

THE Gazette, the organ of Greenbackism in Armstrong county, has died a natural death.

MESSEURS. W. W. Henry, Ex-Sheriff of Cattaraugus county, and Persons, late of the Bradford Era, have purchased the Olean Record newspaper, Greenback, and will henceforth make it a Democratic sheet.

THE Greenback party is booming. It is stronger now than ever, and is hourly growing stronger.—National. Yes; stronger! That's the word. Decomposition set in since the 4th of November. Enough to make anything "strong."

Two Greenback organs went out of existence in Cattaraugus county, last week. One of them changed hands and put up the Democratic colors, acknowledging that there was no party left—only a delusion—no leaders and no voters.

At the recent election in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties the democrats had majorities in two of the eight legislative districts, which altogether elect nine members. The greenbackers did not have a majority in a single district. The present legislative delegation consists of five Republicans, three Greenbackers and one Democrat. That's the way they have gained in that strongly greenback section.

THE following from the Meadville Republican relates to "Parson" Plummer, editor of the greenback paper of that place: "It was a very cold morning and the coal ordered hadn't come around yet. So the Parson shivered in his sanctum. But a lucky thought struck him, and he wrote on a slip of paper, 'this is red hot,' and hung it on the stove, and turning to his table, he continued his editorials on the fiat dollar, its purchasing power, and the quantity necessary for the demands of trade."

WHAT everybody says must be true. The Tidouite News also discovers Coburn's lying capacity. Hear what it has to say: "The M. D. editor of the Tionesta National should inject a little more truth into his statements. In his last issue he states that the Greenback candidate for Governor of New York 'carried Chemung county by 1,548.' The official canvass disagrees, as follows: Cornell, 3,481; Robinson, 3,546; Kelly, 484; Lewis, 1,548. Editing a newspaper isn't like doctoring. The grave doesn't hide mistakes and mis-statements."

THE National Committees of the National and Greenback Labor parties have determined to find out, if they can, whether there is enough left of their respective parties to huddle together and hold a National Convention which will be visible to the naked eye. They have issued a call for a conference, therefore, in Washington early in January, and steps are to be taken to nominate a candidate for the Presidency. And no doubt these astute politicians will take care to choose a candidate who will be ready to run this campaign with plenty of hard money. The believers in "flat money" believe in it—for other people. In view of the recent elections this call reads like a very extensive political or greenback joke.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

The trials of the Bribery Cases—The Extra Session—Grant reception—Another appeal for Tracy, &c., &c.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 28, 1879.

The time designated for the beginning of the Legislative bribery cases was fixed at ten o'clock on Monday evening, and Judges Pearson and Henderson were promptly in their seats. The only defendants in the court room were Charles B. Salter and Representatives Smith, Rumberger and Clark, and E. K. Shoemaker.

In pursuance to notice given the counsel for the defense in the case of Charles B. Salter was first called by District Attorney Hollinger. Mr. Lamberton then opened for the defense, stating that at the outset certain important questions presented themselves which would receive the adjudication of the Court, so that the ground would not have to be gone over again. Mr. Lamberton then moved to quash the array of jurors which indicated the various defend-

ants in August. The Sheriff and Jury Commissioners were not sworn before the drawing, and, in fact, before proceeding to draw such oath was not taken. Second. No affidavit has been filed by the Sheriff or Jury Commissioners averring that the venire had been properly executed. Third. The venire to the Sheriff and Jury Commissioners is not in accordance with the act of Assembly.

Arguments for and against the motion were made by Senator Carpenter, Hon. Wm. Armstrong, Gen. Albright and Senator Herr.

The Legislative prosecuting committee had a meeting Monday night, at which the trial of those accused of corrupt solicitation of members of the Legislature was discussed. It had been decided to try Kenble after Salter's case shall have been determined. The point made by the defense against the constitution of the grand jury was sustained by the Court on Wednesday, and the indictment lying against Salter was quashed, but with an expression of regret on the part of Judge Pearson that he had to come to this conclusion. "Because," said he, "it is not trying the case on its merits, and these men, if they escape their trial at this time, escape not on their merits, but on what might be called 'not technicalities but substantial irregularities.'" His counsel first moved to quash the venire on the ground of irregularity. That motion was overruled. An attempt was then made to challenge the array, but without success. It was the third attack that was successful—A motion to quash the indictment for several reasons, but chiefly because the grand jury was irregularly constituted, it being shown by the testimony of Samuel F. Barr, one of their number, that twenty-four instead of twenty-three men participated in its deliberations on the bribery cases. In the argument of the last motion all the defendants made common cause with Salter, counsel for each of them taking part more or less in the argument, and the general belief was that if the indictment in this case fell the others fell with it.

On Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock the case of Alexander Leisenring, charged with corrupt solicitation, was called. Gen. Albright for the defense moved that the indictment be quashed as in Salter's case. He was followed by Mr. Gowen for the Commonwealth, who made a strong argument against the motion. The arguments in the case against Leisenring were resumed on Friday evening, and at 7 o'clock the court adjourned. The judge remarked to some friends that as he would be very busy for the next week he would not be able to give an opinion as to the bearing of Salter's case on that of Leisenring until next Monday week, so, for the present, there it stands.

At Steelton, which is about two miles from here, and was formerly called Baldwin, quite a serious accident occurred on Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock, at the Penna. Steel Works. A derangement of the main shaft, connecting the engine with the rolls, occurred, disconnecting them and causing the engine to break away at a terrific rate. The machinery boss noticing the accident, ran to cut off the steam, but before he could do so the fly-wheel, which weighs between 60 and 70 tons, exploded with a loud report, the fragments flying in all directions. One piece went crashing through the roof, damaging it badly. The men took warning from the sparks flying from the disconnected shafting and made their escape. The machine boss, however, was not so fortunate, as in attempting to cut off the steam he was badly scalded on the arm. The engine was seriously strained, and will have to be entirely overhauled. It is possible that this accident may cause the works injured to suspend until after the holidays.

A copy of the court records in the case of Andrew Tracy, who is to be hanged in McKean Co., on Dec. 4th, was forwarded on Tuesday last from the State Department to Pittsburgh, where S. R. Masop will make an application to the Supreme Court for a special writ of error, in the hope that Tracy's life may be saved.

Preparations are being made to give Grant a "rousing" reception; that is, a "rousing" one as this place can get up. They took the initiative step last week, by paying off some bills that were still due parties who furnished different articles when President Johnson was given a reception here. I suppose this was done that they might get trusted again in case they ran short of funds.

Another appeal was made last week for an extra session of the legislature, but happily, like the former one, it failed to have the desired effect.

Some alarm was caused last week by the freezing of the Susquehanna, which, owing to us having had no fall freshet, is very low, thereby causing many springs and wells to become dry. The weather changing broke up the ice, and left the river clear, so there is still some hope that the volume of water will increase before it freezes permanently. The atmosphere has been quite warm to-day, and to-night the rain is falling quite copiously.

Send me the quotations of the Greenback Cough Syrup, that the editor of the Patent Medicine Circular makes. I want a lot of it, to kill the worms on a rose bush.

WARREN.

A Little Hazing at Allegheny College, and How it Resulted.

MEADVILLE, PA., Nov. 25, '79.

The events which transpired here yesterday make it undoubtedly the "biggest" day ever witnessed at Allegheny College.

On the night of the 31st of last October, eighteen of the boys entered the room of a fellow student and proceeded to "haze" him to a limited degree. They disrobed him of all unnecessary clothing and placed him upon a table, where he was compelled to deliver a brief declamation. He was also respectfully requested to say the Lord's prayer, but, like many of the students, he did not know it, and hence he evaded that sacrilegious performance. After this little literary exercise "the boys" proceeded to call the faculty roll, and as each reverend name was pronounced a masked individual stepped forward, answered "here!" in a hollow, sepulchral tone, and with blackened fingers made a rude hieroglyphic on the naked person of the victim. After he was sufficiently blackened with soot, a cold shower bath was administered from the contents of a slop-bucket. The ghostly visitors then departed, leaving the young fellow thoroughly sooted with the performance.

To those who are not acquainted with the customs of college life this may seem rather barbarous, but when we consider that no violence was committed, we cannot help but class it among those events which are the natural result of a bursting forth of pent-up feelings, contained within the minds of lively students. The event occasioned no great excitement at the time, for those who participated in the performance thought it of so little importance that they told their friends all about it the next day. Three weeks after the occurrence took place, five of the eighteen who were present at the hazing, received letters from the President of the college saying that their presence would be dispensed with until the beginning of the Spring term—a space of four months.

This notice fell like a thunderbolt on the heads of the unsuspecting youths. A member of the faculty told one of the students that they could not afford to suspend the entire thirteen as the pecuniary loss to the college—ten dollars per term for each—would be too great. Knowing as they did who the other thirteen were, the decision of the faculty seemed unjust and a petition was sent in signed by most of the students requesting that the time of suspension be limited to the beginning of the Winter term.

To this request the faculty paid no attention, and as the time for the departure of the suspended individuals drew nigh their fellow-students resolved to give them a "send off" worthy of a king. To this end a paper was circulated and the names of over 150 students were obtained who pledged themselves to be on hand at 7:30 o'clock yesterday, to join in a procession to escort the boys to the depot, and also to pay a small sum towards defraying the necessary expenses. In the meantime the services of the famous North Western band were secured, and arrangements made to have a barouche and four in waiting, in which to convey the suspended students.

When the appointed time had arrived the procession was formed in front of Ruter Hall, and four of the boys, Messrs. Andrews, Babcock, Barr and Reno, were conducted to the carriage by a special escort of ten students. Mr. Shugert, the other member of the quintette, refused to take part in the procession, hoping thereby to be able to prevail on the faculty to reinstate him in his former position. The procession, headed by the band and the "chief mourners" then began the march toward the depot, a distance of nearly a mile.

Some of the students had provided themselves with banners which bore appropriate inscriptions such as: "We denounce punishment without trial," "All or none," "Verily justice is blind," "Equal and exact justice to all," "Five poor devils are out in the cold," "Thirteen others are safe in the fold."

Caricature of the college, representing the faculty by a huge boot kicking out the five unfortunates, and "Welcome Home," representing the arrival at the parental abode, with the old gentleman receiving his son with a war club swung high in the air. As the procession passed by the Ladies Home it was greeted by a Chautauqua salute from the inmates. All along the route handkerchiefs were waved and the appearance of the banners was greeted with rounds of applause.

On arriving at the depot it was ascertained that the train was an hour late, but the boys occupied the time joyously in singing college songs, which were sandwiched in with charming music by the band. As the train moved slowly away the crowd began to disperse, and thus ended the greatest exhibition of "sand" ever displayed by members of Allegheny College. Public opinion is everywhere in favor of the students, and their conduct is approved by the leading papers of the city. The event has caused great excitement, but it is thought that if no action is taken by the faculty in regard to the matter it will soon quiet down.

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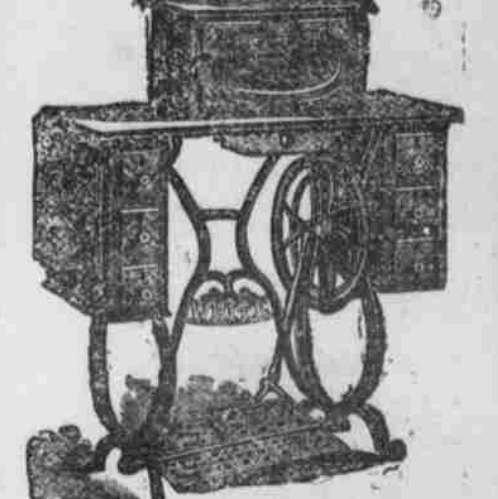
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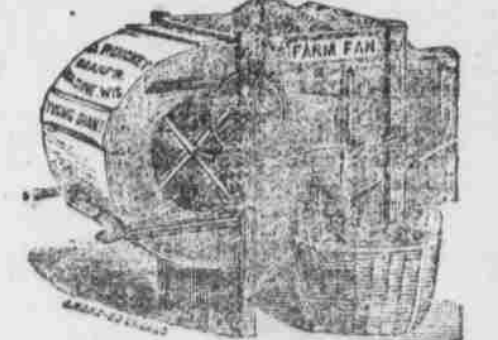
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