



The borough and township politicians are preparing for their annual soiree.

The public debt statement for the month of December shows a decrease of \$11,000,000.

Power sharing is winning favor in mercantile circles in New York, and the Trusts may yet fall by its charms.

ANDREW H. DILL, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia Sunday, of blood poisoning.

Just wait and see which shins his hat into the free silver struggle first, Hill or Cleveland. There is a yawning chasm for both. In fact, it is a yawning chasm.

The Democratic attempt to steal New Hampshire failed; but what does it matter? They can steal all the Southern States they need to make good any deficiency.

The Republicans of New Hampshire have 170 votes to the Democrats 158. A Republican Governor was elected, and the return of Senator Blair to the United States Senate is probable.

A pugna fever seems to have broken out simultaneously in the Connecticut, New Hampshire and Nebraska Legislatures, but up to the latest reports the only damage done has been to the feelings of some of the members.

SEVERAL BODIES of Westmoreland county will soon introduce their bill of last session for the printing of all school books by the State Governor Bevier, in his message, favors the increase of the school appropriation, which is now \$2,000,000 a year. The Grangers want it increased to at least \$3,000,000, and more if possible.

The Republican legislative caucus, which met in Harrisburg at noon Wednesday, by an almost unanimous vote endorsed Hon. J. Donald Cameron for re-election to the United States Senate. Mr. Cameron will have but slight opposition at the election, which occurs on Tuesday of next week. If he lives to serve out the full term he will have had twenty years' experience in the Senate of the United States.

It is astonishing how quickly and completely protergistics extinguishes the fondness for adventure and danger that adversity renders endurable. The Oklahoma boomers, who forced their way into the Indian Territory, fearless of bayonet and tomahawk and heedless of minor hardships, are now trembling at the prospect of a similarly aggressive visitation from the semi-civilized savages whom they supplanted.

The New York Sea is not exactly a humorous Democratic paper just now. Its showing to the brethren that the Democratic party will have to carry Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming, and Iowa in 1892, to secure the electoral college, without the vote of New York, is not to say a remarkably cheerful proposition. The trouble with the new States for Democrats is, they are made up of men of brains who read and think for themselves.

The unmet claims of the John Booth estate, which the assignees are trying to have Congress to pass upon, should be paid as an act of justice to the memory of a man who was driven into bankruptcy and his grave by the harsh and unjustifiable acts of officers of the government. All fair-minded men who have investigated the claims concede that they are honest and just, and it is a duty imposed upon all Republicans in Congress to see that they are paid.

The new liquor law which recently went into effect in Baltimore has undoubtedly done much good, decreasing the sale of liquor to a considerable extent. The high license has tended to place the business in better hands, and the city now derives a revenue of \$200,000, whereas under the old law it did not receive a cent. Another significant fact is found in the statement that, while the city has increased 10,000 in population during the past year, the decrease of crime has been proportionately great.

HON. ROBERT F. POOR, Superintendent of the Census, has made an elaborate report of the work done by his Bureau to Secretary of the Department of the Interior Noble, from which it appears that the management of this mammoth undertaking has been very successful, and that the work of completing the census is now much further advanced than the most sanguine had expected, being in advance of past experience from one to five years. Within two years from the present time Mr. Poor expects to be able to lay before the public the last volume of statistics, whereas the last census was not completed when the present was begun.

At a meeting of the members of the Blair county bar, held at the Court House in Hollidaysburg Monday afternoon, resolutions were adopted, and William S. Hammond, Esq., of Altoona, was named for the position of U. S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, were unanimously adopted. Mr. Hammond is in the prime of life, and ranks among the ablest lawyers of the State. In politics he is a Republican, and was one of the delegates who represented this Congressional district in the Republican National Convention of 1888. His character as a citizen is without spot or blemish. He is abundantly qualified in every way to fill the honorable position to which he aspires, and his appointment would be a most creditable and satisfactory one.

DEMOCRATIC and Mugwump editors who were so certain only two months ago that the protection given to tin plate by the McKinley bill would never be of any practical benefit to the United States, and that no tin plate would ever be manufactured in this country, have a big dish of crow on hand, for only a few days before that time the first shipment of American tin plate was put upon the market by the Pittsburgh mill, and before the next New Year rolls around it is believed that the mills now in process of erection at Brockton, St. Louis, Baltimore and other places, will supply every sheet of tin plate used in this country, and that a new and great industry, hitherto monopolized by Europe, will have been established in America, and profitable employment given to thousands of men who would otherwise be without it.

Conflict Between Alliance Men And The Old Political Parties.

LEWISBURG, Jan. 9.—The expectations of a high old time in the Nebraska Legislature are being disappointed upon the determination of the raw material of the Farmers' Alliance majority to do something wonderful, and the equally strong determination of the Republicans and Democrats to have their own way. There is a silver lining to the war, there is all right. The Alliance men called out to possess order eyes were blacked and heads thumped, and in the end the skill of trained politicians prevailed—Boyd, Democrat, was declared elected Governor and the Republican nominees to the other State offices were declared elected.

At the doors of the Representative Hall were closely guarded this morning, and none but members of the Legislature, White officers and persons having business inside were admitted. The Alliance members had taken possession of the House at 5 o'clock in the morning. They placed the Speaker in his chair and put a couple of assistant Sergeants-at-Arms around him. Lieutenant Governor Melickjohn got in through the cloak room and was served with an order of ejection, but he defied the officer and was not taken into custody. Both sides had a force of Sergeant-at-Arms within call, and any attempt on either side to proceed with the business would have precipitated a row. To avoid this a committee from each party was sent with a statement of the case to the Supreme Court, asking that body for a protective order to prevent the constitutional right to preside. The Supreme Court issued a writ of mandamus, compelling the Speaker to convene the House. This was a point in favor of Governor-elect Boyd, and the Republican-Democratic combination and non first blood.

Sheriff McCoy served the writ on the Speaker only after a pitched battle. He was guarded by a squad of police and Captain Clarke's clothes were torn off, but after smashing hats and heads with their clubs and fists, the Speaker and the writ were served. Lieutenant Governor Melickjohn then declared the session adjourned, and the Republicans and the Democrats fled out of the House. Speaker Rider then called the Alliance members to order and directed the roll to be called.

When the Democrats and the Republicans attempted to have the floor the Alliance Sergeant-at-Arms closed the door and attempted to keep them in. He received a punch in the eye and a bloody nose as the result and the doors were speedily opened. Free agents of the Alliance, led by Melickjohn, went in, had an altercation at the door of the House with an Alliance man, resulting in the Alliance man being sent to the hospital for repair.

Elder called the 18 Senators and 56 Representatives of the Alliance to order as a joint session, and Attorney General Lee advised submission to the orders of the court. Nevertheless Elder was declared the presiding officer of the joint session, and the Alliance men started to work. Governor Taylor tried to quiet the crowd, but to no avail. Mr. Melickjohn went out in the Senatorial cloak room and the doorkeeper refused to admit him.

At 2:15 Speaker Elder again called the joint session to order. The Republicans and Democrats were in their seats and answered the roll call. Lieutenant Governor Melickjohn held the position in reference to the Speaker's stand which was crowded with Alliance men. Chaplain Diefenbach prayed that the Almighty would give the legislators there assembled grace to control themselves and faithfully perform their duties. This Melickjohn immediately assumed control of the joint session.

"What is the cause of this war, Father?" "The Indians have been starved and left naked; not this year only, but for years."

The Indian Population.

The Census Office yesterday completed the report of Special Agent Donaldson, which states the total population of the Indians of the country, exclusive of Alaska, to be 242,704. There are 120,234 Indians on reservations, or at schools who are not taxed. The five civilized tribes, incidentally under the Indian Office, but self-supporting, are made up as follows: Cherokee, 25,357; Chickasaw, 3,464; Choctaw, 9,979; Creek, 6,291; Seminole, 2,399; total, 50,496. There are also 12,147 colored people, making the aggregate population 94,994. The other tribes are as follows: Pueblo of New Mexico, 8,258; Six Nations and St. Regis, of New York, 3,934; Eastern Cherokee, North Carolina, 2,885.

There are 32,567 Indians not on reservations who are self-supporting; the Apache prisoners at Mt. Vernon Barracks, Indians in State or Territorial prisons, 184; total males taxed and untaxed, 107,715; total males taxed and untaxed, 122,962; total females taxed and untaxed, 122,962; total population, 242,704.

There are 107,075 whites in the five civilized tribes, made up as follows: Cherokee Nation, 25,179; Chickasaw, 49,535; Choctaw, 27,991; Seminole, 396; Creek, 3,289. There are 12,147 colored people, making the aggregate population 119,222.

Including the estimated population of Alaska, estimated at 70,000, and the Indian population of the country, this will bring the aggregate population of the United States to nearly 62,000,000.

Dodging the Women.

HARRISBURG, January 12.—There was a lively scene in the rounds of the Capital tonight. Between six and seven hundred female applicants for positions as sweepers and washers so laid out the House and committee rooms congregated to learn their fate. As only about one hundred are employed the biennial gathering of anxious women are generally followed by imprecations on the heads of dispensers of the positions from the impatient aspirants. As a precautionary measure Chief Clerk Morrison, who is the appointing power, alerted himself and selected as his substitute an aide named the names of the lucky persons Ed. Homelander, who has charge of the elevator.

Householder, realizing that it would be perilous to make the announcements with much of the disappointed women, took his position in the elevator, midway between the first and second floor, and as soon as he had completed the unpleasant task assigned him, rapidly descended to the basement and escaped from the wrath of those who had not had the lot.

Although the scrubbers and sweepers receive only half a dollar a night, one of the applicants on several brick houses and a large tract of land.

Frosts Break in Europe.

LEWISBURG, Jan. 10.—Snow is still falling in this city. Six thousand men are employed in clearing the streets of the immense mass of snow already on the ground. The passenger trains continue to make trips, but the movement of freight trains has been entirely suspended.

A peculiarity of the weather is that in the north of Scotland comparatively mild weather prevails. In Aberdeen there have been only nine frosty mornings during the month. At Edinburgh, in the Shetlands, there has been only one frosty morning in the same period. Even Bodo, Norway, has only had half of the frosty mornings that London has had.

The ice on the Seine being open, the freight traffic has been stopped. The Rhône is frozen fast and ice-bound at Tarascon. In Paris the temperature stands at 22 degrees. At the Observatory Pic de Midi the thermometer registers zero Fahrenheit. The cold wave extends to the Mediterranean. Advice from Tunis says that the hills are snow-laden.

A Bone-Grafting Operation at the Mercy Hospital.

From the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.

The bone-grafting experiment tried at the Bellevue Hospital, New York, where a dog's leg was grafted to that of a boy, has been repeated at the Mercy Hospital. The case of Johnny Gellert, a 12-year-old boy, has attracted all the attention all over the country, and the first attempt to imitate it was made in Pittsburgh, and it is thought that the operation of the New York physicians can be improved upon.

The case at the Mercy Hospital was that of Samuel Radin, a 12-year-old boy. Six weeks ago the boy fell at his home in Garfield, which his family were about to leave, and broke his leg below the knee. His leg was amputated at once and the family started on their journey to America. On the trip across the ocean the boy became very ill, and died at the age of 12. His father, who was a Russian, brought the boy's leg to Pittsburgh, and on his arrival through to very weak and ill. He was treated at his home, in the rear of No. 417 Fifth avenue, by Dr. Buchanan for a week.

On January 25 he was removed to the Mercy Hospital, where the operation was performed. The leg of the boy had become decayed, and for a distance of six and a half inches below the knee was rotten. The father of the boy, Mr. Abraham Radin, would not consent to the leg being amputated, but he agreed to have the bone-grafting operation tried.

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The case at the Mercy Hospital was that of Samuel Radin, a 12-year-old boy. Six weeks ago the boy fell at his home in Garfield, which his family were about to leave, and broke his leg below the knee. His leg was amputated at once and the family started on their journey to America. On the trip across