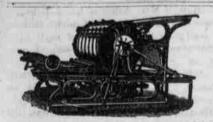
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A VETO.

Gov. Hartranft has, we are glad to see, vetoed the bill aiding the sufferers by the fire at Somerset. There is no reason why the State should act as an insurance compay, and if the principle of giving state aid in such cases was once established, there would be no end to the claims which would be put forth for assistance.

ONE murderer has been hung in New York. On Friday last Wm. Foster, who nearly two years since killed Avery Putnam, with a car book, was executed. Extraordinary exertions were made to have the death sentence commuted, but Gov. Dix refused to interfere. This action will act as a damper on the thirteen other murderers now in the Tombs in that city.

"WHEN the big dogs bark, the little curs will join in." The truth of this saying is exemplified by the action of the State legislature. Congress having voted an increase of salary for the past term, the House of Representatives follows suit by voting to make their pay \$15,00 per day. The present pay is \$10.00 and some people think that is at least \$9 more than the service rendered is worth. Should the Senate concur, the treasury will be depleted about \$66.000, by this operation.

A Parting Kick.

The forty second Congress will long be remembered by the people as a legislative body whose services were dear at any price. Not satisfied with the meanness and corruption developed by the investigating committees, they deliberably stole, under the pretense of increased pay, nearly two millions of dollars from the Public Treasury; and still, fearing they had not done enough to render themselves odious in the eyes of the people they gave them a parting kick by taking from them the privilege of receiving the papers published in their own counties free of postage. This was accomplished in such an underhanded manner that it was not known that it had been done until after congress had adjourned. Then it was only discovered by an examination as to whether the two cent postage bill had actually passed or not. This hill it was found had only passed the lower House, but a proviso had been appended to the postal appropriation bill, which cut off the privilege so long enjoyed regarding county papers. The clause referred to is as follows:

Provided, That all laws and parts of same are, hereby repealed from and after June 30, 1873.

It is very probable however, that many members had no intention of passing a law that would bear such a construction, and that it was done inadvertently during the last hours of the session.

A Test Case.

Mr. Wallace P. Groom, of the Mercantile Journal company of New York has demanded payment at the United States Treasury, of a one hundred dollar legal tender note in specie or an interest bearing bonds, or anything receivable for custom duties, and payment being refused in either of these methods, he purposes having the greenback formally protested.

His main object being to publicly attack the existing practice of purchasing fivetwenty bonds, which are not yet due with overdue greenbacks, and to illustrate the alleged need of privilege of Government bonds that shall be interchanged with greenbacks at the holders option.

Funny Injunction Case.

A strange injunction is reported from Rockingham county, N. H., a man being enjoined from cutting a tree on his own land. This land was coveted for school purposes, and the owner, who had been notified that the school commissioners would meet on a certain day to decide upon taking it, resolved to cut down a tree on the lot. Parties interested, however, wanted this tree to the school grounds, and applying to the Superior Court, got an injunction preventing the man from cutting down his own tree.

At Philadelphia on the evening of the 19th inst., while a girl and boy was performing at the Grand Central theatre, the signal was given too soon, and the boy was shot from the pneumatic tube eight or nine feet. He fell and broke his leg. Mons. Leopold who was to catch him on the trapeze thirty feet above the stage was not prepared to receive him. The accident caused much excitement.

Polsoning by Wholesale.

A correspondent writing from Kinzer's station, Lancaster county, furnishes the Express the following: It is seldom the tranquility of our community is disturbed or its inhabitants startled at anything occurring within its limits; but we have to chronicle a case, which, from the respectability of the parties concerned, is likely to create a sensation, not only in the neighberhood in which it happened, but throughout the whole county. The facts as we hear them are as follows:

There lived in Salisbury township, Laneaster county, a man by the name of Henry Eaby, a miller by occupation, and a wellto-do and highly respected citizen. He was also a member of the Mennonite church, of which sect there is a predominance in this section of the county. About two years ago his wife and two children were taken suddenly sick about the same time and in the same manner. Medicalaid was at once summoued, and the physicians pronounced the symptoms, in all three cases, those of poison. How the poison got into the system of the victims was a mystery yet to be solved. The Physicians examined the premises, and gave their opinion that it might have come from the well, which was adjacent to a stagnant pool of water, known as the dam. Mr. Eaby had the well thoroughly cleansed and the supposed evil removed. The victims, however, all died soon after taking sick. But about two months ago Mr. Eaby, after eating his supper, was taken with sudden sickness, and remarked while drinking the last cup of coffee, at the table, that it tasted so bitter and was different from the former cup he had drank and inquiring of the others if their's tasted so to them, they answering in the negative. The same physician who attended the others that had died was dispatched for, and upon his arrival asked him if he (Eaby) had any enemies-to which those who were around answered "that he had not an enemy to their knowledge; that every one liked him." The physician said the man was poisoned. He lingered for a few days and died. It is now confidently believed that the whole family were intentionally poisoned, and thousand-tongued rumor has been industriously at work for some time circulating stories of the most exciting character. But it is generally conceded in the neighborhood that circumstances point very strongly to the guilt of a certain party in the vicinity. Although the name of the suspected party is in our possession we do not mean to mention it unless criminal proceedings are instituted. We await developmenta.

An Important Decision.

On Monday of last week the Supreme Court delivered an opinion affirming the constitutionality of the Local Option law. The following is an abstract of the majority opinion, as delivered by Justice Agnew.

The Judge said it was an admitted cardinal principle of government that the Legislature, which is the agent of the people, cannot delegate its legislative power to any other person. But what did the legislature in this instance do? It passed a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Twenty-second ward, and provided penalties for breach of its requirements. Thus it was a perfect law when it left the Govany free matter whatever be, and the ernor's hands!; the vote of the people did not make the law, did not give force to any prohibition, and did not create a penalty, but simply expressed an opinion upon the law, their sentiments and wishes in regard to it.

Such a vote might be very useful in ascertaining the utility or advisibility of a particular law, and when the legislature simply calls to its aid the vote of the people to ascertain their views, it acts strictly within its proper sphere. The case of the Commonwealth vs. Parker did not decide this question, for there the law was imperfect, in that it was not mandatory until after the popular decision, but the present law was perfect when it left the legislative hands. The law did not spring from the vote, but the vote sprang from the law. To say that a law resting upon a future contingency is invalid would be to rob the Legislature of the power to act wisely and well for the best interests of the people. Though the Legislature cannot delegate the power to make a law, yet it can make a law and delegate a power to ascertain some particular point upon which the action of the law itself is to depend. The Mayor and Councils have delegated to them the power of making laws and ordinances; but this was simply the power to determine what is best for the city, and the charter of the city was the law which breathed life and force into the result of their deliberations. After citing numerous authorities, the opinion closed by affirming the judgment of the Court below.

Judges Sharswood and Reed dissented.

EM" A fire at Mahanoy City on Tuesday night destroyed the Anthracite hotel, Merchants' hotel, the Lehigh Valley railroad depot and one dwelling. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Loss, \$20,00; partially insured.

LT A water spout burst near Bakers field, California, and formed a chasm sixty feet across and fifteen feet deep. A party Hominy.—A superior quality of Hominy can be bought at F. Mortimer's. of men narrowly escaped death, the falling column completely dranching them.

Meeting of the Railroad Commissioners.

The board of Commissioners of the Duncannon, Bloomfield & Loysville Railroad Company met at the office of the President on Wednesday afternoon, March 19, 1878. Messrs. Wister, McClure, Wm. R. Swartz, Baker, Sheibley and Magee present.

Judge Judkin being absent, on motion of Mr. Wister, W. W. McClure was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of the meeting held Feb. 12, ultimo, were read and the proceedings of said meeting approved.

The Commissioners proceeded to elect a Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. Sheibley, John Wister, Jr., was unanimously elected. On motion, W. R. Swartz, W. W. Me-Clure and J. H. Sheibley were appointed collectors and requested to proceed to collect five dollars per share of stock subscribed, so that letters patent may be obtained without delay.

On motion, the President and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners were authorized to call a meeting of the stockholders, to elect a President and twelve Directors of the Company, as soon as the provisions of the acts of Assembly have been complied with so far as they relate to the duties of the Commissioners.

On motion, the Board adjourned. W. W. McCLURE, President pro tem.

J. A. MAGEE, Secretary.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Shamokin, Pa., March 18 .- A fire occurred at two o'clock A. M. at the Brady colliery, owned by Guilderman & Gorman. The breaker burned to the ground. The loss is heavy. The cause of the fire is unknown. Covered by insurance.

In Brooklyn last week, W. S. Hatch a detective, convicted of perjury, was sentenced to six years and three months, and David David and Eugene Small, boys, were convicted of arson, and sentenced to seven years in the State Prison.

The dye-house of the Dutchess Print Works, at Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on the 18th. Loss, \$50,-000 ; partially insured. Between 600 and 700 hands are temporarily thrown out of employment.

A Missouri woman said she gave a railroad conductor a ten dollar bill ; he said it was a two; she insisted; she took out a revolver and snapped it, and he gave her the eight dollars balance, not wishing to have any dispute with the lady.

Over a dozen persons were injured in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on St. Patrick's day by runaway horses attached to a barouche. There were four horses attached to the vehicle and becoming frightend, the horses ran promiscuously among the large crowd of people. One man has since died from his injuries.

A special edict tolerating Christianity throughout Japan has been promulgated, and it has been determined to throw the whole country open to foreigners. The government is endeavoring to form a code based upon European systems. An universal exhibition will be held in Japan, probably at Yeddo, within the next four years.

LAT'A wondrous story is related by the crew of the bark Sacramento, which arrived at New York on the 10th instant, forty days out from Pernambuco. During a heavy gale, on Feb. 21, "a ball of fire exploded in the belly of the maintopsail with a report like a rifle, scattering thousands of sparks and completely paralyzing all hands for a few moments. Within a few minutes another ball exploded in the same manner near the deck, knocking down one of the crew. No signs or marks were left by these explosions, and what they were no one on board can explain."

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