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The Sanbury American comes to us enlarged. Long may Wilvert and Messer hold the situation Success gentlemen.

The greatest breadth of this State is one hundred and seventy six miles, and the greatest length two hundred and eighty miles. It contains twenty million three hundred and sixty two thousand eight hundred and eight acres of land.

A special from Harrisburg says: Another defect has been discovered in the new Constitution, and it is feared it will affect disastrously the Centennial projects. The Attorney General of the State cannot see how, under its provisions, the State can aid the movement, nor pay the money heretofore appropriated. Because of the failure of the conditions of the appropriation, the Governor and Treasurer are in a like dilemma, though heartily sympathizing with the cause. It is thought that the only means of obtaining the money will be the imposition of a tax on the gross receipts of all city passenger railroads.

A PARENT THAT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.—The Department of State, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, is in possession of a magnificent sword, sent by the late Castellar government of Spain, as a present to President Grant. It was left at the American Legation at Madrid by General Sanchez Dregua, Castelar's Minister of War, and forwarded to the United States by General Sickles, through General S. W. Crawford. It is a superb Toledo blade, of rare workmanship, and of the finest metal and temper. On one side is a list of the battles in which General Grant figured during the rebellion, and on the other the words, "Let us have peace." The hilt is what is known as the basket pattern, and instead of having been cast, it was carved entirely by hand. The scabbard is of polished steel, without any ornament. Under the Constitution neither the President nor any other officer of the United States can accept a present from any foreign government, and it will require an act of Congress to enable General Grant to become the possessor of this splendid sword.

Electing President and Vice President.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections have under consideration the following propositions under Senator Morton's proposed constitutional amendment to change the mode of electing the President and Vice President:

First. To abolish the electoral college.

Second. The President and Vice President to be voted for directly by the people.

Third. Each State to be divided into as many districts as it has representatives, and the candidate having the highest vote for President in a district to receive the vote of that district, which shall count one presidential vote; each State to be also entitled to two presidential votes at large, which shall be counted for the candidate having the highest number of votes in the whole State.

Fourth. The person having the highest number of such presidential votes in the United States shall be President. [This will allow a President to be elected by a plurality vote.]

Fifth. These provisions to be applicable to the election of Vice President.

Sixth. Congress shall have power to provide for holding and conducting presidential elections and to establish tribunals for decisions of contested elections in districts or States and make regulations to govern these tribunals.

Pardons.

Applicants for pardon during the ensuing year will be compelled to comply with the following rules laid down by the board of Pardons under the new Constitution, viz:

First.—The Board shall be furnished with proof that notice of application for pardon has been published once a week for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper printed in the county or city in which conviction was had.

Second.—That notice of the application shall have been given to the judge who tried the cause and the district attorney or attorney who prosecuted.

Third.—All application for pardons must be accompanied with the following papers, written in a clear and distinct hand. 1. A certified copy of the whole record, including docket entries, minutes of the court, copy of indictment, plea and all other papers on file in the court relating to the case. 2. A full statement of the reasons upon which the application is based, setting forth all the facts; the notes of evidence taken on the trial; letters from responsible persons in the community where the crime was committed.

Fourth. No application will be considered if presented to any individual member of the board.

Fifth.—All applications and correspondence must be addressed to, or filed with the Recorder of the Board, at Harrisburg, so that the same may be prepared for presentation to the Board at its next session; and no application will be heard or considered unless the same, and papers upon which based, have been filed at least five days before said session.

Sixth.—The foregoing rules will be strictly enforced and relaxed only when good reasons shall be furnished for so doing.

M. S. QUAY, Secretary of the Commonwealth. SAMUEL E. DIMMICK, Attorney General. By order of the Board. A. Wilson Nossis, Recorder.

Pennsylvania Items.

—The "champion hog" of the state is claimed for Lancaster county. It was slaughtered by a Mr. Moyer, and dressed 900 pounds.

—Out of one hundred jurors drawn for the last term of the Mayor's Court in Scranton but twenty-one were capable of writing their names.

—Junata county in turn has the coal fever, some believing that the article has been found near Perryville. They might as well hunt whales in the Junata.

—About two weeks ago a fire broke out in the Empire mine, situated on the outskirts of Wilkesbarre, and belonging to the Wilkesbarre Coal Company, and has been raging with great fury since.

—Over four hundred hands employed in the different shops of the Reading Railroad company, in Reading, have been either discharged or suspended—one hundred at the car shops, and three hundred at the lower or machine shops.

—Lawrence Schlip, a German about 55 years of age, committed suicide on Saturday evening a week in Harrisburg. He placed the muzzle of a heavily loaded musket in his mouth, and operated the trigger with a latch. Nearly the whole of his head was blown off. That Schlip was to have been tried at the next court for theft is the supposed cause for the act.

—Justices of the Peace should remember that they are required to take the oath to support the New Constitution, within 30 days after the proclamation of the governor declaring it a law. This proclamation was dated the 7th of January, consequently the oath must be taken before the Recorder, previous to the 7th of February.

—A family residing in Beaver avenue, Allegheny, were thrown into intense excitement on Thursday night, by the noise made by a skillful burglar. A strong force of policemen were hastily summoned, and thorough investigation instituted, which resulted in the discovery of a large black cat, masculine gender, frolicking around the garret. No arrest.

—A man was in Allentown the other day who told the story that a man living on Sugar creek, Monroe county, killed a duck last week and found in the fowl's crop sixteen grains of gold of about the average size of a buckwheat kernel. A search disclosed a quantity of gold on the banks of the creek, and quite an excitement has been created over the matter.

—On last Sabbath day a week, a child of the Rev. Mr. Whitney, of Perryville, about one year old, swallowed a pin, point downward. Dr. Graham was immediately called. His first effort to remove the pin with an instrument was crowned with success. In his skillful hands the instrument caught the pin, and drew it out, thereby snatching the life of the child from a distressing and painful death.

—Mr. Samuel Stimeling who runs a stationary engine at Patterson, used to pump water from the river to the reservoirs owned by the railroad company, was gagged and robbed in the engine room on Sunday evening a week by two men. The noise of the struggle attracted the attention of a man named Crawford, and when he appeared one of the scoundrels rushed at him. He ran for assistance but on returning a few minutes afterward the villains had fled.

—A poor man in Scranton lost a child by small pox. During the sickness he was obliged to beg bread, but so fearful were the people of coming in contact with him, that the morsel he received was barely sufficient to keep his family from starvation. When the child died he applied to the authorities for a coffin, but could not obtain one. Councilmen sent him to the poor directors, and the poor directors referred him to the Councilmen, so that between the official benevolence of public men, the man returned home and made out of rough boards a box in which he placed his dead child. He was then obliged to carry the rude coffin to a grave which he dug with his own hands.

Waite of Ohio as Chief Justice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Senate in executive session were engaged in the consideration of the nomination of Morrison R. Waite to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator Edmunds and the two Ohio Senators—Messrs. Sherman and Thurman—spoke in favor of confirmation, showing a consonance of views to Mr. Waite's integrity, his good legal attainments, and his suitable temperament for a judge.

Senator Sumner alluded to the solemnity of the occasion in connection with the advising and consenting to the appointment of a Chief Justice, and said that, owing to the importance and merits of the subject, considering the weighty matter before that great tribunal, it became them all to be duly impressed with the fitness of the gentleman whose name was before them. He was gratified to learn such favorable reports from those who knew him better than he did. No remarks were made by any Senator in opposition to the nomination. On the question, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?" the vote was unanimous, the yeas—63.

Absent or not voting—Senators Alcorn, Ames, Dennis, Dorsey, Hamilton of Maryland, Johnson, Sprague, Sumner and Windom—9. The injunction of secrecy was removed from the vote, which was as above given.

The President was this evening officially advised of the favorable action of the Senate, and will immediately inform Mr. Waite of his appointment.

General News.

..Twenty one of the riotous New York workmen have been held for trial.

..Hostilities in real earnest have commenced between Honduras and San Salvador.

..A man has been arrested at Potosi, Grand co., Wisconsin, who confesses to having murdered forty persons.

..Hogs slaughtered in Cincinnati during the present season, to Saturday, 541,791, against 527,916 during the same time last year.

..Both houses of the O. Legislature, in joint session, re-elected Allen G. Thurman to the United States Senate.

..The amount of bonds of the loan of 1858 that have been thus far redeemed is \$5,211,000, and the amount exchanged \$5,389,000.

..In Jersey City, Joseph W. Freeman shot and killed his mother, in her own bed room because she declined to give him \$2,000. The murderer was at once arrested.

..A Washington special says that Mr. Cushing will not withdraw from the Spanish mission, it being the President's earnest desire that he should accept the office. He will not sail for Spain until instructed by the State Department.

..President Grant has acted most wisely in refusing to interfere in the political affairs of Texas. He evidently does not regard with favor the attempt of a State court to override the clearly expressed will of the people in a purely political matter.

..A Miss Charlton of Chicago has been elected third assistant clerk of the House of Representatives, after several very close ballots. Pay, six dollars per day, "without regard to sex, color, or previous condition of servitude."

..A Kentucky legislator, who could not read, sent up to the speaker's desk, the other day, his whisky bill, thinking it a petition from his enlightened constituency. The speaker, who happily, was a better scholar than his colleague, discovered the mistake in time to prevent its passage.

..All the proprietors of places of amusement in New York were notified last week by the police that hereafter no nocent concerts would be permitted on Sunday nights, and that all violations of this rule would be followed by immediate arrest. This order creates intense excitement among the Germans.

..The House Committee on Civil Service have agreed to report a bill reducing the number of Deputy Commissioners of Internal Revenue to two, instead of three, thus saving \$3,000 annually, and providing that the present vacancy of First Deputy be filled by the appointment of one of the two deputies now in office.

..Forty eight diamond rings, worth seven thousand dollars, were stolen from Dahme & Co's jewelry store in Cincinnati on Saturday evening by a young man who seized the tray containing them, and ran off while the proprietor was getting a box to put in a ring the thief had purchased. The robber escaped.

..Benjamin F. Evans, of Charleston, South Carolina, who died recently had charge of printing the confederate money during the war. His life, while at work for the rebels, was full of adventure. He was obliged to import his machinery and skilled labor from England, via Mexico and the West.

..The Providence Times tells the story that a lady at Newport attempted suicide by taking poison a day or two since, in despair, because her husband had become so far reduced in circumstances as to be unable to purchase for her a silk dress she coveted. A physician and stomach-pump frustrated her design and brought her back to life, a wiser woman.

..Of the fifteen million inhabitants of Spain, twelve million can neither read nor write. There are four thousand villages, towns, and cities presided over by mayors, two thousand of whom are unable to sign their names to any public document. That country is sadly in need of a government which shall place a higher estimate upon the importance of educating the people.

..During an interview, which Susan B. Anthony had with the President on Saturday the latter wanted to know if he could do anything for her, to which Miss Anthony replied: Yes. She wanted to name the Chief Justice. The President asked whom she would name for the office and Miss Anthony said: Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The President, laughing, said this name had not been suggested to him, but he would submit it to the cabinet for their consideration.

..A young woman was arrested on the streets of San Francisco a few days ago, in a very hilarious state of intoxication. She was supposed to be of bad character, and was placed in a cell with about a dozen of the most degraded drunken prisoners. After a while her frank, frency subsided, and she realized where she was, when her grief became terrible. The keeper finally removed her from the cell and gave her a place by herself. She was found to be a young lady of previous good character, and was discharged with an admonition. She had a valuable gold watch and \$200 in her possession.

..Seven Spanish provinces have been declared in a state of siege. The Carlists have recently captured quite a number of government troops. The insurgents of Cartagena have surrendered and the place is now in the hands of the government troops. 2,500 of the insurgents escaped in one of the ironclads, but was attacked by the fleet at the mouth of the harbor, and after an engagement of some length, the vessel surrendered to the French authorities. Among those escaping were Gens. Contreras and Galvez, and the other members of the insurgent Junta.

WILKESBARRE, Jan. 19.—The dissatisfaction among the colliers of the Wyoming district still spreads. No rupture has yet occurred, but the men are silently and earnestly working to protect their rights, which they allege have been infringed upon by the corporate bodies. From all sections of the region reports come that the work of organization is being expedited by representatives of the Miners' Association. Already a large membership has been enrolled under the standard of the Miners' National Association. New members come in daily. J. Siney, president of the National Union, arrived to-night. 40,000 miners will probably be enrolled in this region before the end of the month.

E. F. Kunkel's Bitter Wine of Iron. E. F. Kunkel's celebrated Bitter Wine of Iron will effectually cure liver complaint, jaundice, dyspepsia, chronic nervous debility, chronic diarrhoea, disease of the kidneys, all diseases arising from a disordered liver, stomach or intestines, such as constipation, flatulence, indigestion, aching of the head, and all diseases of the stomach, bowels, heartburn, stomachic fullness, weight in the stomach, nervousness, sickness of the head, burning or itching of the throat, cholic or colic, and all other ailments arising from a disordered liver, stomach or intestines. When in this posture, dimness of vision, dots or spots before the sight, dullness of the sight, deficiency of perspiration, redness of the skin and eyes, pain in the side, back, head, chest, limbs, etc., sudden flushes of heat, nervousness of the face, constant watery eyes, and great depression of spirits. Price \$1 per bottle. Beware of counterfeits. Do not take any other medicine until you have tried Kunkel's Bitter Wine of Iron. It is sold in bottles of 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 108, 120, 144, 168, 192, 216, 240, 264, 288, 312, 336, 360, 384, 408, 432, 456, 480, 504, 528, 552, 576, 600, 624, 648, 672, 696, 720, 744, 768, 792, 816, 840, 864, 888, 912, 936, 960, 984, 1008, 1032, 1056, 1080, 1104, 1128, 1152, 1176, 1200, 1224, 1248, 1272, 1296, 1320, 1344, 1368, 1392, 1416, 1440, 1464, 1488, 1512, 1536, 1560, 1584, 1608, 1632, 1656, 1680, 1704, 1728, 1752, 1776, 1800, 1824, 1848, 1872, 1896, 1920, 1944, 1968, 1992, 2016, 2040, 2064, 2088, 2112, 2136, 2160, 2184, 2208, 2232, 2256, 2280, 2304, 2328, 2352, 2376, 2400, 2424, 2448, 2472, 2496, 2520, 2544, 2568, 2592, 2616, 2640, 2664, 2688, 2712, 2736, 2760, 2784, 2808, 2832, 2856, 2880, 2904, 2928, 2952, 2976, 3000, 3024, 3048, 3072, 3096, 3120, 3144, 3168, 3192, 3216, 3240, 3264, 3288, 3312, 3336, 3360, 3384, 3408, 3432, 3456, 3480, 3504, 3528, 3552, 3576, 3600, 3624, 3648, 3672, 3696, 3720, 3744, 3768, 3792, 3816, 3840, 3864, 3888, 3912, 3936, 3960, 3984, 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