

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS FOR OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

General J. W. Keifer, of Ohio, Nominated for Speaker.

State Senator Isaac Heiber, died at his home in Gettysburg, Friday evening last from typhoid malaria.

During the month of November the national debt was decreased \$7,249,126.25. Since July 1, 1881, the total decrease has been \$52,375,471.33.

A small tablet has been placed in the ladies waiting room of the Baltimore and Potomac depot at Washington, to mark the place where President Garfield was shot.

It is said that will be seven-teen contested election cases before the present House of Representatives at Washington, fifteen of the number are from the Southern States.

Michael Leonard who was last week convicted in the Court at Philadelphia for illegal voting, was sentenced to an imprisonment of three months, to pay a fine of \$100, and disfranchised for four years.

We have sent more wheat to foreign countries during the past six years, than during the preceding half century. In 1876 we exported 55,000,000 and about 150,000,000 during the year ending June 30th, 1881.

The high tariff men are anxious to have the Internal Revenue abolished, so that all income needed by the government shall be collected from duties on imports, at the same time the Free traders are also clamoring for their abolition, for exactly what reason, we do not understand.

Hon. Glenn W. Schofield of this State, late Register of the Treasury, last week took his seat on the Bench of the Court of Claims at Washington, to which place he was appointed by President Garfield in May last, to fill the place of Judge Hunt, who was made Secretary of the Navy.

Extensive thefts, amounting to over a million of dollars, and running back for several years, have been discovered in the Philadelphia Tax Collector's office. The clerks entered into a conspiracy by which taxes were retained by them, and others "raised." An investigation is being made.

General Eaton, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, reports that during the past five years \$692,510,797.39 have been collected and paid over, without the loss of a single cent. The entire expense of collecting this large sum of money being only 3 3/4-100 per cent on the amount collected.

The physicians who attended the late President have refused to send their bills to the financial agent of Mrs. Garfield, but will submit them to Congress. They have declined to take anything at all for their services unless it comes from the government. Their bills will amount to about \$80,000.

The third week of Guiteau's trial has ended. The assassin objects to the terms "kill" or "murder" being used. He continually repeats his blasphemous assertion that he was inspired by God, and asserts that the only point at issue is, whether the Deity or Guiteau is responsible for the death of President Garfield.

At the close of the late term of the Supreme Court at Pittsburgh, an order was issued transferring a number of the western and middle counties (among others Somerset) to the Eastern district, and litigants hereafter will be obliged to take their cases to Philadelphia. This action of the Court has given rise to a great deal of dissatisfaction, and the Judges are being severely censured. In justification of their course they say, that the change was asked for by the attorneys.

Gen. Garfield's Photograph Sent to Queen Victoria. WASHINGTON, Nov. 31.—It will be remembered that at the time of President Garfield's death Queen Victoria requested that Mrs. Garfield would send her a photograph of the President. A great number of photographs taken at different times and by different artists Mrs. Garfield finally selected one of her liking, and sent it to the Secretary of State to be transmitted through the Department of State to the Queen. It is of cabinet size, and bears a striking resemblance to the late President, the eyes particularly being most life-like and expressive. The photograph was inclosed in an envelope bordered with mourning, addressed to Queen Victoria, with the name of Mrs. Garfield written on the lower corner. It was encased in a box lined with blue satin velvet, which was again encased in a mahogany box, and yesterday transmitted by the Department of State through the regular official channels for the Queen.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 30.—The Times' Year City special says: Two negroes, whose names were Jordan and Craig were caught and confessed having assassinated Robbed Caslin, near Huntsfield Landing on the 17th inst. The negroes were traced by the infuriated citizens to a tug near Shepherd's wharf. A Clinton, La. special says: A mail driver from Jackson to Clinton was shot and a mail bag taken from him when five miles from Jackson. The bags were cut open and robbed. Edward Johnson, colored, was arrested with the crime. The driver was but slightly injured.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Marshall Henry, of this District, is daily recipient of anonymous letters from cranky persons in all parts of the country. Most of them speak of an organization known as the Avengers League, the members of which are striving for a prize of money offered to the man who will kill Guiteau. Some claim membership in Garfield's old regiment—the Forty-second Ohio. The man who shot through the van, they claim, is in Ohio, and that Jones is not the man. Yesterday the Martial received a letter dated "Central Ohio," which was probably sent by some boys. It was after the usual style, and among other things said: "If our friends of the Forty-second don't hurry up we will beat them and secure the prize." Endorsed with the letter was a card on which was printed in black ink an inverted pyramid and a large figure 7. Underneath the pyramid was the word "Avengers."

Washington, Dec. 1.—Dr. Joseph A. Biggs, bookkeeper and chemist at the Alices Farm, was recently murdered last night about eight o'clock a short distance above the city. The murderers used shotguns loaded with buckshot and slugs. John Wagner and Bill Seck have confessed firing two shots in Biggs, but says it was in self defense. Biggs bore a high character.

Washington, Dec. 1.—A special to the Reg. from Allen says that he saw a man who he said was a walker in a circus last night, and in the darkness Greybill mistaking his companion for the object of his search, shot him fatally.

From Nothing to 750 Barrels of Oil Per Day.

Tablet to Mark Spot Where Garfield Fell.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—A memorial tablet to be affixed to the wall of the Baltimore and Potomac station, opposite to the spot where the President was standing when he received the fatal wound, was forwarded to its destination last night, after a private view had been given to a large number of citizens. It is of white marble, supported on either side by columns carved to represent eagles with outstretched wings. The eagle grasping the American flag, which falls in bold letters, reading: "James Abram Garfield, President of the United States, July 2, 1881."

Still Another Texas Mail Robbery.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 1.—The Laverina stage was robbed this morning about five miles from this city by one man on horseback. A negro driver and one passenger, a lady, was on board. The robbery was effected by cutting a hole through the door and passing the mail bag behind the mail was found scattered on the road and valuable packages stolen. The officers are on the trail of the robber.

A School Boy's Terrible Experience.

ERIC, November 30.—George Purpus, a boy aged nine, was accidentally locked in a school room here yesterday and was attacked by a swarm of rats. The boy fought bravely for some time, but became exhausted and when discovered was lying senseless, with the swarms of rodents tearing at his flesh. He will live, but his fright has probably deprived him of his reason.

Shot His Sweetheart and Himself.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—Margaret Vassay, aged nineteen, was shot in the head by her lover, Henry Menne aged twenty-one, to-day, who then shot himself, both being, it is believed, fatally wounded. Menne left a letter saying they had committed suicide because the mother of the girl would not allow him to visit her.

Terrible Conflagration.

MEMPHIS, November 29.—A special to the Appeal from Augusta, Ark., says: "A fire caused by a defective fuse, last night burned the entire business portion of this city. Over fifty buildings were consumed, and the total loss is estimated at \$200,000; insurance about \$75,000."

Two Murderers Hanged.

Raleigh, N. C., December 1.—A special dispatch to the News and Journal from Raleigh, N. C., says: "This morning about 3 o'clock a party of masked men, numbering between seventy-five and one hundred, took from the Oxford jail John Brodie and Shadrack Tester, charged with the murder of H. M. Lynch, and hanged them in a small grove near the jail where the murder was committed. The jail was taken from his home and forced to open the doors, while guards were disarmed and shut up in the guard house."

Enterprise of the B. & O. Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, December 1.—A contract has been signed between the Baltimore and Ohio and the Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Western Railway Companies for an interchange of business. The latter is to build an extension of 136 miles from New Castle, Pa., to Chicago Junction, which it connects with the Baltimore and Ohio, thus giving the latter an outlet to Lake Erie.

A Boiler Explosion.

MEMPHIS, December 1.—The boiler in the Yazoo (Miss.) Oil Works exploded at 11 o'clock this morning with terrific force, tearing away the roof and the side of the main building. Seven colored men were wounded, four of them fatally. The boiler, which was an old one, forty inches in diameter and thirty feet long, with five flues, was blown across the street, under a house opposite, tearing away the supports of the house.

Fire in a School House.

Baltimore, November 29.—A fire occurred here to-day at one A. J. Marshall School on Bay Carroll street which was extinguished before any damage of consequence was done. There were about 800 children in the school at the time, but the presence of mind of the teachers prevented a panic of any personal injury, though at one A. J. Marshall School a child was seriously and permanently apprehended. The fire originated from a defective fuse.

Seven Railroads Consolidated.

Harrisburg, Nov. 30.—There were today articles of agreement of the merger and consolidation between the Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, Rochester & Charlotte Railroad Company, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, Great Valley and Bradford Railroad Company, Bradford and State Line Railroad Company, and the Pittsburgh and New York Railroad Company. The new corporation to be known as the Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad Company.

Louisiana News.

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Senator Beck to Succeed Him.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—A joint caucus of the Democrats of the Senate and House was held to-night to nominate a candidate for United States Senator to succeed the Hon. James B. Beck. There were ninety-six members present. Senator Beck's name was the only one mentioned. After two or three speeches endorsing him, he received the unanimous vote of the caucus. He was notified of his action and made a speech of thanks. The action of the caucus makes his election a mere formality.

Life Imprisonment.

GALVESTON, Texas, November 27.—A special to the Reg. from William Heacock says: "The jury in the case of the State against W. J. Heacock for the murder of her husband by administering strychnine has returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and has fixed the punishment in the penitentiary for life. Dr. Ball, her accuser, was acquitted. Heacock was sentenced for life at the request of the Court, but made his escape."

A Hundred Animals Burned.

GENEVA, N. Y., November 30.—The celebrated stables of Messrs. Maxwell Bros., on the Bennett farm, were burned early this morning and the loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Leprosy in New York.

New York, December 1.—Charles Henkle, an aged German Jew, died yesterday of leprosy after a course of anxiety and illness of health. He had been in this country for thirty-one years, and his case had for some time attracted much attention from medical men.

A Serious Mistake.

LANCASTER, Pa., November 30.—William Knier of Petersburg, this county, and Nathan Greyliff went on to hunt a fox. A light-colored fox was taken in a circus last night, and in the darkness Greyliff mistaking his companion for the object of his search, shot him fatally.

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