



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1877.

PRESIDENTIAL.

We are reluctant to admit it, and would for very shame sake hide it if we could, but every intelligent person with a moderate allowance of discernment and discrimination can readily see that Congress has been most splendidly bull-dozed by the reformers. We did not believe they could do it. We trusted that Congress had too much stamania and self-respect.

But bull-dozing is the fashion this season and we suppose it would be cruel not to allow Congress to follow it. But we confess that we feel ashamed of them in their new bull-dozed dress.

We believed that Hayes and Wheeler were elected in accordance with every constitutional requirement, and that it was the legal duty of the Vice President to count the Electoral vote on the second Wednesday of February next, according to the legal returns.

The reformers played their infamous game of preconcerted bull-dozing and fraud in South Carolina, in Florida, and in Louisiana and lost; and that should have been the end of it. Good policy and sound statesmanship alike demand that no paltry thing should be countenanced with such scornful indifference. The Constitution and laws are our only true guide, and they should be made to respect them as all good citizens do.

These pharisaic reformers who have been singing their own praises so long, that like their prototype of old, they begin to believe that they are "not as other men are." But notwithstanding this faith they should be taught early and effectually to obey the Constitution and laws, as other men do, whether the sunshine of success shall rest upon them, or upon their opponents.

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OUR Sunday schools are well attended.

READ money wanted in another column.

A COLONY is forming in Williamsport to go to Texas.

TRETT'S Ointment for Frozen Feet, at Hollinshead's Drug Store. [11-1m.]

FRANK WILSON, a negro was convicted of murder in the first degree on Saturday last, at Harrisburg.

THE chief engineer of the Lake Shore Railroad, on which the late Ashtabula accident occurred, has committed suicide.

A COLORADO woman collected fifty bushels of grasshoppers, and scalded and dried them for winter chicken feed. A sensible woman.

IT has been given out that the proposed national Democratic convention in February should be called "The Bull-dozers' Reunion."

WHAT next? A factory for making butter from tallow has been started in Scranton. The process has not yet been made public.

A FUR tippet was picked up in front of the JEFF. office, on Thursday last. The owner can recover the same by calling at this office and identifying it.

THE Sportsmen Club, of Allegheny, has purchased more than a thousand live partridges, which they intend to distribute in various parts of the State in the spring.

Two destructive fires occurred at Belvidere, N. J., last week, resulting in the total destruction of one hotel, four stores, a sash and blind factory, and saw-mill and office. Loss \$50,000.

YOUNG AMERICA was seen practising wrestling, to the disgust of church members, when they were returning home from morning services, on last Sunday. Such conduct is out of character and needs correcting.

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The Lehigh and Eastern Railroad.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lehigh and Eastern Railway Company, held at Philadelphia, on the 8th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year: John C. Wallace, Jacob Kleinhaus, Peter A. L. Quiek, of Milford; Dr. Philip F. Fulmer, of Dingman's Ferry; Hon. Frank Abbott, of Port Jervis, and Hon. Charlton Burnett, Henry Fulmer and David Keller, of Stroudsburg, Pa. No President has yet been appointed.

A MEETING of the Grangers took place on Monday evening last, at the residence of Samuel P. Phillips, it being his 53d birth day. A large number were present including many ladies, and the evening was spent very pleasantly, the ladies indulging in their musical attainments and some of the gentlemen entertained themselves and crowd by singing and speech making.

Charles L. Hallet was elected Master of Anapolink Grange, No. 163. The Grange is said to be in a flourishing condition. Five new members were added at the last regular meeting.

DEATH FROM OVERDOSE OF OPIUM.—Mr. James McVay who resides on the Thos. Long property, in Stroud township, not feeling very well on Sunday sent his son for some gum opium, which he took an overdose of on Sunday evening, and died the next day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. McVay was about 40 years old and leaves a wife, six children and father who lived with him. Mr. McVay came to this county last June. He exchanged property in Morristown, where he formerly resided, for the Thomas Long property. Mr. McVay is highly spoken of by his neighbors as being a good citizen and neighbor.

THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND THE COUNTY INSTITUTE.—We learn that our liberal and enlightened school board in the generosity of their gushing souls did conclude, after taking a very intelligent and, to them, proper observation of the whole question, that our teachers should have just exactly three days to attend the County Institute. We have no patience with such narrow minded littleness. It would be a cheap investment if the school boards of the whole county would send their teachers free of expense two weeks every year to the County Institute instead of one as is required. The reflex benefit would more than repay the trifling expense. In the Institute the science of successful teaching is illustrated by competent professional gentlemen, and no intelligent teacher can fail to be greatly profited.

We would suggest the propriety of compelling our illustrious School Board to put one week into the Institute, and if that don't cure them of their narrowness and littleness, then we would send them to our common school just three weeks, which we think would finish them.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENTS.—On Friday last, Owen and Oscar Huston, of this place, hitched up one of their horses and took a sled to the blacksmith shop of Mr. Titus for repairs, and left the horse standing in front of the shop without being tied. The horse concluded repairs were taking up too much of his valuable time and started for home, and would have succeeded had he not been stopped in front of the Burnett House, by several persons who happened to be on the street.

On the same day Mr. E. K. Slaughter, one of the proprietors of the Indian Queen Hotel, of this borough, accompanied by Miss Ella Gish, of East Stroudsburg, started out for a sleigh ride, and while driving leisurely along between Bells' and the railroad crossing, D. L. & W. R. R., his horse took fright at a passing coal train, dashed off at a rapid rate, Ned. clung to the reins and succeeded in guiding him into a snow bank when the horse blundered and fell, which took all the run out of him. Ned. and Miss G., can congratulate themselves, as both escaped without a scratch. The cross-piece of the shaft was broken, and the horse received a slight cut on one of his fore feet, was the only injury done.

On Wednesday evening last, 17th inst., Mr. Simon Lee, of this place, accompanied by Dr. Cox, of Philadelphia, whilst out enjoying a sleigh ride on the Milford road, one of the runners, at a short turn in the road, ran on a snow drift and tipped, when Simon and the Dr. were both thrown from the sleigh. Simon received several severe bruises, one over the left eye, which gives that orb a rather gloomy appearance. Dr. Cox was happy to state escaped injury.

HORRIBLE.—Mrs. Wm. Parrish, a resident of West Pittston, Luzerne county, Pa., had a hearing before Esquire Helms, on a charge of stripping a step-son of hers and placing him on a red-hot stove and burning him in a terrible manner. The Justice held her in the sum of \$200.00 for trial at the next term of quarter sessions. The Pittston Leader, from which we glean the above, furnishes the following:

"Mrs. Parrish is the second wife of her husband, and was the widow of Allen, who was murdered on Main street two years ago when Parrish married her. The neighbors allege that she has been in the habit of practicing cruelties upon the boy who was so terribly tortured. It is said that on many occasions she has tied the little fellow tightly in a chair, while she with her own children went off somewhere to pass the day, the boy in the meantime being compelled to remain in one position during her absence, without food or drink. At other times she had forced the child to walk a short plank continuously for hours, goading him to rapid movements with a whip applied to his bare legs. It is asserted that she recently placed a powder keg, with its top and bottom knocked out, put on the stove, and then doubled the child into the upper portion until he was nearly roasted by the terrible heat which enveloped him."

A SHORT time since a baby was born in North Whitehall which is almost completely covered with strawberry and blackberry marks, with the exception of the face. They are not merely red and black spots, but full on the child's limbs and body in like manner as the berries on the vines.

Personal.

George E. Wolf, of Scranton, was in town on Sunday enjoying the "beautiful" sleighing.

Hon. John B. Storm, of this place spoke to a large congregation on Sunday evening last, in the M. E. Church.

We are sorry to be unable to report any improvement in ex-Judge Throop, who has been debilitated for several weeks back.

Mrs. McBride, wife of the Rev. Mr. McBride, is here visiting the many friends the Reverend gentleman has gained since his arrival here a few weeks ago.

Mr. Samuel Melick, at one time a resident of this place, but now of Newburgh, N. Y., spent Sunday here among relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Melick, left town on Monday, for their home.

Mr. Wm. S. Wintermute, who was stricken down with apoplexy some time ago, an account of which we gave at the time, has recovered so as to be able to be about again.

The Rev. Mr. McBride, who has so ably been conducting the revival services in the M. E. church, of this place, for the past six weeks, was not able to take charge of the services for several evenings, during the past week and the early part of this.

What Monroe County Pays.

The Auditor General's Report of the finances of this State, for the year ending November 30th, 1876, has been received. From it we learn that Monroe county paid into the treasury, during that period, the following amounts:

Tax writs, wills, deeds, &c., \$ 707 99
Collateral inheritance tax, 180 00
Tavern licenses, 2,288 24
Retailer's license, 819 61
Restaurant licenses, 190 00
Stroudsburg Water Co.—Charter, 18 00

Total \$ 4,203 84
The County, during the same period received the following sums:
Pensioners, \$ 140 00
Common Schools, 4,310 78
J. M. Eilenberger, mercantile appr' 12 00

Donations.

The day heretofore named having been stormy and roads almost impassable, it has been decided that a donation will be given the Rev. G. Roth, at the parsonage, Hamilton Square, on Monday, January 29th, 1877, afternoon and evening. Should the day be stormy the donation will be held the first fair day thereafter. All are cordially invited to attend. On the same day at 1 o'clock, p. m., a meeting of the Church Council, comprising the Hamilton Charge, will be held at the Hamilton Church.

A Festival at Fowler's appointment, will be held at the house of James Hoffman, late residence of John Ransberry, Thursday evening, Feb. 1st, 1877. Proceeds for the benefit of E. L. Martin. The public are cordially invited to attend. Should the weather prove stormy it will be held the next fair evening.

By order of the STEWARDS.

FIRES.—On Wednesday night last, about 11 o'clock, Barnett Metzger's barn, in Paradise township, this county, together with the entire contents, consisting of grain, straw, hay, threshing machine, &c., was destroyed by fire. Three valuable horses perished in the flames. Insured in Farmers Mutual. The Depot at Manunka Chuk, Del. Lack. & Western Railroad, took fire about 2 o'clock last Friday morning and burned to the ground. The building was a cheap one, and it is hoped the company will put up a comfortable building.

THE County Institute under the control of Prof. Morey, assisted by Prof. Raub, of Lock Haven, Pa., is now in progress. The exercises are said to be very efficiently conducted. We fear however that the Institute is not as fully attended as it deserves to be. Every School Board of the county ought to compel the Teachers to put in full five days. Nothing could yield a larger interest to the educational cause of our county.

AN important change took place with the coming in of the New Year in the method of supporting the Methodist Episcopal bishops. Heretofore their support was provided for from the minds of the Book Concern. Hereafter that concern will not pay any money on their account beyond their traveling expenses. Their support is to be provided for by the voluntary contributions of the various congregations.

TEN millions of the five-twenty bonds of May and November, 1865, are called in by the Secretary of the Treasury, and will be payable, principal and accrued interest, on the 10th of April next, from which date interest will cease. Of these three millions are registered, and seven millions coupon bonds.

THE Centennial commissioners are closing their accounts, and as soon as the court decides whether the government is first to be paid or not, the figures will be made public. If the decision is against the government, the stock, it is said, will pay a dividend of ninety per cent. The report will be made, it is thought, by May 1st.

THE Pennsylvania State Grange held its annual meeting last week at Meadville. The increase in the number of Grangers in Crawford county during the year was ninety-eight, and the whole number is 728. At the same time the membership has increased about ten thousand. The whole number of Grangers in the State is set down at thirty thousand.

New York is fairly called the champion Democratic city, and has been under exclusive Democratic rule for many years. She now has a municipal debt of one hundred and twenty millions of dollars, clear of all effects, with unlimited facilities for increasing it still more. She is a shining illustration of the capacity of her rulers for "economy and reform."

Clara Friedson, of New York, married, swallowed a large dose of sulphuric acid and her insides were completely burned to a crisp.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

The following is the report of the Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed to report such measures as may be best calculated to accomplish the lawful counting of the Electoral vote: The committee say that they have considered the subjects named in the resolutions and have had full and free conference with each other, and now report the bill and recommend its passage. Continuing they say:

We have applied the utmost practicable study and deliberation to the subject, and believe that the bill now reported is the best attainable disposition of the different problems and disputed theories arising out of the late election. It must be obvious to every person conversant with the history of the country, and with the formation and interpretation of the Constitution, that the wide diversity of views and opinions touching the subject, not wholly coincident with the biased wishes of the members of political parties, would naturally exist. We have in this state of affairs chosen, therefore, not to deal with abstract questions, save so far as they are necessarily involved in the legislation proposed. It is, of course, plain that the report of the bill implies that in our opinion legislation may be had on the subject in accordance with the Constitution, but we think that the law proposed is inconsistent with a few of the principal theories upon the subject. The Constitution requires that the Electoral votes shall be counted upon a particular occasion. All will agree that the votes named in the Constitution are the constitutional votes of the States, and no other, and when they have been found and identified there is nothing left to be disputed or decided. All the rest is the mere clerical work of summing up the numbers, which being done the Constitution itself declares the consequences. This bill, then, is only directed to ascertaining, for the purpose and in aid of the counting, what are the constitutional votes of the respective States; and whatever jurisdiction exists for such purposes, the bill only regulates the method of exercising it. The Constitution, our great instrument and security for liberty and order, speaks in the amplest language for all such cases, in whatever respect they may be presented. It declares that the Congress shall have power "to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or any department or officer thereof." The committee, therefore, think that the law proposed cannot be justly assailed as unconstitutional by any one; for this reason, we think it unnecessary, whatever may be our own individual views, to discuss any of the theories referred to. Our fidelity to the Constitution is observed when we find that the law we recommend is consistent with that instrument. The matter then being a proper subject for legislation, the fitness of the means proposed becomes the next subject of consideration. Upon this, we beg leave to submit a few brief observations.

FITNESS OF THE PROPOSED METHOD.

In all just governments, both public and private rights must be defined and determined by the law. This is essential to the very idea of such a government, and is the characteristic distinction between free and despotic systems. However important it may be whether one citizen or another shall be the chief magistrate for the period prescribed, upon just theories of civil institutions, it is of far greater moment that the will of the people, lawfully expressed in the choice of that officer, shall be ascertained and carried into effect in a lawful way. It is true that in every operation of a government of laws form the most trivial to the most important, there will always be the possibility that the result reached will not be the true one. The executive officer may not wisely perform his duty, the courts may not truly declare the law, and the legislative body may not enact the best laws. But in either case to resist the act of the executive, the courts, or the Legislature, acting constitutionally and lawfully within their sphere, would be to set up anarchy in the place of government. We think, then, that to provide a clear and lawful means of performing a great and necessary function of Government in a time of much public dispute, is of far greater importance than the particular advantage that any man or party may in the course of events possibly obtain. But we have still endeavored to provide such lawful agencies of decision in the present case as shall be the most fair and impartial possible under the circumstances. Each of the branches of the Legislature and the Judiciary are represented in the tribunal in equal proportions. The composition of the judicial part of the commission looks to a selection from different parts of the Republic, while it is thought to be free from any preponderance of supposable bias and the addition of the necessary constituent part of the whole commission in order to obtain an uneven number is left to an agency the furthest removed from prejudice of any existing attainable one. It would be difficult, if not impossible, we think, to establish a tribunal that could be less the subject of party criticism than such a one. The principle of its constitution is so absolutely fair that we are unable to perceive how the most extreme partisan can assail it, unless he wishes to embark his hopes upon the stormy sea of unregulated procedure, hot disputes, and dangerous results, that can neither be measured nor defined, rather than upon the fixed and regular course of law that insures peace and the order of society whatever party may be disappointed in its hopes. The unfortunate circumstance that no provision had been made on the subject before the election has greatly added to the difficulty in dealing with it, inasmuch as many of the people of the country, members of respective political parties, will perhaps look with jealousy upon any measure that seems to involve even the probability of the defeat of their wishes, but it has led the committee to feel that their members are bound by the highest duty, in such a case, to let no bias or party feeling stand in the way of a just, equal, and peaceful measure for extricating the question from the embarrassments that at present surround it.

NECESSITY FOR SPEEDY ACTION.

In conclusion, we respectfully beg leave to impress upon Congress the necessity of a speedy determination upon this subject. It is impossible to estimate the material loss the country daily sustains from the existing state of uncertainty. It directly and powerfully tends to unsettle and paralyze business, to weaken public and private credit, and to create apprehensions in the minds of the people that disturb the peaceful tenor of their ways and happiness. It does far more—it tends to bring republican institutions into discredit and to create doubts of the success of our form of Government and of the Republic. All considerations of interest, of patriotism, and of justice unite in demanding of the law-making power a measure that will bring peace and prosperity to the country and show that our republican institutions are equal to any emergency. And, in this connection, we cannot refrain from expression of our satisfaction that your committee, composed of equal numbers of opposing parties, have fortunately been able to do what has been attempted in vain heretofore—almost unanimously agree upon a plan considered by them all to be just, wise, and efficient. We, accordingly, recommend the proposed act to the patriotic and just judgment of Congress.

GEORGE F. EDMUNDS,
FREDERICK T. FREELINGHUYSEN,
ROSCOE CONKLING,
A. G. THURMAN,
T. F. BAYARD,
M. W. RANSOM,
Senate Committee.

H. B. PAYNE,
EPPA HUNTON,
ABRAM S. HEWITT,
WILLIAM M. SPRINGER,
GEORGE W. MCCRARY,
GEORGE F. HOAR,
GEORGE WILLARD,
House Committee.

Senator Morton was the only member of the committee who did not sign the report.

Report of Stroudsburg Public Schools for the month ending Jan. 8, 1877:

PRINCIPAL'S DEPARTMENT.

In Mental and Written Arithmetic and Spelling all rank above 95.

A. Grammar—S. Custard, D. Palmer, W. Erdman, G. Sanford and Misses Baltz, Marriott and White, 100.

B. Grammar—Snyder, Labar, Keller, Flory, Notherler, and H. Dreher, 100.

History—H. Dreher, Sanford, Boys, Flory, Labar, Keller, Misses E. Heller, A. Hiller, White, Marriott, and Baltz, 100. Other studies not ranked.

Secondary Department.—Mr. Orfield.

A. Mental and Written Arithmetic—Addie Keller, Jennie Drake, Clinton Baltz, Ed. Dupuy.

B. Mental—Levy Brown, Harry Keller, Arthur Dreher, Martha White.

Written Arithmetic—Phebe Palmer, Laura Flory, Mary Philman, Hattie Raubenholt.

A. Geography—Ella Ransbury, Clara Rees, Lillie Bittenbender, Nettie Coolbaugh.

B. Geography—Levy Brown, Mary Philman, Ella Bartholomew, Phebe Palmer.

A. Grammar class the same as A. Geography.

B. Grammar—Gussie McIlhenny, Sallie Detrick, Martha White, Hattie Raubenholt.

A. Spelling—Ella Ransbury, Herbert Keller, Clarence Dreher, Clara Rees.

B. Spelling—Laura Flory, Gussie McIlhenny, Mary Philman, Phebe Palmer.

Miss Blair's Department.

In Mental and Written Arithmetic, Geography, and Spelling—Lewis Wallace, Layton Williams, Edith Holmes, Etta Heller, Eddie Sanford, Olivia Gardner, Annie Coolbaugh, Mary Greenwald, Annie Dreher, Eva Peters, Geo. Bates, Annie Merring, Frank Holmes, in each class 100, and Grace Palmer, Jennie Quackenbush, Laura Albert, Robert Boys, Harry Toek, Harry Drake, Owen Rhodes, Simon Flory, 95 to 98.

Miss Burnett's Department.

Geography, Mental, Arithmetic and Spelling—G. Rees, Paul Miller, Mary Baltz, 100.

Industrial Notes.

The wire mills at South Easton have resumed operations.

TAMAQUA rolling mill resumed operations on Monday last.

A new slate quarry is to be opened at Lynnton, Lehigh county.

THE Hematite Iron Company of Allentown has started its furnace at Kutztown.

THE forge at Knauertown, Chester county, went into operation on the 9th instant.

THE Keystone Furnace at Easton will be put in blast in a short time by Henry Fulmer.

ABOUT 700 men are employed at the D. L. and W. R. R. Co's works in Scranton in narrowing coal cars and building passenger coaches.

THE Easton Lock Works will be run to its fullest capacity hereafter, as there is a market for all the articles that can be manufactured at that establishment.

THE Morris Canal Company is building fifty new boats for next season's trade, and have purchased 110,000 feet of planks at \$8 per thousand, which will be used for that purpose.

THE slate business of Lehigh county is at present in a very healthy condition.

"The slate belt runs about sixty miles, through Lehigh and Northampton counties, with an inexhaustible supply of the best quality for all purposes, and to-day, in all this vast slate territory, there is not 1,000 squares of unsold slate, and at several of the large quarries the entire production for months to come are engaged for shipping abroad with as little delay as possible."

IN Boston they have reduced religion to a matter of dollars and cents. In the hall where the Rev. W. H. Murray preaches the seats are sold for single Sundays at a price proportionate to the yearly rental—fifty cents being charged for the best situations. Tickets, including reserved seats, are sold in advance at one of the music stores in the city.

THE State expended for school purposes last year \$9,624,458.95.