



The public debt was decreased \$8,672,554 during the month of January. The interest-bearing debt was not reduced, but remains the same as on the first of January.

The Postmaster General has just ordered the name of a little post office in Eagle county, Colorado, to be changed from "Blaine" to "Cleveland." My, but Mr. Blaine's feelings will be harrowed up!

SENATOR MITCHELL, of this State, is reported as very ill, suffering from nervous prostration and an affection of the eyes. His physician has prescribed complete rest and change of air. He will leave the Capital for a few weeks, hoping to be benefited by the change.

The Board of Education in Philadelphia has now on exhibition in a public hall, over four thousand pieces of needle work as specimens of what has been accomplished during the last year by teaching sewing in the public schools. Great surprise is expressed at the progress the children have made.

The accounts of Colonel Snowden, late Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, were settled last week and showed a balance of fifty cents in his favor, which, considering that he held the office for six years, and many millions of dollars annually passed through his hands, was rather a good showing. And yet this Civil Service reform Administration "turned the reform out."

We thought that we had handled Dr. McKinley's communication with silk gloves, but he is evidently "fried," and comes back at us in a kind of double-barreled way, through the Commercial and the Times. If our peppery friend will take down his Shakespeare and refer to the "Tempest—Act 2; scene 2," he will discover that his moral sensibilities were unnecessarily excited.

The House has passed a pension bill that increases the pension of soldiers' widows from eight to twelve dollars a month. It is said if the bill becomes a law it will add \$6,000,000 a year to the pension list. Now, if Congress will take measures to purge the list of all the bummers and rascals who by some means have got themselves placed on it, they can not only add another four dollars for the widows, but also to the pensions of the old and deserving veterans for whose benefit the law was solely intended.

We have another lengthy article from Dr. Fichter on the subject of the party organization, which the crowded state of our columns prevents publishing. The Doctor falls into the error of supposing that we are antagonizing his proposition and exhibits unnecessary warmth in defense of it. Our object was simply to point out objections that would undoubtedly be made by those who are seeking an opportunity for a shindig. We again repeat we are not wedded to our ideas, and are simply attempting to guard the party against future trouble through a violation of the rules.

Should the Pennsylvania railroad succeed in gobbling up the South Penn road, apparently it will not then have a clear field, as the "Seaboard, Pennsylvania and Western" railroad, whose line runs from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, has announced that it will commence the work of construction in the spring. The right of way has been secured from Harrisburg, through Huntingdon to Hollidaysburg, from which place it will cross the mountain, but what direction it will then take west we are not advised. It will be a parallel and competing line with the Pennsylvania, though perhaps not so short and dangerous as the South Penn will be if completed.

The House "Committee on Labor" has prepared and agreed to report a bill, not only prohibiting the employment of convict labor on Government work, but also the employment of aliens on such work. While the bill is intended to protect American labor, it is aimed chiefly at the Chinese, Hungarian and Italian cheap laborers who come to this country, share in its benefits, receive the protection of its laws, and refuse to become citizens, and after making a little money return to their former homes. If the Government assumes this position as to its work, the Unions and labor leagues will soon take the same ground as to private work, and alien cheap labor will speedily be driven from the country.

In another column we publish a communication signed "Uno," which came to hand too late for insertion in last week's issue. His suggestions are pertinent and to the point, and if carried out would cure the evil they are aimed at, but "is the game worth the candle?" Would it pay for the trouble and the expense—and to risk the opposition of those who may not agree to his plan—to hold a special primary for the purpose of securing a temporary chairman, when the rules, against which there can be no valid objection, prescribe the method for supplying the vacancies at the regular primary in June? We have twice or more quoted from the rules to show that in the absence of a committee

and chairman, the election of committee, at the June primary, and their subsequent election of a Chairman, is made perfectly safe. We simply lack an authorized agent to hold the money until a Chairman is elected, and to see that the tickets are printed and distributed, and as this is a vital matter to the candidates they will doubtless see that it is done. All that we care for, and all that we think important is that the people be furnished every facility to vote their sentiments at the polls, in such a manner that there can be no legitimate cause for kicking.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin is reported to have decided that prohibition does not prohibit, in that State. The agent of a Wisconsin brewery, twice convicted of selling liquor without a license, was adjudged not guilty because "the United States license held by his employers allowed the sale in original packages anywhere." If we are not mistaken, the National Revenue laws provide that they shall not conflict with the laws of the several States, and if this be so, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin never made such a decision. There is an oft quoted clause of the Federal Constitution which declares that all powers not specifically granted, by that instrument are reserved by the States, which would forever prevent such a decision.

A portion of the Democratic press is just now amusing itself with stories of its own invention, alleging that a strong element opposed to the nomination of General Beaver is being developed in different parts of the State, principally because of his openly declared hostility to the unconstitutional gobbling up of the South Penn and Beech Creek roads by the Pennsylvania road. Very well! If that road wants further to put its conclusions with the people of the State, just let it step into the political arena in avowed hostility to General Beaver's nomination, and it will get all the satisfaction it wants. It will soon discover that manipulating a Legislature, and controlling the vote of the people are materially different affairs.

A bill dividing Dakota and admitting the Southern half as a State, passed the Senate on Friday last by a vote of 32 to 22. Senator Voorhees was the only Democrat who voted for the bill. Dakota is largely Republican and there is no probability of the bill passing the House as long as it contains a Democratic majority. Before the slave drivers would permit to new Northern States to be admitted to the Union unless it was accompanied by a slave State, and so now, the Democrats oppose Dakota's admission until she is accompanied by a Democratic State. The only way by which the Democratic South can hope to maintain its dominancy is by refusing to admit any more Republican States until they can manufacture a Democratic one, and therefore there is no hope of Dakota being admitted in this session. Her Republicans, like the Southern slaves, have no political rights that Democrats are bound to respect.

The contest between the operators and laborers in the coke region has arrived at a point where a halt must be called. The operators do not enjoy much public sympathy, to start with. Professing to be in favor of protection to the workmen of this country against the cheap labor of Europe, they imported these little better than pauper Hungarians, for the purpose of controlling and cheapening the labor of their own countrymen. Whether the native workmen were unreasonable or exorbitant in their demands, is not to the present purpose. It is sufficient to know that these Huns were imported as laborers, and have revolted against their employers, refusing to longer work for the wages they may stipulate. But having brought them into this country, public sentiment will not abet their being evicted from the miserable tenements provided for them and turned out to perish in the storages of this inclement season. It is hard, very hard, on the operators that when the lower courts and holds that when the beer was delivered to the railroad company in Janesville the sale was complete and hence no sale of liquor took place in Stoughton, but the sales by the agent were made in Janesville.

STORM IN THE SOUTHWEST. GALVESTON, Feb. 13.—Intelligence received from Northern Texas this morning reports a heavy snow storm prevailing over the Indian Territory, and extending south and west into Texas. At Dallas station, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, about thirty persons, both men and women, were killed, and many others injured. Trains from the north are delayed, and telegraphic communication interrupted. It is snowing in the Pan Handle country, and great suffering and loss of stock will prevail. The extent of the snow throughout Texas will not be known for a couple of days. It is blustering and raining here, but no cold wave compared to the January blizzard has yet reached the vicinity of Galveston.

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Distributing a Revival. READING, Pa., Feb. 2.—The United Brethren denomination have been holding revival services in their church in Alsace township, several miles from here, for the past several weeks. Reports received here today of the conduct of several persons at the church last evening put for some time previous. Rev. Daniel Hefflinger, of this city, is the pastor. Just as he had concluded a stirring appeal to sinners to come forward and be saved, some one on the outside struck the windows with a club, breaking every pane. A panic was created, and men, women and children rushed pell-mell out of the building, during which several were slightly injured. A number of the men gave chase after the party who caused the disturbance, but were unable to catch them. Then the people returned and things quieted down.

The congregation were singing a hymn when a heavy fence rail was thrown into another window. It struck the pulpit, and many believe that it caused the disturbance to be attempted. The greatest consternation ensued and for a while pandemonium reigned supreme. John Franks, a boy, was severely cut over the eye with broken glass, and others were also hit. Excitement ran high and a crowd of men rushed out and pursued a man suspected of the outrage for half a mile across the fields, but he escaped. A large number of arrests will follow in a few days.

Beat Them out of Night. SCRANTON, Feb. 3.—For some time the revenue officers have suspected that W. R. Colwell was a moonshiner. He was a witness in an internal revenue case, and the Government brought against Chandler & Lilly of the same neighborhood, and he recently got a verdict for \$3,500 against the Delaware and Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company because one of its trains ran into a wagon load of his liquor and destroyed it. Having learned of themselves that Colwell was cheating, on Monday they went out to Colwell place, near Gilson. In a field they found a heap of ponace and straw under which they brought to light several hundred gallons of liquor which Colwell had concealed. They then undertook to seize it. Colwell resisted, and Marshal Barrington arrested him.

The Marshal gave Colwell permission to drive to the railroad station in a cutter with Mrs. Colwell and the officers followed. It was getting dark and they tried Colwell, to make as good time as possible. Colwell, who drove a fine roadster, whipped up the horse, and in five minutes he was out of reach. The officers drove their team at break-neck speed, but they couldn't keep up with him. When he reached the summit of a hill he turned back, to good intent and down the hill he drove. The officers reached the station about 8 o'clock, and sent telegrams up and down the road for Colwell's arrest.

Tuesday morning they drove back to Colwell's farm, and he surrendered to himself. The officers believed his object in escaping from them was to cover up some of his crooked work.

A Happy Father-in-Law. SPARTANBURG, S. C., Feb. 3.—A few days ago Dr. Mitchell came from Washington to find Mrs. Cook, the wife of a poor farmer living in this county. She was the daughter of Dr. Mitchell, although he had never seen her, nor ever heard of her, until recently. She is nearly 40 years of age, and her father is 70 years old. He says that he married a Tennessee girl over forty years ago. Her parents opposed the match, and they made it so unpleasant that he concluded to join a regiment that was going to Mexico. Before the troops were disbanded, after the war he heard of the death of his wife, but he did not hear that an infant had been born. He did not return to Tennessee, but all these years has been spent in other places.

Some time ago he heard about the little daughter his wife left, and upon investigation, he learned where she was living. He came on to Spartanburg, and finding her lot a hard one, relieved her wants, and has made arrangements to buy her a home and make her comfortable and independent.

A Blow at Local Opium. MADISON, Wis., Feb. 13.—The Supreme Court yesterday rendered an important decision to brewery interests, and one that may have considerable influence in local opinion in the future. The case Sarberer vs. Janesville Brewing. The justice and circuit courts found Sarberer guilty of selling liquor in Stoughton, but no license is granted. The higher court reverses the judgments of the lower courts and holds that when the beer was delivered to the railroad company in Janesville the sale was complete and hence no sale of liquor took place in Stoughton, but the sales by the agent were made in Janesville.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the partnership of John O. Stanger in the grocery business was dissolved by the death of John O. Stanger on the 15th day of January, 1886. The business will be carried on as usual by John O. Stanger. The books have been audited by John O. Stanger. JOHN O. STANGER, Administrator.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE HOUSE OF EMPLOYMENT OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, for the year ending 31 January, A. D. 1886.'

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TRIENNIAL TABULAR STATEMENT. Showing the aggregate amount of the Assessment and Valuation of the several Townships and Boroughs in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, for the triennial year 1886, in accordance with the Act of Assembly, passed the 15th day of May, 1841. Table with multiple columns: Township Name, Valuation, Assessment, etc.