

Texas is an effort being made in Louisiana to bring the late Returning Board of that State into court, on the charge of having issued fraudulent election returns, and a number of Democratic writers are quite jubilant over the matter, expressing a deep desire that the Board be taken into an ex-rebel court, and there punished. Through these courts they expect to make out a case against the Board that will answer as the entering wedge for a prosecution against Hayes.

The movement is a short-sighted one. It is short-sighted, for it will not reach Hayes, even if they succeed in convicting the Board through the aid of false testimony and packed juries, for the Democratic party was not satisfied with the count of a number of States, and would be satisfied with no settlement but such as was agreed to by Congress in a bill that created the Electoral Commission, and the Electoral Commission declared Hayes elected.

It is short-sighted, for if they succeed in convicting the Board after having secured all the offices they desired but the office of President, it will open the eyes of the world to the fact that these opponents are to be punished. The fact will be made clear as noonday that just as soon as they get the power they will turn the tables on the men who put down rebellion, and restore the old order of affairs.

Once such a purpose becomes clear to the public mind, a sad and bitter change will take place in the affairs of the men of the South; they will be swept as never before, and such roots as are left will not have strength enough to take care of themselves; they will have other things to think of than to shape the destiny of a nation. The day of wrath will then begin.

Some men have said, in regard to the policy of President Hayes, "How will you get back, if his policy is not received? What will you do?" They do not seem to realize that there is no place to get back to. It is like a plain offer of good on the part of government, and if the offer is rejected, the government is not changed or hurt. The only party who receives injury is the party who rejects the offer of conciliation and trust.

What a Woman's Dress Did. A Judge named Hilton, who is managing the estate of the dead New York merchant, A. T. Stewart, issued an order to his clerks in a hotel at Saratoga that no Hebrews shall be allowed to stop at the hotel. The cause of the exclusion of a class of decent people from a hotel is the source of conjecture. The large majority of people conclude that snobbery is at the bottom of it all, that the Judge's real cause for the order is found in the fact, that last year a few Jewish ladies at the same hotel wore finer dresses than the lady friends of Judge Hilton.

Death in a Coal Mine—Thrilling Effort to Rescue the Suffering. Between one and two o'clock on the afternoon of the 11th inst., an accident occurred in the Brookfield coal mine at Westland, Pa., by which six men were killed and thirty more were nearly suffocated. The names of the dead are Robert Williams, Miles Davis, John Jones, David Jenkins, Richard Jones and John Barker.

The coal from the Brookfield mine hauled out by a locomotive engine. On the morning above mentioned the managers of the mine ordered anthracite coal to be burned in the engine furnace instead of soft coal, which has been heretofore used. About 11 o'clock the engine passed into the slope. After being in a short time the men in charge of the engine became suddenly affected by the gas from the hard coal, causing them to fall to the ground in an insensible condition. The engineer managed to make his way back to the mouth of the bank and gave the alarm, at which a large number of men rushed into the bank to rescue their comrades. One after another they passed in, but were almost immediately overcome by the gas, and they, too, fell insensible. After several had thus fallen, a gang was organized to rescue those who went in last, and squads of four or five passed in until they came to a fallen comrade, when they would take him in their arms and carry him out to the open air. In this way 36 men were brought out, six of whom were either dead before reaching the mouth of the bank or died immediately after. Westland is a small town on the Erie and Pittsburgh Railway, two miles east of Sharon—North American.

Cattle to Europe. Foreign papers believe that Europe can take 2,000,000 head of cattle from the United States every year, the limit of cattle rearing having been reached in many parts of Europe. Figure up yourself what that would come to in the way of revenue to the United States at \$75 a head. The impression abroad is that Americans are not acting with reference to the export of beef as vigorously as they might.

STORMS.

Every summer season brings storms with it, but this season seems to exceed all previous summers in the frequency of devastating storms, and distance apart at which they appear. Years ago it was only at rare intervals that a destructive storm visited Northern States, but this season they appear without regard to locality North or South. On Saturday, the 7th inst., a storm in Wisconsin did great damage to property and took the lives of a number of people. A dispatch relative to it says:

A storm struck Peasauce, a lumber and milling town of about 1,500 inhabitants, on Green Bay, Wis., at 6:30 o'clock last Saturday evening, sweeping away almost the entire town, killing and wounding about 30 persons, and utterly destroying the crops. The storm came from the north west, blowing heavy timber, clearing a path 80 rods wide, and uprooting the trees or twisting them like straws. It lasted only two minutes, but in that time demolished at Peasauce and Couillardville forty-four dwellings and several mills, killing seven persons outright and fatally wounding others. The tornado was preceded by a light rain. It appeared in the form of a dark funnel shaped cloud which became a whirlwind. At Peasauce it first struck and shattered to pieces three mills; then the Gardner House, which was built at an expense of \$50,000 for a summer resort, was struck; then in succession twenty-eight dwellings mostly frame houses. The Gardner House was built of brick, not one of which were left together. Seven persons were killed and twenty wounded.

A large number of cattle were killed. The depot of the Chicago and North-western railroad was hit from its foundation and smashed into splinters. The new school house was also lifted up and dashed to pieces. Only three houses are left standing in the town, those are unroofed. The same storm struck Couillardville, demolishing seventeen houses and destroying crops, but killing no one. Babiste, the proprietor of the Gardner House, lost a saw mill, planing mill and shops amounting in value to \$20,000. The total loss is over \$300,000. Green Bay, Fort Howard, and other towns are sending relief to the sufferers. The bridge was unplaced and damaged. The steam tug and a schooner were totally wrecked.

A tornado occurred at Westfield on the afternoon of the 9th inst. It came eastward, through the gorge of Westfield river, and widened to half a mile, felling trees, scattering fences, and demolishing buildings until its force was expended. It first struck the wall of the Salmon Falls paper mill, rebounding on account of a recent fire, which fell, crushing in the engine house, in which were two men, one of whom is seriously hurt. Two men engaged in plowing saw the storm coming, and attempted to reach a barn near by, but they and the horses were thrown to the ground and injured by flying stones. When they recovered their sight the barn was gone. A family of six persons in a house heard a whistling noise and knew nothing until they found themselves on the floor several rods from the site of the house. The rest of the building was destroyed, and were also two buildings and a dozen barns. A large quantity of crops, grass and trees were also destroyed. At Cheopce Falls the wind blew down, several barns and sheds and uprooted many trees.

A Singular Accident that Resulted in Death. The Harrisburg Telegraph of the 12th inst. says: The quiet little borough of Shiremanstown, Pa., was overshadowed with a cloud of grief at about 7 1/2 o'clock last evening. It appears that while Bailey Masteer was pursuing his usual avocation, that of post-making, and while in the act of changing the position of a very heavy post, it, by some means or other, got the better of him, threw him violently upon his hewing axe (which was standing with the edge exposed) and cutting him in a most horrible manner. In the fall his body struck the axe at the base of the spinal column, severing it about two inches, and followed the soft parts down to the entrance to the depth of the entire axle and about six or eight inches in length, severing the main artery. He was alone at the time of the accident, but his cry for help was heard by his near neighbor, Samuel E. Sheely, who was working in his lot near by, and who, only a few minutes before, had assisted him in carrying the same post from an adjoining alley to the place of the accident. Mr. Sheely immediately went to his assistance and found him in the position above described, with the post lying across him, and in such a position that it was impossible for him to extricate himself. Mr. Sheely called for more help, but before sufficient assistance arrived the spark of life had almost fled, by the loss of blood. Dr. W. S. Bruckart was immediately summoned, but before his arrival Father Masteer was no more.

He was an elder in the Church of God—a man of unblemished character, and was universally respected and esteemed by his large circle of relatives and acquaintances. Judge Harding, of Luzerne county, recently sentenced a man who had been found "not guilty" to eighteen months imprisonment. He promptly revoked the sentence when informed by the clerk of the court that he had incorrectly announced the verdict of the jury. Gold fish continue numerous in the Schuylkill from Reading to Fairmount, and are daily taken by anglers. They are not more plentiful, however, than they were twenty years ago in this river.

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Live Sheep for Europe. The Dominion Line steamer Texas that departed for Liverpool on Tuesday carried out as a part of her cargo 400 head of live sheep intended for the London hotels and restaurants. This is the first exportation of sheep from this port, and will be followed regularly by others. Live sheep have been sent to Europe from Montreal and New York, and the enterprise has proved successful in each instance.—North American.

A Tomp lot in the Black Hills now brings \$1,500. Last fall \$200 was outside price.

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The Cabinet is a unit. Tilton and Louisa are not estranged. Virginia is looking up in business prosperity. A hundred murders occur daily in Constantinople. Deer are destroying the crops in parts of North Carolina. Gen. Grant was delighted with fair Biogen on the Rhine. Bass fishing is affording splendid sport along the Susquehanna. The hog cholera is prevalent in some portions of Dauphin county. The Harrisburg School Board has abolished mechanical drawing. During the heated term of last week three of York's citizens received attacks of cholera.

Counterfeit two dollar bills on the Farmers' Bank of Oswego, have recently appeared. Newark has drowned 308 dogs this season. Red Bank has a school house built 156 years old. Over 1,636 dogs have been received since the opening of the pond in New York. Of this number 1,500 have been drowned. An additional 500 curs were captured on Saturday. James Higgins, sexton of St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, fell into the church cellar, which is 30 feet deep, and remained a night he was badly hurt.

A young man named Warrick, living near Chew's Landing, was struck by lightning during a recent storm, but recovered after being sixteen hours insensible. The Freeman says that the "coal discoveries" in Perry county are nothing new. These discoveries have been going on for forty years, but they don't hold out. William Liggett, of North Coventry, Chester county, has a young heifer that has given birth to a calf with no eyeballs. The sockets are in the head, and the lids blink as naturally as if they were filled with the eye-balls. Many horses in Chester county are taking a new disease. It manifests itself in a staggering weakness, then in running at the nose, and a difficulty in drinking water. It is not the old form of epizooty, but more like diphtheria. A man in Nippesee Valley, Lycoming county, has 6500 gallons of household vinegar. Springfield furnace, Blair county is again in blast. The annual capacity is 1000 tons.

The St. Louis ladies' hair-dressers gave a ball the other night, and a "bang up" time is reported. There was a desperado in New Jersey who kept the farmers of Warren and Hunterdon counties in terror for several years. The other night he was shot while engaged in burglarizing, and now his victims wonder why the shooting didn't take place long ago. John A. Graham, a leading citizen of Huntington, has been taken to the Asylum for the Insane, near Harrisburg. The Lock monument to be erected at Lebanon is soon to be put up in the cemetery at that place. It will cost \$25,000, and will be adorned by seven statues. It was built in Buffalo, and is now on the road. The residence of Mrs. Jane A. Jeffries, at Coatesville, was entered several days ago and robbed of about \$30 Mrs. Jeffries, before retiring, placed \$700 in a water pitcher, which was not found by the burglars. The Pennsylvania Steel Company, of Harrisburg, have orders sufficient to keep the works running day and night for four months. Twelve hundred hands are employed. At a circus at Bethlehem, Pa., an elephant while being loaded on a car, fell on its back, and began a terrible roaring, causing a panic for a time, as it was thought a wild beast had broken loose. Potato patches in Lancaster and vicinity are full of dead English sparrows. In a single patch some thirty dead birds were found a day or two ago. The supposition is that the birds eat of the Colorado beetle and are poisoned by the Paris Green used to kill the bug. Sixty-two persons were recently captured in Pittsburg gambling houses, the list including professional gamblers, lawyers, merchants, politicians and a sprinkler of clerks. Among the premiums awarded at a school examination in Lancaster, Pa., was a \$5 gold piece to Mrs. Grace Muench for "the most skillful drawing of stockings." The award was hardly com-Muench-urate with the accomplishment. Lafayette College, besides having a large number of students from this and other States, has on its rolls representatives from Brazil, East India and Japan.

The Iowa Greenbackers held their convention on the 10th inst., nominated a ticket and passed the usual resolutions. Another Spanish insult to the American flag is reported. The whaler Rising Sun was brought to, her chief mate taken off and detained for five days. Mrs. Eliza O'Connell, wife of Chas. O'Connell, with her child, and Mrs. Mary M. O'Connor, wife of Thos. B. O'Connor, and her two children, were drowned at Baton Rouge on Wednesday while attempting to cross the river in a skiff. The Bethlehem Times says: "It is reported as a positive fact that one of the Bethlehem School Directors, on being upbraided for voting for the 5 per centum reduction of teachers' wages, excused himself by saying that he had misunderstood the motion. He did not know it meant 5 per cent., but 5 cents a month on each teacher's salary, and if that satisfied the economists that the teachers could stand it; and he voted for the 5 cent motion."

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At Vienna Michigan, Louis Jacobs, aged 73, was married to Mary Momi, aged 67. The bridegroom, father, Louis Jacobs, Sr., who has lived through 106 summers, officiated as groomsmen and led the wedding dance. Pleasant Stanley, aged 70, living in Greensburg, Ind., was murdered in his bed by unknown men on Thursday night last. Robbery was evidently the motive, a large amount of money, usually kept about his person, was stolen. Two hundred horses have been disabled by their feet being badly burned by lime in the burnt district at St. John, N. B. Ten thousand dollars additional have been received from Chicago for the sufferers. Rebuilding is going on briskly. On the morning of the 8th inst., a young son of S. H. Kaufman, of the Washington Evening Star, while playing with a Smith & Wesson revolver, kept loaded in the house as a guard against burglars, discharged accidentally, striking the contents in his breast and dying almost immediately. The boiler of a steam thrasher of George Patterson, in operation about a mile from Nashville, Ill., exploded with great force on Friday a week, injuring N. W. Moore and Harvey Lee so badly that they died during the day. George Wells, William Arhens and a young son of N. McCracken were seriously wounded. Not long ago, a woman living on the river shore, near Marsh Run, York county, who has been catching fish for a living, found something very heavy attached to her hook and line, and to secure what she supposed to be a large fish, put her hand under the water close to the hook to raise it up, when the thing, which proved to be a large snapper, bit her finger off. An unknown German, aged about twenty-five, was found dead in bed at Philip Soly's hotel, Newark, on the morning of the 11th inst. A bullet was proved from his brain. On Friday last Mrs. John Green, living near Ronook, Randolph county, Mo., was shot by her husband and mortally wounded. Green claimed that the shooting was accidental, but Mrs. Green declared it was not, and shortly afterwards died. Mrs. Green's father named the arrest of Green and he was taken to Hantsville for examination. On Monday night a party of about fifty men took Green from the custody of the sheriff and hung him to a tree near at hand. It is said Green's intimacy with another woman led him to murder his wife. They had a family of seven children. Commercial Advertiser: At a proposed family reunion of Pennsylvania's four thousand members are expected. Colonel Whipple's command had a fight with the Looking Glass Indians, on the Clearwater river Idaho, on the 24 inst. Four Indians were killed, and many wounded. Several of the squaws and children trying to escape across the river, were drowned. In York county recently a vicious sow fatally injured a child aged about four years. The little one attempted to catch one of the sow's pigs, when the animal attacked the child, knocking it down, biting the left hand and the right arm and left side, biting out two teeth and lacerating the cheek and several other portions of the body. On Thursday night last a dark brown mare six years old belonging to Senator Peale, of Lock Haven, was stolen at Hebersburg, Centre county. A reward of \$100 for the recovery of the animal and \$25 additional for the capture of the thief is offered. William H. Brady, of Bristol, Bucks county, ran against a gate-post with a clay pipe in his mouth, injuring him so that death resulted therefrom. The stem had been driven through the cervical vertebrae. A traveling peddler, who was engaged in selling a potato bug exterminator, broke several bottles containing the compound in a lane near the residence of William Stewart, in White township, Indiana county, the other day, the liquid saturating the grass in the immediate vicinity. A flock of sheep, belonging to Mr. Holsberg, were grazing in the neighborhood, and eight of them died from the effects of the poison. A party of young men trespassing on the farm of Daniel Fritz in Mahoning valley, near Pottsville, were ordered off by the proprietor. One of the party named Burke Kelly drew a revolver on Fritz, when the latter knocked him down with a musket and shot him, from the effects of which he died shortly afterward. On Friday night John Higgins, sexton of St. Mary's church, Lancaster city, while performing his duties, and while in the act of closing the front door of the church, fell through a trap door that leads down a pair of steep steps into the cellar, a distance of 30 feet. He remained where he fell all night, and was only discovered the next morning at 8 o'clock by those who had assembled for church services; hearing a noise coming from the cellar an investigation was made, and there he was found, unable to get up, with his neck and face black from the fall.—E.

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Charley Ross is now said to be in England in the possession of a "veiled lady." Physicians state that second-hand furniture stores spread infection, by exposing old mattresses and bed clothes. Over one hundred men are at present employed in the Chester rolling mills manufacturing plate iron. Mr. Nary, of Luzerne county, aged ninety-eight years, who had been blind nine years, arose a few mornings since with fully restored eye sight. A young lady who goes strong for woman's rights, has been presented with a pair of pants. She wanted freedom, she wanted pants; and she put them on. A woman in blower costume appeared on the street in Reading, a few evenings ago, and created much excitement. The New York oyster trade employs 40,000.

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