THE CENTRE REPORTER. FRED KURTZ, . . . Editor.

There will be a getting out of office before very long.

One by one the New York Boodle Aldermen are being pulled in-the penitentiary.

Square up your old accounts so that ning of the New Year.

ter, Pa., is gradually sinking, and his Hayes President death is looked for daily.

Milton Speer, of Huntingdon, is mencommittee.

Congressman Hewitt expresses the 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 Gov. Beaver. We think we could select a vice, we do not feel like throwing away that which would be so valuable.

Forty laborers employed at the large tannery of Fairweather & Ladow were discharged Thursday of last week for

Last week's Gazette has a picture or its editor brandishing a fatal dagger and blarsted Democrat,-feeling encouraged by the success in window smashing and a jury wheel with an overdose of rads.

Really, it looks as tho' he might use his dadger with impunity.

The aunual report of the Secretary o the State Grange of Patrons of Husband. ry showed that during the past year 3,000 members were added to the organization. Eighteen granges were created and twenty-seven old ones were revived. The granges have improved financially, and the lecture system, has proved very

Read the Philadelphia Times ad. in another column. It is the leading Philadelphia daily, and ranks among the first-c.ass journals of the country. It is of the day, and free and independent in in its opinions. It gives all tue telegraphic news, and has choice articles from eminent writers.

Twenty-five years ago the high-tariff men accepted an average duty of 18 per cent as adequate to protect our "infant industries." Now, when many of the industries are over-grown monopolies, they denounce everybody as a "free-'rader' who favors a reduction of the average rate below 46 per cent. The mills of the gods will get a grip on these people yet and make "exceeding fine" mea of them.

In both the Senate and House on 13th bills were offered for the relief of the national banks and with a view to prolonging the system. Mr. Hewitt's bill presented in the House, contemplates a reduction of the interest on the outstanding debt to three per cent. by anticipation of the interest alove that figure, the bonds to be receivable as security for national deposit \$100,000,000 in green backs there-

Patriot says, that he Republicans porations from taxation. intend to cheat the Prosibitionists during the coming s-ssion of he Legislature is already beginning to appear. Thepromise in the State platform that a prohibition amendment would be submitted to the people in the event of Republican success was deceptive at the diate it. The pledge made to the Liquor crime, League is to be respected, at the expense

the State to run Philadelph would be ly taught nobler ambitions than the turn-about, which is fair place. Now we would undertake to organize a syndicate would be less corruption in the Govern-better. Thank God." in any county in the State which would ment. der fat pickings.

MORE NEW STATES

A late dispatch from Washington says that the admission of Dakota as a state and it is likely that there will be repecannot long be resisted, as the rapid titions of the crime of the New York Algrowth of population demands the recog- dermen. Such blots upon our civilizanition of congress. As the territory is largely Republican, the Republicans would admit Dakota as a state at once to assure additional electoral votes for 1888, and for the same political reasons the Democrats are slow to favor her admisson. They had a painful lesson in 1876, when you can turn a new leaf for the begin- they lost a President by the admission of Colorado, as without her three votes, even the steal of South Carolina, Florida John Roach the shipbuilder, of Ches- and Louisianna could not have made

The Democratic leaders are now considering the policy of admitting Dakota and Washington Territories as States, tioned as the probable successor of Hen- which would give each party a new sel for chairman of the Democratic state | State, a though Dakota might be entitled to two Congressmen and thus have one electoral vote more than Washing ton. Looking to the possible early ad mission of Dakota and Washington, the administration leaders are looking out for a high standard of men, who are specially sagacious as politicians, to fill the Territorial offices, and it is quite probable that Colonel A. H. Dill, of very excellent cabinet for the General Lewisburg, would be tendered the Govtoo, but since he has not asked us for ad- ernorship of Washington if he would accept it. He would have the practically united support of the Pennsylvania delegation, as he is regarded as a valuable man to charge with the preliminary work of organizing a new Commonwealth. Dill has not been consulted on joining the Knights of Labor. Several the subject at all and he is in entire ighundred men are employed by the firm norance of the suggestion of his name, and a large number threaten to quit work | but it is well settled that in the governif the discharged men are not reinstated. ments of the Territories named, men of the highest qualities will be selected as far as they can be obtained.

showing how he would like to rip some PROPOSED INCREASE OF PENSIONS. Senator Ingalls has introduced the following bills amendatory of the pension laws: To increase the pension for the loss of an eye to \$30 per month and for partial loss of sight to a proportionate amount. To increase the pension for loss of one hand or foot, or for total disability of the same, \$85 per month; for loss of an arm within five inches of or above the elbow joint or loss of a leg old pine was quite out of breath, and for within six inches of or above the knee some reason he never renewed the conversajoint or total disability of the same, to \$40 per month, and for the loss of an arm within six inches of the shoulder joint, or a leg within six inches of the hip joint, to \$45 per month. Also providing that the pension of all persons now on the pension rolls, and all persons granted pensions by special act of conalways fresh and alive upon the issues gress, shall commence from the date of discharge from the service of the United States.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The report of the Auditor General for th s year ended November 30, 1886. to him for comfort. So at last they stole out It shows that the State Treasurer was then over\$300,000 richer than at the corthe forester's tracks till they came in sight of responding period last year. The re- the old black pine. ceipts were not nearly so large the past year as the year before, but the expenditures sustained a reduction even greater than that of the revenue collected. Between \$600,000 and \$700,000 of this saving was due to the fact that the year 1886 had not the drain of a session of the Legislature to endure.

A large proportion of the tax the State annually collected comes from corp rations, which pay good sums on their capital stock and are also compelled to

As compared with the previous year there was a reduction of over \$300,000 in the amount of money derived from the tax on capital stock, but this differbank notes, and the government to ence is largely due to unnaturally heavy collections in 1885 owing to successful for. The Senate continued the tariff de- litigation and to the fact that the State lost about \$100,000 this year on account of the exemption of manufacturing cor-

A JUST SENTENCE.

The sentence of McQuade, the bribetaking New York Alderman, is severe but just. The selling of votes in representative bodies is believed to be of so frequent occurrence that it is high time time, but now there is scarcely in effort | that the penalty of the law should be inmade to conceal the intention to repu- flicted upon those who are guilty of the church, and there pray that our mother's life

The greatest peril to Republican instiof that one made to the Prohibitionists tutions lies in the passion of the people for the sudden acquisition of riches. The Times sneers at the idea of country localises the idea of country journals suggesting who should be passion burns within them. The moral mayor of Philadelphia hiladelphia training of the people has much to do the passion burns within them. always wants to run the State and for with this. If youth were more general- the gift asked for were already granted.

ment of Philadelphia for about one-half good reason that the fate of Tweed and learn what it is in God's own good time. take a contract to run the city govern. It might have been supposed with its present expense and do it better. In his associates in the Old New York city fact we have plenty of mer, in the rural districts, who, for their wittles and breeches" would agree to mun Philadelphia better than its boss are doing under the family as a special solution of the special solution. The chief following their bad example. But so long as the almighty dollar is the chief following their bad examples. The flowers are white or tiaged and of the family Hellebore, black Hellebore, black Hellebore, black Hellebore, so called from the color of its roots. Its large white flowers are produced in winter, and it grows only the color of the flowers are white or tiaged the color of the family Hellebore, black binations of capital controlled by un-

scrupulous and desperate men tempt the weak and venal from the paths of virtue tion can be prevented only by the inculcation of a higher morality in the school, the church, the forum and the press The task is a laborious one, but it must be undertaken if free institutions are to

It is an easy matter to settle the ques tion of Senator Cooper's eligibility to the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth The Constitution, Article II, Section 6 ays: "No Senator or Representative shall for the time during which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office under this Commonwealth." Before Beaver will have the right to appoint any one to that or any other civil office he will have taken an oath in which he will say: "I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth." On the point in dispute the Constitution of this Commonwealth is not ambiguous or uncertain. Its language is plain and positive. The language of the oath is equally direct and certain. All the Governor-elect need do is to read both carefully and make up his mind to obey them.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE.

A little way up one of the Rhætian Alps, beneath the shade of an old black pine, grew a Christmas rose.* The summer had passed, and the short days had come, when the wind blows and the snow flies, and the hardy little mountain rose had two buds. "Dear me, fretted the rose, "I wish I could blossom when other plants do. There would be some pleasure in displaying oneself for the dainty blue gentian or the pretty eyebright, but with no one to admire me, I see no use in blooming at all."

"Ho! ho!" laughed the old pine, waving his shaggy arms, "Ho! ho! what a little grumbler. The snow and I will admire you. You are named after the blessed Christ child, and ought to be happy and contented. Push up through the deepening snow, little friend, and expand your buds into perfect blossoms we were all made for a wise purpose, and we shall know what it is when the time comes

Just then the north wind blew so hard the

"All the world is dead except the pine and me," murmured the rose, "and perhaps I had better follow his advice. If I was made for a wise purpose I shall not be forgotten." So she took good care of her beautiful buds, and the day before Christmas the black pine saw her blossoms, white and perfect, peering up through the white snow.

Now, the two little children of Klotz, the wood cutter, were nearly heartbroken, for their mother was sick, and that morning the kind neighbor who had watched by her side through the night had said, "God pity this home; I fear your mother will die before night." Their father sat by the fireplace, speechless with grief, and answered them neither by word nor look when they crept up of the door, and, hand in hand, wandered a short way up the mountain side, following



PINDING THE CHRISTMAS ROSES. "If all the mothers in the world were dying

that hard old pine would not care," said the boy, bitterly. "Let us go back into the val-ley, sister; there we will find good people, with kind hearts, while here there is no one to care for us."

"There is one who cares for us even here." cried the sister, spying the Christmas roses, and in a moment she had scraped away the snow and plucked them. "We had forgotten the Christ child, and that to-morrow is His birthday. Let us take the roses to the may be spared."

So they hastened down the mountain to the village church, where they found the good pastor busy trimming the altar for the Christ-mas festival. He took the flowers and put When they returned home their father met them at the door and exclaimed joyfully,

The Christmas rose had fulfilled its destiny. Ah, me! the black pine was right. We were



Your hopes more vain than those of men; Your pangs or pleasures of fifteen At forty-five played o'er again.

I'd say we suffer and we strive Not less nor more as men than boys; With grizzled beards at forty-five, As erst at twelve in corduroys; And if, in time of sacred youth, We learned at home to love and pray, Pray Heaven that early love and truth

May never wholly pass away.

And in the world, as in the school, I'd say how fate may change and shift— The prize be sometimes with the fool, The race not always to the swift; The strong may yield, the good may fall, The knave be lifted over all,

The kind cast pitilessly down. Who knows the inscrutable design? Blessed be He who took and gave! Why should your mother, Charles, not mine, Be weeping at her darling's grave? We bow to Heaven that willed it so, That darkly rules the fate of all, That sends the respite or the blow, That's free to give or to recall.

This crowns his feast with wine and wit. Who brought him to that mirth and state? His betters, see, below him sit, Or hunger hopeless at the gate. Who bade the mud from Dives' wheal To spurn the rags of Lazarus? Come, brother, in that dust we'll kneel, Confessing Heaven, that ruled it thus.

So each shall mourn; in life's advance, Dear hopes, dear friends, untimely killed; Shall grieve for many a forfeit chance And longing passion unfulfilled. Amen!-whatever fate be sent.
Pray God the heart may kindly glow,

ugh the head with cares be bent And whitened with the winter snow. Come wealth or want, come good or fil,

Let old and young accept their part, And how before the awful will, And bear it with an honest heart. Who misses, or who wins the prize, Go, lose or conquer, as you can; But if you fail, or if you rise, Be each, pray God, a gentleman.

A gentleman, or old or young! (Bear kindly with my humble lays)
The sacred chorus first was sung Upon the first of Christmas days; The shepherds heard it overhead, The joyful angels raised it then; Glory to Heaven on high, it said, And peace on earth to gentle men.

My song, save this, is little worth; I lay the weary pen aside, And wish you health, and love and mirth, As fits the solemn Christmastide,— As fits the holy Caristmas birth.

Be this, good friends, our carol still—

De peace on earth, be peace on earth, To men of gentse will. WILLIAM MAREPEACE THACKERAY.



And up and down 'twixt beaven and earth, In the glorious grief and solemn mirth, The shining angels climb.

ships. Centre county, Pa. aforesaid and described as follows, to wit:

One thereof surveyed in pursuance of a war rant granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to S. Valentine, bearing date the Zist day of Nov. A. D. 1853, containing 415 acres and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c., bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post thence by land of Samuel Linn, Esq., south 134° west 220 perches to atones, thence by land of Samuel Dobson, north 134° cast 220 perches to a white oak, thence by land now or late of M. T. Milliken, south 8834° cast 220 perches to a white oak, thence by land now or late of M. T. Milliken, south 8834° cast 220 perches to a place of beginning.

No. 13. One other thereof surveyed in pursuance of a warrant granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Moses T. Milliken, bearing date the Zist day of November, A. D. 1853, containing 415 acres and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c., bounded and described as follows.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Lines dedicated to the memory of sister Maggle Ripka, dec'd, late of Georges Valley, Pa.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His allwise providence to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved school-mate Maggle Ripka, be it.

Resolved that we humbly and meekly bow in submission to our Father's divine will.

2. That in the death of Maggle Ripka, our school has lost a faithful member. to wit: Beginning at stones thence by land of James McManus, south 13% west 220 perches to a post, thence by land of A. 8. Valentine, north 18% west 230 perches to a white oak, thence by land of George Dalton, north 13% east 220 perches to a post, thence by land of Frederick Dalton south 88% east 320 perches to a place of beginning.

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No. 14. And also the one undivided half part of a tract of land surveyed in pursuance of a warrant granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Nathan J. Mitchell, bearing date the 11th day of November. A. D. 1853, the whole tract containing 409 acres and 73 perches of land and allowance of six per cent. for roads. &c. bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at stones by pointers, thence by land in right of James T. Hale, Esq., west 320 perches to stones, thence north 217 percher to post, thence by land in right of Mary M. Wharton east 320 perches to white oak thence by land in right of Samuel W. Fisher, south 217 perches to place of beginning.

ning. No. 15. Also the undivided one third part of a pertain tract of land unseated, situate in Snow Shoe township, in the county of Centre, contain-ing in all 138 acres and 17 perches and allow-

Shoe township, in the county of Centre. containing in all 135 acres and 17 perches and allowance.

No. 16. Also the undivided one-third part of a certain tract of unseated land in Snow Shoe township and county of Centre, containing in all 138 acres and 98% perches.

No. 17. Also his right, title, interest, property, erry, claim and demand of in and to the undivided moity of a certain tract of unseated land situate in Howard and Snow Shoe townships, in said County of Centre, surveyed on the 22nd day of November, 1853, in pursuance of a warrant granted by the Commonwealth of Pa, to N. J. Mitchell bearing date the 11th day of November, 1853, being the same tractsor pieces of land which I. W. Munson, Esquire, High Sheriff of the said County of Centre by Deed poll bearing date the list day of July A. D. 1876 duly, acknowledged in open Court of Common Pleas for said county of Centre and entered among the records thereof in Book "C" page 315 granted and county of Centre, for unseated land taxes and duly conveyed by him to the said Joseph A. Clay in fee and which first fourteen tracts or pieces of land above described, were afterwards sold to said Joseph A. Clay by D. A Musser, Treasurer of said county of Centre, and intended to be forthwith recorded together with the herediments and appurtances. Scized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Censes.

No. 18. All that certain tract of land in Taylor.

or less being a survey made in pursuance of a warrant dated January 2, 1881, to William Adderman.

No. 19. Also, so much of Robert Campbell survey adjoining above tract as fies within the following boundary beginning at a post corner of line north 50% degrees west 50 perches, thence north 40 deg. west 200 perches to singar, south 43% deg. east 10 perches to singar, south 43% deg. east 200 perches, thence north 40 deg. cast 200 perches, thence north 40 deg. cast 200 perches, thence north 45 deg. cast 200 perches to allow and the saft by mildle north by lands of James Quigley, and on the act of land situate in the village of Eagley ville, Centre county. Penna bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the south by number of the continuing to the north by lands of James Quigley, and on the saft by mildle nord, containing 36 an acree more of loss—thereon erected a 24 story frame dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings delicited, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John B. Shaw.

No. 21. All that certain messuage and tract of land situate in Miles township, Centre county Penna bounded and described as follows, to with the degree of the same land control to the world. It shines as a promise that I will ever dwell upon the certh. So the loveliest angels of haven came home to the world on the first Christing for his property of John B. Shaw.

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n the death of Maggie Ripka, our lost a faithful member. school has lost a faithful member.

3. That while we deeply mourn our loss we will cherish her memory for her unselfish, kind

and amable disposition.

4. That we as a Sunday school deeply sympathize with the parents in this hour of their sad bereavement and commend them to the care of their Heavenly Father who doeth all things well Another new-made grave,

Another sad Good bye,
A loving sister has passed away
To yonder realms on high,
Where many loved ones gone before
Welcome her entrance at the door. Death came to her relief. Her patient suffering is o'er. She's left us a little while,

She's only gone before.

The angel of death by light of day
Wafted her spirit from earth away. Another tie in heaven .

Another tell neaven,
Another one gone home.
One less our number here below
Will add to our heavenly home.
There sho a waiting us from afar,
Waiting and watching with gates ajar.

Harry G. Clay, Executor of Joseph A. Clay, decased.

No. 18. All that certain tract of land in Taylor twinship, Centre county, bounded as follows: Beginning at a Line corner of Richard Downing tract thence by Richard Downing north 470° east 100 perches to Beech corner of Webb tract thence by Alice Webb north 51½° east 92 perches to post thence by Ridge and Bubb north 22° west 120 perches to post north 63° west 32 perches to post north 63° west 32 perches to a post thence by Vider and Growing the first part would 39° east 165° perches to stones thence by other land of the party of the first part would 39° east 165° perches thence north 51° cast along Downing line 160 perches to the place of beginning, containing 365 acres be the same more or less being a survey made in pursuance of a warrant dated January 2, 1884, to William Adderman.

No. 19. Also so much of Robert Campbell sur-