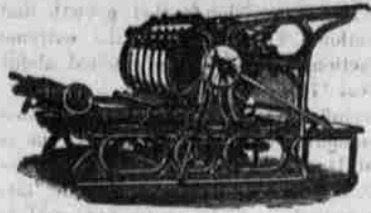


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, January 9, 1872.



THE WHARTON trial at Annapolis still drags along. The court is still engaged in taking medical testimony.

The Governor's Message.

The Senate not having organized the Governor's message was sent to the House on Wednesday last. Below we give a few abstracts from it.

The receipts of the State Treasury during the year were \$8,500,888.44 The disbursements for the year were 7,024,079.85

Leaving balance in Treasury of \$1,476,808.59 The total public debt of the state on Nov. 30th was \$28,980,071.73, from which can be deducted assets on hand of \$10,876,808.59 leaving the actual debt \$18,103,263.14. The reduction of the debt during the year has been about two and a quarter millions.

The Governor gives quite a space to the state war claims which were brought so conspicuously before the public last summer in connection with the "Evans swindle," and he appears to think Mr. Evans is entitled to the eternal gratitude of the state for his labors, and congratulates himself upon having procured so suitable a person to receive the 10 per cent commission which was retained. In reference to the "Credit Mobilier" the Governor speaks as follows:

"The Credit Mobilier of America" is a corporation created by the Legislature of Pennsylvania; and under the vast powers conferred by its charter, it undertook the construction of that great national work, the Union Pacific railroad. The first contract was made with a Mr. Hoxie for two hundred and forty-seven miles, at the eastern terminus of the road, and east of the one-hundredth meridian, for the consideration of fifty thousand dollars per mile. This contract was assigned by Hoxie to the Credit Mobilier, and the road was built by that company. In the execution of the contract certain profits were made and dividends divided by the corporation; and the taxes due thereon to the State of Pennsylvania were voluntarily paid into the Treasury. Soon afterwards another contract with Mr. Oakes Ames, for the construction of six hundred and sixty-seven miles of said road west of the one hundredth meridian, for an aggregate consideration of forty-seven million nine hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. This part of the road was constructed under the latter contract; and out of the profits arising therefrom about the sum of nine million dollars was declared as dividends, and paid to the stockholders of the Credit Mobilier. But when the State demanded her taxes on these immense profits, payment was refused by the corporation, on the grounds that the dividends though paid to and received by, the stockholders of the corporation, and in the precise amounts and proportions in which they severally held stock in the company, were yet paid to them as individuals, and not as stockholders."

The Governor evidently believes that there should be some law passed to compel parents to send children to school. On this subject he says: "There are at least seventy-five thousand children in the State who attend no schools of any kind whatever. It is unnecessary to inquire into the reasons for this shameful neglect. The evil exists and demands an efficient remedy. That remedy may probably be found either in compelling, or in holding out inducements to parents and others having children in charge, whether rich or poor, to afford them the benefits, for at least a reasonable term of years, of our public schools."

In referring to the National Guard the Governor says: "The effective force of the National Guard is at present nineteen regiments, and three battalions, comprising, with unattached organizations, three hundred and eighty-two companies, viz: Eight artillery, twenty cavalry, and three hundred and fifty-four infantry. Of the regimental organizations, thirteen are in the First division, one in the Second, three in the Eighteenth, and two in the Ninth. The aggregate of enlisted men is sixteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, and the commissioned officers number one thousand one hundred and forty-two. The Fifth brigade of the First division, organized in accordance with an act of the last Legislature, is composed of three regiments of colored troops."

In treating the subject of pardons he says: "During the past year the applications for pardons numbered one thousand and twenty-three. Of these, sixty were granted, less than six per cent. of the entire number, being about one to every sixty thousand inhabitants of the State, and far below the average in any State, in proportion to the population, in which committees are appointed to exercise this power."

Accompanying the message was a pardon report, which gives the reasons for each pardon and the names of the persons signing the petition therefor.

Legislature.

The Senate was called to order at 3 P. M. on Tuesday last by Speaker Brodhead. The secretary of the commonwealth presented the returns of the recent election.

The roll of the Senate was called 32 Senators being present. The speaker gave notice that proof having been received of the death of Senator Connell, he had issued a writ for an election to fill the vacancy—Adjourned. The Senate was called to order again at 11 A. M. on Wednesday. Six ballots were had for speaker the vote each time being 16 for Rutan and 16 for Brodhead after which the Senate adjourned.

The Senate met again on Thursday, when another ballot with the same result was had for speaker. After an adjournment for a half an hour the eighth ballot was taken resulting in the election of Mr. Rutan the vote being Rutan 17 Brodhead 15. On assuming the chair the newly elected speaker returned his thanks in a speech which cannot fail to commend itself to every person. The following quotation is worth reading.

"Important duties are to be performed during the session now opening, the first of which is to provide for the election of delegates to a convention to amend the State Constitution, in obedience to the overwhelming voice of the people expressed at the ballot box. Many reforms are demanded, such as prohibiting legal legislation, improvement of our judiciary system, and regulating representation, that can only be secured by an amended Constitution. There should be no delay in passing a bill calling this convention."

The division of the State into Congressional districts in another important question to be disposed of. Our duty to apportion the State is imperative, and in discharging it I trust all will be actuated by a spirit of fairness and a determination to do what is just and right, rather than by a desire to advance party interest. The policy controlling such legislation should be to secure a fair representation of the people in Congress.

Unnatural combinations simply for political purposes should not be tolerated, and no party making them will be permanently benefited. The masses of the people of all parties are honest, and will not endorse unfairness and wrong even for political purposes.

We should all be actuated with a desire to secure a prompt dispatch of the necessary legislation, and of that only which is necessary, and an early adjournment in view of the approaching constitutional convention and our quadrennial political struggle.

Let us commence the work of reform, and make this session a model one for brevity, economy and wise legislation. We are admonished that the people mean the reform of all abuses, and let us earnestly begin the work."

Should the Senate be guided by the above advice it would be a happy session for the State.

Considerable time was spent in an ineffectual attempt to elect a clerk. A short session was held on Friday but no business of importance was done and the session adjourned until Tuesday.

THE HOUSE

was called to order by the clerk of the former session at noon on Tuesday. The election returns were duly presented and the House proceeded to organize by the election of its officers.

On the first ballot Wm. Elliot of Phila. was elected he having received 61 votes to 37 cast for Adam Woolver of Lehigh. Other officers were elected as follows:

On the first ballot Gen. James L. Surrige was elected Chief Clerk, Capt. Hugh Morrison, Assistant Clerk and John A. Small Resident Clerk. Their opponents were, T. Sprole Leisenring for Chief Clerk, R. H. Philan, Assistant Clerk, and W. T. Alexander, Resident Clerk. The vote was strictly party, except for resident clerk, John A. Small receiving just half the Democratic vote.

The Senate not being organized the Governor's message was presented to the House, read and properly referred. After sessions on Wednesday and Thursday at which little was done the House adjourned until Tuesday.

Suicide in a Jewelry Store.

A letter from Chambersburg to the Harrisburg State Journal dated the 4th inst., says:

Last evening a young man stepped into the jewelry store of F. G. Ditman, of this place, and asked for a pistol. Finding one which he saw was loaded, he placed it to his forehead and fired, the ball entering and passing through his brain, lodging just behind the ear. He lived until 3 o'clock this morning. The following letter was found in his pocket:

"Chambersburg Jan. 4, 1872.—My real name and address is W. L. Phillips, Lewisburg, Pa. I am tired of life. I have struggled through too many difficulties the last few years to want to see any more of it. I am getting insane and am worth nothing to myself or friends. Send my body and effects home. My mother remit

expenses to whoever will do what is necessary."

An inquest was held this morning, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the circumstances related.

Ladies who have just returned from abroad report that large panners have entirely gone out of fashion, and overskirts are made short and plain. They also report that the latest style of dressing the hair is in a simple coil at the back, and the front hair smoothed over the forehead and put back plainly behind the ears.

A Comical Incident.

Rev. F. C. Morris relates the following: A parrot, belonging to some friends of mine, was generally taken out of the room when the family assembled for prayers, for fear he might take it in his head to join irreverently in the responses. One evening, however, his presence seemed to be unnoticed, and he was entirely forgotten. For some he maintained a decorous silence, but at length, instead of "Amen," out he came with "Cheer, boys, cheer." On this, the butler was directed to remove him, and had got as far the door with him, when the bird, perhaps thinking he had committed himself, and had better apologize, called out, "Sorry I spoke." The overpowering effect on the company may be more easily imagined than described.

An eminent physician says that a good coat of gum arabic mucilage applied every night to corns will, in a short time, cause the pests to take their final departure.

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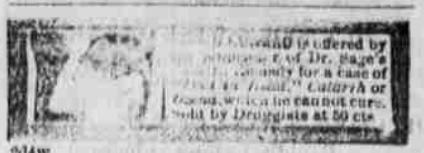
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