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NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Memphis has female lamp-lighters, with boys to hold the ladder

—Jacksonville, Fla., has been visited by 20,000 strangers this year.

—Pleuro Pneumonia is rapidly spreading about Newark, N. J.

—A woman in La Crosse, Wis., paid the fine imposed on her husband for flogging her.

—A powerful revolution is organizing in San Domingo.

—Garroters are operating in Erie, and very boldly, too.

—Major General David H. Vinton, of the United States army, is dead.

—The world, it is estimated, has 1,000 different religions, and speaks 8,612 languages.

—Texas has 3,000,000 cattle ready to be converted into beef.

—Mrs. Harkness, of Spurgeon's congregation, in London, teaches a Bible class of 900 women.

—One thousand head of cattle are sent weekly from the United States to Cuba.

—Geo. Etzlar, near Beavertown, brought down three crows at one shot, the other day.

—The army expenditures in Great Britain for the fiscal year 1873-74 are estimated at $69,157,950.

—Small-pox is raging about Richfield, Juniata county, and two cases recently proved fatal.

—The Lochiel iron works at Harrisburg resumed operations on the 25th ult.

—Brigham Young's one hundred and seventeenth child has "arisen to call him blessed."

—It is proposed to add the nice sum of $150,000 to the annual allowance of the Prince of Wales.

—An old woman died lately at La Salle, Ill., aged 73 years, who had survived ten husbands.

—A man was frozen to death at Archbald Luzerne county, on Tuesday night of last week.

—Benjamin Franklin, it is said, published the first American Masonic book.

—Thos. H. Chandler, of Kennet Square, Chester county, has, by the recent decease of a relative, fallen heir to $200,000.

—Edward Donachy, of Northumberland, was committed to prison on the 6th for cruelly beating a dog.

—The central edifice of the royal military academy at Woolwich, England, has been burned.

—A young Irish girl in Jacksonville, Ill., has refused $100 for her hair. It reaches the floor when she stands erect.

—Lake Michigan, at Milwaukee, is about 85 miles broad, and is entirely covered with ice, varying in thickness from one to twelve feet.

—Daniel Smith, of Beaver twp., Snyder co., went to the woodpile for the purpose of cutting wood. A short time afterwards some of his family found him stretched out cold in death.

—A strong effort is being made to induce Congress to appropriate money enough to finish the Washington monument at Washington city.

—In the Maine House of Representatives, a bill passed by a vote of 61 to 59, giving women the right to vote.

—A stock company for the purpose of manufacturing cheese is being formed in Greenfield, Erie county. The stock is nearly all raised.

—Hand organs are hereafter to be strictly prohibited in the streets of Baltimore, together with all other vocal and instrumental noises calculated to draw a crowd.

—A Western shoemaker threw a box of matches at a cat, and started a cat-astrophe which resulted in a $40,000 conflagration.

—Five hundred and thirty women in the United States are doctors, twenty-four are dentists, five lawyers, and sixty-eight preachers.

—Theodore Blitz, youngest son of Signor Blitz, died in Philadelphia, on Friday, of consumption, aged 27 years. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

—Two men were kicked at one and the same time by the same horse, in Phœnixville, a few days ago, while attending a funeral.

—By the forthcoming report of the Northumberland County Auditors, Thos. T. Buck, Collector of Taxes for Coal twp., is a defaulter in the sum of $3,102 26.

—Luigi Lanlignani, on trial at Morristown, N. J., for the murder of Johanna Mossi, whom he claimed to be his wife, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.

—Nearly sixty thousand squares of roofing slate were shipped from Slatington during 1872. Twenty-two thousand cases of school slates were sent away from the same locality during the same time.

—Some county prisons employ their inmates in carpet weaving, etc. Chester county convicts earned over $8,00 last year

—A German in Buffalo fell into a beer vat, the other day, and was drowned. He drank as hard as he could to save himself and would have succeeded had not a floating cork choked him.

—An Iowa man demanded $5,000 from a neighbor slandering him, but after sitting down and counting the cost, and reckoning up the probabilities, concluded to compromise the suit for $25 cash.

—The Hartford *Post* says:—"In the introduction of postal cards we are behind England, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Spain, Portugal, and Greece, and all and of the Modocs."

—Col. James P. Coburn lately sold 400 acres of timber land situated on Pine Creek, Hayne township, Centre county, to Mr. Pardee for $15,000.

—A company of young Luzerne scamps the other day broke into a house, took an old lady of sixty-five years of age out, and sat her down in the snow. Hightened amusement.

—Geo. W. Noedle of North Codorus township, York county, has found silver and copper on his farm. The easyists pronounce it good.

—The Auburn *News* states that Miss Anna Dickinson is about to wed a distinguished young member of the press of New York.

—The old maids over in Jersey, who have no husbands to stick their feet against on cold nights, use a piece of hickory wood heated before the fire and wrapped in a piece of flannel.

—Mrs. Mary Bendon, of Gallitzen township, Cambria county, died recently, at the advanced age of 103 years.

—The supreme court of Massachusetts has decided that the Medical Society has the right to expel homœopathic doctors.

—The President has given up his Southern trip on account of the extra session of the Senate, and the consequent business thereto.

—Not a rat has been seen in the livery stables in Lancaster since the epizootic first made its appearance among the horses.

—The Midland Railroad Company in England has made a contract with the Pullman Car Company to supply that road with the American style of drawing-room and sleeping coaches.

—Pennsylvania has an area of 46,000 square miles; a population of 3,500,591; an assessed valuation of $1,319,235,042; number of miles of railroad, 5,113.

—The shot with which Laura Fair killed Crittenden, almost as suddenly turned white the hair of a daughter of the deceased. The young lady is but twenty years old.

—A pig-jobber of Tralee, Ireland, rightly named Savage, was lately discovered in the act of tearing the flesh with his teeth from the arms and shoulders of his old mother. He had knocked her down and broken several of her bones before beginning to eat her. He was in liquor, and is in jail.

—An Omaha man desiring to get rid of his mother-in-law at very short notice, induced her to spread nitro-glycerine on her back to cure lumbago, and then apply a hot flat-iron. At the latest accounts they had sent into an adjoining county to try to get enough of the woman together to hold an inquest over her.

A young man in Detroit, Michigan, had the misfortune to cut his foot badly while splitting wood on the morning of the day set for his marriage; but the bride, learning that he could not leave the house, came to him, and they were married at his home, as he sat comfortably in a chair.

—The Virginia Conference of the United Brethren Church, which was recently in session at Hagerstown, decided to enter upon active co-operation with other Conferences in supporting the Lebanon Valley College, at Annville.

—A boy of six years, son of Conrad Volmer, of East Mauch Chunk, was killed while crossing a street, last week, by several coasting sleighs knocking him down and one of them striking him a severe blow on the head. The unfortunate little fellow was defeated and could not endure such violence.

—Lizzie Rogers, of Williamsport, Pa., is said the best female book-keeper in the U. S. Treasury at Washington. She has been made eligible to an $1-00 clerkship. She was taught book-keeping by her father.

WHO WILL LEAD THEM NOW?

Radical editors who have so long been in the habit of regaling their readers with fulsome eulogies of their leaders, are in a bad way just now.—Most of these leaders have been found guilty by the people, if not by Congress, of stealing and perjury. It has been one of the tactics of these editors to be constantly reminding the people that such men as Colfax, Wilson, Logan, Harlan, Patterson, Ames, Ben Butles, Kelley, Scofield, Dawes, Garfield, Bingham and Hooper were paragons of virtue and honor, and therefore the proper men for the American people to confide in. Not only were credulous people made believe that they disinterested patriots, but most of them were "christian statesmen," who went about doing good after their heroic public duties had been discharged. They were the leaders of the "God and morality party," and being such, if *they* could endorse Grant and whiskey, why should the unwashed hesitate? Such were the arguments in the last campaign. But alas, alas! These very men, these leaders and "christian statesmen" have, every mother's son of them, been found guilty of stealing, and some of them—Colfax, Henry Wilson, Kelley, Scofield and others—have not only lied most outrageously, but they have sworn to these lies, thus adding perjury to theft. If justice could overtake them, they would all be sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The House has whitewashed these unblushing scoundrels—Ames and Brooks receiving a mild censure, and Kelley and his confederates in crime escape altogether. But this makes no difference, for the people, knowing the character of the late House, are not the least surprised at the result. The resolution to censure Kelley, Scofield, Hooper, Dawes, Garfield and Bingham was defeated—yeas 75, nays 117. But the PEOPLE outside of a corrupt Congress, have made up *their* verdict against these bribe-receivers, and that verdict is, GUILTY. Let the execrations of all honest men be hurled against the one hundred and seventeen members who dared in the face of positive evidence, attempt to screen and whitewash a set of villains who have disgraced the country and fleeced it of millions of dollars. Not only are the members who voted against the resolution of censure deserving of everlasting contempt, but those cowards who absented themselves are equally at fault. They are all parties to a crime, and they should all sink into the same political grave.

And now that this scandal, this great farce and National disgrace has been ventilated, what will become of the Radical party? What will the party do for leaders? They have scarcely a public man left who is not under suspicion, and we venture the assertion that Grant is the greatest culprit of them all. If members of Congress were paid thousands of dollars for their votes, how much was Grant paid for signing the infamous Bills that had been bribed through Congress? If there is anything that Grant is distinguished for it is love of money. A few years ago he arrived at Washington a beggar, the very uniform on his back having been paid for by the voluntary aid of friends. Now he is worth his millions, with every relation he has on earth quartered upon the government. There is not a corrupt ring in the country that he has not aided and encouraged, and like Vice President Wilson, he sometimes carries on his peculations through "my wife." Ah, we are a disgraced nation; the world is pointing the finger of scorn at the American eagle, and we must hang our heads in shame and remain quiet, for we can make no defense. God grant that the people may now get their eyes open to the enormities of this Radical Credit-Mobilier party. If they don't, then farewell to our republican institutions; farewell to a democratic form of government. It has been a failure.

DURING the late Presidential campaign, the Democrats and Liberals fought the battle under the banner of reform. In order to prove their sincere desire for an honest administration of the government, the Democracy deliberately nominated and supported for the highest office in the gift of the people, a life-long political opponent, whose only difference from his party consisted in his aversion to its illiberal policy and the corruptions of its leaders. But no sooner did Horace Greeley become the candidate of the Democratic and Liberal Reformers, than the administration press denounced him and his cause, denied the corruptions charged against the Radical leaders, and sneered at the alleged necessity for a reformation in the civil service.

But now that the election is over, and Greeley is dead all is changed. The thin veil which disguised the iniquity of the Radical leaders is rent, their political dishonesty and moral obliquity appear in all their naked hideousness, and while Greeley, whose sensitive nature sank under their bitter and unjust reproaches, is canonized in the hearts of the people, his principal slanderers are the subjects of popular execration.

This is HISTORY. Let it be so written down and remembered, to the eternal shame of the Radical party.

THE New York *Evening Post*, an administration paper, has the manliness to say that "Democratic newspapers do not spare Mr. Brooks because he is a Democrat. This is only one of the encouraging signs that partisanship must give place to propriety in public life."

Now this we believe is strictly true, for we do not know of a single Democratic paper that has ever essayed to defend Brooks, the only Democratic member of Congress implicated in the Credit Mobilier swindle. Still, we cannot, nor do we pretend to claim any special credit for the Democratic press on account of the position it has taken in this matter, for it has simply performed its duty. But how is it with the very many papers of that party which claims to represent all the morality and piety of the country, and which have most earestly and persistently defended, and in some instances attempted to justify the course of Colfax, Wilson, Kelley, Dawes and the other Radical rascals who belonged to the Congressional Credit Mobilier ring Let the people judge between them, and say which is worthy of their confidence.

MORE HUMILIATION FOR OUR DISTRICT.

The men who twice forced Richard J. Haldeman upon the people of this Congressional District, after his emphatic rejection by the Democrats of Cumberland at the primary elections, should hang their heads in shame if they ever felt shame. His first nomination — nomination, indeed! — was procured by direct bribery of Delegates in the Cumberland county Convention, and his last was forced by York and Perry counties after Cumberland had again repudiated him in a most signal manner. We think we can say this with perfect truth—R. J. Haldeman is the only man in Cumberland county (if Cumberland county man he can be called,) who would, for a moment, attempt to force himself upon a party or people, after that party, at its primary elections, had so emphatically refused to endorse his pretentions and wishes. We repeat, that we doubt if there is another man in our county, white or black, whose brazen impudence would prompt him to thus act.

Mr. Haldeman's second and last term in Congress expired on Monday last. Thanks for that! During his entire four years he has been worse than a blank in Congress. Seldom in his seat, he appeared to take no part in the proceedings of the House, except when he was in a condition to incapacitate him for an intelligent discharge of his duties. On a dozen or more occasions he has brought disgrace upon our District, and we say again that those who accepted his money and forced him upon our people after they had rejected him at the primary elections, should feel a humiliation such as they never felt before. It should convince them that bribery, corruption, fraud and deception may force a man upon a people against their protest, but that humiliation and disgrace will certainly follow.

But, we are digressing. A few days previous to the *sine die* adjournment of Congress—on Wednesday of last week—when the Report of the Bribery Committee was before the House for discussion, our hilarious Member considered it his privilege and perhaps his duty, to make a speech, and he made it. We quote from the official proceedings as we find them reported in the Philadelphia *Day*, viz:

"At a quarter to twelve the Speaker announced the special order to be the resolutions reported from the Poland Committee for the expulsion of Oakes Ames and James Brooks.

At this point Richard J. Haldeman, of Pennsylvania, made his appearance in front of the Speaker's stand in a beastly state of intoxication, smoking a cigar, and endeavoring to get the attention of the Speaker.

While he stood there Henry D. Foster, Sam'l. S. Cox and other Democrats tried to persuade him to go to his seat, but he kept smoking his cigar and calling aloud "Mr. Speaker."

At last the Speaker inquired, "For what purpose does the gentleman from Pennsylvania rise?"

Haldeman began a speech, and finally said he wished the floor cleared. The Speaker ruled that he was too late in making the point of order, and some of Haldeman's friends got him out of the Hall."

"GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH!"

Of all the Congresses that ever assembled in the United States, or outside of the bad place, none has exceeded, or even made the least approach to the one just expired, for downright venality, rascality, and robbery of the people. All the vices incident to corrupt legislative bodies seem to have concentrated themselves in this body of bad men. Nearly the whole of the last two months of the late session, were occupied in selecting investigating committies, out of one half of Congress, to try the other half, for having either accepted bribes, to influence their action, or given bribes to secure their own election. And when incontestible evidence on convicting facts were given, the sole object of such investigating committee was to whitewash mystify or extenuate the crime. They dared not recommend anything savoring of punishment, for the reason that these committees feel that they are themselves as guilty as those whose conduct they were investigating, and fear that they, themselves, from judges, may become culprits at any minute that Oakes Ames sees fit to look into his terrible "memorandum book." Alas! what a terrible thing to reflect upon. Ames, who seemed to be the chief culprit aimed at by the Poland committee report, was defiant, and hurled his defiance into their teeth. He dared them to the conflict, and told them that if they took his scalp there would be many more baldhead congressmen than are at present visible. That if Congress expelled him, the cloak room would be too small to hold the number guilty of far worse offenses than himself.

It is awful thus to hear a judge, a jury and the whole bar of a court put at defiance, and trembling at the possibility of the fearful disclosures that may be made against them, should they attempt to convict and sentence a felon upon whom the community know is guilty, but whom his judges dare not condemn. The amount of equivocating by committees, lying by congressmen and perjuring by Senators that has been thus far developed, is enough to make us think that the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah were saints, in comparison to our congressmen and senators. No less than nine Senate and House committees were in session, and all upon some veneral act of which either a Vice President, a Senator, Congressman, or a United States judge is guilty.

THE God and Morality men in Congress have come out at the little end of the horn. After this Colfax, Wilson, Patterson, Dawes, Kelley & Co. must take back seats in the temple, and no Y. M. C. Association can afford to pay them a cent as lecturers—but as frightful examples they might draw like a plaster.

THE republicans of South Bend will testify their joy over Colfax's narrow escape from impeachment and deposition by welcoming him home with a grand reception. A *fac simile* of George Washington's little hatchet will be borne at the head of the procession, and Oakes Ames' memorandum book will be burnt in effigy at the close of the ceremonies.

GEN. EDWARD JOHNSON, a prominent soldier in the Southern army, died at Charlottsburg, Va., on Sunday last.

LATE NEWS.

Colfax's Farewell.

"John Anderson, My Jo, John."

Old subsidy, my Pomeroy,
When first we were acquaint,
The gospel of Sharpe's rifles
Declared you quite a saint.
But now the cause of Freedom
Will surely quick succumb—
In spite of all your bonds and things,
They cast you out, my Pom!

Well subsidized, my Pomeroy,
We fought the fight together,
And many a little picking Pom,
Laid by for stormy weather.
Now we must tumble down, Pom,
By cheek by jowl we'll fall,
And sink together in the mud
Where we were meant to crawl.

—*N. Y. World.*

THE CULPRITS.

In the United States Senate, on Thursday last, Mr. Morrill, of Maine, at 10.30 P. M., presented the report of the Senate Credit Mobilier Committee, accompanied with a resolution for the expulsion of Senator Patterson.

In the House, the resolutions offered by Mr. Sargent as a substitute for those of the Poland Committee, were adopted. The first, censuring Oakes Ames, was passed by a vote of 181 to 36, and the second censuring James Brooks was adopted by the same vote. Mr. Wood, of N. Y., offered a resolution censuring Messrs. Hooper and Dawes, of Mass.; Kelley and Scofield, of Pa.; and Garfield and Bingham, of Ohio, but it was ruled out of order, as not being confined to one person. Mr. Speer, of Pennsylvania, thereupon offered a resolution censuring William D. Kelley. After a long debate, the resolution was tabled in evening session by a vote of 117 to 75, and the Credit Mobilier Committee were discharged from further consideration of the subject. The Speaker stated that this action removed the matter entirely from the House. The culprits accompanied by a number of their friends, immediately left the hall of the House, for the purpose of taking a very large drink. Some of them returned in a half hour or so, singing the Radical National hymn, "John Brown's body," &c. God help us!

AT a meeting of the democratic city executive committe of Philadelphia, held on Thursday evening, the different members present reported that their respective wards approved the action of the committee in expelling Alderman M'Mullen from the committee. A committee of five was appointed to prepare an address to the people of Philadelphia.

BUTLER declared on Thursday, in his glowing tribute to the power of the press, that he was made by God and not by the newspapers. A lady in the audience equally irreverently remarked, "That's rough on the Almighty."

THE Albany *Evening Journal* says that the Republican party is "not a machine, but a union of the thinking and moral elements, coming together to accomplish the best purposes of our national mission." Doubtless; and now will the *Journal* explain whether Oakes Ames was the thinker and Colfax the moralist?

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS returns to public life, having been elected to Congress on the 25th ult. to represent the Eigth District of Georgia. A small vote was polled, and there was no opposing candidate.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27, 1873.

THE WHITE-WASHING COMMITTEES.

Are the people of the United States so blind as not to see that these *Credit Mobilier* "investigations" are all a farce? Is it possible for any sane man to read the reports of the two committees—Poland's and Wilson's—without perceiving that no attempt has been made by the chairman of either of them to ferret out the truth? The conduct of these men shows most conclusively, that if either of them ever had a conscience it has been seared into callousness by continuous contact with vice. Does any man with a grain of common sense think that these committee-men would have been as inefficient and lackadaisical, if they had been investigating their own pecuniary affairs, after having discovered that several of their most trusted employees had been deliberately swindling them? The conduct of both these committees has been

A DELIBERATE INSULT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

They have not demeaned themselves as *investigators*, in any accepted sense of that word, popular or etymological. They have not exerted themselves to investigate, *i. e.* to find out, *anything*; but have sat like so many mutton-heads, day after day, waiting for evidence against the accused to come to *them*, the investigators, and listening admiringly to Colfax, Kelley, and that Job Trotter of the House, the weeping Garfield, as these detected hypocrites pronounced magniloquent eulogiums on themselves; or to the boastful, defiant, do-your best-damn you statements of those vilest of old sinners, Bingham of Ohio, and Hooper of Massachusetts. In calling these committee-men mutton-heads, I take a charitable view of their case; for if they are not absolute idiots, they are certainly the veriest of well-trained knaves. If they had been honest, earnest men, with the merest modicum of common sense, they certainly could never have expected the adroit congressional confidence men and dead beats whom they were commissioned to unearth, to volunteer to testimony that would tell against themselves. These committees all appear to have an erroneous impression of their true functions, which is not to sit as disinterested judges to hear just such testimony *pro* and *con* as may be brought before them by opposing counsel, but (as honorable men zealous for the purity of the body of which they are members, and determined at all hazards, to protect the interests of the Government and of the people), to use their best efforts to ascertain all the facts, bearing on the case before them—to *work it up* precisely as a detective would, and report the result of their labors to the House. If they are unwilling to pursue that course, they should be called by some other name. They certainly are not *investigating* committees.

BLAINE, THE CREDIT MOBILIER CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT SPEAKERSHIP.

Blain is moving heaven and earth to be re-elected to the speakership. All the *credit mobilier* swindlers will go for him strong. That's the understanding. It remains to be seen whether the administration party in the House is so entirely lost to all sense of decency as to elect this man Blaine, in defiance of the press and of the people of all parties. The general impression throughout the country is strong that the congressmen most deep in railroad and other swindles have as yet escaped detection, and that among these as yet unconvicted culprits is Speaker James G. Blaine. His intimacy with the most corrupt men in the House is marked. It was he who as speaker, appointed the *credit mobilier* swindlers, Dawes, Hooper, Garfield, Kelley and Bingham to the chairmanships of all the most important committees, and they now go round bossing, (all except Bingham, whose constituents have had him on the shelf), that they will be reappointed by Blaine, after the organization of the 43rd Congress, with him as Speaker.

SENAROR POMEROY.

Among the public men who are being "investigated," there is one, however—Pomeroy of Kansas—who has many friends here, alike among permanent residents, Congressmen and visitors; and among the warmest of those friends are men opposed to him in politics—some of them even late soldiers and officers of the Southern army. He is personally very much liked by the poor people here of both races; and for good reason. He has always been their practical friend; and that is enough for them. What do they care about where the money came from, or what manner of man he may have been in Kansas or elsewhere? Like many other public men, Pomeroy has often been accused by the rivals and their friends, of feathering his nest at the public expense; but these reports have never been credited by persons who know him. The fact, however, of his being a good natured, accessible man with no "damn too much nonsense about him, you know," and who has a habit of always looking at the brightest and most liberal side of every question presented to him, necessarily caused him to be beseiged, constantly, by all sorts of persons—some requiring personal pecuniary aid; others, his subscription toward building a church, or for some beneficient purpose; others, again, seeking his influence to procure the passage of some bill of great importance to the public." &c., &c.

These personal characteristic also caused the Recksniffs and Chadbands in Congress, and other public men of dark and doubtful ways—in which pious frauds generally—to seek his intimacy that they might use his influence; and these associations growing out of his *bonhommie*, have contributed more than all else, perhaps, to furnish his enemies with an ostensible basis for their calumnies. I have never spoken to Pomeroy in my life but once, and that was several years ago; but I have kept the run of him. I have *met* him dozens of times, and always, as it happened, at some working-man's meeting, woman's rights meeting, or in some such a crowd of poor causes who had met together for the purpose of getting some real or fancied grievances redressed. Pomeroy was always willing to preside over these meetings, however obscure the people composing them, and however small their numbers; and I may safely say that he never left the room or hall, on any of these occasions, with as much money in his pocket by from $10 to $100 as he had when he entered it. He was invariably depended upon to pay, *at least* the expenses of all such gatherings, and sometimes got soundly abused if he did not do more; even when not a man or woman present was a constituent of his, or had a shadow of claim upon him, in the political acceptation of the word. Old Pom. would take the abuse good-humoredly, make no reply, and accept the very next invitation to preside again, as if nothing unpleasant had ever taken place.

It is the strong conviction of the best people here, of all parties, that Pomeroy is not only good-hearted and progressive, but that he is almost an honest man; and this conviction will not be shaken by the testimony of York and his associate, or even by the adverse report of a committee based upon it. The late Caldwell investigation has developed the fact that the Republican members of the Kansas legislature and their hangers-on are about the hardest set of fellows ever gathered together to do the devil's work—fellows who would swear a hole through a four foot wall. Oakes Ames could go to school to them to great advantage to himself. And these are Pomeroy's accusers, mind you. It is simply a question of veracity between York and Pomeroy, whether the latter is guilty or not of the charge preferred by the former.

A. F. B.

LOCAL ITEMS.

BUS conductors—Lips.

SPRING water—April showers.

HIGH waters seem inevitable.

WASHINGTON was born 140 years ago.

VALENTINES are still in the windows.

TRUE benevolence is a noble trait in a workman.

WINTER still lingers in the lap of spring.

OUR merchants are preparing for their spring trade.

"THE Beautiful Snow" has been at it again.

COMPULSORY education is not very successful on mules.

THE government should take the stamps off matches.

THE penalty for using a postage stamp the second time is fifty dollars.

WORK is progressing rapidly on the York Springs Railroad.

A BANK check is one of the pleasantest checks of life.

THE country roads hereabouts are reported to be getting "shockingly bad."

THE money that a man makes by night labor goes to defray his funeral expenses.

THE worst feature of a man's face is his nose—when stuck into other people's business.

DAUGHTER CULTURAL show is the latest name for an evening party. The girls don't like it.

A BAD book or newspaper is a demoralization among children as bad companions.

A CHEERFUL countenance brightens all animated beings that come in contact with it.

A POPULAR parlor magazine—a big kerosene lamp—they furnish reading for the million.

IT took twenty-five years of agitation to abolish the franking abuse. It died in its 32d year.

THE new postal law which only allows newspapes printed in the counties in which they are published to be circulated free therein—is a fatal and fortunate blow at the patent outsiders.

ALL the debating societies around the country are deciding in favor of Local Option. Will the citizens agree with them on the third Friday in March, is the momentous question.

THE *Compilier* says the peach buds in the orchards in the vicinity of Gettysburg, are nearly all frozen.

BONNETS are tending again to the old cylindrical form, and a revival of the coal scuttle shape is imminent.

SORE arms are again becoming fashionable a number of our citizens having recently been vaccinated.

LIVELY if not local. A man that traveled through New York, says he saw some land so poor that you could not raise a disturbance on it.

IT may be interesting to know that every letter in the alphabet except "g" is to be found in the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra.

CATS of the "Robinson Cruso" style are becoming notoriously fashionable among our young men. "Oh, Poor Robinson Crusoe!"

WHEN an extravagant friend wishes to borrow your money, consider which of the two you would rather lose.

A YOUNG man in town got his lips poisoned with venetian red one day last week. Never kiss your girl until she washes her face.

THE Carlisle Building Association has been very beneficial to many of our citizens.

IN the Volunteer Building, first floor a free lunch will be served up on Saturday next.

HAGERSTOWN is greatly frightened over the small-pox. Several cases exist there at the present time.

OUR builders, plasterers, brick and stone masons are anxiously awaiting the song of the blue bird.

EVERYBODY says that our present County House officers are such a competent set of officials. Correct.

THE license men contend that the East Ward of this Borough will give a whopping majority in favor of license. The question will be decided on the 21st inst.

The principal pastime just now with our country friends, is attending public sales.

LOCAL OPTION tickets must be printed with the word "License" on the outside and on the inside "for license" or "against license."

A YOUNG fellow who thinks "its devilish strange that his girl is out every time he calls, and he can't find out where she goes to."

REPORTS state that scarlet fever—that demon of the nursery—is prevalent in certain portions of this county.

A FASHIONABLE young lady dropped one of her false eyebrows in a church pew, and badly frightened a young man next to her, who thought it was his moustache.

THIS is the style in which they do it: A man fell down on a slippery sidewalk and broke—one of the commandments.

THE reason why we are getting so many new subscribers is because we give our readers the worth of their money.

WOMEN are like horses—the gayer the harness they have on, the better they feel. We got this from an old bachelor, who was early crossed in love.

THERE are a great many very pretty women who travel around the market on the days it is held. But oh, Lord, the men!

THE winter of 1872 73 will long be remembered for murders, floods, sudden deaths, fires, intense cold, as well as many other things too numerous to mention.

IN a short time the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company intend running a night train over the road, to connect with the fast trains on the Pennsylvania railroad.

GOV. HARTRANFT has appointed Howard H. Hartranft, of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, a clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, *vice* Wm. D. Halbert, of Carlisle.

FREE LUNCH.—Our popular caterer, Mr. Wm. D. A. Skiles, in the Volunteer building, will give a free lunch on Saturday next, between the hours of three P. M. and eight P. M. All who wish to enjoy a good lunch should call.

THE job printing office of Mr Samuel Elliott, in this place, was sold to Captain E. Beatty, on Friday last, for $1,010. We understand that Mr. B.'s sons will run der "masheen."

LOCAL OPTION lawyers are a scarce article. The Knights of Blackstone have no aversion to accepting those $10 fees required for presenting applications for license.

NEAR sixty bills for vendues were printed at this office during the present season. We flatter ourselves that in the matter of bill-printing we can't well be beaten.

THE inhabitants of Papertown are becoming greatly alarmed about that dread disease, small pox, there being no less than seven cases in that vicinity.

A GENTLEMAN on the Public Square, Saturday evening, told us that the VOLUNTEER had greatly improved its local department during the last six months. Correct.

ALMOST daily we notice dozens of darkies basking on the warm side of the Market House, much to the annoyance of the market-master, who, if he would do his duty, would politely order them to "scatter."

SLEIGHING parties have been a rare occurrence in this town this winter. It certainly could not have been for want o' snow. Perhaps the "spondulix" gave out.

WE learn that the name of Thomas B. Kennedy is proposed as the successor of Judge Watts in the presidency of the Cumberland Valley Railroad.

WE learn from the Perry county *Freeman* that George Wallett, of Icklesburg, dropped dead whilst entering his house recently. He was in apparent good health.

WAYNESBORO' has a "spook"—a very tall figure in female attire. Whether or not it is in favor of female suffrage, has not transpired. It ought to be watched, for fear it strays off to the Constitutional Convention to argue that hens should crow.

IT is asserted that oak bark, after it has been used at the tanneries, is an excellent preventive against certain kinds of potato disease.

AMONG the most intense incidents of a recent storm, was the freezing of the hands, nose, forehead, everything except the cheek of a life insurance agent.

IT would be a labor of love as well as luere, for farmer friends to hurry up the hens standing in barn yards doing nothing, while eggs are bringing, yes, what?

IT is very pleasant to know that while mother earth in this section of country is covered with a white mantle to the depth of a foot or two, and the thermometer below zero, the Californians are having new potatoes, beans, peas, strawberries and cream, and all the spring luxuries. So says a letter to a gentleman in this place.

MRS. PFLIEGER, of York, attempted to extinguish a coal oil lamp by blowing it out. It exploded and burned her neck, arms and hair on one side of her head. The flames were smothered by her daughter, who threw some clothing around her.

NINE weeks of continuous sleighing is something even on the oldest resident to ponder, before telling how long ago it was when they had a longer sleighing season. Every one says it is remarkable, hence this remark.

ONE of our shoemakers has just finished a pair of boots for a darkey. They are 15 inches in length, 13 around the instep, 11½ around the toes, and 16 inches around the heel! The large-t part of a cow skin was used in their construction.

THE Poor House statement is published in to-day's VOLUNTEER.

THE Letort was frozen over for the first time in many years on Monday last.

To smile or not to smile—that is the (Local Option) question for the month of March.

MAJOR SAM'L TRITT, a worthy citizen of West Pennsborough township, died on the 22d ult.

THE country sales are well attented. Stock and farming implements bring a fair price.

MR. JACOB FRIDLEY, of this place, has obtained a patent for a hot air furnace.

JACOB BOMBERGER, of Mechanicsburg, is the general business agent of the Harrisburg and Potomac Railroad.

WILLIAMSPORT and Altoona both want the State Capitol. Carlisle would also like to take it for a few hundred centuries.

LOCAL OPTION.—A meeting of the friends of Local Option will be held at the Middlesex school house, on Friday evening next.

MARY and her lamb have been at it again. Here is the latest:

Mary had a little lamb,
It looked just like a steer,
And she thought she'd sell it
To pay for her daddy's VOLUNTEER.

PERSONAL.—R. S. Menamin, Esq., of the *Printers' Circular*, Philadelphia, visited our town, on Friday last. Mr. M. is a very clever gentleman, and it gives us pleasure to note his arrival.

A FARMER living near East Berlin, Adams county, has on his premises a lot of partridges, numbering nearly 300 in all, which he sheltred from the cold weather this winter. He intends keeping them until the warm weather begins.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Howe, Bishop of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania, will preach in St. John's Church, on Monday evening next, and administer the sacred rite of confirmation. The service will begin at 7½ o'clock.

OUR South Middleton friends inform us that the road leading to Boiling Springs is drifted in such a manner as to render travel almost impossible, and in most cases the traveler is obliged to "shovel his own road."

THE sale of Mr. James T. Stuart, in South Middleton township, recently, was one of the largest held in that township for many years. Stock and farming implements brought unusally fair prices.

EX-DEPUTY SHERIFF A. R. BOWMAN died at his residence in Mechanicsburg, last Sunday. Mr. Bowman was considered a good citizen, and his death is lamented by many citizens of this county.

ONE day last week, two dicples of Æculapius of Newville, met in front of the post office of that place, and held a "set-to," in which one performed a surgical operation on the other's finger.

MR. COLEMAN H. WATTS and lady, of this place, while enjoying a sleigh ride, last Saturday afternoon, were thrown out of the sleigh, by the horse becoming frightened at a snow bank on North Hanover street.

A POETICAL VOTER.—The following ballot was voted last Friday evening, in Williamsport:

NO LICENSE.

Good bye Lager, good bye Ale,
Whiskey hot or Gin cock-tail,
Brandy smash or Whiskey straight,
Eye-opener of night-cap late,
Tom and Jerry a fond farewell,
Never more to have a smell.
Of Sherry Cobler or Milk Punch
Here's health to a Cold Water Lunch.

FIRE NEAR PLAINFIELD.—On the afternoon of Monday last, a fire was discovered in the house owned and occupied by Francis Diller, near Plainfield, and which, with its contents was burned to the ground. Everything, furniture, clothing, some $200 in money &c. was lost. Fire was accidental.

THE Mechanicsburg *Republican* is informed that Mr. Peter Louck, residing near Shepherdstown, this county, while digging a well on his farm, came on a vein of coal at twenty-two feet below the surface, and is represented as being of excellent quality.

PETER MCDONALD, of Newville, one day last week, filled himself with "benzine," and then went home and assaulted his wife with a knife, but was arrested before doing any serious damage, and lodged in Fort Foreman, where he will remain until April Court.

THE trains on the Cumberland Valley Railroad experienced considerable difficulty last Monday and Tuesday, in consequence of the heavy snow drifts. At this writing it is still drifting very bad, with slim prospects for the trains resuming usual time for a day or two.

THE State Normal School, near Shippensburg, is capable of accommodating 800 students and 300 boarders, and the chapel connected with it will seat 1 000 people. The work of frescoeing the chapel is progressing. Mr. Elmer, the artist, intends to work out some beautiful and artistic designs on the ceiling and walls. The school will be open for the reception of students on the 15th of April.

OUR citizen, Judge Graham, met with an accident at Mifflintown, on the 25th inst., which was somewhat painful in its nature. The Mifflintown *Independent* thus refers to it:

About 10 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning; Judge Graham, of Carlisle, who was in attendance at an adjourned Court in this place, in coming out of Captain McClellan's saddlery shop, on Bridge street, to which place he had gone to inquire for Mr. Wright, slipped and fell on the door step, spraining his right ankle very badly. Seeing him fall, we ran to his assistance, and he was helped into Capt. C.'s shop, and a sleigh procured, and he was taken to the Juniata Hotel, and medical aid summoned. By advice of Dr. Banks he left for his home at 11:28 the same day.

EXPLANATION.—As the time for printing tickets for the Local Option question is approaching, a word or two touching the printing of these may not be out of place. All tickets, whether for license or against license, must have the word "License," printed on the out-side, and if the voter wishes to vote for license his ticket must have "For License," printed on the inside; and if he desires to vote against license, the words "Against License," must be printed on the inside of his ballot. This explanation seems necessary from the fact that but few of the people, comparatively speaking, have read the law regulating the matter. Tickets for and against license will be printed at this office, if ordered, at $1 50, a thousand, to be paid by those engaging them.

Go to Skiles' on Saturday next and take a lunch

WE return thanks to our friend, Mr. J. W. Houston, of Middlesex township, for presenting us with a half bushel of beautiful apples, and a gallon of superior cider. Such acts of kindness are always duly appreciated.

NOTICE.—Hereafter all obituary notices, tributes of respect by societies and bodies, and all other notices of whatever kind, to be published in this paper will cost five cents a line, to be paid before they are inserted. Marriages and deaths will be inserted gratis.

ONE of our promising youths of five summers was heard to ask his mother how they made whisky, whereupon she replied that she did not know. "Well," said the young hopeful, "you know devilish well how to drink it, don't you?"

IT is said that undertakers are making efforts for the passage of a bill in the Legislature for the free crossing of bridges and transit of toll-gates by funeral processions in all parts of the State, on the ground that funerals are frequently delayed by the compulsion which drivers are under to pay toll, sometimes for a large number of vehicles.

DEER ACT.—We learn that the bill now before the Legislature "for the protection of deer in the counties of Cumberland, Franklin and Adams," provides that it shall not be lawful for any person within the counties named to hunt, kill or destroy, in any manner or by any device, any deer or fawn for the period of three years from the date of this act. The penalty shall not be less than $30 nor more than $60, one-half to the informer and the other half to the county; and in case of refusal or inability to pay, to be committed to jail for not less than