

BUTLER CITIZEN.**JOHN H. & W. C. NEBLEY, PROP'RS.**
Entered at the Postoffice at Butler as second-class matter.**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, 1883.****THE MEADVILLE REpublican**, we see it stated, has been sold by Col. Reisenberger, its owner, to Dr. T. L. Flood & Co., for the sum of \$10,000.

The pardon of Sergeant Mason, who it will be recollected attempted to shoot Giteau, the assassin of President Garfield, is hailed with satisfaction all over the country.

As Tilden predicted the election of Randall for Speaker of Congress, and as Randall is not elected, Tilden may now be classed with the "False Prophets."

The exercises in the Court House on Thanksgiving evening, for the benefit of the Witherspoon Institute, were largely attended, and, we understand, the receipts very satisfactory.

It was certainly a mis-nomeric designation as an "Excursion" a special train that was to convey friends to a funeral, as was the case with the bills posted in this place relative to the funeral of Judge McDermitt, of Mercer.

Dr. J. H. McCarty, of Lancaster, Pa., suggests that each public school pupil in the State should contribute one cent for the erection, in the capitol grounds at Harrisburg, of a monument to Thaddeus Stevens—"The father of the common school system of Pennsylvania."

Mr. James Higgins, an old citizen of Venango township, this county, died suddenly at his home, near Hillard, last week. He was 83 years old and had resided on the farm on which he died for 50 years.

The Clarion *Republican-Gazette* states that W. A. Beer, member of the Legislature from that county, has been engaged in teaching school at Callensburg in that county during the whole of the extra session, only occasionally spending a day in Harrisburg so as keep on the pay roll.**CORRESPONDENTS** in sending their communications to this office should be sure they have paid the necessary amount of postage on the same. Frequently we have to pay extra postage at the office here, in one case this week. It is rather hard that publishers should have to pay extra postage in addition to all else they do gratis.

We notice that our former fellow citizen, Col. Archibald Blakeley, of Pittsburgh, is charged with complicity in the Murraysville, Westmoreland county riot, that resulted in the loss of human life. We hope the charge against him may not prove a serious one. A full account of that riot—about the ownership of a gas well—will be seen upon the first page of the CITIZEN this week.

It is now well ascertained that the death of Mr. Henry Costello and his mother, by the oversetting of the wagon they were in last Friday night, on the Kittanning road, near this place, was caused by whisky. A flask was found on the person of Costello. Whisky was the cause not only of his own but that of his mother's death. Could there be a stronger prohibition argument?

Hon. James G. Blaine has written a remarkable letter concerning the revenue derived by the National Government from the tax on whisky. He favors assigning the said revenue to and among the States, on a different plan merely from what is known as the Wharton Barker plan. But to both plans there are serious objections. We will publish his letter in our next and may have something further to say on the subject.

The "False Prophet" is an Arab, claiming direct descent from Mohammed. Recently, with an immense army of followers, frenzied with his religious zeal, he met and cut to pieces the forces of the Egyptian Government in upper Egypt, which were led by English officers. This has alarmed the Turkish Empire, which with England controls affairs in Egypt. The "False Prophet" has literally "carried the war into Africa," a great portion of which he proclaims his intention of rescuing from the present Turkish government.

Judge McDermitt died.

Hon. Arcus McDermitt, President Judge of the Courts of Mercer county, died at his residence in Mercer on Friday last, Nov. 30, at the age, it is stated, of about 60 years. His funeral last Sunday was attended by many members of the Bar and other citizens of this county. Judge McDermitt, although not just born within our county, yet spent most of his younger years in Slipperrock township, this county, and in this town. He studied law here with the late Hon. Charles C. Sullivan, and after being admitted to the Bar here went to Mercer. There, by laborious and strict attention to his profession, he rose rapidly and was elected Judge of the county in 1874. He was a man of generous impulses and many good qualities. Known to many of our people the news of his death was received with great regret. Nearly two hundred of our citizens, we learn, went on the train last Sunday morning to attend his funeral.

CONGRESS.

This body assembled on Monday last, Carlisle, Democrat, of Kentucky, was elected Speaker of the House. He had previously (on Saturday last) received the caucus nomination of his party for that position over Randall, of this State, and Cox, of New York. The vote in caucus on first ballot, stood, Carlisle 106; Randall 52; and Cox 30. Personally Mr. Carlisle is represented as a very good man, but he was opposed by the friends of Randall on account of his location and his views on the tariff question. The contest was quite an active one and a bitter one. Politically it has a good deal of significance, as the Speaker of the body has the appointing of the standing committees, which in Congress always shapes the legislation of the House. Carlisle, we notice, received the votes of the Western and Southern members pretty generally. The proceedings of this Congress will be looked to with great interest; and we will endeavor to keep our readers as fully posted on the same as possible. The President's Message was delivered as usual. In our next we will give it, or at least those portions of it that will be of interest to our readers.

IMPORTANT OIL STRIKE.

On the McCallmont Farm, Butler Township.

The strike on the McCallmont farm, in the Bald Ridge district, last Friday, is reported as the most important one yet had in all that territory.

This new well is known as No. 2, on the McCallmont lands, which lay in Butler township, and brings the production within four miles of the borough of Butler. When the sand was reached last Friday the well filled up 600 feet and immediately began to flow to such extent that the boiler and other machinery were removed and preparation made for tankage, pipe, etc. It is confidently expected to make a 300 barrel well. The excitement has increased all through the Bald Ridge district and it is now evident that territory may be regarded as permanent in its production.

This new strike is nearly two miles north east, towards Butler, from the first, Simcox well, and is a mile northward from the Scheideamtle No. 2, on the Wallace farm, and the Agnew well, on the Wallace farm. It is also more than a mile towards Butler from the Forest Oil Co.'s well on the Renfrew farm. All these are good wells, but this last strike by the Agnew, agent, Company, bids fair to be the best yet obtained in the Bald Ridge territory.

By Her Mother's Dying Bed.

The many friends of Mr. Edward P. Johnston, of Brownsville, Pa., and Miss Mollie E. Fullerton, of Freeport, Pa., were doubtless surprised to see the announcement in yesterday's *Times* of their marriage, which occurred at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Fullerton, on Thanksgiving afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. The marriage ceremony was to have been celebrated next summer, but Mrs. Fullerton, who was the widow of the late William Fullerton, well known in past years as the head of the Freeport woolen mills, was ill, and it was at her request the ceremony was performed Thursday. It gave her special cause to give thanks that her daughter and uniting in her love and care of her mother, would not be left alone. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few of the near relatives of the family of the bride, there not being time enough to notify the friends of the groom. Mr. Johnston is a graduate of the Indiana Normal School, was Principal of the Freeport public school for two years and is now in charge of the public school at Brownsville, the home of his parents. Wherever located he has made many friends by his literary attainments and social qualities. The bride has many friends in the city as well as at her home. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, being the organist, teacher of the young ladies' bible class, a leader in the missionary and other work. The ceremony was performed none too late, for Mrs. Fullerton died last night and although the young couple have such sad surroundings now, their lives will no doubt be bright and happy. *Pitts. Telegraph.***"NOON-MARK" Question.**Ens CITIZENS—Will your correspondent "Milo" please tell why it is not noon at any given point, when the sun is directly south of that point. We are aware that it is not noon at all points at the same time, but if he will be so kind as to give the cause of the variation of the "Noon-Mark" as given in his last, we will be obliged. *Zeno*, Nov. 28, 1883.

Mercer Township.

MESSRS EDITORS:—The following pupils of White Oak Point School were not absent a day for two months, ending Nov. 29d.
Lizzie Cochran, Ada McClintock, Mary Hamilton, John Orr, Warren Orr, Willie Hamilton, Charley Marsh, Ira McClintock, Charley McClintock.
The following pupils attended one month:
Cora White, Alma Cochran, Lennie Milner, Clarence Orr, Willie Orr, Perry Orr, Luther Campbell, Preston Campbell, John Ramey, Herbert Gildersleeve, David Marsh, Miles Dunlap, Domer Dunlap, Montgomery Gildersleeve, Milo Spence.

SADIE L. COCHRAN, Teacher.

THE Rev. Hutchinson farm, that we lately called attention to as for sale, was sold last week for \$4,000, cash—100 acres about eight miles south of Butler.

At L. Stein & Son's, New Fall Gloves, new Fall Gloves, large stock, just received.

THE LEGISLATURE.

What the People Think of the Salary Bill.

The Senate at Harrisburg finally yielded to the demands of some of its members for full pay during the extra session, including the recess taken at its commencement and all. The bill agreed upon last week is called a "lump bill," and was put in that shape in the expectation that the Governor might not be able to know what was appropriated according to law and what is not according to law. That he will, notwithstanding, veto it is confidently expected.

The following from press notices will give our readers an idea of the present situation on the question.

THE SALARY BILL.

The Senate yesterday reconsidered and passed the Salary bill which was defeated on Friday. As it now stands it provides full pay for every day from the beginning of the session, including the recess of ten days at the outset and all the subsequent adjournments. This measure cannot, however, be accepted as embodying the deliberate judgment of the Senate. It had been so entangled in parliamentary knot that, under the ruling of the presiding officer, it could not be amended. It was thus tied up in a thin Senate on a light vote, and when the question came up in a fuller body there was no power to modify it. It had either to be killed outright or passed as it was. The Senate chose to pass it, and trust for its correction to the Conference Committee. It ought to have adopted the bold course by killing it and then taking a fresh start.

The House has shown itself eager to secure the largest amount of pay, and it may hasten to accept the Senate bill as it stands. In that case the hope of an amendment which should strip the bill of its excessive allowance would prove delusive. But the Senate has made a grave mistake in passing the bill as it is, and the House would make a greater one in accepting it. There is no justification or excuse for such a grab. The Legislature ought to have the pay which the law gives it and to which members are fairly entitled for the services actually rendered. But that principle does not warrant pay for the long recess taken at the beginning, nor in the case of the Senate for the time when it was only nominally in session.

It will not pay to trifle with this question. Members will find that an inordinate grab will cannot be defended in the coolest business they have undertaken. Let them deal with the matter in a manly and honest way. Take legitimate pay, but make no grab. *Philadelphia Press.***SALARY POT AND KETTLE.**

The Democratic House exposed its members and its party to just criticism and vigorous reprobation before the election, by placing itself in the position of responsibility for the long protracted session.

The Republicans had a fearful weapon against the Democrats on the cost of the session and the apparent purpose of the House to demand and receive full pay for recesses and absences, and the Republican side of the campaign was conducted mainly in contrasting the economy of the Republican Senate with the profligate Democratic House. The election is now over and the Democrats won; but where are the pledges given to the people by the Republican leaders, including every Republican Senator by formal public address? After much censure of Democratic salary grabbing and a profusion of promises on the side of economy, the Republican Senate makes the Democrats look respectable by getting down to its level on the issue of legislative pay.

As the issue stands now, the salary question presents Democratic pot and Republican kettle equally hot, except that the Republican Senate has less excuse than the Democratic House, as it proclaimed all effort or purpose to legislate at an expense nearly three months ago. Both sides are bad enough, but the darker shade belongs to the Republican Senate, as it professed more, did less and now proposes to take full pay. It is pot and kettle on the salary issue; that's all!—*Philadelphia Times.***THE COMMON SENSE, HONEST TEST.**

The Ledger goes right to the marrow of the question of legislative pay when it says that "spacious sessions actually held and for attendance at them, and not pay to wild absentees or for sessions not held" is "the plain, common sense, honest test with the people."

There are many worthy gentlemen in the present Legislature who hope to retain the confidence and respect of the people for future promotion. Let none of them delude themselves with the idea that they can take full pay for this odious session that was unearned by actual attendance upon the pretended sessions of their respected bodies.

The people are more than disgusted with the whole extra session business, and they will show to the line in their reckoning on the question of unearned pay. Don't forget it.

NOW FOR A VETO.

The Legislative appropriation bill will doubtless pass both branches of the Legislature to-day and likely they the Governor before he takes his tea. As every day's delay of the Executive in considering the bill threatens to cost the sum of three thousand dollars, Governor Pattison will readily see the necessity of prompt action.

His veto message should be prepared before he goes to bed to-night. It need not be long. The less of stump speech and the more of terse Saxon he employs the more he will do for his party, for himself and for the State, and every departure from the one vital point must weaken his deliverance. Neither explanation nor apology will cure or even temper past blunders. If they are fixed in history and have done their work God at once to the marrow of the salary grab and give the Legislature a brief, incisive, patriotic and every day easy to remember speech, the chaplain's prayers to-morrow morning. *Philadelphia Times.*

—Go to J. O. Fullerton's store on Jefferson street, below Berg's Bank, for blankets, flannels and yards, manufactured from pure Butler county wool.

AN EGYPTIAN ARMY ANNILATED.LONDON, Nov. 22.—A dispatch from Cairo announces that General Hicks' Egyptian army has been entirely destroyed in the Southern by the forces of El Mahdi, the false prophet. General Hicks, Col. Farquhar, Chief of Staff, five English officers, two German officers and O'Donovan, correspondent of the *Daily News*, were among the slain. The forces of the False Prophet are estimated to have numbered 300,000, including regulars, Bedouins, Malakots and Dervishes. The regulars were those of Hicks Pasha, numbering about 10,000 and completely annihilated. The only person known to have escaped being an European artist, who accompanied the expedition. The news of the disaster was brought to Khartoum by a Coptic official. The battle occurred near El Obeid, the capital town of Kordofan, 150 miles west of the White Nile. It began on the 3rd and continued with fierce fighting on both sides until the afternoon of the 5th, when the final attack was made by El Mahdi's fanatic horde. In the first part of the battle Hicks Pasha's forces were divided into two columns, but it was afterwards deemed advisable to reduce them into one body. A square was formed which successfully resisted El Mahdi's attacks until on the third day it was broken by a desperate onslaught. The Dervishes were first sent forward by El Mahdi, who declared that Alla would aid them to vanquish the enemy. They were repulsed, however, by the regulars, and the Egyptians then sent forward the Egyptian troops being overwhelmed. Gen. Hicks' army had suffered severely on their march of 230 miles through a hostile region. They were short of provisions, and the intense heat caused men and beasts to drop by hundreds, while they were also constantly harassed by marauding bands of natives. The entire force of General Hicks comprised about 25,000 men, but the necessity of keeping open a strong line of communication with his base of supplies had largely reduced his fighting force, and it is supposed that the troops actually engaged in the battle did not exceed 10,000 men.**That Patterson, the One Price Clothier and Gents' Furnisher has a Fine Stock of new Winter Clothing for Men's, Boys' and Children's Wear at one extremely low price to all.**PATTERSON'S,
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E. D. No 95, Dec 7, 1883, W. D. Brandon, atty by virtue of a writ of Le. Pa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Court House, in the borough of Butler, on

Friday, the 7th day of December, A. D. 1883, at one o'clock P. M., the following described property, to-wit: All the right, title, interest and claim of John M. Miller, of, in and to a certain piece, parcel or lot of ground situate in the borough of Butler, Butler county, and described as follows: on the north by the Court House diamond, on the east by lot formerly of Chas. McFadden, on the south by an alley and right angles to Main street, on the west by an alley running back of Court House and Diamond street, on the Main street, being 69 feet front and running back 189 feet, on which is erected a two-story brick house with mansard roof, large frame stable and out-buildings, Seized and taken in execution as the property of John M. Miller at the suit of John M. Miller & Bro for sale.
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Oats 35 to 40 cents.
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Buckwheat flour \$5.50 to \$4.00 per cwt.
Corn 35 to 40 cents.
Rye 60 to 70 cents.
Corn 62 cents.
Hemp, per ton, \$10 to \$12.
Flour, No. 1, per sack \$1.75.
Bran, per ton \$18 to \$20.
Middlings, per ton \$18 to \$25.
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Brown Mixed Cheviot "Victory Mills" full suit..... \$ 7.50	Boys' short Pants Suits, age 8 to 12, made in several styles of Dark Colors..... \$2.50	All Wool Scarlet Kilt shirt or drawers 57c.
Twenty styles of Fancy Cassimere and Cheviot all new styles..... \$10.00	Fancy Pleated at \$3.50; Pincheek; Gray at \$4.00; 20 styles and shapes all wool at \$4.50 and \$5.00; over one hundred styles of Single and Double-breasted, beautifully made and trimmed at \$6.00 and \$8.	All wool Double-breasted Scarlet Flannel shirt \$1.50.
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Reliable Black and Brown Cheviot suits..... \$ 5.00	Boys' Cashmere and Silk Hats \$4.00; Boys' latest style Soft or Stiff Hats 50c. 75c. and 81c.	Cloth Gloves, best English make, 25c. 35c. and 50c.
Line, Black and Brown Figure-dressed Cheviot suits..... \$6.00	Fancy Pink-trimmed Overcoats \$2.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$26.00, \$27.00, \$28.00, \$29.00, \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, \$33.00, \$34.00, \$35.00, \$36.00, \$37.00, \$38.00, \$39.00, \$40.00, \$41.00, \$42.00, \$43.00, \$44.00, \$45.00, \$46.00, \$47.00, \$48.00, \$49.00, \$50.00.	Heavy Cotton socks, 10c. 15c. 20c. and 25c.
Plain Beaver, Blue Cheviot and Fancy Brown Cheviot Overcoats..... \$ 7.00	Fancy Black Cassimere at \$5.00; Stylish Undercoats at \$5.00; Dress Overcoats at \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$26.00, \$27.00, \$28.00, \$29.00, \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, \$33.00, \$34.00, \$35.00, \$36.00, \$37.00, \$38.00, \$39.00, \$40.00, \$41.00, \$42.00, \$43.00, \$44.00, \$45.00, \$46.00, \$47.00, \$48.00, \$49.00, \$50.00.	Perfect fitting White Laundry Dress Shirts, 75c. \$1.00 and \$1.25.
Blue, Black or Brown Plain Castor Beaver suits..... \$10.00	At \$12.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.00, \$24.00, \$26.00, \$28.00, \$30.	