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SOMEBODY ought to muzzle the Huntingdon correspondent of the Philadelphia Times and Press, as those papers don't seem to be able to discriminate between news and nonsense furnished by their perpetual motion correspondent. Oh Huntingdon, give us a rest!

As the rough winds of March melt into the gentle showers of April the patriot who desires to immolate himself on the altar of his country at a certain fixed salary, "chaws" the ear of his constituent as he whispers his hopes and fears. The candidate begins to "fix" things for the battle of next fall.

The New York aldermen were considered cheap at \$20,000 by the Hon. Jacob Sharp, but the people of that city will doubtless be now willing to pay more than \$20,000 per head for honest aldermen. There are doubtless plenty of honest men in New York who would serve as aldermen at even less than Jacob Sharp paid his.

THE blind chaplain of the House who prayed that the Lord would deliver the country from gamblers and thieves, could not see the blushes of his congressional hearers, but the faint Amens which are supposed to have gone up from that august body must have admonished the reverend gentleman that he was treading on coals.

THE Republican Senators complain of being "tired" of their racket with President Cleveland. Now this is a real Simon Pure "tired" and is not one of those common every day "tireds" produced by whiskey guzzling. This new Senatorial "tired" is the result of not being able to "catch on" to anything out of which to manufacture campaign thunder for the defunct republican party. It is a hopeful sign when senatorial "weariness" is the result of labor.

THE following which we take from Oliver Twist would be entertaining and instructive reading for the Orphan School Lyndicate and Supt. Higbee. The scene is in the parish work house, where young Oliver was born and the occasion was the starvation gruel furnished the young paupers. The boys being on the verge of starvation cast lots as to who should ask for more gruel, Oliver was elected. "Please sir, I want some more." The master was a fat healthy man; but he turned very pale, he gazed in stupefied astonishment on the small rebel for some seconds and then clung for support to the copper. The assistants were paralyzed with wonder; the boys with fear. "What" said the master at length in a faint voice. "Please sir, I want some more," the master aimed a blow at Oliver's head with the ladle; pinioned him in his arms, and shrieked aloud for the beadle. The board were sitting in solemn conclave when Mr. Bumble rushed into the room in great excitement and addressing the gentlemen in the high chair said: Mr. Limbkins "I beg your pardon sir!" Oliver Twist has asked for some more. There was a general start, horror was depicted on every countenance. "For more" said Mr. Limbkins, "compose yourself Bumble and answer me distinctly. Do I understand that he has asked for more after he had eaten the supper allotted by the dietary?" He did sir, replied Bumble. "That boy will be hung" said the gentleman in the white waistcoat "that boy will be hung." On the same theory the fifty boys who asked Gov. Pattison for more will be hung.

Attention Tax Payers.

So much uncertainty exists as to what is taxable under the new revenue bill that we are induced to re-publish the questions asked the Auditor General and the answers to the same. This was published in our issue of Feby. 4. We give it in full below:

"Are Bank deposits not bearing interest but subject to check on sight, and money in hand not invested included in the item all other moneyed capital?" "No."

"Is a dower on real estate taxable?" "No."

"Are deposits bearing interests in national banks, savings banks and private banks taxable?" "Yes."

"Are musical instruments, pictures, books, etc. to be regarded as household furniture?" "No."

"Are mortgages owned by beneficial associations taxable?" "Yes."

"Are mortgages, judgments, bonds, notes, etc. not bearing interest, taxable?" "Yes."

"Is the stock of corporations paying tax on capital stock to the State through the companies taxable in the hands of owners?" "Yes."

"Is the stock of the New York Central Railroad and other foreign corporations owned in this State taxable in the hands of the owners?" "Yes."

"Can a taxable person deduct debts from the amount of his moneyed investments and only pay tax on the net sum thus shown?" "No."

"If A borrows money from B on a note and lends it to C. on a note, are both notes taxable?" "Yes."

Unsettled.

The strike of the Knights of Labor on the Texas and Pacific and the Gould system of roads does not seem to be any nearer a solution than it was at the beginning. Vice President Hoxie has refused to accept the terms of the Knights and the Knights have refused to return to work on the old agreement. The efforts of Govs. Marmaduke and Martin to effect a compromise between the contending parties have also proved futile: meanwhile the business of the Southwest is paralyzed. As it takes two to get up a quarrel it is fair to assume that neither the Knights nor the railroads are alone to blame. In the first place the Knights of Labor are the natural outgrowth of corporation greed and tyranny: labor has been compelled to organize for its own protection. If the railroads and the great mining and manufacturing companies charge the Knights with lawlessness and interference with their business, the Knights can justly charge these corporations with law breaking and oppression. Yet both will appeal to the majesty of the laws they are daily violating before another week goes by. The business man and farmer and all classes who are interested spectators of the great struggle, and whose business and occupation is embargoed by the strike and who are expected to take sides, will exclaim, "a plague on both your houses." The threat of Mr. Irons of the executive board to make the strike general so that not a wheel shall move in the whole country, and the determination of Vice President Hoxie not to submit to the dictation of the Knights, shows to what extremes both are willing to go to accomplish their purposes. The interference of the State governments will likely be the next move on the chess board, in the mean time all law abiding and patriotic citizens will hope for a speedy solution of the vexed question. Business all over the country is ready to revive, but in the present unsettled condition of labor capital will content itself to lay idle rather than to invite loss through the strifes and contentions of the present time.

In the light of coming events what's to be done with "Senator Jones courtship?" What's the use in wasting time on a Michigander?

Deliver Us From Gamblers.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Chaplain of the House made a prayer to-day which attracted general attention. He said:

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, to help the people of this country to learn that money gained otherwise than as Thou commandest by the sweat of the face, as the fair and honest wage of honorable, manly work of brain or hand, is gained by theft, no matter how we name the stealing: that money is never converted into wealth unless it ceases to be the pander of our lusts and lifts us above the level of the animal, lifting us to the graces of life, elevating our hearts to manly aspirations; making us kindly with our kind, patient to God's laws and reverent to ourselves. Rid the land, we beseech Thee of all gamblers, whether they gamble with dice or cards, or chips, or wheat or stocks, or corn or cotton. Deliver us from the influence and power of robbers, who, enticing their victims to boards of trade and stock exchanges and bucket shops, name their practices of plunder "shearing the lambs." Enlighten our intelligence with Thy truth; sweeten and deepen our humanity with Thy love; quicken our piety with Thy spirit, and may Jesus Christ become more and more the master and ruler of our lives and characters and thoughts. We pray through His hallowed name. Amen.

The delivery of this prayer was attentively listened to and caused quite a sensation among the members. On motion of Mr. Butterworth, of Ohio, seconded by Mr. Weaver, of Iowa, it was ordered printed in the Congressional Record.

CONGRESS has been in session nearly four months and has not passed a single measure of any importance. The tariff revision promised in the platform of both parties is a dead letter, the silver bill is hung up indefinitely, the later State Commerce bill languishes, nothing is being done, except the introduction of private bills, or burlesque railroad projects, and yet every mother's son of them will expect to be sent sent back. The only thing that is being successfully worked at in Washington is the lobby and the gin mills. "The old flag and an appropriation" principal so long in vogue with republicans, seems to have "struck in" on some of the democrats. As long as there is a dollar in the treasury to appropriate there is something fascinating about a session of Congress to the lobbyist and the average member. If the present Congress were dependent on its record for a reelection, there is not a man in it outside the Speaker and a few leaders like Morrison, Randall, Hewitt, Kelley and Reed, that would hang his hat on the same peg next winter. Congress has labored four months and done nothing. The member who moves an adjournment next month ought to be re-elected.

It looks as though somebody in New Jersey was afraid to investigate prison keeper Laverty. Laverty seems to have been a gay and festive keeper, particularly fond of such ladies society as is to be found inside the prison walls, of course one would not expect to find the most chaste of womanhood in a Jersey prison, but it suited keeper Laverty, and several "wee bairns" call Laverty "pop."

JOHN A. LOGAN an Indian warrior, from the sucker state writes all his wife's speeches. John is a lineal descendant of the great Ohio warrior Tecumseh Sherman, and in the last presidential campaign gave expression to that beautiful sentiment "me an Jim," that has immortalized both. Well the author of "me an Jim" is said to have written a novel in the Pie: Uie language that caps the shock.

DR. HIGBEE's report of the Public schools is out. It ought to be bound in one volume with Gov. Pattison's report on the condition of the Soldiers Orphan schools.

Resigning By Request.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The resignation of Eli H. Murray, Governor of Utah, was demanded by the President because of the former's course in vetoing the appropriation bill passed by the Legislative Assembly of Utah. The President had been kept fully advised in regard to Murray's conduct, and he was perfectly satisfied that in his veto of appropriations he was not actuated by worthy motives. Since Murray sent sensational telegrams to Washington in the early part of last December, representing the imminence of an uprising by the Mormons, the President has been convinced that he was unworthy of confidence. He felt very much chagrined when he discovered the truth in regard to the situation in Salt Lake City and that he had ordered thither additional troops. Subsequently it was charged to the President that the stories about a threatened Mormon revolt were concocted in accordance with an agreement entered into at a meeting of Murray and his friends at the Walker House in Salt Lake City, and that the object was to create a public apprehension which would further his personal interests. The veto of the appropriations made by the Utah Legislature the President considered an indefensible and wanton exercise of authority.

He made a careful examination of the subject, and found that Governor Murray could find no objections to the appropriations themselves, but because the Legislative Council would not confirm his nominations to Territorial offices, he spitefully refused to assent to the bill. The approval of the Governor is necessary to the enactment of laws in the Territory. It is believed also that the Governor was under the impression that in the present situation the President would not dare to remove him, that he would hesitate to touch an official who has posed as the champion of anti-Mormonism. Murray was greatly surprised when he received the telegram of Secretary Lamar demanding his resignation. Instead of sending it forthwith, he replied that it would be forwarded by a Mr. Baskin, who is coming here as the representative of Utah Gentiles to urge Congress to enact measures to disfranchise all Mormons in the territory and to turn over the government thereof to the one-twentieth who are anti-Mormons. It is supposed that a desperate effort will be made to induce the President to let Murray remain Governor a little longer. It will be without avail. The President is determined on Murray's removal.

Mother and Father Dead.

MILTON, Pa., March 20.—A sad affair occurred today at Montoursville a lumber village twelve miles north of this place. Sylvester Pencil, aged 42 years, a wealthy lumber merchant, was killed while driving along the west branch of the Susquehanna river. His horses became frightened and ran away, throwing Pencil into the river among some logs. He died, however, from drowning. About an hour after the accident his body was recovered and conveyed to his late residence. His wife, Minnie Pencil, aged 40 years not having been told of her bereavement, dropped to the floor and expired in front of the corpse of her husband and her three shrieking children. Several friends and neighbors who were in the house were so terrified at the state of affairs that they fled, and nobody entered to render the children assistance for some hours or more afterward. The affair caused great excitement in the neighborhood.

OUR contemporary out at Phillipsburg, the Journal, sent a correspondent to the Miners meeting at Houtzdale last week. He's a prize that fellow is, he ought to be done up in tin foil, for alush, gush and slop, that fellow walks off with the banner.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22, 1886. Notwithstanding the clear and pleasant weather which has prevailed during the week, and the numerous outdoor attractions afforded by the advent of spring, the President has kept himself secluded, and has continued to astonish every one about him by the remarkable amount of labor he performs daily. Among the rumors which have been current here during the past few days is one to the effect that Mr. Cleveland has sent an agent to Litchfield, Conn., to look over the ground for a summer residence, and that negotiations have been completed for a lease of a house in that town for the summer months. The President has in reality made no plans for the summer, and it is thought by his friends that he will spend a few weeks in the Adirondack region late in the season.

Although Thursday was the forty-ninth birthday of the President, there was no celebration of the occasion at the White House. In the evening, however, the President, accompanied by Miss Cleveland, Miss Van Vechten, and Col. and Mrs. Lamont, attended the "Mikado," performance by the Emma Abbot Opera Company at the New National Theatre. The Presidential party occupied a private box, and upon their entrance were warmly applauded by the audience.

On Wednesday Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, introduced in the Senate a very sensible proposition in the nature of an amendment to the constitution, changing the date for inaugurating the President from March 4th to April 30th. A great deal can be said in favor of this measure, and there can be no serious objection urged to it in any quarter. There certainly should therefore be no delay in its adoption, either by Congress or the legislatures of the several States.

The debate upon the Edmunds resolutions, which has continued during the week, is beginning to grow wearisome both to the Senators themselves and to the general public, as is attested by the thin sprinkling of people in the galleries and the number of vacant seats on the floor.

The Senate Committee on Commerce has been found to be equally divided upon the question of reporting the Eads ship railway bill, and it has been decided to materially modify its provisions. Messrs. Frye and Kenna, who have been added to the committee, are understood to be hostile to the bill, and the prospects of its being favorably reported are thought to be slight.

The long continued absence of Senator Jones, of Florida, which has been the subject of universal newspaper comment since the commencement of the session, is beginning to be regarded by his friends in a more serious light. One of his warmest friends in the Senate says that he has no doubt but Mr. Jones is actually insane. He ignores every effort made to induce him to return to Washington. It is thought that had he paid attention to his Senatorial duties during the winter that he would have had no difficulty in securing a re-election to the Senate for the term beginning next year. Now, however his chances are believed to be hopeless.

Among the bills favorably considered by the House Committee on Invalid Pensions during the week were bills to increase the pension for the loss of a leg or an arm; to increase the pension for the loss of an eye, and the Ellisbury bill to pension all honorably discharged soldiers incapacitated from performing manual labor, unless such disability was occasioned by their own gross carelessness or vicious habits.

There has been placed upon exhibition in the National Museum, as a present from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the original locomotive "John Bull," which was built in 1831 by Messrs. Stephenson & Son, at New Castle upon the Tyne, England, for the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company of New Jersey. The first trip made by the engine was upon the 12th of November, 1831, and in the presence of the members of the legislature, and it was continued in use until 1865. Although this is not actually the first locomotive used in the United States, it is probably the oldest in existence at the present time.

The monthly report of the Department of Agriculture, about to be issued will contain, under the head of "Frauds upon Farmers," an account of the man-

ner in which farmers throughout the country have been swindled in the sale of hullless oats. This fraud is found to have been imported from Canada in 1880, since which time it has made its way into every Western State, and made local incursions southward, and is beginning to be heard of in the extreme east. The losses which have accrued from the perpetration of this fraud have, it is claimed, exceeded \$10,000 in a single county, and probably \$100,000 would not cover the loss in Ohio. A loss of \$100 by one man is common, and some cases it has exceeded \$1,000.

Important Arrest.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Alderman Henry W. Jaehne was arrested to-day, charged with bribery in connection with the Broadway railway franchise. He was released on \$15,000 bail. In speaking of the arrest, Inspector Brynes said: "I have been shadowing Jaehne for a year past, and have been getting closer and closer to him all the time, for I knew that I could catch him easier than I could anybody else. Some time ago I succeeded in getting my hands on him, so to speak, and then secured a kind of confidence which made or compelled him to rely on me. I told Martine and Judge Gildersleve of all my steps, and I acted in concert with them or more properly speaking, under their cognizance.

Last night Jaehne was brought to Inspector Brynes' house, in Ninth street, and in the course of a long conversation, every word of which was heard by the two detectives, Jaehne confessed that he had taken \$20,000 for his vote, and he then named over Aldermen who had also been bribed, but these Inspector Brynes refused to give to the reporters, Jaehne left the Inspector's house last night fully believing that he would escape to-day, but he did not. Jaehne told Inspector Brynes that the other Aldermen who were in the same boat with him had had lawyers and others fixing up their books to cover up their transactions. But now their efforts are useless. Jaehne came down to day with the fixed intention of getting away, but he was arrested and dealt with as published.

The Body of Conductor McCahan Found.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 21.—Intelligence was received here this afternoon of the finding of the body of Abraham S. McCahan, assisstant conductor of the ill fated Huntingdon local freight, who, with three others of his crew, went down into the waters of Sherman's creek at Ducannon by the collapse of the railroad bridge at that place on the evening of the 4th of January last. The dispatch states that the body was found about two miles below the point where the accident occurred near the little water station of Cove. The body was found partially covered in the sand of Winters island in the Susquehanna river, having been washed there by the high waters which prevailed at the time of the accident. Nothing has been learned in regard to the condition of the body. The remains of conductor McCahan were taken to Harrisburg to be prepared for burial by an undertaker in that city, after which they will be brought to his late residence this place for interment, which will take place to-morrow afternoon. The news of the finding of the unfortunate man's body was received by his wife and family with feelings of intense relief.

—Our readers will remember of the cruel treatment inflicted upon an aged man and his wife, of Cumberland county, named Abrahams, about ten years ago, by some burglars. A young man named Chas. Windowmaker was arrested and convicted of being one of the perpetrators of the deed. It has lately transpired that he was innocent of the crime, and he has been in the Eastern Penitentiary all these years. At the meeting of the Board of Pardons on Tuesday, he was recommended for pardon.—Huntingdon Monitor.