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Our State Finances. A remarkable improvement in the condition of the debt of Pennsylvania during the past twelve months is made apparent in the Annual report of Hon. Wm. H. Kemble, State Treasurer...

The Pennsylvania Legislature. Notwithstanding this body met on January 7th, it was not fully organized until Friday, the 10th, on account of a failure to elect a Speaker in the House...

THE PARDON REPORT.—Gov. Geary has prepared and published a message defending his exercise of the pardoning power. This paper, which is entirely too long for publication, exhibits the special facts in the case of each pardon...

FOR 1868.—The Tribune Almanac for 1868 is upon our table. The astronomical information is very complete, while the political and statistical history of 1867, embraced within its covers, has been prepared with great care...

APPROX.—Our neighbor, Goodlander, in his last issue says: "We will defend the white man while we live," from which declaration we infer that he "defends" and justifies the Muller jewelry transaction.

Bishop Hopkins, the presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, died at Rock-Point, Vermont, on Jan. 9th.

"Laboring-Men's Associations." We learn that an organization is being effected in this county under the title of "Laboring-Men's Associations," the ostensible object of which is to afford protection to laboring men...

Our Neighbor's "Face," Again. The editor of the Republican, in his issue of January 9th, makes a lame attempt to squirm out of his "Jury-Commissioner Face," by apologetically declaring that he meant "no disrespect" to "the gentlemen who are now acting as Jury-Commissioners"...

Newspaper Notices. The Wilkesbarre Record of the Times has been enlarged to nine columns. The Times is a sterling Republican paper, and is now prepared to do good service in the great Presidential battle of 1868.

The Bellefonte Watchman (Democratic) has been enlarged to an eight page sheet, of forty-eight columns. It is a good paper, and worthy the support of its party friends.

The rumor that the Supreme Court will decide against the constitutionality of the reconstruction laws, is said to be based on information conveyed in the most confidential manner of Senator Doolittle, by Justice Field, who could not keep the secret any longer...

The prospect is that Gen. Grant will be formally on the Presidential track even before the Chicago Convention meets. Last week the Soldiers of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania placed him in nomination—the last named State at the same time presenting Andrew G. Curtin as their choice for Vice President.

The formal presentation for the Presidency of George H. Pendleton, by Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia—not one of which will vote for him against General Grant—makes him a formidable competitor for the Democratic nomination.

The Girard estate, at Philadelphia, yielded to the city over half a million dollars last year.

AMERICA THE CAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE.—A London letter, referring to the present unsettled condition of England and Ireland, the outbreaks of lawlessness, murder, riots, arson and other manifestations of Fenianism and general industrial prostration, says the English papers, as well as the loyal Irish, lay a large part of the blame of their misfortunes on America...

THREATS OF TRAITORS.—The national organ of the Copperhead party—the La Crosse Democrat—says that a President elected by the assistance of negro votes will not be permitted by the Democratic party to take his seat. The country heard such rebel talk in the North in 1860, but when the pitch came the blusters refused to act and left their Southern friends in the lurch.

THE DIFFERENCE.—The Democrats are severe in their censures upon Congress for disfranchising a portion of the white population of the South, but they have never found time to utter one word against Johnson for his attempt to disfranchise five where Congress does one. In referring to this, Senator Morton, said in his speech, a few days since: "When President Johnson issued his proclamation disfranchising those who had participated in the rebellion, it included not less than fourteen classes, numbering between 250,000 and 280,000 men; but the Congressional system of disfranchisement will apply to only 45,000, and not to exceed 50,000 men."

The Rochester, New York, Democrat calls upon the Legislature of that State to pass a law regulating express companies, and guarding the public against monopolies. It is maintained that, in view of the consolidation of the various great companies, a litigation of "unfriendly legislation" has become necessary to protect the public from these "gigantic and grasping corporations" and put a wholesome check upon the tendency to speculate at the expense of the community.

WAR AHEAD.—The signs of another European war begin to multiply. The French are evidently getting ready for it. The army bill raises the army to 800,000, and provides for 1,200,000 drilled soldiers for defense. The "Eastern Question" is again assuming a dangerous aspect.

Gen. Hancock undertook to make color the test of fitness by ordering colored men out of the jury box. Since then Judge Howe, in New Orleans, has been compelled to dismiss a white jury because they did not "possess the requisite intelligence." The test of the judge—that is, intelligence—is the only true one for both jury men and voters.

Esop might have made a fable with a moral out of an incident which happened in California not long since. A rat hanging for animal food squeezed through a cage in which was a canary, seized and devoured him. But he ate so greedily, and gorged himself to such an extent, that he could not get out of the cage before the master of the house appeared, and punished the intruder with death.

A Poughkeepsie paper says that five years ago a gentleman who is in that place was a resident of a southern city, with an income of \$80 per day and the possessor of a large amount of property. He joined his fortunes with the Southern Confederacy, and resolved to die in the last ditch. One day last week he was sweeping out offices and cleaning side-walks for whatever he could get.

The Supreme Court of this State recently decided that drawing a check on a bank in which the drawer has no funds, and uttering it, is fraud both on the person to whom it is negotiated, and on the bank, and that it is fraud in the holder of a check to present it for payment, when he knows the drawer has no funds in bank to meet it.

Gen. Hartranft has signified his willingness again to become a candidate for Auditor General. So far no other person has been named in connection with the nomination. It may be presumed, therefore, that he will have no competitor for the place. He made an excellent soldier, and is making an equally good civil officer.

It is said that Horatio Seymour, as to Presidential matters, has about concluded to place himself in the hands of his friends and consent to become a candidate. The modesty of the man is quite distressing.

A girl thirteen years old, living in Dayton, has a child six weeks old, her husband is twenty-years old, and the whole party looks on life as an excellent joke.

A Berlin Professor claims to have discovered the first copy of Faust's Bible, two years older than any other, and containing the printer's autograph.

A special election will be held in the Eighth Ohio District, on the 27th, to fill the vacancy caused by the murder, by his son, of Hon. C. S. Hamilton.

Washington City Gossip.

Gen. Schneck has performed a flank movement on the whisky question quite equal to anything he ever did in the field. The bill which he put through the House on Tuesday—and which we trust will promptly pass the Senate—covers 400,000 barrels of whisky in bond, whereof \$40,000,000 will be collected under the bill. Of course the holders will make a scramble to get the whisky out of the warehouses; and will probably succeed in removing considerable, even though Congress should act with promptness ever so surprising.

By order of Gen. Grant, several companies of soldiers have within the last week been sent to various points in South Carolina and other Southern States to aid in preserving order.

The warrants issued by the Treasury Department during the month of December, 1867, to meet the requirements of the Government, amounted to the following sums: Civil, Miscellaneous and Foreign Intercourse \$4,761,000; Interest on public debt, \$8,300,000; War, \$12,955,000; Navy, \$3,620,000; Interior (Pensions and Indians), \$985,000.

The advices received at Washington from New Orleans are not very flattering. Hancock's course has resulted in reviving the hopes of the element which Sheridan so effectually kept in check, and the Convention deprived of the sympathy and active efforts of the military commander, and at the same time at the mere, apparently, of its most extreme men—finds itself embarrassed and powerless to an amazing degree for a sovereign body.

It is certain that the House Committee on Foreign Affairs will report favorably on making an appropriation for the purchase of Alaska, and that the House will sustain the report by a decided majority.

By the report of Secretary Seward sent to Congress it appears that twenty-one States have given official notice of the ratification of the fourteenth constitutional amendment. Maine has ratified the amendment, but has neglected to give official notification of the fact to the State Department. Iowa will soon ratify the amendment making twenty-three States. It has been given out that Ohio and New Jersey having elected Democratic Legislatures will repeal their ratification of the amendment.

The pressure for immediate action on our financial questions is irresistible. The pledge of Secretary McCulloch not to contract circulation for sixty days has delayed the passage of the House resolution restricting his power, but the demand for its passage by the Senate now amounts to a clamor.

St. Marie, on whose information Surratt was arrested, has put in a claim for the compensation. He lives in Montreal suffering from having appeared as a witness. A board to whom his claim was referred have reported in favor of allowing him \$15,000, and Gen. Grant has referred the matter to Congress.

Great consternation has been occasioned among the employees of the Treasury Department by the appearance of a circular requiring each of them to state the date of their entry into the service of the department; whether they are now connected with the press in any capacity; whether they served in the army during the rebellion, and whether they pursued a special course of study to fit them for their positions, as well as their occupations, previous to appointment, and their ages.

There are at present three cases pending in the Supreme Court which involve either directly or indirectly the power of Congress exercised through the reconstruction laws over the States lately in rebellion, though one applying for a writ of habeas corpus for a man in confinement under the military act, will probably be dismissed for want of original jurisdiction.

The Senate Military Committee held a meeting at which the Republican members voted solid to adopt the report drawn up by Senator Howard in the Stanton-Johnson case as the report of the committee. Mr. Doolittle asked that the committee should delay reporting for one day, in order that he might prepare a minority report, which request was accorded to.

Both Houses have passed the bill requiring the tax to be paid on distilled spirits, before it is removed from any warehouse. The Reconstruction Committee will report to the House a supplemental reconstruction bill, which gives General Grant control of the commanders of the military districts, and makes all of their orders subject to his approval.

The Senate has not sustained the suspension of Secretary Stanton, by the President. The vote stood 35 to 6. It is stated that Mr. Stanton on resuming the duties of Secretary of War, will hand in his resignation, to take effect on the appointment and confirmation of his successor.

New Advertisements.

Advertisements set up in large type, or out of plain style, will be charged double usual rates. No cuts. NOTICE.—The undersigned gives notice that he has placed his books in the hands of L. B. Carlie, in Lehighburg, for settlement of persons having unsettled accounts with him...

FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale a valuable Real Estate, in Union Township, Clearfield county, of over 300 acres—consisting of good land, good timber, good coal, good orchards, a mill, dwelling houses, 3 barns, &c. thereon. Two Railroad routes are surveyed through the property...

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.—Let- ters of Administration on the estate of Wm. H. Tozer, late of Chest township, Clearfield county, Pa., dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment...

AGENTS WANTED FOR THE BLUE-COATS. And how they lived, fought and died for the Union, with scenes and incidents in the Great Rebellion, comprising narratives of personal adventure—thrilling incidents—daring exploits—heroic deeds—wonderful escapes—life in the camp and hospital—and many other episodes and incidents of the war...

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TERMS OF THE JOURNAL. The RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL is published on Wed- nesday at \$2.00 per annum in advance. If not paid at the beginning of the year, \$2.50 will be charged, and \$3.00 if not paid before the close of the year.

ADVERTISEMENTS will be inserted at \$1.50 per square, for three or less insertions—Ten lines (or less) counting a square. For every additional insertion 50 cents will be charged. A deduction will be made to yearly advertisers.

PURE BUCK LEAD, equal in quality to English white lead; Oils, Paints and Varnishes of all kinds; Gold leaf in books and brooms, for artists, &c. M. & A. I. SHAW, Clearfield, October 23, 1867.

STRAY CALF.—Came trespassing on the premises of the subscriber, in Jordan township, about the first of October last, a heifer calf, about seven or eight months old. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away or it will be sold at the law directs. THOMAS STRONG, January 8, 1868-3tp.

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WOOLEN FACTORY. Having purchased an interest in the Union Mills, in Union township, Clearfield county, we are prepared to card wool, manufacture and finish cloth, and do all kinds of work in our line...

SUSQUEHANNA HOUSE. Curwensville, Pa. EXPRESS AND STAGE OFFICE. This well-known Hotel, having been re-fitted and re-furnished throughout, is now open for the accommodation of travelers, and the public in general. Charges moderate.

THE WESTERN HOTEL, Clearfield, Penn'a. The undersigned, having taken charge of the above named Hotel, generally known as 'The Luncheon House,' situated on the corner of Market and Second streets, Clearfield, desires to inform the public that he is now prepared to accommodate those who may favor him with a call.

NEW ARRANGEMENT. The subscribers have entered into co-partnership, and are trading under the name of Irwin, Bailey & Co. in lumber and merchandise, at the old stand of Ellis Irwin & Son, at the mouth of Lock Run.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE First National Bank of Curwensville, on Monday the 6th day of January, 1868.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, etc., and LIABILITIES, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.

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WALL PAPER.—A large assortment—at the Nov. 27-1m. KEYSTONE STORE. FEED—the cheapest in the county, at MOSSOP'S May 29.