

American Volunteer.

CARLISLE, PA. Thursday, May 2, 1879.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

There are alarming rumors of another war between Germany and France.

The Indiana county court refused all applications for whisky license at its last session.

General T. C. McFerran, U. S. A., chief quartermaster of the Division of the South, died suddenly at headquarters, Louisville.

The town of McClure in Snyder Co., was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday last. It consisted of a saw mill worth \$5,000.

A FASHIONABLE wedding came off at the Cathedral, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, at which the new custom of having no attendants except ushers was introduced.

The Patriot says the school expenses of Harrisburg for the past ten months, according to the statement of the Treasurer, have been about \$80,000.

HERE it comes: A family in Pittsfield have already engaged rooms in Philadelphia, more than four years ahead, for the grand centennial celebration.

A MAN in Missouri recently, by mistake, ran away with his own wife. She was disgraced in a fancy ball-room costume, and he did not recognize her for some time.

In Mississippi, hundreds of horses and mules are dying from the attacks of the "buffalo gnats," and the farmers in some places are unable to cultivate their crops for want of teams.

A PHILADELPHIA belle took seven premiums at a Fair held in that city. She is now making observations through the lattice windows of Moyamensing for talking sport.

WILLIAMSPORT has gone mad over "mud dogs." The unfortunate canines have to choose between a shot gun and a wire nose.

THE Supreme Court of Missouri has refused to issue a mandamus to compel the State to pay its matured bonds in coin. The court holds that it cannot go behind the action of the Legislature ordering their payment in currency.

ALMOST the entire town of Shanokin was destroyed by fire on Monday of last week. Fourteen families were rendered homeless and over ninety thousand dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Mrs. WILKINSON is about to be tried for the attempt to murder Van Ness. She is represented as in very precarious health. It would do the State some service if it could publish her obituary.

BLACK BASIN—It will be cheering news to fishermen to be told that these fish put into the Codorus, are rapidly increasing. A number of small ones have been caught within a few days.—York Penna.

An explosion occurred last week at Dupont's powder mills, near Wilmington on Delaware, resulting in the death of one man and seriously injuring another. The accident was caused by the powder igniting while the machinery was being closed.

ONE day last week a lady residing on Lawley, above Linden street, Allentown, gave birth to a child having a hand entirely useless. Otherwise the baby, a boy, is perfectly formed, stout and healthy.

It seems the worst of financial folly to spend money in printing the Alabama case when everybody knows that the Administration is making its arrangements to back down. If we have got to take the track, let us do it without unnecessary expense.

A MAGician was displaying his powers in a Theatre town for days, and introduced the familiar trick of pretending to load a pistol and then allowing a spectator to fire at him.—The spectator, not to be outdone in slight-of-hand, managed to drop a bullet in the barrel, and killed the luckless exhibitor of hand.

Dr. Wm. HEWES, an English miser, aged 84, was found dead in his room at San Francisco, Sunday last. In the room, which had not been swept for fourteen years, the sum of \$12,000 (\$20,000 in English money was discovered).

At Pittsburg, on Saturday, the wife of a cattle broker, named Peter Weiss, was found in a dying condition, with her throat cut. She was unable to speak, but on being asked for the name of her husband, she said "John." He was arrested.

At the last session of the Legislature the correspondence of the members was so extensive that it required over a hundred dollars worth of stamps for each one. The Press inquires: "If a man would cheat the people in some matter as this, what would he do in greater things?" He would sack them if he had the chance.

The late Sarah C. Lewis, spinster of Braintree, Mass., by her will gives to one Elizabeth J. Josselyn the use of house and land as long as she lives, honors, and cherishes the cats said spinster left. On the death of, not Mrs. Josselyn, but the cats, the property goes to the Universal Society.

FRED SHERMAN'S SURVIVAL.—Dr. Paul Shopp, who was convicted at Carlisle, Pa., in 1869 of the murder, by poison, of Miss Maria Steinbecke, an aged and wealthy lady of this city, who was his patient, has lately brought suit in the Superior Court against her estate for \$4,000, the amount of a promissory note, alleged to have been given him just previous to her death.—Balt. Sun.

AN EXTENSIVE MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENT BURNED.—HARRISBURG, April 25.—Every building of the Harrisburg Manufacturing Company's extensive works is in ashes. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. The loss is estimated at \$200,000, with an insurance of \$125,000. Over five hundred hands were employed by the company. The Superintendent announces that work will be commenced on new buildings immediately, and that all the workmen will be employed. The losses to private buildings in the vicinity foot up about \$5,000.

INDEPENDENT ACTION—A GOOD SIGN.

At least one-half the Republican papers in this State are open in their opposition to the Ring candidate for Governor, Hartman, and several also oppose the "rooster" Allen, (who has such an unenviable reputation as State Senator), and who was nominated by the same influence for Auditor-General.

With Hartman as Governor, Allen as Auditor-General, and Evans or some one else to collect millions of dollars due the State, the Ring politicians would feel happy indeed, but they could then plunder the people with perfect impunity. To defeat these corrupt politicians should be the object of every man who has the interest of the people and State at heart, and we rejoice, therefore, from the most insignificant taken by scores of the most influential Republican papers against the conspirators. It must be plain to every one from the day of its organization to the present time has been run in the interest of Simon Cameron and the little ring of men acting as his lieutenants.—They have monopolized the entire political patronage of the State, have gobbled up all "jobs," and with a selfishness and greed unparalleled, have ostracized and discomfited every man who did not belong to their ring.

The nomination of Hartman against the protest of the vast majority of the Republicans of the State, is another evidence of the determination of Cameron to use the party for his own purposes, or, if he cannot do that, he is willing to see it go to pieces. Without a particle of political principle himself, he has made up his mind to rule or ruin.

We repeat then, that we rejoice to see the better portion of the Republican papers of this State assert their independence, and for once defy the corruptionists who have so long used the party for their own selfish purposes. It is a good sign, and hereafter it should be the duty of all thoughtful papers of whatever party, to make it upon had nominations and corrupt men. Let men who are notoriously connected with political rings, organized for the purpose of robbery, and who procure nominations by a lavish expenditure of money, be opposed and defeated, without regard to what professions they make, or to what party they pretend to belong. It is time that the press, until the last few years was considered the protector and defender of the people's rights, occupy a more independent stand hereafter. The cry of "party," "respectful notice," "usage," &c., has fostered many a rascal into a position. The people are getting tired of this clap-net and will be invigorated no longer. They want an independent press—a press to speak out against bad men—and they want good men for candidates. Let them have both.

The Chamberlain in Search of a "Ubrator." As the chamberlain, when she is about being turned out of her place for misconduct, goes about among those who know her, asking for certificates of good character, the Grant administration, it seems, has been about among its friends seeking certificates of its good character. According to the New York Tribune, the Radical members of the House of Representatives have been called upon respectively for a certificate, with the following result:—The details of which are given by the Tribune:

The whole number of signers was 74, a little more than half the Republican strength in the House. There were probably about a dozen or twenty absent, and the whole project was, in fact, absolutely failed, and it is doubtful if even thirty names could now be obtained in Congress to support the Ring candidate. The names of those who have signed are as follows:—The names of those who have signed are as follows:—

What an exhibition—the head of the Republican party, like a chambermaid, going about among its subordinates in search of a "character." What a dignified, proud, and high-minded course of action on the part of the President of the United States! There is not in the past, we know—there is not in the future, we hope—any parallel to this degradation of the Chief Magistracy of the Union.

More FEDERAL USURPATION.—How true it is that "power is daily stealing from the many to the few," and with what eagerness the Federal Government is seeking to usurp the powers of the individual States. Twenty years ago if a member of Congress had dared to hazard a proposition like the following, he would have been hurled from his place and consigned to merited oblivion:—

It is now proposed by the Republican members of Congress to pass an appropriation bill for this State, and not having declined to sign the one passed by the Legislature. The members of Congress from this State are anxious for such a bill. The legislation desired has never before been attempted by Congress, but they have been of opinion of some of the oldest lawyers in the House, among them Judge Mercur, now a candidate for the Supreme Court of this State, that the proposed action is clearly within the scope of the constitutional authority of Congress. The opinion is founded on the clause of the Constitution which provides that "times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed by each State or by the Legislature thereof, but Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing senators."

One of the accusations most frequently brought against the Romanians in connection with the persecution of the Jews is that when their troops have crossed the Israelites through the streets on their way to a place of refuge the rabble have been permitted to jeer and ill treat the objects of their rage. This was shown, but it is not to be borne in mind that the Romanians can scarcely rank as an entirely civilized people.

The Charleston papers say that the k-klux prisoners who are daily passing from the jail to the United States Court House in that city, under the charge of the Federal authorities, are usually followed by crowds of colored men and women who yell at and jeer them sometimes hurling bricks as well as verbal missiles at the unfortunate victims of their wrath, many of whom have been arrested without warrant on mere suspicion. It is said that the United States Marshals in charge of the prisoners make no attempt to protect them from these indignities.

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WM. HARTMAN, of Bedford, is favorably spoken of by a number of our exchanges as the proper man to receive the nomination for Auditor-General by the Cincinnati Convention. We know Mr. H. well, and it gives us pleasure to endorse him as a good man in every respect. He is "honest and capable," and very popular in the Western counties. Make him the nominee of our party, and he will be elected triumphant, and the State will have for Auditor-General a man of superior capacity and integrity.

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