

Democrat-Editorial.

Circulation Increasing TWICE as Fast as any Paper in Northern Pennsylvania.

Gold closed in New York, on Saturday at 1144.

Rope Pin IX. will assist in our Centennial by contributing to the exposition works of art from the galleries of the Vatican and other places, where he can control. A letter just received from him expresses the warmest friendship for the United States.

I think that Grant would get along better in the Third Term business if he would put the entire management of the scheme in the hands of General Mosby, who has more dash and daring than Haven, and better judgement also. He is sound on crooked whiskey, and the school question, and understands midnight riding.

The have already scoured the White House, and if the prosecuting attorneys use all the evidence that will be brought to them in the Babcock trial they will play off with every man in the Executive Mansion.—John A. Joyce, Missouri Senator.

This is strong language, which only the truth would warrant. If we rightly construe him, Joyce means to say that Grant himself is connected with the whisky ring—a conclusion to which we should not assent without the absolute proof. So much cannot be said for Babcock, whose character has already been badly damaged by his connection with Boss Shepherd's Ring methods, and tho' in advance of his trial it would be unfair to pronounce definitely upon his guilt or innocence, the weight of argument is rather against than for him. A good deal of allowance, too, should be made for the circumstances under which Joyce frames this personal indictment. He may be as unscrupulous in his thirst for vengeance as he was in his levies upon the mailmen... We hope, however, that the prosecuting attorneys will use, as Joyce suggests they should, "all the evidence that will be brought to them in the Babcock trial." We want the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, at any cost.—*Phil'a Times.*

Gov. Chamberlain has made a bold move in his warfare with the flagitious gang who rule the legislature of South Carolina. He has refused to sign the commissions of Whipple and Moses, who have just been elected to the supreme bench of the state, on the ground that the duty of choosing judges belongs to the next legislature which will be elected before the present judicial shall expire. These jurists, Whipple and Moses, have thus been rudely awakened to the apprehension that their cheap judicial honors may prove too dearly purchased after all. This action of Governor Chamberlain will throw the question before the people of South Carolina in the election of a new legislature and it is possible that such a combination of the honest men of all parties can be made as will prevent the sleep shams of the elevation of Moses and Whipple to the judiciary bench of the state. But the ring of which J. P. Patterson and his associates are leaders, has hitherto been all-powerful in the politics of South Carolina. These desperate men are in complete control of the negroes who constitute a large majority of the voters. But whatever may be the issue of the conflict Gov. Chamberlain has earned the confidence of the honest citizens of South Carolina. He is sincerely endeavoring to redeem his pledges, and he should be heartily assisted in his efforts to wrest South Carolina from the grasp of the soldiers.

The Meanness of the Astors.—The generosity of the Astors is shown in some facts contributed by a correspondent of the "Sneechday Star": Some forty or fifty years since the idiot son of John Jacob was placed under the charge of a young student of Dr. Chapman of Cambridge, Mass., named Dickinson. One day while Dickinson was sitting at his desk and his charge lying upon his bed, the latter raised a cudgel and bared it at the former's eye, hitting it in the eye, utterly destroying it, and causing a profusion of blood and flesh. Dickinson, who was then a boy of about ten years old, was forthwith committed to the Astor, and the brother, the late W. B. made a journey to Cambridge. He gave young Dickinson a trifling sum of money. He told Dickinson, however, to call at the Astor place of business when he came to New York. In the course of a year or two young Dickinson, having flushed his fortunes in that State, was again at the Astor's door, secured a handsome practice. Soon, however, the consequences of his wrong laid him prostrate. Finally recovering his physical tone, he told the Astor, that he had no means of saving his life. His brother, fearing for him, helped him out of his financial difficulties, and he went to New York. There he met the writer of the communication to the Star, and told him the circumstances above narrated. Together they made a journey to Cambridge. Dickinson, who was dismissed from a lunatic asylum recently, is back again, his condition having become worse.

Mr. O'Connor's Life.—Charles O'Connor has for years stood in the front rank of American lawyers. His father and mother emigrated from Ireland to this country early in the present century, and their son was born in New York, in 1804. In 1816, Mr. O'Connor died and the future scholar and advocate received only a common school education. His father was too straightened in means to fit him in my private advantage, having but little money, especially after the death of his wife. The son had the primary English branches, a little Latin taught him by his father, and some French. Other wise he is wholly

self-educated. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1824. For more than four years he labored assiduously, but in 1828 he attracted considerable attention by his argument before the Supreme Court of the case of Divorce vs. Mr. Ladd, etc. In 1832 he again placed himself prominently before the public in the slave Jack case, in 1843 in the Lipedman will case, and in 1851 he earned national reputation by his argument in the Forest divorce case. His other great cases were the Mason will case, the Lemon slave case, the Jimbel estate litigation. In 1873 he appeared prominently in the prosecution of the New York officials. He served for fifteen months as the United States district attorney for New York under President Pierce, and was a member of the New York state conventions of 1846 and 1851. He was nominated for the presidency by the labor reform convention on Aug. 22 1872, but he declined the nomination, as he did also that of the party known as the "straight-out" democrat in Louisville, Ky., on the 3d of September of the same year. He nevertheless received 21,559 votes.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Ice gorge in the Susquehanna.

WILKESBORO, Pa., Dec. 24.—The mild weather of the last few days started the ice in the river today. The detached ice became gorged about two miles below Wilkesboro and the water has risen rapidly. It is now seventeen feet above low water mark and has overflowed the right bank. The flats between here and Kingston are partially submerged, and street car travel has been stopped between the two places. The weather is now colder with a stormy raging and the river is at a stand still.

Our Northern Neighbors and their Militia.—OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—When the British troops were withdrawn from Canada in 1870, an agreement was entered into by the Dominion Government with the Imperial Government of Germany, that the Canadian dollars in keeping up the defensive force of the militia for five years. As that time expired with the present month, the Dominion Parliament will consider the militia question at the approaching session; and it is said that the government will largely reduce expenditures.

Tev Coates Explosion at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—About noon while a party of boys were firing a toy cannon in front of Specht's confectionery, it exploded and portions of it struck Wiley Galloway, aged 18, a nephew of Colonel Galloway, editor of the *Appeal*, in the forehead. The boy was taken to the hospital, the right eye being destroyed, breaking his nose, and fracturing his mandible. Another portion struck a negro, who was passing by, on the wrist, perforating it horribly. Another piece struck Captain Walter Goodman, secretary of the Planters' Insurance Company, on the leg, inflicting a slight wound.

Indictment of a Prominent Radical in Indiana.—INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—The United States grand jury to-day returned an indictment against Harry Halloran, superintendent of the postoffice, charging him with receiving \$2,000 from W. C. Mason in consideration of securing for Mason a contract for repairing mail bags, sacks, boxes, etc., as Mr. Halloran learned of his indictment, he had given his resignation as supervisor of the postoffice and in company with his attorney presented himself at the United States marshal's office for arrest, and gave bonds for \$2,000. Mr. Halloran demanded an immediate trial, and is awaiting an acquittal.

Terrific Tornado in Bermuda.—HAMILTON, Bermuda, December 23.—A fearful tornado passed over Tucker town and St. David's Island on the evening of the 17th inst. The house of David A. Smith, a well known pilot in Tucker town, was blown into the harbor with Captain Smith inside. Captain Smith was carried across the harbor, where she was so badly injured that she died in a few hours. Their four children were drowned. Several other buildings were demolished, but there was no further loss of life.

The Boston Cooking School.—The cooking school here is a capital affair. It is under the management of a company of ladies, who hire the rooms and see that the cook teacher is competent. Their lessons of two hours, each to a single pupil, as the learners prefer. The terms are \$15 for ten lessons. I believe. The pupils do the cooking themselves under the direction of the teacher and may, if they like, eat what they cook. Many of the classes are composed of middle-aged women who are excellent housekeepers and go to the cooking-school to learn to make ornamental dishes, in which the teacher excels. The school has no publicity and its classes are formed and waiting long before they have the opportunity to go. The results are excellent, and I think every city would find such a school would be well supported.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE:—All persons are hereby cautioned not to purchase any article to have been made by John Colford, about four years ago, in the city of Boston. He is a man of bad character who has a history of crime. Those who have purchased any article from him should return it to the manufacturer, or to the Boston Register at their office in Scarsdale, N. Y., to-day, or to-morrow, or to the 1st of January, 1876, inclusive, and have a full refund made.

THOMAS F. COLFORD, Register's Office, Yonkers, Dec. 15, 1875.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Western District of Pennsylvania W. J. Moore of New Milford, Pa., a bankrupt under the Act of Congress, has filed his petition for discharge from all his debts, and other claims alike and equal to his debts, and has agreed to pay to his creditors what he owes to them at a rate of 5 per cent. payable at the 1st of January, 1876.

THOMAS F. COLFORD, Register's Office, Yonkers, Dec. 20, 1875.—**But**.

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