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ANYBODY who tears down the American mackerel should be pickled on the spot.

The settlement of the strike in the Clearfield coal region is the result of a conference between the miners and operators, and seems to be a just and equitable adjustment of the trouble.

JOHN SHERMAN sat down gently on Senator Blair in the republican caucus last week. If Blair "don't bob serenely from below," then he don't belong to the Centre county family, that's certain.

Now that Grover Cleveland is being bossed around by a pretty young bride, the enterprising "reporter" and the voluble lady "correspondent" will have to look elsewhere for items of interest.

THERE are some things on which we would cheerfully enlighten the Gazette man but as we are entirely ignorant of the deaf and dumb alphabet and at our advanced age it would be time wasted to learn it, we must ask to be excused.

HON. SAMUEL J. RANDALL is accused of setting up Mr. Powderly as a candidate for congressman at large and Gov. Curtin as nominee for governor. Mr. Randall not being much of a politician a great many huge political jokes are gotten off at his expense this is doubtless the latest.

EVERY fellow that loves "licker" let him drink to the White House bride. On this occasion we are too full for an original speech but dear Grover in the beautiful language of a distinguished son of your native state, permit us—"Here's to you and all your family, may you all live long und prosper."

ONE of our friends has done us the honor of proposing our name for Congressman at large. This thing of having "honors thrust upon us" is charming and we would respectfully say "Barkis is willin'." When was a Centre county editor known to decline an office? We must be true to our professional characteristics; those of us who are not in office are trying to get in. There is one of us who will "take suthin'" every year. It is the duty of every member of the editorial fraternity in Centre county to get into office if he can. Again permit us to say "Barkis is willin'."

ALL but four of the Republican Senators voted for the motion of Senator Edmunds to lay the amendment of Senator Van Wyck on the Pacific land grant forfeiture bill on the table. This is in keeping with the policy of the Republican party on the land grants. Every effort made by the Democratic party to return to the people the lands forfeited by the great railroad corporations of the west has been frustrated by the republican senate. Those worthies if not the paid agents and attorneys of the land grabbing corporations are stock holders or beneficiaries in some way. Thousands of acres of land forfeited years ago to the government are still in the possession of these railroads, and actual settlers are forced back miles from the railroads unless they are willing to pay an outrageous price for lands that do not belong to the railroads, but which, were justice done would be open to settlement under the various acts regulating the taking up of government land. Senator Edmunds seems to be the head and front of the unholy combination that is withholding the lands from the settler.

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## Decoration Day Orators.

BELLEFONTE oratory is always at a premium, and the members of our bar were scattered all over the county on Decoration day. Among those of the younger members who have won laurels on the stump, our friends Spangler and Reeder have gathered their share. Potter township was lucky in securing the services of these brilliant young orators on Saturday last. Both had devoted much time to the preparation of their addresses and Jack felt so well satisfied with his, that he wanted to fire it off at Judge Orvis on Friday, but the Judge refused to play auditor. Bright and early on Saturday morning, with hearts light as singing birds, our friends started for Penns Valley. The day was the balmiest of May days, and all nature seemed intent on doing homage to the dead heroes of the republic. The drive to the top of the mountain was without incident except that in imagination the boys recited to admiring thousands their well prepared speeches. With each breath of the pure air of the country, came fresh inspiration, and away above the dull earth into the realms of bliss soared the souls of our orators. Each rod of the mountain climbed brought them nearer to the grand climax that was to echo through the dim corridors of time, the fame and glory of the modern Cicero and Demosthenes. When the top of the mountain was reached and the beautiful broad valley of Penn, the scene of their afternoon's forensic triumph, spread out grandly to their view all the pent up feelings of patriotism burst forth and copious tears like the dews of Heaven trickled down their cheeks and on the Roman nose of Spangler might be seen a diamond tear, pure and beautiful while the Grecian cheek of Reeder blushed like the rose as he exclaimed "beautiful valley soon to reverberate with the thunder tones of my oratory. I hail thee, queen of my heart." Jack paraphrasing a little on the immortal Shelly exclaimed!

"How calm this day  
The balmy sigh that vernal zephyrs ever breathe  
In evening's ear,  
Were discord to the speaking quietude  
That wraps this motionless scene."

But all things have an end, and the soul in its loftiest flights reaches a point at which descent must begin and both orators tumbled at the same time. As it was early, Jack proposed that they drive into the solitude of the forest, and with the rocks and trees for audience, rehearse their little pieces. Driving about half a mile off the main road they alighted and each in turn made "Rome howl." "Grim visaged war" with all his horrors was called up from the grave of Appomattox. The hosts of Lee and Grant trod the valley below, the rattle of musketry, the roar of artillery and the crash and tumult of contending armies echoed and re-echoed around the rock and tree crowned summit of munny mountain. The tumultuous applause of Reeder as Spangler closed in grand style a well rounded period, started from its covert a pheasant which flew past the already bewildered horse of the orators; fear seized the once docile livery nag and lent him the wings of the wind, off dashed the maddened creature through the woods with the buggy at his heels, while Spangler and Reeder joined in the wild chase, "Whoa!" "Whoa!" "Yea now!" "Ghee there!" yelled the orators, but on plunged the horse. After a half an hour chase, Spangler gave up, gathered himself together and remarked that it was "lucky for Orvis that I did'n't shoot that thing off at him." In an hour Reeder returned pale and weary with the news that he had found the horse dead and decaying, but could not find the buggy. Slowly they clambered down the mountain to Centre Hall and hired a horse and buggy and drove to Potters Mills. Jack hired a man to hunt up the buggy. On their return to Centre Hall they found their own horse and buggy at the hotel safe and sound save a few scratches. The horse Reeder had

discovered was one that had been hauled there some days before, dead. The boys covered themselves all over with glory and the hills and vales of Penns Valley yet resound with their eloquence, but the silence of death broods over the affair on the top of the mountain.

A LAW against gift store lotteries enacted by the last legislature, will go into effect on June 3d of this year, and these who may be liable to its penalties should make note of its provisions. The preamble recites that the laws against gambling are evaded by the giving of tickets entitling the holders to money or articles of value as inducements to purchase, to the injury of legitimate business. It is therefore enacted, That any merchant, manufacturer or importer, retailer or dealer doing business within this commonwealth who shall offer, give or sell, or authorize or permit any agent, salesman or employe to offer, give to any purchaser or customer any ticket or tickets, check or checks, or other tokens or memoranda, entitling such purchaser or customer to demand or receive money or any article of value shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten nor exceeding one hundred dollars or suffer imprisonment not exceeding one year, or either or both at the discretion of the Court.

GEO. IMES, a colored Republican, has announced himself as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket. In this George is right, and we haven't the slightest doubt but that George will get there. There is always a colored man on the Republican ticket in this state before their convention meets, and why not George? The chief-end of the colored man in Pennsylvania is not to hold office, but to elect the white Republican brother to office. George should have announced himself for Governor; there's nothing in the other position. But having announced himself for Lieutenant Governor, he can consider himself as being on the ticket until June 30, then—good bye, Gawe.

SENATOR INGALLS whose bitter assault on General Black has called forth such general condemnation by the reputable press of the country, was a distinguished stay-at-home republican at the time General Black was being literally riddled by bullets at the front. During the war the gallant Ingalls shot off his mouth at Sunday school celebrations, and apple-butter boilings. He now assails brave soldiers under the protection of his senatorial toga and fights over the battles of the late war which are only known to him through history or tradition. Such is the treatment democratic soldiers of the republic too frequently meet at the hands of the republican "home guards."

T. C. HIPPLE of Clinton, it is rumored has his eye fixed on the Senatorial chair so ably filled by Senator Wallace. Mr. Hipple is one of the most brilliant young democrats of the district and would make a very creditable successor to Mr. Wallace. Go in Tarry the longest pole knocks the persimmon, and we would just as soon see you get the fruit as anyone.

If the Democratic party is to elect Governor Pattison's successor this fall, the nominee must be a straight out democrat such as Wallace, Cox, Stenger, Black or Wolverton. No Gretty side-show. If we haven't democratic timber for that office then let us shut up the shop.

MR. CLEVELAND will please accept our thanks for his kind invitation to witness his wedding ceremonies—from the outside.

HIGBEE won't resign because of his love for the Soldiers Orphan boodler.

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## "A Child of The Devil"

At the weekly meeting of the Presbyterian ministers on Monday Rey. R. T. Jones, pastor of the Susquehanna Avenue Church, read a paper on "Boycotting." He said boycotting was "a child of the Devil that made its appearance on this side of the Atlantic about three years ago, and of all the strange dangerous, godless immigrants that ever came to this country this was the worst. There are two opposite systems," continued the reverend gentleman, "blacklisting and boycotting; one is the weapon of capital, and the other the weapon of labor. Not a few capitalists refuse to employ men who belong to certain organizations, such as the Knights of Labor. The members of these organizations in return stand together, their motto being: 'An injury to one is the concern of all.' It is a 'tit-for-tat' dealing. If blacklisting is right, boycotting is right. Both ought to be condemned. They are anti-Christian in origin and effect, and encroach on the liberty of man given by God." Capital, properly understood, is the poor man's friend, the speaker declared, and boycotting honest capital is to throw a loaf of bread from the table to the dogs waiting for the crumbs. There should be no war waged between honest capital and labor.

The paper was discussed by Reys. H. P. Lee, Andrew Culver, H. S. Dickson, D. D., Robert Graham and William Hutton, Jr. Rev. Mr. Graham thought there should be a limitation to the acquirement of wealth. He said that in time the legislators would seriously consider the question and fix a limit beyond which capital could not go. At the meeting of the Methodist ministers Mr. George May Powell delivered an address upon arbitration between labor and capital. The speaker said he became a convert to arbitration upon the battlefield, and fervently hoped that the time may never come again when differences between men shall be settled by the sword. Mr. Powell recited his experiences in effecting arbitration for labor troubles, and said he had found that the way to reach the people was through the secular press. That course had been adopted by himself and those associated with him, and he could say the press had treated them and the work with liberality. In closing he said the capitalist should get nearer to his working people; that the gulf between them should be narrowed, not widened; and that by so doing the ills that have been witnessed would be avoided. Every trouble, he said could be settled peacefully by arbitration.—Record.

## Death of John Kelly.

NEW YORK, June 1.—John Kelly died at 3:20 this afternoon. Mr. Kelly had been ill for 7 months. During the last few weeks he seemed to feel comfortably well, but on Sunday last he was taken with an attack of fainting and became weaker afterward Monday he was worse, but this morning an improvement was apparent, at noon, however, he began to sink and the approach of the end was realized. Mr. Kelly's death was painless, although he was conscious to the last. Only Mrs. Kelly and her two children were present when the patient passed away. Mrs. Kelly was prostrated by the blow and is to ill to see anybody. No funeral arrangements have as yet been made.

HERR MOST has no confidence in juries, and the result of the late trial in New York shows that juries have no confidence in Herr Most. Behind the bars this beer-guzzling vagabond will not be such a laughter-compelling monster as he was under the bed, but he will serve a better purpose as an object lesson for others of his kind who abuse the hospitality of the country by their incendiary speeches.

## Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30, 1886.

The President has several times during the past week, driven out to his recently purchased summer residence upon the Tenallytown road, and on Wednesday he sat upon the broad front veranda for more than an hour and enjoyed the magnificent view which is obtained from this point. It is generally conceded that, in nothing that Mr. Cleveland has done since he became President, has he shown greater good sense than in the purchase of this estate. The place has long been known as "Pretty Prospect," and it was rightly named. The locality is quite an aristocratic one. Near by is "Woodley," which was formerly the home of Philip Barton Key, and is now occupied by Chief Engineer Henderson, of the U. S. Navy, while a short distance to the westward is "Grassland," the country seat of Secretary Whitney, and upon the opposite side of the road is the estate of the Georgetown College. Not only has the President secured a delightful summer residence, at a sufficient distance from the city to enable him to pass the summer months in comparative freedom from the cares and worries incident to a life in the White House, and at the same time near enough to insure his presence upon short notice if occasion demanded, but at the same time his investment is likely to prove a very profitable one. Massachusetts avenue, which is soon to be extended, will reach very near the estate, and a delightful drive of one and a half miles will then separate it from the White House.

Every indication about the White House for some time, has been such as to point to a social crisis of some kind, and the fact that the President's wedding was to take place in June has been generally accepted. Newspaper correspondents have fathomed every possible source of information, in hopes of ascertaining the exact date of the occurrence, and having failed, they had resolved themselves into a sort of self-constituted committee of arrangements, and virtually settled the question in their own minds. By unanimous decision of the aforesaid committee, the date was set upon June 19th, and the ceremony was to take place in New York City. Everything having thus been settled, excepting perhaps some of the minor details, and official announcement which was made on Saturday morning, to the effect that the wedding would take place in the Blue Room of the White House, on Wednesday evening June 24, created a sensation not only among newspaper men, but the general public, such as has been seldom equaled. The arrangements will be of the simplest order. The President will go to New York to-day and will participate in the Decoration Day observances, and will return on Tuesday in Company with Miss Polm and members of her family. The ceremony will take place at 7 o'clock in the evening, and will be followed by a wedding supper in the State dining room.

Probably no bill that has been discussed during the present session of Congress has excited a more general and hearty interest, both among the members themselves and the general public, than has the bill which imposes a tax of ten cents per pound on oleomargarine and other substitutes for butter, and making the Internal Revenue Bureau responsible for the collection of tax. The bill won a place upon the calendar on Monday, and the debate was opened by Messrs. W. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania and Mr. Hinkins, of Illinois, both of whom spoke in favor of the bill. They maintained that so great had the industry grown that the dairy men of the country who are engaged in the manufacture of butter from milk alone, cannot long survive the competition of the oleomargarine makers, and that the tax is proposed as a method of restricting the manufacture of an unwholesome product. The opponents of the bill insist that the bill is unconstitutional upon the ground that it is an attempt to regulate manufactures, by protecting one class at the expense of others. The sentiment in the House is however overwhelmingly in favor of the bill, which will doubtless become a law if a vote is secured upon it.

In accordance with the usual custom the President issued an executive order closing the several Executive Departments on the 31st inst., to enable the employees to participate in the decorations

of the graves of soldiers who fell during the rebellion. A very large majority of the clerks will however avail themselves of the unusually low excursion rates which are being offered by the railroad companies to Harpers Ferry Penn Mar, Luray Caverns, and other points of interest. H.

## The Last Hemlock.

The last merchantable tree in the vast hemlock forests that have supplied the mills on the Dyeberry Creek, one of the tributaries of the Laxawaxen River, for more than a quarter of a century has been cut, and the other day the veteran river pilot, "Bill" Kimble drove the last log down the stream that will ever run to the mills. He also drove the first log that was cut in the great forest in 1860, and has never missed a day's log driving on the creek in all the intervening time. This of hemlock was nearly the last of any extent in Wayne county, whose forests ten years ago were yielding 100,000,000 feet of that lumber a year.

Fifteen years ago more leather was tanned in Wayne county than in any other county in the Union. The disappearance of hemlock has caused all but two or three of the tanneries to be abandoned. All who were engaged in the business made large fortunes, and nearly all of them are now engaged in the same business in Elk, Forest, Warren and other western counties, where the greatest hemlock forest in the world still densely cover the hills. The tanning industry of those counties now supplies almost the entire sole-leather product of the world. The cutting away of the hemlock woods in Wayne county has had a disastrous effect on the water courses many large streams having become almost entirely dry within the past decade.—Record.

## The Mahoning Miners.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 27.—This afternoon, at a meeting of the Arbitrating Boards of miners and operators, the operators refused to arbitrate, claiming that they could not give the advance of ten cents demanded. The Miner's board had power to order a strike in the entire Mahoning Valley, but decided to call a district meeting here on June 3. Each mine will elect and instruct one delegate to this meeting. The miners seem timid about striking, but unless some arrangements are made to grant the advance asked a strike will undoubtedly be ordered on June 3, throwing 2,000 men out of employment. State President McBride and Vice President Hysell were here. Last night they addressed a monstrous mass meeting at Brookfield. This district includes Mahoning, Lumball and Portage counties.

## At Hancock's Tomb.

NORRISTOWN, May 29.—The parade to-day was the finest ever witnessed here. General Hancock's tomb received many beautiful floral tributes, and General Bingham addressed a crowded meeting this evening in Music hall.

THE trials of which this of Herr Most and his associates is the first will teach the Anarchist's other views concerning the Constitution of this country. They will learn that the criminal laws of the United States make a wide distinction between liberty and license, between social order and acts of violence and destruction. They will also learn that incitements to riot under pretense of exercising the right of free speech are punishable with a term in the penitentiary, and that conspiracies to murder are punishable with death.—Record.

BORDEAUX, May 27.—During a violent storm here last evening hail stones of enormous size fell. A child was killed by hail stones while being carried in its mother's arms. A number of persons were injured and much property was destroyed.