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Thursday, December 23, '86.

The truth of the old saw, "there's no fool like an old fool," has been again demonstrated, this time in Newark, N. J. A maiden of seventy summers, of that city, has been robbed by a youth of twenty-two, who paid court to her, on pretense of matrimony, taking with him to Baltimore the lad's gold chain and necklace, diamond brooch and earrings and a snug sum in cash, the aggregate value of his stealings being nearly six hundred dollars. The fellow has been arrested and the depository of his plunder learned, but that will not heal his victim's lacerated heart nor console her in the reflection that she has made a fool of herself. It is of course desirable that people should preserve their youthful feelings as long as possible, and they who can keep their spirits and bodies fresh despite the assaults of time are to be envied; but it is also desirable that years bring with them a sobering down from the skittishness of youth, and confer some sense on those to whom they come. The Newark maiden was not thus endowed by time; and in this regard she has plenty of company.

A. H. DILL WANTED FOR FOR A WESTERN GOVERNERSHIP.

The Democratic leaders are now considering the policy of admitting Dakota and Washington Territories as States, which would give each party a new State, although Dakota might be entitled to two Congressmen and thus have one electoral vote more than Washington. Looking to the possible early admission of Dakota and Washington, the administration leaders are looking out for a high standard of men, who are specially sagacious as politicians, to fill the Territorial offices, and it is quite probable that A. H. Dill, of this state, tendered his services to Washington if he could get it. He would have the practically united support of the Pennsylvania delegation, as he is regarded as a reliable man to charge with the preliminary work of organizing a new Commonwealth. Dill has not been consulted on the subject at all and he is in entire ignorance of the suggestion of his name, but it is well settled that in the governments of the Territories named, men of the highest qualities will be selected as far as they can be obtained.

REIMBURSING THE COUNTIES

TAXES COLLECTED ON HORSES AND CATTLE TO BE RETURNED.

MIDDLEBURGH, December 11.—The State Board of Revenue Commissioners, consisting of Messrs. Stenger, Quay and Niles, have taken action in which many counties are interested. In 1873 the Legislature repealed the tax on horses and cattle for State purposes, but many Commissioners, then and subsequently in office, remained ignorant of this action and continued to assess this class of property for taxation, and made return of the same to the State tax authorities. This tax not only leveled, but paid into the State Treasury for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877. The Commissioners of Lackawanna county even continued the collections until 1880.

The property of returning this tax to the counties interested has often been discussed, but without definite action. If there had been any means whereby the tax could have been refunded direct to the tax-payers who contributed it the matter would have been settled long since. The Board of Revenue Commissioners has just announced a unanimous decision which is equivalent to a return of about \$180,000 to the counties which collected a horse and cattle tax from their tax-payers for the year indicated. This decision was reached without petition or solicitation of attorneys representing the interested counties, all of which will be allowed credit settlements to cover this amount which they paid into the State Treasury under a mistaken idea.

Professor Tyndall says the sky is indebted for its blue color to the particles floating in the air.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Court convened Monday, Dec. 13, 1886. Present, Hon. Chas. A. Barnett, President Judge and Hons. S. A. Wetzel and J. A. Smith Associate Judges.

Witnesses appointed, Benj. Meyer, Aaron Renssler, David Womer and H. R. Reigle.

In re estate of Henry Baker, dec'd.

Joseph D. Ulsh appointed guardian of Phoebe A. Baker, Adm. Heeter and Dahl F. Peter, minors of said deceased.

Jacob J. Mattern, Joseph Kline and T. A. Wagner, appointed appraisers to value the real estate of Henry Baker, dec'd.

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In re estate of Reuben DeLong, dec'd., return to order of sale confirmed.

In re estate of William L. Krauer, dec'd., return to order of sale confirmed.

In re estate of Abraham Erdley, dec'd., order of sale granted.

In re estate of Catharine Seaman, dec'd., order of sale granted.

In re estate of Mary Jane Hare, dec'd., order of sale granted.

In estate of Cath. Druckenmiller, dec'd., order of sale granted.

In estate of Daniel Lease, dec'd., J. S. Graybill appointed guardian of Pearl Lease, a minor of said deceased.

In estate of John D. Randabach, dec'd., order of sale granted.

In estate of Elsie Mitmar, dec'd., order of sale granted.

In estate of Daniel Haenel, dec'd., order of sale granted.

H. J. Heiser appointed committee of Pearl Lease, a lunatic.

In estate of Caroline Stoller, a lunatic, order of sale granted.

In estate of Wm. Hughes, dec'd., order of sale granted.

The accounts of Executors, Administrators, Guardians, and the widow's appraisements were all confirmed as advertised except those hereinafter mentioned.

In re estate of John D. Randabach, dec'd., exceptions to widow's appraisal filed.

In estate of Geo. Musser, dec'd., order of sale granted.

Oscar H. Marsh, admitted to practice law in the several courts of Snyder county.

Commonwealth vs. Christ Long and Abel Heller. These are the two defendants by Constable Watt, to 7, 1886, the house of Geo. Schuch, mention of which was made a short time ago in THE POST. The indictment contained three counts, charging them with 1st. Robbery and entering in the day time, with intent to commit a felony 2d. Willful and malicious wounding, did. Long made a considerable effort to escape the penalty of the law by trying to establish his innocence on the testimony of himself and his co-defendant. They testified as follows: That after leaving the house of Mr. Schuch about ten rods, they were passed by him and his family on their way to church. Knowing that there was no one about the house, Heller stated to Long that he would return to Long that he would return to the house and help himself to some clothing of which he was badly in need. Long refused to go with him, but promised to wait until his return. Heller, upon entering the cellar kitchen, the door of which was not locked, did not find the articles of clothing he desired, so he went up stairs where he not only found the clothing but also the gold watch and money. The fact that Long aided and abetted by concealing the stolen good, he was found guilty on the third count and was sentenced to serve a period of one year, three months in the Eastern Penitentiary, at separate and solitary confinement. Heller being found guilty on the 2d and 3d, count was sentenced to serve a period of one year and nine months in the same place and manner.

In re estate of Mary Deiner, dec'd., exceptions to the account of administrator filed and F. E. Bower, Esq., appointed auditor.

Ner. B. Middlewarth acknowledged deed poll to the following persons: M. B. Holman, Daniel Witmer, Charles Hower, Clara E. Thompson, John Landenslager, Geo. P. Fisher, Aaron Dreifuss, Elizabeth Shannon, M. S. Schroyer, John H. Reed and Peter Long.

Commonwealth vs. Mary Kramer, indictment, assault and battery. The defendant plead guilty. The sentence of the court was a fine of five dollars and costs of prosecution which amounted to some forty dollars.

Dec. 15, 1886, Court adjourned until Saturday, January 1, A. D. 1887 at 9 o'clock, A. M. and then to be adjourned to January 25, 1887, the time for the regular argument court.

A genius for statistics has signed out that one-million dollar bills weigh 2841 pounds.

The people of Dakota are moving again to have the Territory admitted as State. It is of no use. The Democratic party will never consent, and it has the power to prevent Dakota from becoming a Republic, and though it has twice the population of some States it will remain a Territory because it is Republican. Political dishonesty is a part of the creed of Democracy and Dakota is feeling the effects. If it would send two Democratic Senators it would be admitted, as it won't, it will not be.

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The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

G. M. Shindel.

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