WEEKLY TELEGRAPH

ASHTABULA, OHIO.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 27, 1873.

☞Stephen A. Douglass, says that Mr. Forney was the most exact pattern of a male prostitute—politically considered—extant.

☞Judge Hagey of San Francisco, anti-railroad candidate for United States Senate for the short term, was elected on the 23rd on the second ballot.

☞The new Constitution of New Jersey makes church property taxable. It provides that all property belonging to ecclesiastical bodies shall be taxed upon the same basis as other property.

☞The death of Prof. Agassiz has indirectly brought another calamity upon the family. Mrs. Alexander Agassiz, his daughter-in-law, has met her death from exhaustion produced by faithful watching at the death-bed of the elder Agassiz.

☞Newspaper sentiment appears to be a unit upon two points—that the debate on the salary bill was a disgrace to the nation, and that it will do the members of Congress good to go home and see how entirely they are opposed to public opinion.

☞The Forty-second Congress is the largest legislative body that ever assembled in the capital, and it has a larger number of new members. Let us hope that it will be further distinguished by its honesty and strict attention to the people's business.

☞The Directors of the Michigan Southern & Lake Shore Railroad have authorized a second mortgage for $25,000,000, which, when placed, will make the total debt of the road $100,000,000. Only $4,500,000 of the new bonds will be issued immediately.

☞Henry W. Genet, another member of old Tweed ring, has been found guilty, though sentence has not yet been passed in his case. The charge against Genet was that of procuring by misrepresentation, Mayor Hall's signature to a false account for work done on the Harlem Court-House.

☞A dispatch says the Americans in Santiago de Cuba are continually in fear for their lives and bitterly complain that nothing has been done to redress their wrongs. It is not safe for an American officer to go ashore alone in Santiago. All along the river line Spaniards are erecting new batteries.

☞Mr. Howe has introduced a resolution into the Senate authorizing the President to appoint five Commissioners, without pay, to examine the economic, moral, criminal, and scientific aspects of the liquor traffic, and to report to Congress its effect on crime, social vice, pauperism, and the public health.

☞Japan is beating us in the march of civilization. She has not only already required the owners of dogs to put certified checks or a tax receipt on the dog's collars, but the city council of Jeddo orders all children to be labeled with their parents' names and residence. The plan may be regarded as a "lost" art.

☞A new bill has been introduced into the House, providing that the money accruing for the sale of public lands shall be devoted to the educational fund for the benefit of the people. It is to be hoped that the measures is in opposition to the Agricultural College subsidy which came so near being pushed through the last Congress.

☞The election of Mr. Booth of Cal., to the U. S. Senate was the signal for great rejoicing throughout the State. Judge Hager, anti-railroad candidate, but a Democrat, holds the lead on the balloting for the short term, and it is believed, will be elected. Mr. Shafter stands second in favor, and Mr. Cole third. The two last named are Republicans.

☞Mr. Baez is no longer the President of San Domingo, Mr. Ignacio Bonsales is announced as his successor. The change is principally interesting to the gentlemen who have taken stock in the ambitious Samana Bay Company. We shall probably hear very little more of annexation, or even of "protection," in the case of San Domingo.

☞It is understood that the Ways and Means Committee is not likely to take any action looking to the relief of the Treasury before the holidays. The majority of the committee are said to favor a temporary convertible loan rather than any increase in taxation, believing that the anticipated revival of business in the spring will do much to relieve the public necessities.

☞On the 12th of January, 1874, Hon. Wm. B. Allen will be inaugurated Governor of Ohio. It is just twenty years since a Democratic Governor has been inducted into that high position. Hon. William Medill being the last, he was succeeded by Gov. Chase. Since that time until the present, the Republican party has held uninterrupted sway.

☞The appointment of Prof. Agassiz's son as his successor to the Presidency of the Anderson School of Natural History on Penikese Island is a matter of sincere congratulation to all who are interested in the success of the project. The name of Agassiz will continue to be associated with the institution which the late Prof. Agassiz organized, and Mr. Alexander Agassiz's fitness for the position has already been demonstrated.

☞Cuban advices report that the prejudice against Americans in the larger cities of the islands is so great as to make it dangerous for American residents to go out unprotected. This is probably exagerated, but Cuba is a dangerous country at the best in its present condition, and the American residents there probably have a full share of the jeopardy incident to a residence on the island.

☞The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has instituted a system of reduced fares on all lines under their control, getting back to something below ante-war rates. The reduction is a very decided one, and there is to be a like cutting down on western and southern roads. The policy will probably necessitate an expression from the Pennsylvania Central, and we look for earnest hostilities between Commanders Garrett and Scott.

☞Harry Genet of the Tweed Ring convicted a day or two, since, has escaped from custody. This escape taken in connection with the fight of Sharkey, the murderer, has naturally directed suspicion against the officials in charge. A few months ago, Mr. Tweed would probably have asked; "What are you going to do about it?" Four others of the Ring, the Court House Commissioners, were to have been tried on the 23rd, but preferred to forfeit their bail rather than put in their appearance. There remains but one of the old Ring to be tried, among those who were exposed. In the meantime it is presumed that Mr. Genet has gone yachting. Ex-Mayor Hall's case was on trial the 23rd, and it is freely predicted that he will be freely convicted on the ground of criminal neglect of duty, though it is not generally believed that he received any of the money stolen under his Administration.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The new Constitution of Pennsylvania was carried at the late election by a majority of 34,120.

Mayor Hall has had his trial and been acquitted of a willful, criminal connection with the New York ring thieves.

The last link in the Mississippi Central railroad line between Chicago and New Orleans, was supplied on Tuesday last by the starting of a transfer steamer from Cairo to connect with the Kentucky shore.

The West Virginia Legislature, at Charlestown, is deeply involved again with the State Capital question. Wheeling people are anxious to know the result before Charleston, on the Kanawha, is snowed in for the winter.

It is announced that the price of coal next year has already been determined on, and that the market will open at ten cents a ton lower than it opened last Spring. This deduction is not considerable, and will not affect the retail trade. The amount of anthracite coal sent to tide-water by the principal routes up to Dec. 13th, was 17,575,220 tons against 16,747,067 tons for the same period last year—an increase of 828,153 tons, or about five per cent.

The New York *Tribune* says of Mr. Garfield's chairmanship of the Appropration Committee, that "it makes certain that the estimates of the departments will be rigidly scrutinized, and the expenses kept within proper limits. Mr. Garfield, in the last Congress, stopped a number of old leaks in the Treasury, and instituted more searching inquiry into the disposition of the public funds, with a view of checking extravagances, than has been made by the committees before."

The consumption of Prairie chickens, will show to some extent the amount of game that enters into the food of the expenses of the country. The number of these birds sent to Eastern markets, last winter from Sioux City, was about 23,000. The number sent from the same point the present season thus far, is 35,000, and the season not yet being over, it is estimated the number will be swelled to 50,000. The ruling price is from $3.90 to $4 a dozen.

Mr. Witthaus, a passenger on the Ville du Havre, has published a second letter, in which he throws the entire blame for the collision on the officer in charge of the deck at the time. He also says that the officers and crew acted in the most cowardly manner after the disaster, and that every rescued passenger was taken out of the water, while many of the officers and crew did not even get their feet wet. The evidence of the crew of the Loch Earn confirms the later statement.

"Hon. Henry W. Genet," just convicted in New York as a participant in the "ring" frauds, was elected last November as one of the regular candidates of the Democratic party for Assembly. His term of service, notwithstanding his election, would have been spent in the penitentiary, but that he has managed, through the lenity or connivance of the sheriff—who, under the escort of a deputy, allowed him to go and see his wife—to make his escape. Five thousand dollars has been offered for his apprehension.

Fatting Hogs on figs, is an idea in husbandry that strikes one in this latitude, with sense of criminal abuse of nature's gifts, and yet, a San Diego—Call—paper suggests the cultivation of this luxurious fruit for feeding swine. The argument is 1st, that the fruit is good for the unclean beast, 2nd—that an acre of figs will fatten more hogs than an acre of corn, and 3d, the ease and facility of raising this feed. A fig cutting, stuck into the ground, in six months will bear fruit,—three crops a year, and the growth of the tree in three years is equal to that of an apple tree in twelve. For fruit, California, certainly is a famous land.

JAPAN.—News from Yokohama inform us of a recent change of Ministry. The immediate occasion of the Ministerial crisis was the war with Corea. The anti-foreign party favored the establishment of an imposing army and a grand fleet, with the purpose of restoring the ancient condition of isolation for the Kingdom. But the Mikado sided with the foreign party, though they were in the minority, and after removing the Ministers who were opposed to him, filled their places, from among the members of the Japan Embassy, who have been traveling among the principal countries of the world during the late years, and who are essentially progressive in all their ideas of government and international intercourse.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE on Retrenchment seems not to be altogether misnamed. It has reported a substitute for the House bill repealing the salary grab law. The Senate bill provides (1) for the repeal of all increase in the salaries of Congressmen and Congressional employes, and for fixing their compensation at what it was before the passage of the bill of last March; (2) that all heads of Departments shall receive salaries of $8,000 a year; and (3) that the Secretary of the Treasury shall have authority to cover back into the Treasury all increase of pay yet undrawn, or that has been or may yet be returned. The bill is certainly a nearer approach to the demand of the people than anything that has heretofore been proposed.

WOMEN PREACHERS.—It will be remembered that the Presbytery of Brooklyn, about a year and a half ago, took official cognizance of the fact that the Rev. Sarah F. Smiley preached in the pulpit of Dr. Cuyers, church. After a debate lasting two or three days, a resolution was passed reaffirming the declaration of the General Assembly forbidding women to assume clerical duties at miscellaneous gatherings. The churches have faithfully obeyed the rule until a week or two ago, when the same reverend lady preached in the same pulpit on two occasions. The result is that the Presbyterian world of Brooklyn is again excited and talking of calling the Presbytery together to take action in the premises. As this is the second violation of the rule, it becomes an interesting question what will the Presbytery do. The reaffirming of the General Assembly's rule having had no effect. What will that grave body do?

Recent revelations in the wine trade of London ought to dispel the delusion that there is any such thing as "good old sherry." Hamburg sherry proves, on analysis, to be an atrocious compound of nuetralized acid wine, Elbe water, potato spirit, capilliare, and chemical flavoring matters. What have been supposed to be honest brands because they were imported direct from Spain, are found to be about half alcohol. Alcohol is added in Spain to keep it during the voyage, more is added on its arrival in England to fortify it, the "caramel" used to color it is about half spirits, and the "dulce" or sweetening matter, is one-third spirits. A large quantity of plaster-of-Paris is the final addition. The brands thus doctored are the better kinds of sherry. As for the wine that is sold by the drink, it is described as a poisonous dram of alcohol, sweetened with sugar, and mixed with a flavoring of some common Spanish or French wine.

PLOW MAKERS AND PLOW HANDLERS.—A new controversy has broken out in the West—a dispute which is a branch of the one which the Patrons of Husbandry are carrying on against everything so tending to decrease the the farmer's profits. This is described as a war between the "plow-makers" and the "plow drivers," and it has broken out chiefly in Iowa, and Illinois. It appears that the plow companies have resolved in Illinois to sell no plows to farmers' clubs or grangers, excepting at retail prices. This effects Iowa as well as Illinois, and in the former State the manufacturers of harvesters have taken somewhat similar action. In retaliation the Illinois State Grange has resolved to buy no more plows of either of the makers or their agents while in Iowa the State Grange has determined to go into the business of manufacturing harvesters for itself. This controversy is a good deal similar to that conducted in behalf of "cheap transportation."

Atty-Gen. Williams' opinion in the Virginius case, recently given, is based mainly on the law of 1792. He decides, after a full investigation, which is given in detail, that the papers of the Virginius were procured by false swearing, and that the vessel was really the property of certain Cubans, who had purchased her for an illicit traffic. He decides, therfore, that the Virginius had no right as against the United States, to carry the American flag. He holds, nevertheless, that while carrying the flag, she was as exempt from interference on the high seas by foreign Powers as if she had been properly registered, on the ground that neither Spain nor any other Government could assume a jurisdiction belonging exclusively to the United States. This decision relieves Spain from the obligation of saluting the American flag, under the terms of the protocol, and it makes incumbent on the United States to prosecute the Virginius under the laws of this country.

☞STATE'S EVIDENCE.—E. A. Woodward, County Auditor of New York City when the Ring ruled, has consented to turn State's evidence. He has returned to the city and given himself up to the authorities. The District Attorney and his assistants, while admitting that Woodward is in the city, refused to disclose his whereabouts. Negotiations between Woodward and Attorney General Barlow have been in progress for months past. It is asserted that Woodward has been promised immunity from punishment on condition of his giving testimony in all the Ring cases which yet remain to be tried. He will first be used as a witness during the trial of ex-Mayor Hall to begin this week. It is asserted on trustworthy authority that Woodward is prepared to furnish all the missing links in the chain of testimony against the persons accused of fraud; and that his confession will be especially valuable as giving information regarding the division of the plunder. It is further alleged that he will implicate some persons against whom no proof of crime has heretofore been developed, including two or three persons now holding high offices. Hall may have an opportunity of airing his wit in States prison.

SURRENDER OF THE PRISONERS.—The *Tribune's* Key West telegram gives an account of the surrender of the Virginius prisoners to Lieutenant Commander Braine of the Juniata. It appears that the Spanish authorities to the last moment kept the poor wretches in ignorance of their prospective release and with base inhumanity led them to suppose that they were to be executed. Priests were with them taking their confessions and dying declarations and imploring them to look to God for pardon. They were taken out of prison in despair, but on their way to the slaughter pen, as they supposed, their eyes fell upon the Juniata flying the flag of the United States. When they realized this truth, a scene occurred which beggars description. Their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They were speedily transferred to the deck of the Juniata and gave vent to the most extravagant but touching demonstrations of joy, embracing each other, some crying, some kissing and others audibly offering thanks to the Almighty for the deliverance from the horrors of their dungeon and the prospect of an ignominious death. On the night before the surrender, the officers and crew, of the Juniata were stationed at the quarters, her guns being turned on the city, the Spanish volunteers having been excited to an open riot by the rumor that the surrender was to take place.

On the arrival of the party at Santiago, orders came to the ship from Commander Braine for the paymasters to issue all the blankets and peajackets in his department to the prisoners who were hardly fit to be seen in their rags. This was speedily done. But as there was still great destitution, every man on board give their own blankets and wearing apparel. Every heart was touched by the pitiable condition of the prisoners. The poor fellows report that they were barbarously treated.

The surrender took place at Morro Castle, six miles below Santiago. A receipt was given for the prisoners.

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Leather and Creasing Roller—S. B. Randall, Cincinnati.

Guard for Preventing Leakage Around Chimneys—J. F. Schuyler, Tostoria.

Stove Pipe Shelf—W. H. Stephenson & D. W. Stephenson, Yellow Springs.

The Senate Finance Committee have heard the arguments of a delegation of Philadelphia druggists against the ruling of the Internal Revenue bureau, to the effect that all prescriptions filled by apothecaries and marked in writing as to the amount of the dose, must have an internal revenue stamp upon them. The commissioners, it is believed, will discover the error of this meeting, and back out of it.

There have been presented in the House thus far this season over one hundred and twenty-five bills, looking to the granting of pensions of widows and orphans of soldiers of the late war. This class of claims come before Congress on account of the law which prescribes a limitation of time for filing of the same. A bill will be introduced in a few days in the House looking to an extension of time for filing of such claims before the Pension office.

At the recent meeting of County Commissioners in Jefferson, says the *Sentinel*, the new Commissioner, E. O. Peck, appeared and was qualified. The official bonds of Mr. Kingsly, Coroner elect, W. H. Crowell, Auditor elect, E. Hammond, Infirmary Director elect, and S. L. Hart, Sheriff elect, were presented to the Board, examined and approved. The greater portion of business reported is upon reports of viewers of roads.

MEMORIAL TO LINCOLN.—Rev. Newman Hall is building in London, on grounds contiguous to his church, a tower more than two hundred feet high, at a cost of about $25,000, in memory of Abraham Lincoln and emancipation. One-half of this sum has already been raised in England, and one-half has been nearly all contributed in this country. It is believed that not more than $400 or $500 of the whole amount is wanting, and this will be forthcoming in a few days. The whole amount necessary for the completion of the Memorial Tower could have been easily raised in London, but he conceived the idea of making it an international work, and thus half of the expenses will be defrayed here.

Railroad statistics published by the Ohio Railroad commissioner, made the following showing.—The whole number of casualties upon the railroads of the State for the year ending June 30th were, passengers killed, sixteen; passengers injured, sixty-eight; employes killed, ninety-two; employes injured, two hundred and seventy-three; others killed one hundred and two; others injured, fifty-seven; total fatal, two hundred; non-fatal, three hundred and ninety eight.

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The English infidel, Mr. Bradlaugh, at the conclusion of a recent lecture, called upon any person to reply to his argument. An English paper thus tells what resulted from the invitation. A collier rose and spoke somewhat as follows: "Maister Bradlaugh, me and my mate Jim were both Methodys, till one of these infidel chaps cam' this way. Jim turned infidel, and used to badger me about attending the prayer-meetings; but one day in the pit a large cob of coal cam' down on Jim's head. Jim thought he was killed, and oh! mon, but he did holler and cry to God! Then turning to Mr. Bradlaugh, with a knowing look, he said, "Young man, there's nowt like cobs of coal for knocking the infidelity out of a man."

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