



HONORSTOCURTIN

OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE LEGISLATURE HONORED HIM.

Three Times Has the Legislature Paid Exceptional Honors to the Old War Governor.

In an article dwelling on the exceptional honors paid to Ex-Governor Curtin by the State Legislature, a writer in the Philadelphia Times states that the Pennsylvania Legislature has on several occasions paid entirely exceptional honors to Andrew G. Curtin. He is the only Governor of the State who has on any occasion received the unanimous commendation of the Legislature for his fidelity as an Executive, regardless of party lines, and that expression has been thrice repeated at different periods of his history.

After a service of six years as Governor of the State during the period of the intensest party passions, the Legislature passed a series of resolutions by unanimous vote in each branch on a call of the yeas and nays, highly commending him for his patriotism and statesmanship during the severe trials of civil war, and for his sympathetic care for those who had been bereaved by the conflict. The resolutions were offered in the House by Representative Ruddiman, the Republican leader, and in the Senate by Senator Wallace, who was then the leader of his party in both Senate and State. In the House 97 of the 100 members voted for the resolutions and the three not voting were absent from the body. In the Senate the vote of every Senator was recorded in the affirmative.

Again in 1869, when Curtin was appointed by President Grant as Minister to Russia, a joint resolution was passed by unanimous vote in both branches, thanking President Grant for the honor conferred upon the State and congratulating Governor Curtin as the recipient of the distinction. This resolution was transcribed in exquisite style and signed by every member of the Legislature. In all the records of State administrations there is no precedent to these exceptional honors to Governor Curtin.

There was eminent fitness, therefore, in the present Legislature on Friday last reflecting the universal affection for the venerable ex-Governor now close to four score years by welcoming him to the House, unanimously passing the resolution complimentary to him for his visit, and then adjourning the body to give its members an opportunity of paying their personal respects to the venerable and beloved War Governor of Pennsylvania. Those tributes could be the offspring only of the sincerest devotion to the most distinguished Governor the State has ever had, and the whole people of the Commonwealth, regardless of party affiliations, will rejoice at the exceptional honors paid to Governor Curtin in his retirement.

Three Men Drowned at Lock Haven.

A steam scow used in transporting fire clay from the Queen's run company mines to the works in Lock Haven capsized on Thursday afternoon near the middle of the river in a heavy gale of wind. Seven men were in the boat, three of whom were drowned. Those drowned were: Bud Reed, aged twenty, of Lock Haven; Fred Sinn, of Hazleton, and an unknown man who with Sinn had been fishing and took passage on the boat to ride to Lock Haven. None of the bodies have been recovered.

On a Lecturing Tour.

Prof. Chriswell, at the close of his term of school in Centre Hall in a few weeks, will go on a lecturing tour, taking as his subject the "Centre of the Keystone," and "Constitutional Prohibition," in which subjects he is proficiently versed. Dr. Jacobs is his business manager. The Prof. during his several vacations has visited all parts of the county and has familiarized himself with all points and details.

Swung to the Breeze.

Centre Hall has the daily signal service but since the novelty has worn off it is seldom that the flags are flying from the pole, but one day last week the forecast and announcement was hoisted and swung gaily to the breeze. The service is not dead, and the reports arrive daily, so lets have them.

Will Rebuild.

Squire Boal intends making some extensive improvements at the rear of his residence, beginning of next week. He is bound to have everything neatly and conveniently arranged.

Gene to Conference.

Rev. W. E. Fischer left Tuesday afternoon to attend the Conference of the Lutheran church, in session at Mazeppa, Union county. He will remain several days.

SEVENTY FEET OF BLACKSNAKES.

A Fairy Tale Sent Out From the Wilds of Snyder County.

On Monday last, while Miss Alta, daughter of Cornelius Bowersox, residing 2½ miles north west of Middleburgh, was out hunting dandelion she was almost paralyzed at the sight of ten big black snakes lying on the dead grass along a middle fence and almost at her feet, says the Middleburgh Post, of last week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Moses Steimling, and after taking a hasty survey of the horrible sight they hastened home and informed Mr. Bowersox, who with several other men started to kill the serpents. They found them still there and the slaughter began. They killed ten snakes. The shortest one measured 3½ feet and the longest 6½ feet. Three of the batch measured nine inches in circumference. They were about ready to return home when a little dog belonging to Moses Steimling attracted their attention by barking viciously at a hole in the ground. They procured a pick and shovel and dug after. After digging a short distance they came upon two more of the reptiles—both of extraordinary size. The little dog grabbed one in the middle and tried to shake her, but she was too heavy and in a jiffy she had herself wound around his body and was slowly crushing the life out of him. The reptile was still too stiff to accomplish her work quickly, and by the prompt interference of the men the courageous little fellow's life was saved. These two had excavated a neat den two feet under ground which was carpeted with soft leaves and grasses.

Thus twelve huge snakes had met their fate in a few minutes, and how many are left is hard to approximate, but Mr. Bowersox, who called on us Tuesday to give us these facts, informed us that for several years this patch of ground seemed to be alive with the reptiles and although the sight of them made him so sick that he couldn't eat his dinner, he would like to have an engagement of the same kind every day until all the reptiles were destroyed.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our brother and fellow worker in the Centre Hall Evangelical Sunday school, Mr. Michael Willow, and whereas, the cause of Christ has lost a faithful worker.

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, who doeth all things well in calling our associate from labor to reward.

Resolved, That we tender sympathy to the bereaved family and commend them to look to that source from which alone they can receive any comfort.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased, and be published in the CENTRE HALL REPORTER, and also be spread on the minutes of the Sunday school record.

JOHN DAUBERMAN.
EDWIN STUMP.
HARRY DINGES.

Committee.

Ice Water Drinkers.

People who know how to drink ice water are like all others who understand how to enjoy any luxury or refreshment. It is only the indiscreet indulgence in any luxury that injures those who do it. A glass of ice water when drunk with discretion and a care not to imbibe it when overheated or in perspiration injures no one. Discreet and careful people understand how to indulge in all refreshments, which taken under proper conditions and in guarded quantities are benefits.

First Car Ride at 87 Years.

Mrs. Mary Oval, of Caledonia, is aged eighty-seven years, and Tuesday, according to the DuBois Courier, she enjoyed her first ride in a railroad car. Her son-in-law with whom she makes her home was changing his residence and a part of the journey was made in the cars. Mrs. Oval has lived for over sixty years on Bennett's branch of the Sinnemahoning Creek.

Krupp's Gift to Chicago.

At the conclusion of the World's fair, the monster Krupp gun, the biggest piece of ordnance in the world, will be presented to Chicago by Henry Krupp and mounted in a fort off Hyde park, permission to build which was given to Colonel Robert T. Rea, of Chicago, by the secretary of war.

For Sale.

A desirable property situated in Centre Hall. Good dwelling house, stable, and outbuildings. Large lot of fruit on the lot. The property will be sold cheap and at a bargain. For further particulars inquire at the REPORTER office.

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A CRISIS PARRIED

THE PRESIDENT SAVES THE COUNTRY FROM A PANIC.

A Descendant of Columbus the Guest of the Nation.—Office Holders Who Turn Tail.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 24.—Christopher Columbus is in Washington. Not the discoverer of America, but his descendant, the Duke of Veragua, who is in America as the especially invited and honored guest of the United States for the purpose of attending the opening of the Columbian Exposition held in honor of his illustrious ancestor. The Duke and his party, in charge of Commander Dickens, U. S. N., who is detailed for the purpose of looking after the comfort of the party, arrived here late Saturday evening, and went at once to the hotel at which a magnificent suite of thirteen rooms had been engaged for them, and over which the Spanish flag will fly during their stay in this city. Yesterday they attended divine service at St. Matthews church, and this afternoon a special reception was held in their honor by President Cleveland, and tonight a musical entertainment at the residence of Senator Brice. To-morrow will be devoted to the sights of the National Capital, including historic Mount Vernon, and Wednesday the Ducal party will go to New York with President Cleveland, Mrs. Cleveland and the cabinet, where they will see the great naval review from the deck of the U. S. S. Dolphin. The Duke and his wife and daughter express themselves as being delighted with America and with the more than cordial reception which has been given them in New York and Washington, the only two cities they have yet visited.

Prompt and decisive action on the part of President Cleveland and his cabinet carried the country safely through what at one period of last week looked very much like a dangerous financial crisis. The free gold was exhausted and the continued demand for gold for export brought the administration face to face with the question of whether bonds should be sold or a portion of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve fund should be used to redeem notes presented to the Treasury. Under the law gold might have been refused for Treasury notes, they being payable in coin, but as it had been the practice of the department to redeem these notes with gold it was thought that it might have a bad effect to discontinue the practice just now, so it was decided to use a portion of the reserve fund, and \$3,000,000 of it was used; but it was only for a single day. Now, the Treasury has replaced what it used from the fund and has, besides, enough gold to meet all demands, for the present at least. Public opinion, as represented in Washington, is with President Cleveland in the belief that so long as there is known to be more than \$700,000,000 in gold in the United States, there is no necessity for the government to sell bonds to procure gold, and as for using a part of the gold reserve fund to redeem notes, that is precisely what that fund was accumulated for, and many prominent democrats do not hesitate to say that it should be used, if necessary, until it becomes apparent that it will be exhausted, before bonds should be issued. The present indications are that the treasury will soon have plenty of gold, as bankers, particularly in the West and South, are placing their gold at its disposal, and visitors to the World's Fair will soon turn a stream of European gold our way.

Ex-congressman Vance, of Connecticut, while on a flying visit to Washington, dropped some pleasant democratic news concerning his state, which, although regularly casting its electoral vote for a democrat, has been unable for a long period to send a democrat to the U. S. Senate. Mr. Vance says the legislature to be elected this year will be democratic, and his friends add, "his name will be Bob Vance."

The weather has been unusually cool this spring, but there is no comparison between the weather and the action of republicans now holding federal offices in various states, in writing letters to the heads of the departments under which they are, asking that they be allowed to remain in office. Even such a pronounced partisan politician as the notorious Webster Flannagan, now collector of customs at El Paso, Texas, has written asking that he be kept in office. Evidently Flannagan is of the same mind now concerning the holding of federal office that he was almost a score of years ago when he started a National Republican Convention, to which he was a delegate, when the same subject was up, by asking: "What are we here for?" It is probable that he will soon learn what the democratic administration is here for, and the knowledge will hardly please him over much.

Hon. T. F. Bayard, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, will start for London on May 20th. He has been, while in Washington, the recipient of unusual courtesies and attentions from Sir Julian Paucote, the British ambassador.

No More Baggage Smashing.

It will be a decided comfort to tourists who travel with trunks to learn that the railway authorities have issued an order which makes obligatory on baggage handlers to deal more mercifully with the trunks entrusted to them. Trunk making ingenuity has been taxed to its utmost to effect the building of a trunk for travelers that would withstand the shamefully abusive treatment usually given the receptacles in which the clothing and other valuable matters belonging to travelers are usually contained. But the effort has proved a dead failure. Trunk masters have of course not been to blame for this, neither have they been finding fault with this trunk smashing business. It is money in their pockets all the time and they know it. Their business has prospered greatly and largely at the expense of the traveling public.

Those who have taken the trouble to note the manner in which trunks are generally handled by baggage men at railroad stations and in cars cannot but have felt exasperated at the utter lack of care displayed by the smashers. That, as we understand it, is to be done away with. It should never have been allowed. But as the past cannot be recalled, there will be a general vote of thankfulness from those who have hitherto been sufferers that there will be no repetition of such tricks upon travelers, and that in the future a good trunk will in all probability be found in fit condition for a second jaunt.

Patent Fence.

Jacob Lee has secured the agency for the territory of Centre county for an improved patent wire fence and has already secured a great many orders for same to put up on farms in this vicinity. A specimen of the fence was erected by the railroad company along their tracks at the picnic ground and is said by those who have had experience in that line, to be the best yet put upon the market. It has withstood the severe storms of the past winter and is a decided improvement upon all other makes. The fence is handsome in appearance and besides this is substantial and serviceable.

The County Full of Them.

Slick and oily tongued rascals are abroad all through the state endeavoring to secure the signature of farmers and others to papers, which afterwards turn up as promissory notes. It is wise only to deal with men with whom you are acquainted and thus avoid being swindled. Patent fence, hay forks, etc., are the games worked, and instances are every day cited in which farmers signed their names to moment contracts which afterwards turn up as promissory notes. A safeguard is to sign no paper whatever for a stranger.

Implement Agents.

The valley is full of implement agents, representing different firms in the manufacture of farming implements. The agents are all pushing their claims to handling the best and most improved machines on the market. The busy farmer is hampered not a little by the boys and he can always count on devoting a considerable portion of his valuable time to the men.

A Large Crop.

People who have carried large quantities of preserved fruit over from last autumn's preserving will do well to eat what they still possess, as the crops of berries and fruit are expected to be unusually large the coming summer, which will be a period of preserving in large amounts it will not be profitable to carry over old preserves through another season when the prospect of large fruit crops are so certain of being realized as they are at present.

Sixty-two People Killed.

Two distinct cyclones, a terrific hail storm and a waterspout, combined to wreak awful destruction in the newly built towns in Oklahoma Tuesday night. It is reported that sixty-two human lives were sacrificed. It is positive that forty were killed, while several were fatally and scores seriously injured. The damage to property is incalculable.

Streams High.

The streams in the county are very high at present and are full to overflowing. The spring rains and melting of snow on the mountains is attributed as the cause. High water is preventive of good trout fishing and the water must take a drop before the fish can be coaxed out.

READY TO OPEN

THE FAIR TO BE FORMALLY OPENED ON MONDAY.

An Army of Men Hard at Work Getting the World's Fair in Shape To Be Opened On Monday.

On Monday last marked the beginning of the last week before the opening of the World's Fair, and notwithstanding the serious delays occasioned by the bad weather of last week, the managers are promising to have things in presentable shape by next Monday. Under no circumstances will the opening be postponed. It was said on Monday that with sunshine, a little higher temperature and an army of 15,000, wonders may be accomplished in a week. What now seems to be a hopeless chaos of mud and building debris, can be transferred into a beautiful garden. The roadways can be cleaned up and made passable, the waste acres turned into green lawns and every unsightly vestige of two years of toil removed. All this and more will be accomplished provided the weather holds good.

As to the interior work of the fair, the outlook is not quite so hopeless. No one will now pretend to say that the great show will be entirely completed by the first of May. Installation of exhibits may go on day and night and yet much will remain to be done a week hence. It is a physical impossibility to get everything in readiness in the short time remaining.

For this the exhibitors themselves are chiefly to blame. They have in many instances delayed their part of the work until the very last moment and so find themselves behind the procession. They cannot plead ignorance as an excuse as the Director General has been urging them to hurry for the last two or three months.

Nevertheless the fair will open next Monday, while probably it will not be completed in all its details, will beyond all doubt, be a great exhibition, with more objects of interest installed in the buildings and grounds than can be seen in a month of sight seeing.

The Liberty Bell En Route to Chicago.

The Liberty bell is en route to Chicago where it will take a prominent position at the World's Fair. It left Philadelphia on Monday morning by special train over the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the train was stopped at Sunbury, Williamsport and Lock Haven, at which places public demonstrations were held and thousands allowed the privilege of getting a glimpse at the national relic. The special train will be run via Erie to Chicago, and at all principal towns and cities along the route stops will be made.

The Buyers of Green Goods GUILTY.

Judge Phillips, of the United States Circuit Court, at Springfield, Ill., has decided that an individual who buys or offers to buy "green goods" is equally guilty with the seller of the same. A prosecution of these would-be purchasers is about to begin in Missouri, and three thousand letters are in the hands of the law officers from persons in that State and Arkansas, making inquiries and offers for this class of merchandise.

A Tale.

An exchange tells the story of a boy who was sent to market with a sack of roasted ears and after lingering around town all day, came home without selling them. When his mother asked him why he had not sold the corn he said that no one had asked him what was in the sack. There are many merchants like that boy. They have plenty of goods but they fail to tell the people what they have in their sack.

Sewing Wanted.

Mrs. T. C. Hosterman, who has lately located in Centre Hall, wishes to inform the ladies of Centre Hall that she will do sewing for them, going out by the day, or doing same at her home. Having had years of experience in that line, she asks for a share of the public patronage, guaranteeing satisfaction.

For Sheriff.

John P. Cysco, of Gregg, announces his name in this issue for sheriff, and also has a brief word of explanation to the Democracy in a card.

Public Sale.

George Miss' sale of personal property comes off on Saturday afternoon, near Tusseyville.

For Sale.

A large lot of good mason stones. Apply at this office.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, take the lead in suits for men and boys. Nothing quite so stylish or better made. Call and be convinced.

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What They are Doing.

In the house at Harrisburg, the following bills were passed finally on Tuesday:

Constituting Jefferson county as a separate judicial district, and providing for the election of a president judge thereof.

Detaching the county of Lebanon from the twelfth judicial district, and erecting the same into a separate judicial district.

Providing that voters in this commonwealth shall cast their ballots at polling places inside the election district in which they are domiciled, and making it the duties of the courts of common pleas and the sheriffs of the several counties to carry out the provisions of the same.

Providing for monthly returns and payments, by county and city officers, of moneys received by them for the use of the commonwealth.

Authorizing applicants for liquor license to get bondsmen in any part of the county.

To protect contractors, subcontractors, laborers and persons furnishing material to railroad companies in the construction of their railroads. The claims of such persons are given priority over other debts of a railroad. A railroad contracting with a contractor known to be insolvent is made liable for such contractor's debts.

Relating to the private sale of real estate in assignments for the benefit of creditors. This bill permits private sales where in the opinion of the court such sale would be more advantageous to creditors than public ones.

Empowering foreign manufacturing corporations to acquire and hold real estate necessary for the purposes of their business.

Limiting the liability of poor districts to a period of ten days after the issuance of a relief order.

Relating to costs in criminal prosecutions, limiting the amount to be allowed on separate bills of indictment in any one prosecution.

Farmers' Sons.

Many a farmer has become discouraged that his sons are seemingly dissatisfied with farm life. May this not be the fault of the education he has given them? They should be given considerable more, at least sufficient for them to realize that a farm offers them much better opportunities for their brains, their grit and their education than they can find anywhere else. To be a good farmer one cannot have too much education—the more one has the better farmer will he be. This is an age of education; no man can make much success in any calling he may choose unless he has an education and a good deal of it. The more he has, the greater will be his chances for the highest success.

The Ball Passed through His Hat.

A party of Snyder county boys serenaded a newly married couple a few days ago a short distance west of Middleburgh, and they were met with a torrent of abuse from the bride, but they kept up the racket when a rifle was fired into the crowd of serenaders and one of them dropped. Examination showed that the ball passed through the boy's hat and grazed his head. As it was Snyder county narrowly escaped another murder trial to grace the annals of its history.

Expensive Fishing.

Up in Warren county they have a Fish and Game Protective Association that is something more than a name. The other day some of the members caught several pirates in the act of exploding dynamite in the river for the purpose of killing fish, and they promptly arrested the pirates. Taken before a magistrate the principal offender was fined \$58.50, which was a pretty costly price for that kind of fishing.

A Leader.

Since its first introduction, Electric Bitters has gained rapidly in popular favor, until now it is clearly in the lead among pure medicinal tonics and alteratives—containing nothing which permits its use as a beverage or intoxicant, it is recognized as the best and purest medicine for all ailments of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys.—It will cure Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, and drive Malaria from the system. Satisfaction guaranteed with each bottle or the money will be refunded. Sold by J. D. Murray.

THIS is a gala week for New York—the big war ships of the world are parading in her harbor, in commemoration of the discovery of America, 400 years ago.

—Clothing of the finest grade and all prices, the stock a specialty.—C. P. Long & Co.

—Boots and shoes a specialty at C. P. Long's, Spring Mills.

—C. P. Long & Co. can save you 25 percent on dishes. An unparalleled bargain.