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CENTRE HALL．PA．，WEDNESDAY，DECEMBER 22，
the centre reporter． FRED KURTZ，．．．Editor There will be a getting out of office be One by one the New York Boodle Al dermen are being pulled in－the pen－
itentiary． Square up your old accounts so that
you can turn a new leaf for the begin－
ning of the New Year．
John Roach the shipbuilder，of Ches－
ter，Pa．，is gradoally sinking，and his ter，Pa，is gradually sinin
death is looked for daily． Milton Speer，of Huntingdon，is men
tioned as the probable successor of Hen sel for chairman of the Democratic state
committee． $\underset{\text { Congressman Howitt expresses the }}{\text { opinion that some bill to reduce taxes }}$ will pass the house．He would vote for
a reduction on sugar，rather than have
no reduction at all． Many are making cabinets for Gor．
Beaver．We think we could select a veaver excellent cabinet tor the General
too，but since he has not asked us for ad too，but since he has not asked us for
vice，we do nut feel like throwing aw
that wbich would be so valuable． Forty laborers employed at the large
taneery of Fairweather \＆Ladow were discharged Chursday of Last week for joining the Knights of Labor．Several
handred men are employed by the firm and a large number threateu to quit work
if the discharged men are not reinstated． Last week＇s Gazette has a picture oa
its editor brandisting a fatal dangrer and
showing how he would like to ne some showing how he would like to nip some
blarsted Democrat，－feling encouraged by the success in window swashing and
a jury wheel with an overdose of rads．
Really，it looks as tho＇he Really，it looks as tuo＇
his dadger with impunity．
The anuaa，report of the Secietary o the Slute Grange or Parruas or Husband．
ry showed that during the past year
3,000 inembers were adued to tue organ－ zation．Eigbteen grauges were created The grauges nave tupruved tinaacially，
and tue lecture system，hau proved very sucuesful．
Read the Philadelphia Times ad．in
another column．It is the feading Pail－
 al ways fresh and alive apon the issues in its opinions．It gives all tue tele－
graphic news，and has choice articles from eminent writers．
Twenty－five years ago the high－tarif
men accepted an average duty of 18 per cent as adequate to protect our＂iniant industries．＂Now，when many of the
industries are over－grown monopolies， industries are over－grown monopolies，
they denounce everybody as a＂rree－
lrader＂who favors a reduction of the arerage rute below 46 per cent．The people yet and make＂exceeding fine＂

In bth the Senate and House on 13 th bills wee offered for the relief of the
national banks and with a view to pro－ national banks and with a view to pro－
longing the system．Mr．Hewitt＇s bill prection of the interest on the outstanding debt to three per cent．by anticipation of
the interest alove that figure，the bonds to bo receivabless security for national bank notes，and the goyernment to
deposit $\$ 100,000,00$ in greenbacks there for．The Senate cuntinued the tariff de－
bate．

Patriot says，that We Ropublicans
intend to cheat the Proxibitionists ing the coming a－ssion of he Legislature is already beginning to a apear．
promise in the state plathrm prohibition amendment wolld be sub miled to the people in the evint of Re
publican success time，but now there is ccarcely an + ffirt diate it．The pledge made to the Liquor League is to be respected，at the expense
of that one made to the Prohibitionister The Times sneers at the Mayor of Philisdelphia
aiways wants to run the turn－about，which is fair pl in any county ia the State which woul ment of Philadelphia for about one－hal
fact we have plenty of $m$
districts，who，for theif
brecthen＂
breeches＂would agree
der fat pickings．
MORE NEW STATES
A late dispateh from Washington A ate dispatech from Washington say，
hat the admision of Dakota as a state
annot long be resisted，as the rapid cannot long be resisted，as the rapia
growth of population demands the recog aition of congress．As the territory would adnuit Dakota as a state at once to and for the same polifical reasons the
Democrats areslow to They had a painful lesson in 1876，whe hey lost a President by the admission
of Colorado，as without her three votes even the steal of South Carolina，Flori
and Louisianna could not have Hayes President
The Democratic sidering the eralicy leaders are ardmitting Dakon－
and Washington Territories and Washington Territories as States，
Which would give each party a new
State，a though Dakota might tate，a though Dakota might be en
tled to two Congresmea and thos ha
one electoral vote more than Washi ton．Looking to the poossible early a
mission of Dakota and Washin zton， administration leaders are looking
for a high standard of men，who
gpecilly the Territorial ofices，and．it is quil
probable that Colone A．H．Dill，
Lewisburg，would be tendered the erwisburg，would be tendered the Gov
cept it．He waushington if have would ac
che practicall united support of the Pennsylvania del
egation，as he is regarded as a valuable
nan to charge with the preliminar man to charge with the preliminary
werk of organizing a new Common
wealth．Dill bas not been consulted on wio subject at all and he is in entire ig，
nurance of the suggestion of his name，
wut it is well retuled that in the Lut it is well retled that in the govern
rents of the Territiories named men of
the highest qualities will be selected a ar as they can be obtained． PROPOSED INCREASE OF PENSIONS Senator Ingalis has introduced the fol－
owing bilis amendatory of the pension Laws：To increase the pension for the lose
of an eye to $\$ 30$ per month and for par－ amount．To increase the pension for loss of one hand or foot，or for twal dis
abiity of the same，$\$ 85$ per month；for aboss of an arm within five inches of ley
above theow joiat or iose of a le
within six iuches of or above tue kne Jont or total disability of the same， 440 per month，and for the loes of au
aran within six inches of the stioulder
joint，or a leg within vix inches of the hip joint，to $\$ 45$ per month．Also pro
viding that the peusion of all persons granted pensions by special act of con discharge from the service of the Uni－ REPORE OF THE TREASURER． The report of the Auditor General for
h s year ended November 30，1886 it shows that the State Treasurer wa responding period last year．The re eipts were not nearly so large the pay
year as the year before，but the expend－
tures itures sustained a reduction even great－
er than that of the revenue collected． Between $\$ 800,000$ and 8700,000 of thit 1836 had not the drain of a session of the Legislature to endure． Stute aonually collected comes from cor p rations，which pay good sums on their
lapital stock and are also compelled to pay a tax on their gross receipts． As compared with the previous year
there was a reduction of over $\$ 300,000$ in the tax on capital stock，but this differ－ collections in 1885 owing to succeasfu
itima itigation and to the fact that the Stat
lost about $\$ 100,000$ this year on accoun of the exemption of man
porations from taxation．
just sentence．
The sentence of McQuade，the bribe taking New York Alderman，is severe
but just．The selling of votes in repre sentative bodies is believed to be of frequent occurrence that it is high time
that the penalty of the law should be in flicted upon those who are guilty of the
crime． tutions greatest peril to Repuslican insti for the sudden scquisition of richee
Legislators become corrupt because thi passion burns within them．The mor paxiining of the people has mach to do
trith this．If youth were more general－
with Iy taught nobler ambitions than
meere sordid one of money－getting ther would
ment．
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It might have been tsupposed with his associates in the Old New York cily
ring would have deterred others fro Yollowing their bad examp＇s．But
long as the simighty dollar is the chi
and of man end of man and ao ong ar gigantic con
scrupulous and desperate men tempt the
weak and venal from the paths of virtue and it is likely that there will be repe－
titions of the crime of the New York A1－ tion can buch prevented onon our civiliza－ the church，the forum and the press．
The task is a laborious one，but it must undertaken if free institutions are to

## It is an easy matter to settle the ques ion of Senator Cooper＇s eligibility to the

 fice of Secretary of the Commonwealthhe Constitution，Article II，Section 6 ball for the time during which he shall vil office under this Commonwealth．＂ Wife he will have taken an oath in
hich he will say：＂I do solemnly
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$\qquad$ guage is plain and positive．The lan－ to read both carefully and make up
is mind to obey them．
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