

Raftsmen's Journal.



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CLEARFIELD, PA., FEB. 9, 1870.

Gold closed in New York on Saturday last at 120.

The nomination of Attorney General Hoar, for the Supreme bench, has been rejected by the U. S. Senate.

Hon. Truman Hoag, Representative from the Toledo district, Ohio, died in Washington city, on February 15th.

Illinois is enjoying a gold fever it is now gold having been discovered in Clark county, in paying quantities.

In the U. S. Court, on Saturday morning last, Judge McCandless presiding, the commission of H. B. Swoppe, Esq., the new U. S. District Attorney was presented.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Assistant Treasurer in New York to sell one million dollars in gold each week during the month of February.

J. J. Wright, colored, was on February 1st, chosen a Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina by her Legislature.

Runners of assassinations, and the election of Santa Anna to power, are again current from Mexico. It seems there never will be permanent peace and order in that distracted country until it becomes a part of the United States.

The New York Sun says: It is said there never was so powerful nor so corrupt a lobby at Albany as this winter.

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A new party was organized in New York on Wednesday, February 1st, under the name of "New Democracy."

Now there is a sublimity about Tennessee politics that most commend them to study it not admiration. The Fifteenth Amendment is utterly scouted; it is odious, iniquitous.

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The New York Tribune says that a vote for the ratification of a Constitutional amendment is like the signature of a promissory note, binding as soon as affixed.

The Fifteenth Amendment.

The great work is accomplished. Georgia makes up the requisite two-thirds of the States which have joined in the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

This is the third amendment to the Constitution which has been made since the close of the war. By the Thirteenth Amendment slavery is abolished and interdicted.

Opposition to General Logan's bill for the reduction of the number of officers in the army, together with the reduction of their pay, begins to show itself in various ways.

Democracy and Repudiation. Democracy "sticks closer to a brother" to the heresy of Repudiation, the asseverations of their newspaper organs to the contrary notwithstanding.

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The "cold Sunday," January 14th, was the coldest day known in the Northwest for many years, and on the great prairies of western Minnesota there were a number of travelers, mail carriers and soldiers, overtaken by the storm and frozen to death.

Washington City Gossip.

The progress made toward the passage of a law against the Franking fraud has already resulted in the reporting of a bill to restrict the printing of "Pub. Docs." to the lowest limit.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has wisely decided against raising the mission to China to a "full mission."

The House Judiciary Committee has agreed to recommend the passage of a resolution restoring to Mrs. R. E. Lee certain articles formerly the property of General Washington, which were removed from Arlington early in the war and deposited in the Interior Department.

Mr. Farnsworth of Illinois, on February 15th, reported a bill from the Post Office Committee to prevent such improper matter as gift enterprise and lottery circulars from being sent through the mails, asked that it be put upon its passage.

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The merchants of Appleton, Wisconsin, had an organization to protect themselves against bad debtors. Those who do not pay at one store are not trusted at another.

The small sewing machine, which some racial in New York sends to those people who respond to his advertisement by inclosing him \$1 is a shoemaker'sawl, worth 15 cents.

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Police bill passed the Senate on Wednesday last, by a vote of 16 to 13. This bill places the police of that city under the control of a commissioner appointed by the Governor.

A resolution was offered, last week, to discharge all persons not properly employed in the House. This was a move to discharge the "paster and folder" corps, which has had nothing to do, so far, this session.

The Juarez government is in a very precarious condition. New revolutions break out weekly with unfailing regularity, and "scars of previously unsuspected loyalty ride away" from the city of Mexico to their morning's revolution with as much unconcern as though they were going to shoot a brace of wild fowl.

The Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Republican puts it thusly: "To one and all who voted for the right measure we wish to say that you will ever look back to that act as the proudest of your life, and your children will glory to be able to say, 'My father voted for the fifteenth amendment.'"

A private letter from an influential source in Spain is published in the New York Evening Post, in which the writer states that a good strong majority of Spaniards are at this moment favorable to the separation of Cuba from Spain by means of a treaty securing compensation to Spain for the loss of the colony.

The expulsion of the Jews from Russia still continues. The Den, of Odessa, which is the organ of the Jews in Russia, announces that all unmarried Jews have now been expelled from the frontier districts of Bessarabia, except those who reside in the town of Kitcheneff, who have been allowed to delay their departure for a short time.

Speaker Blain was forty years old on Tuesday. The anniversary was the occasion of many congratulations from personal friends. The President was forty years in April last; the Vice President will be forty seven in March next.

A Little of Everything.

A test for sinners—pretent. U. S. bonds at Frankfurt 92.

Side issues—the women of Salt Lake City. The Stanton fund amounts to about \$125,000.

On Platt calls Secretary Fish avoid sedition. A kind of mirrors that are plenty—economi-mizers.

The Spanish Government will shortly propose a new candidate for the throne.

Wyoming offers to send Anne Dickenson to Congress if she will come out there and live.

Nathan Matthews returns the largest income in Boston, \$730,000. He is a real estate speculator.

The mercury stood twenty-one and a half degrees below zero at Bangor, Maine, on Friday morning.

One of the devices to cure Carotta of her insanity was that of setting her to work at a sewing machine.

Sixty-three members have been added to the Tyrone M. E. Church, during the interval in that place.

The New York city tax levy for city purposes for the next year amounts to \$9,384,000—\$100,000 less than last year.

Ex-Congressman Cary, of Cincinnati, is lecturing in Ireland; not on Fenianism, but quite the reverse—Temperance.

A report is current that a portion of the Cambria Iron and Coal Company's works, at Johnstown, have suspended.

The United Brethren have added some sixty-five members to their church during the recent revival in Hollidaysburg.

Dr. Holmes says that easy crying widows take new husbands sooner. There is nothing like wet weather for transpiration.

The accounts from Washington show that the amount of eating necessary to properly entertain a fine Prince is positively appalling.

January, not having been very successful as a winter month, there is a popular anticipation of more reasonable behavior in February.

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Dr. Landis, of Philadelphia, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$300 for the publication of obscene books.

According to a bill in the Alabama Legislature, drunkenness, excepting on the part of members thereof, is to be a penitentiary offense.

A bill making drunkenness in public officers a misdemeanor, and punishable as such, has been introduced into the Tennessee Legislature.

Grundy county, Iowa, bought a \$2,700 safe last month, and at the beginning of the year the treasurer had just eleven cents to put into it.

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"Silence in the court room there," thunders a police magistrate the other morning; "the court has already committed four prisoners with out hearing a word of the testimony."

The oil product of 1869 was 1,800,000 barrels. The amount paid last year to owners of wells for crude oil, is put down at \$23,350,000, of which Pennsylvania well owners took \$20,000,000.

The sugar crop of Louisiana disappoints the expectations which were formed last summer and fall. It is said that vigorous measures are in progress to extend the culture of the cane in Southeastern Texas and Florida.

Two enterprising gentlemen at Gold Hill got into a dispute. One item suggested that they pray, which the other immediately proceeded to make the suggestion do by the use of a horse whip over his head and shoulders.

A California editor has been interviewing a cinnamon bear. He describes the conduct of the interview as touching in the extreme, so much so that he was constrained to leave with him several loads of hair and his overcoat.

The revival in the Methodist church of Huntington, continues with unabated zeal. About seventy-five persons of both sexes have sought forgiveness of their sins, of whom fifty-seven have applied for admission into the church.

John P. Hale, Ex-Minister to Spain in Rome, in very poor health, and will not return until next June. He has lost nearly a hundred pounds in weight during a short time, his present weight being less than one hundred and fifty.

The emancipation of the Serfs of Russia is stated, will become entire and complete on February 19, 1870. From that date they will not be bound to reside in their communes, but will be permitted to settle at will in any part of Russia.

Twenty-seven families have moved from Stockton, the scene of the late mine catastrophe, to Hazelton, fearful of their houses sinking. It is said that a general exodus is preparing. Seven bodies are still buried in the sunken mine and house.

Josh Billings has issued a supplement to his famous essay on the male. Here it is in full: "The male is a larger bird than the female or turkey. It has two legs to walk with and two more to kick with, and wags its wings on the side of its head."

Never enter a sick room in a moment of preparation. At the moment you become cool your pores absorb. Do not approach contagious disease with an empty stomach, nor sit between the sick and the fire, because the heat attracts the vapor. Preventatives are preferable to pills or powders.

What a spectacle! Three hundred thousand women in the State of New York without any prospect of pairing off! Such, in fact, is the statement of the Rev. Rowland Connor, in the late Woman Suffrage Convention at Boston. This excess of the fair over the sterner sex is remarkable.

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A correspondent of the Souix City Journal says that both Houses of the Iowa Legislature opened their sessions—without a semblance or sign of religious worship." One honorable Senator is said to have remarked that "prayer was not necessary, except for the Democratic members, and they were not worth it."

In a case in one of the courts the other day a Doctor Rogers sued for the amount of his bill, \$123; and it must have been a consolation to the parents of the child treated, which had died, that six doctors swore the treatment did not kill it, although three doctors swore that it did. With such a handsome majority in favor of the treatment, they were not worth it.

The anniversary was the occasion of many congratulations from personal friends. The President was forty years in April last; the Vice President will be forty seven in March next. It is the first time in the history of the Government when the average age of the President, Vice President and Speaker of the House—the first three civil officers of the Government—have been under forty-five years.

Correspondence.

FALLS CITY, NEB., Jan. 23th, 1870.

Mr. Editor.—Having nothing particular on hand, this evening, I concluded to renew my talk with the JOURNAL on the new beauties that are being continually displayed in this western wild. I used to think while reading Richardson's "Beyond the Mississippi," that to reach the banks of that great river would put a quietus on the western fever that for years raged in my youthful brain.

I see in your last issue a letter from Mississippi, painting that State up as the "El Dorado of America," but I can say to you truthfully—and all who have resided in Nebraska will corroborate my assertion—that the "Antelope State" cannot be surpassed for health, scenery and agriculture.

The all absorbing matter of interest which appears to agitate the minds of our citizens, is our Rail Road. There is a great deal of speculation as to whether the road will be completed by the 15th of the incoming month, in order to be inspected by the Commissioners appointed by the State for that purpose. If the Commissioners accept the road, the Company will receive two thousand acres per mile as a State grant. The contractor, however, assures us that the last rail, connecting the Missouri Rail Road with this place, will be down by the 12th of February. But no matter whether it is finished by that time or not, we will have a road, and early spring will find our farmers shipping their thousands and thousands of bushels of grain, that they are withholding until the advent of the "Iron Horse."

I received a long letter, a short time since, from our old friend, Dr. John Meehing, who no doubt many of our Clearfield friends will recollect as the Examining Surgeon of the 19th District, Pennsylvania.

He is now practicing law in Denver, Colorado. He speaks of Denver being a live western town, as far ahead of Omaha as Omaha is ahead of Clearfield, although I suppose the latter place is not so slow since you have the Rail Road. The Dr., however, says a great many are leaving Denver and going "west." Our Omaha papers say that a great many of the gentler sex are emigrating to Wyoming Territory, since the Legislature passed the Woman's Suffrage Bill.

I expect many from Clearfield here in the spring. More anon.

THE 28TH STATE IN THE LINE.—Georgia has wheeled into the line of States by adopting the several amendments to the Constitution of the United States proposed since it joined the rebellion.

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CLEARFIELD ACADEMY.

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

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

The course of instruction embraces everything included in a thorough, practical and accomplished education of both sexes.

The Principal having had the advantage of much experience in his profession, assures parents and guardians that his entire ability and training will be devoted to the mental and moral training of the youth placed under his charge.

Tuition, per session, (11 weeks) \$5.00

Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, and History 2.00

Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Surveying, Philosophy, Physiology, Chemistry, Book-keeping, Botany, and Physical Geography 9.00

Latin, Greek and French, with any of the above branches \$12.00

Musical Piano, (30 lessons) \$10.00

No deduction will be made for absence.

For further particulars inquire of Mr. P. L. HARRISON, a. m. Principal.

Jan. 31, 1870.

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CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or meddling with a certain lot of goods...

Auctioneer.—The undersigned, having been regularly licensed, is prepared to call and sell at any part of the county...

CAUTION.—The undersigned, having purchased the following property, viz: 1 pair of heavy looking axes, 25 yards carpet, clock, cupboard, cedar mill, etc...

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Estate of William Irvin, deceased.—Whereas Letters Testamentary on the estate of William Irvin, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned...

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphan Court of Clearfield county, at January Term, 1870...

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the last account of James A. Hegarty, one of the Executors of the estate of John Dillon, deceased...

IN THE COURT of Common Pleas of Clearfield county, at January Term, 1870. FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Clearfield, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE W. SHIMMEL, Defendant.

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Bibles and Miscellaneous Books; Sheet Music for Piano, Flute and Violin; Blank Account and Pass Books of every description; Paper and Envelope, Fresh Pressed and plain; Pens and Pencils.

Will be sold at Wholesale or Retail by P. A. GAULIN.

At the Post office, on Market Street, Clearfield, Pa. May 5, 1868.

1870, FEBRUARY, 1870.

NEW STORE.

Corner of Second St. and Hill Road.

RECONSTRUCTION!

Has just received and opened, at the above named place, an entire new stock of Spring and Summer Goods, which he will sell very cheap for cash.

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MARKET STREET, CLEARFIELD, PA.

DRESS GOODS,

FANCY GOODS,

NOTIONS,

TRIMMINGS,

LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

HATS, CAPS,

Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' Shoes,

AT POPULAR PRICES.

The entire stock on hand will be sold at PRESENT VALUE,

and the stock will be replenished every sixty days, with the choicest and best goods in the market.

SHAW'S ROW,

(a few doors west of the Postoffice,) CLEARFIELD, PA.

February 2, 1870.

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