



There are twenty five ex-Confederate officers in the United States Senate, and more than fifty in the House.

"Misery loves company." That is the reason, we presume, there is such a crowd of seekers after every office in Cleveland's gill.

The production of gold in this country increased the past year \$800,000; the total output of the mines amounting to \$30,807,169.

It is estimated that ninety thousand persons die every day. And yet the Democratic crowd for post-masterships appears undiminished.

Only four weeks more, until the hungry and thirsty Democracy come into possession of the spoils they have so longed for, for these many years.

During the month of January the public debt was decreased \$9,420,046, which makes the total decrease since the first of July last, \$40,921,010.

Out of the 172 Republicans in our Legislature five only, refused to vote for Senator Cameron. Bolting is played out, and white-robed peace has spread her wings over the Republican party.

The newspapers of the country pay \$1,500,000 annually to the Post-office Department, and when a general reduction of postage is being made, it is only just that they should be allowed to share in it.

Congress is asked for a further appropriation to build another vault to hold the silver dollars which the government cannot put into circulation, and yet the folly of minting this coin simply to be stored away, is continued.

The impression is getting abroad that an extra session of Congress will be called immediately after Cleveland's inauguration. Better consult Governor Pattison about the fruits of extra sessions, before further experiments.

On Saturday last, James K. Jones was elected U. S. Senator by the Legislature of Arkansas. Thus, another Jones, (the third one) another Democrat, and another Confederate soldier, will be placed on the roll of the United States Senate.

Hon. G. V. LAWRENCE, of Washington county, has announced himself as a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. George will be out of a job when Congress adjourns on the 4th of March next, and he evidently believes in taking time by the forelock.

It is proposed to form Westmoreland and Somerset into a Congressional district. Not any of that in ours, if you please, gentlemen of the Legislature! The Republicans of Somerset are not ambitious to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for others.

GOVERNOR PARTISON received a setback from the Senate last week; four of his nominees being rejected by a full party vote. One of the rejected nominees was a rebel soldier whom the Governor had selected to take the place of a Union veteran, as Notary Public in Juniata county.

The Democratic leaders will find that there is a vast difference between their party in power, and out of power. Out of power for a quarter of a century, they have been mere obstructionists, but in power they must meet the issues of the day, and present some well-defined National policy.

The Democrats in the Legislature are not claiming the earth quite so stoutly as they did during the late extra session, but they seem to think that the all-fired licking they got in this State last November, don't count, and want the apportionment based on the vote of 1882 which would give them eleven Congressmen—all they heretofore claimed.

DONOVAN RESSA, the notorious dynamiter, was shot on the street in the city of New York, Monday evening near his office, by a woman. As last accounts he was still alive. The woman was arrested and acknowledged the act, but will assign no reason for it. The attempt to assassinate the fiend who was plotting the retributive justice.

THE English scare over the late dynamite explosion seems to be extending to this country, and some of our law makers seem to be afraid of the windy threats made by a few blusters. The sooner a man, who is too cowardly to openly denounce attempted assassinations or help frame laws to suppress and punish the assassins, is retired from public life, the better will it be for the country.

The Illinois Legislative deadlock that has been broken by the election of Spink, Independent Democrat, as Speaker. Governor Oglesby, who has been kept from assuming the duties of his office for three weeks, has delivered his inaugural and the machinery of State is once again fairly in motion. A Democratic Senator is lying dangerously ill, perhaps fatally, and his party friends, who by filibustering kept the House from being organized up to this date, threaten to further

block the wheels of legislation until his successor is elected. The fact that a successor to General Logan in the U. S. Senate is to be elected, and that the Legislature is evenly balanced, is the milk in the cask, and the "Democratic reformers" have defiantly resolved to prevent any legislation, if thereby they can worry the Republicans into permitting them to carry off the prize.

THE bill to take \$10,000 from the State Treasury to assist in making a display at the New Orleans exhibition, was very properly defeated in the House last week. If good comes to the manufacturers of the State from the exhibit of their products, it comes to the firm or individual, and only in a secondary degree to the State, and it is only just that those who are primarily and directly benefited should defray the expenses. Let the exhibitors put their hands into their own pockets, and not into the Treasury of the Commonwealth.

THE Democrats are all torn up over the dreadful suspicion that Grover Cleveland is inclined to shake off the mossbacks, and with them the venerable traditions of the party. His declaration that this would be a business administration, and that young, active business men would perform its duties, has created the fearful doubt. It is observable moreover, that it is observable moreover, that it is the younger men of the party, the kids, so to speak, that he is inviting to visit and counsel with him. This is gall and wormwood to the venerable men who have nursed, and coddled, and set up o' nights, with the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian relics, and who continually prattle of the rock-ribbed, immutable and unchangeable Democracy, and it brings unspeakable woe and tribulation to their hearts. Mr. Cleveland will have to walk warily, else he will wreck his bark before it is fairly launched. The mossbacks with their ancient doctrines and traditions, cannot be lightly whistled down the wind, as incapables. They have held the Democracy up by the tail for the last twenty five years, and they will make things lively for him before they relinquish their grip.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND is stinging up wrath for the day to come. In his anxiety to be informed of the condition of his party, and the views and wishes of its leaders, he is inviting interviews with a number of them for consultation. Of course, each of these statesmen has a policy of his own to advance, and equally of course, Mr. Cleveland will receive and treasure up a large fund of information, backed by much sage advice. But when he has had all the garnered wisdom dumped into his intellectual hopper, and comes to sifting and bolting, and sampling it, and selecting therefrom that which suits his taste, and is adapted for use, won't the fellows whose claims are passed by, or whose views and suggestions are neglected, be in a wrathful mood? To be consulted with, and their views ignored; to be counseled with, and their advice rejected; to be flattered to the top of their bent, and then be cast aside: what can be better calculated to arouse wrath and create jealousy? Verily it looks as if Mr. Cleveland, in his anxiety to conciliate, and consolidate and reconcile the well-known conflicting views of his partisans, had laid up for himself wrath for the day to come.

It is evident that there is going to be legislation on the license question this winter, but judging from the number of resolutions already introduced, no idea can be formed of what its character will be.

Brooks, of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill fixing all tavern licenses in that city at \$1000, and making \$500 the minimum in all other parts of the State. It requires every saloon keeper to give bond in \$2000, and creates the office of exciseur to receive applications for license, who fee shall be \$10. Lowry, of Indiana, has introduced a bill, requiring advertisement of the names of applicants, of the signers, the petitioners, and of bondsmen. Stevenson, of Lawrence, and Glenn, of Armstrong, have introduced bills requiring that the physical and hygienic evils of intemperance shall be taught in all the schools of the State, and Thomas, of Philadelphia, has introduced three sliding scale liquor license bills. The first directs that saloons doing a business of \$35,000 shall pay a license tax of \$3,500, and that at this rate of ten per cent down to a business of \$3000, which is made the basis for which a license can be issued. The second bill imposes a tax of five per cent on the manufacturers and bottlers of liquor, the scale extending from sales of \$1,000,000 to \$10,000. The third bill fixes license fees for the whole sale liquor business at five per cent, the scale extending from \$50,000 to \$6000. In all these bills it is provided that one-half the revenue from licenses shall be paid into the County Treasuries. From out of these manifold propositions to restrain and control the liquor traffic, our lawmakers will surely be able to evolve a law, more satisfactory than are the present crude and contradictory statutes now in force in this Commonwealth.

It is observable that all these contemplated laws are aimed at the restriction and regulation of the traffic, and not the prohibition of the sale of intoxicants. Experience shows that the strict enforcement of prohibitory laws is an absolute impossibility, unless they are backed

by a strong public sentiment, and this sentiment is not universal, so far as is known, in any single community or Commonwealth. On this point a commission that has lately investigated the Iowa Prohibitory law says: "It has restrained the sale of liquor in the country districts, where it is strongly supported by public sentiment, but in towns and cities there is no restraint, and greater drunkenness there results from the illicit sale by the lower classes of the people." We suggest to our temperance friends that, while there is not much probability of their procuring prohibitory legislation, that judging from the apparent mood of legislators, they may, by addressing themselves to it, induce the enactment of a law requiring such high license fees to be paid, as will close up a great proportion of licensed houses, and enlist the vigilance of those who do pay the tax, in the effort to suppress illegal sales to their injury. "Half a loaf is better than no bread," good friends!

THE first explosion occurred in the cellar of Mrs. Hammerdoerfer, 1030 A. M. Mrs. Hammerdoerfer sent her sister into the cellar for a basket. When she reached the cellar she struck a match, and instantly there was a loud explosion, and the little building was almost shaken apart. The proprietress was thrown across her shop, plastering, glass and loose articles came crashing in from all sides, and the girl in the cellar was severely injured.

Before people could recover their self-possession there was another terrific explosion. It came from the cellar of Morris' saloon, and was in bed at the time and was blown out on the floor, but not seriously injured. The bar-room was crowded with men, who were thrown about like ten-pins.

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NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION. Several Persons Injured at Pittsburg. BUILDINGS BLOWN UP AND THE DEADLY IGNITED.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—The explosion of natural gas, attended by the serious injury of several persons and the destruction of much property, occurred shortly before noon today at "Forks of Roads," otherwise known as Thirty-fourth and just north of the city. The explosion occurred in three buildings. One was the Iron City Hotel, a saloon operated by an Englishman named George Morris. It was a low frame building, 12 feet front and 30 feet deep, with the kitchen and dining-room in the basement. Above the bar-room a tobacco store was kept. Next to this was the meat shop of Mr. Hammerdoerfer, which building was just like the one occupied by Morris. Across Thirty-third street was the saloon of George Mueller. He lived in a four-story brick house, the bar-room being on the first floor and a tobacco store on the second floor. Above this, and in the front of the second floor, were sleeping apartments.

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In the meantime a third explosion had occurred in George Mueller's saloon, across the street. In the saloon at the time were Annie Mueller, a daughter of the proprietor, a young girl, a cook, Dr. Ziegler, of Allegheny, and Jack Stein, a mill worker. Miss Mueller was just going down into the cellar when the explosion occurred. She fell down the wrecked stairs and was caught by her feet, where she hung screaming Charles Ruth, a bartender, heard her screams and ran into the room, and found her lying in a pool of blood. He made his way through the falling ruins and debris to the cellar where he found her. Dr. Ziegler was blown against the wall and injured internally. Lizzie Galmath was burned about the face and seriously hurt. Jack Stein was so terribly burned that he cannot recover.

When the third explosion occurred passenger Car No. 20, of the Citizens' Line, was just passing. A beer keg blown from one of the saloons hit the driver, William Kata, and knocked him senseless. The passenger were not injured.

Augustus H. Jones, a resident of Allegheny, John Bevard, Willie A. Patton and George Zinzer were passing along Penn avenue when the explosion occurred, and all were more or less injured by flying debris. The houses of Morris and Mueller were badly wrecked, and every thing within a square was more or less damaged. Among the number were Ebert's saloon, the Lawrence Bank, T. V. Jewett's store, Scott's grocery, Baehin's drug-store and Perry's saloon. No one was killed outright, but four or five will die. There is intense excitement in the neighborhood, and a great number of people are gathered about the ruins had taken fire. The flames however, were promptly extinguished in each case.

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The London Explosion. LONDON, Jan. 30.—Numerous threats have been made to blow up the Holyhead Railway terminus and Hotel and the Britannia Railway bridge across Menai Strait. Extensive precautionary measures are being taken by detectives to protect the threatened property.

A man was arrested this afternoon at his lodgings in the Westminster district on suspicion of having been connected with the recent dynamite outrages. He had been an inmate of the lodging house for two weeks and had been watched by the police for several days. A black box found in his room bore labels indicating that it had come from the London district. The man refused to make any statement until he had secured counsel.

Portland, Ore., January 28.—During the past six weeks heavy snow storms have prevailed throughout Oregon and Washington. The snow, and the loss of five weeks of the season, has been a great calamity, and has been attended by thousands of dollars of loss of sheep and hogs, however, is reported much greater. In Crook county, Ore., the percentage of loss is very large, but in Klamath county, just south of the line, it is comparatively light. The total monetary value to stock-raisers is difficult to estimate. The latest reports from settled regions east of the Cascades are that a large number of persons froze to death during the late cold protracted during the continuance of the storm are known to have wandered off and perished. Most of the bodies of such persons have been recovered since the snow disappeared. Very recent inquiries among relatives and friends disclose the fact that many persons are still missing in the mountains of Western Oregon. There can be no doubt as to the fate of these missing persons. The precise number of persons perishing will probably never be known, but it is large.

TOPEKA, Kansas January 28.—Large numbers of cattle are dying on the prairie in Western Kansas, but they are said to comprise stock driven to Dodge City late in the season, and are the culms of those offered in the market.

An Outlaws Capture. LAS VEGAS, N. M., Jan. 27.—Nicholas Aragon, a famous outlaw, and at one time a member of the notorious "Billy the Kid" gang, was captured this morning by Lincoln County officers near Capitan, thirty miles south of Lordsburg. A party of officers surrounded a place in the mountains which the outlaw had taken shelter and demanded his surrender. He sent a reply by a Mexican woman that he had plenty to eat and drink and an abundance of ammunition, and would never be taken alive.

Deputy John Hurley mounted the roof of the building, and digging a hole through which fire might be communicated to the inside, was shot dead by the desperado. A general fusillade followed, during which the outlaw and officer Brent were wounded. A message was hastily sent to Las Vegas for reinforcements and a fire was kept up until the outlaw was blown up by the building, but in the meantime Aragon sent out his guns and surrendered. He will arrive at the jail here to-morrow morning. He has killed fully a dozen men. The enraged populace is likely to lynch him.

The Work of the Earthquakes. WASHINGTON, January 30.—The Consul of the United States at Mataga reports to the Department of State in regard to the recent earthquakes in Spain, that fifty villages have been destroyed and two thousand lives have been lost. He also says that not less than thirty thousand persons have quitted the city of Malaga and the rest of the people are fleeing to the coast. The death rate from disease has increased 300 per cent. At Joyena a small river, which ran through the town, has entirely disappeared. At Albulas the earth opened, swallowing the church and other buildings so that nothing remains in sight but the weathered roof of the church. Two hundred bodies have already been taken from the ruins. At Velez, Malaga, the prison, churches, convents and city hall have all been leveled to the ground. Processions headed by the clergy are constantly passing through the streets and rich and poor alike kneel in prayer at the pouring rain and cry aloud for mercy.

Grand and Cox. SOUTH BRIT. Ind. Jan. 30.—A letter was received to-day from ex-President Grant by Mrs. Colfax. After mentioning his health as improving from a disabling attack of sore throat General Grant says:—"Mr. Colfax and I were personal friends from the day of our association in the same cabinet for the two light of years in the gift of the nation up to his untimely and unexpected death. I was always his defender against what I believed to be most unjust charges." The letter abounds with expressions of the heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. Grant and she writes: "Mr. Colfax and I have in this stricken and great loss, and cheer with additional words of eulogy of the character of Mr. Colfax."

President Arthur also sends a letter expressing feelings of the deepest sorrow at the death of Mr. Colfax.

Burglars Held at Bay. ERIE, Pa., Jan. 28.—Last night burglars in masks attempted to enter the residence of Adam Guthrie, a wealthy farmer, who with his wife was absent. The inmates of the house, two young ladies, Isabelle and Jeannette, resisted the robbers and secured the doors. While one of the girls kept the burglars at bay with an ax, the other kept signaling for help from the neighbors. The burglars were held for three long hours until the neighbors were attracted and responded. John Guthrie, a nephew who had deposed Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie from house, has been arrested with one other alleged member of the gang. It is believed that this is the gang which has been terrorizing that section of the country.

A Miner's Fearful Plunge to Death. WILKES-BARRE, Jan. 27.—While Daniel Egan and Edward DeWanna were at the Woodwork shaft, Kingston, were being hoisted from the bottom of the shaft yesterday morning, and when the bucket conveying the men was nearly at the top, the rope which had been supporting the engine fell, which made it impossible for the engineer to stop the engine, and the bucket went through the top of the head house, the men jumped, and DeWanna succeeded in catching hold of a piece of cross timber, but Egan missed and fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 900 feet. His body was terribly mangled.

Assessing the Dead. ERIE, Pa., Jan. 28.—The Erie County Commissioners discovered to-day that a few of the Assessors were victims of a reprehensible cupidity. In one of the Erie city wards the Assessor had put on his return heavily 250 names of persons residing in that ward, and had occupied the office who had been dead for two years.

All those who have used Barter's Handkerchiefs speak very strongly in their praise. Twenty-five cents per bottle at G. N. Boyd's Drug Store.

Roasted His Own Child. PENN HAVEN, Pa., Jan. 28.—Furnace Koski, aged 46 years, this morning fatally burned his 3-year-old child. Koski was employed as a laborer by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and was returning home on a train on Saturday night on fire. This morning he came home and commenced to maltreat his family. His little boy, but three years old, was sitting on the kitchen floor playing with toys, when the red-hot stove and held it there until its clothing was burned from its body and its limbs burned to a crisp.

The wife, who had escaped and ran up stairs to avoid him, hearing the pitiful cries of the child, ran to its assistance, but was kicked away by the brutal husband. Koski then threw the child on the floor, breaking his legs. The neighbors broke in the door and knocked the fire down. Policemen after a fierce struggle landed him in the jail. The neighbors in the vicinity of "Lynch-bill" "Kill him!" were heard from all sides. The child will not recover and the wife is confined to her bed. It is rumored that to-night an attempt will be made to take Koski from jail and lynch him.

Another Aquam Fire. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the engine room of the Indiana Department of the Indiana Hospital, west of this city, and before the flames could be stayed they had destroyed the chapel, kitchen, bakery, engine room, laundry, employees sleeping department and officers dining room.

These were contained in two brick buildings in the rear of the main building, and having remained of them but the walls. The loss to the State will be about \$55,000.

Heavy Snow on the Alps. ROME, Jan. 28.—The snow-fall in the Italian Alps is the heaviest within the memory of man. Terrible accounts arrive from the villages destroyed. It is calculated that so far as it knows three hundred lives have been lost through the storms. The troops have displayed much heroism in effecting rescues.

Attacked by Highwaymen. KILKENNY, Pa., January 30.—John Sell, father of Jacob Sell, of Worthington, it is county, was found dead this morning on the public road between this place and Worthington. It is supposed he was knocked down and the morning he was very cold and frozen to death.

Mrs. Garfield Sued For Damages. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 29.—Mrs. James A. Garfield was sued in the Common Pleas Court yesterday by a woman named Thankful Tansler for \$25,000. Thankful was run over by Mrs. Garfield's carriage on December 22, and she now alleges that she was severely injured.

They were also awarded three first premiums as follows: 1st, High County, Pa., \$1000; 2nd, Berks County, Pa., \$500; 3rd, Northampton County, Pa., \$250.

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