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SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of

JOHN BLANK,

Who served through the war of the rebellion and was

Honorably Discharged

in 1865. Buried with

County Honors

July 1, 1885.

See voucher No. 17, Pauper Soldier's Record, of Centre Co.

We do hereby certify that the sum of Fifty Dollars was expended on the deceased.

Commissioners.

EXIT: Manitoban Rebellion and English from the Sudan.

The Anglo Russian war cloud is not bigger than your fist; but it is awfully charged with electricity.

OCCASIONALLY a mugwump slips into office. A pollywog becomes a frog. There is hope for the mugwump.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL HAY is not improving as rapidly in health as his friends hoped, and it is doubtful whether he can perform the duties of his office.

Onofri who murdered his little step daughter in Philadelphia is another candidate for hemp. The crime is most brutal in its details, and the jury that tries the case need not miss more than one meal before reaching a verdict.

CHRIS MAGEE and Matt Quay interviewed each other, last week, and agreed to fight it out. The republican party of this state is awful big, but large as it is, no one thinks of open rebellion against these bosses and the selection of a third man.

MARYLAND is becoming celebrated for the alarming increase of rape within her borders. The latest is the rape of a refined and intelligent white lady by a brutal negro. The penalty for rape should be hanging. This is the unwritten law of Judge Lynch's court where justice pure simple and speedy is meted out to criminals.

AS A TEST of an applicant's fitness for official position he should be required to write his own application, giving a brief outline of his past life, and certify to it. Of course this would necessitate an increase in the number of the Postmaster General's waste baskets; but the country could stand the additional expense in that direction better than it could one incompetent official.

THE work of the revision of the Old Testament was completed some time ago and the revised edition has been given to the public. It is the result of study and research by the most eminent English and American scholars, and it is considered almost perfect. Changes were made, but few, considering the importance of the subject and the many disputed points. It is the revision of scholars who had for a time laid aside their clerical prejudices, and entered into the work for the purpose of giving to the world a non-sectarian Bible.

NO COUNTY tombstones mark the last resting place of a Pennsylvania soldier, this year. Earth's fairest flowers fall for the last time on the graves of all, without distinction. Memorial day is a sacred thing, as it marks with flags and flowers the grave of no branded pauper soldier. It is the last Decoration Day that will not bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every son or daughter of Pennsylvania. Let everybody take a floral tribute and cast it on a hero's grave. Hereafter the county will decorate her soldiers' graves by contract.

ANOTHER HALL-WANTS OFFICE.

THE extreme modesty of the Hall family is equaled only by its ability to absorb political preferment. Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, others have greatness thrust upon them; but when a man combines all three he has to have his clothes made to order. Benjamin Franklin Hall, of Elk county, is one of those who were born great among men, achieved greatness and now, through the kindness of Senator Wallace, is having greatness thrust upon him. B. Frank Hall, *Dei gratia*, Governor of Arizona! Whisper it ye gentle zephyrs to the rock-ribbed mountains of afflicted Arizona; murmur it softly, ye babbling brooks, wave joyous in cense of glad tidings, majestic pines, B. Frank Hall, who parts both his hair and name in the middle, comes to rule over your vast solitudes. The world is familiar with the glorious achievements of Benjamin Franklin Hall the inventor of lightning, the author of Poor Richard's Almanac and one of the sponsors to the highly moral campaign of last fall in this district. It is a move in the direction of financial and political reform, which the honest yeomanry of the 20th Congressional district will heartily endorse. We have, heretofore, refrained from asking any favors of President Cleveland, but as that gentleman is doubtless breathlessly awaiting our pleasure, we earnestly beg that the great B. Frank receive the position that all Pennsylvania is urging him for. And, your excellency, we would suggest that the cash value of the office be \$3,500. We had our political weather eye cast Arizona-ward ourselves, but respectfully "waving all questions as to regularity, the editor of the DEMOCRAT withdraws—Hall the candidate."

As a salve to our wounded feelings send us first year's salary, \$3,500. If the President has any more Governorships to give away, there are two more Halls who are not supplied with offices and whose cash value will range anywhere from \$3,500 up.

THE POLITICAL DYSPEPTIC.

THERE is a class of chronic grumblers who are troubled with political dyspepsia, that infests every well regulated community, who can't understand why the president has not turned all the "rascals out," long ago. They are like the escape pipe of a steam boat and just as necessary to the well being of a community as a safety valve is to an engine. There is no use in finding fault with the fellows, as their democracy is unquestionably good; it is Jacksonian in its character, and they are Jeffersonian in their honesty. The political dyspeptic is as miserable as is his brother with the disordered stomach, but he is infinitely more useful. He keeps his party just far enough away from the pessimistic theories of civil service reformers and mugwumps to preserve the party honesty and partisan vigor. We delight to hear him discourse on the administration, how grandly the sulphurous adjectives roll out as he tells of the appointment of some mugwump to a fat position, he gives an aesthetic double trill to his r's as he exclaims "turn the rascals out." He is emphatic, boisterous and jerky in his discourse but always earnest and conscientious. If you suggest a man for a position whom he knows to be unfit he is up in arms and out comes an emphatic "yes he's a—of a man for that place." If you would give the genuine political dyspeptic the power to fill the offices, he would have honest partisans appointed every time. Let him find fault with the president now, in a year he will swear just as hard on the other side.

JOHN A. LOGAN was elected United States Senator on the first ballot on Monday receiving the full Republican vote, 103 in all.

A "BLOODY FOOL"

Blackburn, the Kentucky warrior who wanted to "swim his horse in Yankee blood" during the war has had his commission revoked by Secretary Manning, not because, as the Secretary says, he was a "bloody fool," but because he was a "bloody fool." Mr. Manning's reason is one of the strongest that could be urged. There were rivers of "Yankee blood" spilled during the war, but not to put "bloody fools" in office as the gentleman from Kentucky has discovered. Had the man of gore from the blue grass region ever heard the elder Cameron's advice to a young politician, that "it is better to walk a hundred miles than write a letter," he would now be tugging at the public teat.

MORAL.—Don't write letters, rather walk a hundred miles.

AS THE old Bellefonte and Snow Shoe pike is in good condition there has been a great deal of travel over it in the past two weeks. Our Snow Shoe friends can drive from Snow Shoe to Bellefonte to transact their business and return the same day; this they are compelled to do under the present running of trains over the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad or else spend two nights and one day in town. The management of that road seems insistent on building up the Beech Creek Clearfield and Southwestern and they are succeeding admirably. That road is carrying the passengers both ways that used to come over the B. & S. S. and B. E. V. roads. All things being equal people will travel over roads that study most the convenience and comfort of their trade. The Beech Creek road is catering to the traveling public and the result is to be seen in the decrease in travel over both the B. & S. S. and B. E. V. roads. Bellefonte of course suffers from it, but there is some consolation in knowing that the rail roads are losing too.

IF the owners of property along the proposed branch road down Nittany and who would be directly benefited by it, will grant the right of way the road will be put under contract in the next sixty days. We understand that Messrs. John and Philip Barnhart and Mr. George Valentine are among the parties who will grant the right of way through their lands. The short sighted and exclusive policy of those who own the ore fields of the eastern end of Nittany is the only obstacle in the way of the construction of this branch. The Bald Eagle Valley Company is pledged to the building of the road if our people will meet them half way in the matter. The experience of the past few weeks should spur us to action. All are alive to the details of their own business, but each man waits on his neighbor to move in outside matters. With the development of ore fields which surround us will come an increase of population and consequently an increase of all kinds of business in our midst. If that ornamental body called the Board of trade could be waked up long enough to see the parties owning land along the proposed road the right of way could be secured.

HON. B. F. MEYERS, of the Patriot, is not an applicant for the Harrisburg post-office as reported in the papers. Mr. Meyers is one of the ablest Democratic editors in the state and the party could ill afford to have him pigeon-holed in the Harrisburg post-office. A man who is capable of filling the editorial chair of the Patriot is too big for a post-office, and a good editor might make a very poor postmaster. The Patriot is daily growing in favor, and we would be sorry to see its brilliant editor licking postage stamps at \$2,500 per year. Oh, no, Benny

Stick closely to your desk, and never go to sea; And you may be ruler of Pennsylvania.

THE bill to brand deceased indigent soldiers as paupers was passed over the Governor's veto last week. Hereafter the records of the commissioner's office will show what soldier received a pauper's burial. The record will be very interesting and useful, as the question is to whether this man's soldier rather was a pauper or not, can be settled by a reference to the records. The bill is a piece of despicable demagoguism and political jobbery, and but few men had the moral courage to vote to sustain Governor Pattison. Fifty dollars are allowed for the burial expenses and tombstones of the indigent soldier buried by the county. If between the burial committee and the undertaker the soldier gets a rough pine coffin his friends may be thankful. Is there a soldier in the county so devoid of honor as to advocate pauper burials for his fellow soldier? If there is let him be buried with "county honors."

"Battle his bones, over the stones, He's a soldier pauper whom the county owns."

Be Patient Gentleman.

CUNNINGHAM and Burton, the men connected with the dynamite outrages in London have been convicted and sentenced to penal servitude for life. This seems like a harsh sentence, but when we take into consideration the enormity of their crime, a species of warfare unrecognized by civilization, which destroys the life of the infant at the breast and the gray headed sire tottering on the brink of the grave, which discriminates not, but destroys alike the innocent with the guilty, we are constrained to say that they richly deserve their fate. Assassination never accomplished anything for the oppressed, much less, the assassination of women and children. It is the method of the crank and coward. The instigators of dynamite outrages are far worse than Burton or Cunningham, the perpetrators. They are the fellows who used these misguided men as tools and have sent them to a living death.

RIEL, the Manitoban rebel, has been captured and the rebellion broken up. If there is any reform needed in the affairs of Manitoba now is the time for the Dominion government to see to it. Rebellions like Riel are not very formidable but they occur at inconvenient periods and in out-of-the-way places and entail great expense and loss of life. Riel claims that he was not the instigator of the late difficulty. But that will not clear him of the penalty attached to unsuccessful rebellion. He is said to be an educated and intelligent man, but a man who turns loose bands of savage and brutal Indians on defenceless women and children has not been properly civilized, and his education will likely be completed at the end of a rope.

THE "Times" Washington correspondent, reports Senator Wallace as "not speaking favorably of the appointment of Mr. Bigler" to the collectorship of the 23d District. We rather think the "Times" man is a little off his base, as the Senator and Mr. Bigler are warm personal friends, and no one can file objections to Mr. Bigler's fitness. Senator Wallace is not filing objections to competent men and particularly his personal friends.

THE BIBLE REVISION.

LONDON, May 15.—Copies of the revised version of the Old Testament were given to the news papers at midnight last night. All the papers this morning contain copious extracts from the work. This revision is the most important event in the history of the English Bible since the publication of King James' translation in 1611. The success of the Old Testament may not be as great as that of the New of which more than 1,000,000 copies were sold on the day of publication and more than 3,000,000 copies before the close of the year, but it will probably be more favorably received and less severely criticized. For it involves no changes of the manuscripts of the Hebrew text—no older manuscripts than the Masor-

etic having been discovered and the idiom of the authorized version is most carefully preserved out of regard for the conservative feeling of the church in its attachment for the language of the old version. All the errors of the translation, however, have been removed, and the revision will be pronounced by every competent Bible reader to be a very great improvement. It presents the result of the best Hebrew and biblical scholars of England and the United States, most of the men professors, believed in universities and seminaries. It has, moreover, advantage of the philology, biblical geography, history and antiquities, all of which were but imperfectly understood by the forty-seven translators of King James, although it is freely admitted that they did the best in their day. The new version is not a good version in the place of a bad one, but a great improvement of a good version.

Among our Exchanges.

THE Lock Haven state Normal school has recently adopted Smith's Elementary Physiology and Hygiene upon the recommendation of Prof. McKay, who is one of the best teachers of the science in the state. This book has been published to meet the recent enactments in the several states.—Democrat.

At an adjourned meeting of the Directors of the West Branch Camp Meeting Association held this day, at the office of the Secretary, George S. Snyder was elected President, J. B. G. Kinsloe Secretary and Treasurer, J. F. Clark, R. Dorey and Charles Kreamer, Board of Control. The question of an Annual Camp Meeting was laid over for the present.—Lock Haven Express.

A certain Hastings made a pretty smart thing when he offered the town of Holdredge \$3,000 for the exclusive right of selling liquor there. They could not give him the exclusive right but they put the license up to \$3,000, which is all the same. It freezes all others out.—Omaha (Neb.) Bee.

The case of John G. Haley vs. Michael Mead was ignored by the grand jury yesterday, the prosecutor to pay the costs. This was a case of much interest and whether it settles all such cases remains to be seen. Haley was the tax collector and had taxes amounting to something over two dollars against Mead. Mead being a for signer and only in this country two years refused to pay the tax and threatened to kick the mud out of Haley, if he bothered him any more. Haley sued Mead with the above result.—Reynolds News.

A Hungarian living at Coalport broke one of his legs not long since, and in order to keep the fracture in position, says the Clearfield Democrat, a cot was rigged up in the Hun's shanty upon which he was laid. A strap was then passed under his arms and out through one end of the shanty, and a lot of stones tied to the strap to keep the end down. Then his broken leg was passed through the other end of the shanty and heavy stones tied to it. In that position it was impossible for the Hun to move and if he isn't dead he can still be found there waiting for the leg to heal.—Albany Times.

The Philadelphia Editorial Association will go to Long Branch for its summer outing this year. The week selected is that beginning on June 22. On Monday the members of this association will be given a reception at the Journalist's Club in Philadelphia; on Tuesday morning they will go to Long Branch on a special train, remaining until Friday afternoon. Among the features at Long Branch will be a banquet and a ball.—Express.

CHICAGO, May 15.—To-day Mrs. Huntington, of 499 South Wood street, handed a dying baby to an officer, saying it had been left on her steps. An officer sent to her house found seven babies in two beds almost starved and nearly dead. Upon looking over the register of the house it was learned that Mrs. Huntington had received forty-seven babies to care for last July, besides twelve which she had reported left on her door step and were sent to the foundling home. The starving babies were cured for, and a warrant issued for her arrest.

PRESIDENT Cleveland does not believe in appointing relatives to office because they are relatives. His nephew or cousin, Charles Cleveland, was a candidate for appraiser of the port of Cleveland, but JOSEPH M. POE, a veteran Democrat and late a member of the Legislature, got the place. A special says:

CONGRESSMAN Foran called on President Cleveland some time ago and informed him that his nephew was a candidate for that place, whereupon the President responded that he had received a letter from the young man's mother asking him to do something for him and had paid no attention to it, but he would not hold back in the matter simply because the applicant was a relative of his. If he was a consistent Democrat, honest and capable, and if the application came with the usual recommendations through the usual channel, he should be appointed.

BUT the other man had the stronger claims, and the fact of relationship did not have the weight anticipated.

THE trade from Lock Haven to Clearfield and Phillipsburg all goes over the Beech Creek road. It used to come this way.

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