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EDITORIAL.
CRETE AND THE TURKS.
 The readers of the news from Crete will wonder at the situation. Here is a little island peopled partly with Turks who are barbarians, and partly with descendants of Greece who are Christians. The latter rise in rebellion against the former because of outrages committed which would shame even our western savages and forsooth the six great powers of Europe, Christians; send their gunboats to bombard its ports and starve the inhabitants into submission to the Turkish rule. England, brave; magnanimous; boasting of her liberties; whose air a slave cannot breathe. France, a Republic, and Italy associated with Greece by kinship in race and language, are there with Russia, a semi-barbaric nation, Austria and Germany representing old despotisms, to smother and quench the liberty which was putting forth a feeble flame amidst the mountains of Crete.

"The thunder of the English cannons is heard from her ironclads on the coast of Crete, and with the powers of Europe. England with her traditions of the spirit of Queen Elizabeth when her fleets shattered the Spanish Armada, and when Cromwell, when the Protestants were persecuted in Italy, sent a message to the Pope that 'if favor were not shown to the people of God the thunder of English cannon should be heard in the castle of Saint Angelo.' There has been a recent discovery of telegraphing without wires. In some mysterious manner what are called magnetic waves are excited which will penetrate anything and everything, but the fear has been expressed that in using the instruments on an ironclad the waves might explode the magazine of the ship itself. We are almost at times willing to wish that the 'little David' Crete could put an electric wave of this kind in her sling, and hurl it against the Goliaths assembled in her front and send every one of them to the bottom of the Mediterranean, and if Lord Salisbury and some others of the ruling spirits in this matter could be on the ironclads when the wave was released it might make greatly for the cause of liberty and Christianity in the world.

OPPRESSED CUBA.
 An English correspondent to the London Times has written a letter to the World in which he gives a remarkable picture of the Cuban situation. He says General Weyler's policy of extermination is nothing short of the almost insane working of an ignorant and completely unbalanced mind. To kill people because they have not obeyed an order to leave their homes and reside in some town where they have no means of support, to devastate the whole island on the plea that by so doing all supplies will be shut off from the rebels demonstrates a dense ignorance on the part of the Spanish General.

dance to the tune she piped. That American citizens were not accorded the privileges they were entitled to under the treaty, and that the efforts of Consul Lee were thwarted by instructions received from Mr. Olney at Washington. That her object in taking concession now in connection with American citizens is simply for the purpose of feeling the pulse of the new administration. He ends his letter by saying, 'If I may be permitted to give one word of advice to the people of this great country, it is to leave Armenia and the Turks to be dealt with by the European powers, and attend to their own Armenia that lies but a stone's throw from their own shores.'

OH YES! HE IS FOR SURE.
 They say that Hart, of Pike, now sees that he's in it as a result of getting out of it in the campaign last fall—Coal Gazette. In what? He's in it when the rotation fight comes up again. He's in it when the gold faction of the local Democracy shall clash with the free-soil faction thereof. He's in it up, down, right, left, inside, outside, all over, everywhere and all the time, if he really understands his position and has the ability to use the understanding.—Coal Gazette.

Yes he is in it, and when the time comes round there are some gentlemen in Pike and Monroe who will see that he is so far in it as to be out of sight.
 The accident which happened in 1894 will not be all owed an encore. Just watch the wheels go round, and see the sausage meat come out all minced up to the Queen's taste. He is in it sure.

An Independent Paper.
 The editor of the Newport (R. I.) Herald in celebrating the fifth year of the life of that journal makes a newspaper that sets out to be independent. He says:
 The newspaper that aspires to be and intends to be an independent journal, in the truest sense of the term, should, we think, belong to no political party, but should watch and criticize them all fearlessly, yet discreetly, and justly. It should praise all things which are politically, or religiously admirable and uplifting; it should with all its might disparage and censure those things whose trend, in its intelligent opinion, is counter to the higher interests of the people of its city, of its State and of its country. Its own political stand should be what is best for the whole nation. It should be the great and vigilant censor of the press, ever striving to keep that mighty engine within the bounds of truth and justice. It should be the wise and just censor of society; not afraid to show forth the faults or the mean conduct of the rich—who by reason of their wealth are able to wield much influence for good or for evil in the world—or of those prominent in social position—when such position has by their own act brought them to the bar of public criticism—or of those in high or minor office but it should never descend to mere gossip or scandal.

The independent newspaper should freely admit into its own columns all well-written, impersonal, wise, just and high toned articles, whether the writer is personally known or not. It should encourage and bring forward and uphold modest and unknown merit wherever it can be found. It should try to bring to the knowledge of the public all instances of oppression and wrong—from the powerful upon the weak—and it should bring into prominence all acts of unselfish charity, all deeds of exalted patriotism, that they may serve as inspiring examples for others to follow. If the independent newspaper of which we sing is an American newspaper it should keep prominent before the minds of the youth of America the high, wise and noble character of George Washington.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Hamilton Road Bill Now Receiving Special Consideration.

THE COMING STATE ELECTION.
 Republican Legislators Actively Considering for their Favorite—Anti-National Candidates Already Being Hoisted—May Not Take a Holiday.
 (Special Correspondence.)
 Harrisburg, April 8.—Beyond the passage of a number of bills on first and second readings in a few days, but little was accomplished by the house of representatives during the few days they were in session last week. A number of bills that are on the calendar are being worked for, vigorously by their enterprising promoters, with a hope of eventually securing their final passage. Among those that are being pushed in the house is what is known as the French salary bill. By the provisions of this measure the salaries of county officials are to be based on what is believed to be a more equitable basis than at present. The state is divided into counties of first, second and third classes, etc., and in a county having a population of over 150,000 the district attorney shall receive \$4,000; sheriff \$2,500; prothonotaries \$5,000; clerk of courts \$2,500; treasurer \$4,000; commissioners \$1,500 each, and auditors \$500 each; this to constitute a county of the third class. In a county containing over 100,000 and less than 150,000, the salaries of the county officials are to be as follows: District attorney, \$4,000; sheriff, \$2,000; prothonotaries, \$3,500; recorder, \$3,500; treasurer, \$3,500; commissioners, \$1,200 each, and auditors \$250. The counties of the sixth class are those having less than 100,000 inhabitants. The counties in these are to be: For district attorney, \$3,500; sheriff, \$2,500; prothonotary, \$3,500; clerk of court, \$2,500; treasurer, \$3,500; commissioners, \$500 each; surveyor, \$500; auditor, \$250; and coroner, \$250. The bill also provides that all fees collected by county officials, in addition to their salaries, are to be turned over to either the county or state.

The Hamilton Road Bill.
 The Hamilton road bill is now receiving special consideration and is growing in popularity. The objections that have been made to it by the country districts have now been met—when a comparison is made between the expenses incurred in the operation of the present law. By a careful investigation it is found that the country districts have now been met—when a comparison is made between the expenses incurred in the operation of the present law. By a careful investigation it is found that the country districts have now been met—when a comparison is made between the expenses incurred in the operation of the present law. By a careful investigation it is found that the country districts have now been met—when a comparison is made between the expenses incurred in the operation of the present law.

Electric Light Legislation.
 Since the introduction of the electric light there has been a disposition among the money tax collectors in respect to fixing the price of the luminant. Several bills have been introduced recently which, if they become laws, would drive this system out of the market. Such legislation as this has a tendency to check the introduction of improvements, which is greatly to be deplored.

Had Mine in Cincinnati.
 Cincinnati, April 8.—George F. Otte company's coal store on the south side of Fourth street, has been destroyed by fire, and the entire stock, valued at \$200,000 and insured for \$100,000 was burned in less than two hours. The store was burned in less than two hours, and the entire stock was destroyed. The loss to the Otte company is believed to be \$200,000.

yet R. H. Shindler, of York, is growing rapidly in popularity, and it is thought will muster a good force of delegates by the time the convention meets.
 The Wannamaker people are anxiously awaiting on his decision as to whether he will be a candidate for state treasurer, and if he consent to do so, they will combine their efforts to secure his nomination.
 Of the candidates for auditor general, Mr. Golin is apparently much in the lead. General Golin's gubernatorial record, his wide acquaintance over the state and the great popularity he enjoys, as well as his special fitness for the position, all combine to give him a decided lead in the canvass. However, the friends of Mr. Hurdberg are actively working in his interests.
 From present indications this promise to be a most interesting work in legislative history. One of the first subjects to receive attention at the next meeting of the senate will be the disposition of the case of Dr. Fisher, who has refused to give information to the committee of investigation concerning the capital fire.
 From the efforts of Dr. Swallow, assisted by a number of mechanics and others in the inspection of the ruins of the old capitol building, he means to be prepared for the contest that awaits him.

There were no bills reached the governor during the week, but a number will be sent to him during the week.
 There is now some doubt whether there will be a holiday taken to attend the dedication of the Grand monument on the 27th of the month, as a large number of the members think that they have no time for any more holidays if they expect to adjourn in any reasonable time.
 Many candidates for governor.
 Almost every week some new aspirant for the governorship of Pennsylvania is announced. The number now in the field would average at least one for every county in the commonwealth to each county.
 The remarkable feature is that each and all are in dead earnest, and are not working in the interests of others. This is regarded as a very healthy condition in state politics, and it is thought will result in the selection of a candidate that has no special political affiliations.
 The bill passed finally in the house during the week: To punish the loan, gift, sale or distribution of immoral writings, etc., and of all drugs for criminal purposes; punishing the sending of anonymous communications of a libelous, defamatory, scurrilous or opprobrious nature; granting the permission and regulating the establishment and location of crematoria for the disposal of the dead; amending the act of April 9, 1870, to require telephone companies to file annual reports with the secretary of internal affairs; to provide for the laying out of private roads under the surface of intervening land or lands to coal, iron ore, fireclay or other minerals underlying adjacent land or lands, necessitating for the turning of wagons and teams; repealing the act relative to road laws in Peters township, Washington county; appropriating \$200,000 to provide for the deficiency in the fund for treatment of insane persons; providing bounties for the destruction of wildcats, foxes, minks, hawks, owls and weasels; providing for the making of a sworn copy of book accounts of any corporation, partnership, railroad company, chartered, storage or transportation company, or other public corporation doing business in this state, prima facie evidence in any suit.

The following bills were defeated:
 To create a state bureau of geology according to a project for the act of April 4, 1873, relative to the incorporation and regulation of insurance companies and its supplements, by corporation and the regulation of insurance companies; and authorizing reinsurance by such companies; giving authority to justices of the peace to hear and determine certain criminal offenses and misdemeanors by a consent of a jury.
 Bill which may be reconsidered.
 The bill to fix the medium school term at seven months, and the Smith bill, which met with defeat a few weeks ago, will probably be reconsidered this week. One of the most important measures introduced in the house during the past week was a bill to amend the act of June 1, 1893, and yet one of very considerable importance to the city of Philadelphia. It provides for the abolition of the present public buildings commission of Philadelphia, and its replacement by a former session to wipe out the commission, but the supreme court declared the bill unconstitutional, on the ground that it embraced two subjects. It is also reported that the bill is very simple, and its phraseology is very involved technical terms. It is claimed that the Philadelphia public buildings commission has become so notorious for its mismanagement and extravagance that it is a disgrace to the city.

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Saturday, April 17, 1897,
 at 2 o'clock p. m. the following lands situated in the Township of Pottsville in the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, all those two certain lots of land situated in Pottsville township, bounded north by 60 degrees west 90 rods by said land of William H. Holmes to a corner, thence by same land south 82 degrees west 32 rods, thence north 21 degrees east 34 rods to the Washington creek, thence by the Washington creek down said creek about 34 rods to a white oak for a corner, thence by land of Collingwood & Co. north 65 degrees east about 100 rods to the center of the said Milford and Owego turnpike road, thence by said turnpike to the place of beginning in the same more or less. The second being situated on the east side of said turnpike and opposite the Mansion House on the above described premises and containing a front and rear of fifty feet and forty feet deep in which stands the building formerly used for a tavern shed or barn, together with the said buildings and free access, ingress and egress for the full complete and uninterrupted enjoyment of the same for and to be had by the first lot of land conveyed by George G. Waller to Joseph Atkinson with the rights of way from said land of 10 feet wide to the said turnpike road. Also excepting the land conveyed by said George G. Waller to Martin Moore & Co. being the same lands conveyed by Lizzie J. B. Waller to Ellen Newburger.

NOTICE.
 Attention is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 20th, 1897, by Selden E. Marvin, Henry E. Hawley, Wm. F. Reynolds, A. T. Seabell, G. W. Lane and others, under the act of assembly approved April 22, 1887 entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations" and the supplements thereto, for the charter of a telephone corporation to be called **Hudson River Telephone Company of Pennsylvania,** which corporation shall be formed for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and leasing lines of telegraph for the private use of individuals, firms, corporations, municipal corporations, for general business, and for police, fire alarm and messenger business, or for the transmission of any business in which electricity, over or through wires, may be applied to any useful purpose, in the counties of Wayne, Lackawanna and Erie, Pennsylvania, and to construct at any point on the boundary line of the States of New York and Pennsylvania with the lines of other telegraph or telephone companies in the State of New York. And for those purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly, and its supplements.
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NOTICE.
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 By order of the town council,
J. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
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 Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y.
 Milford, May 8, 1896.