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### Editorial.

JOHN G. CARLISLE has chosen an editor for his private secretary. The poor editors are being recognized after all.

WOULD it not be a good idea to give the members of the legislature their full salary and send them home. The most of them are mere time servers and an expensive luxury for the state.

LABOR troubles have sprung up among the workmen employed at the World's Fair. It is a miracle that they managed to get along peaceably so far. The walking delegate could not have been around.

PENNSYLVANIA is the banner state for women postmistresses. They number 463. There are over 6,000 in the whole Union, and the number might be increased with advantage to the service.

THE school directors of Centre county will meet in county convention, at the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, May 2nd, for the purpose of electing a superintendent of the public schools for the county to serve for three years.

IN Norway the government runs the bar rooms and the profits of the business are utilized in building public roads. It is claimed that that country has the finest road beds to be found and built by the tipplers.

HON. GEO. F. KRIEBS, congressman of this district, has appointed as cadet to West Point from this district, Frederick L. Pinks, of Clarion, Pa. The young man passed successfully the usual preliminary examination which is very rigid.

IN democratic circles there is some stir for the selection of our next Democratic State Ticket, as Pattison's term will expire with the present year. W. U. Hensel, the present attorney general of Pennsylvania, is one of the leading democrats of the state and one who would be able to poll a large vote and is being prominently mentioned for the place. He is brilliant and talented and, at the head of the ticket, would infuse the party with new life and vigor. As a campaign orator he would be the peer of any candidate the opposition could put forward. Nominate Hensel and there will be a lively campaign. He could win.

THOSE members of the legislature who favor a junket to Chicago to attend the dedication of the World's Fair at the expense of the state, have at last devised a scheme whereby they hope to secure an appropriation for such a trip. The bill appropriating \$60,000 to the World's Fair commission to complete the Pennsylvania exhibit, which has already been passed by the house, will be amended in the senate by increasing the amount asked for to \$160,000. Of this, \$100,000 it is proposed shall be used to pay the expenses of the junket. The advocates of the additional appropriation believe the senate will pass the amended bill and the house will concur in the amendment. A great many members criticize Governor Pattison for not favoring a legislative junket, and at the same time agreeing that the entire division of the National Guard shall be encamped at Chicago some time in August. The expense of the encampment will have to be borne by the state, and will hardly be less than \$150,000. It is proposed that it shall be paid out of the \$600,000 appropriated by the legislature for the maintenance of the guard the next two years.

### Something of Interest.

IT may be of interest to some of our readers to learn what the different vocations of our present lawmakers in Harrisburg are: The state legislature is composed of 204 members, of which 32 are farmers, 2 coachmakers, 8 doctors, 5 commercial travelers, 19 merchants, 6 druggists, 6 cattle dealers, 17 lawyers, less than ever before, 12 miners, 4 foundry men, 4 teachers, 3 builders, 8 insurance men, 1 hotel man, 1 landlord, 2 stone cutters, 5 carpenters, 1 shoemaker, 7 lumbermen, 2 clerk, 7 printers, 7 politicians, 4 railroad officials, 4 oil men, 5 millers, 3 painters, 1 photographer, 4 blacksmiths, 1 tin smith, 3 machinists, 3 civil engineers, 3 manufacturers, 3 real estate agents, and 9 newspaper men.

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## THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

### DRIVING OUT REPUBLICAN DRONES.

What the Administration is Doing—Cleveland and a Hard Worker—Commissioner of Pensions Appointed.

President Cleveland has a remarkable capacity for standing long hours of hard work, and it has been put to a severe test since his inauguration, as it has been the exception rather than the rule, when he has been able to retire before 2 o'clock in the morning, and he is always at his desk again before 8 o'clock. Feeling the need of a little undisturbed rest, he, in company with Secretary Gresham, left Washington Saturday afternoon and did not return until Tuesday. His destination was not made public for fear that he might be followed by some of the importunate office-seekers, anxious to personally present their claims. They went to see Ambassador Bayard at his home in Wilmington, Delaware.

The investigation of the Weather Bureau, now being publicly conducted after office hours at the department of agriculture, is a very nasty mess as far as it has gone, and it promises to grow even nastier. The property of the bureau has, according to the testimony, been stolen and sold to junk dealers when certain of the minor officials needed a little extra whiskey money, and the stealing was done in broad daylight, the employee of the bureau being used to load it upon wagons. About everything seems to have been included in the thefts, upon one occasion a stone step being taken from the building itself. The principal men implicated thus far are the foremen of the press room and the Captain of the watch, but others higher up are said to have received a portion of the money, and it is expected that the evidence will prove it. Secretary Morton is determined to get to the bottom of the filth and to see that every guilty man is punished, regardless of who he may be or who may be his friends.

Maj. Gen. Schofield and Major Gen. Miles have had a squabble at long range over the trouble in Indian Territory. The quarrel is understood to have occurred over the carrying out of an order for the detail of an army officer to investigate the trouble. No U. S. troops will be sent there unless the Sec. of the Interior requests it.

President Cleveland said he intended to get the very best man in the country, who was available, to be Commissioner of Pensions, and the general approval of the nomination of Judge Wm. Lochren, of Minnesota to the position indicates that he succeeded. Judge Lochren was not an applicant for the position, indeed, he at first declined to accept it, but withdrew his objections when his party duty and loyalty were appealed to by the President. His war record is of the bravest, and although he is not a member of the G. A. R., no member of that organization has so far as known had a word to say against his special fitness for the position. He was born in Vermont, but has resided in Minnesota since 1857, with the exception of the time he served in the army. He will take charge of the Pension Bureau, about May first.

Sec. Morton found not only individuals employed by the agricultural department who were not rendering services in anything like a fair proportion to the salaries they receive, but a whole division of employees who have been practically paid for doing nothing for more than a year. This was the quarantine division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, which Sec. Morton has just abolished. Quite a howl has been raised by the republicans because the chief of the abolished division happened to be the late Mr. Blaine's brother, although it is difficult to understand why that should have made the slightest difference. Surely they did not expect that a democratic administration would feel called upon to take care of the poor members of the Blaine family.

Sec. Lamont hasn't been doing much talking—he never does—but that he has been doing some investigating and thinking is shown by his statement that no more army officers will be detailed for ornamental purposes. This may be a little rough on the army officers who have been calculating to spend the summer at the World's Fair and the various summer resorts, but no one can deny that it is just to the people who pay these men their salaries, and doubly so to the officers without "pull" who have to perform, in addition to their own, the duties of the butterflies of the profession.

Postmaster General Bissell has de-

ecided that no fourth class postmasters shall be removed, except for cause, until they shall have served all or nearly all of a four year term. This is a new rule, as these officials have never been considered to have a fixed term, but were removable at the pleasure of the department. The change is understood to have been made by the direction of the President, and after all it will make no difference in the end, because there are so many who have served four years or more that by the time they are removed nearly all of the rest will have become removable under the new rule.

### THE WORLD'S FAIR CHARGES.

The World's Fair people are getting a little bit anxious about the reports sent broadcast to the effect that visitors to the Fair are to be made victims of rapacious money grabbers and subjected to all kinds of extortion and the *News* gives voice to the anxiety of the managers when it says: "Friends of the World's Fair who have been disturbed by the charge that visitors to Jackson park would be made the victims of all sorts of outrageous extortions need not worry. Nothing of the kind will happen." In a formal statement to the public President Higinbotham makes these positive declarations: "The Fair will be ready and open May 1; the drinking water will be pure, abundant and free; seats for the weary will cost nothing; there will be 1,500 toilet rooms free to the public; the admission fee of 50 cents will entitle visitors to see everything within the exhibition grounds except the Esquimau village, the Colorado cliff-dwellings and the special features on Midway plaisance. These are merely side-shows and no part of the great Exposition proper."

"The charge that nothing but air would be free at Jackson park has been made by enemies of the Fair, both here and elsewhere, and also by some well-meaning persons who have come to wrong conclusions through lack of thorough knowledge of the facts. They knew that for certain kinds of imported water 5 cents a glass would be charged, so concluded that there would be no free water. With regard to other conveniences they followed the same illogical mode of reasoning."

"It is impossible to convince some people that the whole Fair is not a gigantic scheme of robbery. They are confirmed pessimists and will be sorely disappointed if their gloomy predictions prove untrue."

"But they will be disappointed just the same. There will be no extortion at the Fair."

### A State Sells Liquor.

The will be no liquor or beer sold in South Carolina except by the state after July 1, 1893. Soon after the passage of the law at the last session of the legislature the liquor dealers of the state formed an association and employed counsel to test its constitutionality. These counsel filed their opinion. The counsel advised the liquor dealers that they prepare to meet the law as valid and constitutional; that in view of the heavy penalties prescribed by the act they cannot advise them to continue selling liquor after July 1. The counsel say that the statute can only be tested after July 1, by the attempt of the state or any of its officers to seize liquors manufactured in any other state and sold there by any one who has a license to sell liquor. Under the law the state will sell all the liquor and beer sold in South Carolina. Governor Tillman expects to buy the liquor either in Chicago, St. Louis or New York. The act appropriates only \$50,000 with which to start business, but the governor thinks the state can easily get all the credit it wants.

### Excursion Tickets to the World's Fair.

The Pennsylvania railroad company announces that the Trunk Line Passenger Committee has authorized the railroad companies to sell excursion tickets to Chicago on account of the World's Columbian Exposition. The round trip rate from Philadelphia will be \$36.50 by fast trains, and \$29.20 by 35 hour trains, starting from New York. From Washington and Baltimore the rate will be \$34.50 by fast express trains, and \$27.50 by slow trains. Proportionate rates from other stations.

The tickets will not admit of stop-over enroute, and can be used for a continuous passage only. The tickets will be on sale from April 15th to October 30th inclusive, and will be valid for return trip until November 15th, 1893.

All the lines leading to Chicago will sell tickets good for passage going by one route returning by another, so that a person may go out by the Pennsylvania railroad, and if he wills, return by the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, or any other trunk line, or go out by any other line, and return by the Pennsylvania.

### THE NEW STEAMER.

The Undine Fire Company Receive the Engine.

On Monday evening a large crowd of firemen gathered at the depot to meet the steam fire engine, coming in on the freight. It arrived on the regular train and was soon taken from the cars and the Fuel & Supply Co's team hauled the highly polished monster to the diamond, where it was inspected by the eager throng and then taken to the Undine Company's house.

The engine is of the Clappe & Jones make, with horizontal piston pumps, and is of the fourth class. It is a very handsome machine, as all the parts are full nickle and highly polished and glitters like a new silver dollar. This engine was used several years by the "Humane" Fire Company, of Pottsville, Pa., wanting to buy a larger engine, they sold this one at a great sacrifice to the Undines. The price agreed upon is \$1200, which seems very low.

On Tuesday afternoon the engine was given a thorough test on our streets. It was first attached to a plug and afterwards taken down to the creek. At both places it demonstrated to all that it was a powerful engine and could do very effective work and was perfectly sound in every particular. Everybody was highly pleased with the test and the engine has practically been accepted.

The Undine company have \$300 in their treasury that they will pay down as part purchase money. They will get about \$700 from funds left on interest by a former organization. That will leave an indebtedness of about \$300 which we are confident could be paid in a very short time. The company will be compelled to buy new nozzles and other supplies and will be in need of all the funds that can be raised, to be properly equipped for fighting fire.

The Undine boys are getting their company in better shape than ever and the town can well feel proud of the new organization.

### A Romance At Homestead.

A romance of unusually unfortunate and pathetic detail was discovered last Thursday, at Homestead, Pa, when two detectives from Toronto, Canada, discovered in Mr. and Mrs. Asa Barr the relationship of brother and sister and heirs to a fortune left by a relative of Mrs. Barrs deceased mother by adoption. Twenty five years ago two little waifs, brother and sister, were abandoned by German immigrants at Castle Garden. They were legally adopted one by a man named Asa Barr, the other by a Mrs. Evans. The latter moved soon after to Philadelphia, where she brought up her adopted daughter giving her a good education. Twenty years later the boy grown to manhood, moved also to Philadelphia, where he followed the trade of a painter. Chance drew brother and sister. Barr was captivated with the girl and married her. During the late strike they moved to Homestead where Barr secured employment. The adopted daughter of Mrs. Evans became an heiress to considerable property in Canada. Detectives were sent to trace the heiress, and in their investigation discovered the true relationship of Mr. and Mrs. Barr to be brother and sister. The terrible knowledge prostrated Mrs. Barr and her husband is grief stricken. No issue has resulted from this marriage. Legal proceeding will be instituted to sever the marriage bond and the couple will leave for London, Ont., to claim the fortune.

—Mr. Samuel Diehl, of Bellefonte, is engaged at present in giving septicemic entertainments throughout the county. He has a fine instrument with a good supply of interesting views and gives a first class entertainment, wherever he appears.

—James Whelan and family having removed to their former home, in Philadelphia, Dr. R. L. Dartt, has moved to his former residence on Allegheny street.

—Dr. Thomas Hayes has sold his residence on Linn street, formerly occupied by James Milliken, to W. Fred Reynolds who will have the same torn away in order to make improvements upon his present property.

—A magnificent line of young men's new spring suits in the latest styles. Cheviots of all kinds—blue, brown, brown mixed and black from \$5.00 to \$12.00.  
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—On Saturday Daniel Garman sold his handsome black team of carriage horses to Mr. Jacob Sallada, of Williamsport, and were sent there this week. It was one of the showiest teams in the town.

—The greatest line of Spring and Summer clothing just opened.  
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## HUNDREDS MAY BE DEAD

### Fearful Explosion in a Mine at Ponty-Pridd.

#### MANY UNFOOTUNATES ENTOMBED.

Over 300 Miners Still in the Workings With but Little if Any Chance of Being Rescued Alive—The Calamity Caused by Sparks From an Engine—Rescuing Parties Hard at Work.

LONDON, April 12.—A frightful mining accident occurred yesterday at Ponty-Pridd, Wales. A spark from an engine ignited the gas in the coal pit near Ponty-Pridd and caused the gas to explode. A large number of miners were at work at the time and the explosion caused terrible havoc. The exact number of lives lost is not known, but it is rumored that twenty persons were killed and many others were more or less seriously injured.

Later accounts from Ponty-Pridd show the situation to be more appalling than at first supposed. Over 300 miners are entombed in the mine.

The engine house is destroyed and there is the greatest fear that hundreds may have perished. The rescuers who went down were driven back without being able to bring up more than five of the dead and the fate of the other miners is in doubt. The most agonizing scenes are witnessed, and throngs of men, women and children, relatives of those below are crowding about the mouth of the coal pit.

Still later advices from Ponty-Pridd do not lighten the calamity, and the worst fate is feared for hundreds of miners. The pit is worked in sections, one seam being above another. The fire resulting from the explosion broke out in the eastern section. From this section seventy men succeeded in reaching the surface through the main dip working, led by a miner who knew the roads.

They had a terrible struggle to get out, forcing their way through fire and smoke. Many of them were scorched and all were terribly exhausted when they emerged to safety. They brought no good news as to those who were left behind, but on the contrary expressed their dread that all those in the mine had perished.

#### Some of the Bodies Recovered.

LONDON, April 12.—At an early hour this morning it was impossible to obtain the full details of the accident in the Ponty-Pridd coal mine. The first alarm was given at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The sparks from an engine in a four-foot seam are supposed to have ignited a pile of cotton waste. The flames spread to the wood work and finally ignited the inflammable gas in the seam. Flames and smoke gave to the 300 men at work in the seam the first warning of approaching danger. All ran toward the landing. Many were overtaken by the fire and smoke, fell, and were left to their fate by their comrades in advance of them. Comparatively few of the men who were in the seam at the time of the explosion reached the landing.

At the entrance of the shaft a rescuing party was formed by the pitsurveyor. The party got as far as the landing at the seam where the fire started, but was driven back almost immediately by the dense smoke issuing from the seam. The surveyor took his men back to the surface. After a half hour's rest they went down again and forced their way ten yards into the working. They found four dead bodies, which they brought back with them. Attempts to go further into the workings were in vain, as the woodwork was burning and large masses of ruins were falling incessantly from the roof.

One of the rescuing party who ventured too far was killed. The men who saved themselves immediately after the fire broke out were too much confused and frightened to observe the position of their fellow workmen. They are unable to give any clear account of the distribution of the miners and the work of rescue must therefore proceed under all the difficulties of uncertainty.

There are numerous volunteers to further push the work of rescue as soon as it becomes possible. At present the flames and smoke would render any such undertaking vain, if not fatal to the party making the descent. There is little doubt, moreover, the most, if not all, of the men left below have been suffocated to death.

#### Could Not Reach the Bodies.

LONDON, April 12.—Hand grenades, barrels of water and pipes attached to fire engines on the surface are being used to extinguish the flames in the mines at Ponty-Pridd. In two sections of the mine the fire was put out. The extinction of the flames has been followed in each case, however, by the accumulation of gas, and it is feared that explosions may follow shortly. Another attempt to enter the seam in which the fire started has proved resultless.

#### Yesterday's Silver Purchase.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The treasury department yesterday purchased 411,000 ounces of silver as follows: 61,000, at \$0.8595; 250,000, at \$0.8310; 100,000 at \$0.8320. The offers were 496,000 ounces. The purchases for the month aggregate 1,101,000.

#### Found Dead in Her House.

RAHWAY, N. J., April 10.—Mrs. George Taylor was found dead in her house near the Six Roads, about one mile south from here. Heart trouble was the cause, although foul play was first suspected, as that part of the country is a rendezvous of tramps.

#### Turkey Must Apologize Too.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The United States has taken vigorous action in regard to the outrages on American citizens at Manrovan, in the Turkish dominions, and the violations of the mails of the United States legation.

#### Hungary Shaken by an Earthquake.

VIENNA, April 10.—Earth shocks are reported from various parts of Hungary yesterday. The town of Semlin and Szegedin were rather severely shaken up. No great damage was done anywhere.

### A TRIP TO CHICAGO.

The legislature of Pennsylvania is anxious to take a grand trip to the World's Fair at the expense of the people. For this purpose a move is on foot to appropriate \$60,000 at the present session to defray the expenses of the big junket to Chicago. "John of Lancaster" a newspaper correspondent thus expresses himself about the men who are sent to Harrisburg to make laws and of the proposed free excursion:

"To many people the idea is ridiculous. What right has the legislature to be hauled to Chicago and entertained at the expense of the state? Think of the baskets of champagne, the demijohns of whisky, the kegs of lager, the thousands of cigars, to say nothing of the costly edibles that would be consumed on the great junket! If these men are entitled to such a jaunt at the expense of the people, why are not the judges of the courts, the sheriffs and other county officials entitled to such a distinction also? But the very prospect of being taken to the Windy City at state expense will be a powerful inducement for members to vote the money asked for by a majority of the commission, and there is grave danger of the appropriation being passed over the veto.

A great deal of the \$300,000 already appropriated has been foolishly squandered. "Why," said a high official of the state government to me to-day, "they have expended several hundred dollars in making a collection of butterflies, grasshoppers, and other bugs." So it goes. The people furnish the money and their agents expend much of it in "grinding axes" and dispensing favors to friends.

Yet, with all the blundering and loose business management, Pennsylvania will have a magnificent exhibit, and her high standing among the states will be well maintained.

### ADJOURNMENT.

The legislature is beginning to talk of fixing a day for adjournment, and the 10th or 20th of May is being discussed. If the time is not definitely settled soon, the session will be extended to the 1st of June. The bill mill is to be closed in a few days. This is imperatively demanded if the end of legislation is to be reached this year. Hundreds of bills in the hopper never can be reached. The calendar is already so heavy that it is cumbersome to handle, and physically weak members can scarcely lift it on their desks. The Pennsylvania legislature is a fearfully and a wonderfully constituted body, and to be fully appreciated it must be seen in all its glory and magnificence when in session.

JOHN OF LANCASTER.

### Little Trisix.

One of the shows that gave elegant satisfaction when here the past season was "Little Trisix." It was generally appreciated as it had a good cast. There was lots of good jolly music and spirited dancing in it. There was plenty of rich comedy to make you laugh the entire evening. It gave the best of satisfaction and those who did not see it then should not miss this opportunity. In the opera house next Monday evening.

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