The Somerset Herald.

WEDNESDAY, - - - - - January 22, 1873.

A bill has passed both Houses of the Legislature increasing the Governor's salary from Five to Ten thousand dollars.

OUR member of the House, Hon. JACOB R. MCMILLEN, has been placed on the following committees—Education, Banks, and Manufactories.

HARRISBURG has spasms again, because a proposition has been introduced into the Constitutional Convention, looking to the removal of the State Capital to Philadelphia.

GRANT and WILSON'S majority, it is now ascertained, was 759,137, being nearly half a million more than in 1868.

The Republicans carried every State in the Union but six.

THE Speaker of the Senate has made Senator LEMON, of this district, Chairman of the standing committee on accounts, and has placed him on the Committees on Education, Public Printing, Agriculture and Public Buildings.

Yesterday, the 21st, was the day fixed by law for the inauguration of the Governor, and the election of United States Senator, and we presume that Governor HARTRANFT was duly installed, and Senator CAMERON elected.

THE State of Louisiana is at present being run by two Governors and two Legislatures. If the old axiom that "the State which is governed the least is governed the best," be true, then Louisiana is in a bad way, as she is just now the *most* governed State in the Union.

THE first article of the new constitution, now being framed by the convention in Philadelphia, has been adopted, and provides that all general elections shall be held in November, and all municipal, borough and township elections on the third Friday in February.

THE official vote in Clearfield county on Prohibition is for license, 926; against license, 1,406 — majority against, 480. Of thirty-one election districts in the county, nine give majorities for license and twenty-two against. Clearfield borough voted 113 for license to 161 against.

SPEAKER ELLIOTT has issued his writ for the holding of a special election in Greene county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of JOHN HAGAN, member elect from that county. The election will be held on the 28th of this month.

THE Governor has issued his proclamation announcing the ratification by the people at the last election, of the Amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of State Treasurer. There were cast for the amendment 681,620 votes and against it 4,393 votes.

AND now, "Local Option" has gained another victory. The boroughs of New Brighton and Beaver Falls voted on the question last week, and gave an aggregate majority of four hundred against license. This indicates that the county of Beaver will give a large majority in favor of the law.

HON. DANIEL M. SMYSER, President Judge of the Montgomery judicial district died at Gettysburg on the 11th instant, after a week's illness. The Norristown *Daily Herald* says: "The deceased was a man of strong intellectual power. As presiding Judge of this District for ten years, dating from Jan. 5th, 1852, he had ample opportunity to display his rare legal abilities. He devoted his entire energies to his profession and worked with a will and a persistence that no doubt shortened his life."

A bill is before our Legislature providing for the abolition of the usury laws. These laws are a dead letter in our statute books, and might as well be repealed at once. Who knows of any money being obtained now-a-days at six per cent? Banks, bankers, and all classes of moneyed men demand, and greedily take all they can wring out of borrowers. The laws are daily and hourly violated, and had better be wiped out, than allowed to stand, teaching the people to violate other laws, because these can be violated with impunity.

THE Democrats of the Missouri Legislature have "floored" Frank BLAIR, and elected LEWIS V. BOGY for U. S. Senator, to succeed BLAIR on the 4th of March next. So, another recalcitrant Republican has met his reward. The contest was a very bitter one, and up to the last BLAIR thought he would win. The vote stood 94 for BOGY, 47 for BLAIR. Thus one by one, are the Democrats contemptuously casting aside squeezed Liberal Republican oranges.

BOGY is a prominent citizen of St. Louis, a Democrat of the old fogy-Bourbon stamp, and was a warm sympathizer with the south during the rebellion.

THE President has issued an executive order to the effect that after the 4th day of March next, no person shall be allowed to hold a Federal office, at the same time that he is enjoying a State or Territorial office, and our fellow townsman, WM. J. BAER, Esq., agreeing with the President in his hostility to this kind of double-teaming, has introduced a resolution in the convention proposing to make it unconstitutional in this State to hold a State office while holding one under the United States. Evidently the lucky fellows with two silver spoons in their mouths have got to take pap with only one, hereafter.

THE votes for Governor were counted by the usual joint convention of the two Houses at Harrisburg on Thursday last, and the result officially declared, as follows:

John F. Hartranft	353,387
Charles R. Buckalew	317,760
Simon B. Chase	1,397
William P. Schell	12
W. W. Ketcham	2
Barr Spranger	1
Walter Craig	1
John F. Cameron	1
B. C. Grogen	1

In the Constitutional Convention the business thus far, has been mainly the introduction of resolutions proposing amendments, and their name is legion; apparently a portion of the members conceive themselves to be in a Legislative assembly where the most minute details may be provided for by enactments. Up to date but two new sections have been adopted in committee of the whole. The first of these provides for holding the State election upon the day of the Presidential election in November, instead of in October, as is now the law, and the second changes the day for holding the Spring election from March as at present, to the third Tuesday of February. The latter provision does not apply to cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more.

THE Baltimore *American* says; That is a suggestive paragraph in the cable news which states that 164,000 emigrants left Liverpool for the United States during the past year. We hardly realize how great is the exodus from Europe to this country until we are met with such plain figures as these. It must be remembered that this represents only a portion probably not half—of the great tide of humanity which is setting westward toward us. Emigrants are largely a class of industrious working people, who bring with them an earnest intent and willing hands to labor. They represent an immense addition to the material wealth of their new home, and help to build it up and add to its strength and prosperity. The old time saying that this is a refuge for the oppressed of all nations needs amending now into a new axiom that it is also the land of promise for all men struggling for a foothold in life.

IN Washington city a few days since, in the First Congregational church, the importance of having good editors was considered, and prayer was offered, especially in behalf of the Washington journals, though the editors of other latitudes were not forgotten. We have had a notion for some time, that a majority of our Democratic brethern are "past praying for," but happily the elections are all over for the present, and perchance some stray beam of grace may penetrate the cloud of——with which they enveloped themselves as with a garment. We shall watch with much anxiety the effects of this special intercession on WHITELAW REID, BRICK POMEROY, THEODORE TILTON, VICTORIA WOODHULL and a few other fellows of our craft, and if signs of improvement become visible, we shall intercede with the First Congregational church to try their hand on a few of our subscribers, whom we wish to have converted from the error of their ways, learned to be just, and taught to *owe no man* aught but love. This effected, we shall all be ready for the millennium.

THE GREAT STORM.

A Large Number of Persons Perished.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 15.—Reports received to-day increase the deaths by the late storm, as follows: Thirteen in the vicinity of Lake Hinsley, six miles from Lake Crystal; six school children, who had been attending school between Fort Ridgway and Beaver Falls; a man named Wolverton, across the river from Mankato. Five more cases are reported from Alexandria, making 22 in all.

A dispatch from Bergus Falls reports seven more bodies found, and estimates that within a radius of twenty-five miles the victims will reach fifty. A German named Ludicker, of Hastings, and his team perished a few miles from this city. One of the sadest cases reported, and one illustrating the fearful nature of the storm, came from New Ulm, on Tuesday P. M.; a man whose wife was sick started for New Ulm for a doctor, leaving her alone at home. No doctor would venture out in the storm, but one promised to go next day. The man started back, and was frozen to death when half way home. Next day when the doctor reached the house he found the woman had given birth to a child and both had frozen to death.

A commercial traveler in this city, who was caught in the storm, near New Ulm, and witnessed its terrible severity, gives it as his opinion that it has resulted in greater loss of life, and greater damage to the State than did the Sioux massacre of 1862.

WINONA, MINN., Jan. 15.—The body of a man frozen to death was picked up in a garden on the south side of the river at Medalia on Thursday. He evidently lost himself, was overcome by exhaustion and cold and lay down and died.

A dispatch from Lincoln station, on the St. Paul and Sioux City road, on Sunday, says: Mr. R. Kirk started for the timber to procure a load of wood. His cattle were frozen but he was missing.

Later.—Mr. Kirk was found near Garden City, along the Sioux City road, on Saturday, dead.

The number frozen west of Mankato to foots up twenty-six; as follows: Lake Crystal, 2; Medalia, 5; St. James, 10; Mountain Lake, 2; Windom, 3; Heron Lake and Worthington, 3. These are given as reliable. All the above named points report a number of persons still missing.

A report was received at Mankato, on Monday night, from Minnesota Falls, which says that eleven persons had been found frozen to death. Seven persons—three women, two men and two children—were found in a sleigh, dead.

A report from Redwood Falls says six persons were frozen to death, as far as heard from, in that neighborhood.

A party consisting of four persons, a man, wife, child and nephew—started from Redwood to go to Marshall on Tuesday, but when within a mile and a half of Marshall they were overtaken by the storm and lost their way. The nephew froze to death. On Wednesday afternoon the child died in its mother's arms. On Monday morning, when found, the man's legs and arms were badly frozen, and the woman had one hand frozen.

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

HARRISBURG, January 16. 1873.

Perhaps it might be of interest to your readers to know what has been going on at the capital during the past week.

At the caucus of the Republican members of the House, on Saturday, Hon. William Elliott, of Philadelphia, was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 40 votes to 14 for John I. Mitchell of Tioga.

Gen. James L. Selfridge was nominated for Chief Clerk, and John A. Smull, of Harrisburg, for Resident Clerk. Both without opposition.

Dr. W. C. Shurlock, of Beaver, was at one time spoken of as a candidate for Chief Clerk, but withdrew his name before the caucus met.

Capt. Hugh Morrison, of Butler, was named for Assistant Clerk.

The matter of minor offices was referred to a committee of seven, with instructions to report on Monday.

Here Philadelphia and Allegheny succeeded in carrying off most of the spoils, securing together not less than eighteen places out of thirty-six. Of the remainder Chester and Lancaster appropriated five. This left a very limited number for the country members, who were somewhat struck at the smallness of the divy, but they submitted to it with good grace.

In the Senate Republican caucus, Mr. Anderson, of Allegheny, received the nomination for Speaker, and Mr. Russell Errett, of Pittsburg, was nominated for Chief Clerk.

As to the minor officers the State of Allegheny again showed herself wide awake, and came in for five more places.

On Tuesday at 12 o'clock, M. The house was promptly called to order by clerk Selfridge, and Mr. Elliott was selected Speaker by a vote of 60 to 38 for Mr. Brockway, Dem.

Mr. Hancock, of Philadelphia, received one vote, that of Mr. Welsh, Indiana.

Mr. Selfridge was elected Chief Clerk. John A. Smull was elected Resident Clerk. Mr. Smull received a unanimous vote, showing the esteem in which he is held by both parties.

Capt. Hugh Morrison, of Butler, was elected first assistant Clerk.

All the caucus candidates for minor offices were elected.

The Senate was called to order at 3 o'clock, P. M., by Mr. Hammersly, late Clerk. All the Senators were present and answered to their names. Mr. Anderson, of Allegheny, was elected Speaker by a vote of 18 to 14 for Mr. Davis, of Berks.

When the name of Mr. McClure was called, he cast his vote for Butler B. Strang. This indicates that Alcck wishes to stand on the record as a party by himself. Russell Errett was elected Chief Clerk.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Elliott on taking their respective chairs made a few appropriate and well timed remarks, thanking their fellow members for the honor conferred upon them, and inviting all to come forward with their cooperation and support, in order that the duties and responsibilities which the places impose might be met successfully.

Nothing of importance was done in the Senate during the week. The Governor's message was sent in on Wednesday, and after being read, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday.

In the House on Wednesday, Mr. Smith, of Phila., introduced a bill increasing the salary of the Governor to $10,000, and moved a suspension of the rules, which was agreed to; the bill was put on its passage and voted down by a decided vote. But a reconsideration being moved various amendments were offered, among others one was adopted fixing the salary at $7000; this in turn was amended by raising the sum to $9000 in which shape the bill was finally passed, by a vote of 60 to 36. This is by no means a party vote, members of both parties advocating and voting for the bill on its final passage. The bill goes to the Senate for further action.

Immediately after the passage of the bill, the House adjourned until Jan. 13, in order to give the Speaker time to arrange the various committees, &c. On Tuesday evening a joint caucus of the Republican Senators and Representatives was held, at which Hon. Simon Cameron was nominated by an almost unanimous vote for re-election to the United States Senate. This will make the fourth time that this honor has been paid Mr. Cameron, and it is a high compliment to the zeal and ability with which he has served the State.

On Tuesday Jan. 14, both Houses again met. In the Senate the House bill increasing the Salary of the Governor was taken up, and in committee the amount was increased to $10,000, in which shape the bill was passed. This action of the Senate brings the bill back to the House again.

In the House nothing of importance was done; at twelve o'clock both Houses met in joint convention for the purpose of counting the vote on the constitutional amendment, requiring the State Treasurer to be elected by the people instead of the Legislature, as now.

In the Senate on Wedesday, Speaker Anderson announced the various standing committees.

In the House petitions contesting the seats Mr. Ash of the twelfth Legislative district of Philadelphia, and Messrs DeLacy, Koons, Quigley and Kisner of Luzerne county were presented. The House held an evening session at which committees were drawn to try them.

The inauguration of Gen. Hartranft, the Governor elect, will take place on Tuesday the 21st inst. Great preparations are being made, and it is intended that the display shall exceed that of any former occasion.

Destruction of a Portion of the Library of Edwin Forrest.

PHILADELPHIA, January 15.—A fire occurred this morning at the late residence of Edwin Forest in this city. A portion of the library was destroyed, including nearly all his valuable Shakespercan collection. The famous original copy of Shakespeare was consumed. It was published in 1623 and was valued at $5,000. The fire did not extend beyond the library. The gallery containing painting and art collections was not injured. The fire originated from a defective flue. Loss $15,000 to $20,000.

Railroad Accident.

TITUSVILLE, Jan. 17.—A special to the *Herald* says: An accident occurred on the Allegheny Valley Railroad at noon to-day, near Scrubgrass. A sleeping car on the train from Pittsburg jumped the track and was precipitated into the river. A Mr. Ritter, of Pitisburg, was killed, and Joseph Ross, Pittsburg, John M. Rich, Oil City, and Charles Cornell, Oil City, badly and three others slightly injured, among whom was Superintendent Hepburn, of the Oil Creek Railroad.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan 16, 1873.

CHEAP ELECTRICAL POWER.

Now that the postal telegraph bill is about to come up for action, it will be interesting to know that Dr. Loomis' theory of drawing a supply of electricity from an electrical stratum at an elevated position in the atmosphere is engaging the attention of the government authorities. Dr. Loomis has just been interviewed, with a view to estimate the chances of saving a few millions to the government, and yet the Senate committee on commerce has reported adversely to incorporating a company for the express purpose of testing the Loomis theory at their own expense, though a bill for the purpose unanimously passed the House at the last session, and not a dollar is asked from the government to perform the test. The probability of utilizing the Loomis theory to an immense advantage is growing greater in the public mind as the subject is investigated. It involves no less "a consummation devoutly to be wished," than securing a universal and unlimited supply of light, heat and motive power from the invisible air above the earth. That such a supply exists, is generally admitted by scientists, and the means of reaching and controlling it is the only new project that Dr. Loomis proposes, and for this purpose he proffers to use the tops of high mountains, anchored balloons, or modern towers of Babel. As Dr. Franklin drew the lightnings from heaven by the use of a kite, when a storm drew a part of the electrical stratum near the earth, so Dr. Loomis proposes to go a step further, and to carry the war of intellect upon this physical power above, and cut off a part of its normal base of supplies. With such an object in view, it has been suggested that Congress should at once appropriate $100,000 to secure a thorough test of the Loomis idea. Surely, it should not refuse legislative sanction to a company of individuals who desire to make the necessary experiments.

CREDIT MOBILIER PROSECUTION.

The position of counsel for the government in the Credit Mobilier prosecutions has been tendered to Hon. A. F. Perry, who has formally accepted. Judge Stanley Mathers, who was president of the Cincinnati convention, was also tendered the appointment, but declined. Mr. Perry will participate in the investigation now pending before the Wilson Credit Mobilier and Union Pacific Railroad investigating committee, for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the details of the business.

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION.

The first reception of the season came off at the White House last evening. The President and family occupied the red room—the President being supported by Gen. Babcock on the right, and Gen. Dent on the left, and all in full evening dress. Mrs. Grant was at times supported by Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Judge Dent, Mrs. Sharp, and Miss Nellie Grant. The arrangements were perfect, and the evening passed very pleasantly, with the usual crowd of youth, beauty, middle aged and old ladies and gentlemen, who were politely attended to by the *attaches* of the White House. The usual number of rich and extravagant dresses was on exhibition, but the hours passed pleasantly enough until 10 o'clock, when the guests began to file out of the rooms, and the old presidential mansion was left thus early alone to its legitimate occupants. To strangers, these receptions are a great treat, as great and small meet on one common level of American sovereignty.

LOUISIANA'S SENATOR.

The legislature of Louisiana, on Wednesday, elected John Ray U. S. Senator, who left immediately for Washington. The Warmoth legislature took a ballot for U. S. Senator, but failed to elect, though Warmoth received a small plurality over several candidates. The new Congress will be called upon to decide who is Senator upon the merits of the respective legislatures, a decision upon which will doubtless be reached before the adjournment of the present session. The New York *Tribune* published a wail over the success of Lieut. Governor Pinchbeck as Senator, but this is not the first time that paper has gone wrong.

SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION.

It is said some changes will be probably made in the cabinet after the fourth of March, and that the South will be entitled to a representative, in which case ex-Senator Poole will undoubtedly be the choice of the President. As a constitutional adviser there is no man more deserving or more capable of performing well the duties of any of the cabinet chairs. His popularity extends among loyal men over the entire South.

CONGRESS.

The Senate has just passed a bill authorizing the extension of the Point Lookout Railroad into the District of Columbia. The House fixed next Tuesday for the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill in committee of the whole; ordered an inquiry whether any member had been paid as attorney for the Credit Mobilier or the Union Pacific Railroad; passed the legislative appropriation bill; and the bill for the consolidation of the Indian tribes into a territorial government was discussed till the adjournment on Wednesday.

NABBED IN THE ACT.

Three burglars were arrested here on Wednesday night by the Washington police, while engaged in robbing the store of Mr. Shuster. They had packed up, ready for transportation, about $10,000 worth of dry goods, when the police pounced upon and secured them. They are strangers here, and bear the appearance of thoroughbred professionals. C. M.

Congregational Church Burned.

CHICAGO, January 16.—The First Congregational Church, corner Washington and Ann street, took fire about half past six this evening, and was entirely consumed. It was one of the finest stone structures in the country, costing $175,000. The last of the indebtedness had just been paid off. Great sympathy is felt for Rev. D. Goodwin, the pastor, who was very successful in the ministry. He was stationed at Columbus, Ohio, for a number of years. The parsonage adjoining is being abandoned to the flames.

Greenville, Pa., Conflagration.

GREENVILLE, January 16.— A fire broke out in the back part of a dry goods store at eleven o'clock last night, and spread over four blocks in the heart of the town, destroying stores and dwellings to the amount of $80,000 which was covered by an insurance of $40,000. The Meadville fire department came to our relief this morning, and the fire is now nearly extinguished. Many families are homeless. Twenty-four business houses were destroyed on Main street.

HARRISBURG.

The Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, January 14, 1873.

SENATE.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Speaker stated the standing committees would be announced on Wednesday.

The Speaker promulgated the usual order as to what bills were in order.

Mr. McClure offered a resolution instructing the Finance Committee to inquire what measures are necessary to collect the money due from George O. Evans.

NO EXTRA OFFICERS.

Mr. Maclay, of Clarion, called up his resolution increasing the number of Senate officers.

Mr. Graham objected and called the yeas and nays. Every Senator, he said, knew there was plenty of help to do all the work. The resolution was defeated—yeas, ten; nays, twelve.

Senator Davis called up the bill to increase the Governor's salary. It was amended so as to make the amount ten thousand dollars, and passed.

HOUSE.

The House spent the morning hour in hearing the reading of the message.

VOTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The joint convention to count the votes on the Constitutional Amendment, making the State Treasurer elected by the people, met and waded through a wilderness of figures, certified that it was carried, and adjourned.

Mr. Latta, of Westmoreland, introduced a bill relative to the care of insane poor. Passed.

HARRISBURG, January 15.—The Senate met at 11 o'clock. The Speaker announced standing committees. Bills in place were read.

Mr. Rutan—Supplement to the local option law.

Mr. McClure—Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requiring our members in Congress to vote for an amendment to the national constitution in favor of one term, and for electing the President and Vice-President by the direct vote of the people.

Mr. Humphreys—Supplement to the act incorporating the Youghiogheny bridge at McKeesport.

Mr. Rutan—Obviating defects or omissions in Sheriff's deeds.

Mr. McKinley—Supplement to the Soldiers' Orphans' School; also incorporating the Venango Bridge Company at Oil City, also a joint resolution providing for final adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. Delameter called up and had passed a supplement to the mining and manufacturing law, to extend its provisions to dealers in oil. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

House met at eleven. A message was received from the Governor announcing that he had approved of various bills passed last session.

A message was received from the Senate reporting the passage of the Governor's salary bill at $10,000.

Senate bill incorporating the Pittsburg *Evening Telegraph* came to the House.

Mr. Ballantine moved the suspension of the rules and its immediate consideration.

Messrs. Orvis and Brockway objected, and on call of the yeas and nays the bill went over and was referred to the Corporation Committee.

The annual report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Messrs. Mackey and Jordan, was presented and filed.

Mr. Mitchell, of Tioga, presented the petition of Thomas Waddell, contesting the seat of Kuhn, Democrat, of Luzerne.

Mr. Daley presented the petition of John E. Launce contesting the seat of John R. Ash, Republican, of Philadelphia.

Petitions contesting the seats of Quigley, Delacey and Kissner, Democrats, of Luzerne, were also presented, and 7 o'clock Wednesday evening fixed for drawing all committees.

EVENING SESSION.

House met at 7:30 to draw committees on Contested Seats. Two Democrats, Beach, of Mifflin, and Greenwalt, of Westmoreland, were chosen. The first committee drawn was that of Waddell against Kuhn, Democrat, sitting member from Luzerne. Simonton, of Dauphin, appeared as counsel for the contestant, and Senator Frank Collins, of Luzerne, for Kuhn, the sitting member, and counsel were accepted without challenge. The committee now consists of Messrs. Strouck, Lamon, Porter, Albright and McCullough, of Philadelphia, with Henry, of Cambria, Wilcox, of Erie, and Ballantine and Ramsey, of Allegheny—all Republicans. They were immediately sworn in, and appointed Thursday at three o'clock for the first meeting.

The Launces. Ash committee was drawn next. Col. McClure appeared as counsel for the contestant, and Senator Elisha W. Davis for John Ash, the sitting member. After all the names had been called McClure raisee the poin. that names which had been accepted by both parties could not be stricken off by the contestants or sitting member. Quite a discussion followed between Speaker Elliott and Senator McClure on this point. The Chair ruled by reading extracts of the law and the senator submitted. This second committee consists of Welsh, Jones, Priser, Hauch, Oliver, Berkholder, Allison, of Washington, and John C. Newmeyer, of Allegheny—eight Republicans and one Democrat.

HARRISBURG, PA., January 16, 1873.

HOUSE.

The House met earlier than usual, dispensed with the reading of the Journal, and went to work drawing committees on contested seats. After completing them—being interrupted by the Convention to count the vote for Governor—the House adjourned until Monday evening.

The five contested seat committees which were drawn are almost unanimously Republican, the Democrats not challenging many Republicans who were drawn from the box.

Representative Daily presented the petition of George McGowen contesting the seat of R. C. Tittermary, of Philadelphia.

Orders of the day being called, the Chair submitted the question as to whether the petition should be received or not. The House was almost unanimously in favor of suspending the rules and receiving the petition—yeas 76, nays 14. It was presented.

SENATE.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Alexander, of Philadelphia, an additional member of the Committee on Congressional Apportionment.

The following bills were reported from committees:

To legalize defects or omissions in sheriff's deeds acknowledged, otherwise regular.

To prevent the deposits of carcasses of dead animals in rivers in Allegheny county.

The petition of Chas. F. Miller, contesting the seat of Stokes L. Roberts, Associate Law Judge of Bucks and Montgomery counties, was ordered to be drawn on next Monday. This makes the sixth contested election committee ordered the present session.

BILLS IN PLACE.

Mr. Anderson—Act to incorporate the Shoe and Leather Bank of Pittsburgh; also, act to regulate church societies.

Mr. Playford—Supplement to act incorporating the borough of Waynesburg.

Mr. McKinly—Act to provide for the management of the Venango county workhouse. Passed.

Mr. Maclay—Act to allow the Oil City Railroad to increase its capital stock.

Mr. Rutan gave notice in the Senate this morning that he would hereafter object to the suspension of the rules which require all bills to be referred to the Standing Committees in all cases.

HARRISBURG, January 17.—Both Houses adjourned yesterday, but many of the members remained over to attend the organization of the various contested election committees. They all organized with the exception of the DeLacy committee from Luzerne. In this committee there were three members from Allegheny, viz., Ballantine, Sample and Ramsey; four of the committee were from Philadelphia. The three members from Allegheny, together with Henry of Cambria, and Latta of Westmoreland, refused to organize unless they got the secretaryship of the same.

A Sleeping Coach Precipitated Into the Allegheny River—One Passenger Killed and Several Injured—A Broken Rail on the Allegheny Valley Railroad Causes the Accident.

By the calamity of a broken rail, a sleeping car attached to an express train on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, was yesterday precipitated from the track and down an embankment into the Allegheny river. The fractured iron was encountered near Scrub Grass station, at twelve o'clock noon, by the train which left this city at eight o'clock the evening previous. Owing to numerous land-slides, unusual delays were experienced, and it was not until late in the morning that the ordinary running time could be made. All the cars, of which there were three for the accommodation of passengers, were well filled. Suddenly a lurch on the part of the sleeping car, broke the coupling attaching it to the balance of the train. For a few yards it bounded over the ties, startling its inmates with a sudden sense of danger, and then with a plunge went over the bank, down twenty feet to the icy river.

As soon as the jerk by which the coach parted from its companion was felt by the engineer, brakes were put on and the train stopped. The cars remaining on the track were instantly deserted, passengers and officials alike rushing to the assistance of those who were in peril of death. It was with surprise and pleasure that many of those who had taken the involuntary plunge bath were seen to clamber out unhurt, but further examination disclosed the fatal seriousness of the accident. One of the first removed was Mr. Joseph Ross Prothonotary of this county who was found to be badly hurt. After him was removed the body of Mr. James Reiter of Allegheny, quite dead, with marks of terrible wounds upon him. Following, was Mr. Rich of Oil City who was found not to be seriously hurt. These comprised the casualties among the passengers. Of the employees of the railroad company, William Garrett road master, William Klein, brakeman, and C. H. Cornell, freight conductor, were found to be slightly injured.—Superintendent Hepburn, of the Oil Creek Railroad, was also slightly.—All of these were removed to a hotel near the scene of the accident, but were able subsequently to continue the journey as far as Oil City, which point was reached at six o'clock P. M., and where they received the care of the surgeons of the road.

Mr. Reiter, who was killed, was a prominent business man of this city. He has for a number of years been engaged in the manufacture of boilers and iron tanks, on Water street, near the Point, and resided on Irwin avenue, Allegheny. He was about forty years of age, and had been married but a few years. His remains were placed upon the express train East, which arrived at the scene shortly after the accident, and reached the city at nine o'clock last evening.

Mr. Ross was taken to Oil City and placed under the care of an experienced physician at the Petroleum House. He is receiving every attention at the hands of the railroad officials, and telegraphed to his family last night that though his injuries, which are mostly internal, are severe, he has strong hopes of recovery.

The latest advices show that none of the coaches left the track with the exception of the one in which the injuries were received. The rail was probably broken by the car preceding the last, as no shock was experienced by those occupying the others, and the cause of the accident was a mystery until the track was subsequently examined. The car went down front first, but rolled over when about half way between the edge and the water, and remained on its side. The fires were extinguished, otherwise the fearful scene of the Cross Cut horror might have been again enacted. Fortunately the car was well built and of sufficient strength to resist the shock of the descent, to which fact may be attributed the small loss of life. It is the first fatal accident which has happened since the road was built, which speaks well for the efficiency and care of the officers.—*Pittsburgh Dispatch 18th.*

Extraordinary Bank Robbery.

LANCASTER, Jan. 16.—A daring robbery was perpetrated here yesterday on the Mechanics' Bank. Between twelve and one o'clock two men engaged the cashier's attention, who was alone in the bank, by selling $75 in gold and silver, the latter being in small pieces.

One of the men had on screeching boots, and walked continually while his confederate and the cashier were counting the money. Pending the negotiation, a third party entered the bank by a rear window and entered the vault, which was open, and abstracted convertible bonds to the amount of over six thousand dollars, and other registered and judgment bonds amounting to over forty thousand dollars.

The thieves, four in number, were seen about the bank during the forenoon, and the men who entered from the rear were seen by women in the restaurant under the bank, but were, of course, not suspected. No clue to their whereabouts has been obtained.

It was wittily said of a beautiful French literary lady that she had but one fault—her husband.

The Funeral of Napoleon.

CHISELHURST, January 15.—The funeral of His late Majesty Napoleon the Third, took place this morning. The residence of the deceased was thronged with friends of the family, who arrived from all parts of the continent. Great crowds of people from London arrived at an early hour to witness the final ceremonies to the illustrious dead, and the road to the chapel was lined with spectators to view the procession as it passed. Many adherents of the late ex-Emperor were present to take part in the obsequies and pay their last tribute to their leader. The immense throng of spectators assembled remained quiet and decorous throughtout the proceedings. The funeral procession started for the chapel at eleven o'clock and moved in the following order: Man bearing the tri-color borne on an ash stick, cut at the last moment before the cortege moved. The deputation of workingmen from Paris with uncovered heads, bearing their wreaths; the Chaplain of the family bearing aloft a golden crucifix; the hearse, drawn by eight horses, was driven by a postilion, and the mourners, who numbered eight hundred in all, and included the Prince Imperial, who went uncovered, Prince Jerome Napoleon, Prince Joaquin, Prince Achille McRouber, and many distinguished Imperialists, English noblemen, priests and others. The Prince Imperial was very pale and exhibited traces of the anguish he has undergone. Empress Eugenie was too ill to attend the funeral. The coffin was covered with immortelles and violets. There was no funeral sermon at the chapel, but the Bishop of Southwark sang a requiem over the remains. He was assisted by Father Goddard, the spiritual adviser of the late ex-Emperor, and all the priests who were chaplains at the Tuileries during the reign of Napoleon.

Mr. Lutz, organist of St. George's cathedral, London, was present at the chapel with his choir and conducted the musical portion of the services. The remains were deposited in the sacristy which has been formed into a mortuary chapel, until the removal of the body to France for final interment. The procession was very long: the hearse was at the chapel before the end of the procession had left the family mansion. All carriages and pedestrians were drawn up three abreast across the roadway and in that order proceeded to the chapel.

The Prince Imperial and Prince Napoleon returned from the chapel in one carriage. They were cheered by the crowds through which they passed. At least thirty thousand people gathered to witness the funeral procession.

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PUBLIC SALE.—By direction of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, I will sell at public sale, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 1873,

on the premises, at 1 o'clock P. M., the real estate of John Wallace, deceased, in Shade township, Somerset county, containing 178 acres and 95 perches, of which 115 acres are clear, 10 acres in meadow, with house and barn thereon erected; orchard and sugar camp on the premises; adjoining lands of Isaac Elrick, David Buchanan, Widow Blackburn, Michael Wagner, Widow Hammer, Joseph Cable, and others.

TERMS.—One-third, after deducting expenses of partition and sale, to remain a lien, the interest to be paid annually to the widow of said deceased during her life, and at her death the principal to the children; one-third in hand 1st April, 1874, remainder in three equal annual installments without interest, to be secured on the premises; 10 per cent. of the hand money to be paid as soon as the property is knocked down.

JOHN GRAEFF,
jan15 Administrator.

RULE TO ACCEPT or REFUSE.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Sarah Beam, Rachael Kreger, Jane Dumbauld Mary McNeal, Neal McNeal, Eli McNeal and James McNeal, legal heirs and representatives of Annie Roddy, deceased, late the wife of William Roddy, and all other persons interested greeting: Somerset County, ss:

You are hereby cited to be and appear before the Judges of the Orphans' Court, at an Orphans' Court to be held at Somerset on the 17th day of February, A. D., 1873, [L.S.] then and there to show cause why the real estate of Annie Roddy, deceased, should not be sold to pay the incumbrances of a dower amounting to the sum of eighteen hundred dollars ($1800,) or thereabouts, which said dower was due and payable to the heirs of Frederick Bighaugh all in March, 1872, and the expenses of selling the same, and that the interest of the residue of the purchase money be paid to William Roddy, the husband aforesaid during the period of his natural life, and after his death the principal thereof to be paid to the heirs and legal representatives of said Annie Roddy, deceased; herein fail not.

Witness the Honorable Wm. M. Hall, Esq., at Somerset, this 27th day of November, A. D. 1872.

D. J. HORNER, Clerk.

The above named heirs, living in Somerset county, have all been notified of the time and place.

Sheriff's office, } OLIVER KNEPPER,
January, 13, 1873. } Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elizabeth Brugh, late of Jefferson tp., deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted to it to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it, to present them, duly authenticated for settlement, at the office of John H. Uhl, in Somerset, on Saturday, February 22, 1873.

JOSEPH BRUGH,
jan15 Administrator.

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