

Editorial Mention.

Has the Water Company "gone where the woodbine twineth?" or will it revive with the flowers in the Spring?

At noon-to-morrow (Sunday) the Forty-seventh Congress will cease to exist, having then reached the term of two years prescribed for it by the Constitution.

His Excellency Benjamin F. Butler, Governor of Massachusetts, in a letter to his own signature positively denies that he "stole the spoons" while in New Orleans. Nuf sed.

Gov. Burnside reiterates his belief that the Fourteenth Amendment fully covers the right of women to vote, and the United States Supreme Court will do decide whenever the question is presented.

PHILADELPHIA TIMES: "Manch Chuck is not a large place, but it has the courage to claim distinction even above Philadelphia. The people of Manch Chuck claim that the Manch Chuck Gas Company furnishes the poorest quality of gas for the most meager of any similar concern in the State. The rate is \$3 50 per 1,000 feet of gas and air. Manch Chuck is welcome to its distinction. Even Philadelphia must fall to the rear in such a matter as this."

In the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, Tuesday, the Judiciary Committee reported favorably the following bill: "That if the Mayor and Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia shall agree before July 1, 1884, to furnish without cost to the Commonwealth suitable accommodations for the executive business and for the sessions of the Pennsylvania Legislature commencing the first Tuesday in January, 1885, then and thereafter the sessions of the Legislature of this Commonwealth shall be held in the city of Philadelphia, and acts passed by the Legislature may be approved by the Governor in Philadelphia."

The recent election for Councilman in the Third Ward, Easton, resulted in a tie vote between J. S. Rodenbaugh, Republican, and W. H. Wolverton, Democrat. Not counting one of these as a member, Council stands ten Republicans and ten Democrats, hence whichever party gains the contest will have the majority in the body. On Saturday the Court granted a rule on W. H. Wolverton, to show cause why Mr. Rodenbaugh be not declared elected. The counsel are R. C. Stewart and Morris Kirkpatrick. Monday it transpired that the Democrats had engaged B. F. Fackenthal and H. W. Scott to defend their case, and some interesting developments are awaited. The argument will be had today (Saturday). The Third Ward has heretofore been largely Democratic.

It is scarcely agreeable to think that the cockroach could ever become an active agent in medicine. Yet it is used almost universally in Russia as a diuretic in certain diseases and it is also frequently used in European medical practices as a cure for Bright's disease. The Professor of Materia Medica in Jefferson College recently stated that cockroaches are not entirely unknown in the medical practice in Philadelphia, though physicians do not care to have it known that they prescribe so unpopular an insect in their practice, and few druggists will acknowledge that they keep it in stock. The Professor says that cockroaches may be used with good effect in certain cases. Its medical properties resemble those of cantharides, and when prescribed it is in the shape of a pill, made with the powder of the dried insect. The cockroach is no more offensive than the cantharides, both being of the same class of insect, and the smell is not so objectionable as that of the Spanish fly.

LEHIGH T'NT. Superintendent of Schools in Des Moines, has adopted a plan of giving practical instruction in earning and saving money. In the first place he encouraged all the children to open bank accounts, and to learn how to do business at a bank. Boys with rich fathers, boys with poor fathers, and boys without fathers or mothers were invited to earn money in honest and manly ways. They black boots, deliver papers, shovel snow from sidewalks, and carry in coal. Not a few are learning trades during their odd hour, and many have tools which they work with at home. Those who are doing mechanical work that requires considerable skill need and compare the articles they have made. There is a friendly rivalry to see which will have the largest bank account and furnish the best specimens of handiwork. The work out of school is said to have a good effect on the work done in school. The boys are getting a reputation for thrift, skill, and economy as well as for scholarship.

As predicted several days ago Senator Davis has tendered his resignation of the office of President pro tempore of the Senate, to take effect to-day. This step was taken after consultation with leading Republican and Democratic Senators, and indicates that some Republicans Senator whose term will not expire before March, 1885, will be elected to succeed Mr. Davis without opposition. Senator Edmunds will probably be chosen. Senator Anthony has been talked of, but his term expires to-morrow, which fact disqualifies him as a candidate in the present situation. In consequence of the action of Judge Davis, there will be an election of his successor to-day (3rd inst.,) the Senate thus avoiding a special session. One other result will be that there will be no change in the Senate official corps until next December, to the great disappointment of Griswold and his friends, and the intense disgust of Messrs. Mahon and Riddleberger, who will get countless important factors in the organization until next Winter.

At the Baptist ministers' meeting in New York, Monday, the Rev. Harvey Wood, of England, who has just returned from Lehighville, after resigning the pastorate of the Lehighville Baptist Church, said: "When you ask me to speak about Lehighville you give me a big text. Briefly, my experience as a pastor was this: When I was invited to accept the pastorate in Lehighville I was informed by letter that there were 130 members in the church, that the church building would

seat 500 persons, and that a parsonage was ready for me. The facts were, as I found out when I got there, that the church seated 140 persons, that there were 49 church members, and that the parsonage had been sold and the church society was \$300 in debt. As to the standard of Christianity in Lehighville, it is not exalted. For instance, next to the church building was a blacksmith shop, and on Sundays the blacksmith was always busy. As I did not believe that pounding and expounding go together on Sunday, I went out just before the sermon and asked the blacksmith to stop. The blacksmith told me to go to a place considerably warmer than Florida, and added that he was working for a member of my church. And sure enough, there stood the Treasurer of the church having his horse shod. Gambling is licensed, and so is rum. Last year \$56,000 was paid for rum licenses, and \$10 a day in the gambling halls. I did my level best to get some of my people to go to some of these gambling places, but they were afraid, for murder is an every-day affair. I went into many places, and I think Lehighville is the wickedest town on earth."

Our Washington Letter.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24, 1883.

The Senate Committee on Commerce took final action on the shipping bill yesterday and ordered a favorable report to be made upon it. The Committee have amended the bill by striking out the thirteenth section, which delegated to the collectors of ports the duties now performed by the shipping commissioners, and have also added a section which authorizes the Postmaster General to contract for the carriage of mails in certain shipments of American registered packages. It is believed that the bill will not exceed one dollar per mile for such service, and provided the gross amount to be paid for such service shall not exceed \$1,600,000 per annum. Due notice is to be given by advertisement, and the contracts are to be awarded to the lowest bidder, regardless of the size of the vessels, only provided that the vessel is of American register, and owned and run by Americans. The section also contains a provision that a drawback, equal to the amount of the duty, shall be allowed on all foreign materials imported and used in the construction or repair of American vessels. The bill as amended will probably be reported in the Senate to-day.

The National Association of School Superintendents to-day adopted resolutions in favor of the federal government giving aid to the several States "so that all children within their borders, shall receive at least an elementary education." A committee consisting of Messrs. M. A. Newell, of Maryland, Daugherty, of Illinois; White, of Massachusetts; Lueky, of Pennsylvania; Stickoff, of New York; Beecher, of West Virginia; Pickett, of Kentucky; Edwards, of Maryland; Armstrong, of Virginia; Haygood, of Georgia; Harris, of Missouri; Smart, of Indiana; Lovy, joy, of the District of Columbia, and Northrup, of Connecticut, were appointed to wait upon the joint congressional committee and urge the adoption of the Blair bill.

A study of the census reports of 1880 in relation to the agricultural interests of the United States furnishes some interesting information in regard to the relative profits arising from this chief industry in various sections of the country. The productiveness of the persons employed in farming varies surprisingly. He has not yet notified any one outside of his family of his approaching marriage. The secret marriage and abrupt departure of two of the shining lights of our so-called society, Mr. Henry Pell and Miss Katherine Kernoehan, has afforded plenty of material for good wholesome Lenten gossip to their comrades within the charmed circle which imports its manners from England. Now, however this little romance will end as usual with the killing of the fatted calf and the utterance of the conventional "Bliss ye, my children," on the part of the priest, Dr. Kernoehan. The young couple have fled themselves to Ronceaues the far famed stud farm and country seat of Mr. Pierre Lorillard, the uncle of the bride, and there they are weathering the storm. I am told by somebody well acquainted with the circumstances of the whole affair that in about two weeks they will return, and meanwhile their friends—and they have many—are awaiting something fast, rapid as they call it now—his blood is approaching a very light blue. In the slugs of Wall Street he is nickel plate. Now Dr. Kernoehan is an aristocrat of the darkest of dark blue blood, and looks down upon such new applicants for admission to the ranks of the American peerage. I believe his ancestors sold fish about the same time that the founder of the house of Astor peddled matches, and the original Stuyvesant mendied his own leather breeches.

The usual celebration in honor of Washington's birthday, took place on Thursday. The public offices were closed, and also a good portion of private business houses. Flags are flying patriotically from prominent buildings, and the only place where patriotic sentiment had to give way to business was at the Capitol, as the expiring Congress has no time to spare for festivities. The day was observed by the oldest inhabitants in the old-fashioned way, and a military parade was planned for the afternoon.

It is more probable that, as a consequence of Herold turning State's evidence, ex-Senator Dorsey will be called as a witness by the defense. If Dorsey had not already determined to take the stand to explain his connection with the alleged conspiracy, Herold's action will decide him to do so. He had such a step in contemplation at the first trial. That Miner will do as Herold has done, although it is the current report, is not expected by the defense. That Herold would confess and testify has been expected by the defense ever since the second trial began.

[From our RELOCAL CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25, 1883.

It is scarcely worth while to speak of what Congress is doing, for the tariff question still occupies almost the entire time of both houses, and at the present stage the situation to-day may be widely changed to-morrow. There is at this moment a general feeling that possibly the Senate will be able to come to an agreement on some superior exception to the bill reducing the whisky tax to fifty cents, will be put through at the last moment, together with the tank tax repeal. It is whispered also that one of these fine days the Southern Pacific railway consolidation scheme is going to be sold through Congress. Next to the millions of acres of public land this would enable the combination to gobble up the meat in which legislative cocoon it is in section 4, which provides that the meat in the bill receives precedence among the non-communistic residents of "Little Germany." Throgg's Neck in the vicinity of the light-house used to be a rendezvous for gunners up to about ten years ago,

carrying passengers and freight on the consolidated road is hereby reserved to Congress." That clause takes it out of the power of the half dozen or more States through which the consolidated roads will run to meddle with the rates, and concentrates the power in Congress. The Pacific railway combination has therefore found it a comparatively easy matter to defeat hostile legislation in Congress, and it had rather take chances than to buy up state legislatures. These state commissioners are giving the church building was a blacksmith shop, and on Sundays the blacksmith was always busy. As I did not believe that pounding and expounding go together on Sunday, I went out just before the sermon and asked the blacksmith to stop. The blacksmith told me to go to a place considerably warmer than Florida, and added that he was working for a member of my church. And sure enough, there stood the Treasurer of the church having his horse shod. Gambling is licensed, and so is rum. Last year \$56,000 was paid for rum licenses, and \$10 a day in the gambling halls. I did my level best to get some of my people to go to some of these gambling places, but they were afraid, for murder is an every-day affair. I went into many places, and I think Lehighville is the wickedest town on earth."

An interesting literary event is the

publication of the correspondence between Emerson and Carlyle by the Osgood's. This is the most remarkable book that has been issued this year, and although it did not make its appearance until Saturday, yet I am told that the edition has right well been taken up. Strange, how these two men admired one another, and yet they seemingly had nothing in common but their love of the true and the good. Yet here in these simple undivided letters we see how these two minds the one cynical, despotic and combative and the other calm, serene and loving, yet had points of contact and thereby clung together with all the fondness that mutual admiration at the highest order can inspire and mutual esteem cement. The "Letters" are among the most remarkable contributions to the Literary History of this century, and in addition to that they are a perfect storehouse of facts and gossip about some of the leading men who shaped the affairs of England and America during the last half century.

Ex-Governor Tilden's new house in Lehighville—for that it practically is—is rapidly approaching completion. Something over a year ago Mr. Tilden decided to transform his fine houses, Nos. 13 and 15 Gramercy Park into one, and proposed to expend about \$50,000 for that purpose. The work has been going on since then, but the expenditure already foots up nearly \$200,000. The new structure is not one of those pretentious and showy affairs which the Vanderbilts, the Californians and the nouveaux riches generally affect, but it shows general good taste and familiarity with architecture. The main style is Gothic, although the excellencies of every other known style of architecture are introduced. The house has a frontage of 60 and a depth of 110 feet. On a basis of Jersey brown stone rises the superstructure of delicate pink Scotch sandstone. Narrow belts of highly polished Maine granite unite the two. The main entrance which is the Governor's old house is a fine specimen of architectural design. Four columns of polished Maine granite support the porch. On the columns rest four half length figures representing the seasons of the year. They uphold a granite shaft forming the roof of the porch. Two bay windows run up to the third floor, and between is a panel of brown stone, in the centre of which is cut the head of Benjamin Franklin. The heads of Shakespeare, Milton, Goethe and Dante, occupy the four corners. Stained glass windows will admit the light in all the lower floors, and some of these are marvels of this revived art. The interior is finished throughout in hardwood, and particularly the library is being fitted up with all that a quiet and refined taste can suggest. Mr. Tilden has not exactly a large or a rare library. It contains about twenty thousand volumes, but outside of his law books, it contains a large number of valuable rare volumes immeasurably useful to the student. There are no curiosities there simply for the sake of being curious, everything must have a purpose.

The Poll-Kernoehan escapade, the secret marriage and abrupt departure of two of the shining lights of our so-called society, Mr. Henry Pell and Miss Katherine Kernoehan, has afforded plenty of material for good wholesome Lenten gossip to their comrades within the charmed circle which imports its manners from England. Now, however this little romance will end as usual with the killing of the fatted calf and the utterance of the conventional "Bliss ye, my children," on the part of the priest, Dr. Kernoehan. The young couple have fled themselves to Ronceaues the far famed stud farm and country seat of Mr. Pierre Lorillard, the uncle of the bride, and there they are weathering the storm. I am told by somebody well acquainted with the circumstances of the whole affair that in about two weeks they will return, and meanwhile their friends—and they have many—are awaiting something fast, rapid as they call it now—his blood is approaching a very light blue. In the slugs of Wall Street he is nickel plate. Now Dr. Kernoehan is an aristocrat of the darkest of dark blue blood, and looks down upon such new applicants for admission to the ranks of the American peerage. I believe his ancestors sold fish about the same time that the founder of the house of Astor peddled matches, and the original Stuyvesant mendied his own leather breeches.

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