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FOR GOVERNOR. HESTER CLYMER.

GEARY AND HIS ENDORSER.

We are not surprised to see the Republican disunion party of this State, making desperate efforts to bolster up the character and reputation of their gubernatorial candidate, John W. Geary...

It is well known, that that wily political trickster, Simon Cameron, who is now aspiring for a seat in the U. S. Senate, aided by John W. Forney and Thad Stevens, were the active agents in procuring his (Geary's) nomination...

It is generally believed that Dick Coulter, of Westmoreland, will be nominated as a candidate for Governor by that portion of the Republican party who are unwilling to support Geary, Stevens, Forney & Co.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE hotels at Niagara are opened, and already many guests have arrived.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has arrived at Fortress Monroe.

THE cut-worm is said to be doing great damage to corn crops in Giles county, Tenn. Entire fields have been destroyed.

NEW YORK, May 4.—One new case of cholera is reported at quarantine, and two cases of varioloid.

A case of cholera occurred in Third avenue, New York, on Tuesday evening, which resulted fatally.

Two new cases of cholera occurred on Wednesday on the steamship Virginia, at New York quarantine.

The Johnstown Democrat says Col. Campbell, Surveyor General, is not appointing soldiers to clerkships in his office. Why?

A new Judicial District has been formed of Mercer and Venango counties, and Isaac Gordon, Esq., of Brookville, has received the appointment of President Judge.

"The Hermitage," General Jackson's estate, has been offered by Tennessee to the United States, conditional upon a branch of the West Point Academy being located there.

By recent advices it appears that Austria, notwithstanding the warning given by our minister not to dispatch troops to Mexico, has embarked the first installment to that country.

THE Government will lose about one quarter of a million dollars by the failure of the National Bank at Venango, Pennsylvania. The money was placed on deposit there by the Internal Revenue Collector and Postmaster at that place.

THE peach crop in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio will be a failure the present year. A Cincinnati paper says that a peach grower in that vicinity has ten thousand trees, and will get perhaps ten bushels of fruit.

A young soldier, with respectable connections, named Alexander Webb, shot himself through the heart, on Wednesday, at Baltimore, alleging as a cause that he could get nothing to do, and hated to see his mother in want.

A young man died suddenly in Albany on Tuesday afternoon of last week of what is supposed to be cholera. He was well up to a late hour Monday evening, when he was suddenly attacked with diarrhoea, followed by the prominent symptoms of cholera.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Government has appointed a Receiver to take charge of the Merchants' National Bank, which failed here last week. He entered on his duties this morning. The Government will lose at least a half million dollars by the failure.

James L. Coleman, a member of the Indiana county bar, recently convicted of seduction and sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year, has been pardoned on condition that he pay to Lucinda Snyder, the prosecutrix, the sum of \$2,000. He has arrived home and complied with the conditions.

A petition was presented to the Rump Senate on the 26th, by Sumner, from thirty citizens of the United States, residing in New York State, praying the expulsion of Senator Davis, of Kentucky, for saying he would oppose the execution of the Negro "Rights" bill. It turns out that all of the said thirty "citizens of the United States" are negroes! Things are coming to a pretty pass, ain't they?

ANOTHER SUICIDE.—We learn that on Friday last, Mr. John Peddhead, a well-to-do farmer, of Brushrunley tp, this county, committed suicide by hanging himself. We have not learned from what cause he was thus prompted to destroy his own life. This is the third case of suicide that we have been called upon to chronicle in this county, in the short period of six months.—Indiana American.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The financial excitement here has been increased to-day by the fact of the suspension of the banking house of Maurice & Co., who it is said, are involved by that of the Merchants National Bank. It is stated in behalf of this firm that there is good reason to believe that it will soon be able to resume operations. A check for one thousand dollars was to day refused payment, it being for a deposit.

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.—The following act passed both branches of the last Legislature, and has been signed by Governor Curtin: "That all persons who have been mustered into the military service of the United States, and have served therein for a period of not less than nine months in the war to suppress the rebellion, and their property, and those persons who have been discharged from said service on account of wounds or physical disability contracted in such service, and their property, and the widows and orphans of such persons, and their property, shall be exempt from the payment of all bounty and per capita tax levied for paying bounties to volunteers, in the several counties of this commonwealth, and such persons shall also be exempt from the payment of militia fines."

CAUSES OF CRIME.—Dr. Blanchard Fosgate, for many years physician to the State Prison at Auburn, and one of the most eminent medical men of New York, has recently issued a pamphlet entitled "Crime and Punishment," which is worthy of a good deal more attention than it is likely to get.

Dr. Fosgate, who has made the causes of crime a study, has found that besides rum and ignorance there are others quite as potent and prevalent. He enumerates among these the following: The cheap literature of the day, spread broadcast over the land, ministering to a depraved sensibility, or the appetite of a mere mental dissipation.

The periodical issue of those gorgeous plates of fashion, which, among a people who regard equality in outward adornment as the evidence of social position, stimulate a desire for dress, to gratify which health, wealth, and virtue are too often sacrificed.

Prison Discipline Societies publishing prison bills of fare, that, leaving pauper life unnoticed, make even the well-to-do marvel at the grade of living furnished the criminal, thus making plenty appear to the destitute as the reward of crime.

Legislative attempts to advance through penal enactments, reforms that pertain to individual conscience only, thereby goading resistance to law and order.

The administration of oaths innumerable, in reference to almost every business transaction of private life, has well nigh absorbed Omnipotence in the person of the revenue official, fast bartering their solemnity for lucre or immunity against penal statutes.

Secularizing the pulpit, making earthly schemes instead of heavenly aspirations the objects of its mission, thereby losing hold on the mystic cord that binds man to his Maker, and through the tightening of which his moral sensibility is exalted, and accountability to his fellow mortal and his God alone adjusted.

Many honest people will be startled to find abolition preaching, test-oaths, and Maine liquor laws, classed along with ardent spirits and obscene books, as causes of crime. But it does not detract from the value of the truths stated by Dr. Fosgate that a great part of his fellow-citizens are yet in ignorance of them.

SENATOR COWAN.—The Washington correspondent of the Boston Post thus describes Senator Cowan. As Trumbull and Johnson occupied the leading position in the exciting debate on the Civil Rights Bill, I find I have left myself too little space in which to strive to convey some fair idea of Cowan, of Pennsylvania, measuring some six feet three inches possessed of a voice like the diapason of a small church organ, and a habit of using it in two distinct octaves. Senator Cowan is certainly a most peculiar and impressive speaker and possesses one great merit, that of never speaking unless he has something to say. When he rises in the central aisle, and with his tall figure dwarfing everything about him, sends his rolling voice sailing on the waves of fetid air that forms the atmosphere of the ill-ventilated chamber, he reminds one of the descriptions Carlyle gives of Maribeu in the French Convention of '89. He is to the Conservative Republicans what Johnson is to the Democrats and Trumbull to the Radicals, the oratorical exponent of policy. If he is less philosophic than Johnson, and if he be not as casuistic as Trumbull, he possesses more of that peculiar quality, clear, common sense, and a more practical way of stating it than either.

A French Archbishop recently gave an account of his own narrow escape from death by premature burial, and a similar story is now told by M. Lalucere, of Gizey, France. He says: "I have just witnessed a fact which has greatly excited the people of the neighborhood. A woman named Radogonde Deguessau who was supposed to be dead, was to have been interred in the morning, and the relatives were all in attendance, when the person who had laid out the corpse, as she was completing her work, fancied she discovered a slight movement in the right arm. Upon examination the woman was found to be still alive. I immediately went to see the woman, and found no pulse no movement; the members were perfectly stiff; but by close observation, at intervals, an almost imperceptible swelling of one of the arteries of the neck could be discerned. I let a few drops of brandy fall upon her teeth which were clenched in such a manner that it was impossible to separate them, and shortly after a hissing noise was heard. She continues still (twenty-four hours after) in the same comatose state."

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Tribune's Washington special says: It is not known exactly what amount the Government will lose by the failure of the Merchants' National Bank of this city, but irrespective of the sum that may be lost by the deposit of Paymaster Paulding, the Government would be the creditor of the Bank about \$122,000. The United States Treasury holds in bonds to secure deposits, \$100,000 and \$200,000 to secure the notes of the bank, also \$6,000 in gold, being the interest due the bank.

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JOHNSON CLUB ORGANIZED IN OIL CITY.

The Pittsburgh Post says: "A meeting, called at the request of Dr. S. S. Christy, ex-Mayor of Oil City, for the purpose of organizing a Johnson Club, was held on Saturday, the 28th instant, at the new rooms of Dr. Christy on Cottage Hill, Oil City. Dr. Christy was chosen chairman of the meeting. The policy of the Club was announced in a series of resolutions, warmly supporting President Johnson and the course he is pursuing. The members joining the Club on its organization, were some three hundred. The influence of the Club on the future elections of Venango county will be strong. The new organization is in good hands to insure its success, as Dr. Christy's history proves that what he takes in hand must go through."

On Thursday night of last week, the town of Altoona, was visited with a fire which destroyed a large number of buildings together with many of the contents. The fire originated in Myers & Earhart's grocery, in Odenwalder's Brown Row, on Virginia street. It is estimated that not less than \$30,000 worth of property was destroyed, upon which there was an insurance of \$19,500. It is thought that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The "McClellan House" was destroyed, and Messrs. Bowman, Getz & Streit, Myers & Earhart and many others suffered by the conflagration.

We regret to learn that Lieut. Gauntz, aged about 30 years, died suddenly in Johnstown, on Friday, the 4th instant. The unfortunate man, we understand, had been for some days in bad health, and either accidentally or intentionally took an over-dose of laudanum which terminated his career shortly afterwards.

Astronomers have discovered that the moon is drawing gradually nearer to the earth, by about an inch every year. They have also discovered that the day is about one hundredth of a second longer now than it was two thousand years ago. This is certainly an important discovery, but not near so important a one as that made by the domestic economizers of Cambria county, viz:—That V. S. Barker keeps constantly on hand a large stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., which he sells at exceedingly low rates. Call with him and be convinced.

We direct attention to the advertisement of J. H. Dysart & Co., dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., at Hemlock, Cambria county, Pa. They have recently received a large and well selected stock, which they propose to sell for cash at greatly reduced prices. Persons having cash or marketable produce which they wish to exchange for goods should give them a call. Their stock is large and their prices are as low as the lowest.

A little child of Lightner Pancake, of Altoona, aged about four years, was drowned on Tuesday of last week, by falling into a sink in the back part of the lot.

The Johnstown Democrat appeared last week in an enlarged form, presenting a neat and handsome appearance.

COLD BLOODED MURDER.—The Pittsburg Gazette gives the following statement: One of the coldest and most unprovoked murders which it has ever been our painful duty to record, was committed on Tuesday night, at the house of Mrs. Housel, near the weigh lock, in the upper part of town, by John Sheid, who stabbed to the heart, a young man named Rans Bowers. Sheid, it appears, had heard that Bowers had been circulating some report about him, of which Bowers, when confronted by Sheid, protested his innocence. But Sheid was inexorable, and without many words plunged a long belt-knife to Bowers' heart.

"THEY DON'T CARE FOR ME NOW."—The Patriot and Union of the 21st ult., says: "A poor little negro boy, named John Alexander, came to the Mayor's office last night for lodging. The little fellow stated he had been taken from his father and mother at New Orleans by an officer of the United States army, and when the officer got to this place, he left him without a cent, with poor clothes, with nothing to eat and nowhere to sleep. The little fellow said in a pitiful tone of voice, 'they liked us down dar, but dey don't care for us now.' So it is, the Abolitionist howls for free suffrage and social equality, but when it comes to real acts of kindness and friendship, they are the bitterest enemies of the African. So the President of the United States has recently said, and we fully agree with him."

SINGULAR CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA.—One of the most singular cases of hydrophobia that ever came to our knowledge, or that was ever given to the public, was related to us yesterday. As was stated to us there is a family of four brothers residing near Warsaw, on the Muddy Creek road, in Green township, by the name of Davis. They have a farm in that vicinity, which they work, as we learn, enjoying the annual profits among them. A week or two ago a dog belonging to them betrayed symptoms of hydrophobia, and one week ago yesterday they shut him up at night in the stable and found in the morning that he had bitten a favorite horse.

They all happened to visit the stable together to inquire into the condition of the dog, when they found the horse in a terrible state, foaming at the mouth, exhibiting all the symptoms of hydrophobia, and making strong efforts to free himself from confinement. In the act of affording relief to the poor animal, the froth and foam emitted from his mouth was thrown upon them, the horse dying in great agony that same (Sunday) night. It seems that the foam from the mouth of the horse contained the necessary virus of hydrophobia to infect the brothers, and that on the following day all the symptoms were developed upon them. Some of their neighbors advised them to try the effects of the "mad stone," one of which was in possession of a person in the vicinity of Cleves, who applied his "mad stone," and strange to say, all the sufferers are recovering. These are strange facts to relate, but, on our authority, we believe they are no less strange than true.

A VERY FORGOTTEN BRIDEGROOM.—Having a poor memory, says the Davenport (Iowa) Gazette, came very near being the cause of much unhappiness to two loving souls, to say nothing of the disappointment to the minister and a number of invited guests, who were summoned an evening or two ago to the nuptials of a couple in this city who had agreed to join in a matrimonial partnership. It appears the lady had made her arrangements, friends were present, cake and fixings all ready, and minister present, but no bridegroom. The hour had come and passed and still he came not. Suspicious of foul play, suicide (prospective happiness the supposed cause,) and diver reasons were assigned for the absence of the leading member of the new firm that was to be, when some one suggested that a search be instituted at the boarding-house of the bridegroom, if possible to get a clue to his whereabouts. The happy idea was at once acted on, and to the surprise of the friends' committee, and the to be happy man was found snugly ensconced in bed, snoring as one entirely unconscious of approaching danger. The victim was aroused, and interrogated as to the meaning of his conduct, and if his intentions were honorable, and similar queries from the investigating committee, were at once promptly answered by the unfortunate absentee, who indignantly denied any wrong motive but said he "had forgotten all about it." The new suit was taken from the bureau drawer, and in triumph escorted to the domicile of the expectant bride. The minister performed his allotted duty, and the company all pronounced it (the first of the entertainment) the best joke of the season.

AN ETHIOPIAN CHANGING HIS SKIN.—The Fredericksburg (Va.) Herald has the annexed curious statement: "We are informed of a singular case of change of color that is now going on in the person of a black living in Culpepper county, Va. Our informant has known the negro for fifteen years, and describes him to have been at one time as 'black as tar.' Within the last three months the negro has been gradually changing his skin. His hands are still dark, but from the wrists to the shoulders his arms are as fair as any white man's. His whole body is spotted, gradually changing its hue. It is a marvel in view of the fact that the negro has never had a day's sickness and is healthy now."

DIVORCE IN MASSACHUSETTS.—About sixteen hundred divorces have been decreed in Massachusetts in six years, of which 584 were for desertion, 553 were for criminality, 132 for cruelty, and 42 from other causes. It is known that 1,316 were decreed in the five years that ended May 1, 1865, and at the same rate during the last eleven months it may be assumed that the grand total is not far from 1,600.

Republicans are making a great blow that they have the soldiers' candidate for Governor. We can't see it in that light. Ninety-nine hundredths of all the soldiers who faced the rebel fire during the war are opposed to the negro suffrage and in favor of the Union of the States and the restoration of peace, while John W. Geary stands upon a platform which declares in favor of negro suffrage and equality, which declares that the negroes fought our battles, and which opposes the union of the States and the restoration of peace. Hence John W. Geary is not the soldiers' candidate.

Dr Johnson was one day dining at the house of an English lady, when she asked him if he did not think her pudding good. "Yes," growled the great moralist, "It is very good for hogs." "Shall I help you to another plentiful, then?" asked the polite hostess.

GRAND JURORS.

Drawn to serve at June Term, 1866, commencing on Monday the 4th day of June:

- P. J. Little, Foreman, Allegheny twp. Alver Acres, 3rd Ward, Johnstown boro. Henry Adams, Jackson twp. William Byers, " " Levi Beers, White twp. Jacob Buck, Allegheny twp. Valentine Bishop, Allegheny twp. Amos Cover, Taylor twp. L. B. Cobick, 1st Ward Johnstown boro. Isaac E. Chandler, 2d Ward Johnstown. William Constable, Yoder twp. John Dougherty, Chest twp. Archibald Farrel, Susquehanna twp. Francis W. Hay, 1st Ward, Johnstown. William Headrick, Taylor twp. George Krings, Croyle twp. Moses Livingston, Richland twp. Edward M'Glade, Washington twp. John Porter, Esq., " James M. Riffe, Summitville boro. Stephen Stutzman, Yoder twp. Richard Trotter, Washington twp. Jesse Varner, Chest Springs boro. C. Zimmerman, Sr., 3d W'd Johnstown.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Drawn to serve during the first week of June Term, 1866, commencing on Monday, the 4th day of June:

- William Alexander, Yoder twp. C. Billinger, 2d Ward Conemaugh boro. Peter Brown, Croyle twp. George Beam, Sr., Yoder twp. Chas. Barnes, 1st Ward Johnstown boro. John T. Cooney, Taylor twp. A. Cullen, 1st Ward Conemaugh boro. Simon P. Dunmyer, Jackson twp. Samuel Douglas, 3d Ward Johnstown. Charles Driskle, Susquehanna twp. David Dibert, 5th Ward Johnstown boro. Daniel Donnelly, White twp. Robert Dimond, Prospect boro. S. M. Douglass, Chest Springs boro. Evan E. Evans, Cambria twp. George W. Eupfield, Blacklick twp. Simon Fishler, Munster twp. Asa H. Fisk, White twp. John Gibbons, Allegheny twp. Jacob Gitman, Richland twp. Josiah Goughnour, Taylor twp. Joseph Hogue, Allegheny twp. John Hannan, 1st Ward Johnstown boro. Hugh Hughes, Cambria twp. Daniel T. Jones, " S. M. Kern, Wilmore boro. John Kintz, Cambria boro. Michael Kirney, Prospect boro. Peter Kaylor, Sr., Munster twp. William Little, Clearfield twp. Charles M'Beile, Prospect boro. G. W. M'Dowell, 5th Ward Johnstown. Peter B. Moyer, Washington twp. James C. Murray, Cambria twp. Daniel Parks, Jackson twp. Michael J. Platt, Susquehanna twp. Edward Reighard, Richland twp. John Ryan, Cambria boro. John Rider, Summitville twp. Daniel T. Storm, Richland twp. Philip Stultz, Carroll twp. Jacob P. Strayer, Yoder twp. Jos. Strayer, 2d Ward Johnstown boro. E. A. Vickroy, Yoder twp. George Wilson, Blacklick twp. Anselm Weakland, Chest twp. Peter Weakland, Jr., Carroll twp. George Wissinger, Conemaugh twp.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Drawn to serve during the second week of June Term, 1866, commencing on Monday the 11th day of June:

- Joseph Alwine, 2d Ward Johnstown boro. David Ager, Washington twp. William Adams, Clearfield twp. David Backhart, Susquehanna twp. Richard F. Bradley, Allegheny twp. Peter Brown, Wilmore boro. George Burgoon, Summitville boro. William Brywn, Washington twp. Jonathan Berkeley, Conemaugh twp. Francis Cooper, Allegheny twp. Michael Conway, Cambria boro. R. H. Cannon, 1st W'd Conemaugh boro. David Cronan, Prospect boro. Ephraim Cronan, Wilmore boro. William Dutton, Allegheny twp. Janer Diver, Munster twp. Lawrence Furlong, Taylor twp. William Fleming, White twp. James Farren, Washington twp. James Gallagher, Carroll twp. George Gillinger, Millville boro. William Glass, Munster twp. Jonathan Horner, 4th Ward Johnstown. Thomas Harrison, Jackson twp. Lewis Hoover, West Ward Ebensburg. John Howell, East " Henry Ivory, Allegheny twp. John Irel, Jr. Munster twp. Jacob Johnston, Susquehanna twp. Yodock Kohler, Conemaugh twp. James Kane, Munster twp. Stephen Kerns, Croyle twp. Leonard Kest, Taylor twp. Jos. Layton, 5th Ward Johnstown boro. Thomas M'Kernan, Cambria boro. Jesse M'Gough, Washington twp. John Marsh, Yoder twp. Joseph Miller, White twp. Michael Maloy, Loretto boro. Samuel O'Haro, Munster twp. Francis O'Friel, Loretto boro. Isaac W. Plummer, Summerhill twp. Valentine Quartz, Washington twp. Joseph Rose, Richland twp. Felix Short, Carroll twp. James Swiers, Clearfield twp. Geo. Thomas, 1st Ward Johnstown boro. Jos. D. Walker, 2d W'd Conemaugh boro.