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A PHILADELPHIA JURY were kept together eleven days trying to agree on a verdict. They then agreed to disagree and were discharged. It was a case where ten obstinate men could not be brought to terms by the other two.

AN attempt was made on Monday of last week to shoot the Emperor of Germany while he was riding in the street. Three shots were fired at him, but none of them did any damage. The would be murderer was arrested, and for a time the excitement in Berlin was very great.

BUSINESS in the House of Representatives at Washington has been at a stand still during the past week. The democrats have offered a resolution to investigate the alleged frauds in the Florida elections. Unless it is made more general, taking in Mississippi and Oregon, the republicans oppose the resolution, and refuse to vote, thus leaving the House without a quorum. The whole week has been spent in such nonsense. Few persons outside of the politicians will be able to see why fraud everywhere should not be hunted out and punished too. On Friday a quorum was present and the original resolution was passed, no amendment being accepted.

Affairs in Europe.

The condition of affairs in Europe are still far from settled, and prospects for peace are gloomy enough. A dispatch from Constantinople says the Russians continue marching their forces from all directions in the vicinity of and are daily drawing nearer to the Turkish capital.

They are also constantly pressing on the Porte to insist upon England withdrawing her fleet from the Sea of Marmora.

All advices received indicate that the Turkish popular feeling of uneasiness is increasing. Although the advance of the Russians four kilometres nearer to Constantinople is declared to be devoid of significance, the movement has nevertheless increased the uneasiness in England.

Democratic Caucus.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Immediately after the adjournment of the house the democrats went into caucus to determine upon a plan of operations to be pursued on the question before the house. Also to decide whether to allow republicans to offer any amendments.—A number of democrats favor permitting amendments to be offered and vote them down.

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution inquiring into the presidential frauds should be finally acted upon before any other business was transacted.

On motion of Representative Wood it was resolved that all democratic members out of the city be notified to return to Washington and that after due notice all existing pairs between members be declared at an end.

Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention met in Harrisburg on Wednesday last.

Col. Henry M. Hoyt, of Luzerne county was nominated for Governor on the first ballot, the vote being Hoyt, 161; Grow, 47; Wickersham, 29; Beaver, 12; Morrell, 1.

Col. Hoyt was Lieutenant Colonel of the 52nd regiment, Pa. Vol. during the late war, and was chairman of the State Central Committee in 1875. He is at present a lawyer practicing in Wilkesbarre.

For Judge of the Supreme Court, Judge Sterrett, of Allegheny, was nominated on first ballot, the vote being Sterrett, 154; Agnew, 92.

Only one ballot was had for Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Chas. W. Stone, of Venango county, receiving the nomination, the vote being Stone 182; Jacobs 59. Mr. Stone is at present a State Senator from the Warren and Venango district.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs, Hon. Aaron K. Dunkel, of Philadelphia, was nominated on the second ballot. Mr. Dunkel is at present a Senator from Philadelphia, and is editor of the *Sunday Republic*.

A New Industry.

A new industry has sprung up in Carbon county, Pa. It is the manufacture of the oils of wintergreen, penny-royal and sassafras. The first named is made most. The leaves are picked on the mountains from early spring to the fall of the year. This in itself is quite a profitable occupation for men, women and

children. They are paid from seven and eight mills to a cent a pound for leaves, and it is not unfrequently that one person brings to the distillery 200 pounds a day. Mr. Kuehner has paid as high as \$1,000 a year for leaves alone, and he has never been overstocked with them. The pickers make more at this business than they could make on the railroad or at almost any other employment. The work is light, and the mountains are covered with the herb. At the distillery the leaves are put in a large still, covered with water, and steamed. The oil soon begins to sink to the bottom, and after a due time is drawn off. For this there is a ready market in New York at \$2 per pound. This is the lowest price at which it has ever been sold. Eighteen or twenty years ago it brought \$16 per pound; from 1864 to 1868 it dropped to \$7 and \$8 per pound, and six years ago it came down to \$4. The largest quantity made in one year was 1,624 pounds. It is put up in twenty-five pound cans, boxed and shipped. It is used largely in medicines, sarsaparilla, cream-beer, soaps, toilet-waters, vermifuge, etc.

An Odd Monomania.

A peculiar case of monomania has been developed in the person of Mrs. Amy Spence, who lives on Fifth street, near Lorimer, Greenpoint. About five years ago she lost a child, and since that time her brain has become affected, and she imagines daily that some one has given her poison, and is not satisfied until she has taken an emetic. She has been to all her friends in the place with her story, and many of them were much alarmed at first and had doctors called in; but latterly her visits avail little and she is usually sent home in a kindly manner. She has been to nearly every druggist in the place, and is well known at several of the police stations, especially the Sixth and Seventh. Last Monday afternoon Captain Rhodes, of the Seventh Precinct, found her in Leonard street dreadfully agitated because, as she said, she had poisoned herself. He took her to the station-house and sent for Dr. Morrissey, who, after an examination, said that there was no poison in her system. She was much affected, said she couldn't live long, and implored them all to save her life. Captain Rhodes said last night to all appearances the woman believed that she been poisoned and seemed to go through the actual agony. She paid a visit to the Fifth Precinct recently, saying she had taken Paris Green. She was given a drink of water under the pretence that it was an antidote. She has not called there since. She also called at the Eastern District Hospital on one occasion. Mr. Spence, who is a lawyer, says he cannot afford to send his wife to the Flatbush Asylum. She is perfectly harmless and about fifty years old.—*N. Y. World*.

Foreign Notes.

Active preparations continue in Canada to prevent the threatened Fenian raid.

Prince Labanoff, Russian Ambassador to Turkey, has arrived in Constantinople.

There has been an outbreak of hostilities between the Russians and Turks at Batoum.

A recent earthquake at Cua, in Venezuela, killed 600 persons. Heavy shocks were felt at Caracas.

The recent drought in Demerara Island it is estimated will entail a direct loss to planters of from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000.

An explosion occurred at an ammunition manufactory in the Rue Berger, Paris, last week. The building was completely shattered. A serious fire ensued in the neighboring houses, and at last accounts was still uncontrolled. The number of victims by the explosion is unknown, but is believed to be considerable.

LONDON, May 15.—Serious rioting began at Blackburn yesterday evening.—Thousands of the lowest class of operatives, including, women paraded the streets, making violent demonstrations. The residence of Colonel Jackson, Chairman of the Masters' Association, was burned to the ground. The same mob attempted to burn Jackson mills. The residence of Alderman Hornby was partially wrecked, and the windows of all the mills in the town were demolished. Infantry and cavalry cleared the streets, but great destruction was committed before their arrival. Col. Jackson and his wife barely escaped in a cab. Alderman Hornby was injured, being struck by stones while remonstrating with the rioters.

A Somnambulist's Thrilling Position.

The *Pittsburgh Leader* says: A young lady was discovered yesterday morning by Officer Rosenberg, in the neighborhood of Fifth and Carson streets, South Side, suspended by one arm to a window in the second story of a building above the railroad, and the flutter of white garments in the uncertain gaslight suggested ghostly thoughts to the astonish-

ed policeman. He lost no time in conquering his fears, and getting a ladder he proceeded to rescue the woman from her perilous position.

It was found that the woman's arm had been caught by the descending window sash, and she was thus prevented from getting a fall to the pavement below. It is said the lady's husband, who works in a mill and is absent at nights, imputes the whole matter to somnambulism, and thinks his wife fled from an imaginary intruder. The woman felt much worse for her adventure yesterday.

School Superintendents' Salaries.

The following statement gives the approximate salaries of county superintendents, as fixed by a late act of assembly. The act relieves the conventions of school directors from the duty of fixing the salaries of superintendents, as heretofore:

Approximated Salaries.	Approximated Salaries.
Adams \$1,000	Juniata \$1,000
Allegheny 1,750	Lancaster 2,000
Armstrong 1,175	Lawrence 1,500
Beaver 1,000	Lebanon 1,000
Bedford 1,017	Lehigh 1,071
Berks 1,949	Luzerne 2,990
Blair 1,990	Lycoming 1,540
Bradford 1,800	M'Kean 1,000
Bucks 1,500	Mercer 1,500
Butler 1,107	Mifflin 1,000
Cambria 1,000	Monroe 1,000
Cameron 800	Montgomery 1,500
Carbon 1,000	Montour 800
Centre 1,500	Northampton 1,000
Chester 1,007	Northumberland 1,058
Clarion 1,000	Perry 1,000
Clearfield 1,000	Pike 800
Clinton 1,000	Potter 1,000
Columbia 1,000	Schuylkill 1,982
Crawford 1,701	Snyder 1,000
Cumberland 1,000	Somerset 1,017
Dauphin 1,000	Sullivan 800
Delaware 1,000	Susquehanna 1,500
Elk 800	Tioga 1,202
Erie 1,500	Union 800
Fayette 1,112	Yenango 1,150
Forest 800	Warren 1,500
Franklin 1,152	Washington 1,500
Fulton 800	Wayne 1,000
Greene 1,000	Westmoreland 1,508
Huntingdon 1,000	Wyoming 1,000
Indiana 1,000	York 1,056
Jefferson 1,000	

Not so Anxious as Formerly.

The *Washington Star* says: It seems strange, but it is true, that the least demand for the standard silver dollar is in those very sections of the country where the people literally howled for them. Nothing would satisfy them but the Silver bill. The passage of the bill was followed by a wall because silver was only paid out for gold. Now that silver is paid out for greenbacks, they do not appear to want the dollar they cried for. This is shown by the fact that up to May 4th, Cincinnati had taken only \$2,847 of the new coinage for greenbacks, while New York had taken \$73,050; Chicago only \$1000 against Philadelphia \$21,780, and St. Louis \$1,765 to Baltimore \$3,502. Even Washington is ahead of the great silver cities, it having taken \$83,000.

In Fear of a Flood.

The inhabitants of Mill River Valley, Mass., and particularly the residents of Williamsburg, have been much alarmed by the rumors of the unsafe condition of the Goshen reservoir, from which is drawn the summer supply of the mills on that fatal run. In response to a petition the County Commissioners, accompanied by a number of citizens, examined the reservoir on Saturday. They will order the removal of the "flash boards," and institute other precautionary measures. Many families have long kept watch all night for an expected flood, and a universal feeling of dread prevails in the valley, which nothing will entirely remove.

Juniata Valley Camp-Meeting.

The *Huntingdon Local News* says: The directors of the Juniata Valley Camp-meeting Association have resolved to cleanse the entire grounds. The brush in the field in front has been cleared away, improving the approach. The restaurant, boarding tent, etc., have been rented to the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mount Union. The hauling of baggage and garbage has been placed in charge of John Smith, of Wayne twp. Everything about the buildings and grounds will be fixed up, and the entire place put in trim for occupancy on the 13th of August next.

Poison for a Whole Family.

A Lansing, Mich., special says: A dastardly attempt was made to poison the family of a son of William Cook, a wealthy farmer living a few miles from this city, by putting strychnine in a pump. It was discovered in time. Physicians say enough poison was put in the water to kill a hundred families. The residence of the elder Cook was also fired by the same parties. Suspicion rests strongly on a man in the neighborhood.

HARRISBURG, May 15.—Governor Hartranft this morning sent to the Senate the name of Hon. John B. Linn, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Senate promptly confirmed the nomination, and Mr. Linn was sworn in at 12 o'clock by Judge Mercur, of the Supreme Court.

A Wife's Liability in Iowa.

The Supreme Court of Iowa decides that the discharge of a husband from

bankruptcy does not release the property of his wife from liability for debts contracted by the husband for the family expenses. The court also decides that the rights of homestead exemption to the widow, as the head of a family, ceases when she marries again.

On Friday afternoon last an eighteen months old child of Mrs. Adam Snively, in East Hanover twp., Lebanon county, died suddenly from some mysterious cause. Having occasion to work in the garden, she took her infant child along and sat it down while she went about her work. A short time after the pitiful cries of the child attracted her attention, when she took it up and endeavored to comfort it, but without avail, and about twenty minutes afterward the child was dead. After death it presented a swollen appearance, leading to the supposition that it must have been bitten by a poisonous insect.

NEW YORK, May 16.—It is asserted by a morning journal that the late Earl of Leitrim was killed by the relatives of a woman whom he had seduced. They went from England to Ireland for the purpose, and two of the three men who committed the deed are said to have escaped to this country.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bachman, of New Cumberland has been awarded the sum of \$3,331.31 in a suit against the U. B. Mutual Aid Society for insurance on the life of her husband. The case was tried in the Dauphin county court, and the company resisted the payment on the grounds that some of the questions in the application of the deceased had not been fully and properly answered.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16, 1878.

For more than a year a better United States Navy has been talked of, cried up and cried down, favored and objected to, praised and ridiculed. It has seemed that all this talk has amounted to nothing, but doubtless it has been an effective process of ripening of the project and bringing it to culmination. At all events there is now comparatively little objection to the plan, if we may judge from the result of a conference held last week between the Secretary of the Navy, the heads of the bureaus of the Navy Department and the House Committee on Naval Affairs, when a general reorganization of the Navy was discussed and the unanimous agreement was to the effect that the United States should build a new Navy equal in all respects to the demands and emergencies of modern naval warfare.

Surely, such a world-important Republic as our Government now represents should support a Navy of sufficient strength to protect her in any and every supposable case, which it does not do at present. Nor does it support such an Army. There should be no chance for any *what ifs*.—They should all be covered by certain protection.

A good amount of wary caution is exhibited by the movers in the matter of the re-opening of the Electoral Count muddle. Things have gone so far in that direction now, however, that it is hard to see how another investigation is to be avoided if such should be the wish of the country at large. Public affairs have reached a strange pass when Senators and Representatives openly condemn a President and that President serenely remains at his post without so much as calling his officers to account for such sayings and such condemnations.

Probably some of our wily deep-seeing, ruling politicians see, or think they see, the end of this confused state of affairs, and the results; but we confess we are not far-sighted enough.

Although the wedding ceremonies of Senator Don Cameron and Lizzie Sherman, niece of the General Secretary, did not take place in Washington, yet, as the parties and their families are so well-known here, the event of their marriage has formed a most important topic in social circles in this city for a week or two past.—The bride spent last winter here and was much esteemed—though that doesn't tell much for she would have been feted and sought for on account of connection and prospects, had she been the reverse of pleasing in manner and features. She is, however, a very pretty, sensible and accomplished young lady. The wedding was brilliant, of course, as white silk, point lace, white lilacs and orange blossoms could make it. This match is considered a very important and desirable one, on all hands, despite the fact that Senator Don has children older than his bride. Some one aptly says: "The big political families seem to be making alliances. The Shermans are reaching out and marrying with the Camerons, the powerful Pennsylvania leaders. The Shermans cover a wide range. John leads the hard-money school; Tom Ewing, his brother-in-law, leads the soft-money school; Judge Sherman does the matrimonial business, and superintends the third house. Their kinsman was until recently the alternative if Hayes lost the nomination. In the State of New York Conkling has the Republican machine, and his brother-in-law, Seymour, the Democratic machine."

It is said that Tom Ewing is working towards the end of placing John Sherman in the Chief Magistrate's chair and securing for himself the position of Secretary of the Treasury.

Don Cameron's oldest daughter has houses and lands, considerable property, in her own name and right, which she controls and manages without help from her father or others. She is fond of her step-mother and pleased with her father's choice.

General and Secretary Sherman and other notables went from here to Cleveland to attend the wedding, where they were received with much enthusiasm by the business people of the city.

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Miscellaneous News Items.

Mrs. Fronier, of Evansville, attempting suicide by hanging, a few days ago, but was saved by her little son, who succeeded in cutting her down just in time to save her life.

The rust is damaging the wheat to a considerable extent in the southern Indiana counties. Some farmers in Switzerland county already talk of plowing up their wheat fields and planting corn.

A woman who died recently in Lebanon county is said to have confessed on her death bed that she and her son, who is still living, murdered a rich old peddler 18 years ago, robbed him and threw his body into burning charcoal.

The military were called out at Fort Erie, Ontario, last week, in anticipation of a Fenian raid. Extensive preparations were also made at St. Catharines. Four companies of infantry and a battery were ordered to be ready to march at a moment's notice.

A neatly dressed woman placed a handkerchief over her mouth and jumped into the Schuylkill river near Philadelphia. A gentleman in a row boat rescued her.—The handkerchief had been chloroformed. She had a gold watch on her person, and her name is supposed to be Julia T. Foster.

On Wednesday last an infant apparently about two months old, was found on the Shade Mountain, near Shade Gap narrows. It was taken to Michael Stair's and on Thursday morning removed to the poor house. It is not known who the unfeeling mother of the child is.

A San Francisco letter says: Great preparations are being made for the approaching Mechanics' Institute Fair. One of the improvements will be the lighting of the immense hall by a 16,000 candle power electric light. The electricity is furnished by a Gramma machine driven by a steam engine.

Several years ago a seven year old son of John F. Reith, Lancaster county, was seized with spotted fever, which resulted in the loss of speech and hearing.—Last year he became blind, and about a month ago he was unable to take nourishment, and after compulsory abstinence from food for twenty-nine days he died.

A New York writer says: The trials of the cabinet-makers are really hard to bear. The furniture trade, the present season, is in a depressed state, and the wages paid for labor by the trade are almost at starvation level. Many of the wives and families of workmen are said to be suffering. Many of the best workmen earn less than \$6 per week—starvation wages surely.

The body of Mary Howard, aged 5 years, was found dead in Shamokin creek, along the Reading railroad in Northumberland county. The little girl had wandered away from home several days previous, and no tidings of her whereabouts had been received until the announcement of the finding of her body was made.

LANCASTER, May 14.—A German named Henry Haeer, residing near Mountville, six miles west of this city, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in a shed. When found he was dead. He was sixty-two years of age, and bore a good character. It is supposed that he became despondent in consequence of inability to obtain employment, having been a day laborer and disposed to be industrious.

On Tuesday morning of last week, during the dense fog, as the track hands on the railroad were going to their work on a hand car, they were met by a train which they were not aware of, and, owing to the fog, were unable to see until it was just upon them. They had just time to jump, some to one side and some to the other side of the track, when the hand car was struck and completely wrecked.—"Huntingdon Monitor."

POVERTY AND SUFFERING.

"I was dragged down with a debt, poverty and suffering for years, caused by a sick family and large bills for doctoring, which did them no good. I was completely discouraged, until one year ago, by the advice of my pastor, I procured Hop Bitters and commenced their use, and in one month we were all well, and none of us have been sick a day since, and I want to say to all poor men, you can keep your families well a year with Hop Bitters for less than one doctor's visit will cost—I know it. A WORKINGMAN."