

LAST May only six weeks ago, General De Pyster of New York and wife celebrated their golden wedding. On the 7th of this July, Mrs. Pyster instituted proceedings for divorce on the ground of "cruel and inhuman treatment."

The witnesses of the execution of the murderers in Sing Sing Prison New York, by electricity will not tell what they saw, and that is the reason that such private execution should not be tolerated. Secret executions or killing is contrary to the spirit of everything that is American.

The Democracy are out in a regular scold denouncing every thing the Republicans do or ever did do. The latest object of their scold is the U. S. Treasury which they declare to be bankrupt. But the funniest parts of it all is the fact, the Treasury pays as it goes and its paper is at a premium above all other paper. The Democracy must be scolding for the want of something better to do, for who ever before heard of a man or nation that was bankrupt with their paper at par and at a premium.

DEBATEURS from KIRKBY say, the Farmers' Alliance propose to try and keep the wheat and other grain from being put upon the market in such quantities as to break prices. Well, if other business in the country, may organize to protect their interests, may not the Farmer's Alliance do the same thing. Railroads combine to control freight and passenger rates. Fruit growers combine to get better prices. Boards of trade are organized to further their business, and grain dealers and merchants receive prices less of goods every week from the grand center organizations that fix and publish the prices and with all such facts staring wide awake people in the face it is difficult to understand why a word of objection should be urged to the Alliance trying to keep the farmers from breaking their own markets. The only thing in the way seems to be the extent of the work of controlling the output of grain from the farms.

The four men executed by electricity in Sing Sing prison, York State, on the 7th inst., were presented in private. No newspaper people were allowed to be present. All who were there were there by the favor of the men engaged in the killing of the criminals. Murderers are tried in public, and they should not be executed in a place where the representatives of the public journals have access. The committee of witnesses at an execution should not be a picked committee no more than a jury that sits on the trial of a man's life should be a picked jury. The public pay for the keeping up of the court and all its machinery, pay for the jails, pay for the executions, pay prison doctors and pay Commonwealth lawyers, and they have a right to know what is going on behind prison walls, and the only way to secure that information is to permit newspaper people to be present. Newspaper people sometimes abuse their privileges, but the rights of the people are only safe where the newspaper people have access. Crush out the rights of free speech and free writing and despotism follows.

A Lightning Rod Swindler. Many times during the run of a year, country newspapers publish the tricks of swindling agents, but it is not every man that is far enough up to get a newspaper for himself and family to learn the good and the bad of the world, and sometimes a man gets a news paper and does not read it, but leaves the reading of it to his family and by such a habit he does not acquaint himself with the tricks of bad men. The man who takes a newspaper and reads it is seldom caught by swindlers such as caught a man in Sinking Valley the particulars of which are related by the Tyrone Herald. Nicholas Nicholas Lewis, one of Sinking Valley's prosperous farmers had an expensive experience with a slick lightning rod agents. On Wednesday last week two smooth-tongued travellers stopped at Mr. Lewis' house and entered with him into a contract by which they as representatives of the "National Copper Tube Co.," were to furnish lightning rods for his dwelling house. They agreed to furnish 75 feet free of charge and estimated the total cost of the work to be \$6, but the contract was slyly worded "65 cents per foot for as much as it takes."

Thursday another oily individual appeared, and astounded Mr. Lewis by demanding advance payment by note of \$200, which he said would be the total cost of putting up the rods. Mr. Lewis naturally demurred and the persistent agent then suggested a compromise by which Mr. Lewis should give him \$75 and get no rods at all. By dint of smooth talking, he finally succeeded in obtaining from the bewildered farmer \$25 in cash and a note for \$45. Satisfied with his work, the agent then departed.

Mr. Lewis came to town Friday and notified the Tyrone and Altoona banks not to accept the note. With the publicity gained by publications of the fraud in the Blair county newspapers, it is hoped that no trouble will be occasioned by making of the note.

Senator Quay

A number of Philadelphians are in an address denouncing Senator Quay and blaming him for certain acts and blaming him for the defeat of certain bills before the late Legislature. The committee as the huntsman says, have taken the wrong trail and tread the wrong game, for the Senator says of their address: "So far as it refers to me it is false from beginning to end. There is not a word of truth in the charges, I deny every charge. They are as false as were those of last year. The gentlemen who signed this address are not republicans. All of them voted for Pattison for Governor. Many of them voted for Cleveland for President, and you will find among them a large number who are free traders, or whose sympathies are with the free traders. I can stand attacks coming from such Democratic sources. Why, what do they charge?"

"First, that there were some amendments proposed to the Ballot Reform bill that were undesirable. I declare most emphatically that I took no part, whatever, in the ballot reform legislation. I don't interfere with any way. Again, these Democrats, calling themselves Republicans charge the Republican party, and incidentally me, with the defeat of the sectional school bill, designed to purify and strengthen the public school system of Philadelphia. Why, I was in favor of that bill. It was a good one, and had I been interested in legislation in any way, I should have supported it heartily.

"And think of connecting me in any way with the Bardsley business! It is ridiculous. Bardsley was not nominated by politicians. He was not a politician's candidate. He was thrust forward as a representative of the business man. I have only a slight acquaintance with the man. I have seen him, and that is all. I should not know him if I met him on the street. I never had any dealings with him. I know nothing, whatever of him, except what I have read in the newspapers. These charges are as preposterous as they are false.

The Republican party and the politicians had nothing whatever to do with Bardsley and his defalcation. The crime committed was committed by a man who took the office to make what he could out of it for himself. He did not do this for the aid of the Republican party or its leaders. He had no business relations with them. He did not do it as a politician or as a Republican. He did it as Bardsley, and there is no significance whatever to be attached to it."

To Buy Negroes. A Missouri farmer filled out the census blank requiring the cause of his farm mortgage with the simple statement: "Mortgaged to buy negroes." Before the war he had placed an incumbrance on his farm in order to add to his stock of negroes. He has never been able to lift it.

They Hang No More. They hang no more people in York State who execute legally condemned criminals by electricity. They call it electrocution—which is simply sending a current of electricity through a man tied in a chair. On the 7th of July four men who had been sentenced to death for murder were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison about day break. They elect to die each man separately, and when all things were ready two charges each of 20 seconds with a minute between each charge was sufficient to produce death so still that not a muscle twitched.

Government Rain. Congress last session appropriated \$7,000 to test the feasibility of producing rain in sections of the country where it seldom rains, and at this time a government officer is in the driest place in the interior of Texas experimenting. He will send up into the air balloons, charged with oxygen and hydrogen, at a certain height he will explode the balloons and the explosions it is believed will so act upon the air and clouds as to collect moisture and cause it to fall in the form of rain. Large kites with transverse cans tied to their tails will be sent up and exploded by an electric wire.

Fourth of July Divorcees. "It is a curious fact," said a well-known divorce lawyer yesterday, "that the Fourth of July seems to have the effect of bringing on many divorce suits. For seven or eight years past I have noticed that after a very quiet June there is a rush of applications for divorce as soon as the Fourth is over. The only cause I can assign for this is that on the Fourth husband or wife becomes so exhilarated in a patriotic way that their differences culminate in an explosion, and an application for divorce follows or possibly one or the other takes advantage of the holiday to go on some excursion or spree, and the aggrieved one finds good ground in the other's conduct for a legal separation. But, whatever the cause may be, it is certain that the divorce mill begins to grind with great activity just after the Fourth."—Record.

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A Letter to Our Friends

MEADVILLE, Pa., July 8th, 1891. The bell rings, the train moves westward. We are on our journey, leaving Thompsonstown, 10 o'clock A. M. July 6th, and after winding around the graceful curves of the Juniata, we sped rapidly on our way. Passing through Patterson, Lewisport, Huntingdon and Tyrone which are all flourishing towns for their size. We finally reach Altoona, rather the mountain city as it is sometimes called. Having only ten minutes time we could not visit any of its curiosities, but judging by the appearance of what we saw in passing through, it must be a delightful as well as a busy city.

In continuing our trip we soon begin the ascent of the Alleghenies. In few minutes we behold that remarkable scenery—the Horseshoe Bend. Looking down over the side of the mountain for hundreds of feet, into the abyss below, we see nothing but a small mountain rivulet. Proceeding up the mountain we enter the tunnel, which is one and three fourths miles in length. The lights are lit and all seems like night. While passing through this artificial passage of under ground we could not keep but think of the wonderful achievements of man when he has spanned the deep ravine with the bridge or pass through a mountain by means of a tunnel.

Three minutes more and we reach Gallatin, the highest point of the P. R. R. Soon we are thundering down the valley of the Conemaugh, observing the ruins of the Johnstown Flood. The towns which were destroyed by this flood are rapidly being rebuilt. Then resuming our course, we pass through the busy towns of Ligonier, Greensburg, Janette and Bradford, where we were defeated and killed one hundred and thirty one years ago—and finally reached the "Snaky City" Pittsburg where we quenched our hunger and found a good resting place for the night.

The next forenoon—which was July 7th, was spent in visiting the city of Allegheny. At 1:20 we left Pittsburg by Pittsburg & Erie Railroad, the highest point of the P. R. R. In traveling this distance the rail road is along the banks of the Ohio River, on whose waters we saw large Steam Boats flowing the crystal waters. From Rochester the rail road is along the Beaver River for quite a distance. Along this River you find some flourishing towns such as Beaver Falls, New Castle, Sharon and so on. On reaching Linesville, we change cars for Meadville—our destination.

Meadville is in short—the finest town I ever saw, the surrounding country is swampy, and very much wood timber land, yet the town is so beautiful. The pavements are marble, everywhere are lawns and small parks. The city has about 10,000 inhabitants.

Hoping Dear Friends that you are now reading this piece than I am writing, I will say "Good Night."

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Canada Thistles

The law for the destruction of Canada thistles is as follows: 1. It shall be the duty of every person or persons, and of every corporation holding land or lands in any county or counties of this commonwealth, either by lease or otherwise, on which any Canada thistles or weeds commonly known as Canada thistles may be growing, to cut the same as to prevent such thistles or weeds from going to seed, and the seed of the same from ripening, and every person or persons, or corporation as aforesaid, who shall or may have land so owned, held, or occupied, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay a fine of fifteen dollars to the treasurer of the school district in which such land may be situated, to be recovered the same as debts of like amount are now by law recoverable.

2. If any person or persons, or corporation, holding land as aforesaid, on which any Canada thistles, or weeds commonly known as Canada thistles, are growing, and likely to ripen seed thereon, shall neglect or refuse to cut and destroy the same so as to prevent the seed thereof from ripening, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, who may consider themselves aggrieved or about to be injured by such neglect or refusal, to inform by written notice any constable or supervisor of the township or district in which the said Canada thistles or weeds may be growing, whose duty it shall then be to give five days' notice in writing to such person or persons, or corporation, to cut and destroy such thistles or weeds, and on the neglect or refusal to do so, to destroy the same at the end of five days, it shall be the duty of the officer giving such notice to enter upon such premises, with such other person or persons as he may employ, and cut and destroy such Canada thistles, and the said officer or other persons so employed shall be entitled to recover from such person or persons or corporation owning or holding land as aforesaid, compensation at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, and the officer serving such notice shall likewise be entitled to a fee of fifty cents, together with six cents mileage for each mile, circular, necessarily travelled, to be recovered as debts of like amount before any justice or court in said counties.

3. It shall be the duty of the supervisors of the public roads or highways in every township or district as aforesaid, to cut and destroy in the same manner all such Canada thistles or weeds on or along such roads, and in case of unseated or mountain lands, whenever it shall come to the knowledge of either the supervisor or constable of the existence of any such Canada thistles or weeds thereon, it shall be his duty to notify the owner, or owners, or agents of said lands in writing, giving ten days' notice to cut and destroy the same as aforesaid, and upon failure to comply at the end of the ten days, such officer, or any person or persons employed by him, shall proceed in the manner hereinbefore provided, with like fees and compensation, and if such constable or supervisor shall

neglect or refuse to perform his duties as prescribed by this act, he shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars, as same to be sued for and recovered as aforesaid, by the party or parties aggrieved or about to be injured by such neglect or refusal.

Probating a Will.

The case of probating a will from among the five wills that Mrs. R. C. Gallagher left, was before Recorder Barry last Thursday. It was quite a court that the Recorder held. There was a new lawyer upon the scene. Mr. Ames from Williamsport, who was present for the M. E. Preacher's Aid Society. A number of witnesses were in attendance, and for a time it was not known where the case would lead to, however, in the afternoon the focal point of framing an issue was reached and the Recorder was relieved of the duty for the present time of determining which will to probate. The five wills are all to appear in court, probably next September, where the mental capacity of Mrs. Gallagher to make a will is to be submitted to a jury. If the jury determine that she had sufficient mind to make a will, then one of the wills will be probated by the Recorder. If the jury find she had not sufficient mind to execute a will such as is contemplated under the law, then she will be considered as having died intestate, or in other words without having made a will, and her lawful heirs, whoever they may be, will be satisfied to her estate. Her estate is estimated to be worth about six thousand dollars. It is about nineteen years since her husband R. C. Gallagher died. Since his death she received over forty thousand dollars from the estate in money, which she gave away to churches, to societies, to individuals, and to lawyers. It is no fault of the lawyers that the estate is in such a state. They had nothing to do with the building up of the estate and were only called in when the parties to whom the estate belonged could not agree to its distribution. Mrs. Gallagher was an economical woman in her ways of living, and was extravagant in nothing except in the giving away of ready cash.

Teachers' Examinations for Mifflintown and Fernagh in Mifflintown and Millport, Pa.

Examinations will be held at Mifflintown, Pa., on the following dates: July 22, Wednesday, at 8 o'clock; July 23, Thursday, at 8 o'clock; July 24, Friday, at 8 o'clock; July 25, Saturday, at 8 o'clock; July 26, Sunday, at 8 o'clock; July 27, Monday, at 8 o'clock; July 28, Tuesday, at 8 o'clock; July 29, Wednesday, at 8 o'clock; July 30, Thursday, at 8 o'clock; July 31, Friday, at 8 o'clock; August 1, Saturday, at 8 o'clock; August 2, Sunday, at 8 o'clock; August 3, Monday, at 8 o'clock; August 4, Tuesday, at 8 o'clock; August 5, Wednesday, at 8 o'clock; August 6, Thursday, at 8 o'clock; August 7, Friday, at 8 o'clock; August 8, Saturday, at 8 o'clock; August 9, Sunday, at 8 o'clock; August 10, Monday, at 8 o'clock; August 11, Tuesday, at 8 o'clock; August 12, Wednesday, at 8 o'clock; August 13, Thursday, at 8 o'clock; August 14, Friday, at 8 o'clock; August 15, Saturday, at 8 o'clock; August 16, Sunday, at 8 o'clock; August 17, Monday, at 8 o'clock; August 18, Tuesday, at 8 o'clock; August 19, Wednesday, at 8 o'clock; 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