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EDITORIAL.

"THOU SHALT NOT STEAL."

THERE has been a latent suspicion in the minds of many ever since the Monroe County Democrats at their convention held last May, resoluted and projected certain "whereases" into the circumambient atmosphere, that if the microbes or protoplasmic matter contained therein ever found lodgment in any anatomy, that chap would be a goner. We hoped especially that our brethern of the paste and scissors in that section might escape their ravages and maintain a condition mens sana in sano corpore. But it seems they "took it," and the question is now, which one has the call? The Democrat last week published an item labelled "Jenks Forging Ahead," which is credited to the Philadelphia Record. Its 'steemed contemporary, The Times, published the same article verbatim, literatim et punctuatim, as its own double-leaded editorial matter. Now, if the Democrat took the article from the Times, giving credit to the Record, it was guilty of a great injustice to its neighbor, (which it should hasten to correct,) who must have spent some time and thought, to say nothing of the wear and tear on his conscience in concocting such a palpable "will o' the wisp." If the Democrat gave the proper credit, then what can be said of the 'steemed Times except to call its attention to the motto of the Rev. Dr. Swallow and urge it most kindly but firmly to study faithfully that command. A large dose of some kind of bracer is evidently needed by one or the other, and we leave them to determine who ought to swallow it.

OPENING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SEVERAL papers, among them, the Philadelphia Inquirer, have lately been commenting on the opening of public schools on or before Sept. 1, and the general opinion is that that date is too early. It is suggested that the weather is usually so warm then that children are very uncomfortable in the school rooms, and that they are not benefited in mind, even if not injured in health. It is also said that the practice is a nuisance to parents and also causes considerable loss to summer resorts by withdrawing the people just at the pleasantest part of the season. Private schools open later, and great advantage is found in the spirit in which the work is then entered into. One of the reasons given in this State, where there is a nine month's term, is, that unless the school opens Sept. 1, the term cannot be concluded with the fiscal school year which closes the first Monday in June, and that it occasions carrying open accounts into the next school year. If there is any validity in this reason, the Legislature could easily change the time for settlement to July. This matter might be investigated by some member this Winter, and possibly a remedy applied, by extending the school year.

RECORD CURIOSITIES.

We occasionally read of literary curiosities, and the curious mistakes made by newspaper compositors, some laughable, some provoking, and some even wise or witty, but we always credit the fertile imagination of the writer with considerable ingenuity in fixing them up. When it comes to records, however, which must be transcribed and kept as truthful evidences of facts occurring, it rather staggers one to learn that a man in this County had been kept sixty-seven years after his death before he was interred, yet, if the semi-annual return of deaths made by the Assessor in Lackawaxen is true, such is the case. It is not perhaps necessary to give a fictitious name, for the return itself makes that sufficiently so.

Here is the official record, except in unimportant details:

Name—Hobbart, Ben C.
Male or female—Male.
Age—66 years, 4 months.
Married or single—Single.
Date of Death—March 6, 1831.
Date of Interment—March 8, 1898.
Name of Father, if Minor—Hobbert, Jas. G.
Name of Mother, if Minor—Hobbert, Saberry.

This seems to prolong unusually the period of minority in that township. The kindly Assessor has also added some strange diseases to the catalogue and our medical students will need to revise their jaw-breaking nomenclature, and lay in a stock of new remedies. For instance, one person died of "Hart Falure." This malady seems to be an innovation, and the microbe possibly may have been so developed within a recent period that it may, like the dysentery, which lately was said to afflict this section, become epidemic. We sincerely hope, however, that the castor oil act, in which a certain political doctor from the lower end is anxious to indulge, may be wholly effective in preventing the germ from ever getting in any more of its fatal work in this county. Another person, according to this veracious record, died of "nemona." This is not to be wondered at, perhaps, for it may be safely asserted that it is the first case of the kind on record, and the attending physicians were no doubt greatly puzzled and astonished when its history could not be found in any of their pathological works.

The record of school children in that township develops likewise some astounding names, and, if correct, it must contain a most heterogeneous and multitudinous collection of orphans, for no corresponding names of parents are shown by the assessment rolls.

The people of Lackawaxen are to be congratulated on having conferred office upon such a learned genius. He shows that the age of majority was not, in olden times, reached in almost three score and ten, and, defying the usually accepted laws of nature, that a man may be kept for an indefinite period after death, thus removing the horror of being buried alive. He enriches medical lore by discovering and naming new diseases, and as a coiner of names he out Herods a Dutchman with a twisted jaw or the Spaniards in hades discussing the science of calorics.

We take pleasure in nominating that Assessor the next candidate for Representative on the Democratic ticket.

KILLED BY AN ANARCHIST.

The Empress of Austria was stabbed to death by an Anarchist Sept. 10. She had been out on the lake and was walking along the quay when she was approached by an Italian who without any warning and before any one could interfere plunged a knife in her heart. She died without regaining consciousness. The murderer gave no reason for the deed when apprehended, saying "I did it. She must be dead" The Empress was of a very melancholy disposition, and led an unhappy life though greatly beloved by the Hungarians.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12, '98.

President McKinley cannot believe that the war was badly managed. On the contrary, he knows that it was, as a whole, well managed—so well managed as to surprise the world by the results accomplished in an incredably short time. He has no idea that a most thorough investigation of the conduct of the war will uncover any mysterious evil, or that it is necessary to find a scrape-goat for some great wrong. But he does believe that a dignified, dispassionate and scientific inquiry, made by men of broad gauge minds and accomplishments, will be valuable in showing up weak spots in our present system of running the quartermaster, commissary and medical departments of the army—a system intrenched in laws that right or wrong under existing conditions, must be carried out until the laws are changed. In other words, that a thorough inquiry will result in pointing out the changes that should be made to improve the system. It was because of this belief that President McKinley concluded to order the inquiry made that was requested by Secretary Alger. The Commission entrusted with the duty of making this inquiry, will be composed of men who are widely known and whose findings will be accepted by the entire country. Generals Miles and Shafter, who are both in Washington, say they will welcome the closest scrutiny of their every act, and the same sentiments are expressed by Serg. Gen. Sternberg and Gen. Eagan, head of the Commissary Department. The latter is so confident that his department is all right that he says he wishes the President would have the inquiry made entirely by his political opponents.

Owing to the rapidity with which money is accumulating in the Treasury, Secretary Gage has notified the holders of the old currency "sixes," which will be payable Jan. 1, next, of his willingness to redeem them whenever presented. There are about $14,000,000 outstanding in these bonds. He has also offered to anticipate the October interest on the four per cent. bonds. It will be the special aim of Secretary Gage to see that the money is got back into circulation fast enough to prevent any disturbance in business circles.

Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, came to Washington to see about getting the volunteers from his State mustered out, but the matter had been determined before his arrival, by the decision of the War Department to muster out one-half of the troops from each State. In reply to a question as to the political outlook in his State, Gov. Shaw said: "The political situation in Iowa is about as satisfactory to the Republicans as they could wish. An election is to be held in November for State Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, and two members of the Supreme Court, and the verdict will be in favor of the Republican ticket by a rousing majority. Our State Convention this year adopted about the most emphatic sound money plank that has been promulgated anywhere." Representative Cousins, who was with Gov. Shaw, said the State would send a solid Republican Congressional delegation, as a matter of course.

Commissioner Evans has issued a statement in answer to the charge made by Kansas populists, that his administration of the Pension Bureau was harsh and unjust. He shows that the average number of pensions allowed under him has been much higher than under his predecessor, and the average number of rejections much lower, a showing which would not be possible if the charge was true. One source of grumbling has been that Commissioner Evans has, from the day he assumed office, given applications for original pensions precedence over applications for an increase, on the ground that those who had no pension should be waited upon before those who had a pension that they wished increased, but no amount of grumbling can make that an unjust policy.

The five American Peace Commissioners—Secretary Day, Senators Davis, Frye, and Gray, and Hon. Whitelaw Reid—will hold a conference with President McKinley this week, for the purpose of receiving their instructions. They are to sail from New York on the 17th, inst. No official announcement has been made, or will be made of what demand this government will make but there is a strong belief in Washington, that so far as the Philippines is concerned, it will be confined to the absolute possession of the island of Luzon, the largest and most prosperous of the group, and the establishment of a guaranteed fair government for the rest of the islands, with open ports for commerce. While the President will tell the commissioners what he thinks the treaty should contain, he will not insist upon their attempting to secure precisely that, being perfectly willing for them to act as in their discretion they may deem best, having absolute confidence that they will not agree to anything that will not be approved by the country and by himself.

SOMEWHAT MIXED.

Once upon a time, as the old story books would say, two gentlemen of convivial habits, Jones and Thompson, who lived on the same street, and in houses resembling each the other, stopped in front of the residence of Jones and rang the door bell. Promptly a head appeared at an upper window and emitted the enquiry, "Who's there?" The gentlemen responded: "Misser Thompshon and Misser Jonesh and Mr. Jonesh wants Misses Jonesh to come down and pick him out, cause Mr. Thompshon wants to go home."

Now, in order that the Election Board of Lackawaxen, the Jury Commissioners of the County, and all those interested in the identification of the individuals, as well as the various wives of that township who may be solicitous to retain the same good man, may have the opportunity to begin the picking out process, we present a few specimens of names taken from the recent registry filed with the Commissioners:

Botance, John.
Biercher, W. V.
Conaly, James.
Doety, o. S.
DWitt, virin.
Davis, Harrey.
Edwards, Pilic.
Erenest, Albert.
Erenest, Anthony.
Eckenstberg, erenest Van.
Eggenborger, Ulrish.
Farehnbauch, Henery.
Fahenbaugh, William.
Fahernbaoch, Chris.
Hoghs, William.
Jenons, isic.
Kroose, Philipe.
Lhemidlan, isish.
MalssKey, John beamer.
Menoti, Battsto.
Milhard, Schank.
Marnostic, P. J.
Robards, Warner.
Robiland, Lafeyett.
Spangomborg, Charles.
Ulrich, John Tobler.
Wallenschinstkie, Argost.
Wemmauer, Peater.
Wahalen, Michael.
Honington, Julus F.
Knoeeller, Jacope.
Klen, Samuel.

Any doubting the accuracy of the above may verify it by an inspection of the list on file.

MECHANICALLY STATED.

The action of the Governor of New Jersey in vetoing a wide tire bill brings to mind the fact that machinists ought to be intelligent and effective advocates of laws requiring wide tires on road vehicles, says the "American Machinist." "If a machinist should build a machine absolutely without regard to the powers of resistence of the metals composing them, if as soon as the machine started up it began to rapidly destroy some of the important elements of which it was composed, so that frequent and continuous renewal of them would be necessary, and if the machinist should, upon having his attention called to this, insist that his proportions were all right, and that they could not be changed, and that the fault was entirely with the metal makers for not supplying harder metal, we would say that machinist was crazy.

Yet that is just precisely what wagon makers are continually doing. A wagon is a machine for the transportation of goods from one place to another. A road is a necessary adjunct to this machine, and common sense would seem to dictate that the wagon and the road should be so adapted to each other that neither will immediately destroy the other. Yet anyone who observes wagons and roads at all knows that the pressure per unit of area between the ordinary tires of a wagon and the surface of the road on which it runs is far beyond the resistance of any practicable road-making material, especially when roads are wet, as they must often be.

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