

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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No Union.

The names said to have been presented to the caucus Republicans at Harrisburg by the anti-caucus element of the party do not indicate that the latter are very anxious to come to an agreement with the Oliver people or to have the regulars come to them. For they could not have proffered any one of these names in the hope that it would be accepted, saving perhaps that of Wayne MacVeagh, who is only acceptable to the Cameron people on personal and family grounds.

GORHAM, a notorious Republican manager, has come on to Harrisburg from Washington to help to elect Oliver. Simultaneously it is given out that Mahone will not act with the Republicans nor help them to organize the Senate. Mr. Gorham's plausible eloquence is doubtless to be invoked to persuade the Democratic members that there is no danger in the election of a Republican of the opposition organizing the Senate. Mr. Gorham has a nice parlor but the Democrats will not likely walk into it.

SIMON CAMERON has postponed his Southern trip until after the senatorial election. When lightning is striking around anywhere the wise man taketh not in his rod.

MINOR TOPICS.

SENATOR-ELECT PHILETUS SAWYER is said to be the richest man in Wisconsin; Fair is the richest man in Nevada; Brown elected this winter, the richest man in Georgia, and Miller, of California, is another rich man, representing a corporation constantly interested in legislation.

THE new constitution of California has hardly proved so great a hindrance to the commercial prosperity of that state as was anticipated, leastwise there were incorporated in San Francisco last year companies with a capital of more than \$800,000,000, and in the state enough more, probably, to make a grand total of \$1,000,000,000.

A MEETING OF Democratic citizens yesterday adopted resolutions declaring that it is for the best interests of Philadelphia "that the evils prevailing in the administration of the office of the receiver of taxes should be terminated," and asserting that "the best means which can be adopted for the defeat of those now in municipal power is the endorsement by the Democratic party of John Hunter for receiver of taxes."

SURVEYOR RUTAN, of Pittsburgh, is the first lieutenant of Cameron in the West, and Hayes yesterday did his part in turning Rutan out of office and power by nominating John F. Dravo for the surveyorship, and he did it in the face of the most overwhelming recommendations in favor of Rutan. Congressman Bayne, of Allegheny, had senatorial aspirations, and when Oliver ran away with the Allegheny delegation Bayne carried the war to Washington, took Dravo to the president, denounced Rutan as a machine man and as pernicious to civil service reform, and demanded Rutan's place for Dravo. Sherman stood by Rutan, but Hayes took the last guess himself and he yesterday nominated Dravo as Rutan's successor, thus slaughtering one of Cameron's congressional commanders in the midst of the fight.

PERSONAL.

Dox J. ROBINSON, secretary of Grand Western touring circuit, died yesterday in Jackson, Michigan, aged 47 years. AUGUSTUS P. LADEW, who was partner with H. W. Greeley and Robert Dale Owen, in New York, in 1859, died in Atlanta, Illinois, on Saturday, from an overdose of opium. He was a well-known type founder in St. Louis in 1838. Prince GORTSCHAKOFF, the Russian ambassador, may now state definitely, retires from public affairs. This leave room for doubt as to the future course of the power to which the whole eastern difficulty has frequently been attributed. Ex-Senator SIMON CAMERON writes to Washington that he probably shall not start on his projected Southern trip "until after the Pennsylvania senatorial election is over." After he shall have visited the southern states he proposes to extend his journey to Cuba and Port-au-Prince. NEBRASKA is wrestling with the question, "Can an Indian vote?" It seems that a Winnebago Indian by the name of John Elk put in a claim for the right of suffrage at the recent election, which was refused, and now Mr. Elk has put in a claim for \$9,000 damages. The attorney for the Indian holds that under the fourteenth amendment the Indian has a right to vote. ACCORDING to a Boston lecturer: "Japan had been unduly stimulated, and abandoned her old customs to imitate those of Europeans, by which she had incurred a great national debt, while the Chinese believe China is better than any other country. There are no railroads, no telegraphs, no mining, no press and no national debt in China, although she has about 300,000,000 people, and yet these people are satisfied."

STATE ITEMS.

But seven women have been hanged in Pennsylvania in eighty-six years. Williamsport will soon increase the number to eight. A party of boys while coasting on East Newgreen street, Pottsville, ran into a mule team, and Frank Desmond had his skull crushed by a kick from a mule. Little hopes are entertained of his recovery. At Rightnow's mill, near B. Gettville, Berks county, little daughter of John Rightnow was playing around a regular saw, and in some manner got her arm badly lacerated. It was found that amputation of the arm was necessary to save the child's life. She is very weak, but it is expected she will recover.

A driver boy at the Preston colliery, Pottsville, carelessly threw a can of lubricating oil into a stove around which were seated several miners eating dinner. The explosion burned John Davis, a boy named George Howell, Henry Jones and Edward Eagen—the two former probably fatally. The movement started some time ago for the abolishment of the sessions of the supreme court in Harrisburg and Pottsville, and their consolidation in Philadelphia has culminated in the preparation of a bill for that purpose, which was read in the Senate a few days ago by Mr. Hall. The Harrisburg lawyers are indignant and blame John Green for the movement.

Major James G. McQuade, of Norris-town, died at his home. He had been disabled from the end of the war by the present session during the severe weather and took cold, which resulted in his death. He was quite well known in political circles, having been a prominent and leading Republican in the office of master sergeant of the party in Philadelphia under the administration of Governors Geary and Hartranft.

As a sleigh loaded with six persons, consisting of J. L. Taylor, wife and two children and Mrs. Shatto, a daughter, with a load of lumber, was passing a runaway horse, dragging a pair of shafts, dashed up the street and jumped clear over them. The shafts caught in one of the seats and overturned the sleigh, throwing the four persons out. Mrs. Shatto and her daughter were badly hurt, the latter, it is feared, fatally.

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THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

THE DEAD-LOCK YET UNLOCKED. Hubbing it in on Oliver—Offering His Friends Two Other Possibilities. Yesterday afternoon a caucus of the bolting Republicans was held at the rooms of one of their number at Felix's, and lasted several hours. As the upshot of their deliberations they have agreed to submit the names of seven prominent men of the party for the consideration of the regulars. These are Galusha A. Gray, George Shiras and Thomas M. Bayne, Allegheny, Wayne MacVeagh and Joseph W. Patton, of Philadelphia, Charles S. Wolfe, of Union, and John Stewart, senator of the Franklin and Huntingdon district. The names were selected by a majority of three-fourths of the caucus. John Cessa, Gianni W. Scofield, Senator Davie, of Bradford, and some others were voted for in the caucus, but did not receive the requisite majority of three-fourths.

If the regulars condescend to treat with the bolting party at all there is not the slightest probability that they will accept any one of these names. Putting Mr. Gray aside as the first choice of the bolters, they could not have selected six prominent Republicans in Pennsylvania who would be less likely to obtain the support of the caucus Republicans for United States senator. Mr. Shiras who heads the list cannot be considered, for the reason that his nomination would be personally offensive to Mr. Oliver. After the selection of Mr. Oliver as the choice of Allegheny county the friends of Mr. Shiras have sent a deputation to Harrisburg to urge his claims upon the Republican members of the Legislature. Much the same objection was made by the Bolting party in addition just made himself obnoxious to the Allegheny county regulars by persuading to good Mr. Hayes to appoint Mr. Dravo collector of customs in Pittsburgh, instead of Batton. As the most active and most unrelenting members of the machine among the Republican members of the Legislature, Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Stewart need not be considered. It is not just to them both to say that they are not worth considering, but to say that they are not worth considering.

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THE PEOPLE and the Leaders. The Philadelphia Times advises with much earnestness that the Democratic members of the Legislature join with one of the other in the Republican factions and elect a United States senator. But its plan for bringing about the coalition is a poor one. It says: "Whatever is right to do, Wallace, Randall, Dill, Stenger, Metcher and other prominent members of the party, should manfully maintain. They can thus settle the senatorial issue any day, and they will do it unless they are mere boys to be spanked and kicked about by the leaders of Republicanism." Wallace, Randall, Dill, Stenger, Metcher, Jenks, Metcher and "other prominent leaders" cannot settle the senatorial issue and if they attempt to do it they will be "spanked" if not "kicked," not by the leaders of the Republican faction, but by the Democratic members of the Legislature can settle the senatorial question. They are the "leaders" who must take the responsibility of the party for their action. It is their duty to "settle the senatorial question" if they can do it decently, honorably and consistently. They should consult together and agree if possible on a party platform, and if they cannot do so they should at once benefit their party and reflect credit on the state. They will doubtless do this in their good time.

SLIDING DOWN HILL.

The Lovely Contest with Double Rippers. On the various hills around Norwich in the coasting paradise of New England. It has more hills than old Rome, and most of them are twice as steep. It is impossible to go twenty rods without a hill. The hills are the scene of Christmas week the city has been surrendered on every evening soon after nightfall to the coasters. After dark it has been perilous to walk the streets, and there have been accidents to men, women, boys and horses without number. In the centre of the city Broadway hill has been the most generally used. On the west side Elizabeth and High streets have been the favorite descents; on the south side of White street, bordered by woods, and abrupt as the roof of a Gothic cottage, has been a resort; while "up town" and Greenville, suburban villages, have each widely used "slides." With this view, the hills around Norwich are the scene of a contest between a spectator count of one evening, last week nearly 1,000 slides of every description, from the long pickered double ripper to the small boy's tip-up and the home-made miniature "ripper." At the foot of Broadway hill is a large square, flanked by public buildings. Six streets open upon this square, and three of the streets are precipitous hills. Down these descents dashed for hours from one to three hundred sleds. All passed across the square at lightning speed, and few pedestrians were bold enough to face them, taking roundabout avenues to reach their homes. At length the police forbade the sliding, and officers were stationed at the top and foot of the hill. But the boys impudently Mayor Osgood who gave the coasters permission to continue their sliding after 9 o'clock. Some of the large sleds passed through four or five streets on their swift course before leaving the square. On the well-known, a famous hill on the east of town, the double rippers covered a mile before coming to a halt. In these sliding matches young and old, men and women, and even the aged and gray haired and feeble, were often seen careening at railroad speed on the oak plank of the ripper or the resplendent hoistered cushion of the expensive double sled.

The double ripper is a late invention of Young America, but is familiar to country people. Its relation to the ordinary sled is that of the ice boat to the skate in point of speed. It is formed by yoking up two large sleds tandem, and joining them with a narrow plank. The pilot sits on the prow of the plank and steers from the front sled by a foot tiller. The ripper is made large or small to suit the plan of its proprietor. Norwich and New London have long vied in the development of the double-ripper, and they look forward to the coasting men of the west of New England as simply amateurs. In the course of the past five winters they have developed coasting into a sport as distinctive as that of polo or horse racing. They have their special models for building, and their peculiar terms to describe features of the sport. They have undoubtedly attained rates of speed unequalled anywhere else, and fearlessly risk their necks in the matter. Each winter New London sends her finest double ripper and her favorite riders to Norwich on a January evening to compete for the championship of the season. The sleds that are used in these matches are of great structure, and will seat eight or ten to thirty men. The place chosen for the contest is Fox's Hill, in Preston, a populous suburban village just across the Shutelet river. It is the highest point in that vicinity, and is about a mile and a half long. The descent is about a mile, and is called Fox's Hill because the old tavern of Mr. Fox, who, fifty years ago, entertained charcoal burners, was built on the summit of the hill. Preston is seen far below, and in the distance the eyes look down on the houses and steeples of Norwich. The summit is in the country. The tavern is the only structure that has been built on the hill, and its branches half across the road, is the starting point for the contestants. 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