

There was a great snow and terrible cold weather in Minnesota last week, many persons being frozen to death.

A jury was obtained last week in New York for the trial of Boss Tweed, and the prosecution was expected to open that side of the case yesterday.

Simon Cameron has been re-nominated by the Republican members of our Legislature, and Roscoe Conkling by those of the New York Legislature as Senators from their respective States for the next six years.

Napoleon III., better known as Louis Napoleon, the nephew of his uncle, died at Chislehurst, England, last Thursday afternoon. His death was sudden and unexpected, and is attributed to syncope resulting from severe surgical operations for calculus.

The Legislature organized last Tuesday by the election of George H. Anderson as Speaker of the Senate, and William Elliott, of Philadelphia, Speaker of the House. Full complements of minor officers were elected by the Republicans in each house, Russell Errett being chosen Chief Clerk of the Senate, and James L. Selbridge Chief Clerk of the House.

During the past two weeks a scheme has been developed having for its object the enrichment of a few landholders and speculators at the expense of the taxpayers of the county—it being nothing less than the dismemberment of the county and the removal of the county seat.

It is proposed to set off the western townships of Brookfield, Westfield, Clymer, Slippen, Getz, Elk, and parts of Delaware and Morris, to be joined with a few townships from the eastern part of Potter county and erected into a new county, with a county seat at Westfield or Getz—it is not yet determined which.

When this done, Wellbore will be left with a few lines of dismembered Toga county, and it is taken for granted that the county seat would be removed to some point on the river. Mansfield, being the center of what would then be left of the county, would seem to stand the best chance of securing the prize.

But that result wouldn't exactly suit the more active movers of the project, so they conclude that another slice must be taken off the old county to shift the geographical center further north. It is therefore proposed to Mr. Peter Herdic to the long-winded townships of Liberty, Union, and part of Ward to help make up the new county which is to surround his grand hotel at Mansfield Spring.

Mansfield, in this case, is not merely a party interested, it is believed by some that the claims of Toga village to be the county seat would be overwhelming. Blossburg seems to be counted out entirely in this division of honors, though if the Herdic scheme miscarry, that village would be about as near the center of the county as Toga.

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It is true that all in good faith in this case are the people of the county, and they have nearly every penny of Wellbore accessible when there was no railroad here, and that we now have one road completed and another assured. No matter. "Anything to beat Wellbore," is the cry, even if it requires the erection of two new counties, the erection of two new sets of county officers, and the putting up of three new sets of county buildings.

In Favor of Cutting Up Old Toga.

A friend has sent us the following report of a meeting recently held at Millertown in favor of the Toga project for the division of the county. We print it as a matter of general interest to our readers.

At a meeting held at the house of E. L. Boynton, in Millertown, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, 1878, the citizens of Jackson township took into consideration the proposed division of Toga county so as to make a new county from the western part of Toga county and the eastern part of Potter county.

N. Daniel Smith was called to the chair, and S. E. Kirkendall was chosen Secretary. The object of the meeting was briefly and clearly stated by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that a committee of three had been appointed by the Chair to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. The Chair appointed S. E. Kirkendall, M. K. Retan and D. H. McIntyre as such committee.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: Resolved, 1. That we have heard with pleasure of the move now being made to divide the county into two new counties from the western portion of Toga county and the eastern portion of Potter county.

That we believe we can safely pledge every vote we possess for the proposed division of the county, and in so doing give the best interest of the county. That we are opposed to leaving a part of the county for building a new county town at Wellbore.

On motion the following delegates were appointed to attend a meeting to be held at Mansfield in this behalf on Thursday the 15th inst. to be held at 10 o'clock A. M.: Retan, P. R. Bryan, J. E. Barnes, Edgar Kinser, C. L. Boynton, C. V. Stovel, D. E. Cady, S. A. K. S. S. S. S.

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The plain English of these resolutions is, that the movers of them are in favor of bringing the county seat as near their own doors as possible. Jackson human nature is evidently very much like the same article elsewhere; it seeks its own advantage with little care for others; and nobody has any occasion to growl at this exhibition of it.

But it does seem a little ungracious in an ardent desire to get rid of the "western portion" of Toga county. It is true that this "western portion," whose county is as distasteful to Jackson, is not blessed with all the advantages that favored township; it does not lie next to Toga, for one thing. But this is its misfortune, not its fault, and it is hardly the proper thing to tell the people of that region to tramp because of that misfortune.

amount of business done in the place. Situated in the center of a fine agricultural region, whose inhabitants are fertile and thrifty—and being also the place of supply for extensive lumbering and other manufacturing operations—the prosperity of the town is assured, even should the county seat be removed to some other place.

The average attendance of buyers and sellers in Wellbore every Saturday, during the year 1877, is estimated to have been greater than the like attendance during the weeks of court, and the business done on these Saturdays is very much greater than that of the average days of court week. Every business man knows this.

The interest of the inhabitants of Wellbore to preserve the county and the county seat just as they now are, is the common interest of every taxpayer in the county; except the few already referred to who wish to secure the county seat for themselves, and pocket the money to be made by a new location of county seat.

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order, and liberal appropriations are recommended for that purpose. The great importance of the information to be gathered will be appreciated from a brief review of the statistics of the State. The production of anthracite coal in 1870 was 2,500,000 tons; it reached the enormous amount of 10,711,585 tons; it is estimated that the production of 1877 will be swelled to upward of 23,000,000 tons.

The production of iron in 1870 was 1,400,000 tons, making an aggregate of 34,900,000 tons of coal mined in the State that year. The production of oil is not less astonishing. From August, 1859, when Drake struck the first well, to the close of 1874, the production was 231,000,000 gallons, yielding the sum of \$28,000,000.

In 1864, about 20,000,000 gallons were refined, worth about \$38,400,000. The entire production up to 1868 was 277,022,624 gallons, equal to 8,413,839 barrels of crude oil. Our metal production is being rapidly increased under the present remunerative prices; and the number of first-class furnaces is steadily growing larger.

The Governor did not sign the appropriation bill passed last session, and it will be the duty of the Legislature, at its present session, to enact another bill dividing the State into Congressional districts. The attention of the Legislature is called to the necessity of more stringent enactments to guard the purity of the ballot-box and the rights of electors.

The continued growth and prosperity of our public schools are indicated by comparing the expenditures of the last six years with those of the six years prior to 1877. Total cost of tuition from 1871 to 1877, \$1,473,428.33; Total cost of tuition from 1871 to 1877, \$1,473,428.33; Total cost of tuition from 1871 to 1877, \$1,473,428.33.

The Governor begins by reminding upon the propitious course of events, both State and National, during the past year, refers to the result of the late elections as highly satisfactory, and is happy to inform the law-makers that peace and good order have been maintained by the enforcement of the laws of the State.

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The National Guard consists of fifteen regiments and six battalions, comprising an aggregate of 18,686 enlisted men, and 1,129 commissioned officers. Convinced by past experience of the necessity of such a force, the Governor recommends such action as will maintain it in a well-equipped, disciplined and reliable condition.

The recording of valuable public documents in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the binding of the statute laws of the State are recommended. The work of the Board of Public Charities is commended, and the management of the State penitentiaries favorably noticed.

The managers of the "Pennsylvania Reform School" propose to change their location from Allegheny City to a farm of 500 acres in Washington county, and adopt for its government the best features of what is known as the "family system" of juvenile reformation. Walls, bolts and bars for confining the children will be abandoned, and an earnest effort made to govern them through sympathy and kindness.

Special Election Proclamation. Whereas, by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, January 10th, 1878, an act was passed for the purpose of dividing the County of Toga into two new counties, to be known as the County of Toga and the County of Potter.

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