

SENTINEL & REPUBLICAN

MIFFLINTOWN.

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In certain particulars the new Constitution is first rate, as for example it so provides that hasty legislation, by which, under the old Constitution bills could be passed through the Legislature without scarcely any one knowing anything about the bills, excepting those who had the legislation asked for in charge. But in other particulars it is proving itself to be a burden, and has, within the few years of its operation, so drained the Treasury that the Legislature is perplexed for sources from which to raise the means to pay for the running expenses of the government. The new Constitution doubled the membership of the Legislature; it doubled, or almost doubled the number of courts; it doubled, or nearly doubled the common school fund. The increased expenditure in the three departments just enumerated, if none others were considered, is sufficient to place the finance of the State in the embarrassed condition that it now is.

The effort to levy a tax on oil, that was made, failed in the Legislature last week. Just why the oil business should be exempt from taxation, while all other interests are taxed has not been shown. The oil business is an important business, and its revenues have enriched thousands upon thousands without paying any tax. If the expensive provisions of the new Constitution are to remain as part of that document, the quicker the Legislature sets about to tax oil, and such other products as eat yet bear an assessment, the better it will be.

The expressed opinion in every district is that the credit of the State must not be allowed to suffer, and the Legislature is asked to meet the question fairly, and tax such matters as are not already loaded down. Meanwhile, would it not be well to lay on some of the luxuries of the late or new fundamental documents in amending it.

There is a rumor that the English government has been casting long steady looks across the water to Mexico, which European diplomats interpret to mean that Johnny Bull has some feeling of a closer union of friendship for Mexico. How fully and heartily Mexico returns the longing looks we are not told, but one thing England must count on certain, which is, that whenever she sees to possess Mexico, Uncle Sam may be expected to raise the Monroe doctrine, which is directly opposed to the interference by American governments in American affairs.

The Democrats are in a majority in Congress. Can any reasonable man tell why they refuse to pass the appropriation bills, and adjourn? Can any reasonable man tell why it is that they stay there and refuse to adjourn till the President will sign a series of bills that recognize the States' rights doctrine, under which the Southern men claimed the right to rebel in 1861?

The Presbyterian General Assembly is in session at Saratoga. Committees were all appointed last week. The question of the revision of the book of discipline, as brought up last year, was continued in the hands of last year's committee. The question of the propriety of church members attending theaters and operatic performances was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

SENATOR JONES' religious liberty bill, to exempt "Seventh-day Baptists people, Jews, and all others who do not believe in the Common Sabbath, from the penalties of the Sunday law, came up in the Senate last Thursday, and awakened a lively discussion. The bill was defeated.

Very stringent regulations have been adopted in Russia as to passports. Every one coming into Russia must be provided with a passport, duly verified by the Russian Consul; he must be registered at the Police, and must comply with the regulations imposed, or be subject to fine or imprisonment."

As exchange says: In a test case in New York, Judge Parker decided that the widow of a deceased member cannot recover benefits from a beneficial society of which he was a member if he was in arrears for dues at the time of his death.

ASA PACKER, President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, died at his home in Philadelphia on Saturday from the effects of a cold contracted last fall. He was aged 74 years.

A RECENT decision of the Supreme Court decides that the prohibition to selling liquor on election day covers the twenty-four hours, and not the period the polls are open."

On Thursday the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company leased the North Pennsylvania and Bound Brook for a term of 999 years.

Individuals wish to so amend their State laws, or Constitution that the Legislature can only convene once in every six years.

A copy paper relates the following: A Philadelphia physician recently removed a live cisticeros or embryo tape-worm from the left eye of a merchant of that city. The eye in which the worm took up its abode had been covered with catgut for twenty years, and was consequently useless. But the merchant at times within the last three years suffered excruciating pain in the darkened eye. He consulted numerous oculists, but obtained no relief until his last physician made the case a special study, his investigations resulting in the removal, by incision, of the entozoon mentioned. It is believed to be the first authenticated case of cisticeros in the human eye in this country.

The worm is supposed to have passed from the stomach into which it is taken generally with a pickled pork, into the eye-ball, which organ is rarely reached or affected by it. Had the one taken from this gentleman's eye reached the alimentary canal instead he would have become a very active and enterprising tape-worm.

AGAIN TO THE RESCUE.

Second Veto of President Hayes Bearing on the Southern Question.

The following is the message of the President of the United States, returning to the House of Representatives the bill entitled "An act to prohibit military interference at elections." I return it to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, with the following objections to its approval:

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This ancient and fundamental law has been in force from the foundation of the Government.

It is PROPOSED TO CHANGE THE OLD LAW.

It is now proposed to abrogate it on certain days and in certain places. In my judgment no fact has been produced which tends to show that it ought to be repealed or suspended for a single hour at any place in any of the States or Territories of the Union. All the teachings of experience in the course of our history are in favor of maintaining its efficacy unimpaired.

THE LAWS OF THE FATHERS MAINTAINED THE NATION.

On every occasion when the supremacy of the Constitution has been resisted and the perpetuity of our institutions imperiled the principle of this statute enacted by the Fathers has enabled the government of the Union to maintain its authority and to preserve the integrity of the nation. At the most critical periods of our history my predecessors in this Executive office have relied on this good principle. It was on this principle that President Washington suppressed the whisky rebellion in Pennsylvania in 1794. In 1806, on the same principle President Jefferson broke up the Burr conspiracy by issuing orders for the employment of such force, either of the regulars or of the militia, and by such proceedings of the civil authorities as might enable them to suppress effectively the further progress of the enterprise. And it was under the same authority that President Jackson crushed nullification in South Carolina and that President Lincoln issued his call for troops to save the Union in 1861. On numerous occasions of less significance, but equally important, every administration, and certainly under the present, this power has been usefully exerted to enforce the laws without objection by any party in the country and almost without attracting public attention.

THE POWER OF SELF-PROTECTION.

The great elementary constitutional principle which was the foundation of the original statute of 1792, and which has been its essence in the various forms it has assumed since its first adoption, is that the government of the United States possesses under the Constitution, in full measure the power of self-protection by its own agencies, altogether independent of State authority, and need not, against the hostility of State Governments. It should remain embodied in our statutes unimpaired as it has been from the very origin of the government. It should be regarded as hardly less valuable or less sacred than a provision of the Constitution itself.

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In Franklin, during a circus exhibition, not a scholar was absent morning or afternoon from a school-room. The spirit of the Spartan youth still lives.

Two boys in Columbia county have been sentenced to pay \$25 fine and costs of prosecution for beating a school teacher who had chastised them.

State Treasurer Noyes is the owner of a herd of deer, which roam the park surrounding his residence at Westport, Clinton County. He has also some fine Alderney stock.

Miss Lou Velting, of Pottsville, recently gave a private exhibition before Wilhelm, on the piano which pleased the great musician that he will take him to Hamburg with him and place her under the tuition of the best teachers.

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Supertitious Chambersburgs believe that Hezekiah Schaffer was innocent of the crime for which he suffered death, because the night following his death a bright light of snow covered his grave.

A Clearfield county man wants to walk around the world in 500 days, not including Sundays, for a purse of \$25,000, which is at the rate of \$1 per mile.

The grand jury of Bedford county presented to the court as innumerable each and every mill dam in the Raystown branch so constructed as to prevent the free passage of fish up the waters of said river.

Xingu Park, who was arrested in Clearfield county two or three years ago for participation in labor riots, and defended by General Butler and Hon. Matt Carpenter, has suddenly disappeared from Elizabeth, where he has been living about a year. It is feared that he has been foully dealt with by miners, who accuse him of having incited them to strike, and then deserted them.

The wife of a Pittsburgh baker took \$900 from her husband's safe, a year ago, and started her father in the hotel business. She contracted a bill of \$150 for liquors in her husband's name, and a few days ago took \$100 from the safe and sent it to her father. The husband is at a loss to know what to do, as he cannot indict his wife for larceny.

A ten-year-old son of Mr. Wilberforce C. Eaton, of Fairview, Erie county, was knocked down by a vicious horse on Monday a week, and literally trampled to death.

Jennie Layton, a ten-year-old girl, living in Johnstown, picked up a pistol in play on Sunday a week, and fired at her cousin, a young man named Jesse Layton. The ball struck him in the center of the forehead, but, glancing upward, he escaped with no greater injury than an abrasion of the skin.

A dispatch from Reading says, on the 14th inst., the police by order of Mayor Tyson, notified the proprietors of all stores usually kept open on Sunday that they must positively close next Sunday. The mayor has expressed his determination to do all in his power to prevent open violation of the Sunday laws.

That is best not to touch things that one has no acquaintance with, is illustrated by a dispatch from Pittsburg, on the 14th, which says: This morning while Mary Stanton, aged 10, was walking on the track of the Lehigh Valley railroad, near Shenandoah, she saw a torpedo attached to a rail, and not knowing what it was, struck it with a stone, when it exploded, tearing the flesh from her arms and legs. Her injuries, though serious, are not thought to be fatal.

Near Renovo, a short time since, a man and his dog, while out hunting, came across a bear at the foot of a hollow tree. Nothing daunted, the hunter poured some heavy buckshot on top of pheasant shot, and brought down old brain at the first shot. A half-grown cub then ran out, which the man felled with an axe. Two more cubs were secured alive. The old 'un weighed 250 pounds. If this hunting can be extended on the Rocky mountains, or anywhere else, let us have a note of the fact. Pennsylvania sharp-shooters are hard to beat in the field.

THE GOVERNMENT SHUT OUT.

Under the sweeping terms of the bill the National Government is effectually shut out from the exercise of the right and from the discharge of its imperative duty to use its whole executive power whenever and wherever required for the enforcement of its laws at the places and times where and when its elections are held. The employ-

ment of its organized armed forces for any such purpose would be an offence against the law, unless called for by and therefore upon permission of the authorities of the State in which the occasion arises.

THE BILL MEANS STATE SUPREMACY.

What is this but the substitution of the discretion of the State Government for the discretion of the government of the United States as to the performance of its own duties? In my judgment this is an abandonment of its obligations by the national government, a subordination of national authority and an intrusion of State supervision over national duties which amounts in spirit and tendency to State supremacy.

Though I believe that the existing statutes are abundantly adequate to completely prevent military interference with the elections in the sense in which the phrase is used in the title of this bill and is employed by the people of this country, I shall find no difficulty in concurring in any additional legislation not limited to that object which does not interfere with the indispensable exercise of the powers of the government under the Constitution and the laws.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, May 12, 1879.

On Friday a Boston court returned a verdict of \$26,000 in favor of Charles B. Wharthen, a traveling salesman, for personal injuries which resulted in the loss of a leg, by the collision of cars on which the salesman was a passenger.

The case was tried before a verdict of \$18,000 returned, but exceptions were filed and a new trial granted, with the above result.

THE NEGRO EXODUS.

IT IS reported that the Virginia legislature has now seventeen cities, Bradford being the last one incorporated.

It takes 1,250 pounds of silver coin to pay the hands in the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Altoona.

A boy named Nagel fell from a wagon on Allentown on the 13th and was instantly killed.

Edward Kenner, colored, and Mary Susan Hale, white, are now confined in the Virginia penitentiary on a term of five years for minnegation that being an indictable offense under the State law.

The sixth annual convention of the National Millers' Association met at the city this morning. A barrel of water fell on him, crushing his head and he was instantly killed.

The body of Dennis Murphy, who had been missing from his home at Tawanda, Pa., for two weeks, has been found in the Susquehanna. It bore marks of violence, and foul play is suspected.

The body of a little daughter of Michael Hoary, living at Locust Gap, Lancaster county, was found in the creek at Mount Carmel in a partly decomposed condition on Sunday a week ago. She was missed from home several weeks ago, and it was supposed she had been stolen away by gypsies.

Up in Lackawanna county they elected on Tuesday a week, Miss H. Evelyn Brooks County Superintendent of Common Schools. Lackawanna is the youngest county in the State.

Two months ago Dr. Pierce, of Factoryville, Wyoming county, deserted his wife and family and eloped with Mrs. Riggs, the wife of his hired man. He had the day before prescribed some medicine for his wife who was ill after the flight of his husband. Mrs. Pierce took the medicine. She died a few hours afterward. Pierce and Mrs. Riggs went to Texas. The woman had taken her little boy, four years old with her. Shortly after taking up their residence in Texas, Pierce subjected Mrs. Riggs and her baby to the most brutal treatment. Three weeks ago Mrs. Riggs, taking advantage of the absence of Pierce, took \$100 of his fiddle with her child. Pierce got track of her and followed her. She eluded him and reached her father's house on Saturday but was very sick, and died soon afterward. Pierce then fled, but the officers of the law are after him on the charge of murdering his wife.

Louis Barron, a mechanist, of Waterford, N. Y., last Wednesday went home from work, sick, fell fainting, his wife, and explained to his wife, "I am dying." This frightened Mrs. Barron to such an extent that she died shortly afterward.

Although delivering the ten dollar certificates at the rate of \$800,000 a day, the Treasury department cannot meet the demand. The total amount to be issued is \$40,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 have already been disposed of.

At midnight on Sunday a week 200 feet of the north Irvin dam, on the west branch of the Penobscot river, Maine, was washed away by a great freshet from the melting snow.

Wm. H. Brush, a leading brick manufacturer of Buffalo, N. Y., was seriously injured, fatally shot at Barnstable, on the 1st instant, while at work in his shop, and died on the 2nd.

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