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An Important Move.

The Lake Erie Press Association, at their meeting on the 14th February, 1867, appointed a Committee to prepare a bill...

A copy of the bill, prepared by the Committee referred to, has been received by us. The first section provides that a certified copy of each general law, except the General Appropriation bill, and each law specially relating to each individual county...

The publication of the laws in this manner has been practised for several years in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and other States, with general satisfaction to the people in those States. And, there is little doubt, that the publication of the laws of Pennsylvania, in the several county papers throughout the State, would be approved by the people generally.

In connection with this subject, a friend at our elbow makes the following suggestion: "To have all propositions for laws, whether general or special in their effects, published before they are presented for final passage, so as to give the people immediately interested, a fair opportunity of expressing their opinions upon them, and instructing their Representatives to act in accordance with their views."

A NOTEWORTHY FACT.—The vote of Hon. Revere Johnson, of Maryland, for the Reconstruction Bill, before and after the veto, is the best answer that can be given to the cavil as to the unconstitutionality of that act.

THE SOUTH MOVING.—Late advices from Washington state that the Virginia State Senate last week passed a bill calling a State Convention under the Military Reconstruction bill—there being only four votes against it out of thirty, and one of the four was Robert Ould, the late Rebel Commissioner of Exchange.

Mr. J. H. McClelland, the recently appointed Postmaster at Pittsburg, is a thorough radical. The selection is entirely satisfactory to the Republicans of that city.

Late advices from the Cape of Good Hope bring the sad intelligence that Dr. Livingstone, the celebrated African explorer, has been killed by the Caffres.

Your Home Paper.

The following articles in reference to supporting "your home paper," are worthy of the careful perusal of every man who has at heart the welfare and improvement of the county in which he resides.

"What tells us so readily the standard of a town or city as the appearance of its paper? And its youth and age can as well be defined by the observing by a glance at its newspaper, as if a personal observation had been made."

The Cleveland Plaindealer, in referring to the same subject, urges the necessity of supporting "your home paper" in still stronger terms than the above. The Plaindealer says: "It matters not how many newspapers a man takes, his list is incomplete without his home paper."

Here we have the testimony of two city papers, as to the value of a "home paper" in advancing the business interests of the community in which it is published. The Plaindealer says, "If economy compels you to curtail your newspaper list, strike off every other one, before you say to the publisher, 'er of your home journal, stop my paper,' because 'nothing can supply its place,' but this is not always done. For instance, we could name quite a number of persons who have done just the reverse—who 'couldn't afford to take so many papers,'—who 'were taking a city paper,' and hence stopped their 'home paper,' and we presume this is the experience of nearly every country editor.

THE FENIANS IN IRELAND.—A late dispatch from Dublin says, that "a fight took place on Tuesday night, the 5th, at Talaght, about eight miles south of Dublin, between armed police and a body of Fenians. One of the latter was killed, five wounded, and eighty taken prisoners."

A GOOD BEGINNING.—Messrs. Selye and Stewart, two independent Democrats elected from New York to the XLth Congress, attended the first meeting of the Republican caucus. It is fair to infer that these gentlemen intend to act, as they unquestionably should, with the Republican party.

SEIZURE OF COUNTERFEITERS.—The officers of the secret service division of the U. S. Treasury Department recently effected the seizure of counterfeiters' tools, consisting of steel plates, dies, presses and various other articles used by counterfeiters, at St. Louis, Mo. One of the gang was also secured in the act of printing counterfeit fractional currency. A large amount of partially finished fifty cent notes was seized at the same time.

It is reported that Secretary McCulloch will resign about the first of April, and establish at London, in connection with Jay Cooke, an American Banking House.

To Pennsylvania Soldiers.

Samuel P. Bates, State Historian, having discovered many imperfections in the muster-rolls of the companies, desires that each soldier, who served in any organization from this State, would furnish information in his personal history pertaining to the following points, viz:

- 1. Wounds.—If wounded, give the date; in what engagements received; nature of wounds; nature of surgical operations, if capital, and by whom performed.
2. Imprisonments.—If a prisoner, give the date and place of capture; when imprisoned; nature of treatment; and the date and manner of escape or release.
He also desires that the relatives or companions in arms of deceased soldiers would give the cause, date, place of death and place of interment of each, and any facts in his history touching the subjects above referred to.

- 1. Complete files of all newspapers published in this State from the beginning of 1861 to the close of 1865, to be bound and permanently kept in the archives of the State.
2. Discourses commemorative of fallen soldiers; pamphlets pertaining in any manner to the rebellion or its causes; articles published or in manuscript containing historical facts.
3. Published histories or sketches of regiments, batteries or companies; printed rolls and descriptive matter.
4. Diaries of soldiers; letters illustrative of military life, containing information of permanent historic value, or descriptions of interesting incidents; plans of battles, sieges, forts and of naval engagements.

Much of the matter called for under these several heads may not be needed for immediate use, but the day will come when it will be invaluable, and the present is regarded as a favorable time for commencing the collection.

The Public Debt.

The monthly statement of the public debt is just published, from which it appears that the total national indebtedness on the 1st inst. was \$2,530,763,889.80, which shows a net decrease from the statement of last month of \$12,585,858.76.

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ANOTHER GIFT BY MR. PEABODY.—Mr. George Peabody has added another to his long list of benefactions. His latest gift, as we learn from the Salem Register, is \$140,000 to his native county of Essex.

THE LOYAL LEAGUE IS RAPIDLY SPREADING itself throughout the Southern States. In Georgia there are thirty thousand members enrolled, while Alabama contains nearly one-third that number.

The unanimous opinion of the London clubs is, "that the recall of Mr. Motley from Vienna is disreputable to Mr. Seward, disgraceful to the President, and a misfortune to the American people."

Washington City Gossip.

The House was in session only a couple of hours on the 5th—the time being principally devoted to the drawing of seats by the members. This was a very novel and funny sight. All the members were compelled to get outside of the range of seats, and stand until seats were assigned them. Each member's name was written upon a slip of paper, and these slips placed in a box on the Clerk's desk.

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COAL, WHALE, and Linseed Oil, Family Dye, Varnish and Paints of all kind, ground in Oil, for sale by HARTSWICK & IRWIN.

Notes from Harrisburg.

Quite an amusing scene took place in the House upon its re-assembling on the 5th, after a five days adjournment. During the adjournment about sixty members, headed by Speaker Glass, visited Washington, nominally to be present at the opening of Congress, but really for the purpose of being admitted in a body to the floor of the Senate and make a complimentary demonstration on the occasion of the swearing in of Hon. Simon Cameron, United States Senator.

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PLASTER.—Fresh ground Land Plaster at (Mar. 6, 1867.) J. P. KRATZER'S.
CLOVER SEED and Timothy seed, just received at J. P. KRATZER'S.
WALL PAPER.—A large stock closing out very cheap at J. P. KRATZER'S.
FLOUR, corn meal and chop, always on hand at J. P. KRATZER'S.
BUTTER, Cheese and Lard, received regularly from the West, at the store of J. P. KRATZER, March 5, 1867-m.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or having anything to do with a certain Promissory Note for Fifty dollars, given on the 1st day of March, 1867, to Jeremiah Butler and Thomas Kelly, by the undersigned, as he has never received consideration for the said note, and is determined not to pay the same. MARCH 13, 1867-m. S. P. LANSEBERRY.

ROBISON & CO. WHOLESALE GROCERS, Pork packers, Dealers in Glass, Iron, and Nails; Family Flour of best brands; Bacon, Ham, Sides and Shoulders; Lard, Mess Pork, Dried Beef, Canned Cheese; Beans, Hominy and Dried Fruit; Carrots and Lard Oil, etc.

LOGAN ACADEMY, BELL'S MILLS, BLAIR CO., PENNA. Every year a first class Institution, affording the best facilities for the study of Milling, business or teaching. Whole expenses for the summer term of five months, \$115.50. No extra charges. Next term begins May 6th. Send for a circular. REV. ORR LAWSON, Principal. Mar. 6, 67-3p. Antistown P. O., Pa.

MISS E. A. P. RYNDEER, Teacher of Piano and Forte, Violoncello, Cabinet Organ, Guitar, Harmonium and Vocal Music. For the purpose of keeping inferior Instruments out of the county Miss Ryndeer has secured agencies for the sale of really good and durable Pianos, Organs, Guitars and Melodeons. As chief among a large list of good Instruments may be mentioned, Chickering and Sons Grand, Square and Upright Pianos, Eschmayer's, Lindemann's and Sons elegant Cyclopedia Piano, Calenberg & Vanbrun's Grand and Square Pianos, Mason & Hamlin's Cabinet Organ, Eitz's Cottage Organ, Treat & Linsley's Organs and Melodeons, Hall's Guitars, &c. which she will sell at a very trifling advance on Manufacturer's prices, thus enabling purchasers to secure Instruments that will be a pleasure to own, for no greater outlay of money than would be required to get inferior articles—that are "dear at any price."

SHERIFF'S SALES.—By virtue of sundry writs of Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in the borough of Clearfield, on THURSDAY, the 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 1867, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described Real Estate, to-wit: A certain tract of land situated in Karthaus tp., Clearfield county, Pa., bounded east by land of Edward McArthur, south by Jacob Michaels and John Vought, and on the west and north by William Michaels, containing about 33 acres, being all cleared. Also, one other tract of land situated in Karthaus tp., bounded east by land of E. M. Garvey, south by Jacob Michaels, west and north by John Vought, containing 10 acres, all cleared, and having a two-story log house and barn situated thereon. Also, one other tract at Three Run, in Karthaus tp., bounded as follows: east by land of James Rouch, south by Oliver Moore, west and north by Isaac McClosky, containing 100 acres, being unimproved. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of William Michaels. March 6, 1867. JACOB A. FAUST, Sheriff.

PROPOSALS. PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL LAND SCRIP FOR SALE. The Board of Commissioners now offer for sale 529,000 acres of Agricultural Land Scrip being the balance of the Scrip granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges in this State.

Proposals for the purchase of this Land Scrip, addressed to "The Board of Commissioners of Agricultural Land Scrip," will be received at the Surveyor General's office, at Harrisburg, until 12 o'clock, M., on Wednesday, April 10, 1867.

This land may be located in any State or Territory, by the holders of the scrip, upon any of the unappropriated lands (except mineral lands) of the United States, which may be subject to sale at private entry. Each piece of scrip represents a quarter section of one hundred and sixty acres, is issued in blank, and will be transferable, without endorsement or formal assignment. The blank need not be filled until the scrip is presented for location and entry, when the party holding it can fill the blank and enter the land in his own name. Bids must be made as per acre, and no bids will be received for less than one quarter section.

The Scrip will be issued immediately on the payment of the money to the Surveyor General. On all bids for a less quantity than 40,000 acres, one-third of the purchase money must be paid within ten days, and the remaining two-thirds within thirty days after notification of the acceptance of the bid or bids by the Board of Commissioners. J. M. CAMPBELL, Surveyor General. March 5, 1867. For the Board of Commrs.

SADDLES, Bridles, harness, collars &c. for sale at MERRELL & BIGLER'S. A LARGE LOT OF GLASS, white lead, paints, oils, &c., at IRVIN & HARTSWICK'S. SALT—a good article, and very cheap at the store of W. F. IRWIN, Clearfield.