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WASHINGTON is still crowded with office seekers, and about the only consolation they have is that the walking will soon be good.

HARRISBURG has now become the shrine for office seeking pilgrims. To get on "Boss Harrity's" slate is the aim and object of all good Democrats.

THE ex-Confederates are having their inning first. President Cleveland thinks they have waited long enough for the offices, and gives them first choice.

A WASHINGTON correspondent says Hill could no more imitate Conkling in Conkling's defiance of Garfield than a sparrow could lay a goose egg. Which the same is not bad.

THOUSANDS of disappointed applicants are now mournfully singing the refrain of Sam Joseph's campaign ditty:

Grover! Grover!
Four years more of Grover!

GOVERNOR PATTISON has designated April 15th and 29th as Arbor days, the two dates being necessary to make the proclamation applicable to the Northern and Southern portions of the State.

THE Southern Democrats claim that they are again in the house of their fathers, and they are lustily demanding that the fatted calf be slaughtered and the rings of office be placed upon their fingers.

IT is probable that the Republican State Convention will be held in Harrisburg on August 30th. The Republican primary election of this county, to nominate candidates for county offices and delegates to the State Convention, will be held on Saturday, June 24.

THE rush of office seekers at Washington is so large and so persistent that the President and his Cabinet Officers have been compelled to give public notice that on two days of the week (Tuesdays and Fridays) the doors of their respective offices will be closed to applicants.

ISHAM G. HARRIS, who has just been elected President pro tempore of the United States Senate, was Governor of Tennessee when that State seceded from the Union. Now he roosts on the top rail in the highest branch of the law-making power of the government he attempted to overthrow.

IT is vulgarly supposed that it is the right and duty of the Congress of the United States to frame all laws pertaining to the government of this country; but it is announced through the Democratic press that Secretary Carlisle has kindly assumed the task of framing a new tariff law, thus saving the next Congress much worry and labor.

IT is said that eleven sons of United States Senators have been appointed to clerkships of Senatorial committees of which their fathers have just been made chairmen. Senator Peffer, of Kansas, having no son handy, has appointed his daughter clerk to his committee. What a commentary on Cleveland's late pronunciamento against nepotism!

AS soon as the weather settles we will probably have a new postmaster at Meyersdale. The coming event is looked for by the general public with curiosity and by the interested parties with anxiety. It is of much moment from a double point of view. First, because it will allay the intense agitation prevailing among the citizens of the "Metropolis," and secondly, it will determine which of the warring Democratic factions in this county is on top.

THE New York *Sun* publishes a racy article which pretends to map out the program of the Democracy to capture this State. The plan, according to the writer, is to elect Governor Pattison Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, to succeed Stuart, the present Mayor, make Attorney General Hensel the candidate for Governor, to make Philadelphia a Democratic city, and to boom Pattison for the Presidency in 1896. All of which is very interesting as well as amusing.

THE Democrats in the United States Senate have determined to ignore all precedents and to make an effort to reorganize that body at once instead of waiting until the regular meeting of Congress in December, as has always been the custom. The Republican Senators will resist this attempt to take "snap judgment," and as there is no such thing as the "previous question" in the Senate, the Republicans, by adopting Democratic tactics, can talk the reorganization project to death.

MR. SECRETARY HOKE SMITH'S Atlanta *Journal* opposes the nomination of postmasters at a primary election because if the Republicans would come into power "Then we would see the postoffices given "to the man who could poll the most "votes at a Republican primary. That "rule applied to Georgia would give us a "negro postmaster in Atlanta and in "nearly every postoffice in the State."

What a terrible outrage it would be if HOKE and his lily-fingered friends would have to receive the mail at the hands of an intelligent negro!

THE Chicago *Inter-Ocean* has long claimed to be the leading Republican paper west of the Allegheny mountains, but the *Inter-Ocean* is too modest; it has long been the leading Republican journal of the United States. There is never any uncertain sound about the *Inter-Ocean's* utterances; it is always for America for Americans. But it is in regard to the *Inter-Ocean's* twenty-first birthday of which we want to speak. This interesting event occurred Saturday and was celebrated by a 200,000 mammoth edition of sixty pages. Every page was replete with interesting news or correspondence. Country readers wishing to subscribe for a city journal during this Columbian year will make no mistake in selecting the *Inter-Ocean*.

THE war for the spoils which is being waged between Chairman Harrity and the Democratic Congressional delegation goes merrily on. The announcement that Harrity is to boss the appointments from this State and that none except those having his endorsement will go, has stirred the gall of the more independent members of the delegation. Representative Mutchler, it is reported from Washington, has thrown down his gauntlet, and in an interview with the Postmaster General, served notice that if an appointment which he requested was not made he will make no further recommendations. This is not our funeral, but for the credit of the Old Keystone State, we are gratified to know that one at least of her representatives has asserted his manhood. The result will be watched with eagerness by the public, and especially by our Democratic friends who are candidates for positions. It will certainly be a singular and humiliating state of affairs if Democratic members of Congress find their recommendations of their friends have to be first submitted to and approved by a Boss, or liable to be turned down at his dictation.

Rules for Reappointment.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—It is generally understood here that President Cleveland's no-reappointment order does not apply in the following cases:

First—To those who have no opposition for reappointment.

Second—To those candidates for postmasterships who have opposition, but are indorsed almost unanimously by citizens of their city or town.

Third—To those who were removed by the Harrison administration without serving out their terms.

Fourth—To those who were nominated for office by Mr. Cleveland just prior to General Harrison's inauguration, but who failed of confirmation by the Senate.

A Mountain of Silver Metal.

The bar silver now stored in the United States Mint at Philadelphia amounts to 110,000,000 ounces, the largest quantity ever deposited in one place in this country. This quantity is equal to 6,250,000 pounds avoirdupois, or 3,125 tons. Loaded upon wagons carrying one ton each, and allowing forty feet for each team and vehicle, this mass of metal would make a procession over twenty miles long. The quantity is so great that a new steel lined vault, 35 feet long, 8 feet wide and 10 feet wide, has been built to accommodate a portion of it. Piled full from floor to ceiling, however, this new addition holds only 20,000,000 ounces. As silver bullion is being poured into the Philadelphia Mint at the rate of 3,600,000 ounces a month, it will be only five or six months when another new vault must be built when the purchase of the white metal is stopped.

Women Registering to Vote.

TOPEKA, KAN., March 25.—There was a rush of women last night to the polls to register for election, it being the last day. Colored women and servant girls crowded society women in the rush and several swell society women became disgusted and left without registering. One young woman answered "twenty" when asked her age. When told she could not vote, she quickly replied: "Yes, I can, too; I'm married." It took a great deal of talking to convince her that marriage did not confer the right to vote. She then gave her age as 21 and said she voted three years ago in Wichita.

The wife of one of the State officers refused to tell her age. Then the commissioner had to guess, and because he made it a few years more than she really was, she went off in a terrible passion and vowed that she would not mix up in such a scramble with the trash of the city anyway.

Important Changes.

The two elections held under the new ballot law prove that some amendments to it are necessary. The matter has been under discussion in both the senate and the house, and both branches of the legislature have referred the subject to the elections committees. John H. Fow is on the sub-committee of the house, which has charge of the question, and he says that eleven important changes have been agreed upon by that committee.

"The first amendment," said he, "is to strike out of the ballots the residence of the candidates. This is considered wholly unnecessary. It is in the nomination papers and only increases the size of the ballot by printing it on them. Second, to reduce the number of ballots. Third, fix one day to deliver the ballots to the judge of elections instead of two, the ballots to be delivered on the Monday before the election. Fourth, to extend the time for the sheriff to issue his proclamation. As the law reads now it is impossible for him to comply with it. Fifth, to require the common pleas court of the district when nominations are made, except those made in state conventions, which shall be tried in Dauphin county courts, to decide upon the validity of all certificates of nomination. Sixth, that in marking the ballot each candidate's name be marked with an X and the group marking be done away with. Seventh, all groups to have a party appellation when that party for ten years has been making nominations in a state convention. Eighth, to repeal that portion of the law which requires the sheriff to issue a proclamation for city elections. Ninth, that no candidate shall be allowed to act as a watcher or be permitted in a booth after he has voted. Tenth, that election officers shall not be permitted to prepare a ballot for a person who claims to be disabled; and eleventh, to require all persons who claim to be disabled to make affidavit to the same.

Smallpox Among Paupers.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 25.—Smallpox has broken out in the old men's pavillion at Snake Hill, and it is feared that the disease will become epidemic in the alms house and other county institutions. There are over 100 cases in the pest hospital, in consequence of which tents have been erected for convalescents, and the old men were allowed to mingle with them at will. There are three suspicious cases in the alms house, which it is feared may develop into smallpox. The penitentiary and lunatic asylum are under special guard.

Cloth that will turn Bullets.

BERLIN, March 24.—Bullet-proof cloth is the startling invention of a Manheim tailor, just tested severely and approved by army officials. Uniforms of the cloth, placed on wooden effigies, were not pierced by small calibre balls shot from points 100, 200, or 400 metres distant. At shorter range the wooden figures were so deeply dented that the officers concluded the force of the impact was sufficient to stun a man. To make the cuirass, the tailor merely applies a secret preparation to an ordinary cloth tunic, which, when completed, weighs six pounds.

Sleep got him in Jail.

WEST CHESTER, PA., March 24.—On the ground that her husband sleeps too much, Mrs. William Isburn, of Sadsburyville, has had him landed in jail. When the Constable went to Isburn's house at 9:30 o'clock in the morning he found his victim still sweetly sleeping. Isburn got awake long enough to get inside the lockup. His wife says he sleeps so much that he has failed to support his family. This case will furnish the Court an opportunity to decide whether it is unlawful to sleep, and if so, why.

Beauties for our Fair.

LONDON, March 25.—The loveliest and most precious freight ever sent to America went out on the Paris from Southampton to-day. It is a dazzling galaxy of 50 young women, who are supposed to represent the best types of beauty of the old world, and were shipped by the big liner as a living ethnological exhibition for the Chicago Fair.

It is not known whether this bewildering company fully realizes the poet's dream of fair women, for no one was allowed to look upon the aggregation of loveliness, who are said to be of the ne plus ultra of Europe's fairest maidens, having been selected from several thousand ambitious creatures.

Spring! Spring! Gentle Spring!

So sings the old song. What a vista of pleasure opens before us, and what a thrill of anticipation takes possession of us when we think that it is in our midst! After winter breaks, then watch for innumerable diseases springing up through impure water, etc., and guard against them by having in the home the best stimulant, The "Prince Regent" Whisky is what you want. It is to be had only at McCullough's Half-Century House, 523 Liberty street, foot of Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Send registered letter or postoffice order for the medical wonder. A full stock of all the best brands of wines, whiskies and champagnes on hand.

Tortured By Burglars.

PITTSBURGH, March 23.—The four masked robbers who have been operating in and around Findlayville, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, in Washington county, for the past two years, turned up in that neighborhood again yesterday and added another atrocious outrage to their already long list of crimes. They went to the residence of J. C. McClelland, a wealthy farmer, residing one mile from Findlayville Station, during the absence of all members of the household except Mrs. William Kerr, McClelland's married daughter, and 18-months-old baby.

McClelland had gone to Washington, Pa., to deposit $2,000 in the bank. The robbers were after this, and after terrorizing Mrs. Kerr and the child began ransacking the house. The baby cried, and one of the men grabbed it by the throat, choking it. The mother flew at the fellow, who hit her a blow with his fist, knocking her to the floor. She was then bound and a gag forced into her mouth and thrown upon a bed, while one of the gang stood watch over her with drawn revolver.

HER HAIR CUT FROM HER HEAD.

Finally after an hour's search, foiled in their attempt to find the money, they returned to where the helpless woman lay and demanded that Mrs. Kerr tell where the money was secreted. This she was unable to do. Roughly loosening her hair, they cut it from her head. Then one of the men took the baby from the room.

Soon the mother heard the baby's screams and was told that her child was being killed by inches and the only way to save its life was to disclose the hiding place of the money. The frantic mother tugged at her bands until the cruel strands cut into the flesh and blood gushed from under her finger nails. This continued for some time, when the men ran from the house.

Mrs. Kerr's struggles loosened her hands. Grasping her child in her arms she ran to a neighbor's house and fell in a faint at the door. When consciousness was restored she told her story, and a posse of friends organized to hunt for the robbers. So far no trace of the men has been discovered. An examination of the baby shows where its tender flesh had been pinched and jagged to make it scream.

Congressional Influence.

WASHINGTON March 22.—Five members of the Missouri delegation in Congress, headed by Representative Bland, called at the Postoffice Department to-day and asked Postmaster General Bissell what weight would be given to the recommendations of members of Congress in the appointment of postmasters. It had been repeatedly stated in the newspapers, it was said, that Congressional influence was to go for nothing.

Mr. Bissell said he did not think he could be held responsible for what had been published in the newspapers. Thus far not a single postmaster had been appointed who had not the indorsement of the members of Congress. That ought to be taken as conclusive evidence that it was by no means his intention to ignore members of Congress.

He thought, however, that the question of candidates should, in a measure at least, be decided by the people of the locality. They were more interested than any one else, and undoubtedly their wishes should be consulted and given very great weight. No one would, in any sense, be ignored, and it was folly to suppose that the assistance, advice and recommendations of men of such high character as were the Representatives of the people in Congress, were not earnestly desired.

Harrity Will Appoint.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*, speaking of the long conference had by Messrs. Harrity and Hensel with President Cleveland, give some inside news that will be interesting to those who are hunting office in Pennsylvania.

"In the first place it was absolutely determined, and without solicitation, that the political patronage of Pennsylvania shall be disposed of upon the recommendations of Mr. Harrity and his friends in the administration. No man will be appointed to office in the Keystone Commonwealth who is objectionable to these gentlemen. To such an extent will this be carried that Postmaster General Bissell is credited with having presented Messrs. Harrity and Hensel to Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell, "the headsman," as he is humorously known in Washington, with the remark: 'These are the friends whose counsel we will follow in Pennsylvania.' That decision determines the selection of over 4,000 postmasters.

"This settlement of the attitude of the National administration towards the State administration forces in Pennsylvania has completely disrupted the Congressional combine which cAleer, of Philadelphia, and Mutchler, of Northampton, attempted to form. They circulated rumors that Mr. Harrity and his friends were in bad order with the President and his advisers and with these as a basis they endeavored to bring about a coalition of all the anti-State administration Democratic Congressmen, the hope being held out that all who had joined the combine would control the division of the loaves and fishes. The reception given Harrity and Hensel has dissolved this roseate-tinged mist."

Will Get Your Bank Roll.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 25.—If anyone thinks he can see the World's Fair for 50 cents he will find that he has made a serious mistake. Some one will presently obtain a concession to all the air at Jackson Park and sell it to visitors at so much per breath. The water privilege, the toilet room privilege, the privilege to usurp the benches in the park and charge money for sitting on them—all these and a hundred others have been granted. In many cases it cannot be learned that the Fair directors have received anything for the grants.

In the matter of the toilet room privilege the practical "cinch" on hundreds of thousands of dollars has been given away. A sanitary company has placed in the various buildings on the grounds 3000 water-closets and lavatories. A fixed fee of five and ten cents will be charged for the use of these. It is said by interested parties that Director General Davis is interested in the sanitary snap.

He Slept Every Night in a Coffin.

From the York Gazette.

Jacob Mumma, the recluse, died recently at his residence, on the York road, one mile from Hanover. Since 1848 he was away from his dreary place but once, and on that occasion, in 1884, he visted England. While there he obtained a patent on a watch and was offered $80,000 for the right, but he wanted $100,000, and got nothing. This, in connection with disappointment in a love affair, preyed on his mind to such an extent that he decided to retire from society and live by himself. In winter he lived entirely in the cellar of his house. Here he would eat and sleep, and in the summer time would occupy a room on the second floor and one above that on the third. He went from one room to the other by the aid of a ladder, having holes cut through the ceilings, never going in any other part of the house. Often at night he would come forth from his haunt and stroll over the farm in order to see that all was well and at the same time get a little fresh air and exercise.

Some years ago he had a casket made, in which he slept until he died. Some time ago he imagined that rats and mice might get at him while asleep and had high stilts put to the casket, getting in and out with a ladder. He had a tin box made and left in care of the undertaker, in which he wanted to be buried. He had no use for a doctor, preacher, or barber.

Jenner Normal.

The well-known Jenner normal will begin April 17, at Jenner X Roads, Pa. Send for circular.

C. F. LIVINGOOD,
Jennertown, Pa. Principal.

Representative Skinner, of Fulton, is considering the advisability of being an applicant for the appointment of pension agent at Pittsburg. The position is worth $6,000 a year and is now held by H. H. Bengough, whose term does not expire for eighteen months.

From the State Capitol.

Five hundred and five bills have already been reported from the house committees.

The bill introduced by Representative Collamer, of Philadelphia, to make election day a legal holiday was defeated by a vote of 91 ayes to 59 nayes. It requires 103 votes to pass a bill on final passage.

A bill has been prepared and will be presented to the Legislature for a pension for the widow of the family of Sergeant Wm. Kunkle, of Chambersburg. Sergeant Kunkle was one of the victims of the Homestead war.

A bill was introduced in the Legislature the other day, increasing the pay of the county commissioners, coroners and county detectives and decreasing the compensation of county auditors and county surveyors. The pay of auditors and surveyors is low enough now in all conscience, and it is not likely the bill will pass.

Governor Pattison has issued a proclamation designating Saturday, April 15th, and Saturday, April 29th, to be observed as Arbor days in Pennsylvania. The selection of either of the designated days is left to the discretion of the people in the various sections of the Commonwealth, each locality observing that day which is deemed most favorable on account of climatic conditions.

It is said a resolution has been prepared, and will be offered in the House next week, directing the appointment of a special committee of five members of the House and three members of the Senate to make all the arrangements to take the Legislature to Chicago to attend the dedication of the Pennsylvania State building. The expenses of the trip will be provided for in the general appropriation bill.

Assemblyman Murphy, of Westmoreland county, on Tuesday introduced a bill amending the penal laws of the State so as to change the punishment for murder in the first degree from hanging to either hanging or solitary confinement for life, and making it the duty of the jury when they tender their verdict to designate the punishment and requiring the sentence in accordance therewith.

One of the surprises of the week was the large vote cast for the local option bill introduced by Representative Mansfield, of Beaver, authorizing counties and cities to vote at the next February election and every three years thereafter on the propriety of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors. Another surprise was the fact that this important bill excited no discussion. It commanded 85 votes, while its opponents could muster only 56.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Metzger, of Potter, a member of the house elections committee, to pay the expenses of William P. Higby, the unsuccessful contestant in the Crawford county election case. Mr. Higby's expenses are itemized, as follows: Witnesses and transportation, $561.00; livery and incidentals, $684; stenographer, $245; railroad fare and personal expenses, $896.65; hotel bill, Harrisburg, $225; attorneys' fees, $1,200; total, $3,881.45.

Senator Hackenburg, of Northumberland, has prepared an important substitute for his License Commission Bill. It provides for a License Court, composed of ten persons learned in the law, to be appointed by the Governor, five from each of the two parties polling the largest aggregate vote in the State. These Judges serve for ten years at a salary of $5,000 and traveling expenses, and one from each party retires every two years. No person who has served a full term of ten years is eligible to reappointment. For license purposes the State is divided into twenty-four districts, the 20th district being composed of the counties of Blair, Bedford, Cambria and Somerset. In these districts applications for licenses shall be filed by October 1st of each year, and, when granted, take effect on January 1st following. The court shall meet at Harrisburg on the first Mondays of October, January and April of each year, when the President shall assign one Judge to each district where licenses are to be granted during the three months next following. He shall summon to his assistance a judge of different political faith, but no Judge shall sit in the district wherein he resides, nor be assigned two years successively to the same district, nor shall Judges of the same political party succeed each other in the same district. The hearing before the License Court shall be by petition, remonstrance, and the testimony of witnesses, the same as now had before the Courts of Quarter Sessions. It shall be the duty of a Judge assigned to a district, before proceeding to hear the applications for licenses, to go upon the several premises for which licenses are asked, ascertain their fitness for the accommodation of the public, investigate the necessity for the license, and make inquiry as to the character of the several applicants. No change is made in the license fee, further than to require the payment of $5 to the clerk of courts for the use of the State. It is stated that this bill has been submitted to the Governor, and will be signed by him if passed.

A NEW ROAD LAW.

Mr. Losch's bill, enabling taxpayers of townships and road districts to contract for making at their own expense the roads and paying salaries of townships or road district officers, and thereby preventing the levy and collection of road tax thereon, came up on second reading and met with great opposition. Mr. Losch said it was the only solution of the road question, and he plead for its passage. Messrs. Niles, Wherry and Reese insisted that it was a pernicious measure intricate and not capable of being put to practical use. Seeing that his bill was doomed, Mr. Losch plead that it be passed to third reading, and the House assented to his request, at the same time serving notice that the bill will be killed on final passage.

The Nesbit road bill, which provides for the location, opening, vacation, construction and maintenance of the public highways, roads and bridges of the State, was considered on second reading and excited a great deal of debate. An amendment was offered appropriating $3,000,000 annually for the roads of the State, to be divided in proportion to the number of miles of public highway in each county.

Mr. Marshall, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, protested against this appropriation on the ground that in two years it will take $6,000,000 from the Treasury, which along with the $10,000,000 for the public schools, will dispose of $16,000,000 of the estimated $18,500,000 of revenue. Already the House has passed appropriation bills for capitol repairs and militia expenses aggregating $1,000,000, and if the proposed appropriation for roads were passed it would reduce the money to be devoted to State institutions and all government expenses to less than $1,500,000.

The House did not heed Mr. Marshall's warning and passed the amendment making the appropriation by a vote of 74 yeas to 57 nays.

Another amendment was offered providing that roads in cities shall share in the money appropriated by the State, and after the debate it was ruled out of order as not germane to the section under discussion. In the course of this debate Mr. Walton stated that there are a thousand miles of country roads in Philadelphia.

The bill was postponed for the present, with the understanding that when it again comes up there will be amendments inserted that will remove all objections to it.

For the Farmer.

847½ bushels of potatoes and 150 bushels of corn have been grown to the acre by Mapes complete potato and corn fertilizers. These are facts and come from the editor of the *Farm Journal* and editor of the *Rural New Yorker*, two of the most reliable agricultural papers in the United States. We solicit a trial order from every farmer and truck grower in the county who is interested in making farming pay by growing large crops of potatoes, corn, wheat, oats and buckwheat. Please send postal card for prices and pamphlets, address

G. W. & H. B. KEMP,
Nurserymen, Harnedsville, Somerset Co. Pa

News Items.

Reports from Southwestern Russia show that the cholera has got a hold on several cities and many villages. In Stavropol the fresh cases in the last week have numbered on the average fifteen daily, and the deaths between seven and eight.

The postoffice at Irwin, Westmoreland county, was robbed at an early hour Sunday morning. Over $600 worth of stamps, $150 in money, and ten registered letters, contents unknown, were taken. The thieves cracked the safe and wrecked the building to a considerable extent.

It is alleged that Antonie Dessa, on a wager of $5, Saturday evening, in the Commercial Hotel Restaurant at Harrisburg, ate 118 soft boiled eggs and 30 hard-boiled eggs, two sandwiches and 84 raw oysters. These he washed down with 21 beers. He pocketed his money and said he felt first rate.

Work is in progress on 279 buildings, to be used as hotels, in the immediate neighborhood of the World's Fair grounds. These structures are of wood, brick or stone, and will contain a total of 33,945 rooms. They will cost nearly $4,000,000. With this abundance of accommodations, it is believed that hotel rates will not be excessive.

The flour mill and elevators in Litchfield, in Illinois, owned by Kehler Bros., were destroyed on Tuesday. A fire started in the mill and was followed by an explosion of flour dust. The mill was blown to pieces and many business houses and dwellings in the village were wrecked. One person was killed and many injured, but none, it is thought, fatally. The loss is placed at $400,000.

Col. Elliott F. Shepard, editor of the New York *Mail and Express*, died suddenly Friday afternoon. He believed himself to be suffering from stone in the bladder, and desired that an operation be performed to learn the truth. To this end ether was administered by his physicians, and he had scarcely begun to inhale the drug when the doctors noticed signs of collapse. Restoratives were applied, but in vain.

A cyclone swept over North Mississippi and West Tennessee Thursday afternoon, leaving ruins in its wake. Tunica, Mississippi, was entirely destroyed, and several people are are reported killed and injured. The telegraph wires are down in all directions. Trainmen on the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad report that Kelley, Miss., was wiped off the face of the earth, not a soul being left to tell the tale.

Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster county, Pa., who was elected last year on the anti-fee-grabbing issue, refused last week to confirm a large number of accounts presented by the Register, Prothonotary and Orphans' Court, declaring the fees exorbitant. "If the members of the Bar," he stated, "cannot stop this evil and file exceptions to the confirmation of accounts containing illegal fees, I shall come to their relief and request them to do so."

Sam Jones, the Evangelist, has been knocking Satan right and left, in his characteristic style, at Cartersville, Ga. He has denounced Pastor Dobbs, of the Baptist Church, as a slanderer. Sam says there "are times in the lives of preachers when patience ceases to be a virtue, and when the old Adam would insist on defending himself after the manner prescribed by John L. Sullivan." Both men are said to be armed, and a hostile meeting is possible.

A funny bill with funny penalties is that proposed by Representative Sikorsky in the Minnesota legislature against the unfastidious Chinese. It prohibits Chinamen hereafter "from wearing their shirts outside of their pants," and requiring them to "dress the same as other citizens." A violation of the act is to be punished by a fine of from $1 to $10 and by forfeiture of pigtail. The bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

The government of Spain, through the State Department, has officially tendered to the United States as a gift the reproduced flagship of Columbus, the Santa Maria, now in the Gulf of Mexico en route to this country to participate in the naval review and form a part of the Spanish exhibit at Chicago. The ceremonies of presentation will take place near the close of the Exposition. It is the intention to bring the Santa Maria to Washington for permanent exhibition.

A dispatch from London says the young German Emperor has taken a personal interest in the management of church affairs, and by imperial announcement has decided how long sermons shall last. Of late ministers have been preaching only about fifteen minutes, but the Emperor has declared that even this was too long, and ordered that at the inauguration of Nazareth Church, which was made a solemn ceremonial event, the sermon should not last more than six minutes. So hereafter six-minute sermons will be the rule.

An attempt to kill King Humbert was made Saturday evening by one Berardi as the King was returning from the Villa Borghese, where he had been spending the day. The missile thrown by the would-be assassin missed its mark, and, before a second attempt upon the King's life could be made, several persons rushed upon the assailant and held him fast. There were a great many people on the street at the time, and as soon as the facts of the case became known there was the wildest excitement. The assailant was promptly taken in hand by the police and conveyed to prison; otherwise he would in all probability have been killed by the angry multitude. He is said to be a religious fanatic.

The greatest eater in England is dead, and incidentally there disappears from the ranks of the nobility a strange and grotesque figure The late Duke of Bedford, who leaves behind him an estate of $50,000,000, was practically, a recluse, and though so enormously rich, a great miser. His one absorbing thought was to pile up further hoards, and find new possibilities of retrenchment. During the last few years he had become physically almost a monstrosity, through indulgence in a most gluttonous appetite. This made him very corpulent, and this in turn compelled sedentary habits, which tended to increase his size. He ate, one acquaintance says, like a wolf. He was reputed to be the largest and heaviest feeder in England, and those who had seen him eating say it was a sight never to be forgotten. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death, but he really died of gluttony.

A Tale of Unrequited Love.

WAYNESBURG, PA., March 23.—About 11 o'clock to-day the body of Lindsey Sappington, a respected and well-to-do young farmer, was found hanging to a tree near his home, four miles south of Waynesburg. He had been married but little over a week, and the story of his taking his life is traced to that event.

A week ago Saturday he was married to Maggie Johnson, aged 17, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wade, in Wayne township.

A few days after their marriage he overheard his wife telling her mother that she would not have married him if she could have got a certain other young man. This was a heavy blow, and he was completely crushed. Last Monday he came to Waynesburg. Before leaving home he gave all the money he had to his wife and also some notes he held. He then bade her good-bye. Monday evening about dark his horse was found in the road not far from his home, stripped of the saddle and bridle. The young man's father and a party of neighbors finally instituted a search with the result stated. The young man had removed the strap from the bridle and, climbing up the tree, tied one end to a limb and with the other end formed a noose which he placed over his head and swung off.

MARRIED.

GLESSNER—McVICKER.—On the 23d day of March, 1893, Harvey Glessner and Ettie McVicker, at the office of Solomon Uhl, J. P.

WHISKIES! WHISKIES!

I have just taken possession of my new premises,

No. 12 Bedford Street,

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Wines and Liquors,

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The R. C. LANDIS Distillation.

I have now on hand a complete assortment of these famous whiskies, from one year up, at the following prices:

One-year-old, per gallon	$2 00
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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having been appointed Auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of J. C. Lowry, Esq., Executor of Dr. C. G. Stutzman, deceased, to and among those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of said appointment on Friday, April 14, A. D., 1893, at the office of Colborn & Colborn, in Somerset, Pa., when and where all persons can attend.

A. J. COLBORN,
Auditor.

CAUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons found hunting, fishing or otherwise trespassing on the property of the undersigned, in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., will be dealt with according to law.

GILLIAN KOONTZ, CYRUS SHAFFER,
JONATHAN STAHL, WM. SHAFFER,
CHAUNCEY LINT, JOS. HEMMINGER.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Lydia Weigle, intermarried with E. M. Schrock, of Seattle, Washington, Annie Wambaugh, of Altoona, Pa., and Mary intermarried with Richard Heitsman, of Davis City, Nebraska.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition, issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises, on the real estate of Jacob Weigle, dec'd., situate in Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa., on Tuesday, May 2d, 1893, at 1 o'clock P. M., when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, } ISAIAH GOOD,
Somerset, Pa., Mch 22, '93. } Sheriff.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Cyrenous Thompson and Helen Thompson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., James K. Thompson and Peter Montgomery Thompson, of Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, John W. Thompson, Johnstown, Pa., Wm. L. Thompson, of Morrellville, Pa., and to the children of Marion Groff, deceased, viz.: Thaddeus Marion Groff, Flavious Groff, Vivian May Groff, Maggie Edna Groff, Laura Virginia Groff and Montgomery Groff, all of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Lilly M. Evans, of Dawson, Fayette county, Pa.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises, on the real estate of Jacob Thompson and Elizabeth Thompson, deceased, situate in Stoystown borough and Quemahoning township, Somerset county, Pa, on Thursday, May 4th, 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office } ISAIAH GOOD,
22d March 1893. } Sheriff

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One Pewaukee winter apple.
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Twenty-four Haviland strawberry plants.
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Three Tyler raspberries, and one large package of Hendersons bush Lima beans, free as a premium. Apple, pear and peach trees are from 5 to 6 feet and we warrant the entire collection to be strictly first-class and true to name. We can furnish apple trees of all the best and hardy varieties, at twenty dollars per hundred, fifty trees at hundred rates. Season for transplanting is from March 20th to May 1st. Order your trees, vines, and plants early from us, as we can save you from twenty to forty per cent. on the dollar. Soliciting your valued orders, we are yours to serve.

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NURSERYMEN,

Harnedsville, Somerset County, Pa.

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT

—OF—

DEALERS IN WERCHANDISE

—IN—

SOMERSET COUNTY, PA.

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. store & L. store	Retail	14	$ 7 00
Dean H. B.	"	13	10 00
Endsley & Son	"	14	7 00
Frey A. C.	"	14	7 00
Hock F. M.	"	12	20 00
Jacobs T. J.	"	14	7 00
Liston Jesse	"	14	7 00
Nicklow Ed	"	14	7 00
Row Robt. K.	"	11	15 00

ALLEGHENY.

Fogle & Miller	Wh'sle Liq. Lic		100 00
Fogle & Miller	Distillery		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.

Colline F. B.	Retailer	12	12 50
Cook Ed. L.	"	13	10 00
Floto A. C.	"	12	12 50
Groff Fred	"	12	12 50
Krisinger & Kurtz	"	11	15 00
Mangen W. H.	"	14	7 00
Nowag P. G.	"	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 E. & Co.	Distiller		15 00
Walters S. & 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	13	10 00
Dodds M. C. & J. M.	"	14	7 00
Graff A. T.	"	14	7 00
Kurtz H. Jr. & Co.	"	13	10 00
Mountain W. S.	"	14	7 00
Ross A. M. & Bros.	"	13	10 00
Tinne H. F.	"	13	10 00

CASSELMAN BOROUGH.

Kregar 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