

The Bill Signed—President Grant a Great Soldier and a Great Statesman.

Last Monday President Grant signed the bill that was published in these columns, that provides for the settlement of the dispute over the electoral vote in several of the Southern States.

The dispute was quite a serious one. It involved the States immediately interested in the wrangle, and it involved the whole country; and then, too, it involved the most despotic power.

1st. It involved the States, or the people of the States, who got into the wrangle over their own election.

2nd. It involved the whole people, because the people in the States in the wrangle did not settle their dispute at home, but came to Congress with it.

3rd. It involved a despotic principle, for it was argued that one man had the settlement of all the disputes in question. The President of the Senate, it was argued, had the despotic power to accept or reject electoral votes, as his will or judgment dictated.

The bill makes a precedent by which future troubles of the same kind may be met, if they ever arise, which may not again occur in many generations.

President Grant has been a wonderful instrument in the hands of destiny, to bring to a conclusion great and fundamental questions. He stands as the first soldier of the day in bringing to a conclusion a war against human freedom, and he is put by this last great act—the signing of the bill in question—before the world as a great statesman, who understands the principles on which the Republic is founded.

How easy would it have been for him to have cast discord throughout the country, by delivering a message against the bill, and in favor of the one man power, the despotic power claimed for the President of the Senate.

Great soldiers in the past have often settled questions in their own favor. But President Grant is not only a great soldier, he is a great statesman, and by his last act he will be so recorded.

Bull-Dozed.

One of the greatest mistakes ever pronounced on the floor of the United States Senate, was that of Senator Morton's, when he declared that the people of this country were Bull dozed into a plan to settle the dispute over the electoral vote.

If the Senator believed what he said, he has less judgment than the country give him credit with having. His mistaken view as to the real cause of the people favoring a peaceful settlement of the dispute, and the mean imputation of cowardice buried at them for their desire to settle the controversy in accordance with the spirit of the institutions of the country, have put him at a heavy discount.

Oliver P. Morton to-day is not the man in the minds of the party that honored him by giving him honored place, that he was six weeks ago. The party know that he told a falsehood when he declared that they were intimidated, Bull-dozed, into favoring the bill that has become a law, and under which the dispute will be settled, and the dangerous doctrine that one man alone—the President of the Senate—has the power of deciding the momentous question of who shall preside over the Republic, when the question of dispute as to the Presidency is an earnest dispute in a number of States.

To declare that one man has such powers in the Republic is a monstrous political heresy, and had enough without adding to it the insult that if the people do not accept the heresy, they are Bull-dozed. To charge the country with cowardice comes with a bad grace from a man who is hobnobbing about on two sticks and would make that an excuse always to keep out of harm's way.

The mass of the Republican party send the charge of cowardice back into the mouth of the Senator from whence it came with scorn. Wooing as a Fine Art.

To make love is one of the arts that fall full fair here by nature. Men and women employ the avenues that nature gave them through which to manifest their love. They woo each other, and they scarcely know how. The hidden law that governs the case of all wooing is not well understood, and still, with all the ignorance as to the direct manner of employing the law, or directing it where desirable, men and women get on quite well in the way of wooing.

They have always been a success in that line, and doubtless will continue to be successful to the end of time. As to whether they will be able to reduce "Wooing to a Fine Art," to be subject to a system of rules with which one may become acquainted, and use, or not use at pleasure, is a question that time will settle.

However, let time work such changes as it may, there is a lady by the name of Mrs. Mary Calhoun, who proposes to take time-honored Father Time by the forelock, and shake the old gentleman up to a realizing sense of the fact that there is such a thing as "Wooing as a Fine Art."

The Count of the Electoral College Votes.

Last week the bill for the counting of the Electoral College vote on the 14th day of February, in the presence of both houses of Congress, was published in the columns of the SENTINEL AND REPUBLICAN. The bill provides for the settlement of disputes for such States as have sent up two sets of certificates of electors, and also provides for the meeting of objections, as to the acceptance of certificates and electors.

On Thursday the Senate passed the bill by the following vote: YEAS—47. Alcorn (R., Miss.) Jones (R., Nev.) Sargent (R., Cal.) Sherman (R., N. Y.) Thurman (D., Ohio.) Wilson (R., Mass.) Blair (R., Mo.) Wade (D., Pa.) Wallbridge (R., N. H.) Alford (R., Ky.) Belmont (R., Wis.) Johnson (D., Va.) Wright (R., Iowa.)

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News Items.

A wild man is the latest sensation at Beunting, Pa. The public schools of this State contain 902,345 pupils.

12,000,000 pounds of butter were exported to England last year. Only 253 divorces in San Francisco last year.

Train wrecker, is what they call the wretch who steps on a girls dress. Over 3,000,000 cigars are daily smoked in this country.

Poker, is what a committee of Nevada miners are trying to codify. There are six members in the Georgia Legislature under 26 years of age.

A fifteen year old chap has been arrested in Washington City, charged with counterfeiting street car tickets. Samuel H. Thurgood, who stole \$16,700 from the Bank of Petersburg, Virginia, has been convicted and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

George Wells, for fifty years president of the Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Annapolis, Md., is a defaulter to the bank for \$65,000. It cost Krupp, the great gun maker of Prussia, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars to make the show he did at the Centennial Exhibition.

A panther chased a child to the door of his father's house in East Providence township, Bedford county, the other day. The father shot the animal on the doorstep.—"Charge this to the Bedford Inquirer."

A Jerseyman was lately fined by a Justice of the Peace, for profane swearing. The Fulton Republican says a black bear weighing over four hundred pounds was killed in Southampton township, Bedford county, recently. In the fight he killed four large dogs.

John A. Stuber, of Allentown, is rearing young men for the Black Hills country. The Lehigh County Agricultural Society has 1,824 members.

The coasting localities of Reading have been covered with ashes by order of the municipal authorities. Simon Rogland, a negro, was hanged at Williamsburg, N. C., for rape, on Monday a week.

Dauvile, Ky., reports the peach buds killed in that vicinity. Poultry raising in Buckport, Me., is a heroic amusement. A farmer lost fifty-six hens one night lately, and the next day took out on a wild cat four feet long.

Lancaster has a patent butter manufactory, and beef lard is the principal material. So keep your eyes open when you are asked to buy Lancaster county butter.

Chinese immigration has fallen off at San Francisco very rapidly, the departures exceeding the arrivals during December by over 600. A Norristown man shot a neighbor's pointer dog, for which he paid \$39. He don't think it is "dog cheap" as he thought it would be.

A Tanuqua grocer took a poor man's pocket knife as a pledge that he would pay for two pounds of flour wanted to keep his family from starving. As he does not advertise, such a fellow should be advertised by the citizens, so that everybody could know his name.

John Myers, of Hüllersburg, Centre county, Pa., aged 72 years, is the father of thirty children, eighteen of whom are living; fourteen were by his first wife and sixteen by his second.

A Princeton, Ky., married man eloped last week with an insane woman, and his family think he was the craziest of the two. "Keep your seat, sir," is what a Pottsville lady remarked to a chap who fell on the sidewalk and appeared to be in a hurry to get up and let her pass.

The Detroit Press Press says: Many of the white men in California will not sit at a hotel table with a Chinaman, but will follow him two miles after dark to borrow money of him.

The way the King of the Sandwich Islands carries a chicken is to take hold of both legs, draw a long breath, and puff for all he is worth.

There are ninety-three railroad stations in Montgomery county. Charles Kuoelder, residing in Lehigh county, during one of the late exceedingly cold nights walked three miles in his sleep and escaped with no very serious consequences.

The new Lutheran church at Bell's Mills, Blair county, Pa., in the charge of the Rev. J. Kistler, was dedicated last Sabbath.

A small child of Jacob Zeigler, of Juniata township, Perry county, met with its death on Sunday a week by the mother placing it on a bed, and by some means or other it fell through the covering with its body, when it became fastened between the ropes, straining its neck.

A Philadelphia man had a couple of thousand dollars, which he wished to deposit in a secure place. He thought he found such a place in his cellar. At any rate, that is where he deposited the cash, concealing it between some sheet lead such as is used to line tea chests. But the man's dream of fancied security was somewhat rudely dispelled.

He discovered to his dismay that a man occupying the house with him sold the sheet lead to a junk dealer, and that the two thousand had gone with it. The man is now engaged in a frantic search for that junk dealer.

The Lehigh Chronicle states that Mrs. Mitchell, residing on Jack's mountain, in Harleyp township, whilst returning from a visit to her daughter (living in Harleyp), on Monday, January 8, took a mountain path and missed her way home. On the following Friday her husband started for Harleyp to look after her, and find out why she did not return, when he was told that she had left for home on Monday afternoon.

Search was made at once, and following her tracks leading off from the main road, they found her a short distance from the house, frozen to death. She was about fifty-eight years of age.

Mrs. Bowens, of Philadelphia, N. J., last week saw a man come out of a stable carrying two buffalo robes and hailed him. As he refused to stop, she gave chase when the fellow dropped them and escaped. About a year ago she put a bullet into a burglar who was attempting to enter her residence. Proper care for their own bodies should cause rogues to give her a wide berth hereafter.

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Pipes are becoming all the fashion. Rev. E. P. Herrick, of Sherman, Conn., lost three children last week by diphtheria, and they were buried in one grave.

Mrs. Conrad More, of Schuylkill county, has triplets, all boys; total weight fourteen pounds. A Des Moines, Iowa, school teacher wanted to see how quickly he could empty his rooms, raised the cry of fire.

He was successful, and nearly a dozen of the terrified children were badly injured in the panic. An application of o-nine tails would teach that fellow a lesson which he would never forget.

John Koehenderer died in Perry county on Sunday. He was Commissioner of that county in 1865. William Piper recently cut down a hollow pine tree in Cameron county which contained twenty cones. They all escaped but one.

Thomas McAfee, of Merseburg, is taking care of one hundred and forty-three partridges this winter. The swamps in Louisiana are said to be dryer than they have been for thirty-five years. A man may ride on horseback or a wagon may be driven through tracts of country heretofore impassable within the memory of man.

The Elk Advocate says: "There is a chap at Brockwayville, in Jefferson county, engaged in the manufacture of five-cent nickels, and is putting 'In God we trust' on it at that."

Bold Attempt at Robbery. The house of John Gable, in Colebrook township, Lancaster county, was broken into on Saturday night, the 20th inst., with the intention of robbery, but the burglars were alarmed and fled before they accomplished their purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Gable are aged people, (the former over 80 years of age), and live alone on their farm, their son-in-law, David Burnite, who farms the place, occupying a house about one-fifth of a mile distant. The particulars, as given by the aged couple, says the Oxford Press, are that about twelve o'clock at night, Mrs. Gable hearing a noise, arose from her bed and struck a light. Then hearing a slight knock at the door, asked who was there. The response came in the form of an inquiry, "Can we sleep in the barn to-night?"

On consulting her husband Mrs. Gable informed the outside party that they could do so provided they had no matches about them. Mrs. Gable then went back to her bed room, situated on the first floor of the house, and all was quiet until about two o'clock, when they were aroused by a crash from the breaking in of the lower sash of the window close beside the bed, followed by the sudden entrance of the form of a man across the bed, who in loud tones several times demanded their money. Mrs. Gable, with commendable presence of mind took hold of the intruder and told Mr. Gable to get the gun. This had the effect of causing the burglar to beat a hasty retreat through the window, when the old folks proceeded to an upper story window and called until they succeeded in arousing Mr. Burnite, who came to their relief. But the robbers had made their escape. On going to the barn next morning Mr. Burnite found two of the horses bridled ready for the flight of the robbers, it is supposed had they succeeded in their designs. The second horse had tied bags around their feet to prevent their foot-falls from being heard. They had broken in the window with a heavy piece of wood.

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Legal Notices.

NOTICE OF APPEAL. THE County Commissioners will hold their Appeal on the trial assessments for the year 1877, at the following times and places, to wit: For the borough of Port Royal, at the Public House of John McManis in Port Royal, on Monday, February 12, 1877.

For the township of Turbutt, at the public house of John McManis in Port Royal, on Tuesday, February 13, 1877. For the township of Beale, at the public house of Gibson Holden in Johnston, on Wednesday, February 14, 1877.

For the township of Tuscarora, at the public house of J. A. Newcomer in East Waterford, on Thursday, February 15, 1877. For the township of Lack, at the public house of John A. Newcomer in East Waterford, on Friday, February 16, 1877.

For the township of Spruce Hill, at the Spruce Hill school house in said township, on Saturday, February 17, 1877. For the township of Fayette, at the public house of W. W. Sharon in McAllisterville, on Monday, February 19, 1877.

For the township of Monroe, at the public house of E. C. Draxhill in Richmond, on Tuesday, February 20, 1877. For the township of Saxejohanna, at the house of H. K. Frymer in said township, on Wednesday, February 21, 1877.

For the township of Greenwood, at the public house of Thomas Cox in said township, on Thursday, February 22, 1877. For the borough of Thompsonstown, at the public house of William A. Thomas in the borough of Walker, at the school house of Mrs. Snyder in Thompsonstown, on Friday, February 23, 1877.

For the township of Walker, at the school house of Mrs. Snyder, on Saturday, February 24, 1877. For the township of Milford, at the public house of John Hayes in the borough of Patterson, on Monday, February 26, 1877.

For the township of Patterson, at the public house of John Hayes, in said borough, on Tuesday, February 27, 1877. For the township of Ferrantago, at the Court House in the borough of Millintown, on Wednesday, February 28, 1877.

For the borough of Millintown, the court house in Millintown, on Thursday, March 1, 1877. The County Commissioners will be in session at the above times and places from 9 o'clock A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M. The assessor's and collector's books will be required to attend in their respective districts on the above days.

JAMES McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER. W. H. GRONINGER, COMMISSIONER. Attest: JAMES DEEN, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, Millintown, Pa. Feb. 29, 1877.

Executor's Notice. WHEREAS the Testamentary on the estate of John Hostetler, deceased, was granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will please present them properly authenticated for settlement.

JOHN C. HOSTETLER, Executor. Jan. 31, 1877. PROCLAMATION.—W. H. REAS, of the Hon. B. F. JENKIN, President Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the 4th Judicial District, composed of the counties of Juniata and Perry, and the Honorables A. A. Elder and Francis Barley, Associates Judges of said Court, do hereby issue their order, that all persons who have been indicted for misdemeanors, and who are in default of their appearance, shall appear and answer to their indictment on the 5th day of February, 1877, at the Court House in the borough of Millintown, on the first Monday of FEBRUARY, 1877, being the 5th day of the month.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables of the County of Juniata, that they be taken into custody for their respective duties, and that their returns, indictments, examinations and other returns, to do those things that are required by law, shall be made on or before the 5th day of February, 1877, at the Court House in the borough of Millintown, on the first Monday of FEBRUARY, 1877, being the 5th day of the month.

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