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FOR GOVERNOR RYAN.
HON. JOHN R. PACKER,
OF AUBURN.

War Cloud.
A small war cloud has arisen on the political horizon. This time between England and the United States in relation to the Washington treaty of the Alabama claims. The English Commissioners have withdrawn from the conference and the English press talk was in preference to the payment of the claim.

We think however that the cloud is not very threatening, and that John Bull will soon see the conclusion that prudence is the better part of valor and pay his honest debts without any resort to war measures. One thing is certain, they cannot scare the people of the United States into compliance with their wishes. They must either act fairly and honestly, or if they appeal to the sword, they must be thrashed as usual.

Notwithstanding the vast extent of this country, there is danger that unwise and imprudent legislation should be passed, for that may come when it will be as difficult for persons to buy land here as it is now for them to do so in Great Britain. In the Western and Pacific States vast tracts are in the hands of speculators, while in many cases in the East, monopolistic hands possess portions of territory the cultivation of which is the life of the people. It is said that in the San Joaquin valley, in California, nearly 3,000,000 acres, or 1,877 square miles are owned by two men, while another man owns a tract of 510 square miles. Sixty-five out of every hundred acres are idle. There is a wide field, in that State, for the exercise of those who are interested in the future of the country, and the maintenance of the public good. It is a matter of great importance to the people of the United States, and the work of legislation can go on without interruption or delay, while the people of the United States proceed with the election of a President.

WARREN & FAIR ELECTIONS.
The result of the election in the Fourth Senatorial District does not surprise any one that has the least knowledge of the friends and of Republican devotion to Republican duty, principle and purpose of good government. It was a result achieved by men who are in politics from consistent convictions of right, and who are the thorough-bred of a great national contest, were not prepared to stultify themselves by admitting that their organization is their own corrupt and base ambition, and that their chosen candidates must be defeated. Ten days ago we took the ground that it was necessary to defeat a regular Republican candidate for Senator in the Fourth District, by a reform party, it would be also necessary to recognize the force and consistency of the same reform party in the election of a Governor and President, and thus by a very mean order of hierarchy, the Republican party of Pennsylvania would end its own existence. The thorough, full license and fair devotion to the cause manifested by the Republicans of the Fourth Senatorial District, show that the organization of our party cannot be sacrificed at the will of any malignant or even considerable number of criminals, and that it will be maintained firm and intact under all circumstances; all of which is the evidence of the vitality and justice of our principles.

The allegations put forth that Col. Gray owes his success to fraud, are simply ridiculous as well as absurd. There never was an election conducted with more vigilance, purity and fairness than that in the Fourth Senatorial district of Tuesday. Men who never before engaged in a contest, took part in that for the special purpose of having a fair election, and the very foremost citizens were present at the polls to see that the law was enforced. In view of these facts, it is idle to talk of fraud or contest for the seat before the Senate. Col. Gray was fairly elected by the people, and he will be fairly sustained in his seat by the Senate.

Since the above was written and in type, the Philadelphia papers, containing elaborate accounts of outrage and violence alleged to have been perpetrated at the polls by Republican police officers and others in the Republican interest, all which must be taken with many grains of allowance, and which is only the story by the defeated party in every election held in the metropolis, who allege that their defeat is caused by the frauds of the victors. It is very certain that all political parties and aspirants for office in the gift of people in large cities deem it a necessity to do more or less cheating. It is to be deplored that such a condition of affairs exists anywhere in this country, because fraud at the ballot-box is only another name for rebellion and treason, and should be punished by the severest penalties of law. As Colonel McClure gives notice of his intention to contest this election we do not deem it proper to repeat the exaggerations in reference to the alleged frauds in this case, leaving the contestant to bring them out, as he is best able to do as an able lawyer, and relying on the fairness and impartiality of the Senate to deal justly with the issue when it is regularly brought to their attention.—State Journal.

Death of Hon. Evans Henry S.
Death has again invaded the senate of Pennsylvania. Hon. HENRY S. EVANS, who represented the senatorial district composed of the counties of Chester, Delaware and Montgomery, died at his residence in West Chester on Friday evening last at six o'clock. His disease was pneumonia. His age was about sixty years.

Mr. EVANS was for a long time prominently connected with the politics of the State. The *Valley Record* of West Chester, under his management, has grown into a prosperous newspaper enterprise and into a position of great influence with the republican party in its region of the State. Mr. EVANS served two terms in the house, and was twenty years ago a member of the State senate, and was a fair and moderate politician, and his private life was esteemed for its virtues.

His death leaves the State senate one more a tie. The speaker RYAN will immediately issue his warrant for a new election, and within thirty days a successor will be in the senate. Of course the successor will come from the district which Mr. EVANS represented, namely that of Chester, Montgomery and Delaware. It is not likely that the will produce any very important legislation of the public business. The senate is completely organized, the registry bill will be larger meet with taciturn opposition, and the parliamentary right of continuing the seat of Mr. GRAY will be conceded to Col. Nathan. There is at the same time an apparent withdrawal of the part of the republicans from the senate, and the members of Congress, who remove for the present all practical questions in dispute between the two parties, and the work of legislation can go on without interruption or delay, while the people of the United States proceed with the election of a President.

Spring Trip Cans.
It is now generally known that the spring trip cans, which were prepared for the purpose of carrying the people of the United States to the continent, are now ready for shipment.

Many prominent citizens and other parties are busy discussing the question whether or not a president of the U. S. should be elected to a second consecutive term. The people, without any proper judgment in their eyes, if a president has not proved his qualifications, he has proved his incapacity, and there is but little chance of his being returned to the White House, on the other hand, when a man has acquired a reputation with more credit than was ever expected of him, it would be but just to permit him to retire against the wishes of the American people. What objection would have resulted in during the war, had Lincoln's place been filled by an inferior and possibly treacherous, weak or vacillating man, is hard to determine. If a successor, Grant, has evidently gained the confidence of the people in almost as great a degree as his illustrious predecessor, and that people will decide that it is preferable, whether they wish him to return or not. Our humble opinion is, therefore, that the people, at the end of each Presidential term, are the proprietaries in the case.—*Lehigh Valley Chronicle.*

The administration of justice in Cambria County seems to be in a satisfactory condition. The United States District Attorney Bates is at Washington, and owing to the payment of the court expenses already made, the court will convene on the 15th of the month. When brought before the court, the defendant in the case of the United States vs. the United States, will be tried. The other cases are now pending, and the court will be held on the 15th of the month. The court will be held on the 15th of the month.

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A large room in the house was set with a tank the size of the apartment which was filled with water to represent a lake. Straws and chairs were scattered about it—filing floated upon it, and the boats fashioned of dresses were drifted upon the tide. Every four was removed from the interior of the house, and outside of rows, with trailing vines, and other things placed on the floor was a table of courses, and the floor was deeply strewn with soft floral carpeting. Within an amber constructed orange blossoms, a figure in white velvet gave her heart, or its counterpart, to another figure in full dress. Perhaps the two all fooded with bliss in the thought of the splendor of their wedding to last them a couple of years. But I'm thinking, people in these times who will throw away so much for an hour's pomp of a display, will gain their boot a week before life together is half over. There are not enough of the dear old fashioned wedding nowadays. The necessary aim for the young men is, first, rich, then marry. Is the word to be used, or is it to be so few in license and practice it would slip back into our grandfathers' idea, about courting and matrimony. Don't you think so, good people? Good night.

Death of Ex-Senator Grimes.
A telegram received at Washington announces that ex-Senator Grimes from Iowa, died on the 14th at his residence in that State from paralysis. Mr. Grimes' health of late has been quite good, and it was supposed that he had entirely recovered from the first paralytic stroke, which he had during the impeachment trial of President Johnson in 1868.

James W. Grimes was born in Deering, Hillsboro' county, N. H. October 10, 1815. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1836. He afterwards removed to Iowa, where, in 1838, he was elected to the first territorial Legislature. He was Governor of the State from 1841 to 1855. He was elected Senator to Congress in 1855, and again in 1857. During the greater part of his term in the Senate he served as chairman of the committee on Naval Affairs, and to this position he rendered important service to the country during the war. He was a frequent and able opponent upon the impeachment trial, for which he was severely censured by his political friends.

Death of Mrs. Grimes.
Mrs. Grimes, the wife of the late Senator, died at her residence in Iowa, on the 14th inst. She was a native of New York, and was a member of the same church as her husband. She was a devoted wife and mother, and her death is a great loss to her family.

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69,630,461 is the reduction of the national debt in January.
A lady was lately injured to death in Missouri—another illustration of the "power of the press."

Less snow has fallen during the past season than has fallen thus far in this State for several years.

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