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SOMEbody suggests Pattison for the gubernatorial nomination and Wallace for the senatorial.

The sun may cool off some day as scientists claim it will, but it does not seem to have made much progress in that direction yet.

SENATOR QUAY will be a substitute delegate from Beaver County to the Republican State Convention. Matt will see that things go all right.

The Altoona Times says that Cambria county was counted on as sure for Wallace. That may be so, but it was before the people had been heard from.

Mrs. CORA BACON FOSTER and Mrs. Ella Hutchins Stewart have been unanimously elected members of the Houston, Tex., Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade. These ladies are partners in the real estate business.

CUMBERLAND, Md., is elated over the prospect of having the construction and repair shops of the Baltimore Railroad Company located there. Should the proposition of the company be accepted, that city would experience quite a boom.

The Boston Globe comments approvingly upon the recent meeting of the Association of Women Ministers, and says it is time that the women should do a little more of the preaching and the men a little more of the practicing. That is situation in a nutshell.

"It is thought that Mr. Benj. Harrison will finally be compelled, by the exigencies of the political situation, to write a card indorsing Quay," says an exchange. That would be richness, indeed. He should then get another card from the good man Wanamaker.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has been censured by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of America for having wine at his dinners, Vice President Morton has shared the same fate, while Brother Wanamaker has been commended by the same body for not having wine at his dinners.

ADVICES from Rome are to the effect that King Humbert grows more melancholy day by day, and that Queen Margherita is afraid to leave him alone. Perhaps if the Queen were to leave him alone a few months he would become more cheerful. It works that way in some cases.

It is estimated that over 20,000,000 cigars are manufactured every day in the United States alone, and this enormous number requires in the neighborhood of 420 boxes for their keeping. As a result there are over 200 factories in the country turning these boxes out. The wood of which these boxes are made comes from Mexico, Central America and the West Indies.

Now that the Democratic nominations are made in this county the Republicans will make an effort to stir up the feelings of the friends of those who failed to be nominated. Then a delegate election will be held by them, after the usual "quiet" manner. The convention will meet, somebody will pass around the word, and with the most surprising unanimity and harmony their slate will go through.

THERE have been 192 delegates elected to the Republican State Convention. Twelve remain to be chosen yet. Of those elected, eighty-four are said to be for Delamater, fifty-eight for Hastings, twenty five for Montooth, thirteen for Stone, five for Osborn, three each for McCormick and Davis. Quay's friend will need but nineteen more to nominate him, leaving no doubt as to the result.

ONE day the news is telegraphed from Washington to the press that Wanamaker has told Quay to side-track Delamater in the interests of the Republican party of this State, and the next day comes a prompt denial from the Sunday school superintendent that he is taking any hand in political matters in this or any other State. The political liar seems to have his seat very near the country's capital.

A MEASURE is on foot among ex-Confederate officers and soldiers to raise a fund for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of General Grant at Richmond or some other Southern city. The idea is a good one and would have the effect of breaking down the last traces of sectional contentions, giving the lie to the charges of disloyalty which are flaunted in the faces of the Southern people. General Grant is admired by them for his magnanimity. A monument to him on Southern soil, built by Southern money and Southern hands would be a great educator to the rising generations of all sections of the country.

SPEAKING of the desperate attempts being made by the Louisiana State Lottery to gain an extension of its charter the New York World says: "The lottery men now hope for complete success in purchasing Louisiana's honor. They have carried a bye election by a large majority, which was supposed to be secure for the opposition, and it is reported that the Democrats in the Legislature will to-day make the lottery scheme a party measure. If they do they will startlingly illustrate the evil possibilities of partisan inconsistency and loss of character, for the lottery is Louisiana's worst inheritance from Republican carpet-bag rule, and is the chief source of supply for Republican campaign funds. Perhaps, in its impartial unscrupulousness, the lottery has consented to sell out its politics, and will hereafter furnish "boodle" to the Democrats; or perhaps it intends to run both parties and to own both."

The story comes from the Upper Nile regions that a most horrible state of things exists in consequence of the failure of the crops. Cannibalism is the only resort by which the lives of some of the miserable natives are prolonged. And all this is the result of the heartless wars waged by that eminent Christian power, Great Britain, for the acquisition of territory. On the Gold coast and Sierra Leone, in the western part of Africa, it is reported that the British officials are most brutal in their treatment of the natives, and the Christian missionaries are at work among the same natives. Their success can be imagined. The natives would certainly be won to the faith of the Savior by the treatment they receive from the armed mercenaries of this Christian power. The story of India is the same. The people of all the unenlightened nations will forever remain in darkness unless the "Christian" powers will withdraw their armies and mercenary agents.

CONSOLIDATION seems to be in the air. At New York the uniting of New York, Brooklyn, Long Island City and other populous suburbs of the metropolis into one city is receiving serious consideration. If accomplished it would give New York a population of nearly 2,500,000. At Chicago the project of extending the limits of that city so as to include the whole of Cook county, thereby absorbing into the windy city about a dozen suburbs that would be considered large cities if they stood by themselves, is under consideration by the authorities. At times there has been talk of the union of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, but as yet it is only talk and is not likely to be accomplished. The whole movement is in the line of progress. In all the localities the interests are identical, and there is no reason why the arbitrary barriers to a common municipal Government should not be removed.

ONE feature of the McKinly bill, professedly in the interests of the American workingman, is the tin plate tax. It proposes to levy a tax of from \$10,000,000, to \$16,000,000 on the whole American people, from Passamaquoddy Bay to Puget's Sound and from the Lake of the Woods to Key West in order that the business of making tin plate may be made with profit in the United States. This contribution is to be levied on every user of articles made of tin in the shape of higher prices for those articles. The "broad national policy of protection" as proposed by the present administration could not be more clearly illustrated. A whole nation is taxed that a few capitalists may reap profits. It will be interesting to see how much the wages of the workmen all over the country will be increased by the advance in the price of tin.

COMMENTING on the way New York looks at the present status of the World's Fair matter the Sun says, "New York is earnest in her readiness to help on the Chicago Fair, and bears no malice against Chicago, she does not and cannot forget that the boss of the Republican party in this State is responsible for the failure to hold the Fair in this city. The people of this city and State know exactly where the responsibility for that failure lies; and their sense of defeat is fierce enough and their memories are long enough to insure that the persons responsible will be properly punished at the polls next fall." The "boss" referred to for partisan reasons, interfered with New York's chances for getting the Fair. The interference eventually sent the show to Chicago. But the political career of Boss Platt is at an end in consequence.

The curious "traveling stones" of Australia are paralleled in Nevada. They are described as being perfectly round, about as large as a walnut, and of an ivory nature. When distributed about on the floor, table or any other level surface within two or three feet of each other, they immediately begin traveling toward each other until they meet at a common center and there lie huddled up in a bunch, like eggs in a nest. A single stone removed to a distance of four feet, upon being released, returns to the heap, but if taken away five feet remains motionless. It is needless to say that they largely composed of magnetic iron ore.

The contest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination should be conducted in a spirit of friendly rivalry. Certain papers in the State in the interests of the man of their choice have gone beyond the bounds of prudence. No such thing should be done. If the party wins this fall it will be by united and earnest work. Any antagonisms that may be aroused will have a bad effect, no matter who is nominated.

NOTWITHSTANDING the defection of Mr. Patterson and Mr. McGowan, it is stated that Mr. Pattison will get fifty of the sixty-four Philadelphia delegates.

SATURDAY weddings are becoming very fashionable. This is in keeping with the old saying that "a Saturday flit is a short sit," if the work of the divorce courts is any criterion.

THE Legislature of Illinois will meet June 17, to provide for raising \$5,000,000 by Chicago for the Fair by amending the Constitution of the State. The Prohibitionists are hustling to attach to the resolution a clause prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits in connection with the Fair.

A COFFIN trust is the latest. Three firms in this country make seventy-five per cent. of all the fine caskets made in the United States, and they are now about to issue stock and conduct the business on the same principle of Standard Oil Company. The small firms will either be compelled to join or close up shop.

SENATOR QUAY now has a grand chance to show the kind of stuff he is made of. The report is given out and confirmed that he has about decided to side-track Delamater. Some time ago Matthew S. was openly for him. Now the Senator's friends tell him that if he drops Delamater it will be an acknowledgment of a personal defeat. And to that kind of thing he is unused.

The Reading Railroad Company has given notice to its conductors that in consequence of the action of the Brotherhood of Conductors, in recently striking from its Constitution, that clause forbidding strikes, they must leave the Brotherhood or the Company's service. Since the big strike of 1887-8 on the Reading, in which the men were badly beaten, the order of President Corbin that no employe could belong to a labor organization has been strictly enforced.

THE friends of ex-Governor Pattison claim that of the delegates already elected to the Democratic State Convention one hundred and thirty are for him while eighty-four are for Wallace and fifty-one are doubtful. One hundred and seven remain to be elected, and of these it is expected that the ex-Governor will get at least get forty-six. Wallace can count on seventeen yet to be chosen, while forty-four are doubtful. The prospects are decidedly in Pattison's favor.

A PENSION bill has been agreed upon by the Senate and House conferees, and rushed through the House under the call of the previous question. It will give a pension of from \$6 to \$12 a month to every soldier or sailor of the late war who is now or may hereafter from any cause become disabled. The widows of all soldiers whose marriage antedates the passage of the bill will be entitled to a pension of \$12 per month. No one knows how much money it will take from the Treasury. Representative Morrill, in his explanation of the report, stated that the measure was not all he wanted, but that it was all he could obtain, and that it would distribute an additional \$35,000,000 among the soldiers. As the pension expenditures under existing laws will amount to \$110,000,000 for the current year the addition of even \$35,000,000, if it shall prove no more, will leave no surplus to wrangle about. Let the work of increasing and extending pensions go on and we can soon turn over the Government to the pension agents and the crowd of mercenaries who are working for the old soldier vote.

SENATOR STANFORD's utopian scheme of having the Government lend money at two per cent. on agricultural land securities was knocked on the head by indefinite postponement in the Senate yesterday. If it were proper that the Government should go into the money-lending business at all, it should at least do so without exercising discrimination. Farmers are no more entitled to national aid than any other class of citizens. Artisans and professional men are able to get into difficulties just as well as the tiller of the soil, and it need hardly be stated that their claims upon the nation are equally well founded. Hence, assuming that it would ever be possible to establish a national loan office, the first condition of its establishment should be universality in its operations. But a serious consideration of this matter in any of its phases is neither useful nor pertinent, inasmuch as there is too much common sense among the people and too keen an appreciation of the dignity which hedges our Government to permit of any such sordid legislation under the pretense of benefiting either the classes or the masses.

Cardinal Manning's Silver Jubilee. LONDON, June 12.—The Parnellite members of the House of Commons are preparing an address to be presented to Cardinal Manning in honor of the silver jubilee of that prelate, in recognition of his services in the cause of freedom of Ireland. The Protestants among the Nationalist members, including Mr. Parnell himself, are unanimous in indorsement of the eulogistic terms of the address.

Killed His Mother, Then Himself. PORTLAND, Ore., June 12.—At Milwaukee, a small town about ten miles from this city, Daniel Harvey, a fruit grower, shot and killed his aged mother and then killed himself. The old lady was lying in bed when her son opened the door and shot her through the head. It is supposed that Harvey was temporarily insane.

JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL COMMEMORATION.

Program of Interesting Exercises Well Rendered. The large auditorium of the Christian Church was filled with an intelligent audience last evening to witness the commencement exercises of the Johnstown high school.

The program was as follows: Prayer, Rev. D. M. Miller; vocal solo—"My Dearest Heart," Sullivan—Mrs. J. Sharp McDonald; salutatory, "Minutes, the Golden Sands of Time," Agnes Belle Caldwell; piano solo—"Prelude," Mendelssohn—Miss Emma V. Miller; essay, "Disappointments," M. Virginia Menoher; vocal solo—"O, Promise Me," DeKoven—Mrs. McDonald; class oration, "Ambition," Harry M. Jones; piano duet—"O Jos Croiles," Gotschalk—Mrs. M. G. Moore and Miss Miller; essay, "The Best Gift," Ora B. Louthier; vocal solo—"Answer," Robyn—Mrs. McDonald; essay, "Gentle Manners," Annie M. Kuntz; essay, "Friendship of Books," Mary L. Opperman; piano solo—"Valse," Moskowski—Miss Miller; valedictory, "Peaceful Conquests," Daniel L. Parsons; vocal solo—"Call Me Thine Own," Haley—Mrs. McDonald; presentation of diplomas, secretary of board; vocal solo—"Marguerite," White—Mrs. McDonald; benediction, Rev. Miller.

The whole program was interesting. The young ladies were tastily attired in white, all wearing beautiful bouquets, while Misses Caldwell and Louthier carried flowers.

First honors were carried off by Daniel L. Parsons, the valedictorian. It was a masterly effort.

The second honor was accorded Henry M. Jones, who had the class oration. Mr. Jones did great credit to himself and to his teacher by his delivery and the subject matter of his oration.

Third honor was allotted to Miss Caldwell, whose salutatory was full of fine thoughts pleasingly delivered.

The essays of Miss Menoher and Miss Opperman were very good, both as to subject matter and manner of delivery. The essay by Miss Louthier was replete with good thoughts. Contentment is the best gift in her estimation.

The essay by Miss Carrell was an excellent composition, and was listened to with interest, but it was not heard in the rear of the room. Miss Kuntz's "Gentle Manners" was much appreciated.

The music was a most pleasant feature of the occasion. The piano duet was received with great applause, but the performers did not yield to the demand for an encore. Miss Miller's and Mr. McDonald's piano and vocal solos were highly appreciated.

In his presentation of diplomas, Mr. Jones, the Secretary of the Board, delivered very a pleasing address.

The success of the exercises reflects great credit on the Board of Education, the Superintendent, the class and all who lent their aid to make it such.

SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED.

A Storm Plays Havoc in Cincinnati and Adjacent Towns. CINCINNATI, June 12.—An electrical storm raged here from 5 to 7 o'clock, last evening. The rainfall was half an inch, and the wind was furious.

Great damage was in the suburbs and adjacent towns. Two or three persons were killed, and several seriously injured. Part of the Longview Insane Asylum was unroofed.

The storm came from the northwest and went South. A dozen factories and churches were badly damaged, while the damage to private property will run far up into the thousands. Several persons were struck by lightning.

The storm almost devastated Elmwood, a small village on the Carthage Pike, about five miles from Cincinnati. Houses were unroofed, chimneys blown down and outhouses demolished. Mr. Joseph Cook and his wife and child were in their house when the storm came up. The house began to rock, and Cook called to his wife to save herself and child. She ran out with the child in her arms, and had barely reached the open air when the house collapsed. Cook was not seen to come out, and it is believed he was burned in the ruins. A number of costly buildings were ruined.

Owls Hold the Barn. A plague of owls has for two weeks disturbed the peace of John Mayer's home in the outskirts of Plainfield, N. J. Mr. Mayer's sons discovered in the barn a snug nest of young birds. The old birds were not in sight, and the boys made one of the owlets captive and carried it to the house. His mother compelled him to restore it to its nest. He had no sooner placed it with the others than one of the old owls attacked him furiously, beating him with its wings and scratching with its claws and bill at his eyes. Shielding himself with his arms the lad ran away.

Horrible Accident in a Sawmill. NEW BLOOMFIELD, Pa., June 12.—Benjamin Grubb, aged thirty-five years, was cut in two at Coller's steam sawmill, in Greenwood township, Perry county, yesterday. In some unexplained manner he either fell or was thrown on a rapidly-revolving circular saw. The blade entered the door and shot her through the head, cutting off one ear, passing down through the body in a diagonal direction and emerging below the hip.

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