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THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SESSION.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania commenced on Tuesday morning 10th inst., at Musical Fund Hall. The following officers assisted at the opening ceremonies: John Levergood, Most

At 2 o'clock the session was resumed, and the consideration of the Finance Committee's report made, which embodied the appropriations of expenditures to be made in the ensuing year, consisting of mileage, printing, postage and freight, visiting

On the 20th of September the Grand Lodge of the United States will meet in Philadelphia and a parade of the Order occur.

THURSDAY May 18.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge continued yesterday from 9 to 12 and 2 to 5 o'clock, when it adjourned sine die. The day was occupied in a variety of business of interest only to the members of the Order.

Decoration Day.

An interesting meeting of the soldiers of the last war and their lady friends was held on Saturday evening last, in the parlors of the Burnett House. Meeting was called to order by the appointment of J. H. McHenry as President and Wilson Peirson, Secretary after a free discussion in reference to the memorial ceremonies, the following appointments were made:

Mr. H. B. Hitchcock, of East Stroudsburg, and Esq. Wagner, of Stroudsburg, were appointed to wait upon the merchants and business men, and have them close their place of business and join the procession in a body. Many of the merchants have already assented, and we trust all will close for a short time at least. Mr. Chas. T. Warnick was appointed to wait upon the fire company and request them to turn out in uniform, with their apparatus decorated. The Beethoven and Stroudsburg brass bands have kindly assented to turn out. Two cars will be sent to East Stroudsburg to convey the children and all who may wish to participate, to Stroudsburg free of charge, and one of the bands will escort those coming from East Stroudsburg. The procession will form at East Stroudsburg, at Peter's Hall at 1 o'clock, and on Seminary Green, Stroudsburg, at 1 1/2 o'clock. Most of the procession will be in place as last year. Those having flowers or evergreens, will please have them at the hall, in East Stroudsburg, during Monday if possible, and at the express office in Stroudsburg. Through the kindness of Mr. Griggs, Professor of the Burnett House, the parlors of that house has been offered for the use of the soldiers and there will be a meeting held on Saturday evening next, when we would like to see all the ladies and gentlemen interested present, especially the committees named. Invitations have been extended to the several delegations to participate on Tuesday, and we would be pleased to see them and their ladies at the meeting on Saturday

evening. As we remarked last week we earnestly solicit the aid of the young ladies of both boroughs, to assist in making the occasion one of interest. Again we extend an invitation to the Church and Sunday School organizations of both boroughs, to the several lodges, fire department, merchants, and to everybody to participate. Appropriate addresses will be delivered at each of the burial grounds.

Dry buckwheat flour, if repeatedly applied, will remove entirely the worst grease spots on carpet or any other woole cloth, and will answer as well as French chalk for grease spots on silk.

Luzerne's Defaulting Ex-Officials.

WILKESBARRE, May 21.—James M. Cortright, the defaulting Treasurer of this county, appeared before Alderman Parsons this afternoon and waived a hearing. Thirty thousand dollars' bail was required for his appearance before the Court of Quarter Sessions, which meets next month. The seven-years' auditors are hard at work, and every day fresh developments of fraud are brought to light. If matters keep on in this way there will be scarcely an ex-official that will not have been impeached. There is a general feeling of fear among the ring, as the Board of Auditors are outgiving in their efforts to bring the defaulting officials to justice.

Cabinet Changes.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Grant to-day remodeled his Cabinet as follows:—Hon. Edwards Pierpont, of New York, Attorney-General, appointed minister plenipotentiary to Great Britain, vice Schenck, resigned; Hon. Alphonso Taft, of Ohio, Secretary of War, to be Attorney-General; Hon. J. Donald Cameron, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of War. These nominations were promptly confirmed by the Senate.

Death of Rev. Myron Barrett.

Under the appropriate head in this paper, will be found the announcement of the death of Rev. Myron Barrett, which occurred at his home in Newton on Monday afternoon of this week. Mr. Barrett was a son of Azra Lathrop Barrett and was born at North East, Dutchess Co. N. Y., Sept. 9th, 1816. He was, consequently, near his 60th year when he died. He prepared for college at Manchester, Vermont, and graduated from Yale in 1844, after which he went to Columbus, Ohio, and taught for about four years. While there, he made up his mind to study for the ministry, his conversion having taken place during his last year at college. After pursuing a course of study in Union Theological Seminary in New York City, he entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, New Jersey, whence he graduated in 1851. His first settled pastorate was with the Presbyterian Church of Newton, and extended from May 1854 to May 1859, a period of 5 years. Previous to his coming to Newton, however, he preached fifteen months for Rev. Dr. Duffield at Detroit, Mich., during the Dr's absence in Europe. After his pastoral relation with the Newton church had been severed Mr. Barrett supplied the church at Stroudsburg, Pa., for eighteen months, and was assistant pastor of South church, New Haven, Conn., for a short time. Although declining to accept several offers to assume a settled pastoral charge, he continued for a large portion of his time, up to within a few months of his death, to supply neighboring churches. Among those enjoying his services were the churches at Andover, Succasunna Plains, Clove, and Hamburg, the latter being the last one served. As a pastor he was earnest, laborious and very successful. April 8th, 1856 he was married to Emma Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late David Ryerson, who survives him. In his domestic relations he was peculiarly happy, his attachment for his home and family being in the process where beets are used, as the melon is clean and has a pulp so free from impurities. A company has been formed for the purpose of carrying out the experiment, and land has been purchased on Andrus Island.

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Melons are to be utilized in San Francisco for the manufacture of several articles of commerce, water melons being the variety to be used mostly. They are said to produce a good quality of sugar, superior to that produced from beets, and also yield a delicious syrup. The seeds are to be used for the manufacture of table oil. The process of making sugar will be much simpler than in the process where beets are used, as the melon is clean and has a pulp so free from impurities. A company has been formed for the purpose of carrying out the experiment, and land has been purchased on Andrus Island.

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The Exposition will yet have to keep open on Sundays.

The Pittsburg Commercial is now established is a new office.

The fifty-cent rule at the Centennial gates has been greatly relaxed.

About four years is the average durability of a horse on a street-car line.

The men confess to much disappointment in the volume of centennial travel.

Five dollars is the penalty fixed by law for killing any insectivorous bird.

The cost of liquor consumed in the State of New York is \$106,000,000 a year.

The Republican National Convention will be held in Cincinnati on the 14th of June.

By an explosion at Dupont's powder mills, at Wilmington, Del., on Saturday, four men were killed.

Letters for persons on the Centennial grounds at Philadelphia may be directed to "the Centennial Branch Postoffice."

California's prospects are floury. She promises 50,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, against 30,248,571 in 1875.

School Directors are required by the State Superintendent to certify that "the financial operations of the district have been published according to law."

Two national politicians and a member of a London banking firm, in a quite game of "draw" at Washington the other night, left \$14,000 in the hands of a noted sportsman. The game lasted thirty-six hours.

Isaac Shade, of Tulpehoeken township, Berks county, a very successful fancy poultry breeder, noticed that a partridge Coochin hen could not eat corn. He caught her and felt some hard substance in her crop. He cut the crop open and found a bunch of horse hair the size of a large hen's egg, wound up together tightly and as hard as a stone. To get the ball out he was obliged to cut the crop open almost from end to end. He then sewed up the crop, and in less than a week the hen had fully recovered.

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"Marriage" said an unfortunate husband, "is the churchyard of love." "And you men," replied the wife, "are the gravediggers."

Moliere was asked the reason why, in certain countries, the king may assume the crown at fourteen years of age, and cannot marry before eighteen. "It is," answered Moliere, "because it is more difficult to rule a wife than a kingdom."

A young lady from the rural districts entered a dry goods store the other day, and asked for a pair of stockings. The clerk politely asked her what number she wore. "Why, two, you blasted fool; do you suppose I am a centipede, or have a wooden leg? How many do you suppose a two-legged hair-pin like me would naturally wear?"

Michael Kehoe was arrested at Mahanoy City, Pa., on Monday, for the murder of George K. Smith, at Yorktown, Carbon county, in 1862.

DEATH OF STEPHEN GOULD.—Mr. Stephen Gould, at one time a resident of Hickory Run, and one of the most extensive lumber manufacturers in the Lehigh region, died at his residence in Allentown on Tuesday, the 16th inst., aged 68 years. He had been failing for several years, and for the past two years was quite feeble mentally and physically.

Sheriff Kirkendall, accompanied by several deputies, took to the penitentiary last week in a special car the following prisoners: John Rowland, larceny, one year and nine months; Benjamin Daly, larceny, one year and nine months; Wellington Hayden, larceny, two years and six months; Wm. McDonough, robbery, two years; John Clark, robbery, two years; Thomas Brady, larceny, two years; Wm. Burk, assault with intent to rob, four years; Dominick Burk, arson, fifteen years; Wm. Arnout, burglary, two years; Wm. Conners, robbery, fifteen months; Enoch Cooper, murder, nine years.—Scranton City Journal.

A fire brand has been thrown into the "Molly Maguire" camp by the testimony of one of Pinkerton's detectives, named James McParlan, who stated that being sent to Schuylkill county to work up the cases of lawlessness there, he joined the society under the assumed name of "McKenna," and thus learned all the workings of the Molly Maguire organization, and their plans and depredations in that region. He shows them to be a band organized to inflict summary punishment, usually death, upon any one who interferes with any of their members; that members from a distance are usually called to do the desperate work to prevent recognition and capture; that when it was ordained that Policeman Yost, of Tamaqua, must be killed, men from Carbon county were delegated to do the work; that mine boss Jones, of Carbon was killed by men from Tamaqua. His testimony implicates all the prisoners now in the Pottsville jail for these depredations, and is substantiated by circumstances and the testimony of other witnesses. He states that one of the Commissioners of Schuylkill county is a member of the organization.

EXPLOSION OF FIRE-DAMP. One Man Killed and Four Seriously Injured. SCRANTON, Pa., May 20.—An explosion of fire-damp occurred this forenoon at the Oxford air-shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company in this city, by which one man was killed instantly and four were seriously scorched and otherwise injured. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the lower vein coming in contact with a miner's lamp at a depth of four hundred feet from the surface, and immediately under the air-shaft. When the accident occurred four men were close to where the gas was confined, and these were burned terribly. The shock was felt for a distance of a mile around. The gas on catching fire rushed up the shaft with a roar, tearing the steam pipes in its course and completely shattering the heavy timbers of the tower above ground, and scattering them in all directions. A man named Paff, employed at the mouth of the shaft when the accident occurred, had just stepped into the bucket a second before the shock. He was flung high in the air, and then descended down the awful depth of four hundred feet into the mine, where he was literally smashed to pieces.

Late Legislative Bills. The following are among the bills passed by the late Legislature, which have become laws: Enabling assignees, for the benefit of creditors, to make sale of real estate encumbered by liens. Providing for the appraisal, collection and payment of damages to private property by the grading of streets or alleys in cities, and authorizing the occupation of private property for the purposes of slopes or embankments in the improvement of streets or alleys therein. Supplement to an act to provide for the appointment of a special detective officer in any of the several counties. Supplement to an act to prescribe the manner by which the Courts may divide boroughs into wards. Supplement to an act authorizing and requiring the auditors to publish an annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of road commissioners, supervisors, overseers of the poor, and school directors of townships and boroughs, and designating a day to audit, settle and adjust accounts. To prevent fraudulent practices upon or by hotel keepers, inn-keepers and boarding-house keepers. Empowering the councils of the boroughs to prescribe by ordinance the salary to be paid the burgess in lieu of fees, fines and costs, the manner in which salaries shall be paid, and directing all fees, etc., to be paid into the borough treasury. Supplement to an act authorizing the burgess and town council of boroughs to levy and collect a gas, kerosene oil and water tax. To permit the voters interested to decide upon the further construction of roads which the supervisors have failed to complete for more than six years. To validate sales and conveyances under the decrees of courts by persons irregularly or improperly appointed or defectively qualified. Supplement to the act authorizing the formation of partnership associations in which the capital subscribed shall alone be responsible for the debts of the associations, except under certain circumstances. Enabling county and borough tax collectors to collect taxes for the payment of which they have been personally liable without having collected the same, but by expiration of the authority of the respective warrants, and to extend the time for a period of one year from the passage of this act. To protect children in this State in their right to acquire useful trades.

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Special Notice.

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At Dover Plains, N. Y., on the 23rd inst. Mrs. Catharine Corwin, wife of Moses V. Corwin, (after a lingering illness) aged about 70 years. Her remains will be brought to this place for interment. Services at the Lutheran Church, at 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, May 25th.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of CATHARINE FETHERMAN, of Smithfield township, deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Catharine Fetherman, of the township of Smithfield, county of Monroe, and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to JAMES FENNER, residing at the Delaware Water Gap, to whom all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay. JAMES FENNER, May 18-6f.]

Opposition to Humbuggery!

The undersigned hereby announces that he has resumed business at the old stand, next door to Euster's Clothing Store, Main street, Stroudsburg, Pa., and is fully prepared to accommodate all in want of

BOOTS and SHOES,

made in the latest style and of good material. Resping promptly attended to. Give me a call. Dec. 9, 1875-1y.] C. LEWIS WATERS.

\$2,000 WANTED,

On First Mortgage; FIRST CLASS PROPERTY. For further information apply at this office. Jan. 27, 1876.

\$1,500 WANTED,

On first Bond and Mortgage on a Farm worth \$5,000, for a term of years. Interest payable annually. Call at this OFFICE. [April 29-2f.]

CAUTION!

All persons are hereby cautioned not to trespass on any property of the undersigned, situate in Stroud township, Monroe county, Pa. Any one violating this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. JACOB H. BUTES, Stroudsburg, July 29, 1876.

Smash Down Prices

IN DRY GOODS HAS COME!

New York Merchants bursting up!

Some goods sold this week for nearly HALF PRICE!

Decker's Wonderful Cheap AUCTION STORE

Is now being crammed full of them. Just see here what prices!

Shilling Calicoes down to 6¢ cts. 8 yards of Merrimack or Sprague's for 50¢ cts. Fashionable plain and plaid Dress Goods 6¢-ly 10 and 12 cts., worth 16 and 20 cts. Fine twilled black Cashmeres only 45¢ cts. Our best soap cotton, 200 yds. 3 cts. or 2 spools for 5 cts.

Wool Cassimeres, good styles, only 40 & 60 cts. Fine hemmed handkerchiefs only 5 cts. Splendid Hamburg edgings, never so cheap, only 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10¢ cts. Some very wide at 10¢ cts. worth 20 cts.

Ladies' lace scarfs, beautiful, only 20¢ cts. Men's striped half Hose, fine, only 10 cts. Heavy Bedtick only 10 cts. Bleached and unbleached Muslin below bottom price. Pins and needles 5 cts. a paper.

STRAW GOODS.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's trimmed and untrimmed Hats half price. Jewelry sets very cheap. Ribbons, all widths, colors and qualities the very cheapest. All kinds of Table linen, towels, napkins and Linen crash as low as 6 cts.

Beautiful Counterpanes only \$1 00. Carpets, beautiful colors, only 25 cts. a yard. Fine Ingrain carpets only 50¢ cts. a yard. Hats and Caps for men, boys' and youths'—Prices from 50 cents to \$1 75 for the most fashionable styles. Ready-made Clothing for men, youths' and boys, the cheapest in the country.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Men's calf boots that were sold for \$5 00 now only \$3 50. Men's plow and lace shoes, cheap. Ladies' lasting Gaiters only \$1 25. Misses' and Children's, same proportion.

We shall keep a general assortment of boots and shoes for Ladies' and Gents', and make this a specialty. These are a few of the prices now on hand, but Decker can send up every day or two new fresh goods, for he is in the city watching the bargains, and is determined that no firm shall undersell him.

Don't buy of any until you have called at the wonderful cheap Auction Store, 4 doors below the Post Office. April 27, 76.—1y. DECKER & CO.

ORDINANCE No. 14.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of East Stroudsburg:

That all the property owners on the east side of Courtland street from the corner of Amalominck and Courtland street at John Hohenfeldt's to the end of Courtland street at the Millford crossing, shall curb and pave the side walk along their respective properties, either with Brick or Flag-stone, by September 1, 1