

Democrat-Editorial.

Circulation increasing TWICE as fast as any paper in Northern Pennsylvania.

Gold closed in New York, on Saturday at 115.

The associated iron manufacturers at Pittsburg, finding a continued stoppage operating most disastrously to their interest by transferring business to other localities, have generally agreed to resume work at \$5.50 per ton, a substantial victory for the striking employees.

In Connecticut the democrats have a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, controller, a democratic senate, a democratic house, a United States senator and three members of congress. The republicans have left a United States senator and one member of congress. This may be considered a pretty clean sweep.

A "Freeman" in the Montrose Republican who is either the editor himself or some other member of the Court House Ring that is trembling in its guilty boots explodes in the following manner:

"When I look at such glaring results—when I see that the Grangers are becoming very popular among ex-Rebels—while I see that Southern 'chivalry'—white men, who never work a day in their lives if they can help it, are 'raining' this Granger movement—I am satisfied it is a Democratic game, and only one of the agencies by which the Rebels hope to regain their ascendancy at Washington. As a free press, please give vent to these opinions."

In the case of the commonwealth vs. Kittanning coal company, involving the constitutionality of the tax on bituminous coal, which was one of six suits brought by the state for the recovery of the tax and which was tried in the Danphin county court at the March term, Judge Pearson filed his opinion, declaring the tax unconstitutional. The case was argued on the part of the commonwealth by the Attorney General Dimick, and for the defendant by Hon. James H. Graham, Hon. Francis Jordan and Hon. Louis W. Hall. This decision involves a serious diminution of the public revenue amounting yearly to not less than \$500,000.

Of the thirty-seven Governors, nineteen are Democrats, sixteen Republicans and two Independents. Of the same number of Legislatures, twenty are Democratic, fourteen are Republican and three Independent. Our radical friends have repeatedly told us the Democracy was dead. With a majority of Governors and Legislatures, a large majority in the House of Representatives and a bare majority against them in the Senate, we think such assertions smack strongly of the absurd. We presume that, after we have elected a President in '76, and put the country upon the high road to peace and prosperity, they will still give utterance to that decided chimera, "the Democracy is dead," and roll over into the waves of oblivion.—Echanga.

The Pottsville Miners' Journal frantically assails the miners and their leaders as "ignorant, barbarians," "bandits and outlaws," and "infernal fiends and tyrants," who are the "curse of the community." Worse still, the "Modoc savages and the outrages they committed are innocent compared with the bandit leaders in the coal regions where all laws and all rights of citizens are trampled in the dust." It then talks of "haunting them down," banishing them from the country, and teaching the insistent leaders of the workmen the lesson of the country, and that place is behind prison bars. Probably it was such insane cries as these that led to the military expedition to the coal regions. In a few brief months the partisan esculapian will be employing all the partisan esculapian in its command to persuade the "honest, intelligent, and hard working miners" to vote the radical ticket.

The Lewistown Democrat has a fearful bill of indictment against the managers of the Soldiers Orphan School at McAllisterville. It says that "the terrible epidemic of typhoid fever there is directly traceable to filth, that they have but one washer-woman, and that the children are cheated in their food, in their clothing, and in the ordinary means of preserving health; and that, such and such, they are treated little better than dogs; their food is little better than slop; that they are lousy, raw with itch, and much more to the same general effect, even down to the teachers eating the oranges sent them by Mrs. Hutter for the sick."

If these charges are true, the authorities ought to look into this matter. It is a terrible shame that fatherless children should be treated in such a manner, and the teachers of the school ought to be summarily and severely dealt with. Let the charges be at once investigated.

"THE RUM DEMOCRACY"

The Montrose Republican and the rest of the Court House Ring, have always charged the Democrats of this county with being rebels, traitors, and rascals; and that the Republican party was composed of patriots, loyalists and teetotalers. Their party last year was transferred by a set of resolutions, signed, sealed, and delivered to S. B. Chase, proclaiming it henceforth to be a Prohibition party, without any reserve, and announcing that its first and foremost aim should be to carry out the principles of prohibition in the state and nation. The Democratic House of representatives, because it had a majority, was denounced for passing an act repealing Local Option and its members were held up by the ring organ of this county as objects of execration. Now we would like to know why they did not allow the Democrats to enjoy this reputation that they have given them at least until after the next election? Allowing, for their benefit, that this is a party affair, why don't they throw the

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