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Appointment at Hemlock. The notice which appeared in our paper last week of the appointment of Mr. John Mullen, as Postmaster at Hemlock, was premature.

Some few weeks ago, the citizens of Hemlock and vicinity asked for the appointment of Capt. Henry Schmetberg, who has been Deputy Postmaster at that place for the last year, and has given general satisfaction.

Recently, the citizens in the neighborhood of Hemlock, having learned that the appointment would probably be given to Mr. Mullen, and that Capt. Schmetberg would be summarily discharged, have remonstrated against the appointment of Mr. Mullen.

This is the situation of the matter at present. The remonstrance was signed very numerously, and sets forth all the facts of the case. Regretting as we do that such is the case, we nevertheless are constrained to say, that in common justice the wishes of the community in which the appointment is to be made, should be regarded and consulted.

We are indebted to Rev. S. H. Shepley for a copy of the Catalogue of the officers and members of the Blairsville Female Seminary. The institution appears to be in a prosperous condition.

The location of this institution is far more preferable than some others. It is situated in Blairsville, Pa., a few towns possesses greater advantages, having the turnpike from Pittsburg to Hollidaysburg, and the Penna. Canal, pass through it.

Mechanics and Laborers. The following act for the protection of mechanics and laborers was passed by the Legislature of this State, in April last, and, though of great importance to that class of our citizens for which it is intended, is now, for the first, being published by the newspaper press.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, that in all assignments, to pay his or their debts, the wages of miners, mechanics and laborers employed by such person or persons, or chartered company, shall be the first preferred and paid by such trustees or assignees, before any other creditor or creditors of the assignor.

The Board of Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, have unanimously elected ex-Governor Bigler President of that corporation, in place of Hon. James Cooper, resigned.

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Cuba. By the way of New Orleans we have news from Havana to the 15th inst. The excitement still continued in relation to the appointed invasion. New Militia troops were formed, the coast was declared to be in a state of blockade, and the island in a condition of siege.

Township and Borough Elections.

The election for Municipal Officers of this borough came off on last Friday. The Democratic and Whig parties made their nominations - little interest was taken by either, although the old party lines were strictly drawn.

Supervisors.—James Sniffer, James Driskel. Overseers.—James McGough, M. McGuire. School Directors.—Jerome Dawson, George Bruce.

Auditor.—Samuel Reel. Town Clerk.—John Ferguson. Judge of Election.—John R. Williams. Assessors.—J. Makin, A. C. Makin.

Supervisors.—Richard Jones, S. C., E. J. Waters. Assessor.—Constable.—Blossie Noel. School Directors.—Adam Dietrich, Landuin Goodwell.

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Public Meeting.

A large and respectable meeting of the citizens of the northern portion of Cambria County, was held in the Court House on Tuesday evening last, for the purpose of expressing their views in opposition to any division of the County.

The meeting was organized by appointing Andrew Lewis, President.—William H. Hughes, Evan Griffiths, David Summerville Esq., Richard Jones Jr. Isaac Evans and William B. Lutz Vice Presidents and Samuel D. Pryce and John Lloyd Secretaries.

The committee reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted. Resolved, That the erection of the new County of Conemaugh, is a project started by an unscrupulous band of individuals residing in Johnstown, injurious to the interests of all embraced within its limits, excepting persons of that character, without merits of any kind, uncalculated either by extent of territory, population, or delays in the administration of justice; and that we deem it our duty to resist the same by all the means in our power.

Resolved, That we will endorse the resolutions passed by our fellow citizens at a previous meeting charging George S. King with violating his pledges, made prior to the late election, we assert them to be true, and that the charges are fully sustained by the votes of George S. King, since he entered upon his duties as a Legislator.

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Summary of News.

The Legislature of Missouri has indefinitely postponed the election of U. S. Senator. The Emperor of Russia is forming about Moscow a second grand army of reserve. He is in earnest!

Rubinstein, a Russian pianist and composer, is making some noise in Germany; he is said to be an extraordinary musician.

Work has been commenced upon the Steubenville Railroad. The Sunday mail over the Central Ohio Railroad has been discontinued.

The North Carolina Legislature has wisely rejected a proposition to make railroad stock the basis, in part, of the capital bank.

Each of the ten inch shells thrown by the allies in the siege of Sevastopol, costs, it is said, \$25—about \$150.

H. Brevort, the missing treasurer of the Glendon Rolling Mills, at Boston, has "turned up" in California.

The French Academy of Science offered a prize of 2,000fr. for a history of "The Origin of the Phonetic Alphabet."

The Whigs of Kentucky have resolved not to hold a State Convention to nominate a candidate for Governor.

The United States Government pays over a million of dollars a year in pensions.

The Republicans of Ohio talk of making the Hon. S. P. Chase, Governor of that State.

The Governor of Michigan signed the Maine Liquor Law on the 1st, to go into effect in ninety days.

We learn from New Orleans, that the suit of Daniel Webster against that city, claiming \$50,000 for professional services in the Gaines case the jury were unable to agree.

The banking house of William Brewster & Co., of St. Paul, Minnesota, was broken into on the 21st ultimo, and robbed of \$5,700 in cash.

The Ladies of Corpus Christi have held a meeting and resolved not to associate with young men who patronize Mexican saloons.

The bill which has passed the House, increasing the salaries of U. S. District Court Judges, puts up the aggregate from \$75,000 to \$102,250 a year—the annual increase being \$27,250.

The recall of Gen. Gadsden, the American Minister, it is said, has been suggested by the Mexican Government.

Another post office clerk has been caught in robbing the mails. He had stolen several hundred dollars at Milwaukee.

William Shoehill, a soldier of the Revolution, died in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, on the 27th of January, in the 104th year of his age.

Mr. Joseph Wool, a wealthy citizen of Trenton, N. J., has given \$500 to the poor this winter—\$5 per day since the 1st November.

The official majority for Henry C. Pratt, Esq., as State Senator from Philadelphia, is 1,983.

The New Orleans Delta says that the drought throughout Louisiana is very severe.

During the last six weeks, no less than 159 deaths by scarlet fever occurred in New York.

City Correspondence.

From Philadelphia. Correspondence of the Democrat & Sentinel.

Precarious Extravagance.—Ex-Governor Bigler Elected President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.—Annual Commencement of our High School.—The "Poor Funds"—Contest for the U. S. Senatorship.—Gov. Pollock's New Appointments.—Election for State Senator.—The Markets, &c.

One of the most striking features of town life, compared with country life, is the spirit of extravagance which pervades the mass of the community, from the highest to the lowest ranks.

The temptations to expenditure are so varied and numerous, so artfully designed to suit every variety of taste, and the powerful force of example so constantly exercised on every side, that comparatively very few men are enabled to live within their incomes, and while thousands live far beyond them, those whose circumstances would enable them to save handsome sums annually, consider themselves fortunate if they can make both ends meet at the end of the year.

The destitution which prevails among us gives many illustrations of the fact I have just alluded to. Mechanics who have long been in the uninterrupted possession of good situations, where they received from \$2 to \$3 per day, when thrown out of employment were frequently in an utterly destitute condition and compelled to apply for aid to the charity fund in a week afterwards.

Even many of those who obtain this aid and thereby gain but a very short respite from the dire distress, seem such complete slaves of their old habits of extravagance that they squander it in the most injudicious and reckless manner, purchasing butter at thirty-five to forty cents per pound, eggs for ten to twelve cents per dozen, and other luxuries commanding the highest prices.

Those who have orders in groceries given them by the Benevolent Associations for the pressing necessities of life, not infrequently include in their selections fine loaf sugar, raisins, figs, and the rarest dainties that a pampered appetite could crave.

The study of domestic economy has been sadly neglected of late years, and such as the necessity of its practice may be deplored, if it serves the purpose of inculcating the needless lesson, much future good will yet result from the present evil of hard times.

The recent election of Ex-Governor Bigler as President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, will give a new impetus to that great work. Without any solicitation or agency of his own, he was elected a manager of the road by the almost unanimous vote of the stockholders, and President by the unanimous vote of the managers.

The press here, of all parties, has warmly approved his election as one calculated to ensure the entire confidence of the community, and it is hoped and generally believed that the dissensions and difficulties which have so long clogged and impeded the advancement of this great enterprise, will now be entirely removed, and the iron link which is to bind us with Lake Erie and prove a channel for the conveyance of the rich treasures of her commerce to our port, be speedily completed.

The annual commencement of our High School recently took place in the Musical Fund Hall, before a crowded audience. Degrees of Master and Bachelor of Arts, and testimonials of merit were conferred upon a number of students, and some excellent addresses were delivered by the new graduates. Our High School is conducted in a very excellent manner, and will compare favorably with the best colleges in the city.

A demoted individual who has acquired the cognomen of the "Poor Devils," is devoting his valuable time to the delivery of street lectures somewhat after the Angel Gabriel style, although, if possible, somewhat more incoherent.

Much interest is felt in the contest for the U. S. Senatorship at Harrisburg. Rumors are rife of the employment of corrupt influences by some of the candidates. If the prize is to be a purchasable one, it should be put up at auction to the highest bidder, so that the Commonwealth, instead of the Legislature, should receive the bonus which eager aspirants seem so willing to bestow.

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Of the eighteen appointees all are residents of this city except six.

For the offices in question in this city, there were two thousand applicants from Philadelphia alone. We are growing to be a nation of office seekers. The manly had spread wider and wider with each new year, and from present appearances, the time is approaching when the man of mature age who has neither sought or held office of some kind or other, will be the rarest curiosity that Barmy can possibly select for his museum.

Ambition is an all pervading feeling, and no doubt acts as the ruling incentive for many of the most worthy deeds of mankind, but it is rather lamentable that so much of it should be directed into the political channel. Legions of aspirants but injure, if they do not ruin themselves by their injudicious pursuit of political honors; and thousands more do much more harm than good to the country by their occupancy of stations the duties of which they are not competent to properly discharge.

The telegraph gives us a short summary of the news by the Asia, which has brought European dates to the aid inst. Matters before Sevastopol remain unchanged. The English Aberdeen Ministry had broken up, and the Earl of Derby had tried but unsuccessfully, to form a new one.

The special election for State Senator has resulted in the choice of Henry C. Pratt, the Whig and American candidate, by a majority of 1,983. His vote of the District was about 10,000 less than in the last general election, when the combined Whig and American vote was 2,068 greater than the Democratic vote.

An individual has been arrested up town, who

Know-Nothing Letter read in the New York Legislature.

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