

Towanda, Pa., Dec. 29, 1881.

It is thought that the present will prove to be a long and interesting season of Congress.

It is rumored that when McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, heard of Brewster's appointment as Attorney General, he set down and wept. Postively wept.

GROVER CROFT on the 21st issued a proclamation declaring the payment, cancellation, extinguishment and final discharge of \$421,883.50 the principal of the public debt of the State for the year ending December 30, 1881.

The Census office, has issued bulletins showing that in the State of Minnesota there was standing, on the 1st of May, 1881, 6,100,000 feet of merchantable pine, in Mississippi 23,975,000,000 feet, in Alabama 21,192,000,000 feet, in Florida 6,615,000,000 and in Texas 67,508,500,000.

HAD SPEAKER KEFER pleased everybody in making up the House Committee, or he would have accomplished what all of his predecessors have failed in. That there is dissatisfaction in some quarters, is easily accounted for when it is remembered that for every place there were a dozen applicants.

That Republics can be grateful was shown by the issuance Friday, over Secretary KIRKWOOD'S signature, of twenty-two pieces of bounty land scrip to the heirs of JOHN PAUL JONES, a captain in the American navy, in appreciation of his acknowledgment of brave and meritorious services in connection with the capture of certain British vessels of war.

The story is not that that President ARTHUR will soon marry the daughter of Secretary FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN has only one unmarried daughter, a handsome woman about thirty years of age. The marriage of the President would be a very interesting event in Washington society. But the rumor in this case, as in so many others, may turn out to be unfounded.

SENATOR FLEMING, of Kansas, has introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the forfeiture of lands granted to railroad companies that have not completed their lines within the time specified in the act of incorporation. The Washington correspondent of the New York Times estimates that the passage of the bill would restore to the public domain many million acres of land now lodged with unfinished Pacific railroads.

The cash assets of the defunct State Capital Mutual Insurance Company of Harrisburg have been ascertained by the Receiver, and amount to \$57,000. The office fixtures and all other property of the concern is estimated at about \$1200. The Receiver is constantly besieged by policyholders who are anxious to realize on their policies, but their hopes are dashed by an examination of the state of affairs as they exist.

The annual report of the Second Assistant Postmaster General was made public Friday. The cost of mail transportation for the year ended June 30, 1881, is summarized as follows: For 1881 railroad routes, aggregating 91,569 miles, \$11,136,335; for 129 steamboat routes, aggregating 11,129 miles, \$75,167; for 10,272 other routes, known as "star routes" aggregating 331,209 miles, \$4,657,355. Total cost, \$19,932,900.

STATISTICS show that the total number of families burned out by the terrible Michigan fires last week was 1,147. The insurance on dwellings, barns, stores and shops was \$229,632. Amount of relief, including money, clothing, agricultural implements, seed wheat, &c., so far, is placed at \$200,000. The total loss is stated at \$3,240,000, and there were destroyed 1,138 dwellings, 130 stores and offices, 38 churches, 16 hotels, 28 saw-mills and 8 churches.

The final official figures of the tenth census of the United States are made public. The population of the States in 1880 was 49,731,340, and of the Territories 784,448, a total of 50,515,788, as against a total of 28,553,711 in 1870. The number of males is given as 25,918,920 and of females 24,596,868. The population of Pennsylvania for 1880 is placed at 4,282,821, as against 3,821,951 in 1870. The division of the sexes in this State runs very evenly—males, 2,138,655; females, 2,144,166.

J. McDowell Shaffer, of Chambersburg, counsel for C. S. Wagar, in the legislative shape case, was in consultation on the 21st instant, with Attorney General PALMER to make arrangements to have the Supreme Court decide the disputed question at an early day. The Attorney General and counsel for the Legislature expressed themselves favorably to a prompt decision in this regard. The object of the conference it was agreed to the Supreme Court, through Chief Justice STAMMWOOD, to designate a day for the argument, whenever it can be done consistent with the court duties. It is thought the argument will be had next month.

CORRESPONDENCE between Postmaster General JAMES HON. GEORGE BLISS, of counsel in the Star Route case, under dates of December 17th and 16th, is made public. The Postmaster accordingly states that he is convinced that the government, under circumstances which bring such payments within section 4,037 of the Revised Statutes, and he believes there is sufficient evidence to maintain suits for its recovery. Mr. BLISS in reply reviews previous proceedings at large, and in conclusion says: "The only criminal proceedings will be made as rapidly as is consistent with justice to the government and the departments, though it is quite possible that you will not find the progress so rapid as you desire."

WITH the Philadelphia North American we think that, of so many reputable papers should print the Birmingham in which the famous scoundrel on trial at which the government is allowed to indulge, is a fact to be regretted. The civil law in this way gives unnecessary notoriety, and is led to regard himself as a person of great importance. His eagerness vanity is thus flattered and inflated, and he is grown worse all words in his desire to make a sensation and keep his name before the public. If the leading journal would agree to ignore the miscreant and his scurrilous, one of the strongest incentives to his present indecent behavior would be taken away, and the public would be no loser.

SPEAKER KEFER in making up his Committee, assigned the Representatives from this State as follows: Chairmen: Ways and Means, Mr. Kelly; Coinage, Weights and Measures, Mr. Fisher; Post Offices and Post Roads, Mr. Hamilton; Manufactures, Mr. Campbell; Public Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Shelburne; Public Expenditures, Mr. Randall; Expenditures on the Public Buildings, Mr. Errett; Messrs Miller and Bellahoeer are on Elections Committee; Errett and Randall on the Ways and Means; O'Neil on the Appropriations Committee; Brumm and Fremont on Banking and Currency; Wash on Commerce; Godschalk on Agriculture; Walker on Foreign Affairs; Bayne on Military Affairs; Harmon and Watson on Naval Affairs; Watson and Mitchell on the Public Lands Committee; Miller on Territories; Campbell and Wise on Railways and Canals; Godschalk on Manufactures; Stanton on Public Buildings and Grounds; Harmon on Pacific Railroads; Bayne and Magrorie on Mills; Smith and Judin on War Claims; Barr and Klutz on District of Columbia; Brumm and Judin on Revision of Laws; Barr on Expenditures in the State Department; Stanton and Curtin on Expenditures in the Treasury Department; Harmon on Expenditures in the Navy Department; Walker on Expanding in Post-Office Department; Wise on Expenditures on Public Buildings; Randall on Rules; Schellenberger on Enrolled Bills; Bayne on Census; Curtin on Civil Service Reform; Fisher on the Committee on Back Pay, Bounty and Pensions.

GRADUALLY but surely the administration of President ARTHUR appears to be developing a policy for itself which may be styled distinctively Republican. It is always necessary for any national administration of this government that would be successful at all to adhere generally to the measures and policy of that powerful body of the people whose votes at the polls called it into existence. And whenever a President and Cabinet undertake to run counter to those measures and that policy, the result cannot fail to be unfavorable to the administration as well as for the country. If, says the Philadelphia North American, the Republican party has been so offensive to public sentiment as some of the pretentious independent journals have labored to make their readers believe, the party could not possibly have carried the last Presidential election, and at the same time overcome the Democratic majority in Congress. And it must be distinctly understood that the Republican party did not ride into power merely on the personal popularity of the candidates, but by reason of public confidence in the general tendency of the principles, measures and policy of the Republican organization in preference to all others. It must be borne in mind that the resumption of specie payment, which was carried into effect so brilliantly in 1879 under the auspices of the HAYES administration, was provided for by the last Republican Congress during the second term of GRANT'S administration, a policy that was then persistently urged in Congress by Gen. GRANT, in opposition to a most formidable public sentiment in favor of an irredeemable paper currency. It must also be remembered that the funding system for the reduction of the public debt in principal and interest was enacted by the Republican Congress during the same administration.

THE APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE. The committee of what have been called the "Continental Republicans," or Republicans who demand reform within the party, has issued an address (which the reader will find in another column) to the Republicans of the State, as temperate in its statements as it is elevated in tone and vigorous in logic. The address indulges in no personalities, disclaims any intention to make war upon persons, and asks the masses of the party to see to it that the next State Convention is so constituted as to represent them in fact as well as in form. The objects of these Independents, as set forth in the address, is legitimate. It is simply a movement for a reform in methods, by which the voice of the party fairly expressed, shall take the place of force, applied to produce results in preliminary political action. There is a positive and increasing dissatisfaction in the party at large as respects the management of primary politics. Nor is this dissatisfaction a recent development. Careful observers have noted it for years, and have raised the note of warning from time to time, hoping to avert intestine quarrel. The warning has not been heeded, and last fall we had an indication of what studied neglect of warning may lead to if persisted in. We do not intend to flatter the Republican masses by informing them that they have been robbed of their right to free choice in the selection of candidates. They have not been robbed. If they have not had their own way it is because they have not asserted their rights and exercised their undoubted prerogative. The people may better be told that they are competent to reform the methods of primary political procedure without going outside of the organization. The fact is that the mass of voters have neglected to exercise their prerogative in selecting candidates. More than this, they have fallen into the habit of leaving the selection of delegates to all conventions to the few who care enough about politics to give the matter attention.

The proper way to receive a popular representation in a State Convention is to organize by election districts and elect the delegates. The practice of leaving such duties to the county committees of the party is not good. It is bad for the people and bad for the committee. It leaves the way open for the accusation of a packed convention. A county committee is constituted for local purposes only, and at best is an accommodation. Its duties are strictly local. It has no more to do with selecting delegates to a State Convention than it has with selecting delegates to the National Convention. No contest over such delegates should ever be carried beyond the county limits. Elect the delegates and instruct them, and if they disregard their instructions, deal with them and with persons afar off. If the party will assert for itself its right to local self-government it need have no fear of "bosses," or of "machines," or of juntas.

And while speaking of "bosses" and "machines," it will be as well to take some of the meretricious glamour from these war cries. When men say they want "leaders" but not "bosses," they seem to forget that every leader is in one and a very important sense a "boss." He gives the word of command; and to him the people look for action. He is made responsible for all blunders. A sagacious leader is a sagacious "boss," and the sooner the people understand it the better. We do not teach men that they can eat their cake and keep it. We do not teach them that a leader does not lead. If he does not lead, he is no leader. So when men say they want organization but not a machine, they seem to forget that organization is only the application of mechanical principles to human community of action. Every organization is a "machine." The army is a "machine"; corporations are "machines"; all government is a "machine." We speak of the "machinery" of government, and we speak correctly. Words express ideas and figures things. What we need is wise leaders and organization that organizes. Full-grown men need not be frightened by words. Old women can have a monopoly of that sort of thing; or they can share the monopoly with political adventurers. We want leaders who lead and organization that organizes. We don't want to be unquestioning slaves of either.

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