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Editorial.

THE idea of allowing men to vote who have not paid their taxes is a bad one; it is a scheme of the politicians.

THE Republicans of Phillipsburg are anxiously awaiting the long looked for boom promised last fall in case of Harrison's election.

GOV. BEAVER at last, has announced himself as in favor of the Prohibition Amendment and expects to make several speeches for the measure.

IF the sentiment among the farmers of Pennsylvania on the Prohibition Amendment is not changed before the election the measure will be defeated by a strong majority. In some sections of our county farmers are unanimously opposed to it.

VOTERS should not lose sight of the Amendment to be voted upon, which does not require a man to pay tax in order to vote. This Amendment we consider a pernicious measure which will open the way for corrupt elections and evil tendencies. Let it be voted down.

THE Columbia government, in Central America, offers an inducement for emigrants to locate on its fertile mountain sides to pay their passage, give them free transportation to the points where they prefer to locate, furnish them with 250 acres of land each, stocked with a cow, two pigs and a plow, help them to build their houses, and give them \$5 a month.

THE Huntington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times sent it four interviews with opponents of the Prohibition Amendment and an equal number with its friends. The first we printed, but the Amendment views went into the waste basket. The boasted impartiality of the Times has been abandoned and is now one of the meanest and most object champions of the saloon and the brewery in the state.

GEN. HASTINGS delivered a boss oration before the students of Girard College, Philadelphia, this week. He is a boss orator; they thought he was a boss fellow and would likely become a boss some day—not one of those "comb-bosses" that drovers lead through the streets with a rope, but a "big boss" among political bosses. We will add that the subject of his oration was "Bosses" which he delivered in an able manner.

FIEDLER is making a great fuss over the accounts of Overseer of Poor, Schofield. He charges the Overseer with being dishonest in his accounts with the borough and making false entries. To settle this matter would say that the account of Mr. Schofield was passed by a Republican board of Auditors whom the people of Bellefonte consider capable and honest. If they failed to discharge their duty they are at fault in the first place. Their judgement in this matter settles it beyond a doubt and Fiedler's yelping is of little consequence—the source condemns it.

IN October last the Republicans in Chain Dam, two miles from Easton erected a large pole with a tin rooster on top to crow for Harrison and Protection. Two mass meetings were held near by, and the speakers told the audience that if Cleveland should be elected the furnaces would be blown out, the mines closed and wages reduced at other places. At that time the Keystone furnace near by was in blast. The furnace is now idle and the little village is nearly depopulated, but the pole and rooster are still in position. The top of the furnace is covered with boards, and there is no telling when the stack will again be lighted. The mines are also idle. The wire mills in South Easton have been working with a reduced force for several months. During the last campaign the men were told that if Harrison were elected the trade would improve. About 100 employees are now employed at this place. Yet there is a tariff of fifty per cent. on the iron

CLEARY CONVICTED

OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE—HE WILL HANG.

Policeman Paul's Strong Testimony Presented by the State Showing that the Murder was Premeditated.

LOCK HAVEN, MAY 17.—The grand jury found a true bill against young Charles Cleary for the murder of Policeman Paul, of Rego, this county, March 12, 1889, which sad event occurred during the officer's attempt to land Cleary in the lockup for misbehavior on the street and his refusal, and that of his companions, to go home when ordered to do so. Mr. Paul is said to have had hold of Cleary when the shot was fired by which he was instantly killed, and for the firing of which this youth was on trial before the court.

All three of the Judges were on the bench when court opened last Tuesday morning, his honor Judge Mayer as usual occupying the middle chair, as the presiding justice. He was flanked by Judges Crawford and Chestnut, and all three looked serious as if they fully realized the momentousness of the occasion and a human life was the issue at stake. When Sheriff Leahy came in with the prisoner there was but the ordinary crowd in the court room, but immediately after there was a rush and the seats were soon filled.

The prisoner, who is about 18 years old, is rather nice looking, and was neatly dressed in a brown suit and wore a standup collar. His face was slightly flushed, his eyes were red and he seemed to be a trifle nervous. His father, who like his son is a good looking man, took his seat beside him and watched the details of the case closely. Messrs W. G. Kress and C. S. McCormick, the young man's lawyers shook hands with him after which the attorneys for the commonwealth, Aaron Bungard, Esq., District Attorney, who is assisted by T. C. Hipple, Esq., said they were ready to proceed with the case. Judge Mayer then told the prisoner to "stand up," at the same time directing the clerk to read the indictment to him. This being done, the usual question, "Guilty or not guilty?" was put, to which he pleaded "Not guilty."

The task of getting a jury to try the case was then begun.

The following are the names of the jurors selected with their vocations and residences: D. C. Chambers, laborer Dunstable township; Bryon Vanderstout, laborer Lock Haven, Fourth ward; Cyrenius Smith, farmer, Woodward township; Robert Miller, farmer, Pine Creek; Harry C. Evans, merchant Lock Haven, Second ward; E. E. Chambers, carpenter, Dunstable township; N. C. McCloskey, farmer, Chapman township; Adam Eason, farmer Pike Creek township; Thomas Armstrong, farmer, Noyes township; Sterling McKean, book-keeper, Lock Haven, First ward; Stewart Law, gentleman, Lock Haven First ward; Jesse S. Ricker, machinist, Lock Haven, Third ward.

THE TRIAL OPENED.

Green B. Young, of Renovo, testified that he knew both Paul and Cleary, the latter only by sight however. About two or three weeks before the murder he heard Cleary say that if "that copper (Paul) ever crossed his path he would put his light out." Cleary did not address his remarks to witness, but his companions among whom was young Nester. He was not positive who he meant by "that copper."

Edward Thigman lived in Renovo at the time of the murder, and he lives there still. He was in Renovo the night of the murder. He saw Cleary on the corner of Seventh street and Huron avenue. Cleary acted friendly, but Belford called the witness hard names. Cleary said he wished Paul, the ——— would come along he would like to put a ball in him. This was about 11 o'clock. Cleary had a revolver in his left hand. Somebody threw a stick out of a window in the neighborhood, and Cleary said: "No boquets please."

George Osborne lives in Renovo. On the night that Paul was shot, he saw Cleary after 8 o'clock on Smith's corner. He heard Cleary say that the man who tried to put him in the lockup would be a dead man. He did not notice who was with Cleary, and wouldn't have noticed him had he not stepped back on his little boy's feet.

John P. Dwyer, editor of the Renovo Evening News, testified that on the night of the murder he was walking along Huron avenue shortly after 11 o'clock. He was within a few feet of Oak street when he heard a shot in the direction of the lockup. He stopped a moment and saw a man running

Huron avenue. As he ran he turned and said to witness and two other gentlemen who were with him, "Good-bye, here I'm going." He heard the man running for several blocks.

When court opened on Wednesday morning the face of the prisoner wore an anxious expression. The strain was evidently telling on him, but he bore up bravely in the face of the damaging testimony.

The testimony which followed gave the account of Cleary's visit to his uncle's house and his trip from Lock Haven until he was arrested.

Cleary's mother who was in the court during the session of Wednesday afternoon, came in Thursday morning and when the prisoner came in he sat down beside her and they had an earnest conversation until court opened, Mrs. Cleary all the while looking very sad. Another lady who was with Mrs. Cleary wept for sometime before court opened. Captain Kress opened the defence by addressing the jury. He revealed in the course of his speech that all they hoped from the jury was a verdict of murder in the second degree. He admitted that Philip Paul was shot by Charles Cleary in an unlawful manner but he would show that the deed was committed by Cleary in a drunken frenzy.

David Belford was the first witness called. He was Cleary's companion on the night of the murder; he thought he and Cleary drank about eighteen beers beside the whiskey that evening he didn't hear Cleary say that he wished Paul, the ——— would come along he'd like to put a ball in him; never heard any bad language from Cleary as regards Paul; they were apparently on good terms; he never heard Cleary utter a single threat against Paul; he thinks he would have heard any threats that Cleary made on that night.

Thursday afternoon Cleary was put on the witness stand in his own defence. He testified that many of the occurrences of that fatal night are a blank in his memory. He had no recollections of shooting Paul, as his mind was paralyzed by drinking. He remembered that the officer arrested him; remembered that he heard a pistol shot fired; saw Paul lying on the ground, and that was all he remembered about it. During the time Cleary was on the witness stand the court room was so densely crowded with spectators—fully one-half of whom were women—that even standing room was not to be had.

A large number of witnesses were then examined for the defense. Some of them swore that Cleary was drunk the night of the murder that he hardly knew what he was doing, and that he was incapable of premeditating the crime. Others testified to his previous good character and peaceableness, and at 5 o'clock Thursday evening all the evidence was in. Friday morning the District Attorney and T. C. Hipple made a strong argument to the jury insisting upon a verdict of murder in the first degree, while Messrs McCormick and Kress delivered able pleas asking for a verdict not above the second degree. Judge Mayer presented the law and testimony in an impartial manner to the jury, after which the jurors retired to deliberate on a verdict.

CLEARY CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

The jury retired about eight o'clock Friday evening and after being out two hours returned to the court room. An immense throng at once packed the place and listened with breathless silence to the verdict. It was guilty of murder in the first degree, and Cleary will be sentenced to be hanged by Judge Mayer the coming week, it is presumed. The verdict seems to give general satisfaction to all fair minded people who carefully followed all the evidence.

The Clinton Democrat makes the following comments on the trial: That Charles Cleary had a fair trial and brave, earnest and able defense, there is no doubt. But it failed, as was expected, and the young man is now within the shadow of the gallows. He is only nineteen years old, with his life, had he not committed this awful crime, all before him. Guilty as he is, it seems a pity that his young existence should end in this terrible way, and it would only be humanity to make an effort to have the extreme penalty for the crime averted, but the majesty of the law has been vindicated by the verdict rendered, and all who have murder in their hearts can now see that Clinton county juries are not to be trifled with and that they will maintain the statute as made and provided.

—The highest cash price is paid for all kinds of country produce at Dunkle and Fretz's new grocery store.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Pic-nic excursions to the Pennsylvania cave are on the tapis.

—Clearfield will have a monstrous 4th of July celebration.

—Travel on the early train from Lock Haven to Tyrone is increasing daily.

—Another batch of rank Hungarians arrived in town on Wednesday morning.

—The Fifth Regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania, will encamp at Bedford Springs in July next.

—Two Italians were arrested on Monday evening by officer Gares and put in the cooler.

—Did you see those elegant cashmere coats for children, at the Cash Bazaar, Bellefonte?

—For a fine roast or a good tender beef-steak, go to Beezer Bro's., on Allegheny street.

—When in town don't forget to visit Fauble's Clothing Hall and examine his large stock of fine clothing. Everything guaranteed to fit.

—A wonderful hosiery sale going on now at the Cash Bazaar. Stop in and secure some bargains in ladies and misses black hose, on Spring street.

—In this issue will be found an interesting article from Jas. Schofield under the head "a good record." Mr. Schofield has an enviable record which only can be obtained by honorable means.

—A building will be erected on High street, next to the passenger depot by Dr. Hale. It will be built over the race and will contain store rooms on the first floor and business offices on the second.

—C. M. Bower, Esq., who attended the session of West Susquehanna classis of the Reformed church at New Berlin, Pa., had the distinction of being elected President of the organization.

The foundation for the new Reformed church at Zion, Pa., is about completed and the exercises for dedicating the corner stone will take place some time next month. The congregation intend to build a fine structure and if their plans are carried out as contemplated they will have the most handsome house of worship in the valley.

—The New York World was sued for damages for an alleged libel perpetrated by printing a piece of news. The World fought it out on the ground that printing accurately and without malice the news was not objectionable, however, it affects individuals. The Judge upheld the defence, and the jury found that the news complained of was true, and gave the World a verdict.

—The prohibitionist of this county have commenced a vigorous campaign and intend to hold meetings in every town and school district up to the day of election. They have a large list of able speakers who will present their cause so that all may understand them. Whether in favor or against the Amendment would advise all to go and hear the matter discussed and vote as your conscience dictates.

—Rev. Miles O. Noll, the new minister who will fill the Reformed pulpit at this place during the coming summer, held his first service on Sabbath morning and delivered an able and interesting discourse. In the afternoon, services were held at Zion and again in the evening at this place. The music rendered by the new choir at these services deserves notice and was highly appreciated by those present. The members are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Meyer, Miss Lou Harper and Mr. A. Lukenbach, with Miss Hemperly as organist.

—It is reported that a great many dead trout are seen along Logans Branch above the Centre Iron Company's works. If any parties are guilty of using dynamite or poison in this stream for the purpose of killing fish they should be ferried out and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Game and fish are scarce enough in this section and if allowed to be destroyed in wholesale quantities by such means they will soon be exterminated. If they are killed by the pollution of the stream they must and should be stopped.

—A resident of Fayette county started for home a couple of days since with a jug of spirits, a ham and a bed-cord. Having sampled the jug he found the ham heavy, and after cropping it several times, concluded to tie the cord to it and drag it. By the time he got home the cord had slipped so far through his hands that the ham was far behind him. Standing in the doorway he pulled hand over hand on the cord, and to his wife, who wanted to know what it meant, he answered: "Just you keep your eye on the door, Mary, and if you don't see one of the finest ham of meat walk in, in about five minutes then my name's Dennis."

RESERVE MEMORIAL HALL.

THE APPROPRIATION VETOED BY GOV. BEAVER.

The Building Must be Erected by Individuals—A Strict Election Law—The South Calls.

Governor Beaver's veto of the appropriation to the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps for the erection of a Memorial Hall on the Gettysburg battle-field, was certainly inconsiderate or ill-advised; but it should not halt the Reserves in proceeding to carry out their programme. They have the previous appropriations to the different Reserve regiments, and with that as a basis, and with the generous proffers made to Governor Curtin for the supply of iron and glass, there is no reason why there should be any delay in the grand work they have organized.

It is probable that the present resources of the Reserves would fall some \$15,000 or \$20,000 short of the completion of Memorial Hall as planned by the Reserve committee; but the deficiency could be supplied by patriotic citizens until another Legislature meets; or, if necessary, the additional amount needed would be contributed.

Governor Curtin obviously regards the erection of Memorial Hall on the Gettysburg battle-field as his crowning testimony to the heroic soldiery with which his name and deeds are so intimately and so illustriously identified; and it will need only an appeal from him to the patriotism of the state that he has so signally honored, to command abundant means to complete his grand work. Let the Reserve Committee proceed at once to erect Memorial Hall on the memorable Gettysburg battle-field, and when the contracts shall indicate the money needed let notice be given of the deficit, and the amount will come from willing contributors. It is due to the gallant veterans of all commands in Pennsylvania and due to the State that crimsoned the preservation of the Union with the largest measure of patriotic blood, that Memorial Hall be promptly erected on the historic hills of Gettysburg.—Philadelphia Times.

A STRICT ELECTION LAW.

An Act Passed by the Recent Legislature to Punish Bribery at Elections.

The recent State Legislature, during its closing hours, did one good and praiseworthy act when it passed the measure providing for the punishment of bribery at elections. This new bill, comes of special value at the approaching election, June 18. For the benefit of all who read this paper the bill is here published in full:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the same: That any person who shall give or promise, or offer to give to an elector any money reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at any election held for the purpose of voting on an amendment to the constitution, or any other public purpose, or for withholding the same, or who shall give or promise to give such consideration to any other person or party for such elector's vote, or for the withholding thereof, and any elector who shall receive or agree to receive for himself or any other any money reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at such election, or for withholding the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year.

The South Calls.

Over 14,000,000 bales of cotton, over 1,000,000 bushels of corn, 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, 100,000,000 bushels of oats, and other agricultural produce to the value of \$1,600,000,000, or \$800,000,000 a year, have been the past two years production of the plantations and farms of the South. Ten thousand new industrial establishments in mining and manufacturing during the same period have been inaugurated and got under way in that section. All this show that the redeemed Democratic "Solid South" is marching on to prosperity at a pace and progress that promises ere long to outstrip the more powerful and wealthy sections north of the Ohio and the Potomac Rivers. "Dixie's land" is no longer "the land of cotton" alone. It is becoming the land of coal and iron and mines and manufacturers. Come South—come South cap't'ists and farmers of the Northern States. "Going West" is played out. There is wealth and comfort awaiting you in this section. —New Orleans Times Democrat.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.
Corporal Tanner is getting along swimmingly in his avowed purpose of turning the Treasury surplus into the pockets of the ex-soldiers of the country. So well is he progressing that the pension appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, is already exhausted notwith-standing its immense amount—\$81,750,000. The payments made by the Treasury department for pensions for one week ending last Saturday, amounted to the enormous sum of \$11,380,000. When this thing will end no man can say, but unless I am very much mistaken the pension question will raise a big rumble in this country before long; it may be started in the House at the next session of Congress, or it may be postponed a while longer, but it's got to eventually. The tax-payers are bound to draw the line somewhere.

The colored brother is feeling very much cheered. Mr. Harrison has appointed another one of them to a good position. The lucky "brother" is Congressman Lynch, of Mississippi, who is to succeed that genial Alabamian, General Shelly, as Fifth Auditor of the Treasury. I should like to hear Shelly describe his feelings on turning his office over to a colored man. There were several Alabama republicans—whitemen after this appointment.

John Sanett, the labor agitator has got his reward for selling out the working men during the last campaign. He has been appointed U. S. Consul to Birmingham, England.

Jimmy Blaine has captured one of the best paying birds under the Government for his private secretary, Thomas H. Sherman. It is the U. S. Consularship at Liverpool, it is said to be worth \$15,000 a year.

The administration has taken action in the matter of the alleged frauds by the United States Marshals and their deputies in Oklahoma. There were two Marshals there, one a democratic hold-over and the other a newly appointed republican. The democrat has been removed and the republican exonerated. How's that for partisanship?

The preachers of Cincinnati don't seem to have much influence with Mr. Harrison. They sent a delegation to oppose the appointment of ex-Mayor Amor Smith of that city, as surveyor of the port, on the ground that he had been controlled by the saloon-keepers and the law-breaking element of the community. Friday Mr. Harrison appointed Smith.

RAISING MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has increased its stock from \$106,545,400 to 113,000,000. Present stockholders will be permitted to subscribe to the extent of 6 per cent. of their present holdings. The new stock will be issued in November, and 4 per cent. interest will be allowed on all payments made in July up to the time the stock shall be issued. The allotment blanks will, as usual, be negotiable in the Exchange. The money will be used for improvements to the line and construction. Requirements of the company this year will be between \$11,000,000 and \$12,000,000, and only 50 per cent. of this can be spared from the assets. The company's business is increasing very fast and requires increased expenditures. The tonnage, it is said, is increasing at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, and locomotives and cars must be provided to meet it. Third and fourth tracks are required in many places, and will absorb some of the money.

A DOCTOR'S OPINION OF BLAINE.

A prominent Philadelphia physician who had an opportunity at the reception given by General Agnes, near Baltimore on Wednesday, to watch Secretary of State Blaine closely, says that Mr. Blaine cannot live many years. It is doubtful, this gentleman thinks, whether the Secretary will live to see the beginning of another campaign.

—Lace caps at any price at the Cash Bazaar.

—If you want ribbons go to the Cash Bazaar on Spring street.

—For fast black hose go to the Cash Bazaar, South Spring street, Bellefonte.

PROTHONOTARY.

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