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OUR THANKS are due Senator Crawford and Representative Shelby for Public documents.

THE MINERS' TRUST and Safe Deposit Bank at Pottsville has been compelled to close its doors, though the bank claims to be able to pay in full if allowed a short time to arrange its matters.

ON Thursday a man who gave his name as W. H. Weldon, shot at Gov. Packard of Louisiana, with the intent to kill him. He inflicted a slight wound only, however, when those around him returned the fire, wounding the would-be assassin, after which he was arrested. He claims to have done the deed for "pure patriotism." Weldon is the son of Rev. C. F. Weldon, of West Philadelphia.

The immense jobbery bill, called the exemption or stay law bill, came up for final action on Wednesday afternoon's session of the House. Many ineffectual attempts to introduce amendments were voted down, and at last the final and decisive vote was reached. The bill was defeated by a vote of 93 nays to 79 ayes, and was therefore laid in the dust, as it certainly should be.

THE trial of the suit of Henry H. Beady against Samuel J. Tilden was begun Tuesday before Judge Sedgwick in the special term of the Superior Court. The plaintiff sues for a copartnership accounting on a pool in railroad stock in 1864, and for \$26,000, which, it is alleged, the defendant was overpaid under a misapprehension as to the profits. The defendant denies the alleged facts and the copartnership.

Short, but to the Point.

Governor Newbold, of Iowa, after taking the oath of office, delivered an inaugural, as follows: "I'll do the best I can."

We think the above the best inaugural address we ever read.

Louisiana for Hayes.

The Electoral Commission has decided that the eight votes of Louisiana must be counted for Hayes and Wheeler. They decided that the two Electors claimed to be ineligible were not so and that the vote is legally returned. The ground of this decision, stated briefly, is substantially as follows: That it is not competent to go into evidence as to the papers opened by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the two houses, to prove that other persons than those regularly certified by the Governor, in and according to the determination and declaration of their appointment in other words, to go behind the certificate of the Governor, so far as it founded upon the action of the Returning Board. The report will also state that the Commission could not receive any evidence to show that any elector was ineligible on the 7th of November, the day of the election, on the ground that it was not essential to show that an elector was eligible on that day, so long as he was eligible when he cast his vote in the Electoral College, and the fact appears that the alleged ineligible electors, Breyster and Levisee, were chosen to fill vacancies caused by their own absence from the college, and there was no allegation of ineligibility at the time they cast their votes.

Bribing a Secretary.

United States Deputy Marshal Finnegan brought to San Francisco from Marysville, on Sunday night, Tassie Stewart, a farmer in the vicinity of Wheatland, Yuba county, as a prisoner, on a charge of attempting to bribe Secretary Chandler to render a decision in his favor in a contest over the title to a quarter section of United States land. He wrote to Secretary Chandler in October last, and again in November, offering him \$500 for a prompt and favorable decision. Mr. Chandler referred the letters to the Attorney General, who trans-

mitted them to District Attorney Coghlan, with instructions to bring the man to justice. When arrested he intimated that he thought the outgoing administration would be ready to take advantage of an opportunity to make money. The Grand Jury of the United States court found an indictment against Stewart on Friday.

Politics and Eggs.

The effects of the action of the compromise electoral committee is already permeating every branch of our national industries, but whether for good or evil deponent sayeth not. The most striking illustration of this fact that has come to our notice is in the price of eggs. Only last week this fruit commanded the dignified sum of 25 cents per dozen, while to-day it can be purchased at 14 cents by the schooner load if desired. Hens were afraid before to venture their production in the arena of trade, but now as from a copious horn of plenty they are deluging the marts of the entire country, and the rich and poor alike can now sit peacefully down to their dish of scrambled eggs, and rejoice over the happy state of the country. Eggs are sensitive articles of merchandise, and they feel the political pulse more carefully than many are willing to suppose.

Strange Capture of a Horse Thief.

A New Jersey Exchange says: The following remarkable circumstance was told us by a gentleman of this place who got his information from the Secretary of the Warren County Vigilant Society. A horse was stolen from Washington on Saturday night and telegrams giving descriptions of the animal and the supposed thief were at once sent in different directions. As one of these messages were passing over the wires the operator at Bloomfield, N. J., out of curiosity read it. While doing so, however, a man riding a horse passed in front of his window, and both answered so well the descriptions he was reading, that his suspicions were aroused, and he ran out at once and caused the arrest of the traveler. Communication with the owner of the missing animal at once established the correctness of his surmises, and on Monday he conveyed his prisoner to Washington and received a reward of fifty dollars that had been offered for the capture of the thief and recovery of the horse.

The Interest Greater than the Principal.

A bank book was presented at the Springfield institution for savings, one day last week, which had not been seen by the bank officials since the original deposit was made 32 years ago, when Theodore Bliss was president and John Howard treasurer. The amount of the deposit was \$300, while the interest alone has amounted to \$1,649. During all this time the owner of the book had never entered the bank or asked a question as to her property, which she now comes to claim. For the first few years the money drew only 4 per cent, but has since yielded 5, 6 and 7, though now back again to 5.

A Cure for Paralysis.

Providence reports the first New England blue glass cure. The wife of a prominent manufacturer, for three years afflicted with paralysis, was induced to test the theory. The room had both an East and West exposure, and its windows were fitted with the glass, the patient bathed in the light for an hour or two, and was able to walk and had regained the use of her limbs. The Providence *Star* vouches for the story and says the woman is getting steadily better.

Hard Cider in Reality.

It was on exhibition at Philadelphia. The water of the cider is all evaporated, leaving a substance looking like dried glue. The solid residue of the cider is rolled around a wooden roller, like cloth, and is ready for transportation across the ocean or elsewhere. If liquid cider is wanted, a piece is cut off and water poured on, when it is dissolved, and ready to drink, and it is said to be equal to cider just from the press.

The First Ashtabula Damages.

The first settlement of claims for damages growing out of the Ashtabula disaster is reported from New Haven, where widow L. C. Crain is paid \$6,175, by the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, because of the killing of her husband.

During one of the fairs in Paris, some years ago, Baron James de Rothschild was a patron. Chancing to pass a stand where some pretty young ladies were installed, he asked, in a bantering tone: "Well, my dears, what can I do for you?" "Ah Baron, said one, "you can give us your autograph." "With pleasure," remarked the gallant old Baron, "if you preface it with an agreeable sentiment."

So the young lady, without much ado,

wrote on a dainty slip of paper: "I hereby give to—charity ten thousand francs," and the Baron immediately signed his name in full, and smilingly paid the amount to the enterprising Parisian.

Frightful Fall of Four Hundred Feet Down a Shaft.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., February 14.—John Hartland, a very prominent resident of this city and a man universally loved and respected, met with horrible death this morning in the Diamond shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company's mines, located in the suburbs of Wilkesbarre. Mr. Hartland was the foreman of the masonry work for the company, and had recently been superintending the construction of a foundation for an engine in the Diamond mine. This morning as he was at the top of the shaft waiting to descend, he heard the engineer's bell ring, which is the usual warning given before the carriage descended into the mine below. He at once stepped out to go down with the carriage. In some mysterious manner, and with none to see him, he missed his footing at the mouth of the pit, and falling between the carriage and the shaft he was hurled downward a distance of over 400 feet to the bottom. A miner crossing the foot of the shaft a short time afterward discovered the remains of Mr. Hartland and gave the alarm. The body was mangled into a horrible mass, and was subsequently taken in charge and conveyed to his residence in this city. He was a native of Staffordshire, England, but had been a citizen of this place for the last twenty years. He leaves a wife and one child.

Mr. W. W. Fowler, of Guilford, Conn., manufacturer of globets for invalids, has a pony which broke its ankle about Thanksgiving time while on the road in Fair Haven. Not wishing to kill it, though advised so to do, he took daily care of it, set the bones and left the animal, which is a pet of the family, in his stall to look out for its injured limb itself. The intelligent pony has manifested great prudence in the case, and is now able to get about quite comfortably, and it is quite likely will be good for service again.

A Rochester, N. Y., woman recently appeared on the streets at midday in a ball-dress with low neck and short sleeves, and was arrested. In court she proved her respectability and her lawyer argued that a dress which might be worn in a ball room by gas light without impropriety was fit to be worn in the street by day. She was released, but subsequently reappeared on the street in the same costume and was rearrested.

A Lively Corpse.

There has been a resurrection of the dead at Plainville Conn. Deacon Hamlin died of paralysis, as was supposed, and a large assembly gathered in the church for the funeral. But during the services the audience grew restless, the corpse stirred, was hastily carried from the house, restoratives were applied, and, at the last accounts, the good deacon seemed to have taken a new lease of life.

Packing Up.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Until further notice the President will not receive visitors on business after 12 o'clock, as he is busily engaged packing up his papers, etc., preparatory to vacating the White House.

Fashionably dressed women in our muddy streets, apparently profiting by Aimee's antics in opera bouffe, have learned a way of lifting their skirts by a quick kick. Thus with their heels they raise their tight-drawn dresses sufficiently to be reached by their hands, and then lifted clear of the puddle.

That Franklin, (Ind.), cashier who has lately turned up as a defaulter made a clean thing of it. He not only ran off, but took the bank with him: money, books assets, everything. This is probably the first instance on record of stealing all that was in a bank.

Hester Love died in Philadelphia last week from the effects of poison which had been given her by mistake by a druggist, Dr. Shulter, the druggist, has been committed to await the finding of the coroner's jury.

The store of Wm. Sterns & Co., importers of fine French laces at No. 598 Broadway, New York, was entered by burglars last week and completely gutted of its contents. The firm estimate their loss at from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

"Centennial Bees" are the latest in the west. They are made up of those who visited the Centennial, and who get together to talk over what they saw there.

An unknown man attempted to get on an eastward-bound freight train at Cresson, on Monday a week, and was thrown under the wheels of the train and literally torn to pieces.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14th, 1877.

The highest pitch of excitement was reached at the capital yesterday at a little past noon. The House held an animated discussion of two hours length, voting against the decision of the Electoral Commission in the Florida case, and sent the report to the Senate with the announcement that the House was in readiness to receive that body; whereupon the two Houses met in joint convention for the second time this session. Considerable disappointment—pleasurable and otherwise—was felt when the vote of Illinois was read and no objections were made. Nothing further of note occurred till Louisiana was reached, when, as anticipated, all over the country, objections were made by both Republicans and Democrats, which put an end to the proceedings of that day.

Much complaint is made because so little legislative business has been accomplished this winter; but the records will show a pretty fair amount of important matters to have been disposed of,—more than would generally be expected considering the necessary attention and time that have been given to the Presidential question. Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute in this city, petitioned Congress a week or two ago for an appropriation to be devoted to the erection of a new building for national museum purposes, stating that the present institute will not hold a quarter of the Centennial presents, donated to our Government, which are now stored in the old armory and in Philadelphia. These presents are an extensive addition to the National museum and it is but fitting that Congress should at once provide for the erection of a building suitable for its accommodation.

The Centennial collection composes almost the entire Centennial exhibits of the government of the Argentine Republic, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chili, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Orange Tree State, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Siam, Switzerland, Turkey, Tunis, Great Britain and the colonies, and Venezuela. The donation from China is the largest and is a full exposition of the races, habits, and resources of that country. This, by itself, would fill any one of the large halls of the Smithsonian and the collection from Siam is nearly as large. From fair France we have a beautiful pair of Centennial vases, valued at \$17,000, and a large panel of tiles. From Great Britain there is an allegorical representation of America, composed of several colossal figures, valued at \$15,000. The rest are mainly stuffed birds and animals, preserved fishes, and the natural products and manufactures of the above mentioned countries.

Another matter that has been neglected too long was considered by Congress lately; that of the unfinished Washington monument. This monument was begun many years ago and was designed to be the tallest in the world. It has already cost \$28,000 and is but 170 feet high, 600 feet to be its height when finished. And now it is found that the foundation is not strong enough to bear the completed monument, and there is no way of remedying this defect as its comparative nearness to the Potomac river gives the ground a sandy, uncertain firmness which is quite insecure. It has at last been decided to tear it down and erect it on higher land, using the same material and making some changes in the style of building. It was originally intended to ornament the interior walls by the insertion of numerous specimen pieces of stone sent to all parts of the world in memory of Washington. Among those already received are some from Mount Vesuvius, China, Bremen, Swiss Republic, the Temple of Carthage, Greece, Japan, and twelve bricks from the birth-place of Washington. It is now proposed that these be used for the construction of a suitable base upon which the shaft shall rest.

Mrs. Grant gave her last reception at the White House, on Friday afternoon, and it was by far the largest that ever occurred there by daylight excepting on New Year's day. The President does not receive visitors now until after twelve o'clock, as he is busy in packing and arranging his papers, preparatory to leaving the White House. None of the family evince any pain at the idea of leaving the house that has been their home for eight years. On the contrary, one would suppose it was a pleasant change they were about making—as in many accounts it is. It is said that some time next month Mr. and Mrs. Grant will go to Cuba and from there to Europe where they will remain some time. They intend making Washington their future winter home, the President having recently purchased a handsome residence here for that purpose. M. M. W.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A blacksmith of North Heidelberg, while shoeing a horse, struck a penny which was firmly imbedded in the hoof.

Joseph Keller, of Easton, was robbed of \$80 cash, and the thief, who is not known, since returned the money by laying it on the front door step.

The landlords of Titusville have agreed to write their leases from May 1st instead of April, the object being to crowd "moving day" into fair weather.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., February 12.—Hon. James L. Johnson, formerly a member of congress from Owensboro', Ky., committed suicide this morning. Mental depression, occasioned by ill health, was the cause.

Over two miles of corn cribs, filled to the top with ear corn of the best quality, are now to be seen at the stations on the line of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, in the great corn-growing district of Illinois.

Little girls disturbed an old man in San Francisco by playing on a balcony close to his room in a fourth story. He ran out, caught one of them and threw her over the railing, killing her.

Montgomery county has a house-keeper who used a coffee-pot for two weeks without removing the grounds, and then, because the coffee had a peculiar taste, examined the contents and found a baby's shoe.

Walter Bennett was jilted at Pittsburgh on Friday a week, and then he drew his revolver and fired five shots at his wounded heart, but missed not only it, but his body; succeeding, however, in

riddling his clothes. He paid \$4 fine and costs for disturbing the peace and not being a better shot.

Joseph F. Brown, secretary of the Fourth and Eighth-streets Passenger Railway Company, fell dead at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in the depot at Eighth and Dauphin streets, from heart disease, as it is supposed.

Some seven weeks since, a young man named Adelbert Gates, of Albany, a consumptive, was seized with a fit of hiccoughs, which lasted more or less severe till last Thursday, when they resulted in death.

The wealthy young Bostonian, Mr. Sears, was charged, it is said, \$50,000 by his lawyers for their services in obtaining an interpretation of his father's will. The bill was compromised by the payment of \$25,000.

Fifty thousand Russian Mennonites have determined to immigrate to the United States. They have the alternative of taking up arms or leaving the Empire, and prefer to cross the sea. Fourteen thousand of them will settle in Kansas early in the spring.

Joseph Metten, aged eighty, died near Freedom last week. Cause: while parsing his toe-nails the knife slipped and cut slightly one of his toes. "Dry gangrene" set in and half the foot turned black, and, when struck, gave back a metallic sound, as of iron or glass.

Captain Timblin, a former well-known Butler-county oil operator, who went to Custer city, in the Black Hills, about a year ago, to practice law, was shot there the other day by the defendant in a case, while he was engaged in an argument in behalf of the plaintiff.

On Saturday a week George Slingerly and a companion, of Tuscarora, went hunting, and in the course of their wanderings came across the body of an unknown man, which had been lying under the snow for a month or more, and was in a state of good preservation.

William M'Laughlin, a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, was caught between two cars Friday, at Altoona, while attending to his duties. After he had been squeezed he walked a short distance and expired. A wife and child survive him.

On Saturday evening a week, Walker R. McDowell, of Wayne twp., Mifflin county, whilst engaged in changing a wagon from tongue to shafts, suddenly fell to the ground unconscious, stricken with apoplexy. He was conveyed into the house, where he lingered until Sunday night, most of the time unconscious, when death ensued.

A stranger stopped at the "Jefferson House," in Phoenixville, on Tuesday evening of last week, and engaged lodgings for the night. Not appearing in the morning, his room was visited when he was found a corpse. He had blown out the flame at the gas burner, and left the gas escaping, and was suffocated by it.

The Erie Dispatch says: A party of young men went sailing on an ice-boat on the bay yesterday. The wind carried them along at the rate of sixty miles per hour, while bowling at this rate the boat struck a flaw, and all hands were shot as it were off the frail structure, and sent sliding and sprawling for fifty or sixty feet on the ice.

A Boston lawyer named Robinson thinks it needful to sow seed by all waters, and so has his note paper branded with Scripture texts. The other day, he had occasion to write for a favor from Chief Justice Gray, and he unluckily used a sheet headed, "Ye are all brought with a price." He didn't get it.

A citizen of Indiana having occasion to go home rather unexpectedly a few nights since caught a gentleman acquaintance in the act of kissing his wife. On relating the circumstance to a friend he was asked if he punished the guilty couple, and replied: "No, not exactly, but they must have seen from the way I slammed the door that I was not satisfied."

Why Advertise?

People sometimes ask why does Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., spend so much money in advertising his family medicines, which are so well known and surpass all other remedies in popularity and sale. It is well known that A. T. Stewart considered it good policy, and undoubtedly it paid him, to spend many hundred thousand dollars in advertising his goods, yet nobody questioned the excellence of his merchandise. The grand secret of success lies in offering only goods which possess merit to sustain themselves, and then through liberal and persistent advertising making the people thoroughly acquainted with their good qualities. Men do not succeed in amassing great fortunes, establishing thriving and permanent business, and founding substantial institutions like Dr. Pierce's Grand Invalids' Hotel at Buffalo, which costs over two hundred thousand dollars, unless their business be legitimate, their goods meritorious, and their services which they render the people genuine and valuable. Dr. Pierce does not attempt to humbug you by telling you that his Golden Medical Discovery will cure all diseases. He says, "if your lungs are half wasted by consumption, my Discovery will not cure you, yet as a remedy for severe coughs, and all curable bronchial, throat, and lung affections, I believe it to be unsurpassed as a remedy." The people have confidence in his medicines because he does not over-recommend them, and when tried they give satisfaction. His Medical Adviser, a book of over nine hundred pages, illustrated by two hundred and eighty-two engravings and bound in cloth and gilt, is offered to the people at so moderate a price (\$1.50, post-paid), that it is no wonder that almost one hundred thousand have already been sold. His memorandum books are on every druggist's counter for free distribution.

Spots on the Sun do not visibly diminish its brilliancy, but spots, pimples or blotches upon the face, neck or arms, seriously detract from female beauty. They may, however, be completely removed by the daily use of Glenn's Sulphur Soap. Depot, Crittenton's 76th Ave., N. Y. Hill's Hair & Whisker dye, brown or black, 50 cents.

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