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FLORIDA has been declared for Hayes and Wheeler by the Commission created to consider the questions in dispute as to the electors from that State.

Call on the members to resign who refuse to concur in the action of the Commission. They misrepresent their constituents, for their constituents, regardless of party, are in favor of a settlement of the dispute.

The Commission proceeded to the consideration of the case of Louisiana. How it will be decided is not fore-shadowed at this writing, Tuesday evening.

The men who oppose a peaceable settlement are not the men for the future, no matter what the result may be.

It does not sound well for men who profess to be satisfied with the Commission to settle the disputes in the electoral vote of Florida, Louisiana and Oregon, to now denounce the Commission because it has not decided as they desired them to do in the case of Florida.

A Time to Consider an Amendment to the Constitution. To look the stable door after the horse is stolen, and to put off all thoughts of the future until one is laid on a sick bed—these are commonly cited as evidences of human folly.

Be Careful Where You Go and Who You Go With. The three "lecherous conspirators," as the Baltimore American calls them, who recently tried to ruin a young lady of this city by decoying her into a house of ill fame and then assaulting her when there, have been convicted, and each sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

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Foreign Trade. Thirty American manufacturers of cotton goods have sent 300 tons of American print cloths to Laly, as an experimental cargo.

Pardon of Counterfeiters. A despatch from Washington, under date of the 6th inst., says: A pardon has been granted by the President to Lewis M. Roberts, alias Bob Allice, alias Bob, convicted in Pittsburgh in 1871 and sentenced to twenty years in the Western Penitentiary for counterfeiting. The pardon, it is stated, was procured by ex Assistant United States Attorney Knox. The notorious Tom Ballard, the engraver of the most dangerous counterfeit plate extant, a five hundred dollar Treasury note who was convicted and sentenced by United States Judge Wallace in January, 1875 at Albany, N. Y., to thirty years' confinement in the Albany Penitentiary, has application on file here for pardon.

The Mennonite Church on Voting. At the General Conference of the Mennonite Church, recently held at Elkhart, Ind., it was resolved that all members of the church who had voted at the late Presidential election should be admonished, and that every minister should try to induce his members to abstain from voting.

Small-Pox on the Increase. "In Great Britain, during the past ten years, the death-rate of small pox has increased over eighty six per cent. This is a fact which ought to attract the attention of the physicians of this country before there is occasion to note a similar increase on this side of the water."

A chestnut tree on Focht's farm near Conzport, is 25 feet around.

The Next State Treasurer.

Colonel William B. Hart, the court-martialed cashier of the State Treasury, is prominently named in connection with the Republican nomination of State Treasurer, to succeed Hon. Henry Rawle. The hearty and general approval with which his name is received throughout the whole State is a just tribute to a brave soldier and worthy official, whose career in the army was as brilliant as his services as a State officer have been marked by a faithful regard for the public interests.

Col. Hart entered the army in 1861 as a private soldier and served with great gallantry in the East and West, participating in all the battles in which his command was engaged.

While still a sergeant, his manly qualities and soldierly bearing, attracted the attention of General Grant, who recommended him in a highly flattering manner to Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, for appointment as Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of captain, and to show his appreciation of his merits requested the War Department to assign Captain Hart to his own brigade. Upon this recommendation he was immediately appointed and served with General Harshbarger to the close of the war. In 1867 Colonel Hart was appointed to a clerkship in the State Treasury, and in 1870 was promoted to the responsible and important position of cashier, where his intelligence and ability as an accountant and familiarity with finances of the State have made him an invaluable officer, and the standard authority to whom all the officers of the Commonwealth turn for counsel when legislation in the interests of the Treasury is under consideration.

Col. Hart's intimate and thorough knowledge of the tax laws and of the whole machinery of our tax system, is of inestimable value to our citizens, and if elected State Treasurer cannot but prove of incalculable benefit to the Commonwealth. His promotion by election to the treasurership would be a fitting testimonial of our people to his value and worth and a practical illustration of their belief in a civil service.

Officers with his capacity and integrity are rarely imported into the public service, and when found there the people should see to it that they are retained.

Col. Hart's position at Harrisburg has necessarily given him a large acquaintance and made him hosts of friends, and the generous response made to the mention of his name in connection with the office of Treasurer is an index of the enthusiasm with which he will be supported for nomination and election.—Norristown Herald.

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Minnesota Grasshoppers Coming East by Rail.

There arrived by express at the Republican office on Tuesday evening a small box about a foot square, five or six inches deep, covered with a glass top, and about half full of fresh earth, on top of which could be seen a swarm of diminutive objects which a practical eye would at once pronounce "hoppers." The mission of the travelers was explained by a label on the side of the box directing as follows:

The dirt in this box was taken from the farm of E. E. Ford Glencoe. The little crickets were hatched in the office of the Glencoe Register, Glencoe, Minn. Lead county, Minn. Will route agents please pass it on East 1 Leave it over one train with Junction, of the Goodhue County Republican, Red Wing; Republican, Winona; News, Milwaukee; Inter Ocean, Chicago; Free Press, Detroit; Leader, Cleveland; Commercial, Cincinnati, and from thence to New York, Boston, Washington or Philadelphia, as the route agents or express agents may wish. We would like to know how long the little pests live and how far they travel, and therefore ask the publishers, "into whose hands these presents may come," to send the paper notifying their arrival and departure to the Glencoe, Minn. county, Minnesota. LIBERTY HALL, P. O. S.—The "hoppers are about one day old," January 29, 1877.

I have seen the grasshoppers and gladly send them on. They are lively at this moment and appear to wish to get out and travel alone.

Winona, January 30.—Arrived 3 35 P. M.; convention full; delegates freely; discussing the future of what Department for Milwaukee 12.30 midnight. R. B. JENNISON.

A Bear Among the Lawyers. About 10 o'clock Saturday morning a stalwart Italian made his appearance on St. Paul street, between Lexington and Saratoga streets, with a high brown bear at the end of a rope. The bear had been taught to dance, to hug and kiss his master, stand upon his hind legs, and to go through various other performances. Some two or three hundred spectators were soon gathered around the pair and the majority of the crowd were lawyers, whose offices abound in the vicinity. The members of the bar took great interest in the antics of the bear until the key passed around the hat, when nearly every one of them remembered that he had either a case in court or clients waiting for him in his office and departed in haste.—Baltimore American.

Forgers in Railroad Bonds. John C. Thomas, a member of a gang of forgers who operated extensively on bonds of the New York Central, New York and Erie, and Buffalo New York and Erie Railroads in 1873, was arraigned in Court of General Sessions in New York on the 7th. He pleaded guilty to forgery in third degree and was remanded for sentence. Among his confederates were Walter Raistron, Walter Roberts, Charles J. Williams and Robert Gleason. All of these are now in the clutches of the law either awaiting trial or in State's prison.

Mail-Bag Robbed. Last Wednesday a mail bag containing letters and about \$25,000 worth of bank checks and private drafts, while enroute for Newport, Ky., to Cincinnati, was opened and the contents abstracted.

News Items. Silver bearing quartz has been discovered in Plunkett's Creek township, Lycoming county.

John Cumming, of Pottsville, Pa., was found on the railroad track at Mauch Chunk, on Monday night a week, having been run over and has since died from his injuries.

The Bethlehem Times says that Rev. W. H. Vogler, of that town, received \$200 from Commodore Vanderbilt's executors for offering up a prayer at the funeral of the dead millionaire in the Moravian cemetery, at New Drop, Staten Island.

A young man named George Schlamp, of Plainfield township, Northampton county, laid down on a bench to take a nap. A pistol fell out of his pocket and was discharged, the ball entering his left breast and lodging in the pit of the arm.

A frightful accident occurred at the iron ore mines of Daniel Laurer, at Hensingsville, Lehigh county, Pa., on Monday a week. While workmen were digging ore the ground caved in on them, burying Henry Hunsberger, Lewis Engle, Reese Lewis and David Frederick under ten feet of earth. The first named three were killed and Frederick sustained very severe injuries, but will probably recover.

Fourteen thousand Russian Mennonites will settle in Kansas early in the spring.

The Womens Centennial Committee of Philadelphia will hold a Calico Tarry on the 22nd.

Jacob McClelland, while passing another workman, in the Altoona shops, was accidentally struck on the lower jaw by a sledge in the hands of his fellow-laborer. The force of the blow broke about half an inch out of his jaw which was attached three teeth.

A farmer named Jacob Houseknecht, near Lantzville, Lycoming county, was summoned from his bed on Saturday night a week, by three men who wanted to warm themselves and get something to eat. After securing admission the rascals gagged and bound their unfortunate host and robbed his house of every thing valuable upon which they could lay their hands. Mr. Houseknecht's family were all absent. The robbers only secured ten dollars in money.

News Items.

The rinderpest in England and Germany means increased importations of American beef.

Mr. Weik, of Myerstown, has lost all of his children, five in number, within a month by diphtheria.

Henry Forshey, of East Tyrone, for twelve years a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, was killed on Friday a week at Pottsville. He tripped and fell on the track and before he could recover himself was run over by the engine.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is having built at its shops in Altoona six substantial new postal cars for immediate use. Each car will be handsomely furnished, heated by steam, lighted with non-explosive or safety-lamps, and will be a decided improvement on the cars first turned out of their shops. The shop hands are working twelve hours a day in order to get them out upon the road as speedily as possible.

B. H. Hickok, Postmaster at South berry, Conn., has been arrested for robbing the mail. He confesses his guilt and says he has a family of eight children at Leyden, Mass., boasts that neither of them has ever been sick a day, and all because that mother has lived up to the rule of putting them to bed at 6 P. M.

A parrot is said to live to be 200 years old. A barber does not live so long, but he talks more freely or ex-actly; discussing the future of what Department for Milwaukee 12.30 midnight. R. B. JENNISON.

Johnston is excited over the elopement of two of its citizens. Mrs. Sarah Jones, the young wife of Mr. Edwin Jones, could not withstand the unwholesome importunities of one John W. Jones, a widower.

Mr. James Wilt, of Centre Valley, has been postmaster at that place for a period of twenty years.

Peter Norke, of Shenandoah, has been a prisoner of carriage on Sunday and took it home. He wanted to know all about the composition of the rather innocent looking object, so he took a pin and picked the head off the carriage. Upon taking an account of stock an account of stock a moment or two afterward, he found that on one hand there was no thumb and only a few bad wreck of second finger, while from the other hand one joint of the thumb was missing, the forefinger in need of repairs, the second finger missing a joint, and the third finger mangled.

The Montrose Republican says Dr. Lathrop, of that town, has received from Pekin, China, a pair of ducks that are a rarity in this country. They are pure white in color and three times the size of the common barnyard duck.

The First National Bank of Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana has suspended owing to the defalcation of \$100,000 by the cashier, Richard T. Taylor, absconded on the 6th inst.

At a Bucks county, fifteen cows were sold at prices averaging \$70.

The short-horn cow, "Tenth Duchess of Geneva," which was purchased by an English nobleman at a sale in New York State in 1873, for the fancy price of thirty thousand dollars, died in England last Thursday.

Queen Victoria has received from the Empress of Brazil a present of a dress woven of the webs of the large South American spider.

A perfectly white ink has been manufactured, which flows freely from a fine or coarse pen, makes a delicate blue line, and dries quickly. This ink requires dark paper, and several styles have already been introduced.

Two women have been making trouble in Meadville by passing bogus silver coins. One of them was arrested, and on her person was found forty-eight pieces of the "quaker."

A little son of Mr. Jeremiah Kelly, of Hughesville, dangerously ill with diphtheria, was successfully treated by inhaling the fumes of stacked lime, last week. A small piece of lime was placed in a cup and the fumes conveyed to the mouth of the child through a funnel with a long tube. In a short time was discharged from the throat, after which the little fellow at once commenced to get better.—Sunbury Daily.

Mrs. Acres' daughter, about eighteen years of age, had started out to take a horse, and had the larriat around her arm, when the horse snorting, jumped, causing the young lady to fall. At this the horse became terribly frightened and dashed off through the woods, and brush, cactus, &c., dragging Miss Acres with him some three quarters of a mile. When the horse was halted and the rope loosed from her arm, she was indeed a pitiful object—all of her clothes, except her collar and shoes and hose, having been literally torn off, and her person having nearly all the skin dragged off, and some contusions in her flesh made by snags and brush. She was not fatally injured, and is recovering.—Harrisburg News.

Legal Notices.

Cyrus Hench, Elias Crawford and S. S. Pannacker, William Hart and others at December term, 1876. 600 30

County Bonds Redeemed. Wm C Pomeroy and others. \$34545 00

Constables' Returns and Tipstons. John M Stutts and others. \$358 34

Wild Cat, Fox and Mink Skins. Lewis A Landis and others. \$222 95

Western Penitentiary. Paid to Edward S Wright, warden of Western Penitentiary. \$65 40

State Lunatic Hospital. Paid to John A. Wier, treasurer, for maintenance, &c., of Margaret Brackbill. \$211 64

County Prison. W H Knoose, sheriff, boarding prisoners, fees, &c. \$141 61

W H Knoose, for keeping traps. \$86 60

Road Damages. Joseph Rothacker, executor of RC Gallaher, dec'd, and others. \$172 00

Interest Paid on County Bonds, &c. John Book, Edmund S Doly, and others. \$3255 29

Printing. Bonnell & Jackson, public printing, election blanks, &c. \$408 40

B F Schweik, public printing, election proclamation, &c. \$275 32

Stationery. Wm Mann, docket and stationery. \$92 65

F L Hutter, township duplicates, &c. \$141 27

Bridge—Old and New. King Iron Bridge Company, new bridge near Dinn's mill. \$620 00

J D Dunn & Brother, new bridge near Dinn's mill. \$604 62

George Reynolds, new bridge near McClure's, in Tuscarora township. \$65 16

Peck & Williamson, repairing old bridge in East Waterford. \$81 00

Legal Notices.

WM. H. KNOOSE, Sheriff. Dec. 21, to balance due county. \$8 00

CONTRA. Cr. Dec. 31, By amt. of Commissioners' orders issued prior to 1876. \$287 06

Do. Do. issued in 1876. \$2749 02

amt. of road view certificates paid. 265 08

tax paid, as per receipt. 1429 16

Exonerations allowed. 82 37

Percentage allowed Collectors. 170 50

Such an account of Teachers' Institute. 165 00

Outstanding taxes. 1512 72

Treasurer's salary. 775 00

Balance due county. 615 79

CONTRA. Cr. Dec. 31, By amt. paid Treasurer by Jacob Beiler. \$80 00

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