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### Gen. Grant Dying

VERY WEAK AND PARTLY UNCONSCIOUS ALL DAY.

MT. MCGREGOR, July 21. —7:40 P. M. —General Grant seems to be sinking.

1 A. M.—The General revived again at 11 o'clock, and at this hour Dr. Douglas states that since his rally General Grant has received a hypodermic injection of brandy. The General refuses stimulants when offered. Efforts are being made to tide the General over until the arrival of U. S. Grant, Jr.

WHY not nominate W. U. Hensel for State Treasurer? He would just like to go for Mr. Quay's scalp. Hensel would make the boss "talk."

SOME of the proposed Federal appointments in this district are not receiving the "emphatic endorsement" which it was supposed they would. But then you know some people always have "reform" in their minds, when appointments are to be made.

If there is anything from the ten commandments to the late London scandal which is not found in the Republican platform we would like to know it. The great acrobatic feat of the age will be Quay trying to balance himself on its incongruous planks. The man who rides nine horses in the circus won't be a circumstance to him.

JOHN S. WISE is the Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, and will make a lively fight. Wise is blooded, a fluent speaker, a good organizer and personally popular, he is the son of the late Henry A. Wise, Governor of Virginia. He is Mahon's choice, and his able and skillful lieutenant. The Democrats can count on a stiff campaign, with Mahon battling for political supremacy, Barbour or Lee will likely be the Democratic nominee, both are brilliant and able men and very popular in the old dominion. Lee is perhaps one of the most popular of Virginians. His family has cast great lustre over Virginia from the revolution down and it will not be dimmed by the present scion of an honorable house. Billy Mahon will be short some few thousand P. M.'s. and O. P.'s. and the navy yard will not take a hand, so that Wise will have to depend more on Wise, and not so much on Federal patronage.

THE Lewisburg *Saturday News* is so much given to the publication of scandal and sensational articles that it is becoming indecent and obscene. Last week's issue contained all the revolting particulars of the London scandal, the publication of which is without excuse or palliation. If it were to expose the immoral and criminal practices of human fiends preying on the virtue and innocence of families into which the *News* is a regular visitor, there might be the remotest shadow of an excuse, but such is not the case. The *News* is simply infusing a deadly moral poison into the minds of the young and inexperienced girls who read its pages. It is time to call a halt on the characterless rural press that dishes up under the head of "News" all the scandal raked together by the daily press during the week. Of all our exchanges, not one had the hardihood to publish the foul stories of the *Pall Mall Gazette* except the *Saturday News*. Nice Sunday reading does that paper furnish for the youths of Lewisburg. What excuse can it offer to mothers who are guarding so jealously the purity of their daughters both in thought and deed? Let the *News* abandon scandal-mongering and take to legitimate and honorable journalism. It is not at all surprising that the editor of that journal advertises it for sale. The sooner it changes hands the better it will be for the morals of its readers.

THE traffic in the virtue and innocence of young English girls which has been exposed by the *Pall Mall Gazette* and the truth of which is now being investigated by a committee of reverend gentlemen, is now off-set by the revelations which come from the Pacific slope. The Chinaman is offensive not only because of his habits of life and cheap labor, but his morals are not nearly on a par with his Caucasian brother. In the past six weeks the society for prevention of cruelty to children of San Francisco has rescued over twenty white female children from the clutches of Chinese panderers. These little waifs were to be raised to gratify the lusts of wealthy Chinamen. How they came to be in possession of the lecherous brutes is not stated but the object is apparent to the people of California who are familiar with the Chinese character. The presence in a civilized and Christian community of a set of people whose religious training is devoid of every element of morality and virtue, cannot but be destructive of the morals of those who surround them. One drop of filth will pollute a glass of pure water, and the Chinaman is the filth in the water of California. One of the gravest charges preferred against the celestials was the importation of Chinese girls into California for immoral purposes. This traffic became the source of wealth to many Chinamen and so revolting and open did the business become that legislative action became necessary to break it up. The traffic in American girls of the tenderest age, which has been exposed, is horrible to think of and will compel the passage of a law punishing any Chinaman who has in his possession any Caucasian child. The Chinaman should go, and that very quick. He is a moral and physical leper, a merchant of vice, a dealer in the virtue and a destroyer of the innocence of American youth. Some vigorous, and wholesome legislation will be necessary to control the degrading and immoral foreign population which is rushing to our shores; local legislation, supplemented by that of the nation, should look to the suppression of vice and crime.

THAT Cleveland iron firm which imported ignorant, unskilled pauper labor from Europe to displace intelligent and skilled American labor, has been taught a lesson by the late riots in that city, that other manufacturing establishments will likely profit by. It has been a losing investment, and one that they were long ago tired of, but could not get rid of the nuisance they had imported. The American laborer is intelligent skilled and trustworthy. He loves his country and her institutions and considers himself a part and parcel of the nation. He votes for the man of his choice to legislate for him, and obeys the law because in its supremacy he sees his own peace and happiness. Honesty, industry and sobriety are characteristics that distinguish him everywhere from the imported laborer of Europe. Go into his home, and you will find it a model of taste and cleanliness. His thrifty wife has her little world in perfect order, books and papers are found on his table, and pictures and bric-a-brac on the walls and mantle. His children are bright, clean, intelligent and polite. It is this class that the great corporations are crowding out by the importation of pauper labor. American labor cannot compete with Polish, Hungarian, Bohemian or Italian labor, because an American would starve on what they thrive and grow rich on. He could not bring his family to the moral and physical degradation incident to the community of interests and promiscuous living of these people. His whole nature revolts at the thought. The honor of his family the purity of his home are dear to him as life. In the end he is the

cheaper, and infinitely better as a member of society. Experience is a dear but thorough teacher, and those who employ labor will find that intelligent American labor while it may cost more in dollars and cents will give larger and better results in dollars and cents.

### The Roach Failure

The failure of John Roach, the great iron shipbuilder, strikes terror to the thriving little city of Chester. Mr. Roach has for years had a monopoly of government shipbuilding and repairing and has contributed very much to the prosperity of Chester. His ship yards giving employment to fifteen or sixteen hundred men. There have been serious charges of jobbery preferred against Mr. Roach as he has always underbid everybody else, and secured the contracts. The refusal of Secretary Whitney to take the dispatch boat, Dolphin, off his hands, because of her entire unfitness for the purposes for which she was built, has opened the eyes of the country to the glaring frauds which have been practiced on the government by contractors like Roach.

We must deplore the failure of a great establishment like that of John Roach & Son's, because of the destitution and want attendant on the discharge of hundreds of workmen; and the effect which the failure will have on different industries; but, if John Roach had saved the thousands of dollars which he contributed to Republican corruption funds, to stifle the will of the people and perpetuate Republican extravagance, jobbery and misrule, he would probably be solvent to-day. Whatever the result of the failure, one thing is evident, and that is, that the days of favoritism and official jobbery are numbered. Every tub will have to stand on its own bottom, and the man who does the best work for the contract price, and does not depend on "extras" to help him through, will be successful. No responsibility can attach to Secretary Whitney for the failure. He simply did his duty in the premises, and there the matter ends so far as he is concerned. We hope the failure may not be as bad as it looks on the surface and that the busy hum of industry may again resound in the ship yards of Chester. It is a Pennsylvania industry and she is most affected by the suspension of work. The lesson which Mr. Roach has learned is terrible, but is a warning to others that honest work is expected and will be exacted by the present administration. The American Navy, or what is called the Navy, has cost as much money as all the Navies in the world, in the last twenty years, and it is a third rate Navy at best. The Chandlers, Robeson and Roach, have wrecked our war marine. The end has come and with it the failure of Mr. Roach. Broken in health, worried in mind, he is an object of compassion, none wish him ill, all hope his troubles may pass away, and with them the corrupt system of favoritism which has long disgraced official connection with him. There will be one less to swell the Republican corruption fund, but one wiser, if not so well fixed financially. Neither Chandler or Robeson, the great naval wreckers offer assistance to Mr. Roach. Why do these jobbers hold aloof from their great contractor? Roach served under both and their combined efforts drove from the seas our once proud navy.

THE Great trouble about "appointees" is that so many of them have "shot off" their respective mouths, but Gen. Davis' man is the first fellow who "writ a book." Barbieri was a "litterary feller" and said some rough things about the north and northern people and Gen. Davis published them, and now like Banquo's ghost the book rises up to plague its author, and Macbeth Davis can't down Barbieri.

### Malcolm Hay for Governor.

It is announced that Hon. Malcolm Hay, who recently resigned the position of First Assistant Postmaster General, on account of ill health is already greatly improved and apparently on the high road to speedy and complete recovery. Mr. Hay accepted the position when his physical condition was such as to have warned any man less indisposed to shirk a duty, that he was incurring a grave personal danger. He accepted reluctantly, as it was, but the President and innumerable friends insisted, and feeling that he ought not under such circumstances, to decline, he finally concluded to take the risk.

The rapidity with which he mastered the details of the work of the office, his keen knowledge of men and ready appreciation of their character; his prompt and successful disposal of each succeeding question as it arose; his manifest entire impartiality and uprightfulness of motive, added to his wonderful capacity for hard and continuous work, even in his then state of health, soon made it plain that he combined every mental and moral qualification for the honorable and important position. Unfortunately his physical condition, just at the time, was wholly incapable of withstanding the great strain imposed upon it, and his resignation followed as a matter of absolute necessity.

In his brief term of office Mr. Hay demonstrated to the country only what his personal acquaintances and the leading men of his party generally in Pennsylvania have long known—that he is the possessor of marked executive ability, a strong magnetic individuality—a happy accretion, in short of all those faculties and inclinations which unite to fit men for the safe and satisfactory discharge of grave public responsibilities. He has served his party capably and courageously in many campaigns and has never asked an office, though his appointment as Attorney General was earnestly besought of Governor Pattison by a very large section of the party two years ago, and it is only truth to say that he would have filled the position to the credit and profit of the administration and the State.

In a little more than a year hence the Democracy of Pennsylvania will be called upon to nominate a candidate for Governor to succeed the present incumbent, a Governor in this State being constitutionally ineligible for a second term. Why is not Malcolm Hay the man for that emergency? It is not too soon to ask the question nor to seriously consider it. Mr. Hay has every qualification and we yield to no Pennsylvania Democrat, who is likely to be named, a greater deserving. The outlook for Democratic success in this State is bright, even for this fall, but let the result of the Treasurership contest be what it may, it will be bright in 1886. If we win this year it will be certain augury of success next year. If we lose this year, it will be to a faction of the enemy's forces that must of necessity seriously weaken them for the gubernatorial race. By this time next year the rascals will have been pretty well all turned out, and Congress will have met and the policy of the party will have been fully developed and understood. The people will have had sufficient experience of a genuine reform national administration to form a tolerably accurate estimate of its advantages, and the result cannot but be helpful to the party prospects even in such heretofore hopelessly Republican states as this. It is not too soon, therefore, to begin canvassing for a nominee, and our man for that honor is Malcolm Hay.—*Wilkes-Barre Union Leader.*

Fish for harvest, the cheapest ever offered, at LEWIS' Humes Block Bellefonte Pa.

### The Trunk Line Deal.

The deal between the Pennsylvania and the New York Central Railroads, by which the latter are to be restored to the business of the line is to be put upon a paying basis, has been practically consummated. The only matters to be settled are some of the minor details, and doubtless they will be satisfactorily arranged. The agreement is an alliance between the New York Central and the Pennsylvania offensive and defensive, with all that the term implies. It has a deeper significance than the mere transfer of the Beach Creek and the South Pennsylvania to the Pennsylvania Railroad and the control of the West Shore by the New York Central. The negotiations were begun last January. At that time the Pennsylvania offered a guarantee of 1 1/2 per cent. on the money which had then been expended on the construction of the South Pennsylvania. This offer was refused, and the work of building the alliance continued. If the Pennsylvania had at that time offered the terms which were decided upon at the conference at Merion last Friday, the company would have saved the perpetual interest on about \$2,000,000 at 3 per cent.

In the transfer of the South Pennsylvania and Beach Creek to the Pennsylvania the mortgage stockholders are offered the same figures as Mr. Vanderbilt, but they know that Mr. Vanderbilt does not look for his compensation in the price he will receive for his interests in Pennsylvania. They know that he will vastly increase the value of his New York properties by the deal, and so can afford to sacrifice in a manner his interests in Pennsylvania. The property has already increased in value many millions of dollars since the fact that the deal was to be made was first made public a few days ago. This alliance between the New York Central and the Pennsylvania is made without consulting the interest of the Reading people at all and the Reading system will ultimately become a mere dependency of the Pennsylvania.

The alliance also means a letter war against the Baltimore and Ohio. It means that if the Baltimore and Ohio ever gets to New York, it will be over its own tracks. Mr. Vanderbilt's interest in the Reading and Jersey Central are sufficient to control the policy of these roads, and they will be controlled in the interest of the alliance. When the money kings of New York and London notified the New York Central and the Pennsylvania that they must stop fighting, a way to stop was soon found. In the last two weeks New York Central stock has gone up thirteen dollars a share. In the same time Pennsylvania has advanced nearly six dollars a share.

A rumor was current on Third street yesterday that work had been stopped on the Southern Pennsylvania Railroad, but could not be traced to any source. Several of the prominent contractors were seen last evening and said they had received no orders to stop work. There is little doubt, however, that such orders will be issued in a short time.

### Removed For Cause.

The Pennsylvania Magazine of History prints the following letter of Andrew Jackson, the original of it is in the executive series of autographs deposited by Frank M. Kittling in the library of the Historical Society:

MARCH 16, 1830.  
MY DE SIR,  
I have read your note of this day and sincerely regret to learn the Mr. — removed, is a brother to Gov. & —. When you read the resignation of Mr. P. — you will find that he requests the removal of Mr. — & the appointment of Mr. — being because the incumbent Mr. — is incompetent from incompetency to discharge the duties of the office. Gov. Benton has coincided with Mr. P. in this request. This change therefore coming from such a high source, you will not be overlooked consider that in the interest of the public, we must pursue principle, & deal out uniform justice to all alike. I regret when it falls upon the connection of our friends.  
Yours res. & affly,  
ANDREW JACKSON

### Old Hickory believed a man to be "incompetent from intemperance."

Perhaps some of the "offensive partisans" now in office might be removed on the same grounds. And then again it may not be healthy for applicants to loaf around bar-rooms. Cleveland has no more respect for rum guzzlers than had Old Hickory.

### The Philadelphia Press must be troubled with severe pain in the region of the stomach every time the Republican platform of Virginia is referred to.

Chawls Emory is opposed to pensioning "rebel" soldiers, and his Virginia friends declare solidly for it. Smithy will be under the necessity of writing two editorials, one for Pennsylvania and one for Virginia circulation, and then Alex McClure will be mean enough to print them in parallel columns.

### THE Times says: "Ex-Senator Dill is in the front rank of country candidates for collector of customs for Philadelphia."

A better choice could not be made. Mr. Dill is an earnest and consistent democrat and has faithfully discharged every political trust his party has ever confided to him. He is an able, intelligent, courteous and cultivated gentleman, and is free from all factional antagonisms. His appointment would give great satisfaction in the rural districts.

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

Straw hats, Garman's.

### The Business Outlook.

The New York *World*, in commenting on the business outlook says: "At this season of the year the crop situation is an important factor in business affairs. A short time ago, when it became known that the winter wheat crop was to be an uncommonly poor one, there was a feeling of depression among merchants, but since then there has been such a marked improvement in spring wheat and in the prospects of all other crops that in various branches of trade more hopefulness prevails than for a long time past. So far as food products are concerned, there will be a superabundance of all kinds for both home consumption and export, unless some calamity now unlooked for should occur, while in regard to cotton all accounts agree that the crop will be the largest in the history of the country. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. It means that we are to have cheap food and cheap clothing, that labor will be more actively employed, and that instead of gold leaving the country, which would make the silver question a source of fresh anxiety, we are likely to have a large influx of the precious metal. Business men have had so little to encourage them during the past few years that it is gratifying to be able to report that legitimate causes exist for a more cheerful view as to the future of trade and commerce. The first effect of the change is being witnessed in the employment of various amounts of capital which for months and months have been earning nothing or at most only a nominal rate of interest. When confidence is fully restored this movement will of course be still more pronounced. It is therefore to be hoped that nothing will occur to mar the present prospects of a bountiful harvest."

### Insurance Swindlers Arrested.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. July 15.—Chief of Police Stone arrived here this morning from Paducah, Ky., with Henry C. Williams, a merchant and one of the alleged Metropolis, Ill., graveyard insurance swindlers. Williams was indicted here for attempting to defraud Bloomington Mutual companies. His father-in-law was insured after he was dead for \$10,000, and Williams signed the affidavit of death dated forward one year. Ten of the alleged swindlers are now under arrest.

### State Items.

New glass-works at Everett, Bedford county, were fired up Monday.

A brilliant meteor was noticed in the skies by residents of Schuylkill Haven on Friday night.

R. A. Gunnellus recently killed a bear and her three cubs in Josie's Valley, Clinton county.

Henry Heller, a laborer, was killed in Reading by an upbankment caving in upon him.

The Middletown *Press* celebrated its fourth birthday anniversary Saturday. It has enjoyed wonderful prosperity.

Charles Achenbach, aged 12 years, was accidentally drowned at Mount Etna, Berks county, on Friday, while bathing.

The tracks on the Lehigh Valley Railroad expanded so much from the heat near Easton Saturday that the travel was delayed several hours.

Thomas Pugh, of Hubbard, Mercer county, has mysteriously disappeared, taking with him \$9000 which he drew from the bank. He leaves a wife and children.

Emma Smith, of Green Lane, Montgomery county, who mysteriously disappeared from home several days ago, has returned and refuses to give any account of herself.

Annie Flemmer, the young woman charged with operating with forged checks in various parts of the country, was arrested at Brownsville yesterday. The forged checks aggregate \$10,000.

Mrs. Stephen Garrity, of Newcastle, Lawrence county, attempted to quicken a fire by pouring coal-oil upon it and received injuries from an explosion which followed that will result in her death.

J. B. Meag & Co., of Binghamton, N. Y., have purchased 8000 acres of timber land on the Slate Run, running into Pine Creek, and have commenced to build a narrow gauge railroad from their tract of land to the Fall Brook Road.

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