



## THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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Rough on Rats is not a good flavor for ice-cream.

Ex-Vice President Wm. A. Wheeler died Saturday morning. He was on the fraudulent Hayes ticket.

We consider the re-nomination of Cleveland, for President, a certainty, without any opposition. His nomination by the Democratic National Convention will be by acclamation.

In his Springfield speech Senator Sherman spoke of the "Democratic or Confederate ascendancy." John Sherman would not be quite a fool, but he is the biggest political knave in the country.

Gov. Beaver, among others, vetoed the bill to patch up the state capitol building. We have considerable respect for some of the governor's vetoes. The state capitol patching would have been a piece of botchwork, costing high into a million.

The Philadelphia Times has received replies from a majority of the senators and members of the house, who express themselves in favor of calling an extra session to re-enact the defeated tax law and that they will serve without pay.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America has resolved that no student who uses tobacco shall be licensed to preach or be installed as a pastor, and that no consumer of tobacco shall be elected to any office in an Associate Reformed church.

They don't seem to have as much rain in Iowa as we have here. A telegram from Fort Dodge says the drought continues. Grass and hay are gone. Cattle are being fed artificially on the scorched meadows, and a rain might save one-third of the crop of small grain.

Just now all the papers in the state, except one owned by the swindlers, are giving the Bohemian oats swindlers particular fits, on account of the stupendous swindle practiced in the Cumberland valley, which broke up some of the best farmers. The operation was the same as practiced in Centre, and which was exposed by the REPORTER.

The synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Newburg, N. Y., adopted resolutions declaring that secret societies were selfish, unjust, degrading and enslaving to the conscience of members and recommending that the church refuse membership to any member of a secret society and to exclude those who are now in the church. During the discussion Freemasonry was bitterly denounced.

The candidates out, thus far, for nomination on the Democratic ticket, are good men, and all are making an honorable canvass. Let it end thus. We hope the days of discreditable methods in electioneering are gone by, and that each candidate will prove to be a man after the nomination as well as before, and that no candidate will be guilty of conduct of which he, or his party need feel ashamed. We are pleased to see a bearing in this direction.

The following bills were signed by Gov. Beaver:

Amending an act for the better protection of the wages of mechanics, miners, laborers and others; providing the manner of collecting claims when liens have been filed against the real estate of the employer; amending the act regulating mutual insurance companies; relating to husband and wife, defining the rights to and power over the property, to make conveyance and contracts, etc.

The World says it is now manifest that Senator Sherman has one set of opinions for the North and another for the South. This fact can be proved beyond doubt by contrasting the speeches which he delivered during his Southern tour with the ferocious harangue which he delivered at Springfield, Ill. If he should ever become President, which set of opinions would he carry into the White House? This question will be asked by a great many people if the Sherman boom turns out to be a serious affair.

Gov. Beaver has made a big stroke of the pen in some of his vetoes, particularly where he used his little hatchet to lop off superfluous appropriations, thus leaving many thousands in the treasury. Now the Governor can make another big stroke of the pen and add millions to the treasury by calling an extra session to gain pass the tax bill, which by a cheat, a trick, or a bribe, has gone over board.

If the Governor is anxious to reduce the state debt during his term, what a grand chance stands open for him!

## THREE BILLS VETOED.

The following bills were vetoed by the governor: Appropriating \$40,000 for the relief of state agricultural society; \$5,000 to the Williams Grove Grangers' picnic, and \$10,000 to pay the expenses of the commissioner for the state to the American exhibition in London. The governor says the first and last named bills seek to make appropriations to purely private corporations. No. 686 (the Granger bill) seeks to make an appropriation for the particular locality to be expended under the direction of the Pennsylvania state grange, an association which would undoubtedly expend the money judiciously and for a worthy purpose. The appropriations sought to be made by these bills are, however, pure gratuities. So far as the institutions to which the money would go are concerned the legislation involved is an exercise of the charity or benevolence of the state toward persons or committees. This is distinctly and clearly forbidden by section 18 of article 3 of the constitution. If appropriations to these worthy objects were allowable under the constitution, there is nothing to prevent appropriations to every county agricultural, horticultural and manufacturing association in the commonwealth, and the mere statement of such a possibility shows the wisdom of the framers of our constitution. In addition to the objections of these several bills the condition or the revenue and of the amount of appropriations made by the legislature—greatly in excess of the estimated revenue—would make it impossible to pay these several sums without great detriment to the state and charitable institutions which will be necessarily greatly restricted in their operations by reason of their failure to receive as much which has been properly appropriated to them.

The Bellefonte Gazette has a bad attack of "ring"-bone—and symptoms of spavin too.

## AMENDED MARRIAGE LAW.

The governor having signed the amendment to the act relating to the issuing of marriage licenses, it is important that those contemplating matrimony as well as ministers of the gospel, magistrates and others, should understand the new provisions. Under the original act the license could only be had on application to the clerk of the orphans' court in the county in which the marriage ceremony was to be performed. As amended the law authorizes the contracting parties, either separately or together, to appear before any magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace of the county wherein either of them may reside, and there make proof of their competency to marry, which may be forwarded to the clerk of the court, who, if satisfied, shall grant the license.

The consent of parents or guardians in cases in which the parties intending marriage are under 21 years of age, must be given in writing as heretofore. The magistrate is entitled to a fee of fifty cents, and subjected to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for willfully making any false return to the clerk of the court. There is also a provision that permits either party to make application for license through any next friend or relation presenting the required proof.

As amended, the law simply confers upon police magistrates the power to hear applications for license and forward the same to the clerk of the court, who grants the license if the proof is found sufficient. It also enables either applicant to appear by proxy before the magistrate and submit the necessary affidavits, thus relieving him or her of the necessity of appearing in person.

The Savannah (Ga.) News, searching for the carpet-bag and scalawag governors of South Carolina during the reconstruction period, says three of them can be accounted for at once. They are ex-Governor Scott, who is now in Ohio, and who killed a man soon after he returned there; ex-Governor Moses, who is in the Massachusetts penitentiary, and Judge Whipper, who is in the Beaufort (S. C.) jail.

These be your gods, O Republicans. Representative Foot, of Tioga, one of the most prominent Republicans of the last Legislature, says that the people, irrespective of parties, are highly indignant at the delay of the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature, so that the blunder in the revenue bill can be remedied. The latest report is that three Senators and a clerk were given \$75,000 by the various corporations who will profit by the bill's defeat.

The trick, or crime, by which the new tax bill was defeated, should be sifted to the bottom, so as to reach the rascals responsible for it. It was an important measure, too much so, to pass the defeat off as an "oversight," or a "mistake." In our opinion it was a premeditated piece of villainy against the taxpayers of the state for which no punishment can be too severe. Sift it to the bottom.

## THE SEMI-MONTHLY PAY BILL.

There is considerable public interest in the law recently passed by the legislature to provide for the semi-monthly payment of wage workers, which is commonly known as the semi-monthly pay bill. In order that a thorough understanding may be had of the measure, the full text of the bill, approved May 23, is apprehended:

That from and after a period of two months subsequent to the date of the passage of this act every individual, firm, association or corporation employing wage workers, skilled or ordinary laborers engaged at manual or clerical work in the business of mining or manufacturing, or any other employes, shall make payments in lawful money of the United States to the said employes, laborers and wage workers or to their authorized representatives, the first payment to be made between the 1st and 15th and the second payment between the 15th and 30th of each month the full net amount of wages or earnings due said employes, laborers and wage workers upon the 1st and 15th instant of each month wherein such payments are made. And in case any individual, firm, corporation, association or other employer shall neglect or refuse to make payment upon the dates herein set forth to wage-workers, laborers or other employes employed by or with the authority of such individual, firm, corporation, association or other employer, then such amount of wages or earnings shall be a legal claim against such individual, firm, corporation, association or other employer and shall be recoverable by law, with interest from the date such amount is due.

The stupendous swindle upon Cumberland valley farmers, by the Bohemian oats game, is just now going the rounds of all the papers in the state, except one in our county, which is the organ of some of the swindlers. The Philadelphia Press, a few days ago, gave a full account of the operations of the Bohemian oats gang in Cumberland county, which was similar to their operations in our county, only in the Cumberland valley farmers were duped to the extent of half a million dollars, and many of the best men in that section have been broken up by being misled into the rascality, while in our county the fraud was arrested at about \$30,000, thanks to the warning raised by the REPORTER, against the infamy, and for doing which, and exposing the fraud and saving the farmers against being led still deeper into the swindle, some would now break us down.

About the time the REPORTER began to raise the cry against the swindle, the seeming success of the agents emboldened them to try a new swindling dodge on the farmer, by organizing a seed company, but the simple hint against it, in these columns, nipped that in the bud. Of course, some of our fellows are terribly mad at us for these things, and started an organ of their own, but we did a good thing for our people.

The enormity of the Bohemian oats swindle in Cumberland valley, is of such an extent that all business has been paralyzed and many farmers are ruined, while the scoundrels have scooped in their savings of a life-time. The impudence of some of these robbing agents in the swindle, had no bounds and their seeming success led them to seek for honorable public positions, as a seal of approval upon their perfidy—asking the community to vote for them after playing the most perfidious of modern swindlers upon them. Just imagine the sad results that would have followed to Centre county farmers, if, after the oats swindle, the seed company had kept its harvest, but which was dried up by a timely warning from the REPORTER!

Just look at Cumberland county now, farmers of old Centre, and see what the rascals would have brought you to but for a fearless press. Those who chose to stand by the swindlers and against the REPORTER can make their choice,—our position is an open and honest one, always, and against all swindlers and swindlers. The REPORTER was one of the very first papers in the state to raise the alarm against the graveyard insurance swindle, and some fellows got mad about it and swore they'd stop the REPORTER and run us out.

Well, we're here yet, and the graveyards are in disgrace.

The Press says one of the oats agents actually officiated as a Sunday school superintendent, and has been forced to resign. Whew!

Hons. John Cassma, J. W. Killinger, W. S. Stenger, John F. Hartranft, a host of eminent divines of the Reformed church, Major H. Kyd Douglas, Hagers town; Governor Beaver, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, State Superintendents Wickersham and Higbee and the presidents of a half score of Pennsylvania colleges are among those whose names figure in connection with the exercises of centennial commencement week at Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, Pa., June 12-16.

## NO SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY LAW.

The State Department has received numerous telegrams asking what action has been taken on the Half Holiday bill. This bill was never passed by the Legislature, never reached the Governor and consequently is not before him for action. The Faunce House bill was postponed and did not reach third reading, and the Osbourn Senate bill reached the House, but never got so far as second reading.

## SUNK IN THE INDIAN SEA.

Calcutta, June 6.—It has been proved beyond doubt by the picking up of the captain's chest that the steamer Sir John Lawrence was lost in the recent cyclone off this coast.

The steamer carried 730 passengers and it is believed the whole number were lost. The largest part of the passengers were native ladies who were going to Juggernaut, in Orissa, to celebrate the Juggernaut festival.

The catastrophe has cast a feeling of gloom over the Hindoo community here and all the best families are in mourning for relatives or friends who were among the passengers.

## DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE MERCUR.

Ulysses Mercur the thirty-first chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania died Monday morning at the residence of his son in Wallingford, Pa. He was in his 69th year, having served upon the supreme bench as associate justice from October 8, 1872, until December 26, 1882, when he was commissioned chief justice which position he held until his death.

## A VOLCANO IN MEXICO.

A despatch from Hermosillo says the explorers sent out by Gov. Torres to ascertain the existence of the volcano as reported near Bavispio, Sonora, have returned. They report an active volcano fourteen miles southeast of Bavispio, in the Sierra Madre Mountains. The party could not approach the mountain nearer than four miles.

The crater was pouring forth an immense volcano of smoke, fire and lava, and boiling water was issuing from the side of the mountain. The lava, in vast waves, was slowly pouring down the mountain into the canyons, which are being filled. Boiling water has destroyed all vegetation in the valleys in the vicinity. Boulders weighing tons are hurled down from the crater. The exploring party says the noise proceeding from the mountain was most terrific, like vast engines at work, accompanied by sounds of thunder. The air was dense with smoke and cinder. The party had great difficulty in approaching the mountain, owing to the great chasms made by the earthquake, and all the roads and trails are totally wiped out. The country is fearfully broken up. The entire surface of the earth presents a woe-begone appearance, and not a bird or living thing could be seen within ten miles of the volcano.

The town of Bavispio is a complete ruin. The people have all moved out on the plains and are living in tents in mortal fear.

At Mt. Carmel, Ky., on 7, at midnight Saturday, John Field cut the throats of his wife and both of his sons, and then cut his own throat. At last accounts all were living, but were expected to die. The quarrel arose about property which once belonged to Field, who became involved as surety for Mr. Fearis Bright, and made the property over to his sons, and after arranging the indebtedness wanted it back again.

Timely showers, says the World, fell upon the crops West and South just when a disastrous drought was most feared, and the land all over is blooming with fertility and the promise of golden harvests. Legitimate trade is on a firm footing, a fact which could not be better illustrated than by the great auction sales of quilts and flannels that took place here last week. Over three millions of dollars was realized from these sales and the goods went off at satisfactory prices hundreds of spirited and confident buyers having been drawn hither from different parts of the Union. Such an enormous offering of these special lines of goods was calculated to depress prices, and its failure to do so affords the best evidence of the firmness of the market.

May 14, Charles Sage and Catharine Brest, of Duncansville, were married. All went well until the other day. He sent home a piece of veal and a keg of beer. The rats ran off with the veal and the beer leaked out of the keg. Then he put on his coat and abandoned wife and home.

General Beaver will deliver an address at the grangers' picnic in August. Representative Kauffman, of Lancaster county, has also been invited to speak.

## A PENNSYLVANIA FLOOD.

VILLAGES ALMOST DESTROYED BY A LARGE WATER-SPOUT.

Johnstown, June 8.—About noon yesterday the water began to back up in both the Conemaugh and Stony Creek was inundated. In the lowest parts the water covered the first floors, and in many houses the inmates either took refuge on the second floor or made for the hills for safety. The loss to grocery-men and drygoods dealers is great. The Cambria Iron company, the Gantier Steel departments, and the Johnson Steel street railway company all suspended work yesterday, as did nearly all the business houses. Only a few who light their houses with electricity had light last night, the gas works being flooded out.

The flood was caused by a water-spout west of Hooversville, Somerset county. The village was entirely under water, and the destruction of property is great. Many thousand logs belonging to the Latrobe lumber company passed here. The bridge above here was carried off. Kernville bridge was partly destroyed. The one at Coopersdale was swept away, as was the one at Von Lumsen, near town. The destruction of property is enormous. At Hooversville the work of the flood is appalling. Upwards of twenty residences were washed off their foundations and deposited on the ground. At least 100 families in this borough alone lost everything in the lower story and cellars of their houses.

In Grubbtown, Conemaugh borough, Morrillville, Minersville, Cambria City, and Coopersdale a similar scene is presented, and it is estimated that in the suburbs and this city 200 people were temporarily rendered homeless and dependent for shelter on the charity of their more fortunate neighbors.

ED. REPORTER.—Is it ones duty to remove the Canada thistle on the public road at or near his residence? INQUIRER. No; it is the duty of those who have control of the road, and the one who told you different don't know what he is talking about.

One crew of forty men in Clearfield lumber region had to June 1 cut down 1,500 trees and pulled from them the bark, amounting to 300,000 tons.

There is not a place licensed to sell liquor on the National road between Uniontown and Somersfield, a thing never known since the old pike was made, and there is but one licensed hotel outside of Uniontown and Brownsville along the whole line of the road between the Youghiogheny and Monongahela rivers.

## OBITUARY.

John Fortney, Sr., departed this life at Tusseyville, May 27, was born at Cornwall, Lebanon county, August 6, 18 6, moved to Centre co. in 1853, was a resident of this vicinity all but four years. His last illness was paralysis from which he suffered two years. His afflictions were great yet he strove to be cheerful, and with the humor that was characteristic of him, made it pleasant to those around him. Losing his father at the tender age of 14, he was thrown upon the mercy of the world, which made him ever the firm friend of the fatherless. His hand was ever open to the poor and needy, many were the recipients of his liberality, without which he often said, "I cannot prosper unless I give." He was the last one of a large family, having buried brother and sisters, two wives and three children, five still survive him, two sons and three daughters. Children, I hope you will ever remember his Christian counsels and teaching, his earnest prayers for you, and take for example that which was best in Father Fortney.

## MARCS.

## HERMAN, THE PITTSBURGH FIEND WATCHED OVER BY HIS WIFE.

Pittsburg, June 7.—Herman, who nearly beat his wife to death, and cut his own and child's throat last night, is still living and hopes are now entertained for his recovery. His wife is now at the West Penn hospital with him. She was ordered to be sent to the Mercy hospital but refused to go. She had not known of the murder of her child and her husband's condition until this morning. All night she suffered from her husband's murderous assault, but when the time came for the removal of Herman she got up and with many protestations of love declared she would not be separated from him. She accompanied him to the hospital watching him as tenderly as if she had the kindest husband in the world, while the body of her murdered child was being prepared for burial by an undertaker.

## ASTONISHING SUCCESS.

It is the duty of every person who has used Boesche's German Syrup to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing Consumption, severe Coughs, Asthma, Pneumonia, and in fact all throat and lung diseases. No person can use it without immediate relief. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all Druggists to recommend it to the poor, dying consumptive, at least to try one bottle, as 80,000 dozen bottles were sold last year, and not one case where it failed was reported. Such a medicine as the German Syrup cannot be too widely known. Ask your druggist about it. Sample bottles to try, sold at 10 cents. Regular size, 75 cents. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in the United States and Canada.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Nashville is to have a new cotton mill of 5,000 spindles.

A cloud burst damaged property about \$20,000 at Aberlin, Ohio.

The Hessian fly is ravaging the wheat-growing counties of Pennsylvania.

A French cabinet council has decided to return and modify the budget already presented.

The Belgian senate passed the bill increasing the import duties on cattle and dressed meats.

Two Seminole Indians have been court-martialed and shot to death for murdering a comrade.

While herding cattle on Crowley's ranch, Arizona, Wm. Diehl was murdered by Apache Indians.

A national convention of horse car men has been called to meet in Buffalo, N. Y., in August.

The St. Paul carpenters Sunday voted to strike for nine hours a day and thirty cents an hour.

A convention of ship carpenters was held in Philadelphia. A temporary organization was effected.

The strikers at the Shetucket mills Greenville, Conn., after losing \$25,000 in wages, have returned to work.

Gen. James Speed, attorney-general in President Lincoln's cabinet, is dying at his home near Louisville. He is 75 years old.

The German laborers union No. 3, of Brooklyn, has ratified the agreement entered into with carpenters' branch No. 13.

M. Alberic Second, the French writer, has died of inflammation of the lungs contracted on the night of the Opera Comique fire.

The International Sunday School convention, in session at Chicago, has telegraphed its jubilee congratulations to Queen Victoria.

Jay Gould's new private car has been completed at a cost of \$35,000. It was built at Fullman, Ill., and is called the Atlanta.

The French academy of science has pronounced in favor of M. de Lesseps' objection to using locks in the Panama canal.

William Davies, aged 80, a well-known citizen of Galena, Ill., fatally stabbed his son James with a pruning knife during a family quarrel.

The citizens of Rio township, Ill., are hunting for a tramp who assaulted the little daughter of Farmer Shaw. He will be lynched if caught.

The federation German trades will hold their picnic for the benefit of the Chicago anarchists on June 12 in Oak Cliff Park, Weehawken, N. J.

By a collision of freight trains on the Louisville and Nashville railroad near Caler, Ala., the engineer, fireman and a negro tramp were killed.

Rev. Granville Moody, a famous revivalist and war chaplain, died yesterday from injuries received in a runaway on his way to church a week ago Sunday.

The varnishers of the Para rubber shoe company at South Framingham, Mass., struck for a reduction of their working hours. About 200 persons are idle.

The quarantine against the ship W. H. Macy, which arrived at San Francisco with smallpox raging among the 1,300 Chinese passengers, has been raised.

It is considered certain that Germany and Austria will take no action regarding the ukase of the czar of Russia restricting the rights of foreigners in Russia.

The citizens' committee of St. Louis has assumed the entire responsibility of President Cleveland's reception and says the G. A. R. need have nothing to do with it.

It is probable that carpet weavers' assembly No. 12, recently disciplined by the general executive board of the knights of labor, will join the American federation of trades unions.

The Baron Silliers, who recently returned to France from America with stories of fabulous wealth made among the Goulds and Mackays, has been confined in a lunatic asylum.

The agreement between the clothing exchange and executive board of district assembly No. 1 of Philadelphia, ending the lockout of the garment cutters, was signed by both parties.

The machinery constructors are making strenuous efforts to promote the spirit of organization among the blacksmiths and machinists who are not as well organized as they should be.

The breaking of the dykes of the Theiss river, Hungary, has resulted in the submerging of fifty miles of the Alföld Plain, near Szegedina. It is estimated that the damage will reach \$5,000,000.

The puddlers employed at the National rolling mill, McKeesport, Pa., struck for a ten per cent advance in wages, and the puddling department has been closed down. Several hundred men are idle.

The master masons' association of Chicago have issued a long address to bricklayers and stone masons, appealing to them as individuals to formulate some plan for settlement of their present difficulty.

The Vienna press generally regarded the establishment of the Rouvier ministry in France as an omen of peace and rejoiced at the downfall of Boulanger, who is spoken of as the most dangerous man in Europe.

From January 1 to June 1 this year 2,351 miles of railroad have been built in the United States, mostly in the west. This is the greatest mileage ever recorded with the exception of the same period in 1862.

Arthur L. Clough made a savage attempt to murder his wife with a long-sword knife in Boston. Her brother, Osgood F. Hadley overpowered the would-be murderer after receiving several serious wounds, and he was locked up.

Roderick McLean, a young farmer, living near Round Lake Indian reserve, in the Northwest Territory, left home to cut fence poles and was found on the reserve with his head split open. It was evidently the work of redskins.

The hope of a speedy settlement of the Connellville coke strike is dispipated. A conference of operators and strikers was held in Pittsburg, but after a session of several hours the meeting adjourned without any agreement.

Lawyer Van Luton of Warsaw, Benton county, Mo., who had been annoyed by one Davidson's dogs, took a gun and started out to argue the case with Davidson. The latter was prepared for the interview and shot Van Luton dead.

The red delivery system is to be extended to Amsterdam, Corning, Cortland, Hornellsville, Little Falls, Ogdensburg and Oswego, N. Y., and Ansonia, Birmingham, Middletown, New Britain, and Stamford, Conn., and will be discontinued at Derby, Conn.

The shoe workers are to hold a national convention in Brockton, Mass., next week, to form a national organization. The question of whether the organization shall be independent of the knights of labor, in the form of an "improved order of the knights of labor," or in the form of a national charter from the general executive board, has been debated in the local assemblies of Philadelphia.