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QUAY did'ent "talk."

WONDER if Criss Magee don't want a "new trial?"

MEMBERS of the Republican "Left"—Chawles Emory Smith and Criss Magee.

THE way general Davis is turning the "rascals out" is simply blood curdling; an offensive partisan is not to be found in his department.

GOV. PATTON vetoed a bill last week because it was "grossly defective in orthography." "Them Pennsylvania Republicans never couldn't spell, and don't know nothing about grammar"—J. LOGAN.

THE Cholera in Spain has done one good thing, it has prevented revolution. Between the cholera and revolution, the Spanish nation has a rough time, of the two perhaps the cholera is preferable.

THE charges made by the Pall Mall Gazette of gross immorality on the part of English nobility, while true enough it may be, is one of those papers periodical belching forth of filth and scandal. The chief object in the latest as in all its past sensations is to sell the paper.

MRS. MERRICK wife of the late Richard T. Merrick of Washington D. C. died last week. Mrs. Merrick died in ignorance of her husband's death. Her condition since the death of her husband being such that the family and physicians could not break the sad news to her. Eight children survive her.

A CHICAGO policeman beat an inoffensive citizen over the head so severely that the man is now a raving maniac, without hope of recovery. The guardians of the peace of our great cities are fast filling the lunatic asylums of the country by their watchful tenderness. The clubbing qualities of a policeman are always taken into consideration when appointments are made. The Chicago chap may draw a halter or a striped suit of clothes as a prize for the skillful use of his club.

OUR Lewistown contemporary the Democrat & Sentinel says: "the appointment of W. W. Trout as Deputy Collector in this Internal Revenue District was an unpleasant surprise to the leading Democrats here," and that the appointee "is not known here as a Democrat, but as Curtin's man." Well, we are sorry for the Sentinel but are glad to know that Governor Curtin has in this case appointed a man thoroughly qualified for the position and whose friendship for him dates back more than a year. Some people are disposed to throw over-board old friends for those of to-day. Governor Curtin does not do business in that way.

### Exit Dolphin Roach.

The Attorney-General has rendered a decision on three points relative to the acceptance of the Dolphin which settles the great fish question. He holds that "the vessel cannot be accepted by the Secretary of the Navy; that no contract exists between John Roach and the Government, and that the large sum of money paid to him for the vessel may be recovered." These reasons assigned are about as effective as the sixteen reasons presented to a Judge by an Attorney.

Why a certain witness was not produced in court. The first reason was that "the witness was dead," the court decided that the other fifteen need not be stated. The Dolphin is dead, now let Johnny Roach fork over what he owes Uncle Sam. The Dolphin is an "offensive partisan" and must go.

SEVERAL of our exchanges are complaining of some of the appointments that have been made through members of Congress on the ground that "they are not made to strengthen the party"—Now such verbiage is hardly excusable in our Editorial brothers. Every congressman considers himself the "party" in his district, and appointments are made to "strengthen" him. If these ill-natured fault finding editors don't consider their member of congress "the party" they had better not have "a member." What right has an editor to kick against his party appointments? He is always expected to stand up for the ticket no difference how many or how great the scallawags on it. "Stick to the ticket" is his cry every campaign, while the people cut whom they please Of course it is the duty of an editor to "heartily endorse" every incompetent or undeserving rooster who slips into a position. Now stop your chin music, about "strengthening the party." Do your duty to "the party." We are going to take time by the fore lock. Appointments will fall thick and fast like the rain from Heaven. We cannot go into the eulogizing business on each individual, so we will give our general endorsement: We are "highly pleased" and "exceedingly gratified" with the appointments already made and with those to be made for all time, the "appointee" is the "right man," and is "thoroughly competent," "will make an excellent officer." He has never received any thing at the hands of his party, (the above may have to be varied in some cases, but where a fellow has held an office the reader need not apply the sentence) and is deserving of recognition. Our (young or old as the case may be) friend will accept our hearty congratulations on his appointment. We can "conscientiously" say that this appointment is made in the "interests of reform." We hope with a few variations this will meet all present and future appointments.

ONE of the demands made by the Pennsylvania Company is that it shall have control of the Beech Creek Railroad. The advantages to be derived from this acquisition are of great importance. The Beech Creek Railroad reaches the Centre and Clearfield county coal fields by easy grades of about fifty feet to the mile, while the present connection of the Pennsylvania Railroad with those fields is over the Tyrone and Clearfield and the Snow Shoe Railroad to Moshannon, the former at a grade of 115 feet to the mile and the latter at 140 feet. Should the Pennsylvania succeed in making this deal it will cause the abandonment of the coal-carrying trade over the two lines at present in use. The coal which now goes over the Pennsylvania Railroad via Tyrone would be transported over the Beech Creek and Philadelphia and Erie. By this route there would be a great yearly saving in the cost of transporting coal to the Pennsylvania. Vanderbilt has virtually agreed to this deal, but the other stockholders of the Beech Creek are not disposed to hand over their road to the tender mercies of the Pennsylvania Railroad. For the most part, however, there is no hitch of importance in the negotiations now pending between the two great corporations. The disturbing elements, the West Shore and the South Pennsylvania, will soon be in such a position that they can no longer affect the situation. Vanderbilt will deal with the former and the Pennsylvania with the latter. Everything points to still higher prices during the coming week.—Times.

A Pittsburg Judge fined a lawyer five dollars for calling a witness "a liar" such star chamber proceedings should not be tolerated in free America. If a lawyer can't call a witness a liar, what's the use of the profession. The Pittsburg Jeffries should be hung in effigy. It is one of the privileges of the profession, and every attorney should be protected in the enjoyment of this right.

### Vetoed.

The bill to locate the Agricultural experimental station, at the State College has been vetoed by the Governor. The bill was ably championed in the Senate by Senator Wallace, and in the House by Hon. J. A. Woodward and through their exertions passed. The Governor thinks that the money could be more economically expended through the State Agricultural Board, and thinks that the College has never made any adequate return for the money already expended. That may be true, but it is a matter of very little concern to the people or the College authorities who expend the money. Location is the question that should be taken into consideration. The State College is the proper place for the station, if an experimental station will be of any service to our farmers at all; however the veto settles the matter for the present. We have seen the pitiable spectacle of a representative from Centre county fighting bitterly an institution within her borders, crying down in the Halls of legislation a College fostered by the State and national governments, and offering no remedy for the evils real or imaginary which retard its progress. Is it any wonder that the College should make no adequate return for money expended? If you can't say any good for the institution keep your mouth shut.

### The Proposed Sale of the B. C. & S. W. R. R.

If the negotiations now pending between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Vanderbilt interests are concluded, the Bellefonte, Buffalo Run and Bald Eagle railroad receives its quietus. A transfer of the Beech Creek road to the Penna. Company puts our nearest point of connection with the Reading road, at Williamsport. The Reading road with its present traffic contract with the Beech Creek road, is kindly disposed toward the proposed road down the Bald Eagle Valley; but whether the parties who propose building the new road would feel justified in seeking a terminus as far east as Williamsport, or not, is a question not decided. In its present embarrassed condition, the Reading cannot extend its line any farther west. The outlook for competing lines of railroad to Bellefonte, is at present very blue. The effect of the absorption of competing and rival lines of railroad by the Pennsylvania Company, will be to place the entire business interests of the State in its hands, except where the Baltimore and Ohio and Philadelphia and Reading Companies have a foothold. The business interests of the State are now at the mercy of three giant corporations, whose powers are almost unlimited—the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., the Western Union Telegraph Co., and the Bell Telephone Co. These corporations are absolute, and despotic in their powers; they own and control legislation and very often Courts; they discriminate against localities and individuals. We are opposed to government control of railroads and telegraphs; but it seems that the only protection the interests of the country can receive from the greed and avarice of the monopolies, must come from the national government. That can only be accomplished by sending to Congress honest, fearless and independent men, entirely free from any connection with railroad, telegraph or telephone companies. We sincerely hope that the negotiations now pending between these great railroads may fall through. The welfare of the State depends on the competition of rival railroads, her interests are bound to suffer if placed in the hands of any one of the great corporations which have been struggling for supremacy. There is a remedy for every disease, and the people of the State will find

it at the proper time. Much of the business depression is, no doubt, due to the struggles of these monopolies. Vanderbilt must control the railroad traffic of New York and the Pennsylvania company that of this State—that is the moving spring to the present negotiations.

### Prussian Court Etiquette.

Some German officers were out on a lark, and while the fun grew "fast and furious," a Prince of the blood boxed the ears of a young lieutenant of Cuirassiers. The code is not in existence as between royalty and the common herd, and the young man could not demand satisfaction. His honor was wounded beyond repair: There was but one way out of the trouble—suicide—the young lieutenant suicided. It is very evident that the etiquette of the Prussian Court needs reform in several particulars. If the Princes can't fight with their companions in arms when they insult them, they should be required by law to commit suicide. It is a little rough on an officer to submit to a box on the ear and then take his life afterwards. An American would have returned the box with interest and left Court etiquette take care of itself. The Princely ear would have been warmed by the American hand and some sense of propriety might have been knocked into the Hohenzollern head. The German soldier does not consider it an honor to be clouted by a Prince; but Court etiquette prevents his returning the blow. He must either submit or suicide.

### Only a Scare.

#### THE REPORTED INDIAN OUTBREAK AN IMAGINARY ONE.

KANSAS CITY Mo., July 8.—A dispatch from Leavenworth, states that no news of an outbreak among the Cheyennes has been received at Fort Leavenworth. In order to relieve the anxiety of the settlers on the frontier four troops of cavalry were ordered to Kiowa, near the southern border of Kansas, to do scouting duty and afford protection against any threatened invasion. These, with other troops, are already established along the border and reserves are held in readiness which can be quickly conveyed by rail from posts in Kansas if occasion should arise.

The following dispatch was received this morning by the Governor from H. R. Nickerson, Division Superintendent of the Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. It was sent to Mr. Nickerson by the station agent at Kingman:

"The Indian scare assumed gigantic proportions here yesterday, and last night hundreds of families flocked into town from points as far west as forty miles for protection. Several scouting parties have been out as far as thirty miles, and the farther out they go the farther off the Indians are. There is not a trace of an Indian or evidence of their having been nearer Kingman county than the Territory line, and no damage was done there. There is a general scare, but its origin cannot be located. A party named Jones was down to the Territory line and heard Indians were on the move, and on his way back to Pratt county he met a neighbor named Smith, who told him that the Indians were coming. Smith saw Brown, and Brown saw his friend, and thus the story grew and excitement increased. The settlers have all started back for their homes. "H. C. NICKERSON."

The Governor has ordered 250 stands of arms to be sent to Kingman Land, Dodge City and Garden City at once; thence they will be distributed to various points in the South west in case of an invasion.

A preliminary injunction has been granted at Pittsburg, at the instance of the Bell Telephone Company, against the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company, to prevent the latter from using the phones of the former.

### General Grant's Visitors.

MOUNT MCGREGOR, July 8.—Rev. Father Didier, of Baltimore, called on the General this afternoon. In response to the priest's statement that they were all praying for him, he wrote:

"Yes I know, and I feel very grateful to the Christian people of the land for their prayers in my behalf. There is no sect or religion as shown in the Old or New Testament to which this does not apply. Catholics, Protestants and Jews, and all the good people of the nation, of all politics as well as religion, and all nationalities seem to have united in wishing or praying for my improvement. I am a great sufferer all the time, but the facts I have related are compensation for much of it. All that I can do is to pray that the prayers of all these good people may be answered so as to have us all meet in another and better world. I cannot speak even in a whisper.

### "U. S. GRANT."

The event of the afternoon was a visit to the mountain of the Mexican editors, who were presented to the General by E. H. Talbot, of Chicago. Senor Augustin Arroyo de Anda addressed the General, saying that they could not pass so near without paying their respects to one who had done so much for his country and for the promotion of good feeling between the two Republics.

In response General Grant wrote as follows: "My great interest in Mexico dates back to the war between the United States and that country. My interest was increased when four European monarchies attempted to set up their institutions on this continent, selecting Mexico, a territory adjoining. It was an outrage on human rights for a foreign nation to attempt to transfer her institutions and her rulers to the territory of a civilized people without their consent. They were fearfully punished for their crime. I hope Mexico may soon begin an upward and prosperous departure. She has all the conditions; she has the people; she has the soil; she has the climate, and she has the minerals. The conquest of Mexico will not be any easy task in the future."

The party banqueted at the hotel and returned to Saratoga this evening. The General was much fatigued by the reception, and retired at 7 o'clock. At midnight he was fast asleep.

REVENUE COLLECTOR MACGONIGLE is not finding official preferment a bed of roses. His appointment of Edward G. Etter as deputy for Franklin and Fulton counties has raised a rumour, and it is declared on the authority of many of those who endorsed Etter's petition that he is not fit for the office. If this thing of endorsing persons who are known to be unfit for the places they are endorsed for is kept up it will soon be necessary to get two kinds of indorsements—one indorsing the applicants and the other indorsing the endorser. It seems to be very hard, indeed, to convince some people that the responsibility of indorsing the fitness of applicants for public trusts is itself a public trust.—Times.

Collector MacGonigle is responsible only to the extent of informing himself of the qualifications and fitness of his deputies. If he appoints men to subordinate positions without investigating their fitness, he is not attending to the duties of his office properly. He cannot depend on petitions, as most anybody will sign a petition, and sign it without inquiring what it is.

### A Spoiled Office Seeker.

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 12.—On Friday a Democratic Senator was pressing the President to appoint a friend of his to office. As a last argument he said: "And Mr. President, he has been here since the 4th of March." "What!" said the President, "since the 4th of March—then I don't want him." "Why not?" demanded the Senator. "Because if he has been here since the 4th of March he's spoiled."

### Bret Harte to be Deposed.

WASHINGTON, July 13th Bret Harte spends all his time in London and devotes himself to literature. He leaves a Scotch clerk in his place at Glasgow. Recently the United States assistant secretary of the Navy, Alex. A. Adee, called at the consulate and discovered the above condition. Harte will have to go.

Judge Benjamin F. Patton died in Altoona on Monday, aged 72 years.

### Reckless Extravagance.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The Secretary of the Navy purposes effecting an entire reorganization of the nine Government Navy Yards, not later than next fall. An investigation looking to this end has been in progress for some weeks. Committees at the various yards have been examining the books and papers covering a period of ten years. These committees have been and are being assisted by a special commission sent from the Navy Department. The reports are to be sent to Washington and compared with the books here. The object of the investigation is to learn whether or not the books will agree with the accounts in the books at Washington. It is intimated that already the discovery has been made that the books at the department show that certain materials which ought to be on hand in one of the yards cannot be found. At the Mare Island Navy Yard California, the investigation will be most thorough because of the reports of needless expenditures of money at that place. The Secretary has been furnished with the names of a number of persons who say they can give evidence of fraud in that yard in the repair of United States vessels.

"Will the Secretary order an investigation of the repairs on vessels in all the yards?" was asked of a naval officer today who is acquainted with Secretary Whitney's intentions.

"It is useless to order an investigation," he replied. "The money has been spent in some cases recklessly, and I expect fraudulently, but it cannot be recovered. At one yard (Mare Island) large amounts in past years have been expended in repairs. This yard is a great distance from Washington, and the officers have seemed to feel that they could act with impunity. I have heard it said that rotten wood has been placed in vessels, that they might soon be returned for additional repairs. A little more than three years ago the Pensacola was condemned at the Mare Island Yard. She was brought to the Atlantic and sent on a three years cruise, and only recently received the repairs that officials in California said were necessary when she was there. Charges are higher at Mare Island than in the private yards on the Pacific Coast.

"In the proposed reorganization the Secretary will manage to dispense with the services of so many bosses. The yards are full of master this and master that, and they all get \$5 dollars a day, whether they work or not—four hours for a days work in some instances. A sailmaker went from Boston to one of the yards and began working eight hours a day. He was told to labor less time; that he could not be allowed to accomplish so much work."

### State Items

Henry Hess, of Pittsburg has been arrested for beating his children with his fists.

James Boyle, aged 23 years, was killed near Pottstown while trying to board a coal train.

Mary A. Price, aged 68 years, fell from a cherry tree in Chester recently and received fatal injuries.

The Democrats of Luzerne county think of mentioning F. A. Rockafellow, of Wilkesbarre, before the State Convention for Treasurer.

W. S. Allen of Williamsport, recently picked up a pocket-book which contained \$1000, and at last accounts no owner for it had been found.

The Republican conferees of Clarion and Jefferson counties have nominated Hon. Theo. S. Wilson, of Clarion county for President Judge.

The structural mill of Charles M. Atkins, at Pottsville, is to be converted into a steel-making plant. By this change it will be possible to make 100 tons of steel per single turn.

During the storm on Tuesday afternoon lightning struck a large barn at Penn's Manor, on the Delaware River on the farm occupied by Hugh Douglass, setting it on fire and destroying two mules, forty-five tons of hay and a lot of valuable farming machinery. The building alone was insured.

—For neat and attractive sale bills call at the DEMOCRAT office.