The Advocate.

Henry A. Parsons, Jr., - Editor

THURSDAY, NOV. 29, 1877.

A special from Hamburg, Iowa, says the banking house of W. W. Smith, the largest in Southwestern Iowa, made an assignment last week to C. A. Danforth. The liabilities will reach $100,000; assets. $45,000.

In reply to a resolution of the House the Postmaster General says the only objections to making obligatory in all government transactions the metrical system of weights and measures are the expense involved and the apprehenson that the practical workings would fail to give satisfaction, owing to the lack of knowledge.

At the recent election in Wisconsin 175,403 votes were polled, divided among the several parties as follows: Republican, 78,753; democratic, 70,482; greenback, 26,168. The republican plurality for governor is 8,271 and for superintendent of public instruction 3,148. There were 15,000 more votes cast than in 1875 and 70,000 less than last year.

The official majority in New York city for Allen C. Beach, democrat, for secretary of state of New York, is 30,224. The majorities for Mr. Olcott and Mr. Seymour, democrats, for comptroller and engineer, respectively, are a trifle over 42,000. This will make Mr. Olcott's majority in the state over 20,000 more than that received by Mr. Beach. The majority for the democratic candidate for state treasurer is over 20,000.

General Sherman has issued a general order regarding the violation of the thirty-eighth article of war. He says the President desires it to be known that it must be understood that any clemency which may have been heretofore extended, by mitigation or commutation of sentence cannot hereafter be relied upon as a basis of hope for a like favorable action. After this warning a rigorous execution of the sentences imposed in due course by courts-martial may be expected.

The Adjutant General of the Army has submitted,to the Secretary of War to accompany the report of that official to Congress, reports upon the mode in which the army should be increased, which he thinks should be adding men in the discretion of the President to existing companies so that instead of making new companies from recuits those already in existence should be filled to a proper standard of men. The Adjutant General also recommends the enlargement of the number of officers on the retired list.

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Another Chicago Bank Closed.

Chicago, November 21.—The Central national bank of Chicago closed its doors this morning. This action was consequent upon a determination at a meeting of the directors and stockholders last evening. The institution did only a small commercial business. It is backed by some substantial business men of this city, and will, its officers claim, pay dollar for dollar to depositors, and make a good showing towards paying the stockholders in full. Its liabilities to depositors are $260,000, and the assets are $400,000 of bills receivable and $75,000 cash resources. Its casital stock is $200,000. W. F. Endicott is president and John Greenleaf cashier. The bank experienced a slight run yesterday, and since October 1, although none of the depositors closed their accounts, some $200,000 have been drawn out.

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From the Phila. Times.

Living on the Ten-Cent Plan.

No topic of the day seems to be more acceptable to the average reader than that of economy in bread and meat, and all the people who write for the newspapers or newspaper waste-baskets are turning their attention to it with a zeal and industry that ought to solve almost any problem except that of perpetual motion. A few years ago the question was not how to live on as little as possible, but how to spend the money everybody was making so as to make the finest display. French cookery was all the rage, and thousands of housewives drove their husbands to the verge of bankruptcy in the endeavor to follow the directions of Professor Blot. Only a few months ago a leading New York newspaper published a daily bill of fare, showing with great satisfaction how a dinner for three persons or a dinner for six persons might be provided at a cost of about five dollars a plate. The reaction has set in. Now all the professors of domestic economy and the cullinary art are rushing into print to show how a man may live on a little more than nothing and utilize the fragments in the next day's hash. Miss Corson has created quite a seusation by demonstrating that a family can dine luxuriously on fifteen cents, and house keepers everywhere are trying the experiment with the natural result of driving the women of the household to the cupboard between meals and the men to their club or the nearest free lunch counter. A concern in Grand street, New York, however, has gone a step further, and advertises a good square meal for five cents, and a meal to satisfy the most ravenous appetite for ten cents. The bill of fare at this place is a marvel. A small cup of tea or coffee with sugar and milk is sold for one cent; a cup of the ordinary size, two cents; bread and butter, one cent; soup, one cent; a slice of corned beef, one cent; a baked or boiled potato, one cent; cabbage, one cent; baked beans, one cent; boiled or fried mush, one cent; oatmeal, one cent; boiled rice, one cent; a quarter of a pie, three cents. One would think that at this rate a dollar would clean out the establishment; but a boy tried it, and after eating corned beef, beans, coffee, bread and butter, a cruller, fried hominy, a potato, a slice of pie and a doughnut had to be beaten on the back to get his throat clear and recover consciousness, paid a couple of car fares for his banquet and sneaked out of the back door with a confession of the hallowness of earthly ambition. At this rate the problem of cheap living will soon indeed be solved.

Meanwhile it is worth while to consider whether a little of the ingenuity and perseverance that is expended in the direction of the extremes to which we have referred might not accomplish more in the line of real economy if otherwise applied. No man with his wits about him, or woman either, will expect people to believe that any family of working adults or growing children can subsist as they should on such meals as these theorizes would provide at infinitesimal cost. A man may keep alive and stir about on three crackers a day and a few glasses of water, and these ten-cent and fifteen-cent dinners may give him strength for some such light occupation as watching a stationary fruit-stand or keeping the stage door of a threatre, but the average human being needs more substantial and, of course, more expensive provender. The economy that thus trifles with the appetite is dearly bought, for it involves food of inferior quality, if not dangerously adulterated, and its legitimate fruit is ill temper, disease and general misery. True economy, as applied to the table, exacts that while there shall be plenty there shall be no waste. The family should look forward to meals for the satisfaction of well regulated, not stinted appetites, with the accompaniment of sociability and good cheer that are entirely incompatible with a carelessly spread board, slip-shod cookery, slovenly service and a meagre array of eatables At present the tendency is to shorten the allowance of food and to indulge in extravagance of dress, furniture and out-of-door luxuries that attract the eyes of the world but make no real return in the brightening of the fireside or the health, comfort and culture of the family. Many a fond mother will put all her dear ones on short rations in order, that the girls may make a better appearance in school, in church, or at evening entertainments, or that the boys may have as much pocket money and wear neckties as gorgeous and collars as high as their fast comrades. Many a father will dole out market money by the ten cent piece, and growl over a dollar a month extra on the grocers' bill, while he gives never a thought to the dollar he spends for a round of drinks or to the quarter he invests three times a day for cigars. These are the traveeties of economy.

We would eat to live rather than live to eat, but the purveyors or provisions are not the tradesmen who are draining the prockets of the people without giving measure for measure. There are men who make gods of their bellies, but as a rule their deity is appeased, not by sacrifices at the family altar, but by hot lunches down town, swell dinners to a few friends at the club, suppers in the restaurants on the way, and potations here, there and everywhere, by the glass and bottle, on the plea of good-fellowship or business, Provision bills will bear very close watching, and the prudent head of the family or his partner in the matrimonial business will always find occupation in fighting against wastefulness; but better cut off wine and cigars and substitute beer and pipe; better wear the old slick-sleeved coat a while longer; better get a house in a less fashionable quarter; better economize in either of the many ways that will be called to mind, if you are in earnest, then conduct your dinner table on niggardly theories.

The Butler County case Decided.

Pittsburg, November 25.—In the supreme court this afternoon Justice Paxson delivered the decision of the court in the quo warranto case involving the title of George Walters to the office of sheriff of Butler county. It was alleged that Walters used money for corrupt purposes in securing his office, and committed perjury in subscribing to the oath of office declaring that he had not violated the constitution or art of assembly, prohibiting the use of money. The case came before the supreme court on a demurrer; the supreme court reversed the decision of the lower court, sustaining the demurrer and Walter is ousted and forever prohibited from holding an office of trust in the state.

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" " "	Driftwood	5 42 p m
" " "	Emporium	6 25 p m
" " "	St Marys	7 18 p m
" " "	Ridgway	7 45 p m
	arr at Kane	8 45 p m
ERIE MAIL leaves	Philadelphia	11 55 p m
" " "	Renovo	11 00 a m
" " "	Emporium	12 55 p m
" St. Mary's		1 46 p m
" Ridgway		2 11 p m
" " "	Kane	3 30 p m
" arrive at Erie		7 35 p m

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DAY EX leaves	Kane	6.00 a m
" " "	Ridgway	6,56 a m
" "	St Marys	7 20 a m
" "	Emporium	8 10 a m
" "	Driftwood	8 58 p m
" "	Renovo	10 10 p m
ERIE MAIL leaves	Erie	11.00 a m
" " "	Kane	3 50 p m
" " "	Ridgway	4 49 p m
" " "	St. Mary's	5 18 p m
" " "	Emporium	6 15 p m
" " "	Renovo	8.35 p m
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