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## THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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When Cleveland announces his cabinet, the wise ones will say, "I knew it but didn't want to say it."

The greed of Republicans in office everywhere, to remain under a Democratic administration, is astonishing.

The labor bill, prohibiting the importation of foreign laborers under the contract system was passed in congress.

His Honor, Judge Furst, evidently struck the wrong key when he urged the erection of a new court-house. The project meets with little favor among the tax-payers.

The dynamite scare has broken out in Germany on account of threats to do some blowing up there too. Now the German has room to indulge in his favorite *Dunderverder* as an offset to dynamite.

The Philadelphia Times is giving the Louisiana Lottery lively blows, and we think we can see the walls of the swindle gradually giving away. We are willing to hold Mr. McClure's hat until he gets through.

The wonderful capers of an infidel who went to the mourners' bench at a revival, in Ohio, and "got religion," knocked down the preacher, in a crazy spell and cut other queer pranks, are given in another column.

We have at length discovered the real use of the Legislative Record. When six and seven copies reach us in a bunch about once in two weeks, we know that there is a state circus going on at Harrisburg. Long live the Record.

The nearer the country approaches the inauguration of a Democratic President the greater is the revival of business in mills and workshops that shut down in the last year of Republican rule. We think all Democrats and Republicans will find that a change was for the better.

The path of the chicken thief is not always smooth. Two unknown negroes from Middletown, Del., visited Jacob Kazier's farm one night to steal chickens. Kazier fired upon them, wounding one so badly that he died the next day. The other in his hurry to get away fell over a fence and broke his neck. Verily that was not a good night for the festive chicken thief.

When the Republicans got into power 24 years ago, all Democrats in high and low places, were removed from office. No matter how needy and worthy and honest the Democratic official was, he had to go, and did go without grumbling. Now comes the turn for the Democrats—the people elected Cleveland in order to have a change. Now walk, and do it gracefully, Messrs. Republicans.

The Dynamite fiends are in Switzerland even. The Swiss officials have again been warned of a plot to blow up the Federal palace with dynamite in retaliation for the oppressive measures recently adopted by the federal council. It is stated that the police of Geneva have discovered a secret dynamite factory in that city, and that all the workers employed in the factory were Swiss.

A short temperance lecture from Albany reads thus: Anna Taylor, a young and pretty woman who had been leading an abandoned life but who lately had pledged her friends to reform, entered a saloon one evening and called for a glass of whiskey. As she raised the glass to her lips a deadly palor overspread her features and she fell heavily to the floor. In five minutes she was a corpse. She was the daughter of respectable parents.

Osman Digma has a large number of women in his army in Egypt who are armed and have been taught to drill. Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, and other strong-minded women, might find employment under Osman as Brigadier Generals and such, and prove to the world that women are as well fitted to fight as babble on the stump. Women's rights must certainly take in the duties of a soldier as well as those of a voter.

Seven days more and we live under a Democratic administration, for the first time in a quarter of a century. Seven days more, and the occupation of the jobber and treasury plunderers and star-route thieves is gone.

Seven days more and honest government will be inaugurated at Washington. Seven days more and we have the beginning of an era of economy and republican simplicity such as the country was noted for under Washington, Jefferson, Madison and down to Buchanan.

Seven days more and we have a wholesome change and an end of Republican rule which ran riot at the nation's capital.

Many farmers have refused to sell their grain for the low prices that prevailed the present winter, and are holding up until spring hoping for an advance. There can be no loss in doing this as grain will not be any lower, and any change must be for the better. Prices have been too low, all will admit, and 75 cents for wheat tells as much against the interests of mechanics and laboring men as it does against the interests of the farmer. We think the chances are in favor of a slight rise in wheat before May or April.

Elizabeth Bony, aged ninety-six, living alone near Falmouth, Ky., was tired of life, and barred the doors and windows of her house, set fire to the building and perished in the flames. Now if the aged dame had only waited a little longer, she could have enjoyed a shoving off of this mortal coil without starting her own fire, and probably had a cremation awaiting her on the other side. However, this way she may have two cremations.

We think that this can be put down as the most severe winter, for continuous cold, that is known. The Susquehanna river is frozen to the bottom, and is one solid mass of ice from Tunkhannock to Nanticoke, a distance of 40 miles. Great fears are entertained that there will be an enormous freshet this spring, and that much damage will be done along the low lands of the Susquehanna.

Mexico don't want the Mormons. There being fears that the Mormons in Utah are negotiating for the purchase of land in the State of Sonora in order to transfer their entire colony there, the Federal Government has asked for information on the subject from the Government of Sonora. It is said that Mormon agents are already in Mexico. Public opinion is strongly against receiving such a sect, and every measure will be taken to prevent their entrance.

Next they may send an agent east to negotiate for Poe valley or Greens valley.

The Grant retirement bill passed by the senate was defeated in the house, on 17. The motion to suspend the rules prevailed and the bill was discussed half an hour by Slocum, democrat, of New York, in favor of the measure and Horr, republican, of Michigan, in opposition. Thomas, republican, of Illinois, took the same view. Rosecrans, of California; Cox, of New York, and Randall, of Pennsylvania, democrats, supported the bill. The vote was then taken on the motion to "suspend the rules and pass the bill," which resulted in yeas 158, nays 103, the necessary two thirds not having voted in the affirmative the bill fell.

We are informed that a stiff Republican is asking Democrats to sign a petition for his appointment as store-keeper at the Woodward distillery. That a Republican should have cheek enough to ask an appointment from Democrats whom he tried to defeat does not surprise us, but it would surprise us to hear that any Democrat was weak enough to sign a petition for the appointment of a Republican to a place to which a Democrat is entitled if a competent one makes application. Such Democrats should have voted for Blaine and thus made sure, in case of his election, of having their Republican friends put into office, and good Democrats kept out.

In the house, at Harrisburg, among the bills favorably reported were the following: Giving road supervisors \$1.50 a day for services.

Imposing a fine of \$1 and 20 days in jail on a person for getting himself drunk.

Authorizing road commissioners to purchase necessary and improved implements.

Confining the catching of speckled trout to April, May and June.

Prohibiting the running of large domestic animals.

Senate bill prohibiting opium joints.

The bill to license the manufacture of oleomargarine was regularly reported.

The Illinois Senatorship has got into a queer shape. The Republican members despairing of electing Logan have concluded to prevent an election until the end of the session, when the Governor will claim the right to fill the vacancy for two years until the meeting of the next Legislature, and will appoint Gen. Logan to the vacancy. It is extremely doubtful whether he has this right. The precedents we believe are both ways. The Legislature votes every day; that is all the names are called but the Speaker only votes. Each side is afraid of the other stealing a march. It seems certain that neither Logan nor Morrison can get the necessary 103 votes. The Democrats may drop Morrison and take up Speaker Haines. We would rather wager on Haines being elected than on any other of the aspirants named.

Lake Michigan is frozen over from shore to shore. The ice is from 9 inches to 3 feet thick.

England is sending re-inforcements to Egypt.

The bill for whipping of wife beaters was defeated in the senate by 16 yeas to 24 nays.

The number of temperance lecturers just now on a tramp is numerous. "Admission, 25 cents."

Gov. Curtin says it is amusing to have occasional applications for appointments from fellows who opposed his election. We suppose too that that they favored Curtin's election! We have yet to learn that the Governor is a fool.

Congressman Belford, from the mountain peaks of Colorado, is a fair average of the republican statesman. He may be a little more honest than most of them, but in other respects he is typical. He had occasion the other day to make a speech in the house in which he admitted the great presidential fraud of 1877. He not only admitted it, but said that he had taken a part in it. But it is to his credit that he did not glory in the repetition of that great villainy. None of the Republican leaders are doing that at this late day, although at first when the prey was fresh they regarded it with much satisfaction.

The way Mr. Belford happened to confess the crime was this: He was speaking in favor of a bill which he thought should have democratic assistance to pass it. He referred the democrats to the time when the republicans were filibustering to defeat the Carlisle three per cent. funding bill. He was the only republican that stood up with them, "like a lone pine tree in the desert," and by his vote carried the measure. "We passed that bill," said Belford. "Rutherford B. Hayes, who, in my judgment, never was elected president of the United States—although I voted to beat you democrats because you had not the courage to stand up for your rights—Rutherford B. Hayes vetoed that bill!"

Human fiends are not always found in the south. The latest case comes from puritanical New England, even in Vermont, where are the strictest of the strict in moral professions. From Wallingford, Vt., we have a revolting story of the inhuman treatment of Ida Terry, 13 years old, by her guardians, Joseph White and wife. When she was two years old she was left in their charge by her father, who went west. Since then the latter has paid \$100 a year for her support. White and wife were arrested for maltreatment, but the former was only fined \$5 and latter \$10. The next night three masked men caught White in his barn, and after beating him ordered him to leave town. Both of the Whites were church members, but have since been expelled. The atrocities were found out by a neighbor, who was aroused by the girl's cries, and visited the house. The child presented a pitiful appearance. Her feet were blistered, Mrs. White having compelled her to stand on a red-hot stove until it was unbearable. One mode of punishment was to thrust pins through her ears and fasten her to the wall. Another, driving a needle through her tongue and tacking it to the window-sill. On one occasion Ida was held under a pump and a stream of water pumped upon her head until she was so far exhausted that the Whites could not revive her and were compelled to get the help of neighbors. When in court the child's body was found covered with black and blue spots where the inhuman guardians had pinched her, while her back was a network of cord-like ridges where the whip had been applied. The girl has been taken charge of by the authorities.

In connection with the approaching inauguration of President Cleveland, two papers promised for the March "Harpers" will have special interest. One of the treasures of the library of Mr. Tilden is a good-sized book, bound in calf, filled up in the handwriting of Thomas Jefferson. It is the financial diary of the great man, kept by him from January 1, 1791, while he was Secretary of State, up to 1803, covering thus the first two years of his Presidency. Among its entries is a careful summary of all his expenses from March 1, 1801, to March 1, 1802, showing an expenditure of \$32,624.84, the various elements of which are given in detail. Jefferson had a great dislike of presidents as Mr. Cleveland, and even insisted upon paying the duty on certain wine procured from the Spanish minister, who had imported it duty free for his own use. He also paid sixteen cents a pound for a monster cheese, evidently sent to him as a present. The interesting paper drawn from the material of this diary is from the pen of Hon. John Bigelow. The other paper referred to is one on "Manly's Debtors," by Prof. John Flint.

Marshall, Ill., Feb'y 17.—A fire broke out here this morning and destroyed half the business portion of the town before it was got under control. Loss \$50,000, partly insured.

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## A DAY OF DISASTERS.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

Wheeling, Feb. 22.—A terrible natural gas explosion occurred at Westinghouse at half-past 1 o'clock yesterday morning, which shook the whole neighborhood to its very foundation. Six persons were killed outright, five houses destroyed and twelve others damaged. One entire family was whirled into eternity without a moment's warning, and several others seriously wounded, and several others seriously wounded.

FATE OF A NEW YORK FAMILY. New York, Feb. 22.—At a fire early this morning, at the corner of Beaver and William streets, six lives were lost. The names of the dead are as follows: James Murray, aged 40; Mrs. Annie Murray, aged 36; James Murray Jr., aged 7; David Murray, aged 5; Maggie Murray, aged 2; and Mrs. Vennus Murray, wife's mother.

A FAMILY SLOWLY ROASTED TO DEATH. Philadelphia, Feb'y 22.—Five operatives have been sacrificed to fire in the residence of John A. King, a wealthy lumber dealer, on Pine street, is a black-end ruin, and Mr. King's body, with four others, are charred and suspiciously massed.

Mr. and Mrs. King and others of the family could be seen in the fourth story with all means of escape cut off. Mrs. King was in her night clothes, but was remarkably calm and bade her children to be brave. She then led to the boys, who assembled below to get a mattress. They were not long in spreading the pavement with mattresses and blankets. Then lifting her boy to the window-sill, Mrs. King told him to be brave and jump. He jumped and struck the mattress fairly and it seemed that he was safe, but he was so badly shaken that he died in two minutes. Then the woman pushed her daughter Lillian, three years old, on the window sill and dropped her fairly on the mattress; the child was hurt, but not killed. Turning for a moment then to address a word to her husband, Mrs. King mounted the window sill and deliberately jumped off with as much calmness as one might jump into a boat. Her flight through the great distance from the fourth story seemed to end in safety, but she was found to be unconscious and was badly hurt.

Her husband was about to follow her, but seemed to be calling on someone behind him, (probably Miss Hamilton), when the spectators were horrified by the sudden beaming forth of a broad sheet of flame, by the light of which Mr. King was seen to throw up his hands and fall back out of sight. At the same time another crowd at the back of the house were horrified to witness scalding stockings. Miss Hamilton had been driven by the flames to a fourth-story back window, and being unable to say in the room and afraid to jump, she hung by the hands outside the window sill until, literally exhausted, she let go and dropped to the paved area below. When picked up one side of her body was badly burned, showing that she had been literally burned off the window sill.

## CONFESSION OF A NEGRO TO HAVING FIRED BLOODEY ALMS-HOUSE.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—At the coroner's inquest which began this afternoon in regard to the deaths of the twenty victims of the recent fire at the Bloody Alms-house a sensation was developed by the confession of Joseph Nadine, a young negro, that he had set fire to the building and that he was insured to the tune of \$10,000. Nadine, one of the chief attendants. Nadine who is about 23 years of age, was committed to the lunatic asylum, but it is said by the physician of the institute that he is morally responsible and that he was frequently permitted to go to his home unattended.

## EXCURSION TICKETS TO THE INAUGURATION, VIA THE PENNSYLVANIA R. R.

There is every indication now of a large travel to Washington, on the occasion of the inauguration of the President. Citizens from all parts of the country will take part in the interesting ceremonies and aid in making the event a memorable one. The inaugural procession will be grand and imposing, and the fair promises to be a brilliant affair. Adequate provision has been made for the accommodation of all visitors.

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## MUCH FOR THE LITTLE.

In this age when the events of yesterday in all parts of the world are found in today's paper; when tidings of a battle in Egypt or China are flashed across seas and laid at our door before its smoke is dissipated, it is necessary for well informed people to have access to reliable news. Not all can afford heavy library shelves, and even they are found to be unworthy unless a new copy is purchased as often as revised.

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The Oregon and Illinois legislatures have as yet failed to elect U. S. senators.

An immense new line of etched goods, Tides, planners, Bureau Slates, etc., just received at the Bee Hive.

A temperance lecture from Huntingdon county: Wm. Henry, who lives in Smithfield, went home drunk on evening of 18, and after driving his wife and older children from the house deliberately took his youngest child, a mere babe, and exposed it to the biting cold, with the evident intention of freezing it to death. It was thinly clad and the deep snows of three days were on the ground. With great difficulty it was rescued from him by neighbors in an almost dying condition and its life saved. His wife and other children had taken refuge with a relative a short distance away.

## DEAD AND ALIVE AGAIN.

From Newport, over in Perry county, comes the following remarkable story: There has just transpired at the Centre township ore-bank a most remarkable event, which is closely allied to the supernatural. On Monday, 16, John Wisholm, the father of one of the numerous families of swedes living in the neighborhood of the ore mines, was taken suddenly ill and before a physician could be summoned he apparently died. The form of the deceased was cold and rigid, the lower jaw fallen and the skin pallid as death on the face. With the demonstrativeness of the nation the family gave loud expressions to their grief. The eldest son in particular was more demonstrative and inconsolable than any of the others. He called upon his father with heart-rending lamentations to come back and with difficulty was prevented from protesting himself upon the corpse.

Hoping to comfort the grief-stricken family by spiritual consolation the resident clergyman remained with them on till two o'clock in the afternoon. At this time, when the minister was about to leave, the son, who seemed to take the death so much to heart, was seized with another paroxysm of grief more violent than any preceding it. He threw himself on the body of his father, embraced him and piteously implored him to speak once more and not to leave him without a recognition. As if the agonized voice had penetrated the silence of the other world the lips of the dead man moved, the eyes opened with a sad, reproachful look on the weeping son and in the weak human voice came distinctly these words: "Oh, why did you call me back?"

As soon as the awe-stricken group could regain their composure after the appalling scene they immediately administered restoratives to the patient, when the minister left him, very weak but still alive. On the following day he related to the minister his experience to the time when he was apparently recalled to life. He said he first felt a sinking sensation, knew everything that transpired in the room, but could not speak; then all was blank. His next recollection was of being in a dense darkness, through which he was led by two invisible forms, moving as if floating—moving above or below. At last it appeared to grow lighter and brighter every moment and finally observed two shining beautiful forms on either side of him. He experienced a feeling of perfect peace and well-being and heard the most soothing and delightful music. The feeling of rest and freedom from pain seemed to be disturbed by a voice calling him. He felt a thrill of regret, then all became black and opening his eyes found his son and family crying and calling on him to come back.

Mr. Wisholm lived until this morning and then died, as his family sincerely believe, a second time. Whether the man was in a syncope, from which the lamentations of his family aroused him, none can answer. One thing, however, is certain—that for the space of nearly 24 hours, so far as the observation of the doctor, the minister and the family were concerned and so far as outward indications are a guide, the man was dead.

Washington, Feb. 18.—A printed protest of large proportions against permitting Masonic societies to participate in the dedication of the Washington Monument next Saturday has been received by the Congressional commission charged with the arrangements. The signers claim to have 10,000 signatures. The protesters say the Masonic order has no more right to such distinctions than the Hibernians or any other secret order. The protest is signed by the Pope for the moment, was, they say, broken up by some of the Catholics and the Protestants, and the Free Masons honored? They say Free Masonry is of foreign birth, entirely un-American and unrepentant; its public displays are pompous and barbaric; its rules are extravagant and lordly; its constitution is despotic; its oaths are extortionate, when Webster said, should be suppressed by law. They say that only such ceremonies as are national in their scope and American in the character be permitted. The protest came to late for action by the commission.

Church Letting—Proposals for building a new church at Centre will be received until February 25. Plans and specifications are now ready and can be seen by application to the Committee. The committee reserve the right to refuse any bids.

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