

JUNIATA SENTINEL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24, 1873.

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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

SUPREME JUDGE,
HON. ISAAC C. GORDON,
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY.

STATE TREASURER,
HON. ROBERT W. MACKEY,
OF ALLEGANY COUNTY.

DISTRICT TICKET.

SENATE,
JOHN IRWIN, JR.,
OF CECIL COUNTY.

ASSEMBLY,
J. BEATTY HENRY,
OF MIFFLINTOWN.

COUNTY TICKET.

SHERIFF,
JACOB LEMON, ESQ.,
OF MIFFLINTOWN.

REGISTER AND RECORDER,
WILLIAM W. LANDIS, ESQ.,
OF TOWNSHIP.

TREASURER,
HENRY A. STAMBAUGH,
OF MIFFLINTOWN.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
J. BANKS WILSON, ESQ.,
OF FAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

JURY COMMISSIONER,
JOHN MOTZER, ESQ.,
OF WALKER TOWNSHIP.

AUDITOR,
A. V. MAFFEE, ESQ.,
OF TOWNSHIP.

YELLOW FEVER prevails in Memphis, Tennessee.

BERLIN, Iowa, was devastated on the 20th inst., by a \$200,000 fire.

The survivors of Dr. Hall's arctic expedition in the Polar have been rescued.

ENGLAND will have to import 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, if despatches can be relied on; also 3,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

A DESPATCH from Constantinople, Turkey, says: There was a violent storm on the Black Sea last week, that proved very destructive to shipping. Seventy vessels were wrecked near the mouth of the Bosphorus. Nearly all on board perished. At one point on the coast 255 corpses have been washed ashore.

THE St. Louis Republic of the 8th inst. publishes a sensational article, to the effect that J. Wilkes Booth is yet alive. That paper gives the name of the author of the story. According to the story Booth lay concealed in Washington thirty days after the assassination of President Lincoln, and then escaped unnoticed.

CHICAGO has suffered from another great fire. About three o'clock on the 17th inst., a fire broke out in the hay depot of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company. A despatch says: The locality where it originated is built up almost entirely of wooden buildings, mainly dwellings of the smaller class, and the fire inflicted a great amount of damage upon the families living in this quarter, many of whom are of the poorer class. More than one hundred houses were destroyed.

A DESPATCH from South Bend, Indiana, under date of September 12th, says: At the M. E. Conference now in session here, the subject of schools was under discussion to-day. The venerable Bishop Simpson said: "Pardon a digression. I want the day when women will vote. Without her vote I fear we will never be able to put down the houses of infamy and the liquor saloons of our country. Nothing is so ruinous to the country. It is true, and it is my opinion, that we can't get along without woman voting. It is not good for man to be alone."

A DESPATCH from Detroit, under date of the 6th inst., says: Peter Jean, not the father of the little girl who was outraged by James Conover in Muskegon, went to the jail to-day and asked permission to see the prisoner, which was granted by the sheriff. Jean then stepped to the door of the cell where the villain was confined, took a pistol from his hip, and shot Conover in the head. Jean was then taken before Justice Hoyt, and admitted to bail. The facts in the case are briefly stated by the Free Press correspondent as follows: On Monday last Conover enticed the little girl, only nine years of age, into the woods, where he kept her all night, foully outraging her person. Search was made for the child during the night by the alarmed parents, but in vain. About daylight the deed let her go, and she came home, barely able to walk. Conover was arrested on Tuesday morning and lodged in jail. The little girl died on the following morning. The outrage created great excitement at Muskegon. To-night, it is feared, an excited crowd will force an entrance to the jail and finish Conover, who is still living. The Governor has ordered a company of militia from Grand Rapids in case of emergency.

According to the advices of a Chicago paper the corn crop in the West this year will be far below the average.

Failure of Jay Cooke & Co.

The past week has been one of considerable excitement in all of the Atlantic seaboard cities and in most of the larger inland towns, in consequence of the failure of Jay Cooke & Co. This firm was looked upon by Americans and Europeans as the first banking house on the North American continent. The opinion was an outgrowth of the war. The house came into prominence and confidence by the agency for the sale of United States securities that the government conferred on it. With the governmental support they received, any success prominence and confidence that they reached. Men talk of gratitude and indebtedness that Americans owe to Jay Cooke & Co. for their negotiation of United States paper. The sentiment is a noble one to awaken, but when they attempt to apply it to the defunct house they do wrong. Jay Cooke & Co. owed their prominence and honor to the government of the Great Republic. The government and its people owe them nothing. Capricious criticism is highly offensive, but it is not more objectionable than a manufactured sympathy for a party or house when it really merits censure for its mismanagement and widespread financial distress.

This famous banking house was great when supported by government, but a few years after it was loosened from its governmental mooring its financial management became so complicated that it failed. They over-reached themselves in railroad business. Their failure would be of little consequence if their business relationship had not been so extended. Directly through their railroad disaster they strike all the counties, to a greater or less degree, in the Northern States, and through city banking institutions they disturb greatly agitate and embarrass the finance of the whole country. Their failure will prove to be the death of the "wild cat" concerns that seem to be so abundant, and unfortunately embarrass many good and substantial houses. A little time, however, will right the whole trouble, and the financial atmosphere will be all the clearer and purer of the riddance. Let us be discreet in our business demands and all will soon be well.

Judge Gordon.

A SKETCH OF THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

HIS EARLY LIFE.

Judge Gordon was born in Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., December 22, 1819, and is consequently in the forty-fourth year of his age, although his face looks ten years younger.

The grandfather, John Gordon, who was of Scotch-Irish origin, settled at an early day in Northumberland county. The father of Isaac G., whose name was Zachariah, settled at Lewisburg some years before the birth of our candidate, and for many years followed in that place his trade of coopering. At a later date he came to Brookville, where he died in 1872, in the 83d year of his age.

During childhood our hero had such educational advantages as the country then afforded, which, it is well known, were not first-class. His father, from sickness and misfortune, was very poor, and like, as he was familiarly called, when only sixteen years old, found it necessary to support, by the labor of his hands, the whole family, consisting of his father, mother, three sisters and a brother. This heavy charge and responsibility, under which a more timid youth would have given way, had no difficulties which could not be surmounted for young Gordon. The path of duty, as he understood it, was plain before him, and though hardships had to be endured, struggles made, and great self-denial practiced, he was found equal to the task. Entering Nathan Mitchell's iron foundry, in Lewisburg, as a wane-cleaner, he afterwards learned the trade of moulder, at which business he worked some seven or eight years, part of the time in Danville, then Columbia, now Montour county, and part of the time in Martinsburg, Blair county, about two miles from Altoona. Being crippled in the Lewisburg foundry by the molten iron filling the shoe on the left foot, he was laid up for several months, which time was employed in reading and study, and during which time he acquired a taste for literary as well as scientific pursuits, which has adhered to him through life.

As soon, however, as he could walk without crutches, and long before his foot was well, he was compelled, by that stern necessity which knows no law, to lay aside the books and take his place in the foundry. During these long years of labor, and untold association with the hardy sons of toil, he became familiar with their wants and ideas. While being one of them, then, in fullest sympathy with the great army who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, it is not strange that he imbued those principles of protection to home industry, general education, and national liberty which have since formed the principal features of his political creed. That he still retains his fondness for mechanic arts, and is still regarded among the workmen of Brookville as a mechanic of no mean order, is fully attested by the fact that no one is more frequently consulted on all subjects in which they take an interest.

STUDYING LAW.

A classical education being craved by study during intervals of labor and at night, together with three months at the Lewisburg Academy, Mr. Gordon entered the office of James F. Linn, of Lewisburg, in the year 1841, as a student of law. For his first legal preceptor Mr. G. has ever entertained feelings of gratitude and respect, always referring to him as a "noble man, and a good, kind friend."

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

in the courts of Union county, April, 1843, the same year he removed to Greenville, Clearfield county, and the

next year to Clearfield, then called Old Town, the county seat of the same county. Here a partnership was formed with Hon. Geo. R. Barrett, a gentleman for whom Mr. G. still entertains feelings of the warmest regard, recognizing in him one who was a friend in his early struggles.

About this time William Cameron, Esq., then, as now, a resident of Union county, admiring the pluck of the crippled foundry boy, furnished him with money and law-books, thus acting the part of a father to him, and enabling him to make a fair start in the world. That the confidence of Squire Cameron, one of the best judges of human nature in Pennsylvania, was not misplaced, the life of Isaac G. Gordon has fully established. In 1846 he removed to Brookville, and formed a partnership with Hon. Elijah Heath, father of John Heath, Esq., of Alleghany City, which continued until Judge Heath left the town, some time in 1850 or 1851.

In August, 1848, he was married to Mary C., daughter of Dr. John W. Jenks, of Punxsutawney, who has been the star of his life, and borne him three daughters and one son, all of whom are living and growing up under the guidance of their worthy parents, to the ornaments to society.

Of this Jenks family, it might be remarked that while the father was a doctor, the boys, as well as Mary, rather inclined to the law, as William P. Jenks, one son, is now the president judge of the Brookville Judicial district, while his two brothers, P. W. and George A., are practicing attorneys before him, the latter, although comparatively a young man, standing in the front rank of his profession.

GORDON'S POLITICAL CAREER.

But to resume this brief sketch, it is noted that in 1856 a partnership in the practice of the law was formed with his younger brother, and the firm still continues. In 1856, A. L. Gordon. In the years 1860 and 1861, the people of the Representative district composed of the counties of Jefferson, Clearfield, Elk, and McKean, which was largely Democratic, desiring to be represented by a man of honest integrity, character, and brains, selected Isaac G. Gordon to perform that duty, notwithstanding he had always been known as an Old-line Whig and Republican. The latter year of his term of service in the House of Representatives, he was chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, where, as a deep thinker and clear reasoner, together with his thorough legal knowledge, he was able to render important service both to the people of his district and the State at large.

In April, 1866, he was appointed by Governor Curtin President Judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial district, composed of the counties of Mercer and Venango, in which position he served with distinguished ability until the first Monday of December, in the same year, when he was succeeded by Hon. John Trankley, of Mercer, who was elected on the second Tuesday of October previous. The members of the Venango bar unanimously requested Judge Gordon to be a candidate for this position, to which he would undoubtedly have been elected, but as his election would have rendered it necessary for him to remove to Franklin, he was compelled to decline on account of pecuniary considerations.—E.

THE OPELOUSAS (La) Journal of the 5th inst., is responsible for the following:

"Down in the parish of St. Martin, an old widow lady, whose children had all married off and left her alone, had been persuaded to sell her little place and live with them. She sold her land, buildings and improvements one day for \$2,000, and received the money on the spot, in her own house, where the act of sale was passed before two witnesses, the number required by law, and who also witnessed the paying of the money. In a short time she was to give possession, but she remained in the house the night following the sale, all alone, or with no masculine adult inmates, as was her custom. That night two negro burglars broke into the house and demanded her money or her life. She gave it to them, but begged them to let her have one hundred dollars, as she owed that amount, and would pay the debt, when she would be satisfied. They finally consented to let her keep the one hundred dollars. They then ordered her to make some coffee for them to drink. In doing so she behatted herself some strange thing she had in the house and quietly dropped it into the pot of steaming coffee, and placed it on the table, with cups, spoons and sugar for them to pour out and sweeten to their taste.—This they did, and drank in a jolly mood, each one having one hundred and fifty dollars in his pocket. But in a few minutes the tables were turned. One gave up the ghost at the table where he sat in his chair, and the other got up, staggered off a few feet, and tumbled over into eternity. The good old lady recovered her money, and on examining the persons of the black burglars, they turned out to be the two witnesses to the act of the sale. Both white men blackened for the occasion—both her neighbors, and one her cousin."

On Monday morning, the 8th inst., Mrs. Treachman, living in Hazleton, buried up the fire by putting coal oil with the pot of steaming coffee, and placed it on the table, with cups, spoons and sugar for them to pour out and sweeten to their taste.—This they did, and drank in a jolly mood, each one having one hundred and fifty dollars in his pocket. But in a few minutes the tables were turned. One gave up the ghost at the table where he sat in his chair, and the other got up, staggered off a few feet, and tumbled over into eternity. The good old lady recovered her money, and on examining the persons of the black burglars, they turned out to be the two witnesses to the act of the sale. Both white men blackened for the occasion—both her neighbors, and one her cousin."

THIS Altoona Tribune of the 22d inst., says: On Thursday evening two men named Wills and Carlin, both residents of Huntingdon county, were arrested for drunkenness by Chief Harnden and after great difficulty were escorted to the lock-up. On his way to the city prison with the inebriated parties who made an effort to release the prisoners which fortunately proved futile. Heavy fines were imposed in the case of each at the hearing on Friday morning.

Miss Flora Rogers, of Kansas, sent Archibald Brown or branch of promise, and settled it for a pair of steers and bushels of corn.

SHORT ITEMS.

Glass bonnets have appeared.

Eleven sisters in Iowa are waiting for an opportunity to change the name of the town, which is the only thing they inherited from their father.

While a compositor on the Montreal Witness was setting up an advertisement for a lost canary bird a few days ago, the bird flew in at the office window.

Henry Wink, the Tidbits barber, who was arrested a short time since charged with an attempt to fire his own building, was tried and convicted at Warren week before last.

A Clay county Ky., auctioneer pulled out a glass and announced: "If any man goes frolicking around while the sale is going on, I shall interrupt him in his career. Put him shutters over the fence and leave him there."

According to authentic information there is a license for the sale of drink in Russia for every 640 inhabitants; in Siberia, 1 for every 500; in Prussia, 1 for 299; in England, 1 for 128; in Belgium, 1 for 92; in Holland, 1 for 90, and in France, 1 for every 70.

Messrs. E. N. Marks and William Siner, the latter a member of Philadelphia Council, who were to visit the County of Chester for the purpose of wintering for maintaining gaming-houses, have been pardoned by Governor Harrist.

A two-year old child of Jos. Adams, of Cecil county, Md., into a well 57 feet deep, with a few inches of water in it. The child was taken out alive, and hopes of its recovery are entertained. The accident occurred while Mrs. Adams was putting down a bucket of butter by a cord.

A vault containing the remains of Chancellor Livingston, in the town of Rod Hook, N. Y., was broken into a few nights ago. The remains were destroyed, and the body was laid out in the street. The perpetrators of the crime are unknown.

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One of the best ways to test a spider's ability to get himself out of a scrape, is to put an ordinary wash-bowl in the corner of a stick and place it in the center of the bowl, and reaching some distance above the rim, put a piece of string over the top of the stick. The spider will get himself away from the isolated quarters in less than ten minutes, if undisturbed, and he won't wet his feet in the process.

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