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THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1869.

UNION REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: JOHN W. GEARY. JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT: HENRY W. WILLIAMS. COUNTY.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE DISTRICT COURT, JOHN M. KIRKPATRICK. ASSISTANT LAW JUDGE, COMMON PLEAS, FRED'G. COLLIER.

WE PRINT on the inside pages of our morning's GAZETTE—Second Page: Poetry "A School Girl of the Period," General News, State Items, Foreign Literature, etc.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 8 1/2 cts. U. S. BONDS at Frankfurt, 87 1/2 @ 87 1/4.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 141.

IT IS NOT all pleasant sailing among the Republicans of this Commonwealth. Their County Committee in Somerset, by an unanimous vote, have requested Mr. STRUTZMAN to resign the nomination for State Senator which he holds.

THE political "reaction" of this year is full of comfort for the opposition. In Maine, on a light vote, their candidate is beaten by only 19,000 majority, while they have actually gained one Senator, electing three of the thirty-one, and will have perhaps thirty-five of the one hundred and thirty representatives.

THE rumor of a large detachment by the recent management of the Methodist Book Concern, in New York, has been painful to the general public, and quite irrespective of any denominational lines. It was regarded as a sadly convincing proof that no station, no purity of personal profession, was safe from the contagion of the unrelaxably prevailing mania of weakness and faithlessness among those holding pecuniary trusts.

IT seems to be settled that the President will not hurry in selecting a successor to Secretary Rawlins. Two or three journals, inflamed by their suspicions, have sought to create the impression that an exciting contest was progressing as to who the individual should be; but no facts have transpired to warrant that suggestion.

MR. PACKER, the Democratic nominee for Governor, has been formally charged with evading, although his wealth is reckoned by millions, the payment of his just taxes for the year 1868 and thus far for '69. Since 1867, he has contrived to escape from any State tax whatever, upon escape from any State tax whatever, upon his vast wealth.

in these years. How has his dodge been so successfully contrived as to cut down his payments in those years from \$32,000 at home to \$8.95 at Philadelphia?

WE ARE not ready to credit the avowal that our Minister at Madrid has exceeded his instructions, or to believe that he has given, to a proud and sensitive nation, any just cause for irritation or complaint. His communications to that government may not have been couched in the most obscure verbiage of diplomacy, and he may have expressed the humane sympathies of the American people with a trifle too much of soldierly frankness.

WITHIN a day or two past, the press reports two instances where, by the intentional displacement of railway switches, trains have been thrown off the track, and much damage done, fortunately without loss of life. This yields further proof of the need for the exercise of constant vigilance by the companies, in guarding against the malicious mischief which which their property and the public safety is constantly threatened.

FATHER HYACINTH, one of the most popular and effective orators of the Roman Catholic Church, and for years the favorite preacher in the gayest metropolis in Christendom, astonishes the world with the announcement that he withdraws from his allegiance to Rome, protesting against the decrees and practices of the church as not according with the principles of christianity.

THE annexed quotation from the latest published letter of Lady Byron, seems decisively to preclude any continuance of debate upon the accuracy of the recent statements of Mrs. Stowe. These words could not have been written by a woman who knew her husband to have been guilty of the most revolting of crimes.

And Lord Lindsey adds: "In the face of the evidence now given, positive, negative and circumstantial, there can be but two alternatives in the case—either Mrs. Stowe must have entirely misunderstood Lady Byron, and been thus led into error and misstatement, or we must conclude that under the pressure of a lifelong and secret sorrow, Lady Byron's mind had become clouded with an hallucination in respect of the particular point in question."

NEW TELEGRAPH TARIFF.

THE business community will be gratified to learn that the telegraph system is to be more than ever popularized by the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose lines connect together all the principal cities, towns and villages of the country, who propose inaugurating on the first of next month a revised and greatly reduced schedule of the rates of tariff. This is a movement which has been under headway for a long time, but owing to the great and intricate difficulties encountered, the innovation has been necessarily delayed up till the present time, and the public have been deprived of the benefits and advantages of cheap facilities for rapid communications on matters of a business and private nature.

SOME three years ago Messrs. ORTON, McALPINE, STAGER and LEFFERTS, able and distinguished gentlemen, at the head of the Company, determined on a revision of the rates, and with commendable energy and enterprise commenced the great labor which has just been completed in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. The basis of calculation for the new arrangement was novel and expedient. Reckoning by an air line from office to office, and computing rates proportionate to the distances so obtained would have been an endless process, and one involving numerous years of time, but yet failed to have furnished the desired equitable result; but out of the ingenuity of the gentlemen charged with the work was born a plan whereby much labor was saved and the rates equitably established.

Table with 4 columns: Place, Present Rate per 10 words, New Rate per 10 words, and Date. Locations include San Francisco, Cal., New York, Philadelphia, etc.

IN the revision the company has taken care that when the new scale inaugurated advances over the present tariff, that there shall be no advance whatever made, but the existing rates shall stand as though no change had been introduced.

THE Company is engaged in maturing other plans for increasing the utility of the telegraph and rendering it of greater benefit and service to the public, one of which is for the dispatching of messages which do not require immediate transmission, at greatly reduced rates. On the whole we congratulate the business community, and indeed all who have occasionally recourse to the wires, on the very important changes made, and trust that this is but a step towards making the telegraph as cheap and economical as the mail system for the transmission of friendly greetings or business announcements from one part of the country to the other.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN J. HOUSTON.—The death of this gentleman, on Saturday, at West Philadelphia, and his interment in Woodland Cemetery, on Tuesday last, are announced in the Philadelphia papers. Mr. HOUSTON was from the opening of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, for ten or more years, in a confidential and important office in the service of that Company.

LIBERAL REPUBLICANISM. The recent movement of the liberal Republicans of West Virginia was brought to the attention of the President, during his visit at Wheeling, on the 21st, and was urged to express his opinions thereon. The Intelligencer says: "The President thought the policy advocated was 'right and proper.'"

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MINOR TOPICS.

WHEN Americans have been abroad they generally come home quite indignant at the lack of intelligence and knowledge of American affairs in foreigners. Some lay the blame of this upon the national stupidity which the unfortunate Europeans must imbibe with the air they breathe, while others charge it all to the short-sightedness and prejudice of the "sovereigns" of that Continent, who dread the effects of a full knowledge of America, and their degraded American affairs, upon their degraded subjects.

THE President at Washington. A letter of the 20th, from Washington says: "The President still carries in his midst the people are delighted. They are making good use of their distinguished guest's presence. He is very amiable and obliging; does all he can to make his stay among us yield us as much pleasure as possible. He seems willing to do anything we ask him—anything within the bounds of reason, save make a speech. That he will not do."

WE see a paragraph "going the rounds" of the press concerning the grounds of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, representing him as discovering a locomotive without an engineer approaching the trestle at full speed, as having whistled "down brakes" on his train, and as sending his fireman back to uncouple the tender at the rear, while he himself severed the connection with the engine, and then jumping onto the tender with his red flag, watched "two engines dash toward each other like very demons," both being thrown from the track and demolished by the collision.

track and demolished by the collision. He next ran to meet the express going east, which was just two minutes behind time, barely sufficient to enable him to "flag it" and bring it to a full stop within twenty feet of the wrecked engine. For this heroic act, it is further stated, the company presented the engineer "with a check for one thousand dollars." This certainly was a "heroic act," and the reward not more than adequate. But—we should like to know the name and residence of the hero, that we might do our share in handing him down to posterity.

THE Capital, it seems, is to be removed; at least many people say so. St. Louis claims it, Chicago says that if moved at all it must go to New York or Chicago, and Train, having land for sale, genty shrieks Omaha. It would need a good deal of pretty convincing logic to induce persons generally to agree that the Capital needs moving at all. Some say the movement is being engineered by the Democrats, who do not intend to allow it to culminate until they again hold the reins of government, when they will be able to satisfy a very hungry crowd with the most gigantic job yet dreamed of. St. Louis is not the healthiest locality and but little pleasanter than Washington, and the sum paid as mileage to Congressmen now would be no whit less if that were the seat of Government.

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STATE POLITICS.

D. M. PAINTER is chairman of the Republican County Committee in Huntingdon. There is a breach in the Republican party in Huntingdon county and the copiers are smiling.

IT has been charged that Pennsylvania clerks in the Departments have been assessed to defray campaign expenses, but the officers of the Pennsylvania Republican Association deny the charge.

THE State Central Committee has made arrangements for the following meetings and speakers: On the 23rd inst., Apollo Armstrong county, Governor Geary and Hon. Mahlon Chancery, 24th, the same speakers at Butler, 27th, General Harry White at Monongahela City, 28th, Hon. G. W. Schofield at Tionesta, Forrest county; General Harry White at Washington, and Hon. John Scott at Coudersport, Potter county, 29th, Hon. John Scott at Smithport, McKean county, and Governor Geary at Clearfield, October 4th Hon. John Scott, Hon. G. A. Grov and H. B. Swope, Esq., at Beaver in the afternoon and New Brighton in the evening, and Governor Geary at Oil City; Hon. John Scott, Hon. G. A. Grov and H. B. Swope, Esq., at Titusville, and Messrs. Scott and Swope at New Castle; these gentlemen are to speak at West Greenville, Mercer county, on the 7th, upon which day Mr. Grov is to speak at Kittanning, 8th, Governor Geary and Messrs. Scott and Swope at Meadville; on the 9th these same gentlemen, joined by Mr. Grov, are to speak at Erie and at Corry.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS THIS WEEK. At City Hall Thursday evening, R. Stockett Matthews, speaker. At Eleventh Ward School House Friday evening, Commissioner Delano, probable speaker. At Apollo Thursday evening, when the Republicans of Armstrong and Westmoreland counties will be addressed by Gov. J. W. Geary and Col. Geo. F. McFarland.

THOU BRINGEST ME LIFE—LUNG-CURE. One of the trusts and most suggestive ideas can be obtained from the caption at the head of this article for all diseases which impair human health and shorten human life, none are more prevalent than those which affect the lungs and pulmonary tissues.

A DEFENSIVE MEDICINE. "A time of peace prepare for war," is a sound military maxim. "Let not the sickly season be unprepared," is an equally good rule in medical jurisprudence. The man must be made of iron who finds himself at the close of summer strong as at its commencement.

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