

Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.

In as far as offices in the gift of political parties are concerned, we fully endorse the doctrine "to the victor belongs the spoils." This being the case, we have, as a rule, generally abstained from commenting on the manner in which offices are usually filled. We also believe in the doctrine of rotation, with this proviso however, that it should never be attempted to supersede a capable, reliable, well-trying officer by one of doubtful ability or character. If the latter is to be deprecated in political affairs, how much more reprehensible if attempted in matters independent of party of politics.

There are offices, strictly within the gift of the people, in the filling of which ability, integrity, and past services should certainly outweigh all other considerations. No individual employer would be willing to part with the services of an experienced, trusty servant, merely to gratify the importunities of a stranger; nor would the latter urge the discharge of the former on account of long-continued, faithful, previous service. Yet this is precisely what a certain gentleman, J. P. Rowland, in an advertisement published in last week's "Democrat," asks the School Directors of Carbon County to do! Because Mr. Hofford has creditably filled the office of County Superintendent for twelve consecutive years, he thinks that the School Directors should vote for a change in his (H's) favor! What a plea! Because Mr. Hofford has faithfully and acceptably labored in the cause of public instruction, therefore should the long-trying and well appreciated present incumbent make room for the untried, and comparatively unknown aspirant!

We hope the School Directors of Carbon will do nothing of the kind, but that, in appreciation of past services, his eminent fitness, and thorough acquaintance with the educational needs of our people, they will again unite in Mr. Hofford's support as the most acceptable name to the people of the county.

Ex-Senator Wade, of Ohio, in a letter to a friend declining to be a candidate before the Republican convention for the governorship of the State, expresses the following sentiments, which at this day seem almost original—at least they are very rare: "It has ever been a fundamental principle with me, and never yet violated, that the office should seek the man and not the man the office; and, in accordance with this principle, I early took a solemn oath I would never attempt the public for or in favor of an office which I was to fill. Even if I were able to do so that oath would bar me. I never yet solicited any mortal man for an office; it would be too humiliating. I would sooner beg for old clothes. These you will say are very old-fashioned ideas; but if this glorious government is ever ruffled it will be by office-seekers."

The report of the Centennial Committee on the Restoration of Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, shows that the great and interesting work is proceeding with energy and judgment. Portraits and historic relics are accumulating, so that the building will possess the most remarkable and enduring interest to every patriotic American. In fact, the arrangements for the Centennial are proceeding with such admirable spirit and skill that the good feeling of the whole country is secured, the cordial co-operation of foreign nations is enlisted, and all doubt of complete success has vanished. The contributions of Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania are enormous, and encourage other States to generous efforts.

The senatorial excursion to Mexico has been abandoned. Advice from Washington, say fear of yellow fever, and the illness of Mrs. Morton, are among the causes alleged for the change, although there are rumors that the border difficulties and the state of things in Mexico have had something to do with the abandonment of the excursion. At all events the people are satisfied that it has been given up. The junketing of a party of Senators, on a U. S. vessel, at the public expense, is not regarded as the most proper way of spending the money of the people, though not as bad as some other ways that have been heard of.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Treasurer to withdraw from the available currency balance of the Treasury \$1,488,000 of legal tenders, and that they be cancelled and destroyed, the same being 20 per cent of the additional circulation issued to the national banks during the month of March, until further redemptions under the act providing therefore are ordered.

The variety of kisses introduced in the Beecher business, says the Cincinnati Commercial, is calculated to amaze people who do their kissing without analysis. There have been the paroxysmal kiss, the inspirational kiss, the impulsive kiss, the enthusiastic kiss, and the holy kiss; the kiss of reconciliation, the kiss of grace, mercy and peace, and the kiss mutual. The other kisses are reserved for the rebuttal and re-rebuttal testimony.

"Lights and Shadows of New York Life; or, the Sights and Sensations of the Great City." A work descriptive of New York City in all its various phases. Its splendors and Wretchedness; its High and Low Life; its Marble Palaces and Dark Dens; its Attractions and Dangers; its Rings and Frauds; its Leading Men and Politicians; its Adventurers; its Mysteries and Crimes. By James D. McCabe, Jr.

The National Publishing Co., of Philadelphia, have just issued one of the most remarkable and attractive books of the day, bearing the above title. It is comprised in one large octavo volume of 850 pages, and illustrated with nearly 200 fine engravings of noted places, life and scenes in New York. To Mr. McCabe is due the credit of having produced the most complete and graphic account of the great city, and its busy and varied life that it has been our fortune to meet with. His book is brim full of solid and useful information, and abounds in descriptions of the various public buildings of New York, its palaces, prisons, hotels, churches, stores, hospitals, &c.

The work sets forth in glowing colors and noble work for suffering humanity, which is going on every day in the great city, and reveals with a bold hand the terrible crimes, the dark mysteries, and the hidden sins of metropolitan life. We are introduced into the new home of the Fifth Avenue millionaire, and carried with equal interest to the squalid cellar of the Five Points beggar. We are brought face to face with the good and the bad, the high and the low, with leading merchants, bankers, editors, and actors, with blunders, thieves, detectives, and murderers, with working women, ballet girls, adventuresses, and a host of others, and we seem to be listening to their stories from their own lips, so thoroughly does the author enchain our interest. Our warmest enthusiasm and our deepest contempt are alternately aroused by the thrilling recitals of their deeds of virtue and vice. The history and frauds of the famous Tammany Ring are related with great force and candor, and this portion alone is worth the price of the book.

In short the book is New York in miniature. The author has penetrated, under the protection of the police, into the darkest and most dangerous haunts of crime in the city, and has thus been enabled to obtain accurate information on the topics whereof he treats. Visitors to New York cannot hope to see or know as much of the city as they may learn by a perusal of this book. To all who contemplate visiting the great Metropolis, we cordially recommend it, both for its information and for its powerful warnings against the dangers of the city. Those who cannot see New York for themselves will be in a great measure repaid for that privation by reading this work.

The book is issued by subscription only, and Mr. A. S. Miller, who is the authorized agent for this section, is now canvassing for it.

An Important Judicial Decision.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 14.—An important decision was filed this afternoon by Judge Pearson, which virtually deprives the Commonwealth of half a million dollars revenue. The Auditor General had made a claim of \$536 against the Kittanning Coal Company for a tax on coal mined and purchased. The company refused to pay, and the case was submitted to the Court by agreement. The defendant raised four points. First, that the tax imposed by the seventh section of the act of April 24th, 1874, being upon coal mined or purchased by corporations and not upon coal mined or purchased by individuals and partnerships, was not uniform within the first section of the ninth article of the Constitution. Second, that anthracite and bituminous coal were of different values according to quality and location, and the statute, assuming to impose a specific tax of the same amount without regard to values, was unconstitutional and void. Third, the imposition of a tax upon coal mined or purchased by the corporations, and not that used in their business, and the omission to impose the tax on the coal of individuals and partnerships, was in effect an exemption of the coal of the latter. Such exemptions were prohibited by the Constitution, and the statutes making them was null and void. Fourth, a corporate franchise was not properly subject to taxation under the State Constitution.

Judge Pearson decided that the first, second and fourth points, must be answered in the negative, but that the third point was virtually well taken. Attorney General Dimmick has appealed from the decision. The concluding paragraph of Judge Pearson's opinion was as follows:

"The Legislature must bear in mind that they no longer possess the unlimited power they formerly exercised. It is their duty to carefully study the meaning of the Constitution and conform to its provisions. It is with regret that we feel ourselves constrained to declare that the tax in the present case cannot be collected, on account of the unconstitutionality of the law, but we are far from thinking that the money is necessarily lost to the State. By a properly prepared statute taxes may be imposed to cover the time back to the period of the last payment, taking care to properly classify the subjects and rendering them uniform, without accepting any property whatever."

Fred Grant will resign from the army in the fall to go into the banking business with John Sherman, Jr., a nephew of General Sherman.

THE NEWS.

Forty buildings were destroyed by fire at Millersburg, Pa., Sunday.

Pete McCartney, the notorious counterfeiter, has been recaptured.

Treasurer Spinner Monday received an autograph letter from the President accepting his resignation.

Another large expedition, consisting of eight hundred men, is being fitted out for the Black Hills.

Revels of Mississippi, the first colored Senator, has become a D. D. and is pastor of a Methodist Church.

The fire in Stockton mine is still burning, and, in connection with adjacent mines, will have to be flooded. The loss will be \$500,000.

The troops at the Cheyenne Agency had a fight with the hostile Cheyennes on the 6th inst. The Indians fled, and a large body of cavalry and infantry was sent in pursuit.

The Roman Catholic bishops of Prussia have addressed a petition to Emperor Wilhelm, remonstrating against their treatment at the hands of the government.

The three cent tax on coal mined in Pennsylvania by incorporated companies is involved at Harrisburg in six suits against so many companies, which deny the constitutionality of the tax.

Hereafter insurance companies doing business in Delaware will be required to publish an annual statement once a week for three weeks in at least two newspapers of that State.

Both house of the New Jersey Legislature have passed the bill taking from the New York and Long Branch Railroad Company its power to unite with the Baltimore and Ohio.

At the Atlas Work, Pittsburgh, Pa., they are making the largest shears ever constructed in this country. They will weigh 40 tons, and will shear cold iron five inches thick.

At the performance of "Ahmed" in the Grand Opera House one evening last week, one of the married lady assistants gave birth to a child behind the scenes while the tournament act was on, and the delighted father named him Ahmed on the spot.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, at its recent session, reversed the decision of the Pike County Court of Common Pleas in the case of Decker vs. the Erie Railway Company, in which the plaintiff had received a verdict in his favor of \$4,000 for the burning of his hotel at Shohola.

An elopement in Millbury, Mass., had no novel feature, but it called attention to a strangely complicated family. The wife who eloped was twenty-one years old, having been married seven years, and the husband whom she left was sixty-seven. The husband's two sons by a previous wife are married to his recent wife's two older sisters, and her brother is the husband of her husband's daughter.

Another circumstantial account of further gold discoveries in the Black Hills comes from Yankton, Dakota. The Owens brothers, who are reported as bringing in the news, are well known on the border, and are men whose statements can be relied upon. Being out on a hunt with a party, and meeting some of the Black Hills prospectors they were induced to venture on a prospecting tour, though lacking experience, and without tools. Camping some thirty miles south of General Custer's line, they found gold within three days in such quantities that leaving their companions to guard the spot, the Owens boys returned for supplies and equipment. They have no fears of the Indians, having met both Bruel and Teton, Sioux, and maintained friendly relations with them.

Pottsville, Pa., April 12.—Messrs. Morton & Bros., coal operators, at Mount Carmel, having signed the 1874 basis demanded by the miners for 1875, are now shipping all their coal west by the Northern Central Railroad. At Shamokin the collieries which recently suspended work, comprising three leased collieries of the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad Company, and one of the Northern Central Railroad Company have again started, employing 800 men and boys. The men of two collieries near Tamaqua did not vote to-day as anticipated. They still refuse to accept the reduction of the bases of 1875. No immediate trouble from them is apprehended. The impression generally prevails that the strike is nearly ended.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Eastern Pennsylvania is about to take measures to establish an Old Man's home for the benefit of the members of the order. This organization is beneficial in its objects, and efforts have hitherto been given to the support of the sick, the burial of the dead and the relief of widows and orphans. These objects are very extensive, and they have been maintained and carried out in this country for fifty years. The membership of the order is very large. The amounts contributed, although moderate for each individual, make up a large sum of money, and the dispensation of relief has been liberal and generous. The present effort will take the Order a step further in the grand work of benevolence. The idea of establishing homes for old men who have struggled through life with earnestness and industry, but who have been unsuccessful in getting ahead of the world, so as to accumulate the means of support in extreme age, is quite a modern one, and may be said to have grown up in the last fifty years. Asylums for indigent widows and single women have been favorite means of charitable support in this country for more than half a century. It is only recently that attention has been paid to the necessities of old men. The proposed institution will, therefore, be in accordance to the spirit of the age, which is constantly seeking new forms to manifest its broad and catholic spirit. The Order has the means, through united effort, to make the project entirely successful, and it is one in which the public at large, whether connected with that organization or not, will take great interest.

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Orphans' Court Sale.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carbon County, there will be exposed at Public Sale, on the premises, in the BOROUGH OF LEHIGHON, on

Wednesday, April 28, 1875, At half-past two o'clock P. M., the following described

Real Estate.

Late the property of ELIZABETH MOULTROFF, dec'd, viz: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of ground, situate, lying and being in the borough of Lehighon, Carbon County, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone, thence by land of Lewis Graver south three degrees and one-half west twenty-five perches and one-tenth to a stone; thence by land of George Esch due east twelve perches and two-tenths to a stone; thence by land of the late John Kaniz, deceased, north twenty-nine degrees west eleven perches to a stone; thence by the same north four and one-half degrees east nineteen perches and three-tenths to a corner in a public road; thence by said public road south fifty-five degrees west eight perches to the place of beginning, containing 1 ACRE AND 23 PERCHES.

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