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No second term, for anyone but myself, is the Cleveland rule.

BLESSED are the Democrats who do not want Federal office; for they shall not be disappointed.

A GOOD many Democrats would be just as well pleased if Cleveland would start on that tour of the world at once instead of waiting until 1896.

THERE is wailing and erosion of the gums among the ancient officeholders who expected to be returned to their former position under Cleveland, because of his announcement that old public functionaries "needn't apply."

THAT Mr. Cleveland could not find a Democrat of sufficient ability and trustworthiness to place at the head of his Cabinet and was compelled to take a Mugwump, stirs up wrath among the old wheel horses, who habitually boast of the rock-ribbed, unchangeable, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy.

THIRTY SIX years of continuous service in Congress, a length of uninterrupted legislative work unequalled by that of any other living American—36 years in the service of his country and his state—that is the remarkable record of Senator Henry Lawrence Dawes, of Massachusetts, which closed at noon on March 4th.

THE grand rush of office seekers to Washington has made Mr. Cleveland "tired" and somewhat irritable, while Secretary Lamont, popularly supposed to be not only the source of "influence" but a perfect fountain of amiability, it is said, has had to hire a "bouncer" to eject too persistent Democrats from his office. The truth is that there are too many Democrats and not enough offices.

OF the forty standing committees of the Senate the South is to have thirty-one, and the vast interests of the country depending on legislation at Washington are to be largely controlled by men from the Southern States. The great tax-producing, populous, patriotic North is to have nine chairmanships, mostly of inferior committees. The South objects to the cry of sectionalism. Meanwhile it takes everything in sight.

THE machinery for the transfer of offices to faithful adherents of the Democracy is rapidly being put into working order, and an important addition to it will be recognized in the nomination of Robert A. Maxwell, of New York, to be Fourth Assistant Postmaster General—the official headsman of the Post Office Department. Maxwell is industrious and energetic, and he will find the ax ready sharpened to his hands.

NOTWITHSTANDING the solemn and ponderous phrases of Mr. Cleveland about civil service reform, the scrabble for spoils is being hotly waged. The National Capital swarms with applicants for positions, and the entire country is being canvassed by seekers after local and paltry offices. It is evident therefore that the rank and file of the party take but little stock in the proclaimed civil service reform policy of our new President.

JUST now the World's Fair Board of Pennsylvania is being subjected to taunts and criticism upon all sides for its failure to make a proper display with the money appropriated for the purpose by the Legislature. Lieutenant Governor Watres is of the opinion that the exposition is too important to have Pennsylvania improperly represented, and he thinks the Legislature and not the commission ought to say whether more money should be spent.

THE announcement that in apportioning the offices Mr. Cleveland has determined not to recognize newspaper men, will prove a sore disappointment to our Democratic brethren of the press. As the President owes more to the press of his party than to any other source, this determination of his, if it be true, smacks somewhat of ingratitude. The wealthy editor of the "great" dailies may quietly acquiesce in this slap in the face, but the hard working, influential editors of the rural press will feel the slight, and naturally, though perhaps covertly, resent it. Much, very much, of our new President's reputation and strength is due to the constant, systematic support and puffery of his party press. Without it he would to-day be an obscure citizen in the walks of private life.

THE whirligig of politics has never brought before the public a more singular and anamolous case than that of Hilary A. Herbert, just made Secretary of the Navy by President Cleveland.

Mr. Herbert was a Confederate soldier during the late war, and a law on the Statute books prohibits the appointment of any person "who has served in any "capacity in the military, naval or civil "service of the so-called Confederate "States, or of either of the States in in-"surrection, to any position in the army "of the United States." And yet here is Col. Herbert, late of the Confederate army, holding a position which makes him—after the President—the commander of the entire Navy of the United States, with power to order and exact obedience from the admirals and commanders who commanded the fleets of the Union against which he was in arms.

The absurdity of this condition of affairs shows that the time for the repeal of this law is at hand.

DURING the last political campaign the Democrats "rang the charges" on the extravagance of the 51st, which contained a small Republican majority and howls against the "Billion dollar Congress," as they denominated it, burthened the air. As usual they lied! The appropriations of the first session of the Fifty-first Congress amounted to $463,398,510, and those of the second session to $525,018,672, a total of $988,417,183.

One of the first moves of the immense Democratic majority returned to the last, or Fifty-second Congress, was to pass resolutions pledging themselves to economical appropriations. Then they went to work appropriating the public funds as follows: At the first session $507,600,186 was the sum voted away, and $519,221,861 was appropriated during the session just closed, making a total of $1,026,822,049, thus beating its Republican predecessors by $38,404,066. The last Congress, therefore, with its one hundred and forty-eight Democratic majority, goes on record as the real Billion dollar Congress.

TEXAS, which gave Cleveland 140,000 plurality, thought she was entitled to something in return and accordingly demanded the Attorney Generalship, and it was given to Massachusetts. It then asked for the Mexican Mission and Indiana got it. Where is "Buck" Kilgore that he don't kick against Mugwumps running away with the most luscious of the spoils? If it was a bill to pension some poor old Union soldier, "Buck" would be on hand encased in his heaviest pair of boots, and kicking like a typical steer from his own state.

THE legend of the Kilkenny cats, who devoured each other, save their caudel appendages, is about having its counterpart in the battle of the fierce Democracies of New York. Senator Hill, who is bitterly hostile to Mr. Cleveland, runs the Democratic party of that state and dictates the political appointments. Consequently, all the office holders are Hill and anti-Cleveland men. Naturally, this state of affairs is not in consonance with the interests of Mr. Cleveland, and he has started out to rectify and "even up" matters by appointing Bissell, his tried friend and ally, Postmaster General, and supplementing this by making Maxwell, a ferocious anti-Hill man, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. It goes without saying, therefore, that every postmaster in the State and City of New York will not only be a Cleveland, but an anti-Hill man. Each city, village and cross roads will thus have a postmaster who will above all things be a Cleveland henchman, around whom will be rallied all the Cleveland, anti-Hill element, and some of the party in the State will be split up into rival and warring factions, who, Kilkenny cat fashion, will devour each other. The jolly war is on, and Republicans are mirthful spectators of the contest.

A Toast to M'Kiney.

The day prior to the inauguration Gov. Russell, of Mass., entertained at luncheon the members of Congress from Massachusetts. Gov. Russell, in the course of the entertainment, proposed a toast to Gov. McKinley, of Ohio, and asked that it be drank standing. He said:

"Gov. McKinley—a manly man in misfortune. Stronger than politics is friendship, and stronger than political principles is human sympathy."

Grandly Heroic in Retirement.

Col. A. K. McClure, after telegraphing from Washington to the Philadelphia *Times* an account of the inaugural ceremonies so far as they related to President Cleveland, refers to Ex-President Harrison in these closing words: "With all the floodtide of sorrow and bereavement that has fallen upon him he was grandly heroic in manner and exhibited no trace of personal disappointment over his retirement, but when told in the oppressive solitude that reigned about him of the dignity with which he had borne himself in his great trust and of universal esteem that would go with him into private life, there was a moisture of the eye and a grasp of the hand that told how grateful were the offices of public respect when they silver the clouds of the setting sun."

No Annexation Just Now

President Cleveland sent to the Senate on Thursday a message withdrawing the Hawaiian treaty, which has been pending in that body. It is understood that the President is opposed to the treaty in its present form. A gentleman who has talked with the President said yesterday that another treaty would be made. It is understood that the President will suggest that a committee be appointed to visit the Hawaiian Islands this year, during the interval between the adjournment of the special session of the Senate and the reconvening of the next Congress.

The San Francisco *Examiner* yesterday published a lengthy statement made by Liliuokalani, the deposed Queen of Hawaii. She closes her statement as follows: "The Queen of Hawaii raises her solemn note of protest. Hawaiians detest the very thought of annexation. It is not antagonism, as yet, to the United States, but it is the overwhelming grief with which our native eyes shall behold any flag surmounting our four shores except the one which is associated indelibly with the memories of our glorious past—glorious, not in might and battle, but in the noble efforts of our nation to clothe itself with the fair robe of enlightenment, religion and commerce."

Cleveland's New Rules

Washington, D. C., March 10.—President Cleveland announced today that there would be exceptions to the three rules which he has adopted for appointments, namely: To let Republican office holders throughout the country serve out their terms; not to reappoint officeholders of his former administration, and not to appoint editors, as Mr. Harrison did. "There are exceptions to all rules," the President is quoted as saying by the numerous Senators and Representatives who have been asking him to-day about these rules, "and there will be to nine but they will be few in number." As the President's rules have spoiled so many of the plans which the Senators and Representatives had made in addition to disappointing the hopes of many of their constituents, they have been endeavoring ever since they heard them to find loopholes in them through which to get at the particular appointments which they desire.

Almost every Senator and Representative who saw Mr. Cleveland to-day asked him about his rules. He told them all frankly that he would be governed by these rules, except in rare cases. He said that he knew of a few men who had filled offices under his former administration with exceptional success who might be reappointed. He also said, in answer to a question, that where a Democratic officeholder had been removed by Mr. Harrison before the expiration of his term there might be ground for removing the Republican incumbent before the expiration of his term. Another question asked of Mr. Cleveland by one of his Congressional visitors was what he would do in regard to the offices placed under the Civil Service rules by Mr. Harrison after he had been defeated for re-election, as for example, free-delivery post offices, which in many cases were filled by Republican politicians who were most active in the campaign. To this Mr. Cleveland is reported as saying: "I will take that matter under consideration when these offices are reached."

The Ex-Office Holders.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Representative Springer, who was one of the president's callers to day, asked him if the rule of not appointing men who had held office under him four years ago was to prevail as reported. The president replied in the affirmative, and when asked if the rule was inflexible, Mr. Cleveland responded that it would be so substantially. There might be exceptional and extraordinary circumstances which might cause some departures from it, but he could not call to mind many possibilities to justify a change from the policy decided upon. Mr. Springer asked if the rule was also to apply to fourth-class postoffices. Mr. Cleveland's response was that he had not thought about that, but he gave the decided impression that it would prevail to as a great extent as possible with the small postmasterships.

Cooley Rewards Finally Paid.

The rewards offered for Frank Cooley have at last been turned over to the man who brought the desperado to the end of his career. The Fayette county commissioners turned over their $500 to W. W. Laughead, to be divided among Cooley's captors as they choose, and the citizens of Georges township made the same disposition of their $500. It is probable that there will be a fight over the other $1,000, as the claimants all want a large share of it.

From the State Capital.

A bill has been passed by the Senate making election day after 12 o'clock a legal half-holiday.

The bill closing the polls at four o'clock on election day has been reported to the House with a negative recommendation.

A bill was introduced into the Legislature Thursday morning appropriating $1,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing free text books for the common schools of the state.

Hon. William C. Smith, of Everett, has introduced a bill providing for the election of a superintendent to the county almshouse, instead of their appointment.

Representative Douthett has introduced a bill to increase the compensation of justices of the peace, aldermen and constables. The increase proposed is from 20 to 25 per cent.

Chairman Talbot, of the House Elections Committee on the Andrew S. Higby contest, Thursday presented a majority report, signed by the Republican members, favoring the seating of William H. Andrews.

The members who go to Chicago at the expense of the State are not likely to go back to the Legislature. The legislature will likely go to Chicago in a body to attend the dedication of the Pennsylvania state building at the World's Fair, even though Governor Pattison has repeatedly threatened to veto any bill making an appropriation for such a trip.

A sub-committee of the joint committee on elections have agreed upon a number of changes in the Baker ballot law, which will probably be reported to both houses soon. It is proposed to strike out the requirement that the residence of candidates shall be printed on the ballot. The time within which objections may be filed is lessened and the time for printing the ballots is increased. The number of official ballots required is to be decreased to one set of seventy-five for every fifty persons on the assessors list, the ballots to be delivered to the proper election officers on the day before election. The number of specimen ballots is decreased, one for each voter. The percentage of the vote cast in order to secure party recognition is reduced from three to two. This will let the Prohibitionists in. An entirely new feature proposed is an "O," to be placed at the top of the ballot opposite the party name. A cross placed within this circle will mean a vote for each and every person under such party name. These are about all of the amendments to the law that will be permitted at this session.

The house and senate have been flooded with petitions and memorials the past week from the various granges throughout the state. These documents relate chiefly to the measures that have been introduced in the legislature on oleomargarine, road laws, equalization of taxation, publication of agricultural reports and other legislation in which the farmers are directly interested. A surprise was given the friends of the state board of agriculture Thursday by the presentation of a number of memorials in the house and senate from the various subordinate granges in the state, signed by the master and secretary of each, asking that the manner of choosing members of the board be changed. The memorials state that "the present method of electing the county members of the board of agriculture is wholly vested in the county agricultural societies, the majority of which only exist in name, largely made up of town people, who take very little interest in agriculture, farmers being thereby debarred from a voice in the election of the members of the board of agriculture; that we petition the state legislature to so amend the law governing the election of the members of the board, so as to elect by a joint convention of three delegates from each agricultural society, grange and kindred agricultural organizations in the county, to meet at the county seat the third Tuesday in August, which convention shall also fix the time and place of each Farmers' Institute, and audit the accounts governing the expenditures of the same, subject to the approval of the secretary of the board." A bill will be introduced in the legislature this week in accordance with the suggestions embodied in the memorial. These memorials have created much adverse comment among the most active members of the board, many of whom stand high in the State Grange. The members of the state board of agriculture, of which Governor Pattison is chairman, will oppose any such bill. The grangers are said to be divided on the matter and it is not likely that the desired change will be brought about at the present session.

S. G. THOMPSON THE MAN.

On the Supreme Bench Instead of Heydrick.

Governor Pattison caused genuine surprise when he sent to the senate the name of Hon. Samuel G. Thompson, of Philadelphia, to be judge of the supreme court to succeed Justice Paxson. The nomination was entirely unexpected, as impressions conveyed to inquirerers at the executive department were that Judge Heydrick had accepted the appointment tendered him last week. It transpires that on February 24 Judge Heydrick declined the position, and on Monday morning last called upon Governor Pattison with the information that personal interests would prevent his again accepting a seat on the supreme bench.

The next day, according to the story now told, the governor sent for D. T. Watson of Pittsburgh, and when that gentleman arrived, offered him the position, but Mr. Watson declined. Just how much truth there is in the story about the sending for Mr. Watson cannot be learned, but he was in town a few days ago, and Deputy Attorney General Stranahan is authority for the statement that Mr. Watson was offered the seat contingent on his accepting the nomination for the place from the Democrats next fall. He declined because he did not think the chances of election good. It is said that the governor urged Mr. Watson to accept, but that gentleman did not want the place, though his reasons for refusing are not known here. When he found Mr. Watson obdurate the governor decided that he had given enough chances to the western part of the State, and appointed Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson's appointment was confirmed by the senate.

The new appointee, Mr. Thompson, is a son of the late Chief Justice James Thompson, and is a member of the Philadelphia bar. He is well known in this city as an exceptional lawyer. Mr. Thompson never had a very extensive court practice, but enjoyed an office practice reputed to be worth upward of $60,000 a year. He was a specialist in equity cases, and during his supreme court practice has been signally successful at times in the face of principles already established. His opinions on points of law have always been valued by his fellow lawyers and often been quoted in the lower courts.

Nominated by Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, to be assistant secretary of state; Robert A. Maxwell, of New York, to be fourth assistant postmaster general; Isaac P. Gray, of Indiana, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Mexico; Patrick A. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be consul general of the United States at London; F. P. Gayle of New Mexico, to be receiver of public money at Roswell, New Mexico.

Earthquake in New York.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Manhattan Island and the western end of Long Island experienced a genuine earthquake at about 1 o'clock this morning. The shock was accompanied by a sound like the rumbling of distant thunder. People who happened to be down town at the time supposed that an explosion had occured on Long Island or in New Jersey. The vibration lasted about fifteen seconds. Nearly everybody in Harlem, Long Island City and Flushing, L. I., was awakened by it. Damage to crockery, china and light bric-a-brac is reported in many houses.

Prepositions Continued.

Our endeavor in preparing these articles has been to make them interesting and profitable, especially to that class, constantly increasing in number and influence, who have developed a taste for the study of English Literature. True it is that the habit of reading, well directed, will enable one to acquire the language, but without it nobody will master the fine distinctions ever and anon occurring in the use of words. In these exercises proceed as before, inserting the words in the margin and proper words in the blank spaces, omitting others as the sense may require.

On—1. All the indebtedness was provided for the day of dedication and has since been paid. 2. The ball followed, the young people tripping the fantastic toe till the morning hours. 3. The public schools only had one (bad but one) session Wednesday. 4. Monday a bill for——relief of——late Post Master Jones was favorably reported. 5. Elbert committed suicide Thursday morning by severing the jugular vein with a penknife.

On—1. The absence of an appointment exercises a good deal of influence in a man's likes. 2. Four hours were spent in debate of Mr. Holman's resolution. 3. Chicago won in the 15th ballot with a total of 27 votes. 4. Government has been defrauded of duties of fish smuggled during the past year. 5. Their articles of agreement have been put of record. 6. The sweetest joys the human heart can know with the anniversary of our Lord. 7. Hayes denounced the bill, and stated that the passage of it would be pernicious in its effects to the children. (Read "would in its effects be pernicious to the children.")

On account of—1. To secure re-imbursements of account of wrongful payments of pension money. 2. By constantly pressing duties I have deferred writing from time to time. 3. The interest is daily increasing over the delay in naming the city collector.

Out—1. We cannot too strongly urge our friends to turn in force on Saturday. 2. The contract for the erection of the buildings was given Friday.

Over—. Asked Bishop Bowman to preside in the conference.

Till—1. The plastering will be delayed to spring. 2. The exercises will not last longer than 1 o'clock.

To—1. Then she passed from generals (and) particulars and described individual forms. 2. He never aspired nor held public office. 3. The average citizen the visions that rise up in his mind are painful. 4. Mr. Brabson, a former resident, passed over the great majority. 5. The legislature recently passed a law delegating the city council entire jurisdiction.

To—1. He has been confined in his own room nursing his broken bones. 2. He has given his best years in the advocacy of Republican principles. 3. Of this nominee and his self-laudatory claims we shall pay full attention hereafter. 4. General debate being closed, the amendments of the bill were (then) submitted. 5. Both houses went promptly at work Tuesday. 6. Translated on the heavenly shore, it will bloom and blossom into sweeter and holier life. 7. No question of equal importance presents itself to the people than that of a water supply.

Under—1. A bill to place the selection of jurors in control of a commission appointed by the Governor. 2. The revenues of the law are insufficient, and there is need of remedy—legislation. 2. The steam-ship company having lately come into the control of C. P. Huntington. 4. Mr. Hill has taken measures to get New York in his control. 5. Our mill has been doing an extra good business by the skillful engineering of C. Brant. 6. In regard to Company D being in——command of Lieut. Skidmore.

Upon—1. The brewing company informed him that the fixtures were theirs, after which he swore out the warrant. 2. Almost shook off his hand in congratulating him for his late brilliant victory. 3. The letters from which those statistics were and are based. 4. The *Post* gives currency to our eulogy of our friend J. J. Miller. 5. Mr. Evans has moved his saw-mill on the timber tract. 6. The engine collided with a huge rock which had rolled on the track. 7. Sweeping whole rows of bottles off (of) the shelves on to the floor.

Up to—.The members of the council that have succeeded to this time in thwarting the will of the people.

With—1. The protracted meeting is still in progress, preaching every evening during the week. 2. Cases and tons of clothing coming in all the time, and no place to put them. 3. An explosion had taken place, ten killed and many injured. 4. They report a good time and plenty of rain in the afternoon. 5. Lucky Baldwin has given the paternal blessing to his daughter and her husband, whom she eloped and married.

With—1. We were specially pleased at the attendance of strangers. 2. Envelopes were unknown and all letters were sealed by wafers. 3. The program was interspersed by music by the Church Choir. 4. Rev. McKenna was more than delighted by the honor they showed his festival. 5. He is charged in violating the health laws in not reporting births. 6. Showing why she acquainted Frank of what she knew. 7. He was not sure but that this case was the one to begin on.

Within—. If the weather is favorable the building will be under roof in the next ten days.

Without—1. The story is entirely with foundation. 2. Mr. Bolden did the work in the best style, not a flaw anywhere. 3. The nominee is a clean man, and his personal record is with serious blemish.

The use of *into* (*in* and *to*) before a noun or pronoun should be retained where something more than a state of repose is intended. Used alone *in* is proper, as "Come in out of the wet." The use of *upon* (*up* and *on*) is much neglected, and in consequence we have a new vulgarism, *into*, ready to take its place. Instead of *off of* say *from off*, or simply *from* or *off*. Speaking of a city we should say "in Baltimore," and not *at*. We have already shown that *with* may be used instead of *and*. The improper omission of prepositions occurs chiefly in phrases expressive of time and place, but we have yet to treat of examples where their omission would be proper. The preposition *of*, more than any other, is liable to abuse. For instance, some writers will never say *all*, but always *all of*, with similar expressions that make one very tired. Drop the words in the margin and fill the blanks as usual:

For—1. A love-feast, for which the people will pay thousands of dollars to see. 2. For which there is money in the treasury to liquidate. 3. There is no edifice for which the state at large has been taxed to erect and maintain. 4. Which the city should provide *free*, except for the small tax that would be needed.

In—1. The Junior Order of American Mechanics is at work in the remodeling of their hall. 2. Into which the pants they had stolen were to be loaded in. 3. There are several opinions as to how Sanner got in possession of the key.

Of—1. Ursina is one of the many of smaller railroad towns of the Pittsburg division of the B. & O. R. R. 2. After all in most of cases home is the best place. 3. All of the above-named properties will be sold clear of liens and claims. 4. The manufacturing trust will not permit of any competition. 5. All Jews, of whatever difference in doctrines, celebrate this festival. 6. A sumptuous repast was served, of which all indulged in to their hearts' content. 7. The question of whether they will agree to a more extended use of silver.

Till—. It is supposed that till next winter the attendance will be very much increased.

To—1. His death was only a consummation to that future life to which he always looked forward to with pleasure. (Strike out the big word here and insert one more definite.) 2. Should the victory be ours their names will go thundering down to the ages as masters of their kind. 3. Corbett will crawl out of the match by refusing to every one that will be named as referee. 4. Short pithy paragraphs convincing to the reader that he means what he says.

Up—1. So for the next two months we might as well close our stores up and remain at home. 2. Go out in the woods and practice up a while before you go into another contest with Pete Livengood.

With—. He said he liked Mrs. Barnaby because she paid liberally, but that she was not a woman with whom he would like his wife to associate with.

Without—. There is scarcely a day without some one walking in the park is not put in peril by shots from air-guns, or stones from the fingers of heedless throwers of such missiles.

UNCLE JOE.

News Items.

The New York police have raided all the pool rooms in that city.

Governor Hogg of Texas is only 39 years of age, but weighs 375 pounds.

A Chicago ordinance says no more buildings shall be over 130 feet high.

Widespread and destructive prarie fires are raging in the vicinity of Plainville, Kansas.

Every member of the Cleveland Cabinet is a Presbyterian. Nearly all of Harrison's Secretaries are of the same faith.

The trustees of the Governor McKinley estate have agreed to receive voluntary contributions for the relief of the estate.

MRS. James Cantwell, the wife of a prosperous farmer of Bell Haven, Del., gave birth to quadruplets, all boys, on Friday.

Applications for post offices are coming in at the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General at the rate of over 1,000 a day.

Five men were seriously and three fatally hurt by an explosion of fire damp in a mine near Connellsville at an early hour Monday morning.

Mrs. John Smith, 90 years of age, of Kingston, Ontario, is cutting a new set of teeth. Already they are five in number and sound and white.

The legislature of Maine has adopted a resolution asking the family of James G. Blaine to remove the remains of the dead statesman to that State.

More than four thousand miners in the eastern part of Pennsylvania are out of employment owing to the high water. Many of the mines being flooded.

A dispatch from Shanghai says: A famine prevails throughout the northern part of the Province of Shen-Si. Men are selling their wives and children for food.

A bust of Phillis Wheatley, an educated African woman, who lived a century ago in New England, will be made for the World's Fair by Miss Edmonia Lewis, of Paris, a negro sculptor.

Sherman Arp (colored) was hanged at Centre, Ala., at 1 o'clock Friday, for the murder of a farmer named Hobue, splitting his head open with an ax. Arp sold his body a few days ago to the doctors by the pound, getting $12 48 for it.

Jim Keene stands to win or lose $10,000,000 on the Chicago Board of Trade. "As the deal now stands," says the article, "it is a toss up whether he wins out or makes another huge contribution to the experience fund charged against Chicago wheat.

Senator Peffer has wired the acceptance of an invitation to attend a convention in Pittsburgh, March 16 to form a new political party. The convention will be held in Lafayette Hall, where the Republican party was brought into being. The three great principles of the new party will be: The recognition of Christ in government, women's rights and prohibition.

The Grand Jury of Armstrong county has returned true bills against Sprague, Ryan, Kromer, and Dr. Wyckoff, charging the first three with burglary, and all four with the murder of William C. Shaeffer, at Leechburg, on February 21st. Dr. Wyckoff was also indicted for keeping a gambling house. All of the prisoners will likely be brought to trial this week.

Postmaster General Bissell is accredited with the announcement that no local business men need apply for post offices under his administration. He objects to commissioning local business men as postmasters, for the reason that the actual duties are performed by irresponsible and often incompetent clerks and substitutes. Postmasters under Mr. Bissell must promise to devote their entire time to the work and personally keep strict office hours.

Judge Butler, in the United States District Court, at Philadelphia Friday sentenced J. F. Miller, formerly a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Columbia, Pa., who embezzled between $7,000 and $8,000 of the bank's money, to pay the costs of prosecution and to undergo an imprisonment of five years, in the Eastern Penitentiary. Miller, it will be remembered, fled to Australia and Bombay, India, and afterwards returned to this country, where he pleaded guilty to his crime.

Bakersville Items.

The S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E. are still being held since our pastor resigned.

The Jefferson farmers, or rather sugar makers at present, are anxious to see the sap flow from the sturdy maple trees.

Messrs. Barkley & Knepper will soon take charge of the grist mill of this place and intend putting rollers therein.

The funernal service of Mrs. John Baker, will take place in the Lutheran church March 16th. Rev. R. Manges, our former minister, now residing at Gettysburg, will conduct the service.

Mr. Kriser, now living in Shipvill, (one mile and a half north of this place), intends moving again to Bridgeport, Westmoreland county, as soon as the roads can be traveled by wagons.

The teachers' institute held at this place March 4th, was not very largely attended, yet was successful on account of our humble servant, Prof. W. H. H. Baker, being with us and giving valuable aid to our young teachers in the way of methods. Some teachers of this district are wearied some by having to press so many foot prints in the earths colorless coat.

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" Lecont "
" Niagara grape.
" Concord "
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Harnedsville, Somerset County, Pa.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons found hasting, riding, walking, fishing or hunting on my premises north of Somerset will be prosecuted according to law.

HENRY KISTER.

Mt. Moriah Items.

William H. Horner received an ugly kick from a vicious horse one day last week. At first it was thought the injury might prove fatal, but he is now getting along very nicely.

Hon. Daniel Stufis has been seriously ill for the past week and fears are entertained for his recovery.

Zimmerman and Ankeny are busy getting out lumber for Miller's barn. They have taken a contract to put it up this summer.

John W. Zimmerman is spending the week in Johnstown attending to business.

Fred Holder, our local weather prophet, thinks the ground was frozen too hard for the ground hog to dig his way out.

Our jolly old hunter, Philip C. Mowry, has been quite successful in hunting coons the past two weeks. One wily coon, however, bid defiance to all of Philip's traps. It seems that Brer Coon would go up to a trap, poke a stick into it, thereby causing the jaws of steel to go shut, when he would help himself to the meat. Philip hopes to corral his coonship yet.

Roads in this vicinity are impassable in many places owing to the snow drifts. Of course everybody blames the supervisors.

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Fifty Years Ago

Uncle Sam was not so hard worked as today. The mail carriers were few, the postage upon a single letter was 25 cents. When one was received, the family all gathered around the father to hear the news. On a memorable occasion the letter read as follows: The demijohn of "Prince Regent" is empty, please send me another. Our friend Daniel Webster was with us when it came, and considers it the finest he has ever tasted. We are happy to know the 25 cent postage is gone. Still happier to know the whiskey Webster praised is to be had at McCullough's Half Century House, 523 Liberty street, foot Fifth avenue, Pittsburg Pa end registered letter or postoffice order for the medical wonder Prince Regent."

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TAKE NOTICE.—That in pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demand upon the Treasury, and for other purposes, the undersigned appraiser of Mercantile Taxes for said county, has prepared a list of the trades of said county, and has placed each in that class which to him appears right and proper:

ADDISON.

Names.	Kind.	Class	Tax.
Co-op. F. & L. store,	Retail	14	$ 7 00
Dean H. D.	"	13	10 00
Endsley & Son	"	14	7 00
Frey A. C.	"	14	7 00
Hook F. M.	"	13	10 00
Jacobs T. J.	"	14	7 00
Liston Jesse	"	14	7 00
Nicklow Ed.	"	14	7 00
Ross Robt. E.	"	11	15 00

ALLEGHENY.

Fogle & Miller	Wh'sle Liq. Lic		100 00
Fogle & Miller	Distillers		15 00
Topper John M.	Wholesale		100 00
Topper John M.	Distiller		15 00
Topper S. A.	"		15 00

BENSON BOROUGH.

Cassler A. E.	Retailer	14	7 00
Holsopple L. E.	"	14	7 00

BERLIN BOROUGH.

Collins F. B.	Retailer	12	12 50
Crook Ed. L.	"	13	10 00
Floto A. C.	"	12	12 50
Groff Fred	"	12	12 50
Krissinger & Kurtz	"	11	15 00
Manges W. H.	"	14	7 00
Nowag P. C.	"	14	7 00
Philson J. A. & W. F.	"	13	10 00
Philson J. C.	"	13	10 00
Philson S. & Co.	Bank		30 00

BROTHERSVALLEY.

Beachly Ira	Retailer	14	7 00
Gumbert Henry	"	14	7 00
Walters F. & Co.	Distiller		15 00
Walters E. & Co.	"		15 00
Walters E.	"		15 00

BLACK.

Husband Mrs. F.	Retailer	14	7 00

CONEMAUGH.

Hoffman Daniel	Retailer	14	7 00
Hershberger Jacob.	"	14	7 00

CONFLUENCE BOROUGH.

Black A. G.	Retailer	12	10 00
Dodds M. C. & J. M.	"	14	7 00
Groff A. T.	"	14	7 00
Kurtz H. Jr. & Co.	"	13	10 00
Mountain W. S.	"	14	7 00
Ross A. M. & Bro.	"	13	10 00
Tissue H. B.	"	13	10 00

CASSELMAN BOROUGH

Kreger Jacob & Co.	Retailer	14	7 00

ELK LICK.

Kretchman S. A.	Retailer	14	7 00
Reitz H. A.	"	14	7 00
Shaw H. C.	"	14	7 00
Thomas R. F.	"	14	7 00

FAIRHOPE.

Dora L. F.	Retailer	14	7 00
Hoblitzell J. J. Son	"	13	10 00
Ludner G. W.	"	14	7 00

GREENVILLE.

Yutzy A. G.	Retailer	14	7 00

JEFFERSON.

Miller Jos. C.	Retailer	13	10 00
Schlag & Co.	"	14	7 00
Walters E. & Co.	Distillers		15 00

JENNER.

Cover Jas. M.	Retailer	12	12 50
Fleck B. S.	"	14	7 00
Gardner L. F.	"	14	7 00
O'Conor John A.	"	14	7 00
Risinger J. A.	"	13	10 00

JENNER BOROUGH.

Griffith J. J.	Retailer	13	10 00

LARIMER.

Beal A. O.	Retailer	13	10 00
Baro F. W.	"	14	7 00
Baro F. W.	Wh'lesale Liquor		100 00
Baro F. W.	Distiller		15 00
Glotfelty George	Retailer	14	7 00
Suder Mrs. P. M.	"	14	7 00

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