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GENERAL FREMONT'S DEBT. A Balance of \$21,000 Found to be Due Him from the Government.

Washington Special to Philadelphia Press. A most curious incident illustrative of delay in correcting official mistakes in the Department at Washington has just come to light as a sequence of the passage of the bill placing John C. Fremont upon the retired list of the army with the rank of Major-General.

The first Republican candidate for the Presidency is a most picturesque patriarch seventy-one years old, and has been for years in circumstances, if not of actual poverty, at least straitened. In 1848, when a lieutenant in the army, he seized and held with an iron grip the region which is now the State of California, and no one denies that the nation is indebted to him for that gilded member of sisterhood.

While engaged in this service, Lieut. Fremont's accounts with the government were left in such a state that he has always been regarded as an official debtor to the government to the amount of \$19,000; and it has been one of the chief sorrows of General Fremont's latter years that he was unable to square the balance against him, the record of which was in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury.

The other day General Fremont called at the office of Second Comptroller Gilkeson, of the Treasury, whose business it would be to pass upon the balance against him. The old man in trembling tones stated to Colonel Gilkeson that his financial circumstances are such that if his salary as a retired Major General were retained, to meet this alleged shortage he would be for some time in actual want. At his request the Second Comptroller investigated the accounts and greatly to his surprise discovered that instead of General Fremont being a debtor to the United States, the government had actually owed him for over forty years \$21,000. The records were perfectly clear and it was proved beyond dispute that through a mistake in book-keeping Lieutenant Fremont had been charged with \$19,000, for which a voucher was on file and that by another clerical error he had not been credited with a voucher for \$21,000, which he had expended under the direction of the War Department.

When General Fremont called again to ask Colonel Gilkeson whether some arrangement might be made to pay his supposed indebtedness by instalments, he was so unprepared for the glad news awaiting him that he fainted. On Friday a warrant for the amount due him was made out, duly approved and signed.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Chas. Cleary given a New Trial.

Commonwealth vs. Cleary, from Clinton county, was reversed and a venire facias de novo awarded.

THE VALUE OF CHARACTER.

The Supreme Court emphasize the statute of value of good character in an opinion delivered by Chief Justice Paxson this morning, granted a new trial to Charles Cleary, who was convicted of murder in the first degree in the Oyer and Terminer of Clinton county, for the killing of police officer in the town of Renovo, at the close of an evening of hard drinking. There was no doubt that Cleary was the man who killed the officer, and his defence consisted almost wholly of evidence of intoxication at the time and of previous good character. In charging the jury the judge told them that "good character is always of importance, and is evidence to be duly considered by the jury, and may turn the scale where there is a reasonable doubt as to the degree or grade of the crime." The jury found the defendant guilty in the first degree, and the Supreme Court reverses the judgment and orders a new trial on the ground

that this instruction gave the jury no right to infer that the evidence good character might create the reasonable doubt which entitles a prisoner to a safe deliverance.—Etc.

A DAY OF GLOOM. Burial of the Victims of the Mine Disaster.

WILKES-BARRE, May 18.—The funeral of a number of the victims of the Hartford mine took place this afternoon. Every available space was occupied in the cemetery, and the road leading to it was crowded with vehicles of all kinds containing sight seers. A little after 2 o'clock the funeral arrangements were completed, and the last sad offices were performed over the dead. At that hour the following victims were buried: Joshua Williams, John S. Williams, Ellis D. Williams, Henry W. Jones, William Edwards, Richard Jones, Henry Parry, Owen Parry and Thomas Davis.

Brief services were held at each of the houses by Revs. Thomas and Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, Hughes Miller and Caster, of Ashley, and T. C. Edwards, of Kingston. The services consisted of singing, praying and in some cases short addresses. The scenes at the houses were heartrending in the extreme. The funeral of Daniel Sullivan was conducted by Father McAndrews, of Wilkes-Barre, and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery in Llanover. The remains of Fire Boss John H. Allen were taken to Plymouth for interment.

AN APPEAL FOR AID.

The burgess of Ashley has an appeal to-day for aid from a charitable public for the families of the miners killed in the disaster at No. 4 slope of the Hartford mine. They solicit contributions of food, clothing and money, which may be sent to R. E. Thomas, burgess; Martin Dooley, president of the borough council, or Lindermuth, treasurer, at Ashley, Luzerne county, Pa.

Heroism in the Mines.

The men who toil in Pennsylvania coal mines are often reckless, but they are never cowards. If, as was the case at Ashley, it too often happens that terrible loss of life follows the foolhardy act of one reckless man, it is equally true that there are never lacking heroic fellows to take their lives in their hands and rush to the rescue of their fellow comrades. It requires heroism of a high type to enter a "working" mine in which a score of men have just been entombed and group in pitchy darkness through gangways that threaten another fatal collapse at any moment. The flood of condemnation that would ordinarily follow the awful results of Mine Boss Allen's reckless lighting of his lamp in the Ashley slope is partially silenced because he has paid for his rashness with his life. In the whole dark picture, however, the calm heroism of the volunteer rescuers stands out in glowing colors.

At the blazing Nelson shaft at Shamokin on last Friday night another band of brave-hearted men prevented what might have been another horror, fighting their way through smoke and flame to save their endangered comrades. The engineer who stuck to his post even while the cylinder of his engine redened with the heat, and drew the car of rescuers and rescued to the surface, while the very pulleys that supported them were aflame, is no less heroic a man than the famous Mississippi pilot who stood grasping the wheel of his burning vessel with the grim resolution, and then fell dead in the pilot-house—a willing sacrifice to a lofty sense of duty. The miner's constant familiarity with danger breeds a contempt for it, which too often results in fatal recklessness. The Pennsylvania collier is often rash, but he is never craven.

Ex-Governor Pattison, who is at present in St. Louis, positively refuses to be interviewed on politics. Brother Pattison reveals a well-balanced inclination to saw wood and allow the other fellows to do the talking.

In Prohibition States the form of invitation to drink is: "Have an original package with me."

The Executive Board of the Pittsburgh Trades Assembly has adopted and sent to President Harrison a resolution asking for the removal of Judge McKennan, of the United States Circuit Court. The labor organizations are dissatisfied with the result of the Jeannette case, in which the defendant was charged with bringing foreign glass workers under contract to this country. The allegation is that Judge McKennan slept a good part of the time while hearing the case. If this is true it must certainly be regarded as a very undesirable thing, but it may be doubted whether it would justify proceedings in impeachment. It is a waste of effort to send a request for removal to the President, who has no power of removal in this case.

Washington letter to Philadelphia Bulletin. No reasonable man will doubt but that Senator Quay will be called upon to name or to coincide in the name of the nominee for Governor. No candidate is going to turn up at the door of the convention with 163 delegates, which is necessary for a choice, who have been instructed for him. The votes that the nominee will lack he will be compelled to seek from the friends of Senator Quay, who will be guided in their choice by his desire to a very large degree. I find among the Pennsylvanians in Washington many who are of the most determined opinion that the choice of the convention will be neither Delamater nor Hastings, and that the "winner of the Derby" may be picked from the stable of "dark horses"—Paxson, McCormick and Stone.

DUSHORE ITEMS.

The Clio literary league is advancing.

F. B. Pomeroy visited at Troy last week.

The borough road machine was broken Saturday.

County Commissioner Chas. Hugo, of Elkland was in town Monday.

Nelson Zaner and E. W. Huffman are about to erect a birch oil distillery near town.

We are informed that Dushore will have elaborate exercises on Memorial Day. The Bernice band will be present.

The temperance and moral town of Forksville turns out some fine temperance young men. They were in town Saturday night.

The political plant, as well as all other vegetation is growing nicely. The prospects are very flattering for a large yield of local politics in Sullivan county this season.

Thomas Hennessy and Miss Bride both of Marshview, Bradford county, were married at Towanda Tuesday. Tom was formerly a clerk at Hotel Carroll.

The Dushore school board will receive bids for the contract of building the new school house until June 2. The building will be 40x52 feet in size, containing four school rooms, one recitation room and a basement, and will be let to the lowest and best bidder. The frame will be built of wood with one course of brick on outside, and will be nicely finished.

All passenger trains on the S. L. & S. railroad now run through to Lopez, and upon their arrival at that place a train with a passenger coach attached runs on out the extension a distance of 10 or 11 miles to Mehoopany creek. The new schedule is a great convenience to the Lopez people, but people all along the line are sorry to have the morning train south abandoned.

One day last week when L. E. Wells was working about the grist mill, a mouse in some way got inside of his vest where it remained quiet for some time, but finally Mr. Wells thought he was dying from heart disease, thinking his heart was jumping so. On taking off his vest, however, he found that it was only the struggle of the mouse for liberty that caused the pattering. Luke would, no doubt, have sold out very cheap just then.

Ha, ha! It makes us laugh to think of editor Newell's silly reply to the article in our last communication. Evidently his recent illness, which was caused by an article in your Dushore communication some weeks ago, has affected his brain. We do not feel disposed to say much as we see he is not recovering very rapidly, and we do not wish him any serious relapse, but we cannot refrain from saying that we believe his readers are all acquainted with his idea of us as a statistician, and would inform him that dead horses won't go. The readers are getting tired of the "eminent statistician" business and would like to have something new.

NOVUS HOMO.

TO THE PUBLIC:—Whereas my wife Mary Ann Keeler has left my bed and board, the public are hereby notified not to harbor her or furnish her goods as I will pay no bill of her contracting. JOHN F. KEELER. Davidson, Pa., April 25th, 1890.

Table with columns: REASURER'S SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS, Acres, Amount. Lists various land parcels and their values.

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S. W. LEWIS, of Dushore has reduced his price per dozen to \$1.50 and presents to his customer one 8x10 "Richard's style. Very cheap, is it not?"

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