

The Agitator. WELLSBORO, PA. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1870.

H. H. Revels, a colored man, was recently elected United States Senator from Mississippi. He received a liberal education, and is said to be a man of ability.

Gov. Geary has re-appointed Francis Jordan, as Secretary of State. J. M. Wheatley, Deputy Secretary; F. Carroll Browner, Attorney General; and A. L. Russell, Adjutant General.

When I promised "more next time," respecting the Bureau service, I had not thought of the possibility that my readers would take no interest in the subject. Come to think of it, I hope that few of them are interested; for, it may be said that commonly, a government clerk is "in the nice holes" so long as he clings to the place; and this is measurably true of every class of government clerks. There is little in his employment, to "develop his energies, or to keep him from stultifying himself into a sort of machine: Excuse the incongruity of the metaphor.

Moreover; your readers have been, and now are, too intent on the great movement of national reconstruction, to care much about such a thing as a government clerk. They possibly might, had not been an overshadowing railroad monopoly, for ever and ever, without knowing it or even dreaming, if they suspected it.

But I must keep my promise. The measure, commonly spoken of as Jencks' Bill, proposes to make the appointment of all clerks, dependent on merit alone. And, to secure this, provides that appointments, promotions and dismissals, shall be controlled by a Board of Censors.

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Senator (Drummond), and a few others, may even wish to forego this privilege, because they are tired of the trouble and responsibility, or have already taken care of their friends, or have few or none to take care of. But these are exceptional instances.

If there were danger of a change of this kind, other objections might be limited up. If the measure should be honestly carried out and become a permanent system, it would build up a class—I might say a caste—very incongruous with our style of civilization,—a body of common citizens, isolated from the common citizen, and living always near the center of power, it would exercise a bad influence, naturally a selfish one, in public affairs. We have enough, already, of such elements, in the army and navy, and in the judiciary; where they are concentrated, they are more numerous. But we do not need a Red Tape Aristocracy.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TREASURY OF TIoga COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1869. RECEIPTS: County tax, 1868, \$3,398.00; Relief, 26.50; Militia, 11.32; County, 1869, 8.86; Relief, 12.49; Bounty, 1869, 101.28; County, 1869, 109.00; Poor, 2.41; Bounty, 1869, 7,838.51; State, 328.58; Poor, 931.18; County, 1869, 3,028.28; County tax on real lands redeemed, 58.80; County, 1869, 17.48; Redemption money on lands sold, 1,061.34; Commonwealth's cost and fees, 1,020.69; On judgments, 1,200.00; Cash of L. Taylor on sale of bonds, 270.45; Rent of A. Brewer, 50.00; Commonwealth's cost paid Treasurer, 2,000.00; County loans by Commissioners, 62,806.01; By Joel Parshurst, 64.00.

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George D. Prentice, long time editor of The Louisville Journal, died on the 22nd ult., 67 years of age. He was a celebrated wit, a fine scholar, and a most pungent and vigorous writer. That eloquent and beautiful poem, which we have more than once read with a feeling of awe creeping over us, at the end of the last hour of our school boy—"Closing Year"—was written by him, and first published in The Journal in 1848. He kept up a column of "What and How?" in the New York Ledger, for a long time, which was a reservoir of sparkling thought.

Hon. H. B. Swope has been appointed U. S. District Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, in place of R. B. Carnahan, Esq., whose term has expired. Mr. Swope is reputed an able lawyer, and has long stood high in the Western part of the State as a politician and an orator. Mr. Carnahan was an efficient officer, and will be missed by his friends, who have been accustomed to see him, always courteous and obliging in the performance of his official duties.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG. Harrisburg, Jan. 26th, 1870. EDITOR AGITATOR.—Perhaps your readers would like to know some of the doings of our August Legislature, and knowing that the usual channel for gaining that information—the Daily Record—has been squelched, or in other words suspended, I take the privilege of sending you some of the doings and sayings of that august body. The Senate of our commonwealth, and let me say to begin, that the House has rarely, if ever been presided over by an able Speaker, than the Hon. B. Strang from your county; order is maintained, decorum required, and a strict adherence to Parliamentary rules and proceedings. It is to be hoped that the colorful wit will be recalled to the terrible dimensions of the last session, at which, about 2000 bills were introduced and acted upon—as such a vast amount of legislation will increase our Statute Book and Digest to such a ponderous bulk that it will require the services of the "Old One Hoss Shay" to move it about. And then to think of the amount of brain work expended in the "House" to waste of the talent that may some day be needed for the support and stay of our old commonwealth itself.

In looking at the 100 faces in the House, one observes many changes since last winter; but a little over 30 names are retained, notwithstanding among these, you will observe the cheerful face of E. W. Davis, from the 10th Dist., Phila., who has twice been speaker, and I think, is the oldest member of the House—having been re-elected some terms ago. Alvin B. Strang, of the city, and C. O. Bowman, formerly of Tioga county, and now a member from Erie Co.

But take it all in all, I think the present House will not come up to the standard of last winter, in general intelligence. The Democrats of the House have lost two of their best men, the Hon. Wm. McCallough, of Clearfield, and Playford of Fayette, but I suppose they think it fully made up in the Senate, by the addition of C. R. Buckalar.

The Legislature, so far, has been of a local character, and only from your county passed, and that was in relation to the "House" and the "Township of Bloss. There is no unanimity of action on the part of members on the Republican side of the House, being so split among themselves, that the Democrats will vote with the weaker party, and generally carry the point. I account for it as follows: The prevailing feeling among the members, seems to be, to so deport themselves, that they will be again re-elected, and every vote seems to lack that desired result, and every speech an eulogy upon their constituents.

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Supervisor of the County House and County Commissioners report as follows: Tioga county, in account with the following: H. C. Bailey, Treasurer of said county, in account with said county, from Jan. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1870: \$1,180.00; H. C. Bailey, Treasurer of said county, in account with said county, from Jan. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1870: \$1,180.00; H. C. Bailey, Treasurer of said county, in account with said county, from Jan. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1870: \$1,180.00.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WELLSBORO, PA., at the close of business January 22, 1870. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts, \$118,088.68; U. S. Bonds and Securities on hand, 26,000.00; U. S. Bonds, Bonds, and Mortgages, 10,500.00; Other Bonds, Stocks, and Mortgages, 10,500.00; Due from other National Banks, 2,500.00; Due from State Banks, 1,000.00; Bills of other National Banks, 380.00; President's Currency, (including Notes), 16,227.00; Legal Tender Notes, 2,800.00; Total, \$209,003.68.

CLEARING OUT SALE OF WINTER DRY GOODS. J. A. PARSONS & CO'S. In order to reduce our stock as low as possible by the 1st of February, we have made large reductions in prices of a large portion of our Stock.

GREAT BARGAINS IN FURS. Heavy Black Beavers, all cloaking, \$3.75; Heavy Black Beavers, extra fine, 4.50; Heavy Black Beavers, extra fine, 4.50; White Black Beavers, extra fine, 4.00.

BARGAINS IN WATERPROOFS. We have reduced our entire stock of Plaid, Striped and Gold Trimmed Waterproofs to \$1.50. Our Plaid Waterproofs, Extra Quality, 1.25. The Cheapest Goods in Market.

BARGAINS IN FLANNELS. A Heavy Grey Twilled Flannel at \$1.12; A Heavy Grey Twilled Flannel at \$1.12; A Heavy Grey Twilled Flannel at \$1.12; A Heavy Grey Twilled Flannel at \$1.12.

BOOTS & SHOES. AT THE SAME RATES AS WE HAVE BEEN SELLING DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS. We cannot replace any goods in this stock at any lower price.

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral. TO THE MAN who wants a good grazing farm, I have a bargain. My farm contains 100 acres, improved with a plank house, frame barn, 30x60, and other outbuildings thereon. For terms and particulars apply on the premises, or address Charles H. HENRY, No. 17, 1870.

HARPER'S PERIODICALS. TERMS FOR 1870. HARPER'S MAGAZINE, One Year, \$4.00; HARPER'S WEEKLY, One Year, \$4.00; HARPER'S PICTORIAL, One Year, \$4.00; HARPER'S MAGAZINE, HARPER'S WEEKLY, and HARPER'S PICTORIAL, for one year, \$10.00; or any two for \$7.00.

TOIQA HIGH SCHOOL. H. M. BEELER, Principal; R. T. MARKS, Assistant; T. L. BROWN, Treasurer; J. W. GIBSON, Secy. Terms will open in the month of March. Tuition strictly in advance. No bills made for less than half a term. No deduction made for absentees.

Wellsboro Hotel. R. H. HOLLADAY, Proprietor. A large and commodious house, located in the immediate vicinity of all the County buildings, with James King, Esq., as its agent. Rooms for rent to those who desire to board themselves.

Livery Stable! SETH WATKINS respectfully informs the public that he has established a Livery Stable at the barn on the premises lately owned by R. G. Simpson, Esq., located on Pearl and Canton Streets, Wellsboro. He aims to keep good teams and wagons, and intends to please. Prices reasonable.—Nov. 24, 1869.