

The Democratic leaders have loudly proclaimed for many years that government salaries ought to be reduced one-half. The party has just given places to about a hundred and fifty persons in the house of representatives, whose salaries range from eight thousand a year to seven hundred and fifty dollars for the session.

Harrisburg, Dec. 13.—Attorney General Lear is now fully installed in his office, and is busily engaged in the active discharge of his official duties. It is understood in legal circles here that the appointment of Attorney General was made with the understanding that the appointee takes up his residence in Harrisburg, to be here constantly at the call of the Governor, like the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Adjutant General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other officials.

Wheeling, W. Va., December 18.—For several years the people of Mason and Putnam counties in this State, have been subject to the depredation of a regularly organized band of robbers, who styled themselves the "Friends, Brothers" or "Red Legs" and who had their headquarters in the mountains six miles from Winfield, the county seat of Putnam.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Lehigh and Delaware Division canals closed on Saturday. The City of San Francisco made the trip between New York and San Francisco in sixty-two days, the best time on record.

Lake navigation was closed at Chicago last week, most of the vessels destined for that port having arrived or tied up somewhere else.

The colored Methodist Episcopal Church has now four bishops and membership of 200,000 in the Southern and Western States.

The manufacture of malt liquors in the United States has become an enormous industry, yielding the Government an annual revenue of nearly \$10,000,000.

Wine has been so abundant in Burgundy this year that if the customer would bring two casks to the press and leave one the owner would fill the other free.

The total number of teachers in all the States and Territories is 2,473,060, being nearly one to every nine children in constant attendance, and of the teachers about one-half are women.

The Khehive of Egypt has recently established a high school for women containing over two thousand students, similar in many respects to the normal colleges of this country.

A centenarian of Moulton, Iowa, Mr. Singly, after thinking the matter over for 104 years, came to the conclusion last week that it was not good for man to live singly, and so wedded Mrs. McLaughlin, aged 80.

The pearl fisheries of the Gulf of California threaten to be entirely ruined unless the government shuts down on the wholesale use of submarine armor. Last year they yielded about \$100,000 worth of pearls and \$200,000 worth of shells, while this year's operations will hardly pay expenses.

Mr. James T. Fields visited Pomeroy, the boy murderer, in his jail recently, and learned from him that he has been a great reader of blood-and-thunder stories. He had read sixty dime novels, all about scalping and other bloody performances, and he had no doubt these books had put the horrible thoughts into his mind which led to his murderous acts.

The New York Seventh are going to enlarge upon their bill of dress for the Centennial year, and will adopt a new style of dress hat for the officers and a nobby fatigue uniform for the enlisted men. The hat will have the new style of round visor, and will be surmounted with a plume instead of a pompadour. The fatigue blouse for the men will be of white flannel and the caps of white linen.

There are thirty thousand tons of iron ore ready for shipment at the mines of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, at Slesholzwitz, Berks county. The mines have suspended operations in accordance with the order recently received from headquarters. The mines had been kept steadily in operation since 1873 and an immense quantity of ore had been mined during the last three years.

THE DOSS. CAN THIS BE TRUE—RUMORS THAT WM. WREED IS HIDING IN NORTH-WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—A SENSATIONAL ITEM OF NEWS—PROBABLY A CARNARD.

The Titusville Courier of last week publishes the following sensational item. There is probably not a word of truth in the matter, but being hard up for an item of news we publish it:

There are many theories put forward as to the hiding place of Tweed. Some think he is in Canada; others that he is well on the way to Europe, and some profess to believe that he is still in New York city, hiding among some of his trusty friends. Another theory, is now advanced, and that is that he is in Northwestern Pennsylvania. It is now a well known fact, that two detectives arrived in this city on Saturday night last, from New York. The nature of their business was discovered by accident. It is now thought by parties in New York city that he left there for Philadelphia when he escaped, that on his arrival at the latter city he was taken on the night train over the Pennsylvania Northern Central and Philadelphia and Erie roads to Irvineton, and from thence went with a party of his friends into the interior of Forest county, where a secure hiding place has been found for him—or one that is thought to be secure by his friends.

It is one of the wildest and most inaccessible regions of the state. It is said that Tweed is accompanied in his retirement by a band of faithful adherents who will pass themselves off upon such inhabitants as they chance to come in contact with as hunters or land speculators. The two detectives mentioned above, left here on Monday last, proceeded across the country to Titusville. They will here meet another party from New York, and proceed on a journey of discovery into the wilds of Forest county.

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