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PHILADELPHIA dispatches say that an early State Convention is talked of. June is quite early enough in our judgment.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BREWER announces that he will take charge personally of the prosecution against the Star route swindlers.

The Republican State Committee will meet on the 11th of this month, to fix the time and place for holding the next State Convention.

The Philadelphia Times publishes a long list of suggested candidates for Governor. Among them is our neighbor, General A. H. Coffroth.

It is alleged that gold and silver ores have been discovered in Green county, this State, and companies have been formed to work the mines.

The State of Texas contains 274,356 square miles. It is nearly six times the size of New York—nearly double the size of California. It contains 161 counties.

Words come from Germany that nearly thirty thousand citizens of that country have made all their preparations for emigration to the United States in the early spring.

GURKIN'S theory, that a man can be insane for a few moments—just long enough to commit a crime—and then recover his reason, will become very popular if the trial ends without a hanging.

This small-pox scourge is reported to exist in eighteen States of this Union. It is said to have been thus widely spread through the increase foreign emigration that is pouring into the country.

A DELEGATION lately waited on ex-President Hayes and solicited a contribution to aid in building a monument in memory of the late President Garfield. Mr. Hayes declined, on the score of poverty.

ACCORDING to the report of Treasurer Butler, our State debt on the 1st of December last, was \$21,140,188.05, of which \$164,888.05 is non-interest bearing. During the year the debt was decreased \$421,801.80.

A WASHINGTON paper hints that Mr. Blaine has already entered upon his campaign for the Presidency in 1884, in which, it is alleged, he will try to form a constituency from "liberal Democrats and Republicans."

THE United States will have a more kindly feeling for Vice Presidents hereafter, and will believe that a Vice President can make a good President. General Arthur has redeemed the name, and already made it honorable.

ACCORDING to a report made at a meeting of the Mormon elders in England, on Monday, fifteen hundred converts have been made since August, and it is proposed to ship this batch of intending law-breakers to Utah early next spring.

An Atlanta paper complains that Assistant Postmaster General Eaton is "destroying the harmony of the South" by turning out Democratic postmasters and putting Republicans in their places. There is not the slightest doubt of it. The Democratic idea of harmony is for the other fellow to give up.

The good people of Greenville, Ohio, have apparently come to the conclusion that because they are temperate, there shall be no more cakes and ale. Accordingly they have been breaking into the taverns of that town, demolishing the bars and other fixtures, and emptying whisky by the barrel-full into the streets.

THE Hon. D. J. Morrell, of the Cambria Iron Works, Johnstown, has been advised by his physicians to rest from work for a while, and sailed on Saturday, 23d inst., for Europe by the Germania. He expects to be absent four or five months, mostly in the Mediterranean countries, and Egyptian Palestine.

So neat and wonderful is the railway building movement in this country that the iron mills can scarcely turn out the rails fast enough. The mileage of railways in America at this time must be somewhere about a hundred thousand, and next year it is asserted that this will be increased twenty thousand.

THE popular indignation at the outrageous judicial fee daily enacted at the Guitau trial in Washington seems naturally enough to extend to England, where the greatest surprise is expressed at the spectacle of an assassin on trial for the murder of a President of the Republic being allowed to usurp the entire control of the court, to insult witnesses, to convert everything into a mere jest, and to conduct the trial to suit himself.

VICTORIA is a good Queen, but she is costly to the English people. Her annual allowance is \$1,925,000. To this must be added \$300,000 yearly revenue from the duchy of Lancaster, which her Majesty undertakes at the beginning of her reign to hand over to the public treasury, but has heretofore omitted to do.

state to \$2,275,000 a year. There are annually \$800,000 additional paid to the royal family; so the cost of royalty in England is \$3,075,000 yearly, with use of palaces, parks, etc., wholly rent free, and "pickings."

BARTOLDI'S colossal statue of "Liberty enlightening the World," the contribution of the people of France, to be erected in the harbor of New York, is now an assured fact, the money to pay for it, \$250,000, having been contributed by the French people. This figure, while not as large as that which once stood in the harbor at Rhodes, were it an imposing affair erected where it is proposed to be placed, and will be the first monument ever erected in this country that will be paid for before its erection.

THE Independence (Kan.) Tribune calls attention to the great results that have followed the attempt to raise cotton in that section, and says that one planter has ginned and shipped 100 bales of an excellent quality. The thousands of colored refugees who went to Kansas from the South understand the cultivation of cotton thoroughly, and now that the soil and climate have been found favorable to the product, it may be expected that it will be largely introduced, and the ultimate result of the exodus will be to add another State to the cotton belt.

NEARLY five hundred thousand immigrants from Europe arrived in this country in the year ending June 30, 1884, and the number for 1882 will probably be greater. Fourteen thousand tickets have been sold at Bremen alone, and the rush does not commence until toward February. Low wages, high taxes, military conscription and the burden of standing armies explain the exodus. If the South does not make some effort to induce a share of this industry and muscle to tend that way, it will be because her leading men do not comprehend their opportunities.

OUR State officials are doing good and effective work in crushing out the death-bed insurance companies. Another of the more prominent associations having been cited to show by what warrant its operations were conducted, has chosen to surrender its charter rather than engage in litigation, which its officers must have recognized as hopeless, or to make a public exhibition of its affairs which they probably had cause to fear. It is to be hoped that the crusade against these demoralizing companies will be continued until the last of them has been compelled to abandon its misused privileges, and to discontinue a business which is in so many ways prejudicial to the public interest.

APP. MELO R. ADAMS, recently appointed Interim Clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington, is a resident of Garrett, Somerset county. He served during the war of the rebellion as Captain of Company F, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, and was wounded at the battle of Charles City Crossroads, Va., June 30, 1862, the ball striking him in the right breast and passing entirely through the body. He was left on the field for dead. At daylight the following day the field was occupied by the rebels and he was carried to Richmond, and to the surprise and gratification of friends recovered. He suffers intensely at times from the effects of the wound. The district is to be congratulated on the appointment of so brave a soldier and so worthy and efficient a man as Capt. Adams.

A SINGULAR legal question is being tried in Illinois growing out of the liquor license question as applied to dining-room cars on railroads. Taylorville is a no license town, and an agent for the tectal societies stepped on one of these cars of the Wash road and bought a bottle of beer. The conductor was arrested, taken from his train, brought before a magistrate, and fined \$40 for violating the village ordinance, which fine he paid. Not satisfied with this, the prosecutors then caused his arrest for violating the State law against keeping open a dram shop without license, and the grand jury subsequently indicted him. The railroad company has taken the defense in hand and caused an action to be brought against the village authorities, and there is a fair possibility of the question of so-called "traveling dram shops" receiving judicial interpretation.

In answer to the question of a correspondent, we would state that the term "Stalwart," as applied to a portion of the Republican party, originated during the Hayes administration, and we have the authority of Mr. Blaine for saying that he invented it. It was used to describe that section of the Republicans which opposed the "conciliation" policy of Mr. Hayes, and was generally in antagonism to his weak and vacillating course. One of the leaders of the Stalwarts was Mr. Blaine himself. The term has in a measure lost its original meaning, and is now applied by some who want to make it disreputable, to those who favored the election of General Grant for a third term; but is more generally used to describe members of the Republican party who stand by its principles, its organization and its usages. The term "Half-breed" is used to designate those who are not reliable as party men, but vote the ticket which it suits them, and when it does not, vote against it.—Laurelton Intelligence.

THE bodies of Perander Pollock and wife, proprietors of the Toll House in Six Mile Run, were found in the charred ruins of their house last night. The bodies of both were crushed. They were evidently murdered and the house fired to conceal the crime. They were supposed to have drawn a considerable sum of money during the day from sale of real estate.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Secretary Dunkel would like to have another term in the Internal Affairs office.

The Lebanon Courier is for State Treasurer Butler for Governor, and says so vigorously.

Representative J. K. Billingsley, of Washington, is a candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Senator John G. Hall, of Elk, is prominently mentioned as a Democratic candidate for Governor.

Ex-Senator Wallace says that he doesn't want to be bothered with the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Senator Greer, of Butler, is making a vigorous fight for the nomination for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

It is said that Senator George Handy Smith, of Philadelphia, has cast an eye on the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Although Senator Eckley B. Cox, of Luzerne, asserts that he is not a candidate for Governor, yet it is intimated that Cesar would not thrust the crown from him.

The Democratic State Convention will be held in Harrisburg this year. The untrifled have had enough of Williamsport. Probably the water did not agree with them.

GRADUALLY but surely the administration of President Arthur appears to be developing a policy for itself which may be styled distinctly Republican. It is distinctly necessary for any national administration of this government that should be successful at all to adhere generally to the measures and policy of that powerful body of the people whose votes at the polls called it into existence. And whenever a President and Cabinet undertake to run counter to those measures and that policy the result cannot fail to be unfortunate for the administration as well as for the country. If the Republican party had been so offensive to public sentiment as some of the pretentious independent journals have labored to make it appear, it would not have carried the last Presidential election, and at the same time overcome the Democratic majority in Congress. And it must be distinctly understood that the Republican party did not ride into power merely on the personal popularity of the candidates, but by the confidence of the Hayes administration, and the tendency of the principles, measures and policy of the Republican organization in preference to all others. It must be borne in mind that the resumption of specie payment, which was carried into effect so brilliantly in 1879 under the auspices of the Hayes administration, was provided for by the last Republican Congress during the second term of Grant's administration, a policy that was then generally urged in Congress by General Grant, in opposition to a most formidable public sentiment in favor of an indestructible paper currency. It must also be remembered that the funding system for the reduction of the public debt in principal and interest was enacted by the Republican Congress during the same administration.

THE present fact of all the brilliant financial measures of the Hayes administration were but the confirmation of the established Republican policy with which Mr. Sherman had been identified during his long career as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Hence President Arthur has acted wisely and judiciously in gradually developing a firm determination to make his administration distinctly Republican. In so doing he has found himself in full accord with a clear majority of both houses of Congress, and if this harmony shall result in the passage of measures suggested and recommended in the President's annual message, the whole country will have reason to rejoice. The country has had enough of factious struggles between divisions of the Republican party, and has grown very weary of the warfare kept up against every Republican leader as being a sort of partisan machine boss. For the most part those leaders are very well aware that they are only powerful so long as they have public sentiment to back them, and therefore if they manage to rule by always carefully obeying public sentiment, it is more moonshine to expect a sort of partisan machine boss to be called into existence, merely to satisfy the ambition of leading and contents or Independents. President Arthur will be popular and powerful so long as he respects public sentiment and firmly adheres to the well-established principles and policy which are the backbone of the Republican regime.—North American.

Love, Murder and Suicide.

BIDDLEFORD, Me., Dec. 20.—Leon Moore of this place, employed as a clerk in a store in Boston, came here a few days ago to spend Christmas. Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock he called upon his affianced Miss Belle Cushman, an estimable young lady, and a teacher in a public school. Shortly after his arrival the other occupants of the house were startled by the reports of a pistol from the room in which the young couple were, and upon entering the apartment, they found Miss Cushman dead, and Moore just alive. Miss Cushman had apparently been shot while seated in a chair near the window, the ball having entered her head just back of the ear. Moore was lying on a bed in the room with a bullet hole under his eye. He expired in a few minutes after the occupants of the house had reached the room. It is supposed that, actuated by jealousy, he killed Miss Cushman and then shot himself. They were each twenty-one years of age. The families of both are highly respectable and are nearly distressed by the tragedy.

Double Murder.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nevada, Dec. 20.—The bodies of Perander Pollock and wife, proprietors of the Toll House in Six Mile Run, were found in the charred ruins of their house last night. The bodies of both were crushed. They were evidently murdered and the house fired to conceal the crime. They were supposed to have drawn a considerable sum of money during the day from sale of real estate.

DOUSED INTO THE DOCK.

GUITEAU AT LAST TREATED LIKE OTHER CRIMINALS.

HE GOES INTO HIS NEW QUARTERS Trembling with Anger and Apprehension, and is told he will be shot.

Other Experts testify Against the Insanity Plea.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Guitau came in for the most honor in this morning looking rather pale than usual. He complained that he had not slept well. Last evening a man was placed in a cell near his who was suffering from the most violent type of mania, caused by excessive use of morphine, and during the whole night his shrieks rang through the jail. Guitau was very much annoyed, and asked his keeper what was the occasion for such a riot.

The keeper replied: "We've got a crazy man on our hands to-night."

"Well," said Guitau, "why don't you choke him and make him keep quiet, and not let respectable people be disturbed in this way by a miserable lunatic?"

Dr. MacDonald again took the stand and was cross-examined by Mr. Scoville.

The questions were directed mainly to the subject of temporary insanity, and the witness was asked if in his practice he had not met an instance of temporary insanity. He replied: "Yes, sir. I know of a man who was insane for twenty-four hours."

Mr. Scoville (eagerly)—"And then he got well?"

Witness—"No, sir. He died." (Laughter at Mr. Scoville's expense.)

Witness was asked what he meant yesterday by saying, "I think he (the prisoner) has been playing a part in court," and replied: "I believe he has been feigning what he believed to be insanity, not really insanity. I believe he has been attempting to give the impression in court that he is insane, and with that idea he has been acting a part."

Mr. Scoville then came involved in a discussion with counsel on the pertinence of a question, when Guitau shouted: "You had better let him go. You are making altogether too much of him. If you have not got sense enough to see it, I'll have to help you."

Mr. Scoville then put a hypothetical question, which embraced the "suppose the prisoner believed himself to be a partner with Jesus Christ."

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Witness, not having heard the hypothetical questions, they were read to him by Col. Corkhill.

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