors, and this means all to whom we can do good. When we seek the good of our neighbor, personally; when we seek the good of the church, or of the country, then are we truly serving the Lord and loving him. For the Lord is present in his own goodness, and there is no one good but God—that is, all goodness is from Him. Spiritual hospitality then, consists in our befriending and helping, and unselfishly devoting ourselves to that which is good—not simply to that which we like or prefer, for these are not strangers, but old intimates, but to the good which comes from heaven, which is contained in every precept of our religion which may be sought out and kindly fostered by us in our fellow-men, and which comes to us a stranger and is the Lord himself in divine humanity, coming to us in the humble guise of our earthly duties toward ourselves and one another. It is the Lord's heavenly good that is concealed in every act of true piety, charity and resistance of evil. And this is the brother we are to take into our hearts as a stranger. Do so, and in the judgment we will learn that we have been loving and serving the Lord himself, who is the only God and the source of all goodness. We receive God's good into our hearts and lives when we take it to our homes the brethren; yes, Christ the Lord in whatever form. God's goodness always comes as a stranger, for our natural hearts at first neither know nor love it. The unselfish motive, the desire to do our simple duty in the sight of God, the resolution to deny self, the exercise of the heavenly virtues of patience and forgiveness, the willingness to cease from some evil thing in our life—this comes not at first with the familiar smile of a friend to be greeted and ushered in with joy. No! As a stranger do these heavenly motives of goodness come down and stand knocking at our heart's door. Who will take them in? Who will, this Christmas, open the door to this Guest from heaven, this stranger to the sinful household, come to save, here present in the dress of earthly humility? Who will open to Him that He may come in and sup with us and we with Him?

"Knocking, knocking, ever knocking!
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Never such was seen before;—
Ah, sweet soul, for such a wonder
Undo the door." F.

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Baltimore, Md., Dec. 11.—Miss Fannie Zimmerman, a very pretty young lady, a belle in society here, the daughter of Mr. George J. Zimmerman, a builder residing at No. 159 West Biddle street, was married today. The wedding caused a sensation which will make her name famous for many years as the heroine of one of the most laughable and exciting elopements that ever occurred in this country. Her little escapade is a decided warning to coquettes, as it caused her no end of alarm, made the whole city laugh, caused the arrest of one of her suitors for threatening to kill another, and overwhelmed her family with embarrassment.

Among her numerous admirers she had two who occupied almost similar places in her heart. Both were brimful of love and both were handsome and rich.

Mr. Henry Hammond was an F. F. V. and resided in Petersburg, Va., while Frank J. Hellen, of Uniontown, Pa., was all that could be desired as a lover. She became engaged to both, keeping them apart by a piece of feminine strategy. Once early in their courtship they met, and Mr. Hammond, who was the larger of the two, offered to whip Mr. Hellen within an inch of his life if he continued his marked attention to the one he regarded as his own true love. She was afraid to let them meet at her house after that, for fear the threat would be put into execution. When one would call she would wear his engagement ring only, and when the other came she favored him in a similar way. Why she let such an embarrassing state of affairs continue is best known to herself. She had, however, set December 10 as the happy day, concluding, as a last resource, to accept the fellow who came first, and leave the unfortunate last one to swallow his chagrin the best he could.

Bright and early this morning each gentleman arrived in the city, prepared to wed the object of his affections. It seems that Mr. Hellen was first on the ground, and with the foresight peculiar to persons born north of the Mason and Dixie line, half suspected the true condition of affairs, and determined to be the first in the field. So, procuring a license from the clerk of the common pleas court, he procured a carriage and drove to the residence of his betrothed. Luck was with him. He was the first at the door. He saw Miss Zimmerman in the parlor. She confessed hurriedly to him her situation. He was prepared. "Fly at once and we'll get married, which will settle the matter," said he. She consented, and without any ado got her hat and entered the carriage and was soon en route to the parson's.

Just as they drove off up came No. 2. Too late the situation dawned upon him. He saw all. His Virginia blood was up and he quickly determined not to be foiled in that manner. A hasty council of war was held with his hack driver, who, stimulated with promises of a handsome reward, allowed he would overtake the couple or break down the turnout.

Jumping to his seat, he lashed his horses, and the terrified animals dashed off down the street, the coach thundering after, arousing the entire neighborhood by the excitement. The first driver, seeing he was pursued, whipped up his horses, but lower No. 2 came on like an avenging Nemesis, and slowly gained on them. Mr. Hellen, in the first carriage, grew apprehensive as the pursuers gained on them, for he remembered that he was the smaller of the two, and had not forgotten his rival's numerous threats. Just as they were passing the western police station a happy thought struck him. He ordered the driver to stop, and entering the station quickly informed the magistrate that he was being pursued by a man who had threatened his life. A warrant was issued and he re-entered his carriage and drove off, just as Hammond and his foaming steeds hurried up. The police seized the animals and arrested the unlucky Virginian who, despite his protestations and struggles, was dragged into the station, where he became so violent that he had to be locked up in a cell and a watch was set over him.

In the meanwhile the Pennsylvania man had found a minister and was married. Later in the afternoon a hearing on the charge preferred against Mr. Hammond was heard before Police Magistrate Rhodes. Mr. Hellen withdrew the charge of threatening to kill, but preferred that of threatening assault, whereupon the prisoner was released on security to keep the peace.

Mr. Hammond is greatly affected by this sudden destruction of his hopes. He left home with such happy anticipations that now, as he realizes the bitter truth of his defeat, he is ashamed to return. He is very handsome and much sympathy for him is expressed. His friends are keeping him away from his rival for fear he may do him some injury.

The Diamond Field.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—H. V. Lucas, of the Lucas Wainwright club, the prime mover of the new union association, is now creating a stir in baseball circles. He arrived here and held a conference with Justus Thorner, ex-president of the Cincinnati club, and leading spirits of the new union team to be organized here. The gentlemen were closeted a long time at the Gibson house, perfecting the arrangements, securing a team of good players to represent Cincinnati. Lucas says there is not the slightest doubt that Cincinnati will be admitted, and that with clubs at St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, it will be good enough to open up with. Lucas goes to Philadelphia on Monday to attend the association meeting.

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