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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Compulsory Education Bill.

There is a compulsory education bill in the Legislature. It should not be passed. Free education is guaranteed to all now. To engraft a compulsory clause in the School Law, is to depart from a free system to a system of despotism. Add compulsory educational clauses to the Common School laws, and the germ for the most thoroughly organized despotism is laid throughout the length and breadth of the land. It may take a century to develope its strong, despotic, anti-Republican or Democratic principles, but develope it will. If you desire despotic power slowly to destroy the Republic, help to bring about a compulsory education law.

The next step will be to establish a National Bureau of Education, and then the regular steps from the family to the National Bureau, or head, will be complete, and constitute the most thorough organization in the world, which need only to be manipulated to engraft on if the civil and political management of the country. The keen, shrewd, intellectually developed man is the BEAU IDEAL of a man, in the minds of people of this day and generation. They believe that all that is necessary to create such a man is to pass him through the schools in the days of youth. The idea is that the cultivation of the intellect is all that is necessary to fit a man for the highest duties of good citizenship. While it is true that the intellectual part of man is of great importance, *the moral, or religious* is of still greater importance. Satan himself is all intellect, without morality. If it is true that the *moral or religious quality* of man is the highest quality, that quality should receive the greater attention, and yet no man in this day and generation, in this country, will advocate the passage of laws to compel people to attend *moral schools, or places of religious worship*, which would be called union of Church and State. "A burned child always dreads the fire." The people of the world in past days have been burned, so to speak, by the union of Church and State, and that is why no legislation can be had in matters of religion, further than to guarantee to all the right to worship as conscience dictates. The proposition to establish a compulsory religion or code of morals would be scoffed out of existence; so should the proposal to enact a Compulsory Education law. Education should be free. The despotisms that have grown out of the union of Church and State in the past, are written on many pages of history, and people are thereby cautioned against it, but such a system as that of *Education* and *State* has yet to be founded. Once it has been completely founded it will, in its own good time, work itself into as great a despotism as ever the union of Church and State wrought over men. Compulsory educational laws will become the prelude to the destruction of Free Schools, Free Religion, and the overthrow of the Republic.

Through mails for cities, but give people in the Juniata Valley, mail on way trains.

THERE is a bill in Congress for the equalization of pensions. An exchange says: "The aim of the bill is to give to all persons who are now entitled to pensions and who have lost either an arm below the elbow or a leg below the knee the same pension as those who have lost an arm above the elbow or a leg above the knee. The present pay of the first class is $18 per month, which, under the provisions of Mr. Ward's bill will be increased to $24 per month. It seems to be generally conceded now that the man who has lost an arm below the elbow, or a leg below the knee is fit for no work which could not, as a rule, be performed by the man whose leg or arm has been taken off nearer the trunk. It is also remarked that the artificial leg which goes below the knee is more complicated than the one which fits on above the knee, and is therefore more expensive to keep in order. Disabled soldiers have, of their own motion, set on foot petitions which will urge Congress to make the bill a law."

Through mails for cities, but give the people in the Juniata Valley mail on way trains.

THERE is a bill in the Legislature that is said to have for its object the the furnishing of a better quality of salt fish to the people than they have been getting heretofore, as it provides for AN INSPECTOR of fish.

Through mails for cities, but give the people of the Juniata Valley mail on way trains.

A NUMBER of people have died in Connecticut this winter from hydrophobia, which has caused a bill to be introduced in the Legislature of that State, that provides for the levy of a tax of twenty dollars on every dog in the State.

Through mails for cities, but give people in the Juniata Valley mail on way trains.

A NUMBER of Congressmen at Washington have been assessing themselves to raise a Greenback movement fund. Ben Butler gave fifty dollars. He is not a coin man. A few days ago he read from the Scriptures, for the edification of his fellow Congressmen, how the money changers were driven from the Temple at Jerusalem.

Through mails for cities, but give country people, in the Juniata Valley, mail on way trains.

MARCH COMES, this State, and all the country around it, is excited over a miracle, that, it is said was performed on the body of Miss Amelia Greth, by a priest named Father Heinan. The lady died last Saturday. Her soulless body lay, as if dead, for an hour, when the Holy Father called back the soul, and since then the body has had perfect health. So the story goes. Miracle! Miracle!

Through mail for cities, but give country people in the Juniata Valley mails on way trains.

THE free oil pipe men say that New York State will vote for what they ask in the Legislature. A pipe line in New York State would drain the northern oil regions of Pennsylvania.

Through mails for cities, but give the country people in the Juniata Valley mail on way trains.

Grain-Reaping Machines Eighteen Hundred Years Ago.

"Pliny and Paladius Rutilius, in their writings, describe reaping machines to have been used by the Gauls. It has been thought by some that the Pharoahs of Egypt were acquainted with the application of steam as a motor to machinery, and that they even had their steam carriages; but of this there is no sufficient proof. But that the reaping machine, in some form or other, was used as early as Christianity there can be little doubt. The identity of the machines described by the two writers is manifest. It appears that in the lapse of over fourteen hundred years only some slight modification of the original has been effected."

Through mails for city people, but give the people in the Juniata Valley, mail on way trains.

Land in Texas.

"Any head of a family without a homestead is entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of Texas public domain upon condition that he will locate such land, paying the office fee thereon, and occupy it three years. To all single men eighty acres will be given upon the same conditions."

Give cities through mails, but give country people in the Juniata Valley mail on way trains.

DISASTER AT SEA.

The Steamship Metropolis goes Ashore on the North Carolina Coast.

[By Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—The Metropolis left here last Tuesday for Brazil, taking 200 workmen and 25 cabin passengers.

A private dispatch to Mr. Collins says there were 210 on board and only 56 were saved.

NORFOLK, Feb. 1.—At 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the steamship Metropolis, from Philadelphia, for Para, Brazil, went ashore on Currituck beach, three miles south of the light-house, during the prevalence of a furious southeast gale. Great confusion prevailed on board. Owing to the fury of the gale and the roaring of the surf, the orders of the officers could not be heard. About fifty of the passengers and crew were washed ashore. About two hundred are believed to be lost. From some of the sailors, who arrived at one of the signal stations, it appears that the vessel had encountered heavy gales from the southeast for the last twenty-four hours. When she struck she was heading about south-southeast. The vessel swung broadside to the surf, which made a complete break over her and washed many of the people overboard into the sea. The state of affairs is terrible. Dead bodies are lying along the beach for a distance of two miles. They are all being placed in proper places back from the beach, and the living are being cared for. About one-third of those found are dead. The two saloon women are known to be dead, with their husbands. Eight out of fourteen foremen are known to be dead. The men that are saved are destitute of clothing.

The cargo of the Metropolis consisted of 500 tons iron rails, $20,000; 250 tons of coal, $625, and lumber, $9980; 225 mattresses, 225 pillows, 225 pillow-cases, 200 brown blankets, 50 barrels extra mess beef, 35 barrels mess pork, 10 tierces smoked ham, 14 tierces pickled ham, 100 barrels navy bread, 50 barrels pilot bread, 1200 pounds green coffee, 960 pounds roasted coffee, 180 pounds tea, 1200 pounds sugar, 120 gallons cider vinegar, 2 sacks salt, 30 pounds black pepper, 125 gallons molasses, 3 barrels hominy, 1000 pounds navy tobacco, 500 pounds smoking tobacco, 4 pails fine-cut tobacco, 20 boxes honeless codfish, 1 box dessicated codfish, 12 sacks dried apples, 2 dozen wash-basins, 1 dozen lanterns, 240 coffee cups, 240 soup plates, 240 three-prong forks, 240 knives, 240 metal spoons, 10 coffee cans, 12 dish-pans, 12 large tin dishes, 12 large tin buckets, 1 pair measuring scales, 1 coffee mill, 1 scale, 150 pounds adamantine candles, 480 pounds soap, 100 pounds salt-water soap, 250 gum army blankets, 3 barrels granulated sugar, 3 barrels cut-loaf sugar, 1 barrel fancy maple drip, 1 barrel extra syrup, 2 barrels New Orleans molasses, 15 barrels beans, 1 barrel plain pickles, 20 barrels onions, 100 barrels flour.

The Metropolis has followed the Huron on the dangerous sands of the North Carolina coast, and not far from the same locality. The Huron went ashore at one o'clock on the morning of November 24, 1876, at a point about 8 miles south of Kitty Hawk, and about 28 miles from the scene of the metropolis disaster.

In consequence of its dangerous character, light-houses have been established every forty miles between Cape Henry and Cape Hatteras, which enable a vessel always to be in sight of a light, the light ahead rising as the one astern sinks. Before the light-houses were established, fifteen vessels have been counted high and dry at the same time on Body's Island, near Hatteras. Since the lights were established comparatively few disasters have occurred.

The Carolina coast has always been considered a dangerous and difficult one to weather in a storm, as the sea rises in mountains and with a landward set. A terrific surf always rolls in when an easterly gale is blowing, and even when the sea is comparatively calm there is a fierce line of breakers, to the dangers of which a very swift and treacherous current adds greatly. The beach between Capes Henry and Hatteras is, on an average, about one and a half miles wide, and is separated from the mainland throughout its entire length by lagoons and sounds.

The Government has also established a number of life-saving stations along this coast, which have contributed largely toward decreasing the fatalities of coastwise navigation. There are eight of these stations between Capes Lookout and Henry, and ten on the Virginia coast above Cape Charles. The strip of beach is uninhabited except by the light-house keepers, and life-saving crews. But even these are so wide apart that a vessel going ashore at night in a blinding storm makes timely assistance difficult and very uncertain.

POLITICAL.

Ex-Senator B. F. Wade is dangerously ill at his home in Jefferson, Ohio.

The Greenbackers of Michigan are to hold a convention in Jackson on the 7th inst.

Judge Bradley has decided adversely upon the application of the Louisiana Returning Board requesting that their trial be transferred from the State to the United States Circuit Court.

The Postmasters at Karrsville and Montana, N. J., have been removed for selling large quantities of postage stamps outside of their town to increase their salaries. Other removals are expected.

STATE ITEMS.

There are 400 spiritualists in Reading.

One hundred and seventy-two foxes were reported killed in Dauphin county last year.

Pittsburg has a female footpad; she knocked down and robbed a man on the street.

The Pennsylvania Railroad lost 1682 cars during the Pittsburg riots.

Chester county has 287 school-houses five only of which are frame.

Midnight funerals are made necessary in Huntingdon by the prevalence of small pox.

Organized gangs of thieves infest Lancaster.

Ten years ago a woman now living in Pottsville posted a letter contained $5, at New York, directed to her husband at the former place. It reached its destination a few days ago.

A twelve-year-old girl died at Sunbury recently from the effects of drink compounded of vinegar and soda, which she had been in the habit of taking.

A little girl living in Hollidaysburg told her little brother to watch how the sparks would fly when she poured the contents of a powder flask on the stove. The sparks flew and so did everything else in the vicinity, including one of the gril's thumbs, and the hair on the boy's head.

Williamsport street cars are heated by stoves.

Mrs. Terry, aged ninety-eight years died in Schuylkill county on Sunday.

In Luzern county a few days ago John Jeffries, a miner, was burned to death by the explosion of a keg of powder.

Moyer and Ettinger, the men arrested and in jail for some time past, charged with the murder of the Kintzler's, in Snyder Co., were last week released from jail. Thus ends that affair.

Wapwolloper is the significant and poetical name of a town in Luzerne county.

A history of early settlers of the Juniata Valley is now being prepared by Prof. A. L. Guss, and will shortly be in press.

Eddie Smalley, a boy aged seventeen was accidentally shot in the head and killed, at Erie, by the careless handling of a pistol in the hands of a playmate.

One of the condemned Molly Maguires, named McHugh, confined in the county jail at Bloomsburg, made an attempt to escape on Tuesday. When discovered by the officers McHugh was under the floor of his cell, through which he had cut a hole with a gimlet or auger, and was trying to dig through the wall with a case knife.

Dr. Richard A. Robertson, of Titusville, went to Scotland last year to claim some property said to have been left him by a relative, since when nothing has been heard from him. A few weeks ago Mrs Robertson went abroad, and she has endeavored to trace her husband, but as yet without any result. When Dr. Robertson left home he was in posession of a considerable sum of money and a large quantity of jewelry.

STATE ITEMS.

Dangerous bullies and ruffians invest Easton.

Pneumonia kills cows in the upper portion of Montgomery county.

The office of Sheriff in Cumberland county is said to be worth $10,000 a year.

Lancaster county wants the law providing for a sealer of weights and measures repealed.

Hydrophobia is prevalent among Pottsville dogs. Elijah Allen recently died there from the bite of a rabid canine, and a horse shared the same fate.

The smallest man in the coal region is Mr. John Bluebaker, of Shamokin. He stands three feet in height with his boots on.

A Schuylkill county man tried to drive in a lath nail with the butt end of a loaded revolver. He mourns the loss of two fingers

The 5,000 employees of the Pennsylvania coal company at Pittston resumed work on Monday.

On Sunday Thomas and Peter Connell were arrested to-day at Poke Hollow, near Wilkesbarre, for passing counterfeits. They were brought to this place and lodged in jail.

The family of Jeremiah Guldin, of North Heidelberg, Berks county, consisting of eleven persons—Mr. and Mrs. Guldin and nine children—are all confined with diphtheria.

Residing near York is a farmer who has kept a record of the number of tramps visiting his premises. From April 1, 1877, to November 18 there were 545, or an average of 16 per week.

A special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Lebanon January 29th, Grand Master S. R. Boyer, of Sunbury, presiding. Fifty-six Past Grands were admitted to membership.

Nearly six million segars were made at Wrightsville, York county, Pa., last year. The amount paid by the manufacturers of these segars for stamps alone was $15,586 60.

William Kershaw was blown through the roof of the engine room at St. Nicholas Mine Slope, Pa., Wednesday by the explosion of one of the four large boilers at the colliery. He died after three hours of great suffering. Deceased was the watchman at the Slope.

J. Albert Huntzinger the Pottsville banker convicted of embezzlement, has been given his first instructions in the business of making wax ends. He will be taught to sew bootlegs shortly. He says he cares not much for himself, but his principal wishes are for the welfare of his father, who he says cannot undergo a confinement of two years.

It is stated that the number of duels in France for the year 1877 was seventeen, from which resulted five deaths. Masscilles figures in the list for five duels, one of which was fatal. This is a small number for France. Paul de Cassagnac might have contributed that many himself in a good year for the sport.

Dr. John M. Lawrence and his wife Rachel, the daughter of President Jackson's adopted son, Andrew Jackson, have just celebrated their silver wedding. They wore the costumes in which they were married and their nine children were their attendants The celebration took place at the Hermitage, where the venerable Mrs. Andrew Jackson now lives with her only surviving son.

Charles Schutter, a Justice of the Peace, was arrested at Hazleton, Pa., January 29th, by a detective of the United States Secret Service, charged with compounding a felony and malfeasance in office. He was placed under $2,000 bail. Schutter released from custody a "Molly Maguire" named Dominick McGlynn, who was arrested for passing counterfeits.

It is now believed that Charlie Ross has been found, in Baltimore, where he was left by a mulatto woman, who brought the boy there from South America. The boy, when taken up by the city authority as a waif, was quite dark, but the coloring on his body, it is believed, was the result of a bath. The little fellow says that he was compelled to bathe in a tub of dirty water, which it is believed was coloring material. This week will solve the mystery.

The city of Scranton appears to be in a bad way financially. The city has no treasurer just now, the last person elected to that position having failed to file a satisfactory bond, and in consequence no money is paid out. She has only eleven policemen, but even these she has not paid since July last. Instead of money they have been receiving city orders, which can only be converted into cash at a discount of ten to twenty per cent

In the early part of last fall A. H. Shimer, a prominent politician of Wilkesbarre, died, and his remains were removed to Kimble's a small settlement on the Lackawaxen river, in Pike county, Pa., for interment. With him were buried a very valuable pin a set of studs, and a ring heavily set with diamonds. The plate upon the coffin was unusally large and of gold. It has now been discovered that the grave has been opened and the valuables removed.

During twelve years Albert Meyn, of Boston, paid the premiums on $25,000 of life insurance. This burden was the cause of his bankruptcy. but he struggled hard, and made the payments, believing that by doing so he was securing his family against poverty after his death. Within two years one after another of the companies in which he was insured have gone to pieces, and when he died, several weeks ago all his policies were worthless His wife and children are penniless.

Mrs. James Titus, of Edenburg' Pa., who was visiting her sister in-law, Mrs. E. F. Squire, of Spartensburg, on last Saturday evening, was on her way to the latter's house, accompanied by her little son Ralph, a smart and active little boy. It was quite dark and the mother carried a lantern in her hand. The two attempted to cross a railroad bridge over Patrich Run. The little fellow slipped and fell through the trestle into the stream below, leaving the mitten that he wore in his mother's hand. During the excitement the light went out, and the frantic mother waded up and down the stream in search of her lost child. Assistance soon arrived, and the lad's lifeless body was at last found five rods below the trestle in the driftwood. The unfortunate lady is almost crazed by her loss, and is quite ill.

DISPATCHES.

READING, Jan. 30.—The employees of J. G. Mohr & Bro., hat manufacturers of this city struck yesterday because the firm discharged two men for incompetency. The other employees tried to force their retention, but failed. The factory was then closed, throwing one hundred hands out of employment.

A SPECIAL dispatch from Laredo, Galveston, says: "Reports have reached here that a party of fifty Mexicans, mostly from Texas, under command of Col. Lalinas, an adherent of Lerdo, attacked the towns of Candela, Savinas and Hidalgo, in the State of Tamaulipas, on the 22d inst. They seized the principal men of these towns and forced them to pay $6,000 for their release. So rapid were the movements of the marauders that the inhabitants thought there were three separate bands. Cavalry started in pursuit of them from different points, upon which they separated and twenty of the band crossed into Texas, below Laredo.

PITTSBURG, Jan 30.—Frank Lynch, a would-be suicide, was arrested on the Fort Wayne railroad bridge over the Allegheny river, on Monday night, an officer coming upon him while he was preparing to jump. On being taken to the station house Lynch confessed to having murdered his little boy, two and a half years old, by throwing him into the river on the night of the 15th of December. At that time Mrs. Lynch was living at Glenfield, a few miles down the river, having separated from her husband and retaining the child. She came to this city, bringing the child with her, was met at the station by her husband, and on the way over the river they quarreled. Lynch knocked his wife down, and seizing the child, fled. He secreted himself until dark, and then started over the river. On his way over the thought struck him that now was the time to end the little one's troubles, and lifting him in his arms, dropped him into the stream. He got work on a steamboat next day and went down the river, but his conscience troubled him and he came home a few days ago. He went to his wife and confessed the deed, and while she was overcome with the tidings he again made his escape. An information for murder was made against him, and the officer following him to this city was just in time to prevent self murder. Lynch has been committed for trial.

BANKS.

The First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., closed its doors the other day. It is expected that depositors will be paid in full.

The Deep River National Bank, at Deep River Conn., was entered by burglars on Wednesday night and the vault blown open. The noise aroused the citizens and alarmed the burglars who had not succeeded in opening the safe. Two of the burglars were arrested.

It has been discovered that C. D. Bascom, cashier of the Brandon, Vt., National Bank, has been letting an irresponsible party named Batchelder have over $60,000 without proper security, nearly half of which, it is alleged, was upon raised notes; and that he has also let out some $40,000 which is a total loss. The bank loses about $100,000, wiping out its surplus of $80,000 and impairing its capital of $200,000 about one-tenth.

The committee apointed by the depositors of the Topeka Bank and Saving Institution made a practial report to a meeting, composed of all the depositors, on Friday night. The committee report the bank solvent in every respect. There was a unanimous expression among the creditors that the bank should resume business at once. It will probably resume on Monday or Tuesday next.

FOREIGN.

The South African revolt is spreading.

Immense peace mass meetings are being held in England.

There are 150,000 refugees at Constantinople. They are inclined to be turbulent, and trouble is feared.

England holds seven hundred million dollars of Turkish securities.

Sitting Bull is coming out of Canada

The Russians are within twenty-four hours' march of Constantinople.

The armstice has been signed at Adrianople.

The wife of a French Canadian laborer in the villiage of St. Benoit, County of Two Mountains, Canada, has given birth to a pair of children united together like the Siamese twins. Both mother and infants are doing well.

The crown prince of Austria will have a wife older than himself if he marries the Princess Beatrice, of Britain.

King Humbert I., it is said, is no lover of France. His only son and heir, the Prince of Naples, was taught from his cradle to speak English and German. This royal child is now eight years old, and does not yet know a word of French. The new Queen Margaret was brought up to love an English-speaking lady, Mrs. G. P. Marsh, wife of the United States Minister to Italy. "Carrie," Mrs. Marsh's niece, was her playmate in childhood and her friend in girlhood.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Union Mutual Insurance Company, of New York city, has decided to retire from business.

California will send five hundred tons of ores to the Paris Exposition.

A Main woman has a head of natural hair over eight feet long.

An explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred in the works of Professor Mowbray, at North Adams, Massachusetts, January 29th, blowing E. J. Wilson, an employe, to atoms. The building was badly shattered.

A New Orleans family of four persons was poisoned, and Mrs. Lambert, one of its members, aged 62 years, fatally, by eating oysters fried in cornmeal, with which arsenic had been mixed by Mrs. Lambert's son-in law to kill rats.

On Thursday last as two colored men were driving a one horse load of straw on the Walnut Bottom road, near Carlisle they were met by two white men one of whom was seen to throw something, presumably a cigar toward the wagon. An instant after the straw burst into a flame. The horse was immediately unhitched and desperate efforts made to save the straw by unloading it, but it was soon entirely consumed. The wagon escaped with little injury.

CHURCH.

Rev. William Smith, D. D., of Canonsburg, for so long a time professor of ancient languages in Jefferson College, passed his eighty-fourth birthday recently, and on the succeeding day started in a snow storm to fill an appointment to preach.

All Souls' Church, a new edifice, Unitarian and the only one of that denomination in Washington, D. C., was dedicated on Tuesday evening.

Fifty churches have been built and paid for by the colored Baptists of Virginia during the past year.

The Ames Methodist Episcopal Church of New Orleans, the only white English Northern Methodist Church in that city, will be sold at Sheriff's sale unless it raises $7000.

The number of Old Catholic priests in Austria has been reduced to four by a recent death. The Synod will meet in the spring, but there is little likelihood of the election of a bishop.

There are over 2,000,000 Baptists in this country at the present, of whom more than one-tenth of the whole number, 199,870, are in Georgia.

The Episcopal Church lost sixty-four clergyman by death in 1877; and of the 43 whose ages are given in the Churchman's Almanac, the average age was over 61 years.

The Church of England has 16,000 religious edifices, including 30 cathedrals, 10,000 glebe houses, 31 Episcopal palaces and 1,000,000 acres of land much of it in good condition for tillage The annual income is $36,000,000.

Dr. Begg, a Scotch Presbyterian, who leads the crusade in Scotland against innovations in public worship, classes among them instrumental music memorial windows, changes of posture, the singing of hyms and the observance of Christmas. In the Edinburgh Free Presbyterian he recently moved an overture to the General Assembly forbidding these obnoxious practices, but was defeated by a vote of 24 to 10.

At a late Communion service held in St. Paul,s Lutheran church, Williamsport, Pa., Rev. T. F. Reeser, pastor, 52 persons were added to the congregation.

As a result of extra services held for several weeks at Bethlehem Presbyterian church, Sidney, N. J., 95 have been added to the church, on examination.

The Congregational Church edifice at Hannibal, Mo., will seat about 1,500 people. It cost $70,000, and is probably the most elegant church edifice in the State outside of St. Louis.

In Beaver Utah, several well-known Mormons, having become dissatisfied with their own faith, now attend the chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Mormon Bishop has tried in vain to prevent the change.

The first Congregational church, of Kalamazoo, Mich., joins the number of churches that have paid their entire debt. Its burdens have been running more than twenty years.

The Lehigh Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., the Rev. J R. Garlick pastor, has the largest white membership of any denomination south of the Potomac river.

The Evangelical Association, a German Methodist body, has eighteen conferences in this country, and a flourishing conference in Germany. According to the latest statistics, it has 828 itinerant and 540 local preachers, and 105,013 members, of whom 16,399 are set down as "newly received" the past year, but the net increase was about 5,000. It has 1,354 churches, valued at $3,233,971, and it raised $67,488 last year for missionary purposes.

It is stated that the Free Will Baptist denomination is fast disintegrating, holding its influence mainly in the back towns of Maine and New Hamphire. The larger portion will go ultimately to the Congregationalists, with whom now they more readily assimilate.

Bishop Haven, of the Methodist church, has issued his call for volunteer missionaries to go to Africa. He wants to send the men out at once, one to take charge of the Monrovia Seminary and another to take charge of the interior work. Rev. Joel T. Osgood will sail for Liberia next month.

A Pottsville divine requires all who come late to church to enter by the altar doors. A most excellent idea, for now the congregation needn't strain their necks so much in looking around to see who is coming in.

The Sunday school of the First English Lutheran church, of Dayton, Ohio, is about 40 years old, and has a membership of 675.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Eoley, of Chicago, has been the recipient of a fine Berlin carriage and a span of black horses valued at $5,000, from the clergy of the diocese.

The Dutch Reformed Church, of which Rev. Dewitt Talmage was pastor was burned at Syracuse, N. Y., Saturday. Loss $30,000; insurance $25,000.

St. Bernard's spire, Cohoes, N. Y., is to have a cross nine by five feet and made of 1,500 glass prisms. Through the interior of the cross are to be projected numbers of gas jets, which will be lighted by the agency of an electric battery.

FIRES.

A four-storied sand-stone building on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, No. 224 and 226, occupied by H. P. & W. P. Smith, dry goods commission merchants, and George Smith, dealer in woolens, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 31st ult. The building was owned by E. S. Harlarn. Estimating the building at $70,000, and the stock at $200,000, the loss was $270,000, nearly fully insured. An equal amount of damage was sustained by adjoining property, and stores, from water thrown to extinguish the fire.

A block of ten wooden buildings, occupied as stores and tenements, in Dorchester, Massachusetts, was burned on Friday. Loss $30,000. Insured.

NEWS ITEMS.

The third annual State Fair of Florida opens at Jacksonville on the 12th. It is expected that the display of fruit vegetables will be the finest ever made in the South.

An American soldier named William Mead, tramping his way to Plattsburg, N. Y., from Montreal City, was frozen to death at Windmill Point, on the night of the 24th ult., after being refused shelter at two houses. His body was found next morning within fifty feet of a fire.

Legal Notices.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE COUNTY OF JUNIATA,

FROM JANUARY 1, 1877, TO DECEMBER 31, 1877.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Juniata County:

The undersigned, Auditors of the County of Juniata, elected and sworn according to law, to audit, settle and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer, Sheriff and Commissioners of the said County of Juniata, respectfully report, that we met in the Auditors' office, in Mifflintown, on the first Monday of Januarr, 1878, being the 7th day of the month, and after a careful examination of said accounts, we find them to be as follows from the first day of January, 1877, to the 31st day of December, 1877, the Treasurer for the years 1877,—Robert E. Parker, Esq., being present at the settlement:

1877. ROBERT E. PARKER, *Treasurer*, **Dr.**

To balance from last year	$ 613 79
To outstanding State and County Taxes	15172 72
To amount of Taxes levied for 1877	22750 07
To amount of money received from sale of County Bonds in 1877, by James Dean	35632 36
To Verdict and Witnesses Fees received from Prothonotary	81 24
To cash from Overseers of Milford township, on account of keeping Mary Brackbill	171 30
To cash from same on account of Judgment No. 8, February term, 1875	254 47
To cash from Treasurer of Mifflin borough, on account of Judgment	275 76
To cash from E. W. H. Kreider, fines for violation of Fish Laws	25 00
To cash from Snyder county, by Jas. Dean, change of venue	205 50
	$75182 21

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By amount of County Orders paid issued prior to 1877	$ 103 17	
By amount of County Orders paid, issued in 1877	41060 81	
By amount of road view certificates paid	595 80	
By amount of State Tax paid	1429 10	
By percentage on same	14 34	
By cash to John M. Garrison, expenses Teachers' Institute	177 25	
By exonerations to collectors	630 90	
By amount of outstanding State and County Taxes	14797 10	
By Treasurer's Salary	775 00	
Balance due County	15701 70	
		$75182 21

Jan. 1, 1878, To balance due County, $15,701 70

1877. W. D. WALLS, *Sheriff*, **Dr.**

To verdict fees during the year	$60 00
Cr. By cash from J. Beidler	$60 00

1878. W. H. KNOUSE, *Sheriff*, **Dr.**

Jan. 1, To balance, verdict fees	$8 00

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES in the hands of the several Collectors, January 1st, 1878:

Collectors.	*District.*	*Yr.*	*Amount*
Jos Nipple	Greenwood	1874	$ 5 53
John Coon	Spruce Hill	1875	49 07
C A Lauver	Monroe	1875	84 27
S M Beale	Tuscarora	1876	347 13
Wm Clark	Beale	1876	274 71
Jacob Fisher	Greenwood	1876	195 45
W Kenawell	Walker	1876	18 50
J B Marley	Patterson	1876	256 09
W H Rutherfo'd	Port Royal	1876	184 25
Philip Smith	Lack	1876	385 94
George Shivery	Fayette	1876	949 94
L Ercenbiolts	Beale	1877	701 12
H H Brubaker	Fayette	1877	909 27
John Harry	Tuscarora	1877	1179 16
C B Horning	Mifflin	1877	546 37
Henry Hopple	Delaware	1877	908 62
G W Jacobs	Port Royal	1877	196 66
Philip Kilmer	Turbett	1877	319 74
John Kelly	Patterson	1877	342 31
John McMeen	Walker	1877	2077 04
W Puffenberger	Fermanagh	1877	999 65
T T Reynolds	Thompsontown	1877	85 47
Mat Stump	Lack	1877	734 34
W N Sterret	Milford	1877	899 29
David Swartz	Monroe	1877	619 02
S Wharton	Spruce Hill	1877	1068 31
H F Zeiders	Greenwood	1877	296 37
Daniel Knouse	Susquehanna	1877	131 58

Total amount standing out $14797 10

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS DEGAN,
JNO. F. ALLEN,
G. W. HUTTMAN,
County Auditors.

AUDITORS' OFFICE,
Mifflintown, January 30, 1878.

STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN BY the Commissioners of the County of Juniata, on the Treasurer thereof, from the 1st day of January, 1877, up to the 1st day of January, 1878, as taken from the records in the Commissioners' Office:

Miscellaneous.

County auditors and Clerk	$ 82 62
S H Slowers, error in statement as Treasurer	29 41
Buyers & Kennedy, coal for jail	49 50
Buyers & Kennedy, coal for court house	117 00
James Stinson, money paid on estray refunded	27 39
Robert Cummings, overpaid tax for 1876	3 25
J L Dearing, stove and pipe for jail	9 62
Alex Ellis, repairs to jail	4 50
Thomas Cox, house rent for holding election	3 00
H K Frymoyer, house rent for holding election	3 00
George Koons, snowing Port Royal bridge	7 00
County Commissioners, bill of traveling expenses, etc., while holding appeals	50 85
M R Bashore, house rent for holding elections	4 00
D B McCulloch, house rent for holding elections	4 00
James McLaughlin, house rent for holding elections	4 00
D D Stone, iron bedstead for jail	12 00
Jacob A Christy, attorney fees	20 00
Albert L Weldey, furnishing material and laying pavement	213 00
H Wingarter, repairing seal presses	7 00
Lewis Degan, house rent for holding elections	4 00
J W Muthersbaugh, hardware	42 65
S F Ludwig, house rent for holding elections	4 00
L Banks, medical attendance at jail	2 00
Alex Speddy, crying court and expressage	88 55
B F Batman, work at court house	9 25
D M Crawford, medical attendance at jail	2 50
H K Frymoyer, house rent for holding elections	3 00
Thomas Cox, house rent for holding elections	3 00
Jury Commissioners and clerk	85 00
J L Barner, abatement on taxes	27 13
D W Swarts, " "	14 37
T T Reynolds, " "	6 47
H H Brubaker, " "	64 45
John P Kelly, " "	14 00
Samuel Wharton, " "	32 19
Philip Kilmer, " "	67 65
Daniel Knouse, " "	30 00
John McMeen, " "	65 58
Wm Puffenberger, " "	37 60
W N Sterrett, " "	68 45
J J Brennisholtz, " "	22 56
Caleb Parker, " "	1 33
L Schrader, percentage on collection, " "	118 42
J N Howe, " "	65 83
Jno Winegardner, " "	144 47
C A Lauver, " "	48 72
W H Nelson, " "	11 71
J C Beale, " "	83 08
M D Dougherty, " "	45 49
J L Barner, " "	38 66
Wm McConnell, " "	44 74
J B Meloy, " "	112 03
C G Shelley, " "	76 63
Sam'l M'Laughlin, " "	88 14
Jas B Marley, " "	119 46
Caleb Parker, " "	68 00
Jas B Marley, " "	38 31
Joseph Nipple, " "	19 50
Wm Kenawell, " "	211 28
Other small bills of sundry persons amounting in the aggregate to	208 20
Total	$2884 52

Constable and Justices' Fees in Commonwealth Cases.

E W H Kreider, S S Wilson & others	$225 52

Commonwealth Witnesses.

Wm D Campbell and others	$296 94

Coroners' and Justices' Inquisitions.

Jos Middagh, Wm Dunn and others	$ 57 10

Jurors' Pay—Grand and Petit.

James Wallace, G W McAllister and others	$3132 18

County Bonds Redeemed.

Wm H Knouse, John C Hetrick and others	$25427 00

Assessors.

Aaron Leidy, Thos Arbuckle, Lewis Burchfield and others	$ 803 40

Constable Returns and Tipstaves.

Jonathan McCoy, John M Stutts and others	$ 336 23

Fox, Mink, and Wild Cat Scalps.

Daniel Amey, William Whistler and others	$ 217 05

Western Penitentiary.

Paid to E S Wright, warden	$ 38 24

State Lunatic Hospital.

Paid to John A Wier, Treasurer, for maintaining Margaret Brackbill	$ 217 40

County Prison.

Wm H Knouse, keeping tramps	$ 132 90
Wm H Knouse, Sheriff fees	110 25
Wm D Walls, keeping tramps	571 40
Wm D Walls, boarding prisoners, &c.	701 18
Total	$1515 73

Legal Notices.

Road Damages.

Robert Stinson, road damages	$ 12 00
J R Kelly, " "	20 00
W N Sterrett, " "	65 00
J J Patterson, " "	149 16
George Taylor, " "	9 00
Wilson Shaffer, " "	25 00
Henry Shaffer, " "	20 00
Wilson Laird, " "	25 00
Joseph Richeson, " "	5 00
Joseph Ard, " "	13 33
Total	$ 343 49

Interest Paid on County Bonds

Joseph Rothrock, John Zook and others	$3100 33

Printing.

Bonsall & Jackman, public printing, election blanks, &c.	$ 344 88
B F Schweier, public printing, election proclamation, &c.	269 74
Total	$ 614 69

Stationery.

Wm Mann, dockets for Prothonotary and Register's offices	$ 73 50
Wm Mann, dockets for Prothonotary and Register's office, and election blanks	58 15
Wm Mann, dockets for Sheriff's office	20 75
Wm Mann, dockets for Prothonotary's office, and stationery	51 94
F L Hatter, blank register	16 11
Total	$ 220 25

Bridges.

J P Aurand, repairs to bridges	$ 31 08
Wm Hench, attention to Fort Royal bridge	12