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ON Thursday last the de facto President entered upon the fourth year of Mr. Tilden's term of the Presidential office, for which he receives \$150,000 of Mr. Tilden's salary.

THE continued agitation of Kearney, in California, and the threatening attitude of his partisans seems to have frightened the Chinese residing in that State. They are now leaving in large numbers the Pacific and making their way to the Atlantic coast in hope of finding peaceful employment.

THE editor of the Washington Post, in Monday's issue of that paper, makes the following grave charges against Mr. Defrees, the public printer, which, in view of the large deficiency asked for the Printing Bureau, neither Congress nor the public printer can afford to pass without investigation or explanation:

SOME FACTS FOR THE HOUSE. The House Appropriations committee will report to-day a deficiency bill, including, among other items, one of \$400,000 for the public printer.

The deficiency in the public printer's accounts has not been brought about in a legitimate way. It has been caused by a violation of law and general dishonesty.

These purchases are accompanied by fraud and imposition on the Government. We hold ourselves responsible for the statement that in one purchase of type alone over twenty-five thousand dollars were either thrown away or divided among Mr. Defrees and his agents.

We hold ourselves responsible, further, for the statement that this type was not needed, and that just as good material was melted up to make room for it.

We charge distinctly that the public printer is either personally corrupt or knowingly permits his subordinates to be so. We can show that men have stolen and still retained their places and Mr. Defrees' apparent confidence; that false time has been kept and paid for, and that Mr. Defrees has done nothing to prevent it or repair the wrong.

We charge Mr. Defrees with knowingly appointing persons of disreputable character at the request or dictation of those whom he had reason to believe could help or injure him. In other of his appointments we accuse him of having been offensively partisan.

We are prepared to prove that there is a very large deficiency in his accounts going back a number of years. We can also show that he is now under indictment for swindling the Government unless the charge has been dismissed very lately by some servicable District attorney.

POLITICS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8, 1880. Much has been telegraphed from Washington concerning the confirmation of Kerns as Marshal of Philadelphia. The facts in the case, as they appear of record, are as follows: When Mr. Kerns' nomination was received by the Senate, it was referred to the Judiciary committee, and by the latter to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. McDonald and Garland, Democrats, and Edmunds, Republican.

On the question of the deficiency appropriations for the Post Office Department the point of contention between the Senate committee of appropriations and the House was whether the Senate would agree to strike down the expected service on the 107 western routes. This was the test question before the committee, and on it the vote stood, yeas, Beck and Eaton, Democrats, and nays, Davis, Wallace and Withers, Democrats, and Windom, Blaine and Booth, Republicans.

General Coit, of Norwich, Connecticut, who for many years has been the leader of the Democratic soldiers of Connecticut, and also Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee of that city, has taken strong ground in favor of General Hancock's nomination.

There is every indication now that the session of Congress will be prolonged beyond the time generally agreed upon by the majority at its commencement. Since the certainty that there will be no legislation directly hostile to the manufacturing interests, there seems less awe of a prolonged session.

A Dangerous Counterfeit.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A very dangerous counterfeit \$100 note on the Pittsburg National Bank of Commerce, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been detected. It purports to be of the "series of 1875," having the scalloped seal instead of the old seal with points, and bearing the words "Series 1875" across the face in red ink under the charter number, and the imprint "Printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, U. S. Treasury Department," is the upper right hand corner.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8th, 1880. The House has ceased its labors upon its new code of rules by adopting them as finally amended, under the call for the previous question made by Mr. Blackburn. Of course, they were adopted by a party vote, for the Republicans contested to the last, Mr. Conger even compelling a ye and nay vote, though he did not attempt to filibuster.

The citizens of the northeastern portion of the city are intensely excited over a brutal and murderous assault and rape committed recently on a young woman by a negro. She was knocked senseless by a blow which severed one of her ears, and then had her person outraged. Her face and body were covered with bruises; her throat bore finger-marks of severe choking, and so severely injured was she that her life is not yet fully assured.

The trial of the Hirth murderers terminated with a verdict of guilty, but, as "hanging is played out" here, of course, they will luxuriate a year or two in the penitentiary preparatory to a return to former haunts and vices.

Mr. Defrees, the Government Printer, is stirring up matters by indefinitely furloughing over 1,000 of his employes, on the ground of want of funds to pay them. He claims that the printing for the extra session exhausted all his appropriations, and, as the law bars him from incurring debts, he has no alternative before him but to discharge his force and stop his work.

The Rev. Henry C. Leonard, pastor of the Universalist church at Annisquam, Mass., died Sunday morning. He served as Chaplain to General O. O. Howard's department during the war.

Report of the Auditor General.

INTERESTING FIGURES SHOWING THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REVENUES OF THE COMMONWEALTH DURING THE LAST FISCAL YEAR. Table with columns for various revenue sources and their amounts.

THE PAYMENTS.

The following is a summary of the disbursements for the year: Table with columns for various government expenses and their amounts.

Poetic Justice Enforced by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Senate to-day in executive session rejected the nomination of John McNeil, of St. Louis, for United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri by the very decisive vote of 32 to 7. This action was based upon an adverse report from the Judiciary Committee, accompanied with a statement that General McNeil in 1862, while in command of United States troops at Palmyra, Mo., ordered the execution of eleven citizens of that neighborhood who had been arrested, but not yet tried, on a general charge of "bushwhacking," and did execute ten of them without trial, as a measure of so-called retaliation for the alleged abduction and supposed murder of a Union man in the same county.

Our Military Records.

Little by little the country learns how mean ambition ruled among our military commanders, and how they resorted to "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" to advance themselves and hinder the advancement of others. Even the military records of the government are complete, and it happens that the gaps in them are always made in chapters which might affect the fame of aspiring chieftains.

It is an open secret that the military records of the last campaign from the Rapidan to Richmond are incomplete, and that important dispatches relating to that series of battles have disappeared beyond the reach of history. The recent conversations with General Grant, so well reported by Mr. John Russel Young, show that there were shadows between Grant and Meade; but the world has Grant's record as he has made it, while Meade's record, as made by himself, is either no longer in existence or not accessible.

Schurz and the Indians.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RED MEN TO BE CONCLUDED TO-DAY. WASHINGTON, March 5.—Secretary Schurz says that he is in hopes of concluding negotiations with the Ute Indians to-morrow.

AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT WITH THE UTES.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Ute chiefs and head men yesterday signed the agreement by which they bind themselves to relinquish their reservation lands and accept 160 acre allotments to each head of a family at three different specified points, if Congress agrees to thus settle with them, and accepts their reservation lands, giving them for the latter an annuity of \$50,000.

STATE NEWS.

Six million of hats are made in Berks county yearly. A large furniture factory is being built in Lock Haven.

A Petrolia school teacher attempted to correct one of the larger girls, and after a lively tussle lost a handful of whiskers. A fire at Petrolia, Butler county, on Friday morning, destroyed five buildings, causing a loss of \$25,000, which a partly covered by insurance.

A man named John Raymond, of Harrisburg, while travelling between Pittsburg and Altoona, on Thursday afternoon, lost \$500 in currency and \$1,500 in drafts. Cyrus J. Pinkerton, one of the best known lawyers in Tremont, Schuylkill county, has become insane from illness, and has been removed to an asylum at Harrisburg.

Hon. C. B. Brockway, a prominent citizen and lawyer of Columbia county, died at Bloomsburg a few days ago. He was a member of the State Legislature of 1873 and 1874.

An explosion of fire damp took place at shaft No. 7 East Nanticoke. One man was killed and eight men are still in the mines and are supposed to have been killed by the foul air. A man of Union Mills, Erie county, who was disappointed in a love affair, has not spoken to a woman for twenty years. He is a miser, and averts his head when he meets one of the opposite sex.

An orphan boy named Swatigger, employed in the family of Mr. Dales, at Shippensburg, Cambria county, blew out his brains on Wednesday afternoon. No reason for the act is known. It was probably because of his name. The salary of Thos. A. Scott, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is \$24,300. But then he supervises and directs the business of over 7,000 miles of railway and canal, besides the large coal properties of the company.

Andrew Hopkins, Esq., died at Washington Friday morning. He was one of the founders of the Harrisburg Patriot and connected at different times with other papers. He was a brother of Hon. James H. Hopkins, of Pittsburg. There lives near Newport, Perry county, a lady who has attained the age of one hundred and five years, and who is said to be almost as sprightly as a maiden of twenty. She makes a full hand in the house work, such as washing, ironing, baking, sweeping, etc.

There will soon be sent out from the State hatchery, at Corry, between 400,000 and 500,000 brook trout for stocking the streams in Western Pennsylvania. Fish Commissioner Benjamin L. Hewitt, at Hollidaysburg, or Robert Dalzell, box 422, Pittsburg, will give all the information desired. A correspondent of the Record writes from Lewisburg that a violent wind storm passed over that place on Friday afternoon, unroofing the main building of the college and the University Academy. Timbers were hurled a long distance and the campus strewn with debris.

The coal miners have been on a strike at Osceola, Clearfield county, for two weeks. The operators and miners held a meeting on Sunday, but the result of it has not been made public. The probabilities are that work will not be resumed before the 1st of April. There has been no trouble as yet. The strike of coal miners in the Houtzdale district is in full blast, but no serious trouble has occurred. They will probably resume work soon.

A fire occurred at Reed's Station four miles south of the town of Indiana, on Friday night, involving the destruction of one of the finest houses in Indiana county, owned by Mr. A. L. McAllister. The flames caught in the rear portion of the structure and, as a high wind was prevailing at the time, it was soon reduced to ashes. The contents of the building were also consumed, as the flames spread so rapidly as to allow barely time for the family to escape with their lives. The loss which Mr. McAllister sustains will reach about \$12,000.

Judge White, of Allegheny county, charged the jury in the case of Kerns, of Pittsburg, that a license for a tavern was no good for selling liquor in a tent on a picnic ground. The jury thought otherwise and brought in a verdict of not guilty, besides putting the cost on the prosecutor. The Judge informed the twelve men, alleged to be good and true, that their verdict was no good, that he wouldn't have his construction of the law ignored in any such style. His manner was so emphatic that the jurors would not have been surprised at being ordered to hand in their resignations. The verdict was laid aside.

The following are the postal changes in Pennsylvania for the week ending Saturday: Established—Arthur, Clarion county; Elisha Mix, postmaster; Cordelia, Lancaster county; W. V. McHose, postmaster; Craley, York county; A. H. Craley, postmaster; Hakes, York county; S. B. Hake, postmaster; Knowlton, Delaware county; E. Tyson, Jr., postmaster; Seitzland, York county; E. K. Bolinger, postmaster; Trowbridge, Tioga county; J. Loring, postmaster. Discontinued—Painter's Bridge, Chester county. Name changed—Beck's Run, Allegheny county, to Redman Run. Postmasters appointed—A. G. Seyfort, Beartown, Lancaster county; W. Hugbee, Cambria, Luzerne county; H. Henry, Connetton, Beaver county; Henry Walborn, Crosskill Mills, Berks county; J. H. Turner, Kirkwood, Lancaster county; Lydia Hasman, Leopold, Chester county; S. S. Butts, Lime Hill, Bradford county; D. G. Weaver, Lycopius, Westmoreland county; Robt. S. Cummins, McAlevys Fort, Huntingdon county; S. G. Gehrer, McEvensville, Northumberland county; J. A. Gillen, Mount Parnell, Franklin county; S. S. B. Ramey, Ramey, Clearfield county; Eliza Leigety, Robinsonville, Bedford county; Wm. A. Shaber, Slackwater, Lancaster county; John R. Mulvaney, Valley Forge, Chester county.