

The complete election returns of Foster township and Freeland Borough appear on the first page of this issue.

Another State heard from. Governor Fleming, of West Virginia, in his inaugural address makes an earnest plea for Ballot Reform.

It would gratify a great many Pennsylvania Republicans who take their politics at second hand if Senator Quay would let them know whether they ought to be in favor of Ballot Reform or against it.

BALLOT REFORM is making progress in various sorts of ways. The newly-elected Democratic Governor of New Jersey is in favor of it, and so also is the retiring Republican Governor of Iowa, whose party had been voted out by the old plan.

EDITOR MERRILL, of the Chicago Tribune, has not been given a foreign mission and is at liberty to tell the administration some wholesome truths. Editor Merrill says the tariff must be revised or the Western farmers will upset the Republican wagon and dump its riders.

The resolution congratulating the people of Brazil on their just and peaceful assumption of powers, duties and responsibilities of free Government passed the Senate, as it should, by unanimous vote. There might be differences of opinion as to the need of saying anything on the subject, but on the question itself no true American could vote no.

The exports of coal from the United States to Canada amounted to about 2,000,000 tons last year, while the exports of coal from Canada to this country were about half that quantity. With untaxed commerce the exports of both countries would be largely increased, thus giving more abundant supply of fuel to manufacturers, more freights to railroads, and more employment to miners.

KENTUCKY is the latest state to prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors. The law is a good one but like many other laws on the statute books, it don't seem to prohibit worth a cent. Small boys experience no difficulty to secure a supply of their favorite brand, nor will they have while dealers have so little respect for the law as to violate it openly. An example made of one or two of the violating dealers would be very beneficial not only here but elsewhere.

AMERICAN fresh beef, which has found a profitable market for years past in the Canadian Provinces, is losing that vantage ground owing to the competition of the fresh beef from Manitoba which can be delivered at St. John, N. B., at the same figure as the American article—and no doubt a shade lower in the event of a war of rates. The Canadian capitalists evidently mean to find out whether the "home-market" theory will work on that side of the boundary line.

If several Democratic states do not adopt ballot-reform bills during this Winter and the coming Spring it will not be for lack of opportunities. The Legislatures of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky all have ballot bills before them based on the Australian system. It is hardly possible that all the measures will pass, but some of them are pretty sure to, and in the other cases the discussion they awake will result in favorable action in the near future. The present Democratic Legislature of Ohio, will probably do nothing toward ballot reform, and the result in New York is doubtful on account of the opposition of Governor Hill, so that the most of what is accomplished in that line this year will probably be done in the South. But next winter, when nearly all the Northern Legislatures will be in session, a harvest of ballot reform laws is confidently expected.

In commenting on the bill now before the New York Legislature which requires that all employees shall be paid their wages weekly, the Indianapolis News has the following to say, and if our readers will only change the state, they will find that every word it contains is applicable to this locality.

A bill is pending in the New York Legislature which requires that all employees shall be paid their wages weekly. It is similar to a law which has been in operation in Massachusetts for several years, and has proved itself a good and beneficial requirement. Similar laws should be in force in other cities. Various evils arise from monthly payment of wages, and wherever the system is in vogue there will be found the greatest misery, wastefulness and woe among the working classes. It makes running in debt a necessity, and that tends to extravagance. The person who buys on credit will buy more than if cash is paid for every purchase, and those who are compelled to ask credit become prey of the unscrupulous dealers. Credit prices are higher than cash prices. There is some reason why they should be. The advantages the system given in profit making have led to the establishment of stores by employees, where large numbers of working men and women are given work. The well-known "pluck-me" stores of the Indiana coal regions are fostered by the system. We have a law in this State requiring the payment of wages every two weeks. The time of payment should be made weekly. Aside from the bad results of forcing a poor man into debt, it is in a way demoralizing to him to have so much money placed in his hands one time, and makes him feel that he is very much better off than he really is. He is likely to spend his money extravagantly. His money is soon gone, he may be still in debt, and self-debilitated if not suffering, following until another pay-day.

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Protecting the Farmers. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat tells the Western farmers that the duties on all important agricultural products are so high as to be practically prohibitory. These duties are not merely prohibitory; they are futile and absurd. With agricultural products absolutely free of duty, their price could not be affected in the slightest degree in a country which is a large exporter of these articles. But duties are imposed on wheat, rye, corn, and other products of the farm, to amuse American farmers with the belief that they are protected while they are undergoing the process of tariff extortion.

The way to protect the farmers is to widen the area of commercial freedom, so that they may have wider markets for their surplus products and obtain the commodities they consume at fair prices. So long as the existing system shall endure the farmers of this country will be obliged to sell their products under conditions of free trade, and to buy what they consume at prices manipulated by tariff-declerated combinations, trusts and monopolies.—Philadelphia Record.

Correspondence from the Capitol. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, '90. If the rules of the House are adopted in the shape reported by the majority of the committee, so they probably will be, the responsibility of these rules, for good or evil, must be with the Republicans. If they are found to operate unjustly to the rights of the minority or of individual members, by shutting off meritorious motions, and restricting legitimate discussion, it is the intention of the Democrats to make good use of their opportunities and turn the situation to their own political account.

The Democrats charge with a good deal of instances that are unfair, obstructive in many particulars, contrary to established precedent, and that they contain all the radical violations of precedent which the speaker indulged in while managing the House under what he termed "General Parliamentary Law." They will so urge during the forthcoming discussion and endeavor to procure certain modifications or concessions. It is their undoubted province and privilege to do so and it is their right to protest. But if any wrong is committed over their heads it is not their wrong. The Republicans make the issue. All the Democrats can do is to meet it courageously; and if the Republican side of the chamber shall commit itself to a serious blunder thereby, Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Crisp and their associates, should remember that it is a long time since they have turned, and it is not a long time since one Congressman at election to another.

The passage of the Blair bill by the Fifty-first Congress is by no means a certainty although its backers, in view of its passage by the Senate two or three times, and its having had a substantially solid Republican support in the House are full of confidence. A decided weakness has been developed among its supporters in the Senate. Some of the Republicans who voted for it before will do so now only to maintain the consistency; others are quite prepared to array themselves against it, and the Senators from the new states are, to say the least, doubtful as to what course they should take. Senator Blair has undoubtedly impaired the prospects of this one great scheme of his by assuming the patron of so many cranks, projects, and of all legislative bodies the Senate; full as it is of men of affairs and able lawyers, is the least of all inclined to tolerate cranks. Other things which militate against the passage of the bill are the belief that the underlying principle has been sapped by vote-catching concessions, the fear that the money will be diverted by State authorities for political purposes; and the feeling that the wants of the nation are of age and ought to be able to take care of themselves.

The United States can borrow as much money as it wants at 3 per cent, or less and it has a surplus of a hundred millions or more for which it gets nothing, yet the government pays \$121,700 a year rent for the additional buildings it uses at Washington because of the overcrowded condition of its own. This amount paid in rent represents a loan to the government of \$1,521,250 at eight per cent, which is about what is considered a fair return for money invested in real estate in the district, and which is almost three times what the government would have to pay for money with which to erect its own buildings, in case its treasury were empty and it were forced to borrow. Nor are the buildings it secures under the present system for its purposes what they should be, since they are put up by private parties either for their own use or to rent for business purposes. It is unbusinesslike for the government to rent at eight per cent, when it can build at three, and build to its own accommodation and to the beautifying of the capital.

The social season of 1890, so far as of local life is concerned, is over and will go down on record as one of the most tragic which Washington has ever known. It virtually came to a close about two weeks ago, when the first and tidings of the frightful calamity in the Tracy household brought everything to a sudden standstill. The White House receptions, with the State dinners have been given last Thursday, together with the dinner to have been given Saturday night by the Vice President have been postponed until after Lent. The cabinet houses will also be closed until after Lent.

President Harrison has raised himself very much in the estimation of both friends and foes by the tender sympathy and realness which he has shown in his afflictions that have fallen upon the Blaine and Tracy families. He has been a perfect ministering angel to the bereaved statesmen and their families.

A leading Republican member of Congress estimates that if Speaker Reed's code of rules are adopted as reported to the House the appropriations will foot up at the end of the session about \$500,000,000. At this rate the time is not far distant when Americans can no longer point with pride to the fact that our system of government is cheaper than that of the monarchies and empires of Europe.

Now that the Spring elections are over, and that all have buried their local differences at the ballot box, it behooves the Democratic voters of this fourth Representative District to turn their attention to the contest of next November. The time to prepare for the next contest is now. Organization is a necessary preliminary to success. With a Democratic club in every polling district in this county, much good can be done.

What opportunities this country offers to men of intelligence, industry and thrift is shown in the story of Jno. Kosok, "the Hungarian King," whose mysterious death at Wilkes-Barre is now being investigated. He came to this country a young man, with no capital but a strong body, an intelligent mind and good habits. His first employment in the coal regions yielded him 50 cents a day and his board. But he studied languages and saved money while thus working as a common laborer, and later in his life used his knowledge of various tongues to good account in his intercourse with immigrants from various countries who settled about the mines. By industry, thrift and enterprise he built up a big fortune, and at the time of his death was one of the leading capitalists of his region and a man of conspicuous enterprise in making public improvements. He no doubt possessed exceptional qualities that aided him to success, but the thing to be noted is that the possession of those qualities in this country enabled him to advance himself, while in Bohemia he would probably have continued to be a day laborer to the end. Is it any wonder that with even one such story going back to the old country the immigrants to this home of the free are numbered by the hundred thousand every day?

WIT AND HUMOR. One would think that a jester would be in pain all the time with so many felons on his hands.—Kearney Enterprise. True genius much resembles a mustard-plaster. The secret of its smartness lies in close application.—Terre Haute Express. You can no more judge a man by his daily walk and conversation than you can an election-day saboteur by its front door.—Detroit Free Press. It is fortunate that a man learns the "rule of three" when a child, for later in life he never gets beyond the rule of one.—Kearney Enterprise. "Do you suppose Vassar girls succeed in after life, Mr. Snarity?" "Why, of course. I heard of one getting married the other day."—Epoch. Professional Beat (to hotel proprietor)—"Is there any danger of a fire here?" Proprietor—"Not if you settle for your board in advance."—Boston Herald. "Really this is awkward. What did I come here for? Ah, yes, I remember. My dear young lady, I adore you. Will you grant me your hand."—Pittsburg Blotter. "I saw a goblet to-day made of bone." "Pshaw! I saw a tumbler made of flesh and blood last night!" "Where?" "At the circus."—Harper's Bazar. Our office-boy asserts that English sparrows are like rubber bands, because they are gutter-perchers and have received a great deal of a-tension.—Hotel Gazette. "Brown—"How time flies!" Jenkins—"I am not aware of its speedy passage." B.—"Then you have not a note to pay." J.—"No; I hold yours."—Boston Budget. Husband (to wife at the theater)—"Have you brought your opera-glass?" Wife—"Yes, but I can't use it." "Why not?" "I forgot to bring my diamond bracelet."—Ocean Sliftings. Fond Mother—"You should remember, my child, that the little birds in their nest agree." Johnny—"But every one in a while one of 'em falls out." Pm that one.—Maussey's Weekly. "The Rev. Mr. Highlys—"I did not see you among the congregation yesterday, Mrs. An Fair." "No, I was ill; but I sent my card by the coachman."—Lawrence American. Stranger (to bootblack)—"Can you tell me, my little fellow, the best way to get to the station?" Bootblack—"De best way is to take a hack; but if you're broke you'd better walk."—N. Y. Sun. A man who beats the gong at a railway cutting-station makes a big noise in the world, but he does not get there. Some other fellow eats the dinner. He simply makes the din.—New Orleans Picayune. "Going to vote?" asked the furnace. "I am registered all over the house." And the gas meter replied: "Wait until the old man sees how much I have registered if you want to hear music."—Boston Bulletin. Mother—"Now you have broken my cup. You deserve a whipping; come here." Fritz—"No; I won't come." Mother—"Come, Fritz, till I whip you, and then you shall have a slice of cake."—Pittsburg Blotter. First Juror—"I tell you this bribery of jurors is a crying shame, it's a disgrace." Second Juror—"You're dead right. The darn fool who did the bribing never offered me a cent. He ought to be punished."—Epoch. Wife (at church)—"That man in the second pew is acting very strangely. Do you think he is crazy?" Husband—"I wouldn't be at all surprised, my dear; I see his collar button has gone down his back."—N. Y. Sun. When a woman clinches her teeth, shuts up her fists, and remarks in a concentrated voice, "I wish I was that man's wife for about five minutes," it is mighty lucky for "that man" that she isn't.—Terre Haute Express. It is a fact worth pondering that though the night falls around us it never breaks, whereas the day breaks but never falls. We offer this delicate fancy to some struggling aspirant for poetical honors.—Harper's Bazar. Barber—"I think this is the first time I ever shaved you, sir." Victim—"You're mistaken there." Barber—

"Strange I fail to remember, sir." Victim—"You wouldn't be so likely to remember it as I."—Boston Herald. Visitor—"I hope, my friend, that you now see the great error you have made." Murderer—"Yes, I see it clearer every day. If I'd only killed de hired girl, too, there wouldn't have been no one left to peach on me."—Life. First Female Burglar—"Get your gun. We are going to crack old man Gold-dollar's house to-night." Second Female Burglar—"I wouldn't go into that house after dark for the world. It is chock full of nice."—Terre Haute Express. Jones—"I believe in equal rights for that fairest of God's creation—woman. The gentler sex, so dear to the heart of man, should have all privileges accorded to us." Smith (speaking to his friend Banks)—"I wonder if that man is married."—Kearney Enterprise. Short-sighted gentleman chooses a pair of spectacles. "These glasses," he says, "are not strong enough for me." "But, sir, they are No. 2." "What have you next to No. 2?" "No. 1." "And after that?" "After No. 1, sir, you will want a dog!"—Lyn Vulture. Deacon Jones (solemnly)—"My young friend, do you attend a place of worship?" Young man—"Yes, sir, regularly, every Sunday night." Deacon Jones—"Pray tell me where you go to worship?" Young man—"I am on my way to see her now."—N. Y. Truth. Artist—"I have brought you one of my paintings that I think the most of. Now don't you think it ought to be hung in the coming exhibition?" Committeeman—"No, I wouldn't hang it. I am opposed to capital punishment. Sentence it to solitary confinement."—America. Crinkle—"I understand you own an acre of ground in Blank Township. What do you value it at?" Eckell—"Well, it's worth about \$150, but if a railroad company were to appropriate half of it I suppose a jury would find that it was worth about \$5,000."—Norristown Herald. Jimmy Tuffborn (to minister who is dining with the family)—"Didn't you say in your sermon this morning that there wasn't anything in this world perfect?" Minister—"Yes, I believe so; why do you ask?" "O, I heard massy before church time that you were a perfect bore!"—Epoch. Mamsboy—"What awful drunks those Romans must have been!" Papsy—"Where did you get that idea? I didn't know they were particularly intemperate." Mamsboy—"Why, over the door of every Roman a warning was hung—"Cave Canum"—beware of the growler!"—Harvard Lampoon. "Maude," he said softly, as he pulled out the tremolo stop in his larynx, "Will you marry me?" "No," she answered, with all the earnestness of sincere conviction. He paused as if in deep thought, and then said: "Strange, strange, how a simple word revives scenes and impressions that have passed away. I am almost certain that I have heard that before."—Merchant Traveler. "Do you ever receive contributions written on both sides of the paper?" asked a gentleman entering a newspaper office. "No, sir, never," emphatically replied the editor. "All right; I was going to endorse this check to your order, but I don't want you to break your rules." Then he went out, leaving the editor in a deep-dream.—Yonker's statesman.

GRAND Musical Festival! TO BE HELD AT Freeland, March 1, '90. VOCAL. 1. For choirs not less than 60 in number, "Arise All Ye Nations," (Lloyd).....\$250 00 2. For choirs of some number, "We Never Will Bow Down," (Handel)..... 100 00 3. For choir of children not under thirty in number, and not over 16 years of age, tenor and bass to assist them, "He Knows," (Gospel Hymns)..... 25 00 4. For party of male voices, not under twenty in number, "Monk's March," (Parry)..... 25 00 5. Quartette, "Good Night, Gentle Folks," (Will L. Thompson) 8 00 6. Trio, "The Magic Wove Scarf," (Dittson Edition)..... 6 00 7. Duett, "The Two Bards," (Price)..... 4 00 8. Bass solo, "The People That Walketh in Darkness," (Messiah)..... 3 00 9. Baritone solo, "The Noble Boy of Truth," (Parry)..... 3 00 10. Soprano solo, "But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell," (Messiah)..... 3 00 11. For girls under 16 years of age, "I Love Her Still," (M. H. Rosenfeld)..... 2 00 12. Tenor solo, "The Missing Song," (D. Emlin Evans)..... 3 00 INSTRUMENTAL. To the band (brass or reed, and not less than 20 in number) that will best render a piece of music of their own selection...\$ 50 00 Cornet solo, "Delecta," (by H. Henry, published by A. Squire, Cincinnati, O.).....\$ 5 00 RECITATIONS. 1. For men only, "The Falls of Ladore,".....\$ 3 00 2. For girls, "The Ship on Fire," (Oxford Junior Speaker)..... 3 00 3. For boys and girls, "The Frenchman's Lesson," (Oxford Junior Speaker)..... 4 00 CONDITIONS. 1. No prizes shall be awarded without sufficient merit. 2. All names of competitors to be in the hands of the corresponding secretary on or before February 5, 1890. 3. Competitors can use piano or organ or sing without any. 4. All competitors can use Welsh or English. PRESIDENTS.—Hon. Eckley B. Cox, Dutton; Alvin Markle, Esq., Hazleton; General D. H. Hastings, Bellefonte; Josiah Williams, Esq., Lansford. CONDUCTORS.—T. J. Edwards, T. Morgan (Lylfny). JUDICATOR.—Prof. J. W. Parson, New York; accompanist, Prof. D. E. Miles. LEMUEL MORGAN, Corresponding Secretary, Box 82, Freeland, Pa.

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