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The scientists say that for the first time in 1800 years, we are to have two full moons during this month.

The six New England States are represented in Congress by just one Democratic member. How that fellow slipped in is exciting some speculation.

There is said to be more young blood in this Congress than in any one ever convened at Washington. Evidently young men are coming to the front.

CLEVELAND'S remedy for our bankrupt treasury is to retire the greenbacks from circulation and supply their place with government bonds. What a handy thing those bonds would be for every day circulation and business purposes.

SOME of our Democratic contemporaries are borrowing trouble, fearing that "Czar" Reed will jeopardize his Presidential chances by rigid rulings during the present session of Congress. We deeply sympathize with them in their affliction.

We gather from the message that the Cleveland plan to meet the deficit in the treasury is to plunge deeper into debt. A few old Republican fogies are of the opinion that an increase of the revenues would meet the trouble, but then, that would smother of again building up the "robber tariff."

POSTMASTER GENERAL WILSON is in great luck; according to his report, there is only a slight deficit of \$10,000,000 in his department, which, compared with the deficit in the Treasury, is a feather in his cap. The deficit in the Treasury, however, is a drop in the bucket. How to reduce revenues appears to be thoroughly understood by the "learned Professor."

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discussed in the message concerning foreign affairs and financial affairs; the balance of the document being chiefly made up of the contents of Department reports, to which Congress is referred. As to foreign affairs, the message is tame, and shows a lack of sympathy with the struggling patriots in Cuba, who are attempting to shake off the galling yoke of Spain, or with the little State of Venezuela, whose territory is threatened with dismemberment by that big bully, John Bull. So that the neutrality laws are not violated, the President is content to see might prevail, at the expense of right, and justice, and freedom.

The message has much to say about the importance to us of foreign markets, and through this portion of it, free trade articles are plainly visible. On the financial question there is not one word regarding the deficit in the revenues of the government, nor a suggestion as to how matters are to be amended, and the amazing suggestion is made to retire the greenbacks from circulation and issue bonds in their stead, which would at once precipitate a financial panic, if there were the most remote probability of its adoption. On the whole, the message is not acceptable to either of the great political parties, and it is safe to say that there is not the remotest chance that a bill for this purpose will pass the present Congress.

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To Succeed Himself in the United States Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Cameron in a letter under today's date addressed to Hon. Samuel J. McCarrell, announces authoritatively that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate. The letter is as follows: "WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—My Dear Senator:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th. You will remember that in a conversation at my home in Harrisburg, just after my last election to the Senate, I told you, as well as other friends, that under no circumstances would I again be a candidate for re-election. Since then, many friends from every section of the State are writing me making inquiry as to my wishes and intentions and cordially offering their support. It is due to them that I should make a statement in relation to the matter, and to say that I have not been, am not now and will not be, a candidate for re-election to the Senate of the United States. Not being in office, better opportunity will be afforded me to serve those who have served me, and that I will do so, there can be no doubt.

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For many years there has dwelt in the churchyard at Buckingham, Bucks County, an aged thinker. He has lived among the tombstones unmoored, having little shanty in one corner of the inclosure. Last week the thinker was arrested on a charge of using obscene language. He is a pensioner, and gave bail to keep the peace.

Elmer, a small settler in Potter County, near the Tioga County line, was the scene of a murder Thursday morning. Thomas Hall became involved in a quarrel with his wife's sister, and shot her, blowing her head almost entirely off. He was taken to Conoverport and lodged in the county jail. The verdict of the coroner's jury is equivalent to murder in the first degree.

A meeting was recently held at Broad Top City, Huntingdon County, for the purpose of forming an association to build a monument over the grave of Thomas White, who was a member of the band who threw the tea overboard from British ships in the harbor of Boston in December, 1773. White, after serving in the Revolutionary Army, came to Pennsylvania, and was buried on Mount Pleasant. The association is preparing to solicit funds to accomplish its work.

John Miller, of Venango county, aged seventy-one years, has sold his young wife to Captain John Lyter, a G. A. R. man, with the following agreement: "I, the undersigned, John Miller, party of the first part, do hereby agree with John Lyter, party of the second part, to give to the party of the second part one Martha, my wife, the consideration to be as follows: John Lyter is to pay me in cash \$10, also a good suit of clothes, valued at \$25, a jug of the best whiskey, two bound pups and fishing tackle worth \$25."

The Empire Express, on the New York Central Railroad, now holds the world's record for the fastest regular passenger train. At Buffalo, Wednesday it encountered a snowstorm, and, fearing that this might cause delay, the engineer let out a few more notches of the throttle. He had eighteen minutes in which to make the 107.300 miles, between Buffalo and Buffalo, and he made it in thirteen minutes, arriving in Buffalo at 4:40, ahead of time. The last time, the eighty-one miles between Syracuse and Rochester, was made in eighty minutes.

County Won't Feet the Bill. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 5.—A jury in Court today decided a case that will prove of general interest throughout the State. Viewers who were appointed to report on the estate of a woman who a county judge said the petitioners for their fees, and the jury decided that the persons who asked for the improvement must pay the costs. This rule will be confined to apply to all public improvements, and other suits in which public utility is involved. The petitioners have not been paid, may follow.

All That's Claimed. "I had a poor appetite, that tried feeling and was run down, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has done me a great deal of good. I have a better appetite and do not feel tired. I can recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla as an excellent spring or fall medicine to keep the blood in order. Myself and three daughters have taken over six bottles, and it has done us much good. We do not now have to call upon a doctor, as formerly. I can say that it is easy to learn what a word means. The definitions are clear, explicit, and full, and it is easy to trace the growth of a word, and nearly all the difficult words are explained. It is a very valuable book, and every school and library should have a copy. G. & C. MERRIAM CO., Publishers, Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.

The Corpse Came to Life. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 4.—There was a very much surprised undertaker at Durys this morning. On Tuesday Mrs. Durys died, and her body was carried to the undertaker's place, where it was placed in a coffin. The undertaker was called by the family. He measured the body in the usual way, put a cap on the door, and this morning, as it was necessary to keep the body until the arrival of some relatives, he prepared to explain it. He bathed the body with warm water, and then applied cold water, when to his surprise and horror the supposed corpse sat bolt upright. The undertaker did not say to have a second look, but the physician who is now caring for her says she was a corpse.

Railroads Killed 1883. The Department of Internal Affairs is now preparing its annual reports on railroads. That portion relating to steam railroads is completed. The last class was the Pennsylvania Railroad, which had 25 passengers killed and 612 injured, while 447 employees were killed and 836 injured. There were 197 other persons killed and 1249 injured. The last class was the Pennsylvania Railroad, which had 25 passengers killed and 612 injured, while 447 employees were killed and 836 injured. There were 197 other persons killed and 1249 injured.

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For many years there has dwelt in the churchyard at Buckingham, Bucks County, an aged thinker. He has lived among the tombstones unmoored, having little shanty in one corner of the inclosure. Last week the thinker was arrested on a charge of using obscene language. He is a pensioner, and gave bail to keep the peace.

Elmer, a small settler in Potter County, near the Tioga County line, was the scene of a murder Thursday morning. Thomas Hall became involved in a quarrel with his wife's sister, and shot her, blowing her head almost entirely off. He was taken to Conoverport and lodged in the county jail. The verdict of the coroner's jury is equivalent to murder in the first degree.

A meeting was recently held at Broad Top City, Huntingdon County, for the purpose of forming an association to build a monument over the grave of Thomas White, who was a member of the band who threw the tea overboard from British ships in the harbor of Boston in December, 1773. White, after serving in the Revolutionary Army, came to Pennsylvania, and was buried on Mount Pleasant. The association is preparing to solicit funds to accomplish its work.

John Miller, of Venango county, aged seventy-one years, has sold his young wife to Captain John Lyter, a G. A. R. man, with the following agreement: "I, the undersigned, John Miller, party of the first part, do hereby agree with John Lyter, party of the second part, to give to the party of the second part one Martha, my wife, the consideration to be as follows: John Lyter is to pay me in cash \$10, also a good suit of clothes, valued at \$25, a jug of the best whiskey, two bound pups and fishing tackle worth \$25."

The Empire Express, on the New York Central Railroad, now holds the world's record for the fastest regular passenger train. At Buffalo, Wednesday it encountered a snowstorm, and, fearing that this might cause delay, the engineer let out a few more notches of the throttle. He had eighteen minutes in which to make the 107.300 miles, between Buffalo and Buffalo, and he made it in thirteen minutes, arriving in Buffalo at 4:40, ahead of time. The last time, the eighty-one miles between Syracuse and Rochester, was made in eighty minutes.

County Won't Feet the Bill. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 5.—A jury in Court today decided a case that will prove of general interest throughout the State. Viewers who were appointed to report on the estate of a woman who a county judge said the petitioners for their fees, and the jury decided that the persons who asked for the improvement must pay the costs. This rule will be confined to apply to all public improvements, and other suits in which public utility is involved. The petitioners have not been paid, may follow.

All That's Claimed. "I had a poor appetite, that tried feeling and was run down, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has done me a great deal of good. I have a better appetite and do not feel tired. I can recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla as an excellent spring or fall medicine to keep the blood in order. Myself and three daughters have taken over six bottles, and it has done us much good. We do not now have to call upon a doctor, as formerly. I can say that it is easy to learn what a word means. The definitions are clear, explicit, and full, and it is easy to trace the growth of a word, and nearly all the difficult words are explained. It is a very valuable book, and every school and library should have a copy. G. & C. MERRIAM CO., Publishers, Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.

The Corpse Came to Life. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 4.—There was a very much surprised undertaker at Durys this morning. On Tuesday Mrs. Durys died, and her body was carried to the undertaker's place, where it was placed in a coffin. The undertaker was called by the family. He measured the body in the usual way, put a cap on the door, and this morning, as it was necessary to keep the body until the arrival of some relatives, he prepared to explain it. He bathed the body with warm water, and then applied cold water, when to his surprise and horror the supposed corpse sat bolt upright. The undertaker did not say to have a second look, but the physician who is now caring for her says she was a corpse.

Railroads Killed 1883. The Department of Internal Affairs is now preparing its annual reports on railroads. That portion relating to steam railroads is completed. The last class was the Pennsylvania Railroad, which had 25 passengers killed and 612 injured, while 447 employees were killed and