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There is talk of running Gov. Curtin for congress in the new district.

The Ohio Republicans are said to be solid for Sherman for president. Now if they don't put Eliza Pinkston for Vice President, then the Republicans are ungrateful.

The Republicans of Union county, under the Crawford county system, have nominated the following ticket: Treasurer, James Lepley; Register and Recorder, E. T. Gutelius, Commissioners, Charles Hendricks and Robert Brown, Jr.

A number of members of the Legislature were seen and all suggested that the proper plan of procedure would be for the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature on account of the blunder that made the tax law a failure.

The crop reports from different parts of the country are favorable, and a large crop of wheat is looked for. The prices of grain have declined slightly in consequence of these reports, and should the outlook keep on improving, there may be a further decline in prices.

A plot to assassinate the Sultan of Turkey was discovered Thursday of last week. Extraordinary efforts have been made to conceal the discovery from the public. The effect of the plot on the Sultan is visible in the terror he exhibits. He made his usual weekly visit to the mosque hurriedly, instead of with the usual slow and pompous parade.

The French ministry has been formed and General Boulanger is left out in the cold. This is undoubtedly a great disappointment for Boulanger but will go a great way toward putting the French government upon a better financial footing and to quiet the apprehensions of war with Germany. Boulanger is very popular with the French and was anxious to have a fight with Germany.

In the Presbyterian General Assembly at Omaha, the report of the Committee on Education was read showing that the number of candidates now under its control are 56 more than last year, making in all 696. There is a debt of \$15,000. This is attributed to the falling off of legacies. The net increase of churches last year was 188. The net increase of ministers was 1029 after filling vacancies caused by 101 deaths.

The Brewers' Association, in session at Baltimore, gives out the information that for the year ending April, 1887, 23,541,425 barrels of beer were brewed in the United States, against 20,319,995 the preceding year. A pretty big interest this, considered in its purely business relations. The association voted \$5,000 each to the Tennessee and Texas, and \$3,000 to the Tennessee brewers, to help along their anti-prohibition fight.

Eating contests or trying-to-make-hog-of-yourself, is a new feature in Cincinnati.

The other day a young man named Spear, eat a pint of ice cream in 13 seconds, and since his feat there has been a mania there for eating contests. Last night Harry W. Jackson, of 27 Hopkins street, disposed of twenty-five large buckwheat cakes in twenty-five minutes. Jackson, who weighs only 87 pounds, suffered no ill effects from his gluttony.

Centre county farmers are beginning to ask each other, what shall be done that will bring the farmer a better return than growing wheat. While many are discussing this, some are experimenting. This is right, and unless the farmers discuss and experiment they will not arrive at a solution of the question. Wheat don't pay, even when an average crop, at the low prices of that staple product, with no prospect of the price again going over \$1 per bushel, which makes it bad enough, saying nothing of the failures in the wheat crop which makes it all the worse.

Thus far there is every evidence of an orderly canvass among the Democratic aspirants for office in this county. As the Reporter has been counseling a campaign of good-will among the candidates, we are pleased to know that such a disposition is manifested by them. Let this determination be adhered to by each one, and give no heed to the advice of mischief makers. We predict a triumphant election of our ticket in old Centre next fall. The lesson of the past teaches that a nomination fairly made, can not be broken down, and that the rank and file will not give up their allegiance on account of disappointment in personal preference.

We repeat, the outlook is healthy for an old fashioned majority—let every good Democrat counsel harmony, and the enemy will cry "ring" in vain.

MEMORIAL DAY.

TRIBUTES TO THE DEAD HEROES.

Monday morning opened with a bright sky and balmy atmosphere, as if to add to the pleasant duties of the day propitious sunshine and cooling breezes. The day was fittingly observed in all parts of our county.

Samuel Shannon Post left Centre Hall, in carriages, at 7 a. m., for the Union church, where some five or six fallen heroes are buried. Arrived on the ground, the Post was received by the Sabbath school, citizens and the F. M. band. All formed in line and proceeded to the cemetery, and after prayer by M. L. Rishel, proceeded to the graves of the soldiers which had been marked by little flags planted upon them. Boquets had been distributed to all present, and while the band played a funeral dirge, the procession, under command of Col. And. Gregg, marched in solemn order to the graves of the fallen ones, and bedecked them with flowers. A brief and appropriate address was delivered by Fred'k Kurtz, when the Post took its departure for SPRING MILLS.

Arrived at Spr. Mills the Post formed in line, headed by the Challenge band, and marched to the lower end of town where the Knights of the Golden Eagle dressed in their handsome new regalia were found in line, open column, for the reception of the Post, which marched and counter-marched through the ranks of the Knights, and the combined organizations proceeded to the cemetery, where the Sabbath schools and a large number of citizens had gathered, with baskets full of flowers, which were distributed among all participants in the exercises, and the procession marched to strew the flowers upon the soldiers' graves. When this tribute to the departed was ended, Rev. D. M. Wolf was introduced and delivered an appropriate address, full of patriotic sentiment and replete with historic allusions to the great events in our country's history. The roll of honor was then called as follows:

Frank Coats, Thomas Duncan, Thomas Richardson, John Hoke, John Spiro. Benediction by Rev. Shambach, and an extension of thanks, by F. Kurtz, on behalf of the Post, to the citizens, Sabbath schools, K. of the G. E. and band, closed the exercises, and the procession marched to the square and were dismissed. The Post remained at Spring Mills for dinner, after which it proceeded to

GEORGES VALLEY, accompanied by the band and K. of the G. E. Arrived at the Cross church, they were met by the Sabbath school and citizens, who had provided a profusion of beautiful flowers for the occasion. A procession was formed and marched into the cemetery where graves of soldiers were strewn with flowers. An appropriate address was delivered by Wm. Krise, followed by calling the roll of honor, viz:

J. E. Breen, 49 Regiment, Martin Green, 148 Regiment, Daniel Condo, 148 Regiment, Stephen Kenely, 148 Regiment, Wm. Collins, revolutionary soldier.

Commander Gregg on behalf of the Post, thanked the school and citizens for their attendance and assistance, when the assembly was dismissed, and the Post and Knights proceeded to

SPRUCKETOWN, where a large gathering of people was assembled in connection with the Sabbath school. All the organizations formed in line and proceeded to the cemetery, the Tusseyville band having arrived in the mean time. A prayer was offered by W. W. Spangler and some fine music rendered by the choir. The ceremony of decorating the graves was then performed after which Mr. Culbertson, a member of the Lewistown bar, was introduced and delivered an address, which was not only eloquent but so replete with thought and patriotic sentiment as to rivet the attention of the large assembly.

The next point was Centre Hall, and on the way hither a committee of the Post decorated several graves in the Centre Hill cemetery.

AT CENTRE HALL. Here the hour fixed upon was 6 p. m. The houses were decorated with flags; a large crowd of citizens had gathered from far and near. The ladies had provided wreaths and boquets in abundance for the occasion. The Sabbath schools, four in all, the Post, Knights and Tusseyville band, assembled at the lower end of town, to organize for the parade; the column was three squares in length and marched to the graveyard, where a fervent prayer was offered up by Mr. Mich. Derstine, and the decoration of the soldiers' graves was proceeded with, the number being some twelve, designated by the stars and stripes on each mound. The band discoursed a funeral dirge. After the strewing of flowers, Rev. J. Horner Kerr was introduced and delivered the address for the occasion. The theme of the speaker's remarks was, "The Unknown." To say that the address was a fine one, will scarce do justice to the able train of thought, beauty of sentiment and poetry that pervaded his remarks throughout. The large audience gave the speaker a most willing ear, and felt repaid alone in what they heard from the reverend gentleman's lips, for their coming and presence.

The exercises throughout were imposing and befitting the hallowed work for which the day has been set apart, and the Post has won additional esteem from all for its admirable bearing during the day. Efforts are being made to bring about a union between the Presbyterian churches in the North and South. Last week at St. Louis, the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church adopted a resolution that a committee be appointed to confer with a committee of the Northern church to ascertain the sentiment of the latter in connection with ecclesiastical boards and the colored church, and other subjects of the two churches as might be deemed necessary, with a view to reunion. The Presbyterian Assembly, at Omaha received from the Southern Assembly at St. Louis, an overture looking to closer relations, and responded by appointing a Committee of Conference. Secretary Lamar made a deliverance on the public land question in entire accord with the policy that has been marked out by the president. He says he is firmly convinced all the railroad indemnity lands "ought to be reopened until delay to settlement, and that every indemnity withdrawal will be revoked by me without unnecessary delay." He sums up the question in this strong way: "Within the granted limits the land grant corporation have certain rights, to the exclusion of the people. That is by act of congress. Within the indemnity limits the corporation have their rights of selection only in common with the people." The proclamation of Secretary Lamar giving the land-grant railroads until June 23 to show cause why certain indemnity lands shall not be opened to settlement by the public, will, it is thought, result in opening from twenty-five to thirty millions of acres, an area as large as the State of Pennsylvania, to sale and occupation. This, taken in connection with the allotment in severalty law passed by the last Congress, which it is claimed will add one hundred and twenty million acres more to the public domain, should furnish homes for good many millions of people yet. One hundred and fifty million acres is an area more than five times as large as Pennsylvania. In addition to this there is still a vast area fraudulently occupied by cattle corporations that should be reclaimed and restored to the public. If the good work begun by the present administration is adhered to there will be land for the landless for a good while yet in spite of the wasteful lavishness of past Congresses in giving away the public domain.

The Women's Christian Union through one of its members at Washington relates their experience in preventing the sale of liquor on the national drill grounds. Mrs. La Petra of the union, and other ladies went first to the drill committee, then to the District commissioners, and they all told her that the matter was decided, and the saloon, the right to keep which had been sold for \$1,800, would be on the grounds. Their consent had been given, and it was too late to listen to the request. Mrs. La Petra said to them: "Then we must go to higher authority," and they went to the president. They had no need to argue the case with him. He acceded at once to their plans, told them to "give themselves no uneasiness—he would assure them there should be no saloon on the grounds." The commissioners have found out that there is a man in Washington who decides some things now and then in a different way from theirs. It appears there is a law prohibiting the sale of liquor on government grounds which the president remembered although the District commissioners did not.

Down in Cumberland county the Bohemian oats swindlers, who made such a raid in Ohio, have been widely operating. To such an extent have they been successful that business is paralyzed in that section and the garden spot of South-western Pennsylvania has been relieved of about \$500,000. Some of the best and richest old farmers have been broken up by being taken in. Many censured the Reporter for exposing the game here.

From various points in Berks, Lebanon, Lehigh and neighboring counties, show that this year wheat will realize only about half a crop. The destructive Hessian fly, which had entirely disappeared for the past two years is again ravishing the wheat fields, and acres of it are dying in consequence. The Colorado beetle, which has inhabited these counties for the past thirteen years, is also doing considerable damage.

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CHICAGO'S GREAT STRIKE.

The next six days are liable to witness the critical period in the great strike of the building trades. For four weeks strike has followed strike, terminating in a lockout affecting to a greater or less extent almost every trade in the city of Chicago. Fully 17,000 men are idle, and it is stated upon good authority that over 1,000 first-class mechanics have left the city. A careful estimate shows that wages to the amount of \$900,000 have been lost to the strikers. It is impossible to estimate the amount of capital which has been diverted from the building trades. Well known eastern capitalists have instructed their Chicago agents to make no investments pending the adjustment of the strike, and in several cases large enterprises will be dropped until next year, and perhaps for ever.

THE PARIS HOLOCAUST.

Paris, May 26.—The bodies of the ballet dancers who lost their lives by the burning of the Opera Comique are said to be lying in heaps in the ruins of the theatre.

Late this afternoon the bodies of eight teen ladies, all in full dress, were found lying together at the bottom of the staircase leading from the second story. These ladies all had escorts to the theatre, but no remains of men were found anywhere near where the women were burned to death.

M. Reveillon, a Deputy, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, estimated that at least 200 persons had lost their lives in the fire.

The bottom of the theatre is flooded with water to the depth of five feet. Sixty bodies have been found floating in the water by the firemen.

Among the audience at the Opera Comique were Gen. Boulanger, Gen. Sausier, General Thibaudin, M. Goblet, M. Berthelot and the Marquis Ferronays, Prefect of Police. They all escaped unhurt.

Speaking of the failure of the tax-bill, the Times Harrisburg special says:

There is a suspicion entertained by some people that the failure to have the bill sent to the Senate after the Speaker of the House had approved it was preconcerted, in view of the fight made against some of its essential features by corporations which, under its operations, would have been required to pay largely increased revenues to the State because of the taxation of their judgments and mortgages. This suspicion is largely due to the fact that two years ago the corporations succeeded in having their judgments and mortgages exempted from taxation by the omission of the word corporations. Lawyers representing some of the principle corporations of the State then induced the Senate committee of finance by specious arguments to omit the objectionable word, and now it is hinted that corporations are at the bottom of the failure to have the new bill returned to the Senate for approval.

The death of the general revenue act will be an unwelcome news to the counties of the State which, under it, would have obtained one-half of the tax on personal property, amounting last year to nearly \$1,200,000 and which, according to the estimate of the attorney who drew the bill, would have reached over \$2,000,000.

The new tax bill for this state has failed to become a law, for the reason that by an oversight the president of the senate failed to put his signature to it, at the close of the session. So the new tax bill fails.

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MR. O'BRIEN IN BOSTON.

MET AT THE DEPOT BY AN IMMENSE CROWD.

An Attempt Made to Detach the Horses From His Carriage and Draw Him to His Hotel Stopped by the Police.

Boston, May 30.—Editor O'Brien arrived here Sunday morning and was met at the depot by a large crowd. As he stepped from the train he was greeted with cheer upon cheer. Mr. O'Brien, who was accompanied by Mr. Dennis Kilbride, was met by a committee representing the local Irish societies and was escorted to a carriage in waiting and quickly driven to the Parker House. An attempt was made to detach the horses from his carriage and draw him to his hotel, but this was prevented by the police. On arriving at the Parker House Mr. O'Brien breakfasted with the committee, and a reception was consequently held in one of the large parlors. Mr. O'Brien then retired for a brief rest, being considerably fatigued by his journey. At five o'clock he departed privately with the committee, and at 7 was accompanied by them to the Boston theatre, where the address was to be delivered. An immense throng had gathered in front of the theatre in anticipation of his arrival, but to avoid the dense crowd the party entered by the rear or Mason street entrance. Mayor O'Brien met them just inside the door and extended a welcome to Editor O'Brien, who then went on the stage upon which was seated many prominent men. The theatre was filled from pit to dome, and Mr. O'Brien was received with a rapturous applause. John Boyle O'Reilly presided and made a stirring speech, and then introduced Mr. O'Brien, who was again greeted with long-continued applause. He said:

American sympathy is no new thing to Ireland, for it has been the day star of our people. God, as long as there is a living force that has had such magical effect as American opinion in nerving the great heart of William Ewart Gladstone and our own matchless leader, Charles Stewart Parnell. God bless and guard them both. Why do I say American opinion is of so much weight? Because America is the land of the future, the land of the free, and any cause that commends itself to the hearts and sympathies of sixty millions of American freemen—that cause can no more fail than the pro-slavery mob, to whom our fairman just alluded, could to-day fasten their links upon the slaves whom America set free.

The men of Luggscurran trusted us, and placed God, as long as there is a breath in our bodies they won't trust us in vain. When the men of Luggscurran showed such a spirit as they did, we should have been very poor creatures indeed if we had dreaded to come out here and to tell Lord Lansdowne the truth, or if we were to allow ourselves to be intimidated by the less than six months' agnostics. The frequency of these fires in cooperages in the neighborhood strengthens the belief that they are the work of incendiaries. Two central office detectives were on the ground yesterday. Last night one of them arrested Johnson as the incendiary. At the station house Johnson said he was a cooper and gave his residence as No. 97 Rutledge street and his age as twenty-seven years. He was locked up to await examination.

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BURGLARY IN WEEHAWKEN.

Skilled Cracksmen Enter the Residence of Dr. De Groff and Rob Him of \$12,000.

WEEHAWKEN, May 30.—Dr. De Groff of Union Hill, whose residence on the West side of Boulevard is one of the finest in the town, awoke yesterday morning to find that during Saturday night burglars had visited the house, and had gone away a great deal richer than when they entered. They did not go above the first floor. On this floor in a safe the Doctor kept his valuables. The burglars must have known this. With chisels and sledge they forced the door of the safe and carried away the valuable contents. They got into the house by cutting out a panel of a basement door. They left their tools behind them. The sledge were muffled, which accounts for the inmates of the house not hearing the noise while the burglars were at work. Frederick Kessler, a former coachman for Dr. DeGroff, is suspected of knowing something about the robbery. He was arrested and is locked up in the Hoboken police station.

Chief Donovan, of Hoboken, does not think that Kessler was concerned in the burglary. He thinks there were not less than three men in the job, and that they were cracksmen from New York. The way in which they did the work, he said, shows that they understood their business.

"It was the neatest job," he added, "that I have seen in a long time, and I actually think that it was done inside a half an hour. That the burglars were strangers is believed from the fact that they walked all around the large garden surrounding the house before they found their way to the street. The footprints in the soft earth show this. A rubber coat which had probably been worn by one of the burglars was found in the garden in the rear of the house. The burglars carried away \$2,700 in bonds and mortgages, \$700 in cash, \$4,000 in Adams express company stock, and \$5,000 worth of jewelry and silverware. The Adams express stock and some of the bonds and mortgages are of no use to the thieves.

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS IN THE PACIFIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—The first of the three Cunard steamers purchased to ply between Hong Kong and Vancouver sailed from Yokohama yesterday. The Pacific coast steamship company filed a bond with the collector of the port for \$100,000, which was forwarded for approval by the treasury department at Washington. If accepted, the company will be authorized to carry goods in bond by way of Puget Sound and the Canadian roads and compete for the tea and rice trade.

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BIG FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

Palmer's Coopersage and a Beef Depot Destroyed—Loss, \$150,000.

BROOKLYN, May 30.—Shortly after eleven o'clock Saturday night, a fire of immense coopersage, bounded by North Fifth street, North Sixth street, Kent avenue and Wythe avenue, Williamsburgh, and covering almost the whole block, was discovered to be on fire.

When the firemen got there three alarms were rung. The big brick coopersage was thoroughly as fire by that time. The walls stood the intense heat pretty well. The stacked up barrels, tier upon tier in three stories, burned like a bonfire, and the blaze lighted up the country for miles around. The building was jammed with barrels and coopersage materials in anticipation of a strike of coopers.

The blaze looked so bright in New York that most people thought the fire was in the city.

The flames spread from the coopersage to the storehouse of the Swift Beef company on the same block, and made a clean sweep of the block.

The lower floor of the coopersage was occupied by the Erie railway as a freight depot, placed there for the convenience of the Swift Beef packing company of Chicago, and also of Mr. Palmer. Three car loads of beef were burned. All the rest of the cars had been taken out the day before.

The whole loss was covered by insurance. The fire was in the midst of a tenement district, and the police drove the tenants out of their houses until the danger was over.

The police were kept busy controlling the great crowds. Two ambulances were called and held in case of accident.

Foreman Gallagher, of Truck 4 was badly burned about the face and hands.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the fire marshal regards it with suspicion. At 1:15 the fire was under control. The damage is estimated at \$150,000.

The Fire Breaks Out Again.

BROOKLYN, May 30.—The fire Saturday night which destroyed Lowell M. Palmer's coopersage was followed Sunday afternoon by another, even more serious. The fire broke out in Palmer's manufactory, which is also on Kent avenue, between North Fourth and North Fifth streets. It was filled with inflammable material, and, although three alarms were rung, the building and contents were destroyed in spite of the firemen's efforts. In a stable in the rear were 200 horses, which were saved.

The fact that these two fires had occurred at the same place within so short a time, induced Inspector Mackeller to believe incendiaries had been at work. Four weeks ago a fire was discovered in the rear of the building burned yesterday. Bennett's coopersage, two blocks below, has been on fire four times within six months, and Becker's coopersage was almost destroyed less than six months ago. The frequency of these fires in coopersages in the neighborhood strengthens the belief that they are the work of incendiaries. Two central office detectives were on the ground yesterday. Last night one of them arrested Johnson as the incendiary. At the station house Johnson said he was a cooper and gave his residence as No. 97 Rutledge street and his age as twenty-seven years. He was locked up to await examination.

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CHANGES IN THE K. OF L. LAWS.

One Change Proposes the Debarment of Rumsellers from Membership.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—Copies of a secret circular and the revised constitution and laws governing the organization of national trade assemblies have just been issued to the 12,000 local assemblies of the knights of labor from the general headquarters of the order in this city for their approval.

If the returns received show a majority of those voting to be in favor of the adoption of one or both the propositions submitted, then an official proclamation of the fact will be made to the order. In case the returns are unfavorable, the old constitution with the alterations adopted at the Richmond convention in October, 1886, will be submitted as the constitution of the order.

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