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The Way It Is Done.

The incident narrated elsewhere, of a constable undertaking to swell 42 miles actually traveled into 82 miles legal mileage, admirably illustrates the prevailing practice of extortion among our public officials.

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than Grow, but when it comes to draw the winner they find a new field bunched against him. The Legislature will have to soon meet and the election of senator comes early in the course of its business.

PBBONAL. SALVINI, the tragedian, lives the life of a farmer when off the stage. He is worth about \$20,000.

GRANT has arrived in Washington, the guest of General Beale and the "boys in blue."

Senator WALLACE on his retirement from the Senate will resume the practice of the law and give his attention to his private business.

Mrs. JOHN JACOB ASTOR has sent a foot with basin of solid silver to a mission chapel which she has established in Nebraska.

Dr. TALMAGE'S Tabernacle is reported in desperate financial straits. Four months' arrears of salary are due him, notes to the amount of \$9,000 are falling due, and there is but \$50 in the treasury.

Hon. R. W. THOMPSON called on Mr. Hayes and requested him to appoint his successor as secretary of the navy in time to permit his retiring from that office on Monday next. Mr. Hayes accepted Secretary Thompson's resignation, and has since designated Secretary Ramsey to act as secretary of the navy, in addition to his duties as secretary of war, from the 20th instant.

MOEGKE, the actress, who was arrested for complicity in the embezzlement of \$90,000 from the Boston city treasury, was discharged. Evidence of her knowledge of the doings of John A. Woodward, the absconding cashier, was clear, but as she proved she was his lawfully wedded wife, she escaped trial on a technicality of the law, and accordingly the grand jury found no bill. Her husband has been traced to Montreal.

Lieutenant Commander HENRY C. NIELSEN, United States navy, died at his residence in West Chester yesterday of pleuro-pneumonia after three days' illness. He was a brave officer and gained his rank by meritorious services. Recently he was transferred to duty at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, where he was stationed at the time of his death. He was universally beloved, and the whole community mourn the loss of one of its most respected citizens. He was forty-one years of age, and leaves a wife and six children.

AMERICAN capital, represented by Jay Gould, is about to lay two new Atlantic cables. England and France must stand from under now.

At the time that circulars were sent by the Times to the Republican members of the Legislature to get some idea of their preference regarding the senatorship similar circulars were mailed to the Republican newspapers. They have generally been very prompt in responding, and the result shows 31 papers for Grow as first choice, 2 for Quay, 3 for Stone, 2 for Ward, 2 for Lear, 2 for Scofield, 2 for Shiras, 5 for J. B. Packer, with 1 each for Daniel Agnew, Charles S. Wolfe, Benjamin Harris Brewster, Lemuel Todd, Harry White, General Lilly and John Stewart.

REV. J. B. YOUNG, a Methodist preacher of Altoona, having preached a "Protestant" sermon on Thanksgiving Day, is taken to account for some of his statements by a correspondent of the Tribune. The critic reminds the preacher that all the great explorations in this country were made by Catholics; from Quebec to San Francisco are still traceable the footprints of the pioneers of Catholic civilization and the missionaries of Catholic faith; of the forty states now under the stars and stripes twenty-seven were settled by Catholics; the Jesuit written constitution of Maryland offered Protestants a refuge from Protestant intolerance; and that many of the republics in the world to-day are Catholic—France, Peru, Mexico, Columbia, Hayti, Bolivia, Ecuador, San Domingo and the Argentine Republic.

MR. MYERS, of Indiana, has offered in the House an answering resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish Congress with a detailed statement of how much money the government has paid General Grant since his entrance into the military academy. This includes his cadetship, his service in the Mexican and the late war, thereafter while general of the army, and his two terms in the White House. The resolution went to the military affairs committee, which also has in hand the bill to retire General Grant as general of the army. It is understood that Mr. Myers intends to combat the retiring bill, and to use for that purpose figures from the treasury department, if he can get them, to show that General Grant has already had enough of public reward.

ST. ALTOONA. The Altoona Star starts bravely on its second year. Blair county has another "disgusting" infanticide. Gardner, of Lloydsville, dropped her male infant into a sink and it died there.

Judge Sterrett, of the supreme court, is in Washington pushing the claims of Paxton to a seat on the supreme bench of the United States.

The prosecution of the Pittsburgh gamblers has now taken a new turn and instead of light fines when brought before the mayor, they are to have an opportunity to stand trial before the courts.

A heater attached to a boiler in Randolph & Jenks's mill, at Clifton, Delaware county, blew up, killing Frank Lee and seriously injuring Mark Cloud, both operators.

The chairman of the finance committee of the university of Pennsylvania, announces that Mr. Henry C. Gibson has offered to erect the new wing for incurables in connection with the university hospital at the cost of about \$50,000.

The Western Union telephone managers in Harrisburg refused to put a telephone into the office of their rival, the American Union telegraph company, the court has been asked to compel them to admit the American Union to equal privileges with the other general public.

The Keystone wrecker factory of F. Adams & Co., at Erie, caught fire and was burned to the ground. While endeavoring to save the building firemen Charles Seligart, George Smith and George Claws were killed by the falling of a burning wall. The loss is about \$25,000; insurance, \$30,000.

James Larkins, city tax collector of Meadville, committed suicide on Saturday by shooting himself in the forehead. He had city and county tax duplicates unaccounted for, and was charged with the loss of \$10,000, which is supposed to be the cause of the suicide. All is secured by responsible bondsmen. Larkins was forty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and five children.

William McIntyre, aged thirteen, son of a truck foreman at Hollidaysburg, fell off a log in his father's house, and fell on the point of a rusty bayonet with which he was playing. The bayonet entered his neck near the right ear, and was forced clear through his neck, emerging just below the left ear. The father, Dr. H. H. Bayonet, but there is no present hope of the boy's recovery.

In Harrisburg, yesterday, George Rettberg went out on the roof to paint the dormer window frames of his houses. A strip of wood on which he depended for a foothold gave way, allowing him to fall. He endeavored to catch himself, but failed, falling to the pavement, striking the wooden steps with his feet, then rebounding pitched headforemost into the gutter, striking on the top of his head. When the doctor arrived he had spunk was just leaving the body of the unfortunate man. Upon examining Rettberg it was found that his neck had been broken by the fall; that his left wrist was broken and that he had a deep wound on the side of his head where he struck the bricks in the gutter, and that he had received several bruises besides.

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DECIDEDLY PARISIAN. A remarkable duel has just taken place which for its novelty and fearful termination has set Parisians agog.

Two brothers, Auguste and Andre Berni, the former aged 40, the latter 35, both employed in the great glass manufactory at Saint Denis, became enamored of Adele Vergeri, a cook at La Villette. Adele Vergeri is described as a young woman of plain, simple habits, who had by dint of hard work and economy, managed to save a few hundred francs.

Adèle Vergeri received the visits of the brothers with some sang froid. To her it was amusing to see first one, then the other, come puffing and blowing in his desire to be the first to greet her. Neither would give in to the other, and Adèle had to escort them both out, as neither would leave the other alone with her. So terrible became the jealousy between the two brothers that they would not speak with each other. It had, however, to be settled last, as Adèle Vergeri threatened that unless her courtship ceased to be mixed with hatred she would have to ask the brothers to desist from calling upon her.

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DEATH IN A LOT OF YARN.—Dr. Glacier, assistant surgeon, recently attacked with yellow fever at Key West, Fla., died at 2:30 Sunday morning. Hospital St. Peter's, at Long Branch, was thrown from his carriage last Thursday evening and received injuries which may prove fatal.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. A TOBACCO SHARP. How he swindled a Dealer out of a small Amount and Came Near Snuffing Tip the Eyes of Others.

A piece of sharp practice on the part of a bogus tobacco buyer has just come to light, though the parties most immediately interested succeeded in keeping quiet for a week. A good-looking, well-dressed, well-informed man calling himself S. Selser, and representing himself as an agent of the extensive cigar manufacturing establishment of Huan & Co., made his appearance in Lancaster and sought an interview with David G. Hirsch, dealer in leaf tobacco. After dickering for some time and examining samples with the utmost care he made up his mind to purchase 150 cases, cash on delivery.

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HARRISBURG COTTON FACTORY. The Capacity of its Machinery—A Short Sketch of the Enterprise.

The Harrisburg papers and people continue to express great satisfaction at the purchase by George Calder, jr., of this city, of their cotton mill. The Telegraph gives quite a history of the mill. Its capacity is as follows: Looms, two hundred and eighty one. Spindles, eight thousand.

Operatives two hundred and fifty. Product, seventy-six thousand yards per week. Hours per day, under the old organization, eleven. The mill made brown sheetings, shirting and drillings. Cotton used per week, sixty bales. The average pay per year, \$90,000.

The first floor was used for carding, second for weaving—third for spinning, and the fourth for dressing. The cloth room is located in the second story of the new building, where the goods were brushed, trimmed, folded, stamped and baled for the market. About the year 1846-47, the success of the cotton mills at Lancaster, built by Gen. James, of Providence, R. I., induced a number of the enterprising citizens of Harrisburg to consult with that gentleman as to the erection of a similar mill in this city. General James' knowledge of cotton spinning was very extensive, and at a meeting held in the court house, he presented the practical points to be considered by those who were asked to subscribe the necessary capital to erect such an establishment, and a joint stock company was organized, which embraced many of our most prominent capitalists.

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COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Yesterday, the occasion of his 58th birthday, William Hiteshue was agreeably surprised, on reaching his home, at the dining room, to find a number of friends waiting him to commemorate with him the day. Mr. Hiteshue's Sunday school class of the Church of God were among the number.

Officers Fisher and Lyle arrested four men yesterday on North Front street, charged with drunken and disorderly conduct in the neighborhood of Baker's saloon. Messrs. S. S. Detweiler, L. W. Richards and several others, left here this morning for McCall's Ferry to procure teams for decorating purposes in St. Paul's Episcopal church. The decorations, which will be of an elaborate nature, will be put up soon and will be kept up until after New Year's day.

John Deemy, of the Paxton rolling mill, Harrisburg, was in town yesterday. Information reaches us of the demolition of four canal boats in the Chesapeake Bay today or two since. The boats were towed from Baltimore to Havre De Grace by a tug which with the fifth boat got away. The ice had gorged at a point above the scene of the accident a couple of days before and it was shortly after the break, while the current was swift and the ice running thick, that the boats appeared. To battle the ice was impossible and four of the boats succumbed. One of them was loaded with merchandise, the value of which is estimated at four hundred dollars. No lives lost.

Col. S. S. Kaufman has returned from a visit to the western part of the state. The Visitation Company, at a meeting held last evening appointed George W. Schroeder a delegate to the state volunteer firemen's convention to be held at Reading on Thursday next. The Columbia company appointed their president at a meeting with the corporation with a understanding that he was to name his substitute should he be unable to go himself. A young man while on his way home on Saturday night discovered a couple of trunks standing at the open door of a suburban house on one of our streets. He asked the men what they were doing there and they answered "What the hell business is that of yours?" He stopped, the men advanced towards him, but by a quick hand movement to the neighborhood of his pocket of his trousers, he effectually scared mobsters from their pates and they retired. The victor then went home. Rev. J. H. Esterline, pastor of the Church of God, said that the little girl who is collecting money for his church, from the sale of ice cream, has been doing so. Whether she is acting in a surreptitious capacity, or not, does not appear on the surface.

Two sons of William M. Johnson, a veteran of the late war, of this place, who were placed in the military hospital at Philadelphia a few months ago, ran away this morning and came to Columbia. They were pursued by two other inmates of the institution until they reached here when they eluded their pursuers. They are yet at liberty, but will probably be caught before long. At the monthly meeting of company II last evening, it was decided to give a supper on February 18th, 19th, 21st and 22d 1881. The receipts will be used to pay the back expenses of the company. No election on inauguration day. Two new members were elected. The Pennsylvania railroad pay car was here yesterday afternoon, and the employees of the company were paid for work done on the month of November. Corporal A. M. Stale was acting first sergeant of company II last evening. Market this morning was not very lively. One of Samuel Filbert's mules fell into the river above the bridge yesterday.

THADDEUS STEVENS. Further Demand for the Publication of His Biography. New York, Jan. 14. Thaddeus Stevens was buried in the graveyard for colored people of Lancaster. He declined to lay his bones with those who were too proud to associate themselves even in death with the race whose sufferings had excited his sympathy. In his public conduct in his domestic life, and in all his testamentary arrangements, he made clear his detestation of the distinction which society had always maintained.

Stevens was certainly the great commoner of the war period. He was for a while in the House of Representatives; his action lay in his voice. Opposition willed before his strong will. Weaker men, and sometimes more conscientious men, cowered beneath his lash, and were driven into measures they would have escaped. Gen. Garfield, for instance, did not believe in the constitutionality of the reconstruction laws; he had, indeed, demonstrated their unconstitutionality in the supreme court, but he voted for them under Stevens' stern command, as obediently as if it had been high treason to have an opinion of his own. Stevens tolerated "no nonsense," as he called it. When a member offended him, or was slack in his services to the party, he had no hesitation in writing to the gentlemen's constituents that he had no further use for him and they had better keep him at home. He never pretended that he thought the reconstruction laws constitutional. On the contrary, he had no objection to making it known that they were entirely "outside the constitution," and as candidly expressed his sovereign contempt for the intellect of any man who supposed they were inside.

His doctrine of political necessity covered the case. He had no notion of pausing to consider matters of mere legal right when the interests he had in charge required him to go ahead. With much of the moral consciousness of Danaus, he had a very strong moral feeling of the greatest of revolutionary leaders. He rode the storm, and rode it for a purpose. There was a time when Mr. Lincoln's power was not comparable to the actual power wielded by Stevens. No other man in American history has ever occupied the singular position which courage, genius and stern conviction gave him. The story of Mr. Stevens' life is also closely interwoven with the most interesting chapters in the history of Pennsylvania. With the common school system, the public works and the state politics of a bygone age, his name is inseparably connected. On the whole, Thaddeus Stevens' biography, if executed with a frankness and courage similar to his own, would be one of the most instructive biographies ever written. Mr. Edward McPherson is his literary executor, and the public expects to have more than once been aroused by announcements that he had the work in hand. The work has arrived at a grand old age, and it is to be hoped that his appointed biographer will not longer withhold the materials for a proper judgment.

Meeting of the Finance Committee. Last evening a meeting of the finance committee of city council was held in select council chamber. The city treasurer had been notified to attend the meeting and bring with him the tax duplicates and a certificate of his banker, showing the amount of the funds on deposit on the 1st and 15th of April last, and also on the 1st of November. The treasurer, who is acting under advice of counsel, declined to appear. The committee approved the bill of Mr. Clarkson, who had been employed as an expert to examine the city treasurer's books and had no other business before them adjourned.