

Raftsman's Journal.



S. J. ROW, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. CLEARFIELD, PA., FEB. 2, 1870.

It is said that there are but two members of the Virginia Legislature, who cannot take the oath of the new law.

Gottlieb Bonner and Albert Von Bordenberg, were convicted of the murder of the Peightal family, at the late Huntington court.

One of the best papers in the state—the Pittsburg Dispatch. We commend it to each of our readers as a live and interesting daily paper.

Senator Sprague, of Rhode Island is opposed to the ratification of the fifteenth amendment. Certainly a "niggers" vote would contaminate his millions of gold.

The news from Atlanta of the election of Mr. McWhorter as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Georgia indicates a gratifying Republican triumph.

Brick Pomroy denies that he ever borrowed \$2.70 from a negro printer which he forgot to pay. "It was anything, it was more." That's right, Brick, acknowledge the "change," but make it a respectable sum and then refund it to the "nigger."

Senator Hamlin, the venerable ex Vice President, was imperturbed by some of his friends to frank their letters. The Senator took the letters, affixed postage stamps upon them and blandly returned them to the writers. We presume the writers would feel a little "cheap" about that time.

The fleet, conveying the remains of Mr. Peabody to this country, arrived at Portland, Maine, on the evening of the 25th of January. The remains lay in state at City Hall until Tuesday (yesterday) from where they were conveyed to their final resting place, followed by an immense concourse of people.

The agents of Queen Isabella are said to be at work in Cuba stimulating the rebellion in the hope of advancing her own chances in Spain. This it is maintained is a new peril for that country; but it is not probable that the expelled and disreputable ex Queen will be able to effect much either for Cuba or herself.

The approaching census, it is said, will show a frightful decline in the rural districts of New England. The decrease of population in the country towns of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island is startling. The war made a deadly breach in the rural population, and since its close there has been a general exodus to the cheap lands of the south and west.

The Washington Chronicle makes the startling statement that the agitation of the question of removing the Capitol "has already cost the people of Washington not less than \$12,500,000 within a year in the depreciation of real estate." And the thing is running on, it says, with any certainty when it will stop. Such agony ought to cause the West to shut up.

It is with more than ordinary interest that we see Virginia cross the threshold of the Union and watch her course as she again prepares to catch step in the column of the States. Her future depends largely on the use she makes of this hour, and her future and that of the whole country are inseparably bound together. The body politics of the nation cannot grow in perfect health and vigor with any diseased member.

CONFIRMED.—It gives us pleasure to announce, that the appointment of H. B. Swoope, Esq., as U. S. District Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, was duly confirmed by the U. S. Senate, on Monday January, 24th. In this connection it may be well enough to mention, that it is not Mr. Swoope's intention to remove from this place, and that his appointment will in no wise interfere with his legal business here.

A Roman wit has discovered the habits of all the Western Bishops at the Ecumenical. The English are always taking out something to eat; the American Bishops are retiring to smoke; the French Bishops are passing about and talking; the Spanish Bishops are in little groups, talking their own politics; the Germans are silent and doing nothing. The Italians, if we may conclude from the example of the wit himself, are making their observations.

A Memphis paper says that "an anxious looking chap straggled into the Mayors of the free day and asked permission to look at the book in which the names of candidates for office are entered." "What office are you running for, sir?" To which the other replied, "Wall, I dunno; thought I'd look over and go for any vacancy that might turn up. I'm beastly fond of office." There are a goodly number of just such patriotic gentlemen to be found everywhere.

Our reference to the "bargain and sale" between certain disaffected Republicans and the Democracy in the Legislature, two weeks since, afforded our neighbor the opportunity, last week, of indulging in a little preparation for the purpose of placing us in a false position on the subject of Legislative corruption. But as his object will fail with all intelligent and regular readers of the JOURNAL, who know our position on that subject, it is unnecessary to make any explanation.

Our Country's Progress.

Among nations, the United States is one of wonder and envy, if not of admiration. The offspring of persecution, weak and dwarfed in her infancy, she has, in less than a hundred years, grown to be the most gigantic and powerful on the face of the globe.

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The Wheeling, W. Va., municipal election, on Monday a week, resulted in the election of the citizen's ticket, equally Democrats and Republicans. The Democratic ring was defeated.

A Little of Everything.

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An exchange says: We have news from London that a movement is on foot for agitating the question of the annexation of England and all its American provinces to the United States.

Posters to that effect are said to be numerously distributed throughout the British metropolis. We feel obliged to protest against this wholesale measure of annexation.

We may possibly afford to take in Mexico, Central America, St. Domingo, St. Thomas, British Columbia, the Winnepeg district, all the Canada and perhaps even Ireland, but we can hardly venture, with due regard to the health of the Great Republic, to swallow at one mouthful the whole British Empire and half the West India islands.

A Philadelphia contemporary scents the idea which some timid persons have come to entertain, that the country is on the eve of bankruptcy in trade.

He says: Trade, for the last half year, has not shown that bustle which we have sometimes witnessed, and many articles of produce are certainly lower.

But inquiry among individuals has left the impression on our mind that the markets have been moderately active in nearly all commercial departments, and that the aggregate amount of business in the channels of legitimate trade is now, probably, as large as usual at this stage of the season.

There is much less speculative animation, and prices of most descriptions of merchandise show a decline from the earlier rates.

The earnings of the Union Pacific Railroad for 1869, not including receipts from the sale of lands, were \$8,126,287.04.

Total expenses for the year, \$6,161,133.96. This includes buildings, improvements and taxes. The gross earnings for December were \$781,827.76, a decrease compared with November of \$120,559.40.

Expenses for the month of December, \$432,957.67.

A bill providing for the disposal of the unexpended balances in the State Treasury, is an important measure, now before the legislature. It provides that deposits shall be established and the money loaned at interest—the depositors giving sufficient security for the faithful performance of the trust confided to them.

The Treasury investigation drags along slowly. The Senate committee met, but adjourned without any action, although Treasurer Mackey was present and ready and willing to answer such questions as might be propounded.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Adams Express, set up in large type, or out of plain type, will be charged double usual rates.

JAMES H. PARKER, Pork Packer and wholesale dealer in Bacon, Mess Pork, Lard, Sugar Cured Hams and Beef. No. 309 Liberty Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Feb 2-70-2up.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or meddling with a certain one horse top buggy, now in possession of D. Tyler of Houston town, Pa., at the same was purchased by me at Sheriff's sale, and left with said Tyler, subject to my order. H. B. BRUSH, Feb. 2-70.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 21st day of January 1870. The books, accounts, due, of said firm, were taken by A. I. Shaw, to whom all persons having claims must apply for settlement, and those knowing themselves indebted will please make payment. T. J. BOYER, A. I. SHAW, Jan. 21-70.

The Drug business will hereafter be conducted by the undersigned, with a full and complete stock. He intends to make it an object to persons in want of goods in his line to give him a call. Feb. 2-70. A. I. SHAW.

CLEARFIELD ACADEMY. The Third Session of the present Scholastic year of this Institution, will commence on Monday, the 7th day of February, 1870.

Pupils can enter at any time. They will be charged with tuition from the time they enter to the close of the session.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, FOR THE YEAR A. D. 1869.

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