

The extra session of the XLVI congress commenced on Tuesday last. Hon. Samuel J. Randall was re-elected speaker for the third time.

Mr. James E. Kelley, business manager of the late International walking match at Gilmore's Garden, states that the amount received at the box office was \$51,600; rent of bar, \$2,625.25; shooting gallery, weighing privileges, blowing machines, etc., \$100. Total, \$54,925.25. The expenses he said would be paid as fast as possible and none of the men would receive their share until these expenses were paid.

At Pittsburgh, Stephen Grant, a young man, had his foot injured by a piece of iron falling upon it in a rolling mill where he worked. Not much notice was taken of it, but a few evenings afterward, as he was sitting in the house playing a violin, he suddenly remarked that he felt his jaws closing, and asked his mother to get a poker and place it in his mouth in order to keep them open. His mother was about to put her finger in his mouth to open it when the young man prevented her, and in an hour expired.

Gov. Williams of Indiana escorted two ladies to the Indianapolis Opera House to see "Romeo and Juliet." He had not provided himself with reserved seats, and none were left for sale; so he appropriated three good ones, in spite of an usher's remonstrances. The holder of the coupons soon arrived, and the routed Governor next placed his party comfortably in a box. But the box had been sold, too, and the owner insisted on his rights. Then "Blue Jeans" left the theater, declaring that he was disgusted with these new-fangled notions about reserving seats.

The official score for the great walking match at New York when it closed, was: Rowell 500 miles, 189 yards; Ennis 475 miles; Harriman 450 miles, three laps and 140 yards. The men were off the track during the six days as follows: Rowell, 38h. 43m. 50s.; Ennis 36h. 21m. 33s.; Harriman 35h. 1m. 21s. At the beginning of the match it was decided that \$1,000 should be set apart out of the receipts for the man or men who failed to cover 450 miles. O'Leary who broke down early in the contest, will thus receive \$1,000. Rowell gets 50 per cent. of the receipts, Ennis 30 and Harriman 20.

Williamsport, March 13.—City Treasurer Longsdorf yesterday received an order from Judge Elwell, of Columbia county, before whom the now famous bond case is being adjudicated, directing him to apply the sum of \$8,000 towards the payment of overdue interest on bonds known as series A, instead of the entire amount now in the treasurer's hands, which amounts to \$15,000. Judge Elwell's recent mandamus ordered the treasurer to apply the whole amount on this payment which would have completely blocked the wheels of our municipal machinery. The balance of the money is to be used in meeting accrued and current expenses.

The contradictory testimony of experts as to the existence of poison in the bodies of dead persons has puzzled many a jury. Now comes Prof. Selmi of Bologna, with the discovery that, in the decaying bodies of persons who have died a natural death, he finds a substance so closely resembling well known poisons as to be readily mistaken for them. In his explanation he shows how similar these animal alkalies are to the vegetable poisons used by criminals. His tests to distinguish between them are hardly less valuable than the discovery itself; and if all that Prof. Selmi pretends to have found be true, a change in the manner of conducting a certain class of criminal trials may follow.

The deepest mine in the world now worked is said to be the Adalbert lead and silver mine in Austria, which is 3,280 feet deep. The next is the Viviers coal mine in Belgium, 2,847 feet. It was sunk to the depth of 3,586 feet, but, no coal having been found, the working is at the former level. The deepest coal mines in England are the Dunkirk colliery in Lancashire 2,824 feet, and the Rosebridge in the same locality, 2,458. The deepest mine in this country is the Yellow Jacket of the Constock Lode. It is now 2,500 feet below the surface at the mouth of the main shaft, and 2,933 feet below the Gould & Curry croppings. The Savage stands second on the list, and the Imperial the third, both being nearly as deep as the Yellow Jacket.

The most terrible calamity of modern times is the inundation of the town of Szegedin, Hungary, by the river Theiss which flows through the town. The horrors of the situation are said to have baffled all description, the town being almost entirely under water. Over 80,000 people are out of house and home, while hundreds if not thousands have perished. Money and provisions have been sent to the survivors from all the neighboring places. The Emperor Francis Joseph will forego his intended visit to Pesth to receive congratulations on the occasions of his silver wedding. He desires that the money intended for the festivities on that occasion shall be distributed among the sufferers by the flood. The emperor and empress also give 40,000 florins from their private purse.

The Curtin-Yocum Contest.

Mr. Andrew G. Curtin and his followers have been laboring with the industry of beavers all winter to make out a case against Yocum, in the great contest for a seat in the XLVI congress, and everything that would rebound to the interest of the contestant has been made public from time to time, for the purpose of poisoning the public mind. Mr. Yocum and his friends have labored under some difficulty in getting the facts, as proved in the contest, properly before the public, because Curtin bought out the Centre Herald and turned it into the Centre Democrat, to be run in his own interest. All the other papers in the county, with the exception of the Bellefonte Republican, are Democratic, and the editor of that paper, it is alleged, has been purchased for a consideration by the friends of Curtin to maintain entire silence as to the merits of the contest. This leaves Mr. Yocum without an organ in his own county, and explains why we hear so little about the contest on his side. That the public may be kept advised of what is going on, the GAZETTE AND BULLETIN has taken some pains to ascertain the status of the contest, which it submits as follows:

The forty days allowed Curtin under the act of congress expired on February 17th. In Centre county about 1,000 pages of testimony were taken; in Clearfield 800; Clinton 600; Union 200; Mifflin 100; Elk 300. Curtin kept two commissioners taking testimony in Centre and Clearfield nearly all the time, and in Centre sometimes he had three. Those of his counsel who had charge of the management of the finances, say that it cost him during these forty days an average of \$150 per day. During these forty days Curtin had seventeen lawyers actively engaged, besides a number of advisory counsel and an additional law judge going from county to county superintending the work. Seven notaries public were employed and seven clerks. An average of six persons in each of the six counties canvassed the various voting districts in search of fraudulent voters and irregular election boards. They were assisted by two detectives; one of these confined his investigations to Centre county; the other, Captain Clark, "worked" Clearfield county. Besides these, there were a number of persons in each county serving subpoenas. Each commissioner had a sergeant-at-arms, a cashier, a "coachman," or preliminary examiner of witnesses, and two or more counsel. With such machinery did Curtin during his forty days struggle to overcome Mr. Yocum's majority of 73, and take his seat in congress to represent a district that two years ago gave Mackey (Democrat) a majority of 5,100.

What has he shown? His own counsel have conceded that they have clearly proved only 72 illegal votes polled for Yocum. They allege, however, that they have successfully attacked two election districts, viz: Benner township, in Centre county, that gave Yocum 13 of a majority; and Woodward township, in Clearfield county, that gave Yocum 91 of a majority. All the testimony in reference to these districts has been submitted to the highest authority at the federal capital, and that authority has decided that the poll of these two districts cannot be thrown out. However, to guard against all possibility, Mr. Yocum is calling each individual voter, who voted for him in these two districts, to prove his qualifications and for whom he voted, which will set all question as to regularity at rest. In the former district, Benner township, Curtin alleged that the poll should be thrown out, because the election board was not sworn, and for the additional reason that some thirteen fraudulent ballots bearing Yocum's name had been put into the ballot box after the polls had closed on the evening of the election. A breeze was stirred up, a few days ago, when two members of the election board of this township—both Democrats—came on the witness stand and produced all the ballots cast at the election, and also, the 13 fraudulent ballots placed in the box after the polls closed; both these Democratic election officers, whose names are James P. Roan, clerk, and William Searson, inspector, swore that the 13 fraudulent ballots were Curtin tickets, and not one of them bore Yocum's name; and further, that there was not a man in the election room that evening who was not a Curtin Democrat!

Mr. Yocum's counsel have been taking testimony for the last week and have already proved within 12 as many individual illegal votes as Curtin has proved during his 40 days. Mr. Yocum is confident of doubling his returned majority, by proof of individual fraudulent votes for Curtin.

The contestant, by his counsel and assistant, has resorted to many things very unprofessional and unmanly, and to say the least discreditable to the "great war governor" and ex-minister to Russia. Among them are these: Curtin's organ, the Centre Democrat, in an editorial advised all Democrats who were subpoenaed by Mr. Yocum, not to obey the subpoena, unless they received their mileage and a day's pay in advance, the law being the same as applicable to witnesses in our state courts. Curtin's agents have hunted up Democratic witnesses subpoenaed by Yocum, and advised them not to answer any questions that would injure the contestant, and particularly not to tell on the witness stand for whom they voted, when interrogated on that point. The crowning act of infamy on their part was to instruct all Democratic witnesses to demand full pay before testifying, for the purpose, as they stated, that Yocum could not in that case afford to call many witnesses. This order, it is alleged,

was given to Curtin's counsel in each county by no less a person than a Democrat holding the office of law judge, who, Mr. Curtin has advertised in the public prints—see Gath's Letter in the Press of Monday last—as the counsel who is making up his case. That the great "war governor" should resort to such subterfuges to gain a seat in congress, after the people have stamped their seal of condemnation upon him, is humiliating, indeed, and can only be accounted for upon the ground that since he turned his back on the friends that once loved, honored and respected him, and joined the Democrat party, and now affiliates with those who used to curse him for his Republicanism, he has become not only reckless, but lost to all sense of shame and gratitude, and is ready to grovel in the dust and knock at the back door of the Democrat party for office. His desire for place is more forcibly illustrated, perhaps, by the remark of a prominent Democrat of Bellefonte to the writer of this paragraph before he was nominated for congress: "Why" said the Democrat in reply to an interrogatory regarding Curtin, "if the door of heaven and the door of congress were placed side by side, both thrown open and St. Peter were to give him his choice which he would enter, he would dart into the latter instantly!"

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