

HOW DEMOCRATS CARRY ELECTIONS.

William Bunn is contesting at Harrisburg the seat of Daniel Witham, Democrat, returned as elected to the Legislature from the Eleventh Legislative district, in Philadelphia.

The Agitator.

WELLSBORO, PENN'A. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1869.

We are obliged to Hon. C. R. Coburn for a copy of the Penna. School Report for 1868.

To Representative Niles for Reports on Banks, etc., of the Adjutant General, of the Free Banking Law, of the Finances of the State, and of Orphan's Schools—all for 1868.

To Dr. Curwen, of the Penna. State Lunatic Hospital, for the Annual Report of that institution for 1868.

We assure Herr Joseph, of the Catskill Recorder, that we entirely approve of Gen. Grant's advice to omit the usual humbug of an Inauguration Ball.

From Col. McFarland's Annual Report of the Soldiers' Orphan's Schools for 1868, we learn that the number of advanced Schools in operation is 14, at a cost of \$180,291.40, for the six months ending May 31, 1868.

From Dr. Curwen's Annual Report of the State Hospital for the Insane we learn that the number of patients admitted into the Hospital for the year 1868 was, males 103, females 77—total 180.

Of the whole number discharged 47 were restored, 87 improved, 55 stationary, and 23 died.

The Superintendent's Report is able and interesting.

We heard, the other day, from the direction of Washington, a sound exhortation like the fracture of some body's state. One was it the word "check" spoken in the incisive tones of Gen. Grant?

For the information of all who may have determined to go to Washington to seek occupation, as well as for the benefit of such others as may have had vague dreams of possible success in the same direction, let us make a few declarations of fact:

1st.—Whether success will better your condition. 2d.—Whether you are ready to become a slave of dull routine, and subject of Red Tape. 3d.—Whether a crust with a contented spirit, is not better than, boarding-house fare and a feeling of "transientness."

—For the fact is, that you can hardly expect anything better than a \$1200 place, if any. You also risk something else, in the nature of permanent employment. At present there are a large number of temporary clerkships, into one of which you may happen to drop.

And when the work which called them into existence is done, you will drop out, and be again "on the town."—Then you must leave Washington, or go into another scramble, with all the other "outs" in competition.

But, unless you are firmly anchored upon the rock of self-control, better never put yourself in the way of the loose morality of Washington. If you like whisky, or lager, or poker, or wine and women, don't go to Washington to try the hazardous experiment of treating resolution. Resolution may go to the wall, and you may go to the devil.

With fixed and correct habits you may live anywhere, of course. With craving appetites and uncontrolled passions you ought never to live in any city—Keep in the pure atmosphere of the mountains, be content with small gains, improve the mind and heart, and thank God that you was not born in.

If Gen. Grant has said "check" to the office-brokers, we are right glad. Give us honest officials at all events.—Let us reward merit, and recognize fitness, and send favor packing. If that is what Gen. Grant means, we say AXEN!

Elmira has a case which gets interesting. A Miss Atwater lately called upon several gentlemen of means in that city and succeeded in swindling, or stealing, certain small sums of money. She was lately arraigned before the Recorder, when the counsel, Mr. R. S. Stanton put in a defence of "moral insanity," induced by a free use of opium.

However true it may be that crime is the offspring of moral insanity, is it quite safe to admit the plea in mitigation of penalties for crimes committed? We think not. When a man gets drunk and kills his neighbor is he not morally insane? Yet does the law excuse the murderer? Every drunkard is a lunatic in so much. Every opium eater, and every absinthe drinker, is likewise morally demented.

But the Courts cannot safely permit the plea of "moral insanity" to mitigate penalties, unless the penalties be taken off the offender and laid upon the person who furnished the drink, opium, or absinthe. Somebody is responsible. If a man voluntarily puts in his mouth what induces him irresponsible, so does the worse. For let it once be established that the plea of "moral insanity" is a good one in the Courts, and when a man contemplates the commission of a crime he has only to get drunk on rum, opium, or absinthe, and submit to the guidance of uncontrolled passion.

Every drunkard, every licentious man, and every gambler, is mentally unsound. We do not doubt it, nor do the best writers upon moral and mental science make any bones of admitting so much. But the insanity resulting from such excesses is voluntary, and ought to operate to increase penalties rather than to excuse crime. We hope Miss Atwater, who seems to have stormed the hearts of the doctors of Elmira, will fall to reduce the redun of Elmira Justice.

The annual force of an "Editorial Convention" has been gone through with at Harrisburg, and the State survives. Among the good things done was the rejection of a resolution asking the Legislature to pass a law to require the publication of the laws in all the newspapers of the State. The newspapers are bound to publish all laws local as matters of news; and when any law general is of importance enough to warrant publication, that is news, too. As for publishing all the laws annually filed on the Statute book, we would not do it for two prices; and we would not the publication of any particular law is needed, we should publish it without charge, as we do all news.

The day for supporting newspapers at public expense has gone by. This journal never had a dollar of public aid to help it along. The county printing is done at half price now, as it has been done for fifteen years. We object to taxing the people to feed newspapers or any other private enterprise, and so return thanks to the late "Convention of men who make men," for its display of common sense.

Household Furniture for Sale. THE subscriber, intending to break up household furniture, offers for sale the furniture at his residence on State Street, Wellsville, consisting of Beds, bedding, stoves, chairs, tables, China-ware Glassware and Plated-ware, Carpets, and many other articles of use and ornament. These articles will be sold at private sale, and possession given April 1st, or earlier to suit purchasers. GEORGE ASHER. Wellsville, Feb. 24, 1869.

Assignee's Notice. WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the estate of H. H. HARRISON, of the County of Tioga and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been adjudged to be insolvent, and is being administered by the District Court said District. J. HARRISON, Assignee. Wellsville, Pa., Feb. 24, 1869.

STATEMENT OF Receipts and Expenditures of the Treasury, for the year 1868.

RECEIPTS. From Collectors—County tax 1868, \$14,390.00; 1867, 10,146.00; 1866, 17,117.00; 1865, 20,383.00; 1864, 22,812.00; 1863, 24,929.00; 1862, 26,812.00; 1861, 28,412.00; 1860, 29,812.00; 1859, 31,212.00; 1858, 32,612.00; 1857, 34,012.00; 1856, 35,412.00; 1855, 36,812.00; 1854, 38,212.00; 1853, 39,612.00; 1852, 41,012.00; 1851, 42,412.00; 1850, 43,812.00; 1849, 45,212.00; 1848, 46,612.00; 1847, 48,012.00; 1846, 49,412.00; 1845, 50,812.00; 1844, 52,212.00; 1843, 53,612.00; 1842, 55,012.00; 1841, 56,412.00; 1840, 57,812.00; 1839, 59,212.00; 1838, 60,612.00; 1837, 62,012.00; 1836, 63,412.00; 1835, 64,812.00; 1834, 66,212.00; 1833, 67,612.00; 1832, 69,012.00; 1831, 70,412.00; 1830, 71,812.00; 1829, 73,212.00; 1828, 74,612.00; 1827, 76,012.00; 1826, 77,412.00; 1825, 78,812.00; 1824, 80,212.00; 1823, 81,612.00; 1822, 83,012.00; 1821, 84,412.00; 1820, 85,812.00; 1819, 87,212.00; 1818, 88,612.00; 1817, 90,012.00; 1816, 91,412.00; 1815, 92,812.00; 1814, 94,212.00; 1813, 95,612.00; 1812, 97,012.00; 1811, 98,412.00; 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