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Our Legislative Records are
a month behind. What will we do?

PRINCE GORTSCHAKOFF, the great
Russian statesman, is dead. He was
to Russia what Bismarck is to Ger-
many, and his death is a very great
blow to his country.

It is very generally thought a request
will come to the applicants for the
post office here to have an election. In
this course Congressman Miller will be
carrying out the almost universal desire
of our people.

While we feel it a duty to give to
our readers all news, and while it is
not only the duty but the interest of
any journal to do so, yet we do not feel
like reproducing statements first sent
and appearing in the city dailies. All
we find among our records here, or as
proceedings of our Courts, in which
the public are interested and should
know of, we have and will continue to
give our readers, "without fear, favor
or affection."

All will regret the defeat of Mr.
Donly's wild daisy bill. If some mem-
bers of the House who voted against
that bill had but ever seen an ox-eyed
daisy, or had any knowledge of its
beneficial nature and desolating habits,
they certainly would have voted differ-
ently. As a punishment to them, and
a just revenge, it would be nothing
more than right for the friends of the
bill to take steps towards giving them
a taste of the wild daisy by having
some seeds of it taken and scattered
over the counties they represent. Their
constituents would then soon cry aloud
for the law to prevent its spread.

Here is Wiggins' explanation of
the failure of his storm to make its
appearance: "If the moon's conjunction
with the sun had taken place at 1
o'clock on the meridian of London in-
stead of 4 o'clock in the morning, Lon-
don time; in other words, if the con-
junction had taken place over the Gulf
of Guinea instead of the China sea, the
whole American coast, granting her to
have been, as she was, in perigee, would
have been put under water; and a time
will come when this will take place.
And should Venus and Mercury
happen at that moment to be at their
inferior conjunction and Jupiter, Mars
and Saturn at their superior conjunction,
the breakers will roar in the streets of
New York city and Florida will be
under water. All astronomers, from
the Astronomer Royal down, will
pleasure make this explanation to show
scientific men that my system of fore-
telling storms is not only founded on
science but on the earth and the heav-
enly bodies."

Handsome Tribute.

The Hon. James B. Neale, present
Judge of the Courts of Armstrong coun-
ty, has paid a handsome tribute to the
memory of his predecessor, the late
Hon. Joseph Buffington. He presented
on the 5th inst., to the county of Arm-
strong, through her County Commis-
sioners, a fine oil painting likeness of
the late Judge Buffington, which will
hereafter grace the walls of the Court
room of that county. No more fitting
thing could have been done. The act
was a noble one, and while it reflects
credit upon Judge Neale, it affords
great pleasure to all who knew the
worth of Judge Buffington. Many of
the older citizens of Butler and of this
county remember Joseph Buffington as
an able lawyer and an upright man.
He studied law in this place, was mar-
ried here, and removed to Armstrong
county, over the Courts of which he
presided for, we believe, near fifteen
years. Many in this county will be
pleased to learn of this tribute to his
memory.

From the West.

Mr. Conrad Snyder, son of Mr. John
Snyder, Sr., of Brady township, of this
county, went to Iowa, near thirty
years ago, and never visited his old
home until last week. He had out-
grown the recollection of some of his
father's family. He went to Iowa
not but is now the owner of a large
and valuable farm, over which railroads
pass and on which a flourishing town
is located.

Mr. James Milford, who went from
Clay township, this county, to Iowa
some few years ago, writes that he has
"320 acres of good land, well improved,
over 40 head of cattle and about 60
head of hogs—my land is worth \$12,
000. Rev. David Dodds, formerly of
Butler county, is my preacher." He
closes his letter to us by saying that he
"likes the country, but it is a place
that also takes watching, as there are
some here who want to live by cheat-
ing their neighbors."

Mr. Benjamin S. Douthett, of Kansas,
and oldest son of Mr. Joseph Douthett,
formerly of Brownsdale, Penn town-
ship, this county, was back to see his
friends and relatives here last week.
Mr. D. went to Kansas twelve years
ago last December and settled near
Garnett, Anderson county, where he
has a fine farm, on which last year
he had 75 acres in corn alone. He speaks
of the present appearance of things in
Kansas as being good. Of the prohibi-
tory liquor law, now engraved in the
Constitution of Kansas, he says the in-
terest in its favor is increasing, and
that the temperance question will likely
soon override in its importance that
of any political or other question that
State.

—Fresh oysters received twice a
week at the City Bakery, Vogely
House block.

Accittal of Dukes.

A jury of Fayette county has acquit-
ted Dukes who shot Capt. Nutt, at
Uniontown, that county, last Decem-
ber. As both parties were public
officers this case acquired great promi-
nence. Dukes was a Democratic mem-
ber elect to the Legislature, and Nutt
was the Republican cashier of the State
Treasury. Nothing of a political na-
ture, however, was in the trouble be-
tween them at the time of the killing.
It was of a quite different character,
that need not be stated. They had met
not according to arrangement at the
room of Dukes to see if they could set-
tle their difficulty. Both appear to have
been armed, although Dukes had writ-
ten Nutt that he would be unarmed.
No sooner were they together than a
personal conflict took place. Who was
the aggressor just then will probably
never be known, as they were alone.

But other parties immediately entered
their room and separated them. Up to
this time no shooting had taken place.
After being separated, and when ap-
parently in no danger from Nutt, Dukes
deliberately drew his pistol, fired and
killed Nutt. This was the evidence of
the two men who separated them.
How then Dukes has been cleared on
the plea of self defense is what the out-
side world cannot understand. The
weight of evidence proved him guilty
of at least manslaughter. But that
political prejudice and feeling had much
to do with the verdict seems quite evi-
dent. The whole jury were the politi-
cal friends of Dukes. From the mo-
ment this fact was known his friends
foretold an acquittal. Happening in
this day and generation, and in the
State of Pennsylvania, it is no wonder
this verdict has called forth general
denunciation. And if there is any
lesson to be learned from this verdict,
it is the danger of politics in the jury
box. Another matter it is true warns
all, and that is the practice of carry-
ing concealed weapons. When the law
is enforced against this cowardly and
evil practice there will be less loss of
life. The letters of Dukes to Nutt show
him to be a heartless villain. But
Nutt in reply foolishly threatens to be
his own avenger, and hence both arm
themselves. Had the law been ap-
plied to by Capt. Nutt his life would
have been spared and the honor and
peace of his family be in better condi-
tion than now, while at the same time
public opinion would have driven
Dukes into disgrace and exile. The
law is wide enough and sufficient for
all offenses and cases. This case again
points out the great duty of adhering
to it under all circumstances. And
this is perhaps the greatest lesson to
be derived from this sad case.

Remarks of Mr. Donly.

The following remarks were made
by the Hon. J. T. Donly, of this county,
in the Legislature on the 2d inst.,
upon a resolution providing for a tribute
of respect to the memory of the Hon.
S. M. Loveland, a member from Mercer
county in the session of 1881, and who
died at his home in that county shortly
after the adjournment of that session:
"Mr. Speaker, as I was one of the com-
mittee to draft resolutions relating
to the death of Hon. Solomon M. Loveland,
it is my pleasure to meet me to say
a few words in honor of his memory.
Although I was not personally ac-
quainted with him, yet representing
as he did the same section of our State
that gave me birth, I feel the more at
liberty to drop a kind word in sym-
pathy with his friends at home and his
fellow members of this House, and in
showing my common condolence over
the loss of a good and useful citizen and
an efficient member of the State Legisla-
ture. Mr. Speaker, it is common on
occasions of this kind, when nations
and States mourn the loss of states-
men, princes and warriors, to cover up
their faults and follies, to speak in ex-
tolling terms of their lives, and it is
perhaps well; but in the midst of sad
memories here-to-night I am happy
to say that on this occasion there is no
need to hide anything of the past, but
I am perfectly willing to let the sun-
light of perfect day reveal every feature
of the past.
It is the brilliancy of character that
shines most brightly at an hour like
this; deeds of daring in the warrior,
great oratory in the statesman are, it
is true, stars in the galaxy of noble
deeds—but when life has ebbed away
the brightest jewel by far that remains
is the memory of a noble, honest, plain-
dealing life. I can say without flinching,
in a breath of suspicion to the contrary
that this was the character of the late
member from Mercer, whose memory
we to-night cherish.
Educated in the common schools—
reared up in the peaceful avocation of
the farmer; justice of the peace; school
director; brigade inspector; surgeon,
and then, in the year 1831—Representa-
tive of his county in this House, per-
forming his duties here with unwaver-
ing fidelity; and then, ere his mission
of usefulness was ended, in the zenith
of mental activity cut off like a 'shock
of corn,' not fully ripe, he has gone
the way of all the earth.
Death, come when it may, is sad
and melancholy, but after all, to the true
Christian (and we are satisfied he was
one) much of the sting is taken away.
Death is natural, and why should we
mourn, for we all 'fade as the leaf'
and will soon pass away and be for-
gotten?
To conclude, let me say, in behalf of
this Assembly, to the friends of this
departed one, in the language of the
great and good Dr. Franklin, in his let-
ter to a friend concerning the death of
John Franklin. He says: "We con-
dole you; you have lost a dear and
valuable relation; but with pains
in death we part with all pains
or possibility of pain." Our friend and
we were invited abroad to a party of
pleasure; his chair was ready first, and
he has gone before us. Why should
we sorrow since we are soon to follow
and know where to find him? Let us
take this memento to ourselves: He
is also ready for in such an hour as
we think not the Son of Man cometh."

Legislative Work.

Mr. Groer, of this county, introduced
in the Senate last week, a bill to
prohibit persons from treating other
persons to intoxicating drinks. The
bill makes treating a criminal offense
and provides for a fine of \$25 for vi-
olation of the act.

Mr. Donly's bill in the House, to
suppress the growth and going to seed
of the weed known as the wild daisy,
was defeated by a vote of 73 yeas to
87 nays.

Mr. Stubbs, Chester, read an act
making it a misdemeanor for a minor
to declare himself of age for the pur-
pose of obtaining liquor.

An act to increase the length of the
school term. Not passed—Yeas 60,
nays 95.

An act to repeal an act authorizing
clerks of markets to weigh butter—
Yeas 136, nays 38.

An act to prevent delay and discrimi-
nations by railroad, railway or trans-
portation companies—Yeas 126, nays
24.

An act to amend an act entitled a
supplement to an act to provide the
manner in which courts may divide
boroughs into wards—Yeas 92, nays
52, less than a constitutional majority
in the affirmative, the bill was not car-
ried.

An act providing for a license for
the sale of firearms, bowie knives, etc.,
was indefinitely postponed.

A BILL TO PREVENT CREMATION.

HARRISBURG, March 14.—Senator
Nelson, who, in the occasional absence
of the chaplain, leads in the prayer
by which the sessions are opened, in-
troduced a bill to prevent the crema-
tion of human bodies. The
"whereas" makes special reference to
the Le Moyne crematory furnace in
Washington county. The bill would
penalize upon any person taking a hand
in the cremation a fine of not less than
\$50 nor more than \$1,000, or an im-
prisonment of not less than one year
nor more than three years, or both, at
the Court's discretion. Officers of the
law neglecting to arrest an offender
would be subject to a penalty of \$200.

THE BILL TO REDUCE REPRESENTATION DEFEATED.

Senator McKnight's bill to decrease
the number of Senators to thirty-
three and of Representatives to one
hundred, and to increase their salaries,
was defeated in the Senate by a vote
of 22 yeas and 8 nays.

A DISGRACEFUL SCENE.

HARRISBURG, March 15.—At the
close of the afternoon session of the
Legislature, Senator Lee accused Senator
McKnight of working against the in-
terest of his constituents and dodging
the free pipe bill, to which McKnight
angrily retorted. Senator Emery,
standing by, also accused McKnight of
purposely avoiding the matter. Angry
words followed, and the angry slaps
additional stage was reached. McKnight
then struck at Emery, but other Sena-
tors interfered and order was restored.
There was a reconciliation before the
Sensors left the chamber.
A bill for the better protection of
persons living in hotels and tenement
houses by compelling the proprietors
thereof to furnish alarms, lights and
additional stairways was reported favorably.

Representative Landis, of Lancaster county, has succeeded in getting his bill prohibiting the wholesale pay- ment of taxes by political committees placed upon the calendar, notwithstanding the adverse report of the commit- tee. His earnest appeal to both sides to support his resolution for the sake of good government was responded to by the handsome vote of 123 to 23. There is no more useless waste of money by campaign committees than that of paying taxes. A voter who ought not to be permitted to vote in the distance, which they magnified in which is worth considering. A man who will use the ballot properly, and for the accomplishment of certain ends will not let a slight tax deprive him of his vote.**CORRESPONDENCE.****Jefferson Township Items.**

On Thursday last as Mr. Wm. R. Harrison, of Jefferson township, was going to Reiber's mill his team took fright and started to run at a furious rate. Mr. Harrison succeeded in ex-
tracting himself from the wagon. At the same time the cars were coming in the direction of Butler, which were stopped by the engineer. The horses kept on their furious speed until they ran the tongue of the wagon against or between the cars, considerably smashing the wagon and harness. We are happy to state that Mr. Harrison escaped uninjured. Mr. Harrison thanks the railroad officials for stopping the cars at the time.

One day last week while Mr. Loyal Welsh, of Jefferson Centre, Jefferson township, was engaged in hauling corn on a sled his horses espied a swine in the distance, which they magnified into something frightful, suddenly they jumped aside and at one bound cleared a four-railed fence. Mr. Welsh still clinging to them in endeavoring to hold them, pulled the wrong line, which caused the horses to turn, upset his sled, scatter the corn and escape from justice. They were ultimately captured near Jefferson Centre.

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—Diamond Dyes are so perfect
and so beautiful that it is a pleasure to
use them. Equally good for dark or
light colors. 10 cts.

DUKES ACQUITTED OF HIS CRIME.

Comment of Judge Wilson on
the Verdict—Indignation of
the People.

UNIONTOWN, PA., March 15.—After
the noon adjournment of court yester-
day Mr. Wm. H. Playford began his ad-
dress for the Commonwealth in the
case against Dukes. Sadly and earnestly
at first he told the brief story of
the crime, which, he said, surpassed in
utter villainy the blackest example of
recorded crime in this State since the
foundation of the Commonwealth.

When he came to the first letter com-
ment by sentence with scathing com-
mentary, picturing him as he portrayed
himself in his story of his relations
with the daughter of Captain Nutt.
He pictured Captain Nutt coming to
Uniontown on Saturday and going
home with the burden of his wrong
and look into the sad eyes of the moth-
er who bore her. He comes to see
Dukes and persuade him to make
what reparation lies in his power.
Dukes had invited him to his room,
saying he would not arm himself, but
immediately going and trying a re-
volver. He said he was "sure" and
he didn't want anybody to see him
buying it. Captain Nutt sent his
nephew to tell Dukes he wanted an
interview with him. Is that the act
of the assassin? No; the assassin stabs
upon his victim as Dukes stole upon
the sanctity of Nutt's home. He went
into the room where the girl was
and then in this deadly weapon upon
his person. It does not matter for
the purpose of this case whether Nutt
be a stranger or not. By testimony
of every eye-witness Nutt was
leaning upon the mantle doing nothing
when Dukes drew his revolver and
shot him to death. "Much ado," said
the counsel, "is made of the presence
of this pistol, this large pistol in the
overcoat pocket of Captain Nutt. Why
I say he would have been justified in
taking a cannon into that room and
blowing Dukes into a thousand pieces.
Dukes had no opportunity to know
that Nutt had the pistol. The men-
tioned it, Nutt was leaning over, he
was not armed; Dukes fired, he was
hit as he might never have him again,
whence skillful counsel could reason
with the jury that it was self-defense." Counsel went over the testimony of
the three eye-witnesses again, to show
that every one of them testified that
Capt. Nutt was in a defenseless, inoffen-
sive position when Dukes fired. He
did not attempt the defense to
weaken the credibility of Feathers by
trying to prove that he was the enemy
of Dukes because he did not in-
vite Dukes to his wedding in August.
At that time, said Mr. Playford, Dukes
was spending his evenings at Cap-
tain Nutt's house while he was away at
Harrisburg, and wasn't taking much
interest in marriage.

Judge Wilson's charge was strongly
against the prisoner, and was
an hour in delivery. The case was
given to the jury at half-past four.
The first vote stood nine for acquittal
and three for manslaughter. The
eight ballot was taken a quarter to
eight o'clock and was for acquittal.
Judge Wilson was notified, and he en-
tered the court house to receive the
verdict. As he stepped on the plat-
form near his desk he said: "I am
afraid the verdict comes too quickly to
be the right one."

The jury filed slowly in and took
their seats. It came in the counsel in
the case. In a few minutes the pris-
oner, his steps as steady, his face
as stolid and impassive as ever. It
is said he had an inkling of the ver-
dict. He sat tilted back in his chair,
with his plump hands folded placidly
upon his stomach. While the clerk
called over the names of the jurors, his
eyes were bent upon the jury, and he
was looking at the clerk went through
the formula and came to the question,
"How say you?"

Juror McIntyre, who had been se-
lected to deliver the verdict, broke in
prematurely, "Not—"

"The clerk said, 'hold on.'"
Dukes glanced up at the juror who
had thus broken the verdict, while Clerk
Searight went on with the formal
question "Is the prisoner guilty as
he stands indicted, or not guilty?"

"Not guilty."
As the words fell from the lips of
the juror there was a hissing and a
few feeble pteers. The majority
seemed to doubt the verdict, but
did not flinch. The prisoner made
no sign that he had heard what was
said. Judge Wilson seemed amazed,
and said:

"I suppose the verdict that you have
rendered is one that you thought you
should render under your oath, but
is it one that is consistent with the
evidence? We thought we thought the
evidence was sufficient to justify you
in rendering a different verdict. If
you have committed an error it is one
that we cannot avoid, but can only ex-
press our condemnation of it in this
mild way. The prisoner is discharged."

Dukes disappeared by the back way,
a crowd standing around watching him
as he endeavored to escape observation.
The feeling on the street ran high,
and soon after Dukes was discharged
a procession was formed and a rude
effigy of him was borne about on a
pole saluted by the curses and jeers of
the crowd. The effigy after being
carried in procession through the town,
was hanged on a tree before the Mc-
Clelland House, the crowd singing:
"We'll hang Lyman Dukes on a sour apple
tree."

In the midst of the throng stood
Asbury Struble, the stepfather of
Dukes, who had been caught up and
carried along in the procession. The
effigy took like wild-fire to the
angry people, who were seeking some
mode of expressing their disapproval
of the verdict. By 10 o'clock effigies
were hanging from the lamp posts in
all parts of the town. Meanwhile the
sober minded men were giving expres-
sion to their feelings in another way.
A paper was rapidly circulated calling
an indignation meeting of all who are
jealous of the reputation of Fayette
county. It may save your life. Hun-
dreds have been saved by so doing.
\$500 will be paid for a case they will
not cure or help.

Do not suffer or let your friends
suffer, but use and urge them to use
Hop Bitters.

Remember, Hop Bitters is no vile,
dragged, drunken nostrum, but the
Purest and Best Medicine ever made;
the "Invalid's Friend and Hope," and
no person or family should be without
them. Try the Bitters to-day.

Farmer, aged 52; Jacob Liston, Farmer,
aged 38; Lawrence W. Knotts, Dis-
tiller, aged 47; Robert H. Acklin, Black-
smith, aged 47; Jacob W. Amalgon,
Gentleman, aged 42; Samuel D. Cramer,
Blacksmith, aged 32. McIntyre,
Clawson and Breakiron each have
grown up daughters, and the other
members have families. On none of
the eight votes taken was there a voice
beyond a verdict of manslaughter.

Jordan, McIntyre and Liston are said
to be the three who voted for that.
Following is the circular calling
for the meeting, referred to above:

INDIGNATION MEETING.
Citizens of Fayette county who are in favor
of the civilized world are invited to assemble
at the Postoffice, corner of Morgantown and
Main streets at 7 o'clock P. M., on Thursday,
15th inst., to express their indignation at the
outrageous verdict acquitting the assassin
of a public officer. Let the world know that
the law-abiding citizens of this county are
shocked and horrified and their feelings out-
raged by the verdict.

A motion will be made in court to-
day to expel Dukes from the bar, and
it is confidently expected that Judge
Wilson will accede favorably. The
strictures of Judge Wilson on the jury
last night are more noteworthy from
the fact that in all his experience with
Fayette county juries, he never com-
mented on a verdict before.

Nathaniel B. Frey and A. C. Haggs,
mentioned in Dukes' trial, follow the
example of Mr. Kennedy in making
sworn statements that Dukes' reference
to them are false from beginning to end.

An Act.

For the benefit of persons who ob-
ject to having their premises defaced
we publish a law passed by the Legisla-
ture in 1881 by which it will be
sufficient to punish the person who
has no regard for the property rights
of their neighbors:

"Be it enacted, etc., that if any person
or persons shall, without the consent
of the owner or owners thereof,
wilfully daub, paint advertisements or
post placards upon, or otherwise de-
face any trees, or any fence sur-
rounding or enclosing any vacant lot
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