

MIFFLINTOWN. Wednesday, November 18, 1885. B. F. SCHWEIER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

QUAY is spoken of as a candidate for the United States Senate.

GENERAL McCLELLAN left his military accoutrements to his son.

A nice kettle of fish in New York the Mogwumps and Tammany.

The mind cure believers propose to build a \$70,000 church in Boston.

The President is busy at work on his message. Will he raise a financial racket is the question?

It is said that in Georgia, from the Governor down to his messenger every officer is a Prohibitionist.

Ex-United States Senator William Sharon of California, died on the 13th inst. He was an Ohio man by nativity.

GLADSTONE, the British statesman, employs every Saturday of fair weather at cutting wood. It is his way of taking exercise.

CONGRESSMEN are turning their eyes toward Washington, whether they soon will direct their steps. God save the country.

A MAN who has had experience says the best way that he knows of to remove superfluous hair is to undertake to kiss a woman against her will.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has his gold notes almost ready for utterance to Congress. Don't get scared they will not stop the motion of the earth.

A NATIONAL Conference of free traders was held in Chicago, last week, to organize for the purpose of controlling congressional districts next year.

SECRETARY MANNING has received a circular from the Eastern Pig Iron Association taking high grounds in favor of protection to home industries.

REV. DR. TENO, a New York City preacher left an estate of \$40,500. It is not often that preachers when they leave this world leave an estate behind them.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND will picture in his forth coming message the inconvenience and evils of a silver currency, without picturing the advantages of a silver coin currency.

The gold bugle men tell what is not a fact when they state that the silver that is mined at the United States mints is paid for in gold. Government takes its pay for coinage in silver.

The government that takes one hundred and eighty dollars of every one thousand silver standard dollars that it coins, and that is the exact size of the bugaboo that that the gold men have raised about government paying for silver.

An Italian astronomer declares that the planet Mars is peopled by intelligent beings, who are trying to attract attention from dwellers on this planet. He is now engaged in making experiments with a view to discover what the messages mean.

A COMPANY of one man three women on Salvationists, were stoned in Cincinnati. The Salvationists may be cranks, but they should not be stoned. Cincinnati is a bad city, and the worst of it is, a number of strong and able citizens back the bad element in their pernicious work.

The Indianapolis Millstone says: Millers who in the past have expressed a preference for shrunken grain, claiming that while it made less flour to the bushel, it made the best quality of new process flour, will have a golden opportunity to put their theories to a test. Eastern reports say that the grain of that section has so shrunk as to resemble the North-western spring wheats, while the extra hard wheat of the Northwest is reported to have so shrunken a berry as to make it appear unmarketable.

The Philadelphia Record says: The experiment of draining the headwaters of the Mississippi at advantageous points in order to accumulate a store of water sufficient to keep the lower river at a navigable stage during the summer months is a demonstrated success. Three dams commenced in 1882, were completed for use this year, with a storage capacity in the natural lake reservoirs for holding the surplus water of 75,000,000 cubic feet. The basin drained into these reservoirs covers an area of over 3000 square miles. When the water below St. Paul falls ceases to interrupt navigation in the beginning of August the supply in the reservoirs was drawn upon and the river kept at a navigable stage. After the reservoir system is completed it will have the double value of checking to some extent the disastrous floods in the upper river when there is too much water and of giving out the supply when there is too little.

The New Tax Law.

The Philadelphia Times of the 12th inst. says: The people of Pennsylvania did not study the new tax law until they learned its provisions through the somewhat searching offices of the assessors; and when they came to understand it in a practical way, they generally inclined to regard it with disfavour.

The new law, like most other legislative measures of importance to the public, was delayed until the closing hours of the session. Then something had to be done to save the treasury from bankruptcy, and the bill was whipped through with little time and probably as little of fort to perfect it. It is imperfect and in some features harsh and oppressive, not so much because the Legislature meant to make it so as because legislators did not give it the consideration necessary to perfect it.

The new law is now running the gauntlet of the Courts in Berks county, and there is ample time before the next meeting of the Legislature to reach a judicial decision from the highest tribunal of the State. While a battle in the courts is not likely to affect the law before another year shall elapse, and therefore not likely to afford relief much before remedial legislation could be obtained, it is well to secure the broadest possible judicial construction of the statute before the Legislature shall meet.

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