

The Elections.

The elections of last Tuesday, although showing some Democratic gain, will not change the complexion of the next Congress. In New York State the Republicans lost two Congressmen. In New Jersey they have gained two, and have a majority of 3 in the Senate and 8 in the House, which insures the election of a United States Senator next winter, for a term of six years. Massachusetts is carried wholesale by the Republicans. The Minnesota delegation in Congress will have one more Republican than usual, and one less Democrat. Maryland does the same little trick gaining one Republican Congressman. The Democrats gain one Congressman in Michigan, two in Kentucky, and one in Arkansas. The Democratic majority in New York City is about 40,000 less than in 1868, owing to the new election law passed by Congress to prevent and punish election frauds. Riots were gotten up by the Democracy in several of the cities of the Southern States, and the Democratic vote was larger on that account. Perhaps during the sitting of the next Congress we shall have laws passed which will insure a fair expression of the voting population of New York City and the Southern States, and then we will have no trouble in re-electing Gen. Grant for another term to the position which he has occupied for two years with as much ability as any man who ever held the office of President of these United States.

Two repeaters, both Democratic, have been sentenced in New York—one for three years and the other for six months in the Albany Penitentiary.—Ez.

Two years ago a man tried that lit-game here, and accomplished it. His ballot was accepted after some pretty hard swearing on his part. He "repeated" the swearing and voting at Irvineton. He was sought for by some of his admirers who wished to present him with a pair of bracelets, but he was of a retiring disposition, and after calling down a benediction on the heads of the would-be donors, he retired from the scene of his labors, nor has he ever shown his countenance in this locality since. It is needless to say that he voted the straight Democratic ticket in both places.

The Huntingdon Globe favors the calling of a Constitutional Convention. It says: "Republican and Democratic papers are alike enthusiastic in their demands for a State Convention for Constitutional Reform. The amendments specially desired seem to be: The people to elect the State Treasurer, Attorney General, United States Senators, and Superintendent of Public Schools; abolishing special legislation by the Legislature; punishing legislators who accept bribes; establishing minority representation; and preventing the transfer of the State funds for the benefit of individuals or corporations, and increasing the number of representatives. All of these amendments are good, and we think the sooner they are incorporated in our State Constitution the better it will be for our Commonwealth. The proposed amendments nearly all are aimed at the Legislative power, wherein for many years corruption has been sapping the foundation of the good honest administration of government, through certain men who are elected for the purpose of carrying out the designs of wicked individuals and greedy corporations."

The editor of the Jamestown Journal has been shown a blood-beet that weighed 20 pounds and was 20 inches round, and asks if any one can see that and go one better. (This last remark leads to surmise that said editor indulges betimes in the little exciting game of poker.) Yes, Brother Bishop, we're your huckleberry. (This phrase may not belong to "the game we don't understand.") But we have a ded-beet here that weighs two hundred pounds. How's that for high?—Corry Republican.

COUNTY POOR HOUSE.—The excavation for the foundation of the County Poor House is about completed. The energetic contractors, Messrs. Simmons & Dewees, have also erected a large boarding house, for the accommodation of the workmen employed, and shops for repairing tools, etc. The work is to be pushed vigorously to completion. The contractors have their headquarters in this city, at the U. S. Hotel.—Venango Citizen.

About an Oil Prince.—John Fagundus.

We have read many accounts of late about John Fagundus, the oil prince of this County, stealing a trunk in May last, of one Humason, a hotel keeper at Trounkeyville, Forest County. John is a young and single man, and last spring became possessed of money by means of the Fagundus Farm, now owned by Neyhart and Grandin. They paid for the farm something over \$100,000. There were of the family, the mother of John and her daughter. In the sale the old lady reserved one sixth interest in the farm, the daughter one sixth, and we believe there was an interest reserved for John. Soon after the sale, the old lady died, and also the daughter, leaving John inheritor of all the property. That he, a wealthy man, as he is, should be accused of stealing an old trunk, filled with articles of but little value to any one—though there was some money in the missing trunk—caused much talk, and the newspapers have published it far and near. He was taken before a Justice of the Peace of Forest Co., to appear and answer, the alleged theft having been in Forest County, while the defendant lives in Warren County. Therefore, by agreement, he was on Monday last, brought before Esq. Parmice, of this place, and had his examination. The day was given up to the investigation of the case, and on its conclusion, John Fagundus was acquitted—no proof having been adduced that he did or could have stolen it. For at the time he was at home attending to his sick mother and sister, and we believe he was sick himself. The trunk was taken by mistake and left in a barn for many weeks, the owner not being able to find any clue to it. While lying in the barn, which several parties occupied for keeping the oil teams, some one did break it open and take out the valuables; but John Fagundus knew nothing of it; and after a full and careful, impartial hearing, he was acquitted. Brown & Stone appeared for the defense, and F. D. Reeves for the prosecution.

We have given a little space to this matter, for the purpose of putting young Fagundus right before the community. We are satisfied that he has not had full justice done him in this matter before. It is a very great injury to a man to have such charges preferred against him; and when untrue the mistake should be rectified as the charge was given to the world.—Warren Ledger.

A COAL OIL SWINDLER.—The Bellefontaine Republican of last week thus narrates the exploits of a swindler in that city:

Last Saturday afternoon, a well-dressed, business like young man, calling himself H. S. Paine, stepped into several of our business houses, where coal oil is sold, and representing himself as the agent of a Cleveland house, wanted to take orders for oil. By offering oil two or three cents below the market price, guaranteeing its quality, and proposing to pay freight on the first lot, he finally succeeded in selling to two or three of our dealers. He then wanted one of the purchasers to go to the bank with him to endorse a draft on his house for \$25 as he said he was out of funds. The gentlemen so solicited however, having had his fingers slightly burned in the fire before, politely declined. A suspicion at once entered his mind that the young man was a swindler, and he telegraphed to the house at Cleveland to know if they had any such agent. The reply soon came that they had not, but that some swindler had been drawing on them from various points. This was sufficient grounds for further proceedings. The order for twenty barrels of oil was duplicated Monday morning, and the young man obtained \$5. He was then arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, and thrust into the jail, where he yet languisheth in painful suspense, awaiting his trial at court.

The Titusville Courier of the 8th, says: Last night about twelve o'clock information was brought to officer McGraw that a man was lying in the road near Brawley's Hotel. He immediately repaired to the spot and learned that a man had been knocked down and robbed of twenty eight dollars. The man had been roughly handled and was covered with blood. We did not learn his name nor the perpetrators of this daring robbery.

One of the census enumerators in Providence, R. I., put down in his list "twins" opposite the names of two children, and against the first he designated Providence as the birth-place. The officials in Washington sent the list back to have the deficiency accounted for. What they wanted to know was where the other twin was born.

What Free Trade Means.

In a speech at Washington, Delaware, a few evenings ago, the Hon. Leonard W. Myers, M. C., presented the case against Free Trade in the following light:

Let me tell you what free trade means. We in Pennsylvania know all about it. It is nearly twenty-five years since the Democrats fooled us on this subject, but the wound was a deep one and is remembered. After getting the vote of favoring protection, they gave us a low tariff, which is very little better than free trade. It quenched our forge fires and furnace blasts, it closed our rolling mills, it hushed the busy whir of our factories, and turned thousands of our people adrift with want staring them in the face.

What would free trade do for Wilmington? I will tell you. It would bring in British ships, and close your great iron ship yards. It would undersell your cotton and woolen fabrics. Your looms would lie idle, and the hum of industry, sweetest of music, would give place to murmurs of discontent. It would bring to mind the days of colonial dependence, when Great Britain imposed £500 fine against manufactories in this country, with this contract, that our own statutes would inflict the wrong. It would deprive the National Treasury of the duties which now help so largely to pay off the national debt, and while inflicting this wrong on the Government it would drive your people from a hundred occupations which could not thrive in competition with fabrics made abroad, where living, such as it is, is cheap and wages poor. Would there be no remedy? Oh! yes; one remedy would remain. Free trade, I have said, means buy at the cheapest rate; that means, also, buy labor wherever you can get it the cheapest. If you will work at pauper wages the workshops might be opened again. The boast of the Republican party is that it tends to elevate them. It asserts that labor is not degrading, and will not drag it down. The American workman has a useful career, which opens to him every avenue to wealth and distinction. He may be humble, but he can rent a comfortable house; our school system educates his children; with his earnings he may hire a piano, whose music shall keep the family about the domestic hearth—yes, he has enough money to buy the foreign coat if he wants it. His lot is perhaps the happiest, for labor well rewarded and needing few extravagances brings least care to dampen and pale the glew of health.

But apply the free trade remedy—work at small wages! The wife must give up her music and song—the children must be recalled from school and take a hand at work. If the rent cannot be met you must go into tenement houses, where families huddle together and exist—I will not call it living! Yes, perhaps work at coolie-contract wages! for remember the party which prefers fabrics made by pauper labor abroad because they can be bought cheaper—I will prefer them if they can only be manufactured cheaply here by the same labor. It is part and parcel of the same doctrine. Are you ready for this, citizens of Wilmington? If you are not, I invoke you to vote the Republican ticket, for I do assure you if ever the Democracy should regain power nationally—a catastrophe which I believe will not happen soon—they will enforce free trade or a very low tariff, to the great injury of the American people.

CHILD DECEPTION.—On Friday evening last a young woman who, from appearances, we should suppose to be about 20 years of age, arrived on the 7 p. m. train from Franklin, carrying in her arms a female infant apparently two weeks old. The woman was well dressed, and evidently respectable connected. She registered her name at the Duncan House as Mrs. Allen, of Franklin—which is no doubt fictitious. The clerk conducted her to room No. 7. Everything went well until breakfast time next morning, when she failed to appear, the landlord becoming uneasy, sent a servant "to call the lady in No. 7." The servant knocked at the door, and, receiving no answer, ventured to enter, when lo! the room was deserted by the woman, leaving the child in bed. The hostess now has charge of the little waif, and has christened it "Petroleum Duncan," a very appropriate name. We have not heard what disposition is to be made of it, but have no doubt it will be well cared for.—Oil City Times.

When a steady, well-behaved young man is seen slinking back with a pump, and bidding it an affectionate good-night, or saying, "Poor old Corbison Robscrew," there may be faint apprehension that he has been "taking something."

Irwin Kennedy, a prisoner at the jail who has confessed to a burglary committed three years ago, and who is the principal witness against a man who is charged with being accessory to it before the fact, is either becoming insane, or is simulating insanity. He has smashed the shelves and other little conveniences which he had fixed up in his cell to make him comfortable and throws himself on the floor, laughing idiotically at the other prisoners. Day before yesterday he insanely tore to pieces his vest, but with a wisdom that savored of reason, carefully took some money out of the pockets and transferred it to his breeches, before destroying the vest. His sentence has been deferred two terms on account of the trial of his alleged accomplice, who until the bringing of this charge, had always borne an unsullied name.

SAD ACCIDENT.—An old woodsawyer whose name we did not learn, was run over by a train near Crouch's Elevator, last evening, and had both legs cut off. He is about fifty-five years of age, and resides with his son-in-law, Frank Egler, on Twelfth street east of Parade. The injuries are probably fatal, as very few men of that age can recover from the effects of so terrible a disaster.

A CHEERLESS RIDE.—On last Wednesday, a man about 28 years of age, a German named Joseph Schmidt, got into a freight car at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and concealed himself there, intending to steal a ride eastward, as he wanted to get to Lockport, N. Y. The car was loaded with barrels of cider, and soon after he had hidden himself, locked up, and the volunteer passenger was in darkness. The car was not unlocked until it reached this city, on Saturday, when the poor fellow was discovered, nearly famished. He had provided nothing to eat on the journey, and for three days he had been without a mouthful of food. Luckily for him he could assuage his thirst—always worse than hunger—by helping himself to the cider, he having opened one of the casks. He prefers to walk the remainder of the distance, rather than to run the risk having such lethargic pauses between meals.

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