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Mrs. CHRISTIANCY, the divorced wife of Ex Senator Christiancy, died the other day in New York insane from mental and physical prostration.

PHILADELPHIA'S new post-office building, it is said, has cost the government \$8,000,000 in its erection. It is of course a magnificent structure in all its appointments.

A RICH gold find is announced to have been discovered in the Rocky Mountains in Canada, a mile north of Podmore, which is reported to the Department of Agriculture as an immense bonanza.

DUBOIS, Clearfield county, was visited on Sunday last by a disastrous fire resulting in the destruction of much property. The losses are estimated at \$75,000, and comparatively little insurance. We sympathize very sincerely with our Clearfield neighbors.

THE Republican senate caucus repudiated Mahone by defeating his man Gorham for secretary of the senate. Gen. McCook, of Ohio, was selected over Gorham by a vote of 19 to 13 after Mahone had made an appeal in his favor. The Virginia boss has lost his prestige and kicking is now in order.

SPEAKER CARLISLE, it is expected, will announce the committees of the house this week immediately before the adjournment for the holiday. He will then probably escape to the mountains or hide himself in the prairies of the west to avoid the curses of the disappointed during the two week's recess.

THE Harrisburg Patriot compiling from the figures of the auditor general, demonstrates that the expenditures of 1883, shows a decrease of \$705,891.98 in the cost of running the state government as compared with that of 1881, the last previous year when the state government was under control of a Republican legislature and executive in all its departments. Assuming \$500,000 as the cost of the extra session of eleven months duration, the figures show a saving of nearly a quarter million over the expenditures of the Republican management for the single session of 1881. This may be considered a fair Democratic record, one not to be ashamed of by the most exacting reformer.

THE Republicans of the senate refused to gratify the Virginia senators by the election of Gorham as secretary of that body, but as a salve to the wounded sensibilities of the repudiators and to hold them to their alliance with the administration and secure their votes for the future, they were placed upon the following committees: Mahone, Chairman of Public Buildings and Grounds, member of Naval Affairs, of Post Offices and Post Roads, and of Education and Labor.

Rieberger, Chairman of Manufactures, member of Railroads, of District of Columbia, and of Engrossed Bills.

SENATOR MORRILL, of Vermont, has introduced in the senate a bill to provide for a commission on the subject of the liquor traffic. The commission is to be composed of seven persons, not more than four of whom shall belong to the same political party, nor be advocates of prohibition, whose duty it shall be to investigate the alcoholic liquor traffic, its relations to revenue and taxation, and its general economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspect in connection with pauperism, crime, social vice, the public health and general welfare of the people; and also to inquire as to the practical results of license and prohibition legislation for the prevention of intemperance in the several states of the Union.

Letter from Gov. Curtin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1883.

EDITORS OF CENTRE DEMOCRAT: I am quite sure that since my return from Europe, I have persisted in my efforts to have a road from Bellefonte to Spring Mills, and in justice to the people of Pennsylv. I proposed and had passed, the motion of our Board to lend credit to the road to Lemont, *Provided* the L. & T. R. R. company would iron the road to Spring Mills. It is unjust and malicious for any one to attempt to pervert my action. I go to Philadelphia to see Mr. Roberts and may get the demand (25,000) withdrawn.

If the Penna. Co. refuses, we should consider the propriety of extending the Buffalo Run road to Spring Mills and locate on the graded road. It is impossible for the location to be held now, and if the Buffalo Run project is not practical, suppose a new charter be taken.

All this I will say to Mr. Roberts and will be home soon to see all parties.

Yours truly,

A. G. CURTIN.

Gov. Curtin's letter has the right ring. We ourselves never doubted his position as to the Pennsylv. road, but some have honestly misunderstood him and some have maliciously used this opportunity to damage him before the people, and for this alone we gladly publish his square, direct statement of his position. Our honored townsman has always the welfare of this community at heart.

A Band of Pretenders.

AMERICA'S EFFORTS FAIL.

O'DONNELL SUFFERS THE PENALTY FOR CAREY'S MURDER.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 8. 15 A. M.—O'Donnell was hanged at 8:02 o'clock this morning. The weather was of the most boisterous and equally character. This did not deter a large crowd from assembling on the outside of the prison in order to catch the first news of the execution. The people began to gather about seven o'clock, one hour prior to the time fixed for the execution. The previous arrangements relative to the exclusion of members of the press and outsiders were strictly enforced. There was not the slightest hitch. O'Donnell was placed on the scaffold a few minutes before eight o'clock. He was calm, collected and seemed not to be in the least alarmed. He was given an opportunity to make a speech but refused to say anything. He was executed at 8:02 and died without any apparent struggle in a few minutes. The black flag was at once hoisted. Among those who had congregated on the outside was the brother of O'Donnell. He was associated with a large number of workmen and was during the whole time in a more restless and dejected manner than his condemned brother. He excited the sympathy of almost the entire assemblage. There was no demonstration of a very boisterous character, as the black flag was raised to the staff and the execution was announced as having taken place.

At the meeting of the Republican National Committee in Washington last week, Chicago was selected as the place of meeting of the national nominating convention for President and Vice President, and the time fixed for June 3d next. This is supposed by some to be in the interest of Arthur from the fact that the committee declined to entertain the proposition of Mr. Frye, of Maine, to arrange the terms of representation giving preponderance to the certain Republican states over those of the certain Democratic states in the choice—that the refusal to adopt the proposition of Mr. Frye settles the hash of Mr. Blaine, as Arthur comes to the front with a solid Republican representation from the south controlled and operated by the official patronage he wields.

On the other hand, others, notably

the New York Sun, believes that the organization of the Republican committee with Senator Chapin, of Minnesota, as chief, and the location of the convention at Chicago, was the joint production of Logan and Blaine to capture the nomination from Arthur. It will doubtless be an interesting scramble at any rate.

Way We Get 16 Road in Pennsylv.

Let our Pennsylv. friends mark this. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That any railroad company of the Commonwealth, which has failed or may hereafter fail to complete its railroad, within the time prescribed by the law applicable thereto, shall have a period of five years, from the date of the passage of this act, for the completion of the same, and in addition thereto a further period of six months for each twenty-five miles or fractional part of twenty-five miles, by which the said railroad shall exceed fifty miles in length: *Provided however*, That no railroad company shall, at the expiration of one year from the date of the passage of this act, be thereafter further entitled to the benefit thereof unless it shall then have expended, in the location or construction of its road, including expenditures already made, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, if the length of the main line of the said railroad shall be as much as fifty miles, and a proportionate part of the said sum if the length of the said main line shall be less than fifty miles: *And provided further*, That this act shall inure to the benefit of such corporations only, as shall have already accepted the provisions of the existing Constitution of this Commonwealth, and such as shall, be fore exercising any privilege hereby conferred, and within six months from the date of the passage of this act, have duly accepted the provisions of said Constitution, in the manner prescribed by law.

APPROVED—The 1st day of June, A. D., 1883. ROBT. E. PATTISON. The above was made a law this year by our present legislature. Both members voted against it, we guess, but we are not certain. We want to know why our people were not alarmed in time, not a note of warning was raised. Now the citizens of Pennsylv. may understand why the Pennsylvania R. R. is so inefficient. They have five years now to complete the road. Had this act not been slipped through so quietly, the entire road would have been completed or have been forfeited. We are now powerless.

Patton's Investigation. Governor Patton last week dispatched to the auditor general the following significant communication: HARRISBURG, Dec. 13, 1883. Hon. John A. Lemon, Auditor General, Dear Sir:—Please furnish the executive department at your earliest convenience with an itemized statement of the expenditures of the contingent funds of the senate and house of representatives at the late extraordinary session of the general assembly, showing the names of the persons to whom the moneys of said funds have been paid, together with the amount paid to each. Also a statement containing the names of all officers and employees, including the pages of the house and senate, to whom moneys have been paid for services during the said session, together with the amount paid to each.

Yours very respectfully, ROBERT E. PATTISON, Gov. Between Patton and the legislature we have no difficulty in taking our position. We are for the Governor. He is honest, he is fearless and he is conscientious. The legislature deserves none of this praise, but has proved itself a deeper disgrace to the commonwealth than any of its predecessors. From the beginning it has trifled; it has persistently defied the constitution; its entire existence has been a continuous perjury, and its dissolution a scene of little cupidity and of shameful greed, such as a bootblack would blush to manifest. We speak of this body as an entirety, we gladly make some HONORABLE exceptions. But has ever an honest, reforming executive been checked by as mean and petty a lot of legislators! And now Patton intimates that the accounts are rotten and asks to have them shown up. He is looking after the rats. We know of no specific charge, but we can believe anything of the legislature of 1883-4. The people will back you, Governor. All our county papers sustain you, and for Heaven's sake go to the bottom. —Holiday goods, at Zellers drug store.

Telegram Briefs.

Miners in the Third. Pool have decided to strike on the 20th inst. unless an additional quarter of a cent per bushel is paid them by the operators.

The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the First National Bank of Bedford, Pa., to begin business with a capital of \$50,000.

All of the testimony is submitted in the trial in Norristown of James Jack, for wife murder.

It is said the Khedive threatens to resign and leave Egypt. The reports of Hicks Pasha's safety are revived, but discredited.

The French are said to have persistently bombarded the Madagascan ports of Vohémar and Mohambo.

It is stated that Arequipa has been evacuated by the Chileans.

Henri Martin, the well known French historian, died yesterday.

Richard de Laprade, French poet and author, died yesterday.

A bill amending the Chinese Immigration act, imposing further restrictions, has been agreed upon by the Pacific Coast delegation and will be speedily presented to congress.

The State Department has received from the United States consul at Bremen, Germany, a synopsis of a letter sent to Prince Bismark, by the Chamber of Commerce of that place, protesting against the prohibition of the importation of American pork.

General Massey, the English poet, litterateur and lecturer, now visiting this country, sues the New York Times for \$5,000 damages for alleged libel in treating his lecture on prehistoric, ancient, medieval and modern times, in a spirit of levity.

Lewis F. List and his father, Lewis List, convicted in Wilmington of murder, were sentenced yesterday—the son to be hanged and the father to life-long imprisonment.

There were 249 failures in the United States reported during the week past, nineteen more than the corresponding week of 1882, and eighty-four more than the same week of 1881.

During the current year 571,823 immigrants have arrived in the United States.

It is stated in New York that Mrs. Christiancy was hounded to death by some men whose names have not been revealed.

It is generally considered by railroad men that a severe war in fares to the west is impending.

It is reported from Hue, the capital of Annam, that King Hiepma has been poisoned by his servants at the instigation of the Chinese. Other reports hold France responsible. The mandarins of Annam have proclaimed war against France. Reinforcements have been forwarded to Admiral Courbet.

A solemn reception will be given the American bishops by the pope previous to their departure.

In a speech at Liverpool last night Sir Richard Assheton Cross strongly condemned the extension of the franchise to Ireland.

Baker Pasha has given it as his opinion that at least 15,000 troops will be required for a successful campaign in the Soudan. He also states that Egypt is unable to supply that number.

John Bright, in a speech at Keighley last evening, declared his opposition to universal suffrage, and said that he would endeavor by all possible means to maintain the forty shilling county franchise.

A commission of inquiry to investigate the causes of the recent Orange-Nationalist riots in Londonderry sat yesterday. A number of persons who participated in the riots were summoned as witnesses, whereupon the Roman Catholics in attendance left the court in a body, protesting against the acceptance of such testimony.

Additional Local.

WATERSON, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, modifies the platform generally credited to him. He says that the clamor about free trade is a Republican invention—that he advocates tax reform, not free trade, and as long as two hundred millions must be collected through the custom houses, there can be no such thing as free trade.

—Christmas is almost here and perhaps you have not made your purchases or decided what they are to be. If you would overlook the liberty, we might suggest a few things from which you may be able to select just the right thing, and would not for a moment have you entertain the idea that we had any mercenary or any other improper motive in the matter. We will commence with the elderly lady and gentleman, and would suggest a pair of gold spectacles for either and a gold headed cane for the latter, after all that, a neat case not too heavy in the stick would be a proper thing for a young gentleman as well, so would a watch, chain, scarfpin, ring, shirt stays or sleeve buttons. If for a lady burdened with the cares of a household and exhausted by her efforts to make her table appear to the best advantage, a tea set, custard, butter dish, cake basket, knives, forks or spoons would bring her back to her eye, or something for her personal adornment like an inexpensive article of jewelry would add elasticity to her step. By the way, any of these articles would not be amiss to a miss who is likely to assume these cares, but perhaps the most appropriate article outside of the diamond would be a fine gold watch and chain. Rings, of course, are always understood, and an opera glass might be just the thing. A fan of some kind she must have, then why not get her a fine one, but a gold thimble might please better than all these, or a simple napkin ring might be all she would desire. A boy's watch is a good thing for a boy, insures steady habits and a punctuality and promptness that can be obtained in no other way. A nice little clock for his room would be the next best thing. The little girls will delight mostly in rings and necklaces, or perhaps a silver cup, knife, fork and spoon, but to make them supremely happy it should have a pair of tiny bracelets, and for the baby a soap tureen, ice pitcher or an eight-day clock would—But we will merely add that any of the above can be procured at Frank P. Blair's.

—Last week we informed the people of Bellefonte and vicinity that Lewin & Co., proprietors of the popular Allegheny street clothing house, had the largest stock of mens' and boys' overcoats in Centre county, and they certainly had a large stock. We hardly know just how it happened, but during Friday and Saturday they had such a heavy run on these goods that Mr. Lewins was compelled to take the late train on Saturday night for Philadelphia and send his goods by express to Bellefonte, in order to meet the demand of their customers. The goods came promptly to hand on Tuesday morning, and illustrates the fact that it will be a "cold day" when Mr. Lewin gets left.

Call early, and you will get the very latest city styles.

—You rarely ever see as large a selection of Christmas goods as is now on exhibition at the music store of Bunnell & Aikens. All their organs and pianos had to be removed to make room in order to display them. The moment you enter into their store you almost imagine you are in some fairy land, and stand riveted to the spot for a moment ere you seem to realize that everything is real and not imaginary.

—As people pass by Sands' window you hear them exclaim, "Oh! look there, isn't she sweet. Oh! the dear little thing." All such remarks are made about the little lady on exhibition in Sands' window. She is to be chanced off. Don't forget that for every one dollar's worth of toys you purchase you get a chance.

—Special reductions to churches, Sunday-schools and festivals in candies, at Sauerbeck's.

—Graham & Son have the finest assortment of ladies' and gent's Holiday slippers in Bellefonte.

—Holiday goods at Garman's.

—Holiday goods, at Zellers drug store.