

The higher courts of Ohio have decided that Christianity is part of the common law, and that exclusion of the Bible from the public schools is violation of such law.

Grounds has been broken on the Northern Pacific Railway at or near Duluth, Minnesota, another job of commerce is to be shot across the continent.

JOSEPH WESLEY HARPER, one of the four brothers composing the great publishing house of Harper & Brothers, died on the 14th inst., at his residence in Brooklyn.

SINCE his veto of the Metropolitan Police Bill, Governor Geary is considered a model Executive by some of the leading Democratic papers in the country. The Governor should feel highly flattered.

BETWEEN small pox and whiskey the question—'What shall we do with the red man?'—is a fair way of solution. Near Fort Benton the Indians are dying off at the rate of twenty-five per day.

The death warrants for Gottlieb Bohner and Albert Von Bohner, convicted of the murder of the Peigenthal family, in Huntington county, were issued by Governor Geary last Friday. The execution of both will take place on Wednesday March 9, between ten and three o'clock.

It looks very much as though Scranton, in this State, is governed by Philadelphia policemen. Taking the evidence of the Scranton papers, it is very unsafe to travel the streets of that place after night. Last week one man was shot, another stabbed, another waylaid and robbed, another murdered outright, and many women were insulted.

This is the exact *status* of the Fifteenth Amendment: We have thirty-seven States; the favorable vote of twenty-eight is necessary. Just that number of States have ratified the amendment, and two others, Texas and Nebraska, are ready to do so. The seven States to go on record against the amendment are: California in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon and Tennessee.

LAST Monday a bill was introduced in our State Legislature, by Mr. Dill, of Adams county, to pay the claims of the border counties for damages committed by the rebels during the war. These border counties have presented claims so often that, it seems to us, they now consider themselves entitled to pay at least once a year. If this is the case why not put them on the pension rolls at once and pay them the same as wounded soldiers are paid.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has agreed to report favorable on the nomination of Judge William Strong, of Pennsylvania, and Joseph P. Bradley, of New Jersey, to be associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nomination of Judge Strong will be confined without much opposition. There is some opposition to Mr. Bradley from the Southern States on account of his location, but it is thought this may be overcome, as there is no objection to him on personal or political grounds.

An interesting insurance case has just been decided by the law courts of Maine. The plaintiffs were H. W. Lawsey & Co., of Portland, whose store was insured by the Phoenix Insurance Company, of New York, for \$2,000. The store was burned at the great fire of July 4, 1866. The company refused payment, on the ground that the store was situated upon leased land, and the agent of the company omitted to state the fact in the policy. The court decided in favor of the plaintiffs awarding the full amount of the insurance, with interest from 1866, and costs.

Is a case involving the legal tender Act, Chief Justice Chase, of the United States Supreme Court, delivered the opinion of the Court, that a contract made before the passage of the legal-tender law cannot be discharged in United States notes. The Court holds that Congress has no power to make Government a legal tender for pre-existing private debts. Three of the judges, however, Miller, Swayne and Davis, dissented. The decision seems to be nothing more nor less than that Congress has not the Constitutional power to pass an *ex post facto* law.

The annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which appeared in the Philadelphia dailies of yesterday shows the great amount of business done by their road, and presents gratifying evidences of its prosperity. The earnings of the road for 1869 were \$17,250,811; the expenses were \$12,208,267, showing a net gain of \$5,042,544.

The Philadelphia and Erie Road lost \$61,512, against a loss of \$83,178 in 1867. The Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Road is shown to have done very well last year.

From the annual report of the trustees and superintendents of the State Hospital for the insane at Harrisburg, for 1869, we learn that the number of patients admitted during the year was 212, of whom 102 were males and 109 females. The number discharged during the same period was 158, of whom 49 were restored and 42 improved. The total of patients treated in this institution since its establishment is 2,750, of these 1,272 were married, 2,633 single, and 215 widowed. Males, 1,568; females, 1,182. Among the assigned causes of insanity, "trouble" figures most prominently, the number thus assigned being 324. Ill-health and domestic trouble follow next in order. There is but one case of "want of occupation," and only 2 cases assigned to intemperance. In 1,264 cases no cause was assigned. Of the occupations, 501 were farmers, 577 were housewives, 434 laborers, and 490 had no occupation. There has been no epidemic sickness during the year, and

The Schoeppe Case. Maria M. Steinecke died at Carlisle in January, 1869. Dr. Paul Schoeppe, who had been her medical attendant during her last illness, was arrested upon the charge of having poisoned her, indicted, tried, and convicted of murder in the first degree. The trial commenced before Judge Graham on Monday, May 24, 1869, and lasted eleven days, terminating on Thursday, the 3d day of June, in a verdict of guilty. A writ of error was then sued out by the prisoner, with the consent of the Attorney General, and the case taken to the Supreme Court. After a careful examination of the exceptions and allegations of error presented, Justice Bell delivered the opinion of the Court, holding that, under the statutes, the Supreme Court cannot review the evidence, nor can it have anything to do with the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, and there is compelled to affirm the judgment of the court below. The opinion is based upon technical objections to the appeal from the court below, and at its close uses this language: "The hearing, therefore, before us was upon a writ of error at common law, upon which no error could be assigned, but those which were apparent upon the face of the record itself. We could, therefore, not legally or in our judicial capacity, look at the evidence, the bill of exceptions and the charge of the Court much less at the large mass of extraneous matter pressed upon our attention and notice. We have nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, and all we can say is that we discover no error in the record." The only hope that Schoeppe now has of saving his neck is that he will be pardoned.

Senator Reveals. It is a curious and interesting fact, says Harper's Weekly, that with the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment, and the close of the great series of measures of reconstruction which formally end the war, a living symbol of the victory of equal rights which has been achieved should appear in the Senate of the United States in the person of Mr. Revels, the colored Senator from Mississippi. It is no less striking and significant that the papers which always followed the great slave-drivers in Congress give and sneer at the new Senator, not because of any want of capacity, any fault of character, or any defect of manner, but solely because of color. If Mr. Revels shall prove to be as shallow as Mr. Wigfall, as arrogant as Mr. Tombs, as false to his country as Mr. Jefferson Davis; and if, like those ancient Democratic Senators and all their brethren, he shall devote all his energies to the perpetuity and extension of the most un-American, the most diabolical and the most inhuman policy that was ever proposed in the Legislature of a civilized nation, we shall agree that the Democratic gibes are well deserved.

If, on the other hand, he shall modestly and steadily continue to support the great principles to which his life has been devoted—if he shall continue to do all that he can to elevate and enlighten the most unfortunate class of American citizens, to establish securely that policy of equal rights among the people which is alone truly American and democratic, to cultivate universal sympathy and fraternity, and to hold the Union to the great and human purposes for which it is declared in the Constitution to be established—if he proves by his Senatorial course his faith in popular government, in liberty, in justice, as the best guarantees of civilization and progress, and the greatest good of the greatest number, he will do what neither Mr. Wigfall, nor Mr. Tombs, nor Mr. Sibley, nor Mr. Mason, nor Mr. Jefferson Davis, nor any of the Democratic Senators, ever did, and will commend himself as they certainly never did, to the grateful remembrance and honor of his fellow-citizens.

FREE BANKING. The following sensible article on free banking we take from the Philadelphia Press of the 15th inst: "It will be remembered that at the last session of Congress an effort was made, under the leadership of Senator Sherman, to equalize the distribution of national banking capital by withdrawing from the Eastern States a portion of the banking capital assigned to them by law, and transferring it to the South, which had none, and to the West, which had not its due proportion. This wise and equitable proposition met with the most determined opposition from the Middle and Eastern States, and was defeated. That discussion very clearly developed one fact, and that is, that banking under the present national banking law is an exceedingly profitable business—probably the most profitable known to the country at this time. Our present banking system was an outgrowth of the war. The Government needed money—must have it, and to induce capitalists to invest in the new system very great privileges were offered. State banks surrendered their charters and became national banks under the national law. Capital is sensitive, sharp-sighted, and quick-witted, and it soon discovered that the new system offered privileges and inducements far more valuable to the capitalists than any system ever devised by any legislative body in this country, and new banks sprang up all over the country as if by magic. Aladdin's lamp could not have produced such wonderful results. The Government printing presses ground under the amount of labor which they were required to perform in order to furnish the national currency as rapidly as the new banks wanted it.

So far as organizing banks under the new system was concerned, it was a grand success, and, in addition, we may admit that, in meeting one of the principal designs of the Government in its establishment, which was to produce a market for its bonds, it was no less a success. We may go further, and admit, also, that up to this time it has furnished the country a uniform currency. But a very grave question now has to be met, and that is this:

Death of J. Wesley Harper. Joseph Wesley Harper, one of the well-known New York publishing houses of Harper and Brothers died in that city on Monday. He was the third of the four brothers, and was born in 1801. James, the oldest, who died about a year ago, was born in 1795. The two surviving brothers are John, born in 1791, and Fletcher, the youngest, born in 1805. All of the brothers were printers by trade, and began life poor. In 1825 they established their publishing house on Cliff street, where they very burned out in 1852, losing about \$1,000,000. But this, so far from discouraging these enterprising men, served to spur them to renewed energy. They immediately ordered twenty new Adams presses, and set about erecting their great new building on Franklin Square, which is the largest book publishing house in the world and an appropriate monument to its noted founders.

Wesley Harper was a warm hearted, genial man, and delighted in his family and friends, devoted as he was to his business. His family circle was large, and no man lived more lovingly and joyously at home. The death of his elder brother, James, which occurred from an accident, was a sad event for Wesley. It broke the old brotherhood of the firm and the old family circle, and weighed heavily upon the spirits of all the survivors—Wesley never recovered fully from the blow, and thereafter was less constant in his attention to business, transferring a portion of his duties to his son, of the same name, until, at length, his health was so impaired that he was confined to his dwelling. During his illness he was visited by many friends, including many whom he had long known in business, and for whom he entertained a high respect. He died as he had lived, serenely and peacefully, leaving behind a stainless name and an unusual number of devoted friends to mourn his decease.

Important to Discharged Soldiers. The following letter, concerning bounty discharges, based on an opinion recently rendered by attorney General Hoar, has been received from Comptroller Brodhead by Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor: **TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 9, 1870.** Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor: Sir: In adjudicating bounty claims under the first claims section of the act of March third 1869 (15 Stat. 334), as construed by the Attorney General in his opinion of January 19, 1870, soldiers enlisting under the act of July 4, 1864, are to be allowed the unpaid installments of bounty as if they were discharged by expiration of service. They are not entitled to the additional bounty granted by the act of July 28, 1869.

When the enlistments were made under the act of July 22, 1861, and the soldiers have been discharged by expiration of service, after serving but a fraction of their respective terms, their discharges will be referred to the Adjutant General of the army for correction or verification. Many who entered merely to fill up the unexpired time were discharged by the "expiration of service" of the regiment, not of their own terms of enlistment. If a soldier who nominally enlisted for three years, though really for the unexpired term of a regiment, is to be paid bounty for three years' service in consequence of the phraseology of his discharge, he might and would in some cases receive for a single month's service fifty dollars more bounty than the man who enlisted for two years and served faithfully his whole term.

The Attorney General distinctly recognizes the authority of the War Department to correct errors in the discharge—an authority which has been exercised from the establishment of the Department. When applications are made for unpaid installments of bounty for services of soldiers enlisted under the act of July 4, 1864, if the unexpired time of enlistment is so great as to raise the presumption of error, their discharges also will be referred to the Adjutant General to be verified or corrected. J. M. BRODHEAD, Comptroller.

Struggles and Triumphs, of forty years recollections of P. T. Barnum. Written by himself. Illustrated: 784 pp. Hartford, Conn., J. B. Burr & Co. \$3.75. The biography of any man who has won eminent success, no matter in whatever department of life, cannot fail to be generally interesting. But the biography of such a man as Barnum, who has won victories upon varied fields, and almost insurmountable obstacles, conquering to himself fame and fortune where most men would have only succumbed in defeat, and covered themselves with obloquy, is a work of no less than exciting interest. In its varied narrative of human life, every reader will find something of personal interest to himself, reminding him of like trials, thoughts and emotions. The book cannot but win for its author a new fame.

A RELICT OF THE LAST CENTURY. John Kitts, an old soldier of the Revolution, visited President Grant on the 10th inst., and was subsequently upon the floor of the House. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania in 1762, and is consequently one hundred and seven years of age. He served in the army during the Revolutionary War, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. When the war of 1812 broke out he was too old for active service, but entered the army as a mail messenger. He has never applied for or received a pension from the Government, never, as he says, having need of it. Now, however, he is quite poor, and has petitioned Congress for a pension. He was introduced on the floor of the House by General Banks, who, after stating his age and his services, requested that he be granted the privilege of the floor. An impromptu subscription for the veteran's benefit was started among the members, and upwards of one hundred dollars raised.

The last excuse for marrying a second time during the lifetime of the first wife, is related by a New Orleans paper. Little over a year ago a man left that city without notice to his family, returning a few months later unable to account for his absence. A few weeks after his return, a young and beautiful girl appeared upon the scene, claiming the man as her husband. He strenuously denied the charge, but she persisted. At last she went away for a few days, and returning, brought with her the evidence of her marriage with the protesting party. At last, constrained to admit the woman's claim, he stated that he went away in a fit of insanity and while in that condition, wooed and won his second choice. We have heard of the plea of insanity in excuse for homicide, but this escape from the penalty for bigamy on such a plea, is new. The man with two wives goes to Utah.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The subscribers have this day by mutual consent dissolved the Co-partnership heretofore existing between them in the Lumber Business at Solomonsville, Pa. All persons indebted to the firm of Moyer, Bowes & Burns will settle the same with the new firm of Moyer & Bowes who still continue the business, and all persons having claims against us will send them in for settlement to Moyer & Bowes. **G. H. MOYER**

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Register's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given, to all persons indebted to the following named persons, to settle their accounts in the Register's Office, at Middleburg, Snyder county, Pa., and that the said accounts will be presented for confirmation and allowance at the Orphans' Court to be held at Middleburg, for the county of Snyder, on the fourth Monday of Feb. next, being the 25th day of said month, viz: Feb. 25, 1870. The first account of Henry B. Snyder, Administrator of the Estate of John B. Snyder, late of West Perry township, dec'd. The account of John C. Small, Administrator of the Estate of Solomon Engel, late of Beaver township, dec'd. The second account of John A. Moyer, Administrator of the Estate of Philip Moyer, late of Chapman township, dec'd. The account of Jacob S. Waller, Administrator of the Estate of Isaac Waller, late of West Perry township, dec'd. The account of Sem Leister, Administrator of the Estate of Jacob Breen, late of Jackson township, dec'd. The account of John S. Beaver, Guardian of Jacob Knoese, a minor child of Daniel Knoese, late of the township of Perry township, deceased. **S. B. SHUCK, Register.**

SNYDER COUNTY S. S. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, To Mary Dettich Widow (—) Jacob Dettich, John A. Dettich, Lydia Dettich, Henry Dettich, Amanda intermarried with George Ewig, Ann Carver widow of George Garrett, Simon Dettich, all of Snyder county, Pa.; Sarah Waller widow of Samuel Northumberland county Pa.; Daniel Dettich Morgan county Illinois; Jonathan Dettich Limestone twp. Clarion county, Pa.; Abraham Dettich Kelly township Union county, Franklin Dettich county Illinois; final decedents of Jacob Dettich, late of the township of Middlebrook Snyder county deceased. **Greeting:** You are hereby cited to appear before the Judges of the Orphans' Court at an Orphans' Court to be held at Middleburg, on the 4th Monday of February A. D. 1870, at which day you are to take the Real Estate of said Jacob Dettich deceased, at the appraised valuation put upon it by an Inquest duly awarded by the said Court, and returned by the Sheriff of said county, or show cause why the same should not be sold, and also setting forth the Executrix did appoint three men who divided and appraised said land and asking a rule on the heirs and legal representatives of said deceased to appear by that day of the valuation or show cause why the same should not be sold. Same day the Court upon due consideration granted the prayer of the petitioner. Therefore you Mary Jane intermarried with Perry Ewig, Sarah Ann intermarried with Henry Bentz, Emma intermarried with Simon Berge, John Courtney, Cyrus Courtney, widow and child of Amos Courtney, deceased, George M. Courtney, Emma intermarried with James Ross, Malbon Courtney and Elizabeth T. Courtney, heirs at law of said deceased of said Jacob Courtney dec'd., to appear by first day of the next term of the Orphans' Court of Snyder County to wit: On Monday the 25th day of February 1870, and accept said lands as described, situated in said Township of Middlebrook, at the appraised value, or show cause why the same shall not be sold under the direction of the said John Courtney, deceased. **Certified from the records of said Court at Middleburg this 13th day of December 1869.** **J. CROUSE, Clerk O. C.**

COURT PROCLAMATION. Whereas the Hon. S. S. Woods, President Judge of the Judicial District composed of the counties of Snyder, Union and Mifflin, and A. K. Middleworth and George C. Moyer, Esqs. Associate Judges in and for Snyder county have issued their precept bearing date the 18th day of December, 1869, and directed by the holding of an Orphans' court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General court of Quarter Sessions of the peace, at Middleburg, for the county of Snyder, on the 4th Monday, (being the 25th day of February, 1870,) and continuing on the 4th day of said month. **Notice is therefore hereby given** to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances to do justice things which they are required to do in and for their respective offices and in their behalf persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons are required to be then and there attending and not departing without leave at their peril. Justices are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time agreeably to notice. **Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's office in Middleburg, the 24th day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.** **JOHN S. WOLF, Sheriff.**

ADJOURNED COURT PROCLAMATION Whereas the Hon. S. S. Woods, President Judge of the Judicial District composed of the counties of Snyder, Union and Mifflin, and A. K. Middleworth and George C. Moyer, Esqs. Associate Judges in and for Snyder county have issued their precept bearing date the 18th day of December, 1869, and directed by the holding of an Orphans' court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General court of Quarter Sessions of the peace, at Middleburg, for the county of Snyder, on the 4th Monday, (being the 25th day of February, 1870,) and continuing on the 4th day of said month. **Notice is therefore hereby given** to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things of their offices and in their behalf persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons are required to be then and there attending and not departing without leave at their peril. Justices are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time agreeably to notice. **Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's office in Middleburg the 7th day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy.** **JOHN S. WOLF, Sheriff.**