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ARMSTRONG vs. RAUCH & COCHRAN.

Andrew Armstrong, Esq., an ex-member of the Legislature, has just brought an action against the publishers of FATHER ABRAHAM for libel, on which an appearance was promptly entered on our part, being ready for trial at the earliest possible time.

The alleged libel, we believe, is the exposition we made more than a year ago of Mr. Armstrong's mileage as a member of the Legislature, he being entitled to about \$9 for 80 miles, (the distance from his residence to Harrisburg) whilst he drew a little over \$90 for 306 miles! Whether it is unlawful to publish financial transactions of this kind between members of the Legislature and the public treasury remains to be seen. The pending law suit, should it ever come to trial, will probably determine the question.

GEN. W. W. IRWIN. This gentleman, so well and favorably known to every Pennsylvania Republican, will be a candidate for re-election to the office of State Treasurer, and, as we have reason to believe, with the most flattering prospects of success. His just claims upon the party, so shamefully disregarded by the ring last year, will, beyond doubt, be properly recognized at the coming session of the Legislature. Republican members elect from the Eastern part of the State will not be a particle behind those from the West, where Gen. Irwin always has been and is now a favorite, in giving him what he so well deserves, their hearty and vigorous support.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. Notwithstanding the wholesome result of the last election—the triumph of reform candidates in almost every district in which the issue was made against the corruptionists of the last session—the latter element is at work trying to "set up" the leader and champion of the Pasting and Folding swindle, B. B. Strang, for the Speaker of the House! It is said that the Philadelphia delegation have already held a caucus and decided to run the organization and force Mr. S. into the chair, and that ten or eleven out of the fifteen members from the city are in this ring. They evidently count on "roping in" and managing the "green-horns" from the rural districts, but whether they will succeed remains to be seen.

A few days ago a prominent Dauphin county politician, in the service of the ring, made strong declarations in favor of Mr. Strang—offered to bet a basket of champagne on his election, and even went so far as to intimate that the representatives from Lancaster county will support him! Such demonstrations clearly prove that the brag game is relied on by the corruptionists to make strength for their candidate. Whilst we claim no authority to speak for the representatives from this county, we do assert that they will not vote for Mr. Strang, or any other representative of the ring of corruptionists.

Other names have been mentioned in connection with the Speakership, and we trust that, after a thorough interchange of sentiment among the many new members elect, they will be able to find and unite upon a safe and reliable man who will preside over the House with honor to himself and in a manner entirely satisfactory to the Republicans of Pennsylvania. We do not care who may be the successful candidate, provided he is not the champion and representative of the ring, who by their swindling and Treasury robbing operations during the sessions of 1868 and 1869 brought so much disgrace upon the Republican party of Pennsylvania.

AFTER BROOKS. The Beaver Radical, edited by M. S. Quay, is after Revenue Detective Brooks with a hot poker. Hear ye him: "The attempt upon the life of Mr. Brooks started society in Philadelphia by its atrocity and audacity, and Marrow and his fellows were convicted as Gerald Eaton was convicted and hung for a crime, of which he was notoriously innocent, because the public safety required an example. We confess to little sympathy with Mr. Brooks and his class of officials. 'Set a thief to catch a thief,' is an old and a wise adage, and the Revenue Department does not fail to act upon it. These scoundrels of the Treasury, are, perhaps, a necessary evil. But they are just as necessarily sneaks and liars, and as a general rule, have less honesty than the men whose scent they follow. Society can console itself for their infidelity by the recollection that they undoubtedly swell the revenue, and that while they are serving the Government, and wringing blood-money from dealers in whiskey and tobacco, they cannot be lifting pocket-books and plying the 'jimmy.' As to the man Brooks, if it be true that he first commended himself to the notice of the Revenue Department, by betraying the secrets of an employer to whom he stood in confidential relations, for the sake of his miserable per centage of the accruing forfeiture, he deserved killing on general principles, barring the outrage upon the law."

We confess our surprise on reading the above. Mr. Brooks has been regarded, we supposed from the favorable opinions expressed of him in the Philadelphia papers, and by the officials at Washington, as one of the very best of men, officially and otherwise. True, "whisky rings" and their paid coadjutors hate him, and have even tried to murder him; and to see him denounced so roughly by a respectable newspaper excites our surprise and wonder. What has Mr. Brooks to say about it?

THE NIGGER. Mr. Cox, of Minnesota, recently addressed the Democratic State Convention with a tremor in his voice, tears in his eyes, and tribulation in his heart. "For a long time," he said, "we have been fighting the nigger and have got whipped. We have had nigger thrust at us until we are black in the face. The nigger has been a curse and I am tired of him. He has filled our belly full, and taken our logs off short." Jes so!

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

The elections held on Tuesday last resulted as follows: In New York the Democrats succeeded in electing their State ticket by about the same majority as last year. The Republicans gained seventeen thousand in the city, whilst they lost nearly as much in the interior, caused, no doubt, by the temperance element, which was opposed to General Sigel. Both branches of the Legislature, however, have been secured by the Republicans.

In New Jersey the Republicans made a very good fight, and gained several members of the Legislature, but probably not enough to make a majority in either House. No State ticket. Massachusetts elected the Republican State ticket over all opposition combined. The Legislature is of course strongly Republican, but close between the friends of prohibition and liquor license.

In Wisconsin the Republicans made a clean sweep by about 10,000 majority. Returns from Minnesota indicate the success of the Republican State ticket by 5000 majority. The temperance ticket polled several thousand votes. From Alabama we have only returns from Mobile, the rebel stronghold, which was carried by the democrats, by about 700 majority.

Chicago, Ill., was carried by the Citizens' ticket for delegates to the Constitutional Convention, being made up of 4 Republicans and 3 democrats. As a whole, the returns are good, indicating a healthy condition of the Republican party everywhere.

LEGISLATIVE REFORM.

The Chambersburg Repository, in an article on the members of the Legislature of last winter, after referring to some things to commend them, concludes as follows:

"On the other hand they were guilty of far too much special legislation which discriminated unfairly in favor of the few against the many, and some Republican members stained their hands and consciences with bribes in its accomplishment. A number of these have been allowed to stay at home this winter, a happy circumstance which is due chiefly to the indignant remonstrances of those journals which the Harrisburg Telegraph undertakes to scold. They need not be rendered unhappy by reason of it, and the present Legislature will lose nothing by their enforced absence. We hope to see, this winter, that through their efforts corrupt special legislation, and indeed special legislation generally, has received a death-blow."

We agree with the Pittsburg Commercial that this is a question of great importance to the Republicans of Pennsylvania, the great body of whom, no doubt, would prefer that the Legislature of last winter should, as far as possible, be forgotten. But there is a scheme on foot to revive recollections and indorse one of the most objectionable members of the last House by electing him Speaker of the new body. Mr. Strang, of Tioga, was perhaps the most unblushing advocate of extravagance of the old body, and the most open and reckless in defying public sentiment. He gloried in his wrong, and could not sufficiently express his contempt for that public opinion which warned him to desist. He comes back now for the Speakership which he may put in practice his peculiar ideas of a legislator's duty. Have not the Republican party in Pennsylvania had enough of such men, enough of these practices of extravagance, enough of this contempt for public sentiment? Mr. Strang evidently thinks not. What say the Republican masses? What is the voice of the Republican press? Let them speak out boldly and emphatically now, and not wait until the mischief is done, and then wail about it. It is especially necessary that public opinion should be heard now, because a legislative "ring" is about being formed, lead off by the Philadelphia "roosters." It is already announced that the State Treasurership is "fixed" for the present incumbent, and Strang is to be the "ring" candidate for Speaker. Last winter Philadelphia "ruled the roost," and monopolized all the prominent places on the committees of the House, and they are now "setting up" for the same game. The "country members" can nip this nice arrangement in the bud, if they will go at it with a will. Let the country press speak out, and speak now.

We learn, too, that Senator Connell is busily engaged in fixing the "alate" for the Senate, and will again monopolize five of the Senate's officials, and fix the Finance Committee to suit the purposes of the "ring," unless the "country Senators" are up and doing. "Forewarned is forearmed."

INCOME TAX.

Our exchanges state that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has prepared a circular of instructions, to be sent to the Deputy Assessors of each district, in reference to the assessment of the income tax. A thorough canvass of each division is to be made this month. Every house must be visited, and the names of the inmates obtained. Persons who have no income to be taxed must make an affidavit of that fact, and those who have made no returns are to be summoned to appear at the office of the assessor, and in case of failure to respond, are subject to a penalty. The duty of energetic action is impressed upon the assessor.

REBELS STILL.

As showing where the sympathies of the Democracy were during the war, and are now, we make the following extract from a report in a Norfolk paper of the recent trip of a party of firemen of that city to Philadelphia. All the proceedings narrated therein took place at the Moyamensing House, the headquarters of the Democracy of the Fourth Ward, and of the city:

"The banquet was all that princes could have desired, and the welcome was given in a spirit of purpose that made all hands exceedingly joyous and particularly happy. Speeches, good cheer and sentiment were the order of the night until the cloth was removed, when the stately edifice of that excellent company was shaken from centre to circumference with a flourish that made everything ring again. The 'Domnie Blue Flag,' 'Glenn an Good Old Rebel,' 'Dixie,' 'Songs of the South,' and other songs were sung with will and determination that looked like 'times of old.' The presiding genius of the occasion was Alderman William McMullen, who appeared never tired of showing the Hope boys courtesies and acts of hospitality that have endeared him to them 'as a man amongst men.'"

McCLELLAN.

Gen. George B. McClellan and family, and Gen. Marcy, father of Mrs. McClellan, have engaged quarters at the Metropolitan hotel, Washington, and will spend the winter there.

George B. always had a hankering toward Washington. During the war he lingered long with his army on the heights opposite the entrancing city, and even sought a four years' residence in the White House, in the Autumn of 1864. We are happy to know that his ambition for a residence in Washington is about to be gratified.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

The Mayor and his Dismissals—The Metropolitan Police Bill—More Election Controversies—Hon. B. F. Butler Floated—City Passengers—A Reduction of Fares—Trial of Marshall K. Evans—The New York Election—General News, &c., &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 3, 1869. DEAR ABB: His Honor, the Mayor of our great city, is no sooner firmly fixed in his position by a fortunate decision of the men at law, than he throws off the mask, and shows what a real, live, good and consistent Democratic Mayor can do. Heretofore Mayor Fox, it was thought, would follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and at least keep upon the force the really few good officers and detectives who have held positions for the last twelve years; but also, some of them were suspected of being tainted with Republicanism, and now that Mr. Fox's position is no longer in doubt, everybody who held the smallest place under our former Mayor, must give way to the mighty pressure the Celts are bringing to bear. It is even rumored that the Mayor will be offered a detective position, but as he is not altogether right with the Mother Church, that is now knocked in the head.

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For the past few weeks the public prints have been considerably exercised as to which one of the many parties who are possessors of the same colts in town. Mr. Wm. Rose has a mare colt which is about twenty-seven and a half inches in height. Her dam was a thorough-bred, fifteen and a half hands high, and her sire of Hambletonian stock. Lancaster county has a national reputation for producing large horses, but when it comes to small ones, then I rather opine Philadelphia takes the lead. Hon. B. F. Butler was victimized a few days since. He was on his way from this city to New York, and had an overcoat and dress coat stolen from his apartment in the sleeping car. He had about eight hundred dollars in ready money and a number of checks in the pocket of the overcoat. The loss was not discovered until his arrival in New York, when payment upon the checks was stopped. Many have been the experiments made of late, having in view a reduction of car fare on the City Passenger Railways, but until this week nothing has been tried that looks so feasible as the arrangement on the Spruce and Pine street railway, by which the services of a conductor are dispensed with. Passengers place the amount of fare in a small box attached to a band, which is drawn out into a small glass box in front of the driver, who upon seeing the amount to be correct, touches an iron bell when the money or ticket falls into a tray. When the car is started, the passengers procure it from the driver, who supplied before the car leaves the depot. This new method, it is argued, will not only prevent the much talked of system of "knocking down," but the companies, by saving the wages of the conductors, will be able to reduce the car fare from seven to five cents. Marshall K. Evans, who, on the 24th day of August last, shot his father in a fit of insanity, was arraigned on Tuesday last before Judges Pierce and Paxson. The prisoner was defended by ex-Judge Strong and C. H. T. Collis. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, upon the ground of insanity, and will remember I gave you a detailed account of this affair at the time.

The election in New York and the result astonishes no one here. It is an undeniable fact that crowds of repeaters left for New York to be re-elected, and returned the compliment of the New York repeaters last October. A dispatch states that five hundred Philadelphia "repeaters" headed by Bill McMullen, were early at work, and in one district fifty of them voted solid for Democracy. In our own city, last October, this repeating system did not work as well as expected, simply because the City Executive Committee were on the alert. For once we had a committee who did their work nobly, and to them alone should the people of Pennsylvania feel thankful that the State today is in the hands of the Republicans. The election was carried on with less money than usual, and the little sum that was raised was distributed to advantage. All good party men are only anxious that next year we may secure as good a committee, and in the hands of such men as Messrs. John L. Hill, Robert T. Gill and Jno. McCullough, Philadelphia can always be depended upon for five thousand majority.

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Local News.

ITEMS: Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., formerly a resident of this city, and well known to our citizens, preached his nineteenth anniversary sermon as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in Philadelphia, on the 10th ult. During these years he has received into the church 608 members, officiated at 369 funerals, and married 381 couples. Several mission schools were established, from which churches have originated.

Mr. S. Rathvon stated at the meeting of the Linnaean Society of this county, on Saturday last, that the centipede was a deadly enemy of the bed-bug, which it kills. Some member suggested that the insect might be introduced into houses to keep down the number of bugs. The question was asked whether the antidote would not be worse than the disease. The old Brethren German Baptists dedicated a meeting-house in Mount Joy township, about five miles northwest of the borough of Mount Joy, on Sunday last. Revs. Wm. Hartzler, of Daphin, and George Fischer, of Lebanon, were the officiating ministers.

B. M. Stauffer, of Mount Joy, has purchased a large farm near Sedalia, Missouri. Mrs. Sophia Meylin died in this city on Wednesday last, and left a will, which directs among other things, that one thousand dollars shall be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, and about ten thousand to Zion's German Lutheran Church, of this city. The will having been made within thirty days of her death makes these bequests void, the law providing that they must be made at least one month before the death of the testator. The Presbyterian Church, of this city, lost a similar bequest a few years ago, from a like cause.

Mr. Charles E. Wise, of this city, made a balloon ascension from Reading on Thursday last. He was compelled to "go it alone," because sufficient gas could not be obtained to inflate the balloon. He was in the upper regions about an hour, having travelled about 35 miles, landing near Sumneytown, Montgomery county. The corner-stone of a new Episcopal church was laid in Manheim, on Friday afternoon last. Revs. A. M. Abel, of Lebanon, and T. B. Barker, of this city officiating. George Bulter of Marietta, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was run over by the mail train going west, on Wednesday of last week, at Dillerville, and so badly injured that he died in half an hour.

The case of John Hildebrand vs. Jacob John and John H. Eckert, which was commenced in our Court of Common Pleas on Tuesday forenoon of last week, was brought to a close on Saturday morning last. Judge Hayes charged the jury, shortly after which the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, which, in effect, establishes the validity of the will of Daniel Eckman, deceased, which was involved in the trial. Henry Eby, sr., of Manheim borough, has in his possession a stove, adapted for burning wood only, which was cast at Elizabeth furnace, this county, in the year 1769, and bears the name of Baron Henry Von Steigel. At a sale of stocks, recently, in Philadelphia, \$3000 of Harrisburg, Mount Joy and Lancaster Railroad brought 93.25 per cent. Application has been made to the Court of Common Pleas of this county for a charter for the "Litz Saving Fund and Building Association."

Miss Mary D. Nauman, author of Sydney Elliott, has another work in preparation, which will soon be ready for publication. The new book will be entitled "Twisted Threads." Riddle & Cochran, at No. 40 North Queen street, will have it for sale as soon as published.

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Philadelphia. 1. L. B. Thomas, R. Centre. 2. G. Maxwell, R. gain. Columbia and Montour. 3. Sam. Josephs, D. Cumberland. 4. Wm. Elliott, R. 5. Edw. G. Garlin, D. 6. John F. Mooney, D. 7. Robt. Johnston, R. 8. Jas. V. Stokes, R. 9. Burton D. Dailly, D. 10. Elisha W. Davis, R. 11. Wm. M. Bunn, R. 12. Alex. Adams, R. 13. John Forsyth, D. 14. John Cloud, R. 15. Adam Albright, R. 16. Nath. A. Hong, R. 17. Watson Comly, R. 18. James Miller, R. Adams. 19. A. B. Dill, D. Allegheny. 20. S. S. Humphreys, R. 21. Alex. Miller, R. 22. Joseph Walton, R. 23. James Taylor, R. 24. W. White, R. 25. John H. Kerr, R. Armstrong. 26. M. M. Steele, R. 27. Jacob F. Kreye, R. 28. Haver and Washington. 29. W. C. Shulock, R. 30. A. J. Burdington, R. 31. H. Van Riper, R. Bedford, Fulton and Somerset. 32. J. H. Longenecker, R. 33. F. B. Long, R. Berks. 34. Henry Broost, D. 35. T. C. Keffer, R. 36. H. H. Schwartz, D. Blair. 37. Joseph Robinson, R. Bradford and Sullivan. 38. J. F. Chamberlain, R. 39. James H. Webb, R. Bucks. 40. Joshua Beans, D. 41. E. C. McKinstry, D. Butler, Lawrence and Mercer. 42. G. W. McCracken, R. 43. D. Craig, R. 44. E. A. Wheeler, R. 45. Alexander Leslie, R. Cambria. 46. John Porter, D. 47. Cameron, Clinton and Allegheny. 48. W. B. Leonard, D. Chester. 49. James C. Roberts, R. 50. Joseph C. Keech, R. 51. A. Darlington, R. 52. Charles and Jefferson. 53. R. B. Brown, D. Crawford. 54. H. C. Johnson, R. 55. W. Ames, R. Clearfield, Elk and Forest. 56. John G. Hall, D.

RECAPITULATION.

SENATE. Republicans..... 19 Democrats..... 11 Republican majority..... 8 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Republicans..... 60 Democrats..... 40 Republican majority..... 20

Local News.

ITEMS: Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D., formerly a resident of this city, and well known to our citizens, preached his nineteenth anniversary sermon as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in Philadelphia, on the 10th ult. During these years he has received into the church 608 members, officiated at 369 funerals, and married 381 couples. Several mission schools were established, from which churches have originated.

Mr. S. Rathvon stated at the meeting of the Linnaean Society of this county, on Saturday last, that the centipede was a deadly enemy of the bed-bug, which it kills. Some member suggested that the insect might be introduced into houses to keep down the number of bugs. The question was asked whether the antidote would not be worse than the disease. The old Brethren German Baptists dedicated a meeting-house in Mount Joy township, about five miles northwest of the borough of Mount Joy, on Sunday last. Revs. Wm. Hartzler, of Daphin, and George Fischer, of Lebanon, were the officiating ministers.

B. M. Stauffer, of Mount Joy, has purchased a large farm near Sedalia, Missouri. Mrs. Sophia Meylin died in this city on Wednesday last, and left a will, which directs among other things, that one thousand dollars shall be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, and about ten thousand to Zion's German Lutheran Church, of this city. The will having been made within thirty days of her death makes these bequests void, the law providing that they must be made at least one month before the death of the testator. The Presbyterian Church, of this city, lost a similar bequest a few years ago, from a like cause.

Mr. Charles E. Wise, of this city, made a balloon ascension from Reading on Thursday last. He was compelled to "go it alone," because sufficient gas could not be obtained to inflate the balloon. He was in the upper regions about an hour, having travelled about 35 miles, landing near Sumneytown, Montgomery county. The corner-stone of a new Episcopal church was laid in Manheim, on Friday afternoon last. Revs. A. M. Abel, of Lebanon, and T. B. Barker, of this city officiating. George Bulter of Marietta, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was run over by the mail train going west, on Wednesday of last week, at Dillerville, and so badly injured that he died in half an hour.

The case of John Hildebrand vs. Jacob John and John H. Eckert, which was commenced in our Court of Common Pleas on Tuesday forenoon of last week, was brought to a close on Saturday morning last. Judge Hayes charged the jury, shortly after which the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, which, in effect, establishes the validity of the will of Daniel Eckman, deceased, which was involved in the trial. Henry Eby, sr., of Manheim borough, has in his possession a stove, adapted for burning wood only, which was cast at Elizabeth furnace, this county, in the year 1769, and bears the name of Baron Henry Von Steigel. At a sale of stocks, recently, in Philadelphia, \$3000 of Harrisburg, Mount Joy and Lancaster Railroad brought 93.25 per cent. Application has been made to the Court of Common Pleas of this county for a charter for the "Litz Saving Fund and Building Association."