

GOVERNOR CULLOM, the newly elected U. S. Senator from Illinois, is said to be a teetotaler.

The Legislature of West Virginia has voted down a prohibitory liquor amendment to the State constitution.

A REWARD of \$5,000 is offered for the body of the Democratic statesman who got away with \$250,000 of Alabama State funds, but there are no traces of the fugitive.

DAKOTA will knock in vain at the doors of Congress for admission until after the next Presidential election. The stumbling block in the road is she would be a Republican State.

It is proposed at Harrisburg to prohibit "speculating in futures." If some of our sapient legislators would speculate on their own futures it might prove advantageous to general morality.

A LAW is proposed in the Legislature making employers liable for injuries to employes for accidents that occur through the carelessness of other employes. There is neither good sense nor justice in this. Let every man be responsible for his own negligence.

The chronic soldiers and growlers at the President have mostly retired in disgust with themselves. In the meantime all unite in declaring that President Arthur is doing well, and making one of the most exemplary and satisfactory Presidents we have ever had.

Two out of three judges of the Philadelphia Court that heard the argument, have decided that the "City Controller" is a county, not a city officer, and therefore the Governor's appointee is entitled to the position. An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court.

It is not a new discovery that crop shows are a fruitful source of crime, but there is a powerful temperance lecture, as well as a striking argument in favor of temperance, in the report of the Grand Jury of St. Louis, which attributes eighty per cent. of crime and pauperism in that city to the saloons.

The Harrisburg Patriot says: "The modern 'Independent' journalist is the incarnation of selfishness. He is an Ishmaelite whose hand is against all other living beings."

Will the editor of the Meyersdale Commercial please make a note of this chunk of wisdom?

OUR new Governor objects to the title of "His Excellency," and the new Governor of Michigan goes him one better, and objects to the title of "Governor" because he is only a "servant" of the people. Now, let us hear from the next demagogue, who thinks he can tickle the ears of the groundlings by an affection of humility.

The committee appointed to investigate the management of the State Agricultural College has just made its report. It sets forth that the affairs of the College have been managed honestly and judiciously, and that the only charge against General Beaver's honesty, circulated last fall by the Independents and Democrats, has proven to be unjust.

It seems to be tolerably clear that the general result of the stagnation of business caused by the uncertainty as to the tariff and tax laws is to produce an irresistible tendency to contraction, which is seen in the reduction of wages of industrial operatives, the suspension of business in large manufacturing concerns, and a general tendency toward lower prices of merchandise.

GOVERNOR PATTERSON'S "reform" message, sent to the Legislature last week, was a laughable attempt to "catch on" to the car of progress before he got left. It mainly consisted of recommendations to repeal certain acts creating offices, for the abolition of which bills are now pending in the general Assembly. The truth is, the Governor vented his views of this matter when on the stump last fall, and in their eagerness to prove their appreciation of his wisdom, the "boys" stole his thunder and rushed their bills into the House before he had time to "reduce his points to writing."

SENATOR LAMAR, of Mississippi, made a speech last week against the tariff, taking the ground that, Protection is like slavery. The laboring men and mechanics of the country were formerly denominated by the loudly slave owners as "nail-biters" and now this Democratic statesman describes them as slaves. Your true Bourbon Democrat will never learn, but Senator Lamar knows right well that free trade was the backbone of slavery, and that slavery crushed out while labor, and left nothing but "niggers," poor "white trash" and aristocrats to populate the richest section of country on the face of the globe. The facts of history, and the prosperity of the Northern States as compared with those of the South prove Mr. Lamar's free trade theory false, as well as insulting to the laboring men of the country.

THE bill introduced into our State Legislature looking to the creation of an intermediate court of appeals, is, in our judgment, a step in the right direction, and if satisfactory in its details, should become a law. There is no doubt that the increasing volume of business is commensurately increasing litigation, and that the Supreme Court of the State is over-burdened with cases, and justice, because of delay, is measurably denied the people. An intermediate court of appeals, with fixed and limited jurisdiction, would greatly relieve the court of last resort, and its decisions, which become the fixed law of the State, would be reached with greater deliberation than is possible with its crowded docket.

THE Massachusetts Legislature has passed a law directing judges to clear the court rooms of all spectators, whenever the testimony being heard is of a questionable character. This is a sensible reform movement, and we commend it to our own Legislature. Not a scandal comes up in our courts without the attendance of a crowd of spectators, among whom are a proportion of lads and young boys, and sometimes women. It has been customary to have the boys turned out, and then the bald-headed fellows, as they invariably do at the ballot, crowd up to the front, eagerly taking in all the pertinent details. If all spectators could be excluded from trials of this kind it would benefit the cause of morality.

THE Democrats in the Legislature are positively ashamed of McNamara's outrageous proposal to jerry-mander the State, called by courtesy, an apportionment bill. They quickly decided to bury it, but to soothe the feelings of itsable progenitor, it is announced that it will be made the basis of a more carefully prepared bill. When that bill is resurrected, we venture the prediction that the member from Bedford will not be able to recognize his own ranting unless it bears some peculiar Irish mark.

THE losses in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, caused by the floods, will reach seven or eight million dollars. This year has been a notable one so far for horrors and calamities, and scarcely has a parallel in the country. There is also plenty of time for more. The snow is piled up northward, and when it melts, if it does suddenly, there will be business for relief committees.

"YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE." The manufacturers and workmen of Pennsylvania, and other States throughout the country, are in a fever heat of excitement over the discouraging outlook of the tariff. If they had been as wise before the decision as they are now, they would have saved themselves all this trouble and anxiety. They had warning enough in campaign documents and from the stump, and as they did not seem to heed it, they now find themselves at the mercy of the Democratic party, who are making every effort to press a suitable measure through, but the question just now seems to be at the mercy of the forcible and convincing logic of the highwayman, "Your money or your life." The Democratic political highwaymen are masters of the situation, there seems to be no other avenue of escape than the two presented. In the Senate the Republicans prepared a measure which went to the extreme point of revision consistent with the safety of our industries, in hopes of carrying the measure, and the opposition of the Democrats of that body to carry it through. With what result is already known. The Senate bill has been so battered and mutilated by the bombs of Beck's bombast and the justifiable shade of misrepresentation of Morgan, Vance and that crew, that it is in a comatose condition. In the House the Republicans are manfully stemming a tide of opposition mustered and kept moving under the leadership of Morrison, Tucker, Charles, Springer and company. In the brief space of twenty odd non-working days for the Forty-Seventh Congress, it seems like hoping against hope to expect concurrent action of any kind. It would take some preternatural combination of circumstances to carry the measure to success now. Let the Independent friends of the tariff, and the Republican friends contemplate their work. Was it necessary, in order to rejuvenate the party, to pelt down the very pillars of the temple. The idle mills will soon tell the story. This is a season of Democratic industrial reform.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

\$150,000 for the Arlington Estate. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Star says: "It was stated by a day agent, upon good authority, that the Secretary of the War Department had practically agreed with the bill appropriating \$150,000 to pay General Lee for the Arlington property, the Government to be responsible for back taxes, and that General Lee's counsel have consented to accept this sum."

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THE Floods. PITTSBURGH, February 8.—All the lower parts of Pittsburgh and Allegheny are flooded and nearly all the manufacturing establishments on the river banks were compelled to suspend operations. The rise was caused by the overflow of the Monongahela river and notwithstanding the rapidity with which the waters advanced but little damage was done. This was owing to the fact that the flood in the Allegheny on Monday had swept away all insecure property and that valuable goods stored in cellars had been removed at that time and not put back. The rail-roads suffered to some extent, but not so much as was expected, and local and through trains are running as usual. The water is now receding and no further trouble is apprehended.

CATAWISSA, February 8.—The ice gage which formed in the North Branch at Wilkesbarre yesterday, remains firm. The water is 19 feet high and rising. The flats between that city and Kingston are covered with 12 feet of water and all low lands are submerged. The water along the river front are prepared to get at a moment's warning. All passenger trains on the new Pennsylvania railroad, which extends from here to Wilkesbarre, are abandoned and no tickets have been sold since yesterday, the road bed being covered with water and gorges with ice several feet deep to a number of places. The river here is but five feet high. The weather is below freezing, and this will no doubt prevent gorges breaking.

NEW YORK, February 8.—A special train from New York, Ohio, says: "Our city is completely under water, and the entire people have been compelled to seek safety on the hills tops. The waters of the Ohio have reached a point higher than has been known before, and are still rising. The people are filled with apprehension, and the most serious results are anticipated. The weather is cold, and there is much suffering, especially among the poorer classes. So suddenly did the waters come upon the town that business men had no time to move goods to a place of safety. Twenty-eight million barrels of coal, valued at \$1,000,000, are in the city, and all other business is entirely suspended. Similar reports come from all along the river. The Journal and other newspaper buildings have been washed out. No mails have been received."

PITTSBURGH, February 8.—At ten o'clock to night the river is steadily receding, with twenty-four feet of water in the Monongahela and the same in the Allegheny. The bottom lands are still submerged, but at the rate of the receding water, they will be within their banks by morning. The damage by the inundation in this vicinity will reach \$100,000 while a like amount will be required to cover the loss up the Monongahela.

Trouble at a Funeral. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 12.—Very unusual scenes occurred yesterday at the funeral of Madison B. Ward. Mr. Ward had married a woman who was objectionable to his family, and a week before his death she had been found in the water near her residence. It is not known that she was positively found dead, but it seems she was expected to remain alive. She refused to do so, and yesterday afternoon, shortly before the funeral, she was found in the water near her residence. After the door closed on her a stony scene is said to have taken place. But the wife was persistent, and not only remained in the room with her husband's body, but was the first to follow it out, and ordered the driver of her carriage to follow immediately behind the hearse. This caused another scene, and the undertaker in charge finally notified the driver that he would be arrested if he did not obey the order. The wife then followed the hearse, and the undertaker in charge finally notified the driver that he would be arrested if he did not obey the order.

Five Men Executed. CHICAGO, Mexico, February 9.—On Sunday afternoon about 200 disolute characters, who had often been arrested, attacked the store of Penos Alois Mining Company. The employes resisted, and Manuel Anshon, a clerk, was killed. Buchan Heppburn, the principal member of the company, went to the store to quiet the tumult, addressing the attacking party in conciliatory terms, but finding his moderation met with only insults he hurried back to his house. Just as he entered the door he was shot dead. Four hours later a light entered between the employes and ruffians, four men being killed.

San Francisco, February 9.—A despatch from Seattle, W. P., says: "The steamer Gull left this port this morning loaded with hay and other freight for Port Gamble, Seabeac and Union City. Four of her passengers called at Fort Madison, and the steamer was started for Port Gamble. A fire broke out on the deck, and smoke was observed to be issuing from the funnel. After lashing the wheel, a life boat was got into the water, but in three minutes went ashore. All but the captain and one of the crew were killed. The steamer was destroyed, and the loss is \$200,000."

Attempted Train Wrecking. CONSELLSVILLE, Feb. 11.—A thar-daily attempt to wreck the train on the Southwest R. Road, which goes nearly about 6 o'clock, has just been discovered. On several different occasions the train has struck obstructions at the street embankment at Moyer Station, three miles north of here. The obstruction was found to be an oak plank bound to the track with chains, but owing to the fact that there is a heavy grate and a sharp curve in the track, the train did not strike. There is a strong probability that the plan originated with a man, a member of whose family was killed on the Southwest Railroad a short time ago. The track is being carefully watched.

Terrible Crime. EASTON, February 4.—The coroner's jury in the case of the Italian cook murdered near the Miller's station yesterday, has rendered a verdict that Philip I. Petric struck to his death at the hands of Alex. Sabato, his brother-in-law, who is now under arrest. Commands of deceased testified that they knew of a strike for the dead Italian, it was a matter of fact when Petric owned Sabato. The murder charge against Petric had robbed him of food, clothing and money.

Two Lads Stab Each Other. BRUCEWOOD, Va., Feb. 9.—Two boys, about ten years of age, were returning home from school yesterday when they quarreled and drew their knives on each other. One was seriously while he, in return, struck a knife into his companion near the heart, inflicting a wound which will likely prove fatal.

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