

The Potter Journal
AND
NEWS ITEM.

COUDERSPORT, PA., Mar. 21, 1873

We are indebted to Hon. C. S. Jones for Report of the Adjutant-General for 1872—also for Legislative Journal.

A NEW paper, the *Trioga Express*, is about to be started under the editorial charge of a former Coudersport boy, Will. D. Butterworth. We wish him great success.

Coudersport Library Association.

This institution is one from which we hope great good in the future to our young people who cultivate a love for reading and who wish to use all the means in their power to make themselves intelligent and interesting members of society, and to those who are older who wish to retain what was learned in their school-days and to keep some trace of the world's progress. In these directions our abundant periodical literature is perhaps the best assistant, and it is a happy thing for the country that there are so many valuable papers and magazines taken and read—I wish there were fewer of other sorts. But we need books also, and those best provided with them in their own homes are often the ones who most avail themselves of the additional help afforded by the Library.

There are so many books that we need for reference or occasional examination, as we go to a dictionary or encyclopedia, that a circulating library containing some supply of them is of great value in a neighborhood.

This Library is small, far too small for our needs, and the funds are too low to admit of additions being made to it, but there is still much in it that is valuable, and it will, we trust, serve as a nucleus around which to gather not only books and reading matter of the best kinds but specimens in natural history, botany, geology and—in time—other sciences. It is now in the semi-torpid state in which so many of our great literary institutions have lain for often a long period of their early existence. Shall we be careless of it and let it die, and then, perhaps, have to begin again at the beginning and go through the whole process of building up a library and scientific museum in later years? Would it not be better to give some attention to improving what we have and making it more valuable for daily use as well as to put it on a footing where it will grow of itself. What is needed first is that all members of the Association who are in arrears should pay their dues, fifty cents per annum, and attend meetings and see that such officers as they wish are elected to manage its affairs. The amount is so small that it seems as if any one might see that it was regularly paid.

Then the officers should devise some plan, by subscription or otherwise, to add to the funds on hand sufficiently to procure some addition of new and standard books at once.

The books are now kept in good order at Miss Metzger's store, and persons seeking them are attended to promptly and courteously. Being near the centre of the village, the Library is easily accessible to all. We wish to make it useful to all and to so improve its condition by additions to it and additional interest in it, that when the lecture season opens again we may be able to secure some speakers who shall stimulate our whole people to make new advances. We wish this society to become a benefit, not only to this immediate vicinity but to the whole County; and that all will feel anxious to assist in making collections that shall be helpful to themselves and others. Specimens of plants nicely pressed and arranged; of insects, with some account of their habits; of fungi more or less curious; of birds and little quadrupeds; if brought by those who have opportunity to observe and procure them, would soon make a valuable collection and cases would be provided for their preservation.

We trust many of our young people will feel sufficiently interested to do something for the Library, its support and increase, and that we shall remember that as far as knowledge and science go we are all young—very young indeed.

The Light Tax.

In the olden time when people had to deny themselves much of the light of Heaven because a tax was laid on every pane of glass, there was no need of Venetian blinds or costly window draperies, unless it were to hide the deficiency, rather than subdue the glare of light.

Now that glass is plentiful and clear, almost as the light itself, it breaks with a facility unexampled in earlier days. We sit down to read of an evening, or to write to a friend, with head bowed a little, when a sudden click sounds, and a shower of hot glass is thrown over us, singeing hair, burning the flesh and scorching or cutting books, papers and table cover. We get up, clear up the table, and take a new chimney, "eyeliner," as the Germans say, turn down the flame till one can just see, and presently another click—another meteoric shower, and another errand to the place whence glassware cometh. There some money must be paid, some labor must earn the money, and on the whole, we conclude as our fathers did, that the "light" tax is a pretty heavy one.

We are glad to note censures passed upon the Congressmen who voted themselves extra pay—and very glad indeed that some have shown themselves too conscientious to receive it. Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts is said to have received his and distributed it among charitable institutions. We cannot see that that mended the matter at all. If we are robbed, does it console our sense of justice to see our money given to the poor?

Our own Legislature seems inclined to follow the example of Congress in voting themselves extra pay. The Appropriation bill is reported, giving \$1,500,000 to each member.

We hope this will not pass. If gentlemen in the Legislature are not satisfied with their remuneration as it has been of late, let them seek other fields for their activities. The State will not suffer by their doing so, and it is hardly credible that any gentleman was forced into the position of legislator, so much against his will that he cannot endure it for one session. Let them be industrious and get through—adjourn and go to work at whatever more profitable business has been interrupted by their unfortunate election.

We would like to see good men and true show that they feel the honor of a position in the Legislature of the State to be something, and a determination to make it still more.

ILLINOIS CONGRESSMEN CENSURED.—Chicago, Mar. 12.—The Illinois House of Representatives to-day, by a vote of 103 to 4, adopted a resolution severely censuring the Illinois Congressmen who voted to increase their salaries.

SEVERAL journals are publishing a black list comprising the names of such members of Congress as voted for the increase of their salaries. There is not so much importance in this as in remembering their names about the time the nominating conventions are being arranged for. Once in nomination, and party discipline will carry them through an election. What is more particularly needed is that such be prevented from obtaining nominations again.

CONGRESSMAN ROBERTS REFUSES BACK PAY.—The Hon. Geo. S. Roberts, Secretary U. S. Treasury.—*Dear Sir:* I have this day instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives to pay into the Treasury of the United States the amount of my back pay as a member of the XLIIIrd Congress. Having voted against the bill for the increase of pay, chiefly in consequence of this particular feature, I would not feel justified in accepting money, the granting of which I opposed with my vote.

I will further say that I was undecided whether to distribute the amount among the charities of my Congressional district or turn it over to the Treasury of the United States; but, on consideration, I deem the course I have taken the proper one under the circumstances.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
U. S. Representative from the District of New York, March 11, 1873.

DEAR JOURNAL: In a late number you noticed the result of our election on temperance. It is true the county went 500 in favor of licensed houses. I had something to do with the election, for I spent the day at and around the polls. Neither did I lose my vote, for a vote in the right direction can't be lost.

It must be remembered that we live high up in the air, they say, on the "dividing ridge," and show me a spring where the water divides. One drop bounds for the Chesapeake with its "hey-ho," the other cheerily, "go on, but I'm for the Ohio."

It is said that twenty feet of snow has fallen here this winter. Those who have measured carefully before it melted or drifted on these Alleghany heights make the astonishing assertion; with high winds, piercing cold, the sun hid behind dark clouds, not allowing us to make even a snow-ball for months. No wonder that the bold lumberman thinks he needs a little gin to warm his frozen stomach. The deer submit to have their throats cut, rather than die of starvation, and the rumsellers are doing a big business, for their customers are picked up in the street dead, like frozen potatoes; but they make ten where they kill one, so it's best to stop 'em. We all prefer the Illinois law, and will give it a good support when it comes round. H. L. BIRD.

NEW WAY TO KINDLE FIRES.—The Washington *Star* furnishes the following in reference to the origin of the fire which occurred Goodyear's Rubber Works, at Naugatuck, Conn., on the 25th of December last: "In the proofs of loss the claimants make the following remarkable statement: The superintendent, who was in the room where the fire originated, and at the time, states that while one of the workmen was handling rubber goods the air seemed to be changed with electricity, it being in the midst of a violent storm, the mercury being at or near zero; then there seemed to come from his hand a flame, which instantly communicated with the goods and dry pine of the building, the fire not being under their control for a moment. Others in the neighborhood received severe shocks of electricity that day at their houses."

Washington, March 17, 1873.

THE CABINET.—All the members of the Cabinet to-day virtually tendered their resignations to the President, in accordance to the custom. The President informed them that they would be accepted as a matter of form, but it was his intention to re-nominate them to the same positions they held. There is no determination as to who shall succeed Judge Richardson as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. The choice will probably be ex-Senator Sawyer, Solicitor Banfill or J. H. Saville.

COMMISSIONERS TO VIENNA EXPOSITION.—The President has appointed to the Vienna Exposition a number of practical artisans, including Lewis J. Hinton of New York. Among the scientific men appointed is Lewis M. Rutherford. A large number of honorary commissioners to the Exhibition have also been appointed.

LEGAL-TRODER OUTSTANDING.—The amount of legal-tender notes outstanding to-day, Mar. 18, is \$857,278,915.

THE NEW CABINET.—The member of the Cabinet assembled at the White House at noon to-day and the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Carter. No official business was transacted.

THEY ARE HAVING TROUBLE ON THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND NORTHERN R. R.—St. Louis, March 18.—The strike on the Northern Railroad continues. The trains were stopped at different points to-day. The strikers seem determined to suspend the operations of the road. Armed police from this city are at various places along the line, but have not a strong enough force to prevent the mob from at least partially carrying out their designs. The military has not been ordered out, as was reported last night.

The Grand Chief Engineer Wilson will be here to-night, when a compromise is expected to be made.

About nine o'clock this morning a bridge crossing a small stream a few miles from St. Charles, was burned. The damage was, however, repaired in about three hours, so that trains could pass.

Quite a number of strikers were arrested at Moberly to-day and several were arrested yesterday at Lexington Junction and placed in the Richmond jail.

Another train was ditched at St. Charles to-night. The railroad company has offered a reward of \$2,500 for the arrest and conviction of the parties engaged in ditching the engines at Moberly, cutting the telegraph wires at Montgomery, and burning the bridge near St. Charles, and doing other damage at the different points on the road.

FOREIGN NEWS.

England.—What is called the "Ministerial Crisis" does not seem to have amounted to much. Mr. D'Israeli, who was called to the Premiership, being unable to "form a government," Mr. Gladstone is recalled by the queen.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—London, Monday, March 17, 1873.—The denunciation by the Irish population of this city in favor of home rule for Ireland and amnesty for the imprisoned Fenians, for which arrangements have been making for some time, took place in Hyde Park yesterday afternoon, and was participated in by a very large number of people.

The authorities made every preparation for the suppression of disorder, but there was no disturbance, except in one case, where an excited Irishman attacked one of the Grenadiers because the latter had on a red coat. In the scuffle which ensued an arm of the soldier was broken.

France.—President Thiers and Count von Arnim, the German Ambassador, have signed a convention on the part of their respective Governments for the payment of the fifth milliard of francs of the war indemnity by installments. The final payment is to be made on the 5th of September next, when all the French territory occupied by German troops, including Belfort, is to be evacuated.

Spain.—The Government has received official information of the defeat near Pampeluna of the United Carlists bands, led by Ota Ferriz and Berrogaray, by a force of Spanish troops under Gen. Castromo. The Insurrectionists were completely dispersed.

The Republicans of Cuba are making preparations to cause elections of Deputies to the Cortes are ordered to be held in Cuba.

Pen and Scissors.

A YOUNG lawyer in an interior city, one early morning, locked his office door and left upon it this mysterious legend: "Gon to brefux."

JUDY says that some people who set up for funny fellows had much better sit down again.

DR. HOYT, who reported upon the question of education at the Paris Exposition, will act in the same capacity at the approaching World's Fair at Vienna.

The rich ain't always happy, nor free from life's alarms. But best are they who live content, though small may be their farms.

By putting an 'I' where a 't' was doubtless intended to be, an unintentional truthful compositor makes one of our contemporaries head his domestic intelligence, "Stale News."

DURING the spring and summer, children ought to be allowed to be out of doors as much as possible, if practicable on the grass or among plants. Pure fresh air and plenty of exercise in it, will supplant the best French rouge, even from the toilet table of a Queen, while the proper training will make out of an imbecile and idiot an illustrious and mighty Emperor.

CHILDREN should have the benefit of not only the best ventilation, but best lighted and most cheerful rooms in the house. Nor should they be interfered with in their harmless gambols either by tight dressing or otherwise.

VIRGINIA is making most gratifying progress in common school education. The increase last year was in schools 648; in pupils 35,299; in teachers, 769; in school houses, 414.

The apples of Michigan are noted for their beautiful colors and long-keeping qualities, often lasting late into the next summer. At Traverse, Michigan, the fruit districts are located upon bluffs 300 feet above the water; and the climate is exceedingly mild, the average temperature being higher than in the valleys, sometimes showing a difference of 20 degrees. Thus water, also, is frequently never frozen during the winter.

This time the Treasury Department has kept its promises. The reduction of the Public Debt was \$5,277,880 during the month of February. The amount is generous, and the condition of the Treasury is improved. The last year of the Presidential term closes with fair financial prospects and leaves a good margin for the new one.—*New York Tribune.*

MANY years ago at a wedding in a humble family the wine was passed around. The minister took a glass and held it, not tasting, for he was a teetotaler and an admirable Christian man. It was passed presently to a working man, a reformed man, plain and blunt, if not coarse, in his manners. "No," he said, "I do not drink it, and I will not touch it nor seem to drink it." "Brother Frost, you are right and I am wrong," said the minister.

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