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A COLORED Catholic church was opened in New York the other day.

THE most criminal blundering seems to have prevailed in the last arctic expedition, and from the investigation which have been going on at Washington, the blunders seem to point to Gen. Hazen, of the signal service bureau.

EX-SENATOR GEORGE E. SPENCER, who, it will be remembered, dodged the summons to testify in the star route cases, is said now to be under arrest, and will be taken to Washington and committed to prison for contempt of court.

EX-SPEAKER KEEFER seeing the prospect of a complimentary nomination for speaker out of his reach, it is said, has concluded to forego the compliment to a more auspicious time when a tump congress may again be in a majority.

WHAT a happy escape the Democrats made in not carrying Pennsylvania in the last election. The suspension and stoppage of iron and other manufactories would have been charged to them as the result of their success. And such a howl! It is frightful to think of it.

HARRY WATKINSON and Rev. Henry Ward Beecher were the leading speakers at a free trade meeting in New York Thursday night of last week. They are a fair match. But impatient hours, one representing the Democracy and the other the Republicans.

"RED headed and hopeful" Tom Cooper, the Republican "boss" of the senate, struck his colors and surrendered unconditionally to the ultimatum of Senators Arnold and Upperman. Tommy has got a new idea of what an ultimatum is when somebody else presents it.

ARTHUR, in his message last year recommended a reduction of the duties on iron, steel, glass, cotton and wool fabric. For this, if he were a Democrat, he would be called a free trader. This year, it is said, he will oppose the abolition of internal taxes, and favor a revision of the tariff.

QUAY, says the *Pittsburgh Post*, has moved upon the White House and assured Arthur it is all right in Pennsylvania for his nomination, provided certain matters are promptly attended to; and to give greater authority to his statement, he mentioned that Senator Cameron had been consulted and was in favor of throwing the Pennsylvania delegation towards the present dispenser of spoils. The friend of Blaine object to being traded in this summary manner by the same old bosses and in the usual way. They will be music in the air when the procession begins to move.

THE question will present itself a once to the people of Bald Eagle valley from Milesburg to Beech Creek. "What side are we going to take on the new railroad project? Are we for progress, development, better market, cheaper freights, cheaper passenger rates, increased accommodations, or are we joined to our idol, our master the Pennsylvania?" To have the new road depends upon the people themselves. If they are liberal, if they are energetic, if they are willing to push and aid those who will come from our community to obtain right-of-way, the new road is an assured thing. But the people of Bellefonte cannot build the road unaided. Why let such an opportunity pass? I seem to us that every citizen along the route having any desire for the general improvement of our county cannot put an obstacle in the way of a rival road, especially when the proposition to build it is as fair as this one.

Bellefonte Prosperous.

While throughout the state, and in some measure throughout our whole country, business is being curtailed and manufacturing establishments are closing up for want of orders, there are no signs of any cessation within our town or its neighborhood.

The location of our town in the centre of one of the finest and wealthiest agricultural districts in our state, contiguous to and directly connected with the bituminous coal fields of the Allegheny range, and favored with the never failing water power that centres in and flows through our borough, has given rise to a diversified industry that is seldom met within one locality, and which is ever the surest guarantee of stable business and for the employment of labor and capital. The outcome of such a location as Bellefonte presents is most appreciated, and the benefits that flow from it are most observable, when all other parts of our country are feeling the pinch of hard times. We enumerate some of the leading industries within our borough and its immediate neighborhood, at the present time in the full tide of prosperity, to wit: Lion McCoy & Co's. furnace, forge, rolling and wire mills; the Bellefonte iron works; the four large lime burning kilns of A. G. Morris, Esq; the three large lime burning kilns of Messrs Alexander & Co; the flaring mill of Messrs. Garbrick, Hale & Co., having a capacity of one hundred barrels per day; the flaring mills of Messrs. F. F. Reynolds & Co., having also a capacity of one hundred barrels per day. The extensive planing, dooming and sawing lumber mills of Messrs. Trider & Son. The extensive mill-like character of John Ardell, Esq. the foundry and machine shop of Jenkins, Duncan & Co.; the foundry and machine shop of Griffith, Hicks & Co.; the agricultural machinery works of Landis, Gordon & Co.; the carriage making establishment of J. L. Bartruff, Esq; the extensive iron works of the Messrs. Valentines; the large machinery of J. F. Eaton, Manufacturing. The only establishment doing the large car works which are a process of a change of ownership.

It now looks as if Tom Cooper and his obedient lieutenants, Stewart and Lee, have gone beyond the endurance of their Republican following in their defiance of the constitution and of common decency. It is announced that Senator Upperman and Arnold, of Allegheny, have resigned, and it is believed that M. Niel, of Allegheny, and Biggs, of Cambria, will follow in the same direction. A Harrisburg correspondent says: "Republican representatives declare that satisfactory apportionment bills would have passed long ago had it not been for Cooper's determination to prevent anything of the sort. Only a few days ago one of his colleagues urged him to consent to a revival of the conference committees but Cooper replied, 'No, we don't want any apportionment.' Members who are poor in this world's goods, who, in fact, have nothing to depend on except their salaries here, and who have been on the verge of want for months, are much incensed at Cooper's recent attempt to control their pay, alleging that his nature was purely selfish and his situation in life such that he can easily afford to do without the salary which is an absolute necessity to many of the members.

"Whether there will be more resignations or whether the Republicans of the senate will follow the example set them by those of the house, cut loose from Cooper, agree on apportionment and then pass the house appropriation bill cannot now be determined. But there is a very ugly feeling against Cooper and a few of the other senators, notably against Senator Stewart."

Ex-Governor Runney, of Minnesota, thinks the Republicans should renominate Arthur.

Get Them at Home.

The Republican papers, and especially the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, in the absence of a like issue to antagonize the Democratic party in its onward march to supremacy in 1884, are making desperate efforts to revive the old "bloody shirt" dodge of former days to attack and abuse the south. The object of this, of course, is, if possible, to re-establish the sectional lines between the north and the south by which they benefited in former contests. That thing has had its day, but has lost its potency in the north. It will not now pay the "bloody shirt" brigade again to invade the slums of the south in pursuit of crimes committed by rascals to prove that the southern states are barbarian and that order and fraud attaches to the people more than to any other communities. Northern credulity or fanaticism will not feel upon that kind of stuff again. They know better. They know that there are rascals in every community and in every state, and in no place in greater profusion or in a higher degree of villainy, whether of brutal outrages, violations of law, or contempt of the rights of citizenship than in parts of Pennsylvania and other northern states. It is well enough to look at home before going abroad in search of crime to discredit communities, or party, or states. We have them here. Consult our *dailies* in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or any other cities or towns if you want murders, or outrage, or thefts, or frauds, or ballot stuffing, and if not satisfied to your heart's content, turn your attention to the higher branch of your legislature when your constitution is set at defiance, and the rights of citizens of the commonwealth are trampled upon in the interest of the *scrubs* by machine politics. After scanning these things, it is not necessary to go south for greater outrages. The "bloody shirt" can be as well displayed at home. Our people, both north and south, are as law abiding, generous and noble, as any other people on the face of the earth, but they have scoundrels among them, and because of these it is not discrediting either north or south to condemn in emphatic words a ylow partisan effort to array one section against another in their account, as is contemplated by the "bloody shirt" issue now being worked up through the intervention of such followers as Mahone.

THE overthrow of Mahone, the little tyrant boss set over the people of Virginia by the administration, clothed with its authority and patronage to buy submission, calls to mind the famous fight of the late Henry A. Wise with the Know nothing party, who at one time had entrenched itself in that state, as well as in many other states. Wise met them in the field and closed the career of that proscription order of politicians so effectually that forever, after no one was found bold enough to acknowledge he ever trained in the or or. In the present case to John S. Barbour is due the great honor of leading in the overthrow of the Mahone government, equally bare and proscriptive, and founded in dishonor, and the meanest appliances that were ever used by demagogues to capture the ignorant and thoughtless in the degradation of a state. All honor to Barbour!

THE official canvass of the New York election, shows the majorities of the Democratic candidates at the late election, as follows: For Sweet, state engineer, 20,076; for Maxwell, treasurer, 16,984; for Chapin, controller, 16,320; for O'Brien, attorney, 13,050. Carr, Republican, was elected by the whisky and brewers interests uniting upon him, by 18,267 majority over Maynard, Democrat, who was a declared prohibitionist.

THE President's Message is next.

Mohamet vs Smith.

Two systems of religion stand out prominently before the civilization of the old and new world—that of Mohamet and Joseph Smith. Mohametanism has reached its old age, without losing a single element of its aggressive character it is stronger today than when Peter the Hermit preached his crusades against it and all Europe responded, and rivers of Christian blood flowed on the sandy plains of Asia. Eight hundred years of warfare with the Christian religion, has left the faith of Mohamet established in every part of the old world and ever gained a foothold except Spain. It is a faith that appeals to the liberalism and brutality of man, and enslaves the soul and body of woman, its foundation is vice, ignorance and immorality, the hope of the future is the companionship of hours. Heaven to the Mohamadan means one vast barren with its sensuous pleasures, its brutal disregard of all that is holy, just and good in human nature. To the Mohamadan woman there can be no future, it is all present with her, not one ray of sunshine ever penetrates the gloom of the harem. She is a mere toy in the hands of her lord, living only because it is his pleasure. The twin sister of Mohametanism is Mormonism. The faith of Joe Smith is in its infancy, yet it sways vast multitudes, controls territories, sets at defiance the laws of God and man, renders the laws of the U. S. a nullity and plants its immorality in the face of the Christianity of the new world. If Mohametanism panders to the vicious passions of human nature, Mormonism, the product of the 19th century civilization, panders to the vilest passions of the most ignorant, without the refinement of Oriental immorality. The secrecy of the endowment house is the secrecy of the grave. This is Mormonism. In its infancy its secret emissaries are working in Europe and America. Its converts are pouring in by thousands every year from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Wales and every part of Europe. In North Carolina their success has been phenomenal. Their midnight immersions of nude persons brings the blush of shame to a civilized community. Where will Mormonism in its youth and manhood reach? Aggressive beyond Christianity, secret as death, zealous as Loyola, she invades the homes of Christianity, and instills the poison of moral degradation into the mind of unsuspecting youth.

Where will it end? It rears its lecherous form in congress and demands the protection guaranteed to religion by the constitution. Will it some day hold the balance of power in the politics of this country? Here is work for congress of more importance than tariff tinkering. Who will apply the knife?

ONE hundred years ago the British Lion shook the dust of New York from his tail and with a vicious roar sailed for his home in the old world. Now New Yorkers are celebrating the centennial of the evacuation with great pomp in the midst of a driving rain. Forty thousand men marched in the parade to the sea stirring music of "Yankee Doodle," &c. Five hundred thousand people jostled and crowded each other on the streets. "Chet" and Gov. Cleveland "reviewed" the "perish" and the pickpockets of New York, and all the cities with in a hundred miles worked the patriotism of the crowd for all it was worth. Many a pocket was evacuated by the skilful manipulation of the light fingered gentry. New York is happy.

The way a man brute enjoyed himself, according to his own statement, he cut his wife's throat because he "took delight in killing her." This delight is not entirely singular to this class of brutes, and they do not all reside in the south, either.

Thanksgiving Day.

Today the President of the United States and the Governor of our commonwealth have appointed for our whole people to return thanks to God for his mercies and blessings to us as a nation. It is good that this should be. Are we not as a people so absorbed in the rush for wealth and material blessings, as to be unconscious of the almost infinite blessing that we now already enjoy? The very eagerness of our pursuit after what we have not, makes what we have, seem of little or no consequence. A breathing spell indeed a good, a needed thing. This day is a practical refutation of infidelity. Our people are mercenary, are ambitious, fond of show and grandeur, but we are not shamans in religion any more than in business, and when our millions go to their churches to praise the God of nations, it means that there is an immense reality in it.

The year has done much for Centre county. In the beginning, a pestilence seemed to threaten us, in harmony with other sections. But that has turned into a mere business depression. Our farmers have had wheat and hay crops such as they have not had for many years. A new system of rail roads has extended itself into our borders and is rapidly developing our resources. In many sections of our county a new population is flowing in. The county seat is rapidly growing in size and business importance, and is rapidly becoming a better market for the country produce. The promise of the future are unlimited pointing to great and growing business.

THE contest over the speakership wages hot and Mr. Randall forges ahead. He is backed up by the industrial interests of the entire country and by the level headed patriotic Democratic leaders of all sections. If the choice was left to the Democratic masses, Randall would be speaker by a majority which would be simply awful. No man in American politics stands as high with all classes of our people as does Samuel J. Randall. No taint of jobbery or corruption attaches to his name. In all his years of service he has ever been known as the watch-dog of the treasury, the opponent of rings, lobbies and tricksters—able, calm, conservative and diligent, he is the one man who is needed in the speaker's chair. His election to the position he has twice held will be an assurance to the country that all her varied interests and industries will be cared for. The lobbyists and jobbers will have to take back seats, and Democrats, that the next president will be elected by you. Elect Randall speaker.

THE land of the Pharaohs trembles at the approach of the victorious armies of the false prophet. The effeminate Egyptians are completely at the mercy of the bravest and most barbarous soldiers of the age. Nothing but the intervention of European power can save Egypt from conquest by El Mahdi. Napoleon attempted the conquest of Africa at the head of the finest disciplined body of men that ever crossed the Mediterranean, flushed with a hundred victories, and led by the greatest soldiers the world has ever seen. The hollow squares of the French veterans were not proof against the desperate charges of the Arabian horsemen. The result was that the bones of sixty thousand Frenchmen were left to bleach on the sands of the Sahara.

THE American bishops at Rome are being right royally entertained by the Pope and Cardinals, and are creating a favorable impression throughout Europe by their independence and fearlessness. There is no question but that the American bishops know the needs of their church in this country better than does the Pope or the College of Cardinals, and it is the part of wisdom for the See of Rome to hearken to the advice given by them.

All Sorts.

A great many Republicans think very differently, and prefer the "Planned K. Light" of Maine.

The census report are nearly completed, and a great army of clerks will soon be placed on waiting orders.

The New England railroads killed the past year 221 persons and injured 335. Sixteen of the injured were passengers.

A woman has just been awarded \$900 damages by a Cleveland court because she acquired in a newly plastered hotel in that city.

Another of New York's daughters has secured a titled husband. Mrs. G. married Prince Poniatowski when the birds mate in the spring—New York World.

General George W. Jones, one of the first senators from Iowa at the time of her admission into the Union in 1848, still living at DuQuoin in the enjoyment of excellent health.

The sarcastic New York Sun is under the impression that the new ships now being added to our navy will not be good fighting ships nor good sailing ships, but they will be splendid ships to repair.

During the recent Northwest gale on the lakes, forty-seven vessels were driven ashore. The approximate value of hulls and cargoes lost was \$1,000,000. The actual loss of life aggregated ninety-three.

The Philadelphia Record explains that fanatic is usually a nearer approach to an idiot than a crazy man. And yet the only men who have done any sublime things in this world have been fanatics.

The President has pardoned Sergeant Lyon, and the people will enforce the remedy, although Mason's act in attempting to kill a prisoner under his guard was one of the greatest offences known to military law.

A meeting is to be held at Toronto to consider means for the relief of destitute emigrants from Ireland. Archbishop Lynch says that those who have seen the cause of their coming and subsequent destitution should bear the greatest burden.

Irish captives are coming into favor again. Queen Victoria has set the fashion in England, and it is only a question of time when the serviceable and comfortable fabric will be stylish enough in America to suit the most fastidious elite.

Judge H. J. has received notice from Mrs. Kate Coase that she will be present at his inauguration, at Columbus on the 14th of January. It was from her father, Salmon P. Coase, that Judge H. J. inherited some of his richest lessons in the law.

New Orleans is making vast preparations to entertain the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which meets there in April, and it is believed that the gathering of members and guests will exceed that of any secret organization hitherto held in the country.

An attempt will probably be made to assassinate General Fremont in Army as Major General and put him on the retired list. Many Democratic members of Congress would not object to this, or the powerful influence of the Preston and Blair families, his friends believe, will be in his favor.

Buglers have an eye for beauty as well as valubles. A Cleveland house-breaker, after securing only \$1200 worth of jewelry, was tempted to steal a kiss from the lips of a young girl, whose room he had entered while she was asleep. The girl awoke, and in his haste to escape, the thief left his booty behind him.

Mississippi has \$7,000,000 invested in manufactures, and Alabama has \$5,000,000 in iron. The last South Carolina Legislature chartered nine new cotton factories, with an aggregate capital of about \$20,000,000 and in three years 280,000 spindles have been added to the manufacturing capacities of the Carolinas, Alabama and Georgia.

Quite a curiosity of the finny tribe was recently caught near Beaufort, S. C., by Mr. F. S. Gaskill, it being become entangled in his nets. The fish is four feet three inches long, has wings, which are joined to the shoulders, being somewhat similar to a bird's. It is not a flying fish, but seems to be a cross between that and a shark.