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GENERAL GRANT is the only man on record who ever survived a physician's "Daily Bulletin." It was the bulletin that killed Garfield.

THE fellow who stole the two thousand democratic majority in an Illinois legislative district has earned his booty. Well done. Two thousand Rip Van Winkles will rub their eyes and ask "where's Schidner?"

UNCLE JAKE ZEIGLER, says: The legislature being a do-nothing body, the effort is made to shift the responsibility on to democratic shoulders. Pile it on; the democracy has carried a bigger load than that and still survives.

Of course Uncle Jake has no reference to the last legislature of which he was a distinguished member.

GOOD AUTHORITY.—Judge Black, who was not in the habit of compromising with his conscience for the sake of party policy, used to declare that "no protectionist could be a Democrat." But, notwithstanding this truth, a good many advocates of the existing tariff are masquerading as Democrats.—*Clearfield Republican.*

Yes one of the masqueraders saved the Democratic party from defeat last fall. Did brother Goodlander ever hear of Uncle Sammy Randall?

W. U. HENSEL Esq., retires from politics to practice law. We congratulate that gentleman on his determination, and have no doubt that he will be more successful as a lawyer than politician. Mr. Hensel is a brilliant, well read, and accomplished gentleman and consequently unfit for a politician. Practical politicians are out of date since the fourth of March and as the trade was not to Mr. Hensel's liking he could not school himself in its tricks and has gone back to his first love. There are some smaller men than Mr. Hensel who would do well to turn their attention to a legitimate business.

THE trial of dynamiter Short for the attempted assassination of Dynamiter Phelan, which resulted in a verdict of "not guilty" was a farce so far as justice is concerned, and the judge was so disgusted that he discharged the jury from further attendance on the session of court. Later developments have shown that the verdict was obtained through jury fixing. If Short had made sure work of Phelan and an honest jury had convicted Short, the earth would have been rid of two assassins. A jury fixer is little better than a murderer as he strikes at the most vital part of the whole judicial system, and robs justice of the sanctity which the laws and usages of civilized nations, and the oath taken in presence and in the name of Almighty God have thrown around her. Munsell, the perjured and "fixed" juror, is a fit companion for Short and Phelan, and neither should go long unpunished.

THE democrats of the Illinois district who have just been caught napping by their enemies should not plead the baby act and cry fraud. The district was democratic by two thousand and at the recent election returned a republican. This gives the republicans complete control of the legislature and probably elects Logan to the senate. We congratulate the party in that district on its sublime stupidity. Perhaps had Bill Morrison paid more attention to his senatorial canvass and dropped for a time his hobby of free trade he might have worn the senatorial toga for six years. Black John Logan will continue his assaults on English grammar from his seat in the senate and Morrison can air his free trade theories in the house. The Democratic mules in the lost district will try to hide their ears by crying fraud, Nice democrats in that district, ain't they?

BELLEFONTE & SNOW SHOE SCHEDULE.

The present schedule of trains on Bellefonte and Snow Shoe Railroad white not intended as a discrimination against Bellefonte, as the *Watehan* states, is doing a positive injury to our merchants and business men, generally. Supt. Blair took one train off the road as a matter of economy and business prudence. The two trains being run at a loss to the company. Of course the same rules will apply to the business of a corporation that an intelligent business man applies to his private affairs; but the mistake Mr. Blair made was in not running the train from Snow Shoe to Bellefonte instead of from Bellefonte to Snow Shoe. There was a time when Karthaus and Cooper settlement in Clearfield county, and Burnside and Snow Shoe in Centre, were tributary to Bellefonte. The completion of the road from Keating to Karthaus and the Beech Creek road has naturally deprived Bellefonte of the trade of that portion of Clearfield county and we are fast losing Snow Shoe and Burnside. It is perhaps true that the passenger traffic on the B. & S. S. R. does not justify the running of two passenger trains, daily, each way, but it is said that the freight traffic over that road does not pay, yet, over the Bald Eagle Valley road of which the B. & S. S. is a feeder, that same freight does pay and pays so largely as to more than make up any loss on the B. & S. S. R. Every pound of freight which Bellefonte ships or receives goes and comes over roads controlled by the Penna. company. All the passenger traffic passes over that company's lines, it is fair to suppose that a company which has a monopoly of our freight and passenger traffic and to which our people pay annual tribute of thousands of dollars, would put itself to some little inconvenience to accommodate a community so situated. If the present running of trains is maintained, the B. & S. S. road will lose almost the entire trade from the Snow Shoe region and Bellefonte will suffer a greater loss in her business interests. The trade of that great mining region is gradually slipping from us and Lock and Williamsport are profiting by our loss. Freight and passenger rates are both cheaper over the Beech Creek road and trains are run to accommodate the trade. We cannot contend successfully against cheaper rates of freight and passenger traffic and greater convenience. The importance of some action in this matter is becoming more evident every day. The completion of the Bellefonte, Nittany and Lemont road will help us some, but the remedy for the Snow Shoe trouble must be in a more liberal policy on the part of its management. What matters it if the Penna. company loses ten cents on the Snow Shoe road, if they make twenty on the Bald Eagle Valley off the same freight or passenger? The present difficulty serves to impress on our citizens the necessity of increased railroad facilities, and the importance of the building of the road from Beech Creek. We will yet be set high and dry on our hills and the verdure of the streets of Jerusalem will be nothing compared with that of Bellefonte.

DIVORCE.

The laxity of the Pennsylvania divorce laws is beginning to attract the attention of ministers and Judges of the Courts, and even that slow coach, known as the Pennsylvania Legislature, begins to move in the direction of greater stringency in the laws of marriage and divorce. Indiana and Illinois have, for many years, been the butt of Pennsylvania wit on that subject and Chicago has been considered the paradise of divorce lawyers; but the mote in the eye of Indiana and Illinois is obscured by the beam in our own eyes, and we pause to take

account of stock and cast our organ of vision around us. The past week has brought to light one of the most villainous plots to blast the fair fame of a virtuous wife in order to procure a divorce for a lecherous husband, that even the annals of divorce courts can furnish. A systematic conspiracy concocted by a divorce lawyer and the husband with a female detective in the role of a friend of the intended victim, numerous private detectives as witnesses, a male friend to inveigle the unsuspecting wife into a house of ill-fame; these are the theatrical properties used in this great "moral" drama of "Divorce." The plot failed because virtue is always woman's great shield, and the hired detectives, base and hardened as they were, gave up in disgust. The good name of the wife and mother was preserved. This case coming to light as it has just at the time when the courts and churches are agitating a reform in the laws on this question, has been an incentive to many who have been indifferent or passive to take up the subject and consider it. The law has always been antagonistic to the teachings of the christian religion in that it allows absolute divorces for causes which are not allowable by Holy Writ. Law cannot reform the morals of the people, but it should not be so lax as to invite a breach of the marital obligations by those who become restive under its duties and responsibilities. The whipping-post for wife-beaters would prevent many divorces on the grounds of cruelty, and a retention of a part of the earnings or property of the fellow who does not provide for his family would prevent desertion.

E. A. BIGLER, COLLECTOR.

No appointment could have given such general satisfaction to the people of this part of the state as that of Mr. Bigler, of Clearfield. It is up to the general average of Mr. Cleveland's former selections and away in advance of those of his predecessors. The new appointee is a practical man of large business experience, and extended acquaintance all over the district. That he will be careful and painstaking in his selection of subordinates, those who know him are assured. As a political factor Mr. Bigler is important, because of his sterling democracy, his political honesty and conservatism. There is nothing of the low, tricky, demagogue, or "democrat for revenue" about him. We congratulate Mr. Bigler on his appointment and Gov. Curtin on his selection. That class of men will always reflect credit on the party, and is the best evidence that the pledges of reform made at Chicago are to be kept.

The Clearfield Democrat.

Brother Bixler has re-baptized and re-christened his paper the Citizen, and leaps into the journalistic arena prepared to do battle for Democracy under the name of the *Clearfield Democrat*. He has associated with him Allison O. Smith, and the first copy of the new paper bears the joint salutatory of Bixler and Smith. The old *Clearfield Democrat* was edited by Ex-Governor Bigler many years ago as was the *CENTRE DEMOCRAT* and our friends have paid a graceful tribute to the memory of a great and good man by the change of names. Now boys you are young, healthy, temperate, able, and of reasonably good moral character, and the *CENTRE DEMOCRAT* extends to the *Clearfield Democrat* a hearty "God-speed," and we hereby throw our old shoes after you.

MISTER LOGAN, who ran as the vice presidential candidate on the Blaine ticket last fall, called mayor Harrison "a vile liar, a poltroon and a coward." What an awful mouth that man has got, "me an Jack" aint authority on grammar, but as a slinger of English he aint to be despised.

NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS.

THE attention of parents is being directed to the alarming increase of near-sightedness in children, and its causes. Eminent physicians who have examined into the cause and particularly among the children of the public schools, reach the conclusion that it is produced in a large degree by the pupil leaning over the desk in order to get at his book. If such is the case it is important that teachers take cognizance of the fact or the rising generation will be one of weak eyes. The point at which pupils can read with ease differs, but there is a natural focus for each, this point of concentration can be gradually destroyed by the habit of leaning over the desk. The tendency of the child is to get near to his book, whether there is any defect of the sight or not. The eye must suit itself to the distance from the object, and the amount of light it takes in. The child who can read easily at the distance of one foot from the eye, will experience some difficulty in reading with the book ten inches away. He is not inclined to experiment for himself, but reasons, unconsciously, that the nearer he gets to his book, within certain bounds, the better he can see, thus training the eye to short distance, and producing what is called "short sight." Teachers have not given the subject the consideration they should, and school boards have given it none. The increase in the number of children in this borough who are compelled to wear glasses is a common subject of remark and our school board would do well to look into the matter. There are many other causes which aid no doubt in producing this shortness of vision such as defective light, light from opposite windows, light reflected on white walls etc., All of which could be remedied. It would be well to have our school-rooms examined by a practical optician and point out their defects and the remedies. Will our board look into the matter?

THE PENNA. R. R.'S SANITARY MEASURE.

The sanitary precautions taken by the Pennsylvania Railroad to protect its employes and patrons from cholera and to prevent its being spread broadcast over the land should it break out in the cities, is worthy of more than a passing note. This great corporation of which the querulous public finds fault, often unjustly, is taking precaution to preserve the health of the country in a manner which is worthy of imitation of other railroads and even municipalities. Its agents are inspecting everything connected with its immense business, which is capable of concealing a cholera germ. After having made a thorough inspection, this railroad board of health will recommend the necessary changes; and, in a few weeks, the sanitary condition of its road and its branches will be almost perfect. It is, perhaps, the most perfect railroad system in the world in all its departments. A ride over its main line is a succession of delightful surprises. Where one would expect to find bare rocks and clay, green grass and lovely flowers greet the eye, graceful terraces, flower beds, climbing vines and little enclosures like miniature parks, are scattered all along its line from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. This last move is but the natural outcome of the housewifely cleanliness seen every where. It is a good move, and one that the traveling public will appreciate. The cholera may not come, but it is the part of wisdom to use precautionary measures and the old saying, that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is true the world over. A great corporation which handles millions of people every year and yet looks after the minutest details of the laws of health has a soul somewhere in its corporate body.

Ex-Gov. GILBERT C. WALKER, of Virginia, but for the past seven years a resident of New York, died on Monday. Many of our citizens will remember him as one of a quartette of brilliant Ex-Governors who spoke at the Phillipsburg meeting in 1878. That was a remarkable gathering of great men. Two of the ex-Governors are now dead—Bigler, of Pennsylvania, and Walker, of Virginia, Ex-Governor Hendricks, of Indiana, is now Vice President, and ex-Governor Curtin represents the 20th District in Congress. Gov. Walker was a man of imposing presence and magnificent physique, a fine orator and a courteous gentleman. Gov. Walker was born in New York and was but fifty-two years old when he died. He was a Douglass democrat. In 1864 he moved to Norfolk Va.; in 1869 he was nominated by the liberal republicans for Governor, when the Democrats withdrew their candidate and elected Walker over Wells the regular Republican candidate. He was a candidate for Vice President before the liberal convention in 1872, but was beaten by B. Gratz Brown. He was elected to Congress from the third district of Va.; in 1874 and again in 1876. He declined a third nomination. In 1878 he made a speech at Phillipsburg and one at Bellefonte in advocacy of the election of Gov. Curtin to Congress.

General Grant's Condition.

NEW YORK, May 7.—General Grant slept seven hours last night. This morning he arose at his usual time and took such food as serves for his breakfast. At 10 o'clock he took up a pad and pencil and began the arrangement of the notes for his next dictations. In the morning Colonel Grant said the stenographer was expected during the day, but that he (the Colonel) would strive to prevent his rather from dictating to day, believing he had best rest his throat and devote his time to the arrangement of date.

Dr. George F. Shardy, in the *Medical Record* of May 9, said of the condition of General Grant: "During the past week General Grant's bodily health has much improved and he has been enabled to enjoy short drives in Central Park, to walk short distances out of doors and to do a considerable amount of literary work on his forthcoming memoirs. His appetite is better, he has relish for his food, and his swallowing is not attended with much pain. Locally his disease shows a slight tendency to progress. The sloughy exudation has disappeared, exposing exuberant fungoid granulations in its place. This condition still involves the right and posterior parts of the pharynx, the right tonsillar region and the right side of base of tongue. The palatal curtain is still considerably infiltrated, although all signs of acute inflammatory trouble have disappeared. At the base of the uvula on right side, a small fungoid excrescence has developed, which has shown a disposition to extend. On the free margin of the palatal curtain, midway between the uvula and right tonsillar region, a similar growth of very small size has also appeared. The ulceration at the base of the right anterior facial pillar and along the side of the tongue, presents a worm eaten surface, indicating an extension of the destructive process. The breathing is free and the voice is clear, but the movement of the tongue is somewhat restricted, affecting articulation accordingly. The enlarged glands under and around the lower angle of the lower jaw are somewhat harder, and in consequence the surrounding inflammatory infiltrations are quite firmly fixed. There is however, less pain in the diseased parts than formerly, and the secretion of mucus is less abundant. The patient obtains a full night's sleep with the minimum amount of mor-

phine and awakes in the morning feeling much refreshed. Despite the favorable general condition there have been unfortunately no changes in the in the local disease to warrant any modification of the original diagnosis by the members of the medical staff."

Gov. PATTISON vetoed the absurd bill which empowered county Commissioners to appoint committees in each township and ward to see to the burial of soldiers. The bill was ridiculous in its every provision and was a species of legislative jobbery, under the guise of a charitable and patriotic purpose. Every town and village has its Grand Army Post which takes care of the soldier in his illness and buries him with military honors after death, and it would be unjust to the men composing that organization to take from their hands the duty and privilege of performing the last sad rites of their order to a dead soldier. The Governor did a wise thing, and none will more keenly appreciate the motives, or the public policy which dictated the veto than the soldier.

Thursday's *Harrisburg Patriot* says: Senator Wm. A. Wallace occupied his seat in the Senate chamber yesterday for the first time in several weeks. He returned from his southern trip several days ago, and though his health is greatly improved, it is evident that he is not a well man yet by a large majority. Soon after he took his seat the other members of the body, one after another, came forward to welcome and congratulate him on his return. Nearly every Senator called, and after it had been going on for some minutes the Clearfield Senator retired to the coat room where he was followed by a great many persons and for a time he held quite a reception in that secluded quarter. The Senator is still weak and walks with a cane. But soon he dropped into the labor of the body and made a speech in support of a measure in which his district is interested. He will try to continue his labors now until the close of the session, though it was evident yesterday that the work wearied him.

Col. Jackson's Successor.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Governor Curtin, who controls the appointment of Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-third district, has tendered the place to E. A. Bigler, of Clearfield county. It has not yet been learned whether Mr. Bigler will accept. At all events, Mr. Jackson will be succeeded in a few days.

STATE ITEMS.

Edward Tolan, of Ebersvale, Luzerne county, who was recently struck on the head with an axe by a Hungarian, is reported to be dying.

By the premature explosion of a blast on the Corwall ore hills the 6th inst., near Lebanon five laborers were badly injured, two of them it is thought, fatally.

William Kelley, an umbrella tinker from Harrisburg stabbed and badly wounded James Engler in Easton Wednesday, because the latter would not accompany him to see him stab his (Kelley's) wife. Kelley was also badly injured.

William Cook, of Pittsburg, who had both feet amputated a few years ago in consequence of having them frozen while spending a night in grief beside the grave of his newly buried wife, committed suicide the 20th, Wednesday by shooting.

A new "wheelmen's" track is being built at Chicago, which is to cost all of \$2,000.

The entries for the spring meeting at the New York Driving Club close May 25.

The annual spring races of the Cleveland, Ohio, Bicycle Club will be held on May 19.

Jay-Eye-See and Phellas are to remain for several weeks at Chester Park, Cincinnati, instead of going to Philadelphia as announced.

James Wheat, of Pittsburg, and John Carnell, of Germantown, are matched to run 120 yards for \$100 a side, at Pastime Park, Philadelphia, next Saturday.

—Disinfect your premises with lime.