

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1875.

Vice President Wilson's letter to the Editor of the Springfield Republican...

Only one week and four days yet until Spring Election—Tuesday, February 16th. Have we thought of our candidates yet?

Our distinguished neighbor over the way is not particularly well pleased with the Auditor General's showing for the last fiscal year...

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UNITED STATES SENATOR.

We mistook a day in our announcement last week that the election of United States Senator would take place on Thursday.

There is no mistaking one thing in this connection, and that is, the position on the Senatorial question of the distinguished pro-farmer on the Democratic Organ, over the way.

And isn't this too bad in view of all that the organist has endured for the party. See his labors of the last fall—his marshalling the forces in torch light procession...

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ADVERTISE.

WHEN?—now! WHERE?—in this paper. WHEREFORE?—That the people may know where to go to find what they want to buy.

OUR seignior is first rate. "WHAT we heard and saw," next week. MORE moderate weather for a week past.

We know a number of boys who play truant. AND now as to the gas company—how is that getting along?

AND then as to the Normal School—What are we thinking about it?

The way the boys pile on to Farmer's sleighs when they come to town, reminds us of the grass-hopper plague.

AND last, but not least—those cisterns which are to hold water in case of fire—what are we doing about them.

WE understand that Judge Throop, having received an eligible offer is about disposing of his burnt district property in Honesdale.

THE concert given by Prof. Perkin's Quartette from New York, last Tuesday night in the Lutheran Church, was well patronized—nothing more.

WHO among our many readers young or old can puzzle in the correct answer to the following puzzle:—"If the B m t put; If the B. putting?"

WE hear rumors of improvements to be made in town and county during the spring and summer, but nothing sufficiently settled to warrant an extended notice.

MASON TUCK, has torn away the old shanty in the rear of his dwelling on Monroe St., and erected a neat piazza in its stead.

IT is a matter for congratulation that we have not had a coasting accident to record all this winter. But we will not brag as the boys have not near got done riding down hill yet.

A daughter of Amal Wilson, Esq., and wife of Mr. Squires, Attorney-at-Law, hung herself on Friday evening of last week, at Carbondale.

AFTER much talk upon the subject with people from all parts of the county, we feel authorized to say that Judge Stauffer's appointment gives universal satisfaction.

JACOB ENGLER is erecting a very neat dwelling on a lot recently purchased in Labor's addition to the borough, on Academy hill.

THERE was quite a little warflurry last week growing out of a message of the President recommending the speedy organization of our coast defenses.

ENCOURAGED by their success of two weeks ago, when they secured a prize of a sucker and a half a piece, our typographical force started out on another venture in the same direction.

THE school laws of Philadelphia forbid study out of school hours. We believe that Philadelphia school laws are more than half right.

No man who has real or personal property should think of going to sleep without having it insured. The knowledge that it is insured, in the Monroe Mutual for instance, will prove more conducive to refreshing slumbers and pleasant dreams...

ST. VALENTINE makes his appearance on Friday this time, and postmasters will have a day of rest. The juveniles, and the gnomes, too, however, will have their "sand."

THE Y. M. C. A. met on Friday evening to organize a library. Very good. Now let us have the dancing school on religious principles. A venerable, and good old Parson once said, it is better often to wag the heels than the tongue...

GEO. C. CHILDS, Esq., of the Public Ledger, Philadelphia, has presented us with a copy of his Ledger almanac, valuable for its statistical and general information which it contains, and a photo-lithograph copy of one whole side of the Ledger enlarged to four by 2 1/2 inches, with print clear and distinctly readable.

OUR town is getting to be quite a chicken fanciers locality, and Leghorns, Brahuas, Cochins, Hamburgs in variety, and Houdans as names roll as glibly off the tongue as though really part and parcel of the nursery vernacular.

During the warm snap on Friday last, some East Stroudsburg ladies, met and passed resolutions, and in a short time had a party of 22 and a four-horse team out sly-riding, leaving their husbands to wonder what was said about them.

OUR cotemporaries elsewhere are so cluttered up with notices of ward and township meetings and vigilance committees, that one uninitiated would suppose that two or three Presidential elections, at least, were on hand instead of a mere municipal election.

WE learn that Mr. S. W. Keen, the gentleman who has just completed a handsome residence in the suburbs of Highland Dell, has completed a hatchery, by which he designs bringing forth poultry in great abundance by artificial heat.

THE clever "locals" of the Scranton daily Times discourses thus eloquently of one of Wilkes Barre distinguished lions: "The 'Riverside Hotel,' at Wilkes-Barre, is very popular just now.

On Saturday afternoon last, a large crowd assembled on Robeson's flats to witness the grand pigeon shooting which was arranged by Mr. John Selwood, a week or ten days ago.

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On the 27th of March, 1874, Mr. Evans filed his petition to obtain his discharge as an insolvent debtor.

The application thus made was resisted by the Commonwealth on the ground that the insolvent laws do not apply to her debtors, and that Mr. Evans, therefore, could not be released under its provisions...

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The greatest coal mine of the age has been found in Skagit Valley, Wyoming. It is a vast field, where coal can be obtained to an unlimited extent on the surface without going to the expense of underground tunneling.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Attorney General DIMMICK submitted his annual report to the Legislature on Wednesday last week. It is as follows: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. HARRISBURG, January 12, 1875.—To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—Gentlemen:

Number of claims certified for collection, 205. Number withdrawn, 1. Number collected, 59.

Balance for collection, \$57,336.44. Payment has been enforced upon the outstanding claims of earlier years and the total collections amount to \$97,703.07.

Of the claims certified for collection one hundred and eighty-four for the second installment of loans upon the character of various corporations, and to obtain their payment one hundred and fourteen suits were brought. In comparatively few instances were legal proceedings successful.

Thirteen were satisfied by payment made directly to the State Treasury by the companies, under the provisions of section 11, of the act of the 24th of April, 1874, (P. L. F. 72), which allowed an abatement upon certain claims if paid within thirty days after its passage.

The Erie railway company appealed from the account settled against it for gross receipts. The case was tried on 24th March, 1874, and resulted in a verdict in favor of the Commonwealth for the sum of \$76,788.20.

The case involves not only a large amount of money but a most important principle. It will decide whether the Commonwealth has restricted its powers to tax this company by the provisions of the act of March 26, 1846.

The decision of the Supreme Court reviewing on writ of error taken by the Commonwealth the ruling of the court below in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Geo. O. Evans was duly announced in the report made by myself for the year 1873.

The action against Mr. Evans was commenced by capias, and at the time of the trial a question of law was reserved by the court, as to the power of the Commonwealth to institute proceedings against defaulting public officers in this manner.

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To allow these officers time to discharge this duty, the Commonwealth did not oppose a motion made by the counsel of Mr. Evans for another continuance, which the court granted and fixed the 2d of February 1875, for the final disposition of the matter.

lars, with Thomas Woods and John F. Graff as sureties, for the faithful performance of his official duties. On 7th August, 1874, suits were instituted against the sureties to recover the amount due upon this bond.

An alias writ was issued against John F. Graff with like result. Of the place of residence of Mr. Woods no definite information could be obtained.

Upon information communicated to me by Hon. J. M. Forster, insurance commissioner of Pennsylvania, suits were commenced against ten insurance companies, to vacate their charters and distribute their effects, in accordance with the act of 4th April 1873, and of the suits thus brought into have already been tried.

EXTRAORDINARY FANATICISM. A Young Lady Burns Herself to Death to Obtain Forgiveness for Having Committed 'The Unpardonable Sin.'

HONESDALE, Pa., January 8.—Crispy Haeker, an intelligent and beautiful young lady, living at White's Valley, sixteen miles west of this place, deliberately burned herself to death yesterday while under the influence of extraordinary religious fanaticism.

Yesterday Mr. Haeker had come to go to a neighboring village, and as his daughter manifested signs of the recurrence of one of her insane intervals, he charged his hired man to watch her during his absence.

While laboring under this delusion she would erect altars in the fields of her father's farm and scold lambs, and also burn clothing and household articles of different kinds.

Both legs and the left arm were entirely consumed, and the abdomen was reduced to ashes. The hair was all burned off her head, but her face was not burned.

While the hired man was absent Miss Haeker had formed out of a set of quilting frames a pyre, or altar. On this she had spread some carpet and made herself a pillow.

In the family Bible, which was found open at the Book of Job, the following note was found, in the handwriting of the deceased:

DEAR FATHER: My Immanuel appeared to me to-day. He reveals to me the fact that I have committed the Unpardonable Sin; which I can only obtain forgiveness for by passing through the cleansing of Fire. I will intercede for you, my dear Father. You will find my purified body in the northeast corner of the land I wish to have my ashes buried.

Mr. Haeker went to the corner of the house indicated in the note as the spot where the remains were to be buried and found that his daughter had staked out there a place for her grave.

Lehigh and Eastern R. R. A committee from the Boston Board of Trade, with citizens and capitalists from that city, New England, Connecticut and New York, were met at the State House by delegation from Poughkeepsie on Tuesday and escorted to the latter city, where examinations of the river are being made with a view to crossing at that point by a new link of railroad, and thus form a new connection with the Pennsylvania coal fields and the West.

President Wortendyke, of the New Jersey Midland railroad, yesterday placed a special train of three palace cars at the disposal of the committee appointed by the Boston Board of Trade, for a tour of inspection of the road, with a view to opening direct communication to the coal fields of the West.

Death of the President of the Late Constitutional Convention. ERLE, Jan. 25.—Hon. John H. Walker, president of the late Constitutional Convention of this State, died at his residence in this city this morning. He had been in feeble health for some time.