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The Quay "model legislature" is about to adjourn and hasn't done a farthing to relieve the farmer.

The Quay-Sherman row, and the Rantan-Beaver row, are just now unpleasant rowing for the republicans.

All the cities in Massachusetts, excepting two, voted against prohibition. Boston gave 20,000 majority against it.

The national guard of this state is getting to be a thundering expensive ornament. It's about time to cry "halt" on it.

You bet, this administration is making Democratic office holders walk, and it don't monkey a bit with the civil service buzz saw.

The king of Samoa gets \$20 a month. He could make more by hiring out to Barnum, or going into the three card monte or oats swindle.

Since the price of coal stays down and the wages for mining are going down, would it not be fair to let down the tariff on the miner's woolen shirt a little?

Quay and Sherman have got at oats on account of an appointment, in which the Pennsylvania charges the Ohioan with bad faith and expresses his contempt for him. Too bad.

Prohibition having been defeated in Massachusetts, on Monday by a large majority, that is no reason why the temperance people of the old Keystone state should not keep their "spirits" up.

Those farmers who were deluded into opposing Cleveland, one of the best friends they ever had, and to perpetuate a high tariff, we would ask, where are you now? For the sake of a tax on a few pounds of wool on the back of a sheep you would let the whole country go to the demitition bow-wow.

Where are you now? Adjutant General Hastings reiterates with emphasis his previous statement that the military committee in charge of the New York centennial celebration will entertain the National Guard of Pennsylvania in a genuinely hospitable manner and declares that all statements to the contrary are made by irresponsible scribblers and are wholly unworthy of credit. He is doubtless correct.

South Carolina Republicans seem to have lost all hope of getting possession of the spoils. Col. E. M. Brayton, former Collector of Internal Revenue and now Chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, has given up the fight, and returned to South Carolina disgusted with the present Administration. He speaks in strong terms of Harrison's so-called Republicanism, and frankly admits that in his opinion the Republican party of the south is a thing of the past. He said that everybody in Washington was at sea in regard to the president's intentions. It was the general feeling there that colored men would not be favored for office.

An account of the forest fires in Patrick county, Virginia, says: There has never been a parallel to the destruction of property resulting from the forest fires that occurred in this county last week. Hundreds of people are left homeless and houseless and utterly destitute of every means of supporting their families. I cannot see how they can live without aid from abroad until the incoming of the next crop, and even then numbers of them are without fences to protect their crops and plantations and without houses to live in. To see these poor people traveling through this county begging aid and assistance from those who are unable to aid them is distressing and painful to witness.

Licenses were cut down to a slim figure in Pittsburg and Allegheny, the other day. Another such a paring down and there won't be a wet spot left.

Quay and the other bosses secretly desire the amendment defeated in Pennsylvania in order to appease the liquor men by telling them, "I told you so."

If Rutan can score Gov. Beaver so terribly when "sick" how will he tan him when well?

The defeat of prohibition in Massachusetts will undoubtedly have a chilling effect upon the cause in this state. The women seem to be alone in running the amendment campaign.

Oklahoma by this time may have many fellows sighing to be at-home-with-me.

Sir Julian Pannocote, the new British minister, has arrived at New York.

## Senator Rutan Speaks Out.

A SEVEPE ARRANGEMENT OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION.

In an interview in the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*, of Sunday, Senator Rutan states that he is positive that Governor Beaver was responsible for the loss of the revenue bill two years ago. He also says that there are a number of supernumerary clerks in the executive departments who do nothing and draw good salaries. The Allegheny Senator is particularly severe on State Librarian Delaney, who he says has become wealthy from office holding and owns the finest diamonds in the state. He says that \$250,000 of the state funds are annually wasted in carrying on the state government, and closes his interview by saying:

"At the opening of the session I had mapped out my work, and I intended to name a committee, composed of men like Wherry, of Cumberland; Ross, of Bucks county, and some other honest people to investigate the evils which I have pointed out. I have lived in hopes of becoming well enough to prosecute the work; but sickness interfered. Occasionally I would speak to the reporters of what I intended to do, but never before in such detail. These things have been weighing on my mind all winter, and I am anxious to have the Senators and people know them. If I were only well, I would like to be in Harrisburg long enough to have the loss of the revenue bill investigated; but when I spoke to some of my colleagues about it, they said, 'Better leave it pass;' but I have no such intention. I want these men, from the Governor down, investigated. What I have said I am ready to prove at any time before a committee."

## Facts About the New Territory.

The great majority of those whose faces are turned toward Oklahoma have been misled and the men who, through their misrepresentations are responsible for it, will have much to answer for when Gabriel blows his horn. The word "Oklahoma" means "Indian country," and is applied to 1,800,000 acres of land. That means that 11,250 farms of 160 acres each lie waiting to be tilled. From this must come eight farms out of every township reserved for the government, leaving 10,547 farms for the great horde to settle upon and when the settlers arrive they are bound to be disappointed, not only in the quantity of land but as to its quality. Fully one third of the tracts are considered unfit for grazing purposes and the land is not even fair to look upon, except in the vicinity of the rivers. Away from the streams the country changes its aspect entirely, and instead of fertile fields of rolling green is seen nothing but the rocky and sterile hills or the wide expanse of sand and alkali flats, whose baked surface means death, not only to vegetation but to animals that long remain in the locality. It is not alone the land that is dead, but the poisonous vapors that constantly arise so infect the very air and water that it becomes a veritable *terra del muerto*, or land of death.

## Another Buried City Found.

The discovery of a town of cliff dwellers has just been made on Santa Clara Creek, ten miles from Espanola, near the north line of New Mexico. All the other noted cliff dwellings are far from railroads and difficult of access. A regularly walled village or house was discovered in the form of an exact circle, 500 yards in circumference. It is built of bricks of light material like pumice stone. The apartments are about twenty feet long. The entire building was covered with soil and not far away a mound was opened and found to contain skeletons which fell to dust on exposure to the air. Considerable pottery of an excellent quality and other relics were discovered. It is thought another buried city is on the plateau above.

Johnson, who was convicted of the murder of John Sharpless, in Delaware county, has been respited by the governor for the tenth time. He was to have been hanged on 17, but the governor prolongs his lease of life until June 4, and it is unlikely that he will ever be executed. In commenting on this case the Philadelphia News says: "Johnson has not been proven the murderer of Farmer Sharpless; every one in Delaware county knows he has not, and it would be murder to hang him." It occurs to us remarks the Altoona Tribune, that this is reckless writing, Johnson had an impartial trial; he was convicted upon the evidence; he was refused a new trial by the court; the supreme court has refused to interfere; the board of pardons have not recommended him to executive clemency. Surely if "every one in Delaware county" knows that he has not been proven the murderer of Sharpless, the jury and the courts have acted in a surprising manner and the man should be set at liberty.

## A Prohibition Defeat.

Massachusetts voted on constitutional prohibition, and it was defeated. There, as in Pennsylvania, the amendment was a political trick, originating in the councils of the Republican bosses, who proposed and then defeated it. In New Hampshire it was the same. Rhode Island, after trying constitutional prohibition for three or four years, is feeling its way back to license and regulation. The indications are that the amendment will be voted down in Pennsylvania by an overwhelming majority. The New England elections will have great influence on the vote in this State. They will induce many to put on their thinking caps who were heading toward prohibition, propelled by a moral impulse.

The question recurs, is it a justifiable or reasonable moral impulse? Is it not rather a delusion and a snare, with certain elements of dishonesty about it not appreciated by the many? In this way: without constitutional prohibition it is just as possible to pass a prohibitory law in Pennsylvania as with it. The amendment will confer no new power on the legislature. But if prohibition should be tried without it, and found impracticable as elsewhere, a system of license and regulation could be substituted for it. The whole subject would be in the hands of the legislature. But if the amendment is grafted in the constitution, and it is found that it cannot be enforced and greater evils than the license traffic are upon us, then there is no alternative in the way of license or regulation until the constitution is again amended. The purpose thinly veiled is to compel the enactment of prohibitory laws with the alternative of the free liquor traffic in its most odious and demoralizing form, making license and regulation impossible save by another amendment to the constitution, which may require five or eight years to perfect. This is the sort of legal quagmire Rhode Island is now endeavoring to struggle out of. We have no idea Pennsylvania will be caught in any such way.

United States Senator Quay will talk of one thing, and that is the office seekers. "The half concerning them has never been told," said Colonel Quay; "why, they actually commenced coming to my house before breakfast, and kept it up in a steady stream until midnight. They did not seem to realize that they were possibly injuring their own chances by this. Indeed, I believe that many of them are insane on the question of getting an office, and do not realize what they are doing."

"On account of being chairman of the National Committee I was bothered more in this way than any of the other senators. I had people come to me who I had never seen or heard of before, and never expect to see again. The large number of them are not representative members of the party, but rather the scum. There were more office seekers this time than ever before, for all the men who were put out four years ago wanted their old offices back, and then there were dozens of new applicants for each office. Fortunately, they were all fairly well supplied with funds, and did not have to fall back on the congressmen like the Democrats did four years ago, when many of the representatives were expected to board a number of their constituents."

## Oklahoma's First Blood.

On 17th four men were killed on the border of Oklahoma. A conflict occurred between a party of boomers, cattlemen and Chickasaw police at the ford at Chisholm's cattle trail, forty miles west of Oklahoma City, on the Canadian river. The cattlemen were taking several hundred animals from Colberts ranch in the Chickasaw nation, to Kansas, but the mounted police guarding the northern border of Oklahoma refused to permit them to use the celebrated trail leading through the new territory.

A fight resulted, in which the cattlemen were reinforced by a party of boomers from Texas. One of the guards, two cattlemen and one boomer, named Geiss, were killed in the melee, besides the loss of some valuable horses. The cattlemen finally took the old Albion trail and went around through the Cheyenne reservation.

The subject of the next nominee for Governor is already being agitated in Republican circles. State Senator Delamater is a prominent candidate; Senator Reyburn, is another; Schuykill presents Gen. Siegfried. Pittsburg holds up Montooth; and the Philadelphia Times says "General Hastings comes up smiling and hoists a lightning-rod that could hardly be missed in a storm. He is able, jolly, generous, imposing in presence and one of our best stump orators, and he is now the most likely of the whole lot regardless of the confident hopes of the early birds. True, he comes from Beaver's own county; but what of that? The Governor belongs to the whole State, regardless of locality, and it would not loss him a vote at the election."

A special from Purcell, I. T., April 21, says the mad stampede for Oklahoma began to-night. The boomers could be held in check no longer. They are now crossing the Canadian River in crowds and rushing pell-mell on the green fields. There are 100 officers on the other side, and they are doing everything in their power to stem the tide. Every possible contrivance is being used to cross the river, which is still swollen. The boomers made a dash upon the officers and some of them are successful in reaching thickets. The rest are arrested and brought back to this city. Some of the boomers have crossed the river three and four times, only to be caught and returned.

It is a wild night in Purcell. Cowboys and boomers are riding through the streets with revolvers and threatening every person who may attempt to stop them when they decide to cross. The gambling houses are deserted and everybody is out in the streets yelling and shooting. An officer who has just returned from Oklahoma reports that five boomers were wounded and one killed in a fight with officers. The boomers ran into the brush. An Indian scout discovered them and when they were found by the officers they showed fight. Those who were not wounded or killed after the first volley went deeper into the timber. Scouts are again after them.

It was claimed here to-night that the railroad bridges across the Canadian River would be burned before morning. A squad of cavalry has been stationed along the river. If the present uproar continues there will be a few boomers in Purcell to-night.

In Putney, Vt., a bolt of lightning struck a blacksmith shop and tore off a wig or shed without injuring the main building. The electric fluid, however, entered the main shop and made free with articles of iron and steel. A large hammer was welded solidly to the anvil, and the tips of a hundred horseshoes were melted off. The tires of two cartwheels were torn off, and the former wheels were melted apart.

Another queer freak of lightning, in same state: On the main road to Huntington a small red house, which has stood as a landmark for seventy five years or more, was struck, and the interior completely ruined. Not a sign of the lightning's work is visible from the outside, but not a room in the building is left intact. Only one person occupied the premises, an old colored man named White, and the ancient corded bedstead upon which he lay is about the only object that was not splintered. He was scared, but unharmed. The old man says he thought the end of the world had come when he heard the crash, and he was sure of it when he got up and tried to find a match, for the house was full of brimstone smoke. He had to return to his couch and wait for daylight to come before he could surmise what had struck his shanty.

Senator Rutan has been talking a little plainly of late about some of his Republican brethren. Of Gov. Beaver he says that the governor is responsible for the failure of the revenue bill two years ago. He says the governor cut off \$1,000,000 in appropriations because the bill had failed; that he reduced the appropriation for the Allegheny home for colored children \$250,000; cut off \$25,000 for the Allegheny hospital, and, in a similar manner shaved down the money that should have gone to support insane asylums, hospitals, schools, etc., throughout the state.

At the last meeting of Court in Beaver county it was ordered that the Register and Recorder and Prothonotary each appoint four men to prepare new indices in their respective offices.

Six of these were to receive each \$250 per day and the others, who were to supervise the work, were to receive \$3 each.

The County Commissioners refused to pay these amounts, and allege that the law under which the Court made the order is unconstitutional. They estimate the expense of the work at \$10,000.

The indications are that the sentence of Captain Armes, who pulled Governor Beaver's nose, will be a suspension for two years from the retired list of the army and a stoppage of pay for that period of time.

At the trial the Governor testified that Armes did not have hold of his nose, while Armes and another witness testified that the Governor's nose was pulled. The Governor, we guess, is able yet to tell the difference between polecat and cologne.

The captain of the Missouri threw his cargo of baled rags overboard in order to save the 700 lives on the sinking steamer Danmark.

If there were no eggs broken during Easter on the Oklahoma border, there certainly were some skulls cracked, anyhow.

Massachusetts on Monday voted down Prohibition by 35,000 majority. Pennsylvania is a temperance commonwealth, but we fear the friends of Prohibition are not up and doing sufficiently, to make the amendment carry in June. Then again, it looks to us as if they were to be betrayed by some of the pretended "temperance" leaders of the Republican party, who fear the liquor interest. Quay is one of those who has been blowing hot and cold and appears to wish for a defeat of prohibition.

Arkansas City, Kas., April 24.—A meeting of Oklahoma boomers, disappointed of securing claims in the Territory, was held in the Opera House here last evening.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance. Speeches were made denouncing the manner in which Oklahoma was settled. It was freely declared that large bodies of men served as United States Marshals in order to get into the country and select the best claims, and that was unfair to law abiding settlers.

Sugar is advancing in price. Coal oil has declined. The grain market keeps weak.

An Indiana man, Simon Houtz, killed his wife and then himself. A small hotel, Dehn's, at Detroit, was destroyed by fire and three men were burned.

Two of the men who tortured old Christian Yoder on Saturday night at his home, near Meyersdale, until he revealed the whereabouts of his money, were captured Tuesday at a point on a public road about three miles from Addison, Somerset county. They were in the act of robbing the smoke house of William Hanna, when Hanna came upon them and they started to run. Mr. Hanna followed, and was joined by his brother John, John Walker and Mr. Augustine, farmers, all armed and mounted, who overtook the robbers and placed them under arrest. One of the robbers was put in a buggy with Augustine and the other behind John Hanna on his horse. Hanna and his companions had been too much excited, however, to disarm the thieves, and they, at a signal, covered their captors, made them throw down their arms and walk across the fields with uplifted hands until they were out of sight.

The two cool-headed robbers then mounted their captor's horses, taking one out of the buggy, and rode to the West Virginia line, where they joined their confederates.

Rev. Fischer will preach at Centre Hall, next Sabbath morning, 28th, at the usual hour, and in the afternoon at Tusseyville.

Faule's line for easy made clothing is complete in every particular, and cannot be beat by any dealer in the county.

Chas. Hewes and Chas. Kurtz of Bellefonte, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Dinges of Philipsburg, were in our town last Sabbath, staying with friends.

Simon Loeb's new clothing and gents furnishing store, opposite the Conrad house, is the busy place now. Bargains is what draws the people.

If Johnny Hagan will get lost when carrying a lantern, what can you expect of one who must travel in the dark without a lantern?

A dollar saved is a dollar earned which can be done by buying clothes from the Rochester Clothing House, Bellefonte, largest stock of spring suits in the county.

Read the law card of Jas. L. Hamill, in another column. He is a son of Rev. Dr. Hamill, and we can recommend him as worthy the confidence of those needing legal services.

Lewins beats the state for large assortment of men and boy's clothing, and he beats the world and all clothing stores in it for low prices. There's where you save from \$3 to \$8 on a suit of clothes.

J. W. Gephart, Esq., Governor Beaver's law partner, will go to London, England, during the approaching June as a delegate to the World's Young Men's Christian Association Convention to be held in the World's Metropolis at that time.

What the Philad. Branch does not have in the line of ready-made clothing, is not worth having. The spring stock now on the counters is immense and goes ahead of anything you ever saw. Lewins is King for low prices.

Adam Thomas of this place has the contract for erecting a barn on the farm of Mr. Brown, near Frederick, Md., on which J. B. Solt, late of this place, moved a few weeks ago. The large barn on this place was destroyed by fire a few days before Mr. Solt arrived there.

The largest and most complete line of suiting—now on exhibition on our counters—that have ever been shown by us. Suits made to order at the lowest prices. MONTGOMERY & Co., Tailors, Bellefonte.

Ex-postmaster Samuel Musser of Millheim, when Wanamaker gave him the bounce, talks of starting a match factory down in that burg. By throwing salt on an animal's tail, a common saying, you can catch it; by holding a bunch of lighted matches under the coat tail of Wanamaker our friend Musser might make it hot for him yet.

Give A. C. Mingle's shoestore a call, when in Bellefonte. He keeps the largest assortment of boots and shoes in the county, and warrants every pair too. All goods are latest styles, and suited for any occupation, from the finest to the coarsest makes. For low prices you will not miss it; there is no cheat in make-up; the quality is good, but you get the best, genuine leather.

## From Illinois.

MANHATTAN, Ill., April 15. ED. REPORTER: Allow me a small space in your valuable paper. I started from Bellefonte towards the setting sun in the spring of 1867, and at present am located at the above named place. We have the finest weather imaginable; the farmers sowed all their oats in March this year, and it is up now and growing nicely. Last year the crops were all fair; some of the oats was lodged and was difficult to harvest. Since oats was threshed last year the grain merchants at this point have taken in until recently, from 35 to 45 loads of grain per day. The stores are doing an immense amount of business. The flour factory has started and is booming. Probably you Pennsylvanians have never seen tile, and they are just the thing to make every foot of Sucker soil tillable.

Land sells from \$60 to \$80 per acre, according to improvements. Markets are as follows: corn, 29; oats, 26; butter, 29 to 32; eggs, 9; live poultry, 7 1/2 for chickens and 10 for turkeys; live hogs, \$4.25 per cwt; cattle, \$2 to \$3.25 per cwt; potatoes, \$6; clover seed, \$5.50. These prices compare very favorably with those of any other locality and together with good crops, makes this surely a land of peace and plenty.

ELIAS KLINGBERG. —Had a thunder shower Wednesday night. 15 cent Balbrigan Hosiery, for Ladies. Gorman's.

Booger received a new assortment of 10-cents collars, price from \$1 up.

Rev. Bearick, of Selingsgrove, has accepted a call from the Rebersburg Lutheran charge.

The new Lutheran church at Coburn will be dedicated May 19. Rev. Dr. Menges, of Philadelphia will officiate.

Get your boy a nice suit at Lewins and save a couple of dollars thereby. The largest and best assortment of spring suits, latest styles ever brot to Bellefonte. Lewins leads in ready-made clothing for men and boys.

The Centre Hall post office appointment has not yet been made, but the odds for several weeks have looked in the direction of soldier Brisbane, who has a strong war record to build upon, which none of his competitors has got. He was in the 148, Gov. Beaver's reg., and had been taken prisoner by the rebels.

In spite of all competition Lewins continues to take the lead in ready made clothing, low prices as well as quality of goods. He gets ahead of all, sells more than all, pleases all, and fits and suits all.

Robert McFarlane's hardware store in Bellefonte is headquarters for the celebrated Link Fence Wire. Having bought a car load before the recent advance in price, he is able to sell at very low rates. The link wire has stood the test of several years in our county and has proven first class in all respects. It is so easy to handle and put up and weighs a little less to the rod than any other. Write for prices.

Altoona has 'em as well as Centre Hall—not the measles, but mean fellows. The Tribune of that town, says: Men who stand in the way of improvement are to be found in every community, and there are some of these mossbacks in Altoona. They are willing to wallow in the mud if thereby they may save a few dollars which they can't take with them when they leave this world, and they want everybody else to be as mean, as close-fisted and as unprogressive as themselves.

Pittsburg Will Have 252 Saloons. PITTSBURG, April 23.—The announcement of liquor licenses granted (wholesale, retail, brewers and distillers) in Allegheny county has been made. Out of 1,361 applications only 252 licenses were granted. Last year 825 licenses were granted. Two years ago there were nearly 3,000 saloons in the county.

Prohibition Ejected in Connecticut. HARTFORD, Conn., April 19.—The house has refused to reconsider the vote by which the prohibitory constitutional amendment was rejected. The vote was 82 to 72.

A Son of Philip Felgelmassey Drowned. MARIETTA, Pa., April 9.—Loyou Felgelmassey, 19 years old, son of Col. Philip Felgelmassey, ex-United States consul to Demerara, was drowned in the Susquehanna here while trying to swim ashore from a boat. Haldeman, a brother, was rescued unconscious, but resuscitated.

A Broom Factory Burned. WILKESBARRE, April 9.—S. D. Goff's broom factory was burned last night. Loss on building, \$10,000; insurance, \$4,500; loss on stock, \$7,000; insurance, \$3,000.

The annual report of the State Mine Inspector of Ohio, shows that during 1888 the output of coal was 10,910,104 tons, and that Ohio has been passed by Illinois, the latter State having mined an excess of 974,242 tons. There are 429 mines in the State employing more than 10 men and 353 employing a less number. During the year 52 new mines were opened, 23 suspended and 14 worked out. The average time made by the miners during the year was 196 days, being a loss of 32 days as compared with 1887. The number of miners employed was 39,038, a gain of 161 over 1887.

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When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.