Bradford Reporter.

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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
HON SAMUEL BUTLER,
OF CHESTER COUNTY.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
VOLNEY M. WILSON,
OF ALBA BOROUGH.

FOR CORONER,
DR. VOLNEY HOMET,
OF WYALUSING.

—Rally round the bar'l, boys,
Rally once again.
Shouting the battle cry of Tilden.
—*Dayton Journal.*

GOV. BIGLER is still confined to his room and is greatly prostrated, though his ultimate recovery is confidently expected.

AMONG the Republican speakers who are to take part in the New York campaign are GALUSHA A. GROW, BENJAMIN BREWSTER and Governor HOYT, of Pennsylvania.

GOVERNOR HOYT is reviewing the military and attending County Fairs. He was at the Berks County Fair, on Thursday last, in company with General CAMERON and State Treasurer NOYES.

THE loss of life at the Adrian (Mich.) Fair by the crushing of the stand, turns out to be more dreadful than was at first reported. The number of killed is sixteen, and the wounded over two hundred. All the result of criminal negligence.

JOHN KELLY will soon have as many nominations as BEN BUTLER, if he keeps on. A State Convention of the Jeffersonian Democracy was held in New York Saturday night, which nominated the belligerent Tammany sachem for Governor.

THE Republican State Convention of Nebraska, on Thursday, re-nominated the present Supreme Judge and other officers. The noticeable feature of the proceedings was the enthusiastic reference to Gen. GRANT, not only upon his return, but as the candidate for President.

JOHN WISE, the well-known aeronaut, accompanied by Geo. BURR, Teller of the St. Louis National Bank, made a balloon ascension from St. Louis, Sunday evening of last week, and has not since been heard from. Prof. WISE is 71 years old, and has made 462 successful voyages.

THE disgusting exhibition at Madison Square Garden netted to the managers over $80,000. Now it appears, as a fitting sequel, that the mile walked was short of the proper distance by fifty-nine feet and four inches. The division of gate money was illegal, and lawsuits are threatened.

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL TYNER and party were traveling thro' the Ute Indian country when the late outbreak occurred. Apprehensions were felt for their safety, but their scalps are yet in the proper place, and there is no danger of their ornamenting the lodge of some blood-thirsty brave.

THE danger of carrying too much ready cash is shown in the case of Mr. EDWARD CROWLEY, a wealthy merchant of Bermuda, who started from New York for Trenton, N. J., a week ago, with $30,000 in his possession, to purchase a large quantity of crockery for the West Indies, and has not since been heard from. It is believed he has been murdered.

THE British newspapers in the olden time were very much exercised over the frequent occasions of "unpleasantness" which happened between editors in this country. And now, strange as it may seem, the editors of two rival London newspapers have been indulging in a street fisticuff, growing out of blackguardism published in the columns of the papers they respectively own and edit. Hope we shall not have any more criticisms on Yankee manners.

CRIMINAL carelessness or stupidity must be at the bottom of such accidents as that at the race course at Adrian, Michigan, where, by the falling of a "grand stand," sixteen persons were killed and fifty injured. A few dollars extra for better lumber, or more nails, or greater intelligence among the workmen would convert a dangerous stand into one which would withstand any weight of people that could be crowded upon it. There is no valid excuse for the breaking or collapse of these temporary structures.

A DECISION has recently been made by the General Land Office, which has a relatively discouraging effect on Mormonism. It is to the effect that polygamous wives, so long as they maintain that relation, cannot obtain titles to land under the Homestead laws, on the ground that the husband might, in that way, secure as many tracts of one hundred and sixty acres as he had wives, which is contrary to the spirit and intent of the Homestead act. Mormons, therefore, who have more than one wife, cannot obtain land.

THE Indians must either be killed or civilized. Some favor one plan, some the other. Just now we are trying both plans. The Utes are to be exterminated for their alleged outrages and atrocities. But, per contra, on Sunday night two carloads of young Indians, mostly from Dakota Territory, arrived from the West at Harrisburg, and were taken to Carlisle in a special train. They are to be instructed in the arts of peace, at the old barracks. The Indians, who number about ninety, will be joined by others shortly.

THE Governor has reprieved ANDREW TRACEY, of Smethport, Pa., under sentence of death for the murder of his cousin, a young girl, to whom he was engaged to be married. His execution was fixed for October 9, and he has been respited until November 6th, to afford an opportunity to have the case re-heard by the Board of Pardons, it being alleged that TRACEY was insane when the dread deed was committed. Judge WILLIAMS, who tried the condemned, strongly favors commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life.

HOW to suppress lotteries has been a question which has never had a satisfactory solution. There seems to be a natural propensity in human nature to indulge in games of chance. The lottery system is legalized in but two States in the Union, but their agents may be found in every principal town, and the business of selling lottery tickets is carried on openly. There is a statute forbidding the publishing of lottery advertisements in this State, but hardly a newspaper we open but contains some notice of a drawing. Now the Post Office Department has taken the matter in hand, and has decided that letters addressed to lottery companies, or to individuals as agents of lottery companies, are unmailable, and that postmasters should refuse to register letters when so addressed. In accordance with this decision a circular has been issued by the Department instructing all postmasters to refuse to mail or register letters or circulars so addressed.

THE PENNYPACKER family had a reunion in October, 1877, returning from which occurred a horrible accident on the Pickering Valley Railroad, occasioned by the unprecedented storm at that time. About forty suits against the company grew out of the calamity. A case was tried at Lancaster, last week, which was considered a test case, resulting in a verdict against the Reading Railroad Company for $3,500 damages. It will now go to the Supreme Court, as the defendant alleges that the accident was due to the storm, and was not the result of negligence.

THE Democratic press does not admire Secretary SHERMAN; which, perhaps, is not to be wondered at, as the Secretary does not admire the Democracy. The latest affront given by him is a letter written to New York, advocating CONKLING's election, and promising, if he has the time, to make two or three speeches in that State before the election. Secretary SHERMAN is too earnest a Republican to encourage defection in New York this fall, knowing how much the result will affect the Presidential contest next year.

ANOTHER balloon ascension has resulted disastrously to the aeronauts. It occurred in San Francisco, Sunday. C. H. WILLIAMS, manager of the Woodward Garden, attempted to make an ascension, with Prof. COLGROVE, when almost at starting the balloon was ripped open and both occupants thrown out, falling on Folsom street. WILLIAMS was fearfully crushed and died in a few moments. COLGROVE was internally injured, and not likely to survive. Its about time this kind of nonsense was stopped.

THE Harrisburg letter to the *Sunday Press* has the following in regard to the recent indictments at Harrisburg. The correspondent says: "No new developments lately concerning the Pittsburg riot bribery cases. The trial commences here on the 17th of next month; and from indications the influx of parties interested will be as great into Harrisburg as when a Legislature meets on the 1st of January. Nobody here believes, however, that anybody implicated will be convicted. The elasticity of statute law is proverbial, and no ten men ever assembled in a jury room looks at a question of law and fact in the same direction with twelve pairs of eyes."

SAM BARR is one of the Secretaries of the Republican State Committee. He is one of the liveliest BARRS in the State, but he is in no way related to Mr. O'BARR, Democratic candidate for State Treasurer. SAM is noted for the shrewdness of his judgment and the piquant way he has of expressing his opinions. The Washington correspondent of the *Star* is authority for saying that SAM thinks GRANT the greatest man in the country, and BILL LEEDS the greatest man in Pennsylvania. He knows that the Pennsylvania delegation in the next National Convention will be for GANT solid, first, last, and all the time. He doesn't believe that DON and QUAY are in the SHERMAN-BLAINE pool to beat GRANT, and if they are they will be worsted.

THE city of Mount Vernon, Indiana, has adopted a novel and disreputable way of repudiating its obligations. The Newark Savings Bank obtained judgment against the city for $65,000 and issued an execution, but no property could be found to satisfy it. The next step was to procure a writ of mandamus compelling the City Council to levy a special tax sufficient to pay the claim. To meet this emergency the Council, sitting in special session, accepted the resignation of its members, approved and signed the minutes of the meeting, and dissolved, leaving the place without any city government whatever. This is a "new way to pay old debts," but it will hardly suffice.

THE New York Democracy have got into the Courts. The Police Commissioners were cited to show cause before the Supreme Court why a mandamus should not issue compelling them to appoint one inspector of elections from each election district in addition to the inspectors already appointed. In other words, Tammany claimed the right to be represented on the election board. The judgment of the Court was in favor of Tammany, deciding unanimously that the Police Commissioners were bound to appoint two inspectors for each voting precinct, selected from the whole body of the Democratic party, without regard to the claims of rival factions; but inasmuch as they had already appointed one inspector for each precinct on the nomination of the Irving Hall (anti-Tammany) faction, they were bound in justice to take the other inspectors from the list submitted by the representatives of the Tammany Democracy.

LANCASTER county has produced some distinguished and noted scientific men, but the performance of a three-year-old boy who attempted to amputate his five months' old sister's arm with a penknife, shows a precocity of surgical talent which might develop into a professor of anatomy—or something else—to distinguish the county. During the brief absence of CYRUS ELMIRE's family, on Wednesday, the boy deliberately attempted to cut off one of the arms of the infant near the wrist. The heart-rending screams of the babe attracted attention, when a horrible sight was seen. The knife had reached the bone, and the blood spurted from the gaping wound in a stream. A surgeon who happened to be in the neighborhood arrested the hemorrhage and bound up the wound, which is not serious. The boy does not appear sensible that he has committed a terrible act.

THE Supreme Court of the State on Monday rendered a final judgment, affirming the responsibility of Allegheny county for the damages resulting from the Pittsburg riots of 1877. The case in which the decision was rendered is the County of Allegheny, plaintiff in error, vs. JOHN GIBSON & SON, defendants in error. The case, with others, was tried in Beaver county, and the verdict, under direction of the Court, was against Allegheny county. The Supreme Court affirms the rulings of the Court below, declaring Allegheny county under her own law liable for all damages arising from the Pittsburg riots. The law of 1841, by virtue of which the decision is made, applies to the counties of Philadelphia, Allegheny and Northumberland, and the Supreme Court decides that it is binding upon those counties, and that in the present instance there was nothing in the circumstance or magnitude of the loss to relieve Allegheny county from the responsibility of paying for property destroyed; that the loss was caused by a mob, and was not the result of an "insurrection." This decision is final, and nothing is now left for the county of Allegheny but to pay the losses upon the best possible terms. The aggregate amount is probably over three millions of dollars, and in the present embarrassed financial condition of the county, this large sum added to their taxes will prove a heavy burden.

ON Thursday, 9th instant, will be celebrated at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Founder's Day, in memory of ASA PACKER, by whose munificent liberality the University was founded and fostered. This noble institution is the grandest and most appropriate monument the deceased could possibly have. Nearly two millions of the ample fortune accumulated by the shrewdness and industry of the deceased is represented in the University, the advantages of which are within the reach of every youth who aspires to useful scholarship. On Thursday next fitting memorial service in honor of him will be held; a portrait presented to the University by his sons will be unveiled and presented, and a memorial discourse delivered by one who knew and loved him, and who is in every way worthy to discharge the duty, Right Rev. M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and President of the Board of Trustees. Other exercises will follow, and the day be made memorable to all those who shall participate in its observances.

THE Bridge question is now in the Supreme Court, and was expected to engage the attention of that learned body some day this week. The Bridge Company, September 15th, filed a bond with sureties for a writ of certiorari to remove the proceedings from the Court of Quarter Sessions of this county to the Supreme Court, which writ issued September 16th. The Commissioners, notwithstanding notice of this writ, obtained possession of the bridge and opened it for free travel. The Bridge Company now files a bill in equity, asking that the Commissioners be enjoined from interfering with the possession of the bridge pending the writ of certiorari issued by the Supreme Court, and that they be compelled to make restitution of the toll-gate and leave the Company in full possession of the bridge. Should the Supreme Court grant the injunction it would place the Company in possession of the bridge, allowing them to charge and collect tolls until the final decision of the Supreme Court upon the certiorari, which hearing might possibly be had next April, but would be more likely to go over until the next year, as not one-half the cases on the list are reached. Of course, should the case be finally decided against them, the Company would be the gainer to the amount of tolls collected.

THE Indian policy of this government seems to be a policy which constantly keeps the Indian tribes in a state of revolt, and costs the nation every year valuable lives and much money. The latest trouble is with the Utes, or that portion of the tribe residing in Colorado, and the immediate cause, as usual, the determination of the whites to occupy the reservations set apart for the savage. These people have a reservation in the Western portion of the State of Colorado, and constant incursions of gold-prospectors has given frequent trouble. Appropriations were withheld, and there were other complaints, until the Indians became reative and threatening, their dissatisfaction increasing every day. The appropriation of some land for an agency farm by N. C. Meeker, agent of the White river Utes, occasioned further demonstration by some of the chiefs of that agency, and troops were again called for. Three companies of cavalry and a supply train under command of the unfortunate Major Thornburg, started for the agency in response to this call. Met near Milk river by several Utes in ambush, the commanding officer was killed, and some thirty-eight others killed and wounded. The remainder of this command are now entrenched awaiting reinforcements, and another Indian war may be said to have fairly begun.

THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR.

If by "off years" people mean years when political struggle is not significant, then there are no "off years." The underlying principle of our system of government is conflict—perpetual conflict. That it is a conflict that varies in intensity is admitted, but that it ever ceases we most strenuously deny. This, it is sometimes said, is an "off year." The country elects no President and in Pennsylvania the people elect no Governor, hence it is by some deemed an "off year." But where all progress hinges upon a lively interest in public affairs, as it certainly does in this country, every year is the scene of important political demonstrations. Being a firm believer in the necessity of party life, we hold that that party best fits itself for emergencies which fights fewest losing battles. The importance of having the best of a skirmish is well known among military men.

Let us suppose, then, that we are dealing with an army, and that we are living in a time of war. Let us further suppose that a year ago there was a brisk campaign, in which the enemy was driven back all along the line and his strongholds captured. What would a skillful General do under such circumstances? What would be his exhortation to the army and his command? Would he, think you, assemble his army and pass word up and down the lines that, as last year was a year of victories, vigilance and discipline would be relaxed? Would he say to his subordinates, "We showed ourselves so strong in the late struggle that it does not much matter if some of the outposts won are suffered to fall into the hands of the enemy?" Would a good General say to his army, "It does not matter whether the enemy advances his lines to cover lost ground, because there is to be no general engagement this year?" There is not a man so stupid in Pennsylvania as to believe for a moment that the morale of an army could be preserved in that way. The law of all conflict, whether armed or political, is to hold every inch of vantage ground. As in war there can be no "off" year, so in political struggles there can be none.

But neutral-tinted gentlemen assure us that there is nothing of any consequence at stake this year. In the State a Treasurer is to be elected. He has generally been regarded an important officer. But if he is not an important officer, why did the Democrats assemble in Harrisburg and nominate Mr. DANIEL BARR? Was it worth while to incur so great an expenditure of time and cash to nominate a candidate whose election is of no importance? Was it the work of men of sense to go to Harrisburg and fight like cats and dogs over nothing? If the State Treasuryship is of no moment, as Democrats and assistant Democrats are so fond of preaching to Republican voters, then they can save themselves considerable cash, no end of trouble and a bitter disappointment by withdrawing Mr. BARR. Surely, if it does not matter who is elected, it is not worth while for Democrats and writers to support Mr. BARR.

But the election is important, and it does matter seriously who is elected. Under Democratic auspices the finances of Pennsylvania were always mismanaged. Under Democratic County Treasurers, the people of twenty-one counties in Ohio have in four years lost over a million of dollars. It was under Democratic Treasurers that the enormous debt of Pennsylvania was incurred. And it was under Democratic management of the finances that our credit as a Commonwealth reeked so foully that the stench struck across the ocean and gave us a malodorous repute. Still the Tootses of politics insist that it does not matter. But you never knew one of the Democratic Toots family to say anything of that kind to a Democrat. Such disinterested opinions are reserved for Republicans.

No. This is not an off year in Bradford or elsewhere. Every encroachment upon the Republican lines will be heralded forth as a Democratic victory. And it would be a Democratic victory, for there are but two parties in this country. We have to keep our lines intact. We must keep what we have, and get as much more as we can. That is the law of war. There are no "off" years. No man ever saw such a year in this country, and no man ever will see such an one so long as universal suffrage prevails. Therefore, close up your ranks, Republicans, and suffer no breach to be made in your defences. If you have a Jury Commissioner and a Coroner to elect, elect them, and give them such a majority as will announce to the Democracy that you make war on war principles, and that you do not concede anything even in a skirmish.

FROM all parts of the country the reports as to the very gratifying revival of trade present no discordant note. The *Herald* has been surveying the situation at Boston and reports that "in most of the trades visited every one seemed jubilant." It appears that, amid the general activity, the Western manufacturers have been giving their Boston rivals a lesson in enterprise by quietly securing all that market's stock of scrap iron, old rails, etc. It is thought that the marked advance in the price of copper, with a prospect of a still further advance, will induce active operations in several of the Lake Superior copper mines that have been idle for some time. With regard to the future of the iron market the Boston dealers have great confidence. One prominent merchant expressed the opinion that iron will go higher than it has ever been except during the war, when the Government paid for it as high as ten cents per pound. He predicted that bar iron, which a year ago was worth hardly more than one and a half cents a pound, will, in six months, advance to four cents a pound. But the jubilant feeling of the iron men scarcely differed from that which prevails at Boston in all lines of trade and industry.

THE growth of the repudiation sentiment in the South is remarkable, not to say alarming. One of the apostles of repudiation was JEFFERSON DAVIS. Mississippi was the pioneer of old in this bad business. This repudiation does not appear to grow out of inability so much as out of a disposition to get rid of a burden of debt by an easy and summary process. Of course the credit of these States will suffer abroad. But none of them are now applicants in foreign markets for loans. In no instance does this public debt exceed the ability of the State to pay, if not at once, then by a funded operation which would be acceptable to creditors. It is reasonably clear from this fact that had that Democratic element which now rules the South been in the ascendency from the close of the war until the present time, there would have been no specie resumption, and no adequate provision for the payment of the National Debt. Repudiation has been limited by the power of the party to extend it any further.

THE Reading and Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Companies, and the Delaware and Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, issued circulars Friday advancing the price of coal 25 cents per ton. The Coal Combination Agreement has not yet been signed by the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania Railroad representatives. President HOYT, of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, is reported to have said Saturday that the first refusal to restrict production under the provisions of the agreement would overthrow the combination.

THE New England fishermen are feeling the effects of the "Halifax Award" and are not sparing of their denunciation of the whole business. It now turns out that this award not only required the United States to pay the sum of $5,500,000 damages for nothing, but also repealed the tariff on fish brought to our coasts by foreign vessels, thus giving the Canadians advantages in our ports over our own fishermen. They demand that the tariff on fish shall be restored. The Canadians, owing to the annoyances they are able to inflict on our own fishermen can catch the fish at less expense, and so undersell our fishermen in our own markets. It works badly every way, and the more prompt and effective the action of our Government in rectifying the wrong the better. Abrogate the treaty and impose a new and heavy tariff.

AFTER a long vacation the Spanish Claims Commission reassembled in Washington Saturday, but transacted no business, except of the merest routine character, and adjourned until the 18th inst. The deadlock in nearly all the important business of this tribunal is caused by the refusal of the Spanish Commissioner to unite with the American Commissioner in certifying to the umpire their disagreement in any case involving the question of naturalization. The complication is now a subject of diplomatic correspondence between the two Governments, with a fair prospect that the position assumed by the Marquis de Potestad will be overruled by the Madrid authorities.

GENERAL WILLIAM PRESTON, of Kentucky, who was a Major General in the rebel army and always a Democrat, though of late not actively interested in politics, says of President HAYES' administration: "It has been remarkably good. I have no fault to find with it. He has been just and fair, and exercised a conciliatory spirit. I only wish that his kindly disposition had been more heartily reciprocated by the South and his policy more generally approved by the North. Between the two sections he has had many differences to encounter, and I give him credit for doing well under all the circumstances.

THE present may be considered the "off year" in politics, and hence it was expected that a large falling off in the vote polled in the different States in which elections have been held, would have resulted. But the loss thus far has been greater to the Democrats than the Republicans, who have not only held their own, but encroached upon that of their adversaries. They have gained in Kentucky, California, Maine, Michigan, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, all the States in which elections, up to this time, have taken place, to the number of 72,000 votes.

THE Johnstown *Tribune* has the highest authority for stating that on November 1st the Cambria Iron Works will make a considerable advance of wages to their workmen. The advantage of nearly three months' wages in advance will thus be given the employees interested, as it will take the company that length of time to clean out old contracts. Many of the Pittsburg mills have made an advance to their workers, notwithstanding the fact that on account of old contracts they have to sell iron at the old low rates and buy metal and other material at the new high rates.

COUNTRY physicians and schoolmasters are recommended by the Superintendant of the Census as persons having the special training fitting them for census enumerators. Township assessors and other local officers also have experience which will prove of great value. Under the law of 1879 the census must be taken in four weeks. In the cities it is intended the time occupied shall not be over two weeks. The country will be divided into such small districts that the time allotted will be sufficient.

IT has been decided at the Post Office Department that stamps on misdirected letters stopped in the office of deposit and returned to the sender for better direction shall, provided the letter has not been transmitted through mails, though cancelled, be accepted as good for forwarding; also, that stamps on letters for foreign countries requiring prepayment that are stopped for deficient postage shall be regarded as an instalment of proper prepayment.

THIS is the way the Norristown *Herald* puts it: "When the Republican party came into power in Pennsylvania, the State debt was $44,000,000. Under Republican administrations this has been reduced to $14,000,000. The election of SAMUEL BUTLER as Treasurer will place the keeping of public moneys in the hands of the party justly entitled to the administration of the financial affairs of the State."

THE New York *Bulletin* says that an intelligent and well-informed gentleman, who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the iron and steel mill regions of Ohio and Pennsylvania, reports that every establishment in all the sections is working up to its fullest capacity; not a single mill is idle.

IT is the unanimous opinion of all the Boston journals that the Greenback party in Massachusetts is dead.

ACCORDING to the monthly statement, the public debt was reduced during last September by two and a half million dollars. Now that the refunding operations have been completed, a great and regular reduction of the national burden is to be expected.

WENDELL PHILLIPS has declined to run for Lieutenant Governor on the Massachusetts Greenback ticket, because he says he can serve the cause and party better "outside of party lines."

THE Chicago *Tribune* believes that the Mississippi game laws permit the killing of Republicans any time previous to the fall elections.

THE Philadelphia *Times* thinks the business interests of the North will nominate the Presidential candidate in 1880.

LETTER FROM PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, October 6, 1879.

The leaders of both wings of the Democratic party have declared a truce. But they still keep up two distinct organizations. It is a sort of double-headed affair, and the candidates will be called upon to contribute towards paying the expenses of the two committees. It appears to please the Democracy thus to wrangle, and the city will give a Republican majority of twenty thousand for the State and county tickets, nobody on that side appears to have much interest in the fight. The whole fight is based upon preferences for the Presidency. It is Tilden and anti-Tilden. That is to say, "if Tilden expects the unanimous support of the Philadelphia Democracy, he must open the "bar'l.". He can have everything harmonious and favorable, if he applies the proper means.

The Coal Companies have been endeavoring to form a combination so as to regulate the business of mining, carrying and selling coal upon a basis which gives greater stability and larger profits. Last week the agreement was signed by all the principal persons concerned, excepting the representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Lehigh Valley.

A man giving his name as J. Warren, and his residence as Wilmington, Delaware, was arrested in a broker's office on Third street, Saturday, while trying to negotiate the sale of a United States five-twenty bond stolen from the Manhattan Bank, New York, some months ago.

There were one hundred and sixty seagoing vessels in port Saturday.

In the past week 2,863,358 gallons of petroleum were exported from this city.

John Cooke Longstreth, a well-known member of the Philadelphia Bar, has been missing since Friday, September 26th.

Michael Leonard, convicted last week of manslaughter, in having taken the life of Louisa Franklin by striking her with his fist, was sentenced to an imprisonment of one year.

Mr. John Henry Puleston, Member of the English Parliament from Devonshire, arrived on the steamship Pennsylvania last week. Mr. Puleston was formerly the editor of a newspaper at Pittston, and in 1861 was appointed by Governor Curtin as State Agent at Washington, a position which he filled during the war. He comes to this country to collect data in agricultural affairs.

The committee of creditors of the Jay Cooke estate have declared a third cash dividend of two and one-half per cent., payable on and after the 3d of November. They also announce an "asset scrip dividend" of ten per cent., in accordance with the plan for closing the estate. The certificates of this dividend will be delivered at the time of the payment of the cash dividend.

It is hoped that the Pennsylvania Elevated railroad will obliterate a part of the gas works at the head of Market street on the Schuylkill. If it supplanted all together that source of foul odors it would be a matter of congratulation. At times the stench is so great from these works that it is felt as far east as Broad street. The gas works as now situated, are injurious to the public health, and an obstacle to the improvement of the Schuylkill front.

Two members of the Chinese Embassy at Washington, Chun Shue Yui and Tam Kin Chi, came to this city Thursday, and registered at the Continental Hotel. They spent the greater part of the day in visiting various public institutions and other places of interest.

No less than 1,469,150 pieces were coined at the Mint last month. The work of coining, these small pieces will continue uninterrupted for some time. Superintendent Snowden has made a requisition for thirty thousand pounds of one-cent unmilled blanks, which are composed of ninety-five per cent. of copper and five per cent. of tin and zinc, in equal proportions.

The important announcement is made by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad that on and after to-day, the trains of the Bound Brook route to New York will leave the depot, Ninth and Green streets. This fact is of the greatest importance to business men and other travelers between this city and New York, as the depot is easy of access by horse-car line, and within easy walking distance of the residences of a large portion of our population. The popularity of the route for speed, cleanliness, easy riding and varied scenery, is much increased by the central location of the depot, and the admirable arrangement of trains to and from New York, being at hours convenient for all classes of people.

Over a hundred locomotives are in the course of construction at the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Fifteen of these are intended for the Cincinnati Southern, ten for the Northern Pacific, five for the Kansas Pacific, four for the Missouri Pacific, and a similar number for the St. Louis and San Francisco road.

Saturday, October 11th, will be made memorable by the re-union in this city, and at the Centennial Building, of the Grand Army of the Republic. The visiting Posts from different points in this State, New Jersey, Maryland, and New York, and the veteran 14th Brooklyn Regiment, will arrive in this city, each Post accompanied by a band, on Friday afternoon, October 10th, and will be escorted to their respective quarters by details from the various Philadelphia Posts. On Saturday morning the parade will form on Broad street, the right resting on Walnut, and at 10 o'clock A. M., sharp, will march up Broad to Girard avenue, countermarching to Green, and proceeding out Green to the Park, through which it will move to the Exhibition Building, where, under the vast roof, tents will be pitched as headquarters for the different Posts. At two o'clock the military drama of "The German Volunteer" will be played, and in the evening Hon. G. A. Bentley, Commissioner of Pensions, will deliver an address, to be followed by a grand camp-fire and other entertainments. Generals Sickles, Hancock, Newton, Graham, Slocum, Shaler, W. F. Smith, and others, will accompany the Brooklyn soldiers, and many other military men are expected to be present.

William Murray, William Lynch and Arthur Greiner, whose ages range from twelve to sixteen years, were found at Tenth and Chestnut streets, Thursday evening, by Reserve Officer Lober. They stated that they had run away from their homes in Brooklyn, on account of bad treatment; had come here by rail, and it was their intention to tramp Westward. By the time they reached this city the romantic part of the adventure had disappeared and they expressed their willingness to return home.

Nothing more pleasant than a stroll in the Park during this splendid autumnal weather. The forest foliage is charming, and presents a joyous picture, contrasting beautifully with the grass, which yet retains all its summer greenness and freshness.

The Governor has appointed William R. Leeds Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions *vice* George Truman, deceased. The appointment

Don't feed the babies chestnuts. That sort of diet is not suited to the infantile ability to masticate. A one-year old baby was strangled on Sunday at No. 1717 Page street, by a chestnut lodging in its throat.

Mr. Robert A. Parrish, Jr., is an eccentric gentleman, and a lawyer who occupied a desk on the first floor of 229 South sixth street. His peculiarity is that he has a claim against the French Government for important information regarding gold mines in Africa, amounting to many million francs, and he imagines that he is constantly surrounded by spies for the purpose of securing the documentary evidence of his claim, or, if necessary, to deprive him of his life. So he arranged in the drawer of his desk an "infernal machine" made of three horse pistol barrels, heavily loaded, and placed so that opening the drawer would cause their discharge. Unfortunately, an office boy named William O'Donnell, so disturbed the desk that the machine was exploded, blowing out the front of the desk, and tearing his right hand. Had he been standing in front of the desk, he would have received the contents of the barrels, consisting of heavy slugs. A warrant was issued for Mr. Parrish, but at latest accounts he had not been found. Those who know him consider it the freak of an eccentric man, endeavoring to protect himself against fancied enemies, rather than an attempt to do any one malicious injury.

An ourang-outang from the island of Borneo, and of a rare species, has arrived at the Zoological Garden. It has been named Topsy.

In honor of his being an old Pennsylvanian, as well as a member of Parliament, a number of well-known citizens have arranged a complimentary dinner to Hon. J. H. Puleston, who arrived from England last week.

BOURBON BALLADS—NO. 52.

A Northern Democrat Explains the Cases of Shootings and Hangings in the South.

O, yaas! Ther is hangin' and shootin';
But politics hesn't a thing
To do with it, spite of the tootin'
And howls of the Badeke Ring.
Jest study each case for a minute
Onprejudiced, and you'll see how
They come to begin it
And who mixes in it—
It's allus a personal row!

This Dixon? Yazoonas couldn't suit 'im;
They waited upon him one day
And promised they never would shoot 'im
If he would keep out of the way,
All votes and all offices shunnin',
But he, with an obstinate vow,
Insisted on runnin',
And so they went gunnin'—
'Twas merely a personal row!

Jedge Chisson? Yaas! He wus another!
He voted with niggers, they say,
And foolishly said he had rather
Git killed 'n to vote t'other way.
Some two hundred Southerners caught him—
The odds was immense, I allow—
They hustled and got 'im
To jail, and then shot 'im—
'Twas only a personal row!

That Pos'master Nix? Wall, th' trigger,
It hastened the business fer him,
Fer Luther White won't hev no nigger
Distribbit no letters fer him.
It wasn't the Democrats slew him
(But darkeys don't count anyhow);
A bullet whizzed threw 'im
When Luther spoke to 'im—
'Twas plainly a personal row!

What's that? You imagine its curous
That darkeys is allus the ones
To git killed? Not at all! They are furous
An' git right in front of the guns!
They madden the scout and the ranger;
But if they vote with us, I trow,
And not with the stranger,
They won't be in danger
Of hevin' a personal row!

There'd be no occasion to grumble,
And personal rows would be through,
If Radicals South would be humble
And vote ex the gentlemen do!
If black and white niggers wuz willin'
To vote ex as their masters vote now,
'Twould end all the spillin'
Of blood, and the killin';
And heal every personal row!

STATE NEWS.

A BOY named Malin was crushed to death in the mines near Scranton Friday.

EX-GOVERNOR CURTIN, who has been ill over a month with malarial fever, is convalescing.

CHARLES B. KOONS, a lad of Centre Valley, Lehigh county, hanged himself Friday; cause unknown.

THE Board of Commissioners for the improvement of the Ohio river are now in session at Pittsburg.

THERE were forty-nine casualties in the mines of Luzerne county last month, four of which were fatal.

THE Bradford *Era* says that positively the last rattlesnake of the season has been killed in that county.

JACOB PATCHENS, aged thirty residing near Dauphin, was killed Friday evening by a tree falling on him.

THE retail coal dealers of Pittsburg and Allegheny City have formed a combination to advance the price of coal.

A NUMBER of houses were robbed in Chester county last week of money and jewelry while the families were away attending the Fair.

THE Pittsburg *Commercial* estimates the number of opium eaters in that city at 200, and is happy to state that they are not on the increase.

ALL the miners employed in Lewis' ore beds, near Allentown, have struck for an advance in wages. It is probable that the advance will be granted.

"IMMORALITY in the second degree" was the verdict pronounced by the Methodist Conference at Mercer in the case of the Rev. A. S. Dodds.

A twelve-year-old girl in Cambria county, detected in unauthorized purchases at a grocery store, felt so humiliated that she attempted to commit suicide.

IT seems to be the impression in Northumberland county that John O'Neil, one of the Mollie Maguires to be hung at Sunbury October 6, will be respited with a view to his ultimate pardon, as it is believed evidence has been procured to establish his innocence.

JACOB S. GRAY, a wealthy farmer of sixty, committed suicide at Gray's Mills, Crawford county, the other night, on account of continued sickness.

KATIE O'BRIEN, aged two years, fell into a cistern at Allentown on Friday, and was drowned before her parents, who were standing near by, could render assistance.

A DRIVER-boy named Malia was instantly killed Friday at Laggett's Creek Mines, near Scranton by being crushed to death with coal cars, owing to his lamp going out.

CONRAD SEIBERT, of Conemaugh Borough, Cambria county, quarrelled with his wife on Friday, and in a fit of desperation, lodged a pistol ball in his body with suicidal intent, but without success.

JACOB B. HILL, of Belfast, Fulton county, was robbed of $1,300 by thieves; who tied the family and torturing him by holding him over the cooking stove until he told where his money was.

THE Bethlehem *Times* says Dr. G. B. Linderman will make a desperate effort for election as delegate to the National Democratic Convention. Hon. William Mutchler, it also says, will be a candidate.

THE Allentown *Item* states that the hearing of Judge Albright on Friday charged with collecting and appropriating pension money belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Waterhold, resulted in his complete vindication

WILLIAM WEAKIN was instantly killed by an explosion of gas in the Lykeens Valley mines, in Dauphin county, and Cornelius McBriarty was fatally injured by a fall of rock in Prospect colliery at Wilkesbarre.

JESSE R. AKERS, segar manufactory, the Curwensville Bank building, and Graeff & Sons' dwelling resturant and billiard room, were destroyed by a fire in Curwensville on Friday. Loss, $30,000; insured for $17,000.

THE members of the School Board of Williamsport, the City Superintendent and Miss Jennie Platt, one of the teachers, have been arraigned before a United States Commissioner, charged with refusing to admit colored children to one of the public schools in that city.

THE Williamsport *Gazette and Bulletin* gets the printing from the Democratic Sheriff, much to the disgust of the *Sun* and *Democrat*, which is the Democratic organ. But Mr. Fritscher does not mind it at all, for he knows that the *Gazette and Bulletin* is the paper of the town.

AN explosion of firedamp occurred at Richardson colliery, near Pottsville, on Thursday, by which four men were badly burned, one named Harris probably fatally. The men were carrying naked lamps from one chamber to another, when an air current caught the flame and caused the explosion.

ANDREW TRACY, sentenced to be hanged in McKean county October 9, for the murder of his cousin, has been reprieved by the Governor until November 6, in order to secure another hearing before the Board of Pardons for the commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment. It is claimed that Tracy is of unsound mind.

THERE has been a great deal of a boom at the county fairs this year. There were over $15,000 persons at the Berks county Fair on the day that the Governor paid his first visit, and the receipts were over $4000. The Chester county Fair had a good attendance, and about 7000 people went to the Lehigh Fair, at Easton, on a single day.

AT a meeting of the stockholders of the Hyde Park Bank, at Scranton, Wednesday of last week, an assignment was agreed upon and T. B. Mott appointed assignee. The liabilities are $80,000, exclusive of stock. The assets are estimated to be $120,000. Hanford, the late cashier, was a defaulter to the extent of about $20,000.

J. BLAKE WALTERS, Cashier of the Treasury, has been appointed paymaster, with the rank of colonel, in the State National Guard. Colonel Walters has been diligently studying tactics of late, and his comments on the marching, and evolution of the troops under review at Easton were highly appreciated by the commanding officers, and give promise that in Colonel Walters Governor Hoyt has found an officer who will assist in advancing the discipline of the National Guard to the highest standard.

GENERAL NEWS.

MRS. SUSAN KENNEDY MEARS has been found guilty of the murder of Mary Gallagher at Montreal, and sentenced to be hanged on December 5.

BY the explosion of a boiler near Middleburg, N. C., on the Raleigh and Eastern road, on Saturday morning, three negroes were instantly killed.

THOMAS ELLIS, for the murder, at Chicago, of David O'Neill, the yardmaster of the Northwestern Railroad, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

WILLIAM BEACH, aged sixty-five, a member of the New Haven carriage manufacturing firm of Kean & Lines, dropped dead on Saturday from heart disease.

REV. DR. FRANCIS JOSEPH PABISH, for several years President of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, near Cincinnati, died at Mount Hope Retreat, near Baltimore, on Thursday.

DURING the past week several American buyers have been in Ottawa, Ont., making purchase of lumber. The demand continued good and prices are keeping up.

GENERAL B. F. Butler has volunteered to prosecute the claim of Hart, the colored pedestrian, for his portion of the money unjustly awarded to Weston, Ennis, and Krohne.

HENRY EVANS, (Republican Ex-Councilman, of Wilmington, Del., who has contested the election of James Carmichael, Democrat, to Councils, was arrested on five charges of libel.

THE St. Louis chairmakers have demanded fifteen per cent. advance in wages. The cigarmakers' strike in that city is about ended, almost all the manufacturers have accepted the terms of the strikers.

PIETRO BALBO, who murdered his wife last Tuesday at No. 14 Rose street, New York, was brought to that city on Saturday from Wheeling, W. Va., where he was arrested; and he described the murder without hesitation.

THE Miller-McMahon wrestling match at the Madison Square Garden in New York, on Saturday evening was