

ATTORNEY GENERAL DICKER, of this State, has gone on a trip to Europe, with the hope of restoring his impaired health.

During the month of April, the Public Debt was reduced in the sum of Two million, two hundred and forty-seven thousand, four hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$2,447,485.)

Our Republican neighbors of Blair county, have appointed their delegate to the next State Convention, and instructed in favor of Hon. S. B. BAIRD for Supreme Judge, and Hon. SAMUEL HENRY for State Treasurer.

Governor HARTMAN has signed the Congressional apportionment bill. So it is fixed beyond all contingencies, that Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset compose this district for the next ten years.

We lay before our readers in this issue a speech lately made by WILLIAM J. BAER, Esq. in the Constitutional Convention. Although we do not agree with Mr. BAER in his conclusions, the speech is an able and exhaustive one, showing much thought on the important subject to which it is devoted, and well worth the consideration of the moral and reflecting portion of the community.

The movement of the New York World to cut loose from the "Liberal Republicans" and place the Democratic party upon a free trade platform, is creating a great flutter in the opposition ranks. The "Liberals" are indignant at the "snub," and the Tariff Democrats in Pennsylvania are equally indignant that one of their cherished principles, and the only one they have that is worth anything, is to be sacrificed.

The postmaster at Colfax, Louisiana, informs the postoffice Department that he was compelled to flee for his life at the recent massacre of colored men there, and that he took to Alexandria all the records and papers belonging to the office. He declines to serve any longer as postmaster, and the Department has issued orders discontinuing the office at Colfax.

At the meeting of the Republican State Committee at Harrisburg, on Thursday of last week, it was determined to hold the next State Convention at the Capitol on Wednesday the 13th day of August next.

Resolved, That the Republican party of Pennsylvania have reason to be proud of the manner in which Governor Hartman discharged the duties of his office, and the people of the Commonwealth may feel assured that their interests will be fully guarded during his administration.

Resolved, That the thanks of the committee of the Republican party of Pennsylvania are tendered to the Hon. Russell E. Hunt, Chairman, General Bingham, Treasurer, and the several secretaries associated with them for the efficient and able manner in which they discharged their arduous duties during the late campaign which resulted so gloriously in the triumph of Republican principles.

This terrible defeat, or rather massacre of our troops by the Modoc Indians, has caused an intense feeling throughout the country. Evidently there must be a change in our mode of warfare with the savages. The late massacre, for it was nothing else, is but a repetition of BRADDOCK'S disaster, or indeed of every attempt since that day, to meet the redskins with regular troops. Men untrained in the art of war, and standing Indian fighters will have to be employed, and the sooner the government accepts the services of the large numbers of these men who are now offering themselves, the better will it be. To send trained soldiers who are accustomed to move in masses, and at the word of command, into the broken and rocky country, behind every projection of which lurks a keen-eyed assassin with a repeating rifle in his hand, is simply marching to the brave fellows to certain death, from unseen foes.

The stockholders of the Mount Pleasant and Broad Ford railroad company have brought an action against the Penna. R. R. Co. for the purpose of regaining possession of their road. They further allege in their bill that the directors of the road have violated their obligation to their own company, and have united in a conspiracy with the directors of the South West Penna. Railroad Co. to defraud them, the Stockholders, out of the use and possession of their road. The Pittsburg & Connellsville Railroad has also commenced legal proceedings against the same parties for the recovery of this road.

GALENA, ILL., May 1.—All the public buildings and many private residences, including the President's old home, were brilliantly illuminated, and all the city citizens are ringing a welcome to President Grant to his old home. Owing to a heavy storm prevailing, the formal reception was postponed, and was met at the depot on the arrival of the special train from the South on Saturday evening. The President and family, accompanied by Mayor Hoyer, and escorted to the residence of L. S. FELT, Esq., whose guest he will be during his visit. Notwithstanding a heavy rain which poured down, nearly four thousand persons greeted his arrival with profuse and unbounded enthusiasm, following him to the residence of Mr. Felt. Saturday the President will hold a reception at his old residence. Friday night R. H. McClellan, President of the National Bank, gives a grand party in honor of the President and family. The President leaves Saturday night on a special train for Chicago, where he will spend Monday.

MODOC INDIAN WAR.

Exciting rumors reached the city last evening that the war between the rival railroads for the possession of the Mount Pleasant Railroad, had been renewed, and that a first-class riot was on the tapis. An investigation of the statements investigated modified the first thrilling rumors, but developed the fact that there had been a renewal of hostilities.

Reconnoitering Party of Soldiers Drawn Into Trap and Surrounded.

Full Details of the Fight. Forty-nine of a Command of Sixty-nine Killed and Wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—A dispatch just received by a courier from Yreka says another battle has been fought between the troops and the Modocs; nineteen of the troops were killed and seventy-three wounded. Among the killed were Captain Thomas, Lieutenant Howe, and the Twelfth Infantry.

The details of the case are not yet known. The news of the battle caused the greatest excitement here. SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—LAVA BEES, April 16.—A reconnoitering party composed of batteries K and A of the Fourth Artillery, and Company F of the Twelfth Infantry, left camp at 7:30 this morning, proceeding in the direction known to lead to the present Modoc stronghold.

April 28.—5:30 A. M.—A dispatch received from Colonel Greene, of the First Cavalry, who went out with reinforcements yesterday morning, shows the surprise to have been much more complete and more terribly fatal than was at first supposed. The dispatch states that Capt. Thomas and Lieutenant A. K. Howe, of the Fourth Artillery, are killed; Lieutenant Harris, of the Fourth Artillery, is badly perhaps mortally wounded, and Lieutenant Cronston, also of the Fourth Artillery is missing.

The Modocs are armed with Spencer carbines and breech-loading muskets. Nor is it a single instance only where one Modoc has been known to possess two or more Spencer rifles, enabling him to keep up a rapid fire of his natural or artificial breastworks of rock or surface. The ground in many places is torn up by volcanic action, leaving crevices, and these are adaptable to the purposes of either hiding or points of defense.

As a sample of their treachery and cunning it may be true to state that a portion of batteries A and K, Fourth Artillery, and company E, Twelfth Infantry, finding themselves in danger and outflanked, took shelter in a shallow spot, and a partial cover for some twenty. No sooner had they done so than the Indians, who knew and commanded every crevice from the cavity at that point, numbered twenty-one warriors, detached seven of their number on one side, fourteen remaining on the other, opened a cross fire on the exposed party, who could not show head nor hand without certainly being struck.

Yesterday Captain McKay reported that his Warm Springs had taken four scalps. This may be the whole of the party, as the killed are the only possible traces of their casualties, burying their dead in caves. Their wounded are supposed to be hidden in caves also, but few of them have been found so far.

Justice to the memory of the gallant dead commands that we record the following most authenticated facts: When Captain Thomas found himself and his men surrounded by the vindictive foe, true to his nature as a soldier he sought to cheer his soldiers on to the bitter end, and obtain, if possible, life for or sell their lives dearly, saying, "Men, we are surrounded; we must fight and die like men and soldiers."

Over Ninety Persons Drowned While Attempting to Witness the Rite of Baptism.

PHOENIX, ILL., May 4.—A terrible accident, involving fearful loss of life, occurred here this afternoon. The rite of baptism was being administered to a number of recent converts to the Baptist church, just below the Truesdale iron bridge. About two hundred persons, including many ladies and a number of children, had gathered on the bridge to witness the ceremony.

The Dead From the Wrecked Ship.

HALLAM, May 1.—The steamer Lackawanna arrived to day from the scene of the wreck of the Atlantic. The wreck has been almost blown to pieces with gunpowder. Large quantities of goods were recovered yesterday. Fourteen bodies were brought up Tuesday, and twenty-seven yesterday, mostly women. They were frightfully mutilated and immediately buried. The total number of bodies thus far recovered is three hundred and forty.

At the hearing of a bench of justice held in London, recently, the jury were obliged to hear seven hundred and forty-four letters which had passed between the lovers. After hearing them all the promise to marry was admitted, and the jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for £1000.

STATEMENT of the settlement of the Superior Court of the County of Allegheny, for the year ending April 30, 1878.

ASSIGNMENTS. The subscribers will offer at Public Sale, on the premises on Tuesday, May 20th, 1878, the following property, to wit: A certain lot of land, situated in the town of...

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\$5000 REWARD. Offered for the recovery of the stolen property of the late John W. Walker, Esq., of the city of Philadelphia. The property consists of a large quantity of goods, and is valued at \$5000.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Having been appointed by the Court, auditor of the estate of the late John W. Walker, Esq., of the city of Philadelphia, I hereby give notice that I will receive claims against said estate, on or before the 10th inst.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Philip Chandler, late of Shadyside town, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, and he hereby gives notice that he will receive claims against said estate, on or before the 10th inst.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Alexander H. Fisher, late of Berlin township, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, and he hereby gives notice that he will receive claims against said estate, on or before the 10th inst.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John C. H. Smith, late of Somerset county, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, and he hereby gives notice that he will receive claims against said estate, on or before the 10th inst.

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