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Starting News from Washington—A Cabinet Officer Charged with High Crimes and Misdemeanors.

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rather than greed, that Belknap probably came to disgrace. Notwithstanding the acceptance of the resignation of the Secretary, the House proceeded to present articles of impeachment. This is of doubtful authority. The penalty in impeachment cases is simply removal from office and disqualification to hold office. Can a man be tried who is not in office? That is the question which the Senate will have to decide when the articles of impeachment are presented to that body.

Court Report.

The February term of the Court of Common Pleas is still in session. The following business has been transacted since our last report:

W. R. Atkinson vs. Chas. A. Seidler. Dismissed.

Matilda Allen vs. Joseph Allen. Divorce. Wilful absence. Divorce granted; complainant to have custody of children.

James Ferrier vs. John Ferrier and others. Partition ordered.

Mary Funk vs. Michael Funk. Divorce. Wilful absence; divorce granted; complainant to have custody of children.

Jeremiah Coats vs. Thos. Fox. Submitted to court. Damages for plaintiff \$150.

Charles Crenzet vs. John Smeltzer and others. Sale confirmed and deed ordered.

Alfred Lucas vs. Washington Kerr. Dismissed.

Catherine Clavin vs. Arius Erwin. Dismissed.

Isaac Fillingim vs. Jonathan Fillingim and others. Partition ordered.

Geo. M. Clendinning vs. the Gallipolis, Mc. A. & C. R. Co. Error. Judgment of J. P. reversed, and case for trial in this court.

Halliday & Miles vs. David Howard and others. Settled; costs paid.

Sarah A. Harbour vs. Wm. Lanier. Dismissed.

W. H. Remington vs. Samuel Manly and Jacob Coughenour. Settled by parties, each to pay his own costs.

The tavern license of W. R. Atkinson to keep tavern in Porter was renewed.

David D. Lewis vs. Lewis W. Davis. Slander suit. Jury gave plaintiff damages of \$50.

Damaris C. Co. vs. Wm. J. Rankin and James Crawford. Re-appraisal ordered.

The Grand Jury adjourned on Saturday, having found twenty-two indictments as follows: Three for burglary and larceny, one for assault and threatening, two for cutting with intent to wound, one for grand larceny, six for petit larceny, two for assault and battery, one for injuring building, six for gaming, one for grand larceny. Forty-five persons embraced in these indictments. Seventeen persons were indicted for gambling.

The Gallipolis Central B. & L. A. v. John D. McCready. Settled and costs paid.

Geo. W. and Wesley Martin vs. Isaac Crum and others. Settled and costs paid.

Anna C. Newsum vs. Guy Fry and wife. Settled at defendant's costs; no record.

Edward Skees vs. Charles Johnson and Adam Uhrig. This was a suit brought to recover \$10,000 damages for Johnson selling beer to plaintiff's son, a minor, whereby he became drunk, got into a fight, and in the fight had his leg broken. Uhrig was the owner of the property in which the beer was sold. The jury brought in a verdict of \$50 against Johnson.

Solomia Baumgratz vs. Edward Skees. Court found that property belonged to defendant, and assessed the damages at \$24 25.

Elizabeth Holcomb vs. Rufus W. Davis. Judgment by default for plaintiff of \$162 75.

Beaver Falls Cutlery Co. vs. Wm. Geppart. Judgment by default for plaintiff of \$119 97.

John Ecker vs. J. H. Weil and N. P. Fenner. Judgment by default for plaintiff of \$439 31.

On Thursday the court overruled a motion for a change of venue in the case of the State vs. James Erwin. This case comes on for trial to-day (Thursday).

On Monday ten prisoners, Jas. W. Clark, John McNeil, Geo. Saxton, Chas. Rakein, Christina Beck, Geo. Beck, Nelson Scott, George Denny, John Croff and Maro Croff, were brought out and arraigned. They all pleaded not guilty.

Further report and say that in their opinion the jail building is radically defective and insecure for holding prisoners; that the same can not be repaired without great expense so as to make the same secure; the walls are weak and improperly constructed, and can not be made sufficient without rebuilding. They find that prisoners often escape by picking holes in the wall, which they can easily do with any common instrument, which it is extremely difficult for the jailor to prevent them getting hold of. They are of the opinion that the only way to make the jail what it should be is to rebuild it, or build a new one.

Almost Valueless.

Our greenback Congressmen, since becoming infected with Washington atmosphere, seem to have "let up" somewhat on their peculiar home hobby. We expected at least that the member from the Eleventh District would have remained open-mouthed upon the subject, but here is the situation of affairs as related by the correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, whose authority as a greenback news gatherer no one will question:

"I have been studious of the sentiment in Washington touching this question of the currency. I find of course, that the people are ahead of their leaders; that the employers are in advance of their agents. For example, it is humiliating to be asked by a greenback member of Congress from Missouri: 'Which one of your Democratic members from Ohio is a greenback man?' Ohio had sent the present Democratic delegation to Congress upon a most pronounced greenback platform, and I was asked which member of the Ohio Democratic delegation was in favor of the platform. I named some members who, as I thought, were advocates of the doctrine on which they were elected, and my questioner said: 'They are dead quiet about it.' And I said to myself, it isn't strange that the greenback doctrine is reported to be weak in Congress, which is one of the reasons why I assert that the people are far in advance of their leaders upon the currency question. Ohio, the great greenback State of the Union, Democratic by that token, almost voiceless in the Congress of the country upon her pet idea!"

The House of Congress has passed a bill recommending the people of the United States to assemble in their respective counties or towns on the approaching Centennial, and that there should be delivered a historical sketch of the county or town from its formation, copies to be filed in the County Clerk's Office and in the library of Congress, so that a complete record may be had of the progress of the Republic.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reaches the true inwardness of the Democratic majority in Congress when it says:

It begins to look as though the people had nothing to expect from the cowards and time servers of the Democratic House.

The following extract from the speech of Ben. Hill, it is guessed, will be a plank in the Democratic platform of 1876:

That whatever horrors had existed at Andersonville, not one of them could be attributed to a single act of the Confederate Government, and that every one of them grew out of necessity, and that necessity was fastened upon the Confederates by Federal power, and the Federal Government was directly responsible for all untold horrors of the war.

"A BILL to provide for the gradual resumption of specie payments," is the title of the bill agreed to by the majority of the Democratic Caucus Finance Committee. The greenbackers are to be forced to take back specie.

The Legislature has enacted a law fixing the minimum width of private township roads at sixteen feet.

The standard weight of a bushel of onions has been fixed at fifty pounds, by the General Assembly.

For the month of February the Nation's debt was reduced \$3,272,733.

A TRAIN of passenger cars recently made the run from Niagara Falls to Syracuse, a distance of 157 miles, in 158 minutes, or nearly one mile a minute.

INFLATION begot extravagance, extravagance begot corruption, and the end is the downfall and ruin of many a happy family. The case of Gen. Belknap is not the only example.

The bill, which was recently published in the JOURNAL, providing for the protection of the banks of the Ohio river by planting willows, has passed the General Assembly and it is now a law.

JAMES FRAZER was sent to the Penitentiary from Marietta, in 1847 for the murder of his wife. He has always protested his innocence. The principal witness against him, a boy who lived in the family at the time of Mrs. Frazer's death, has since confessed under oath, that he knew nothing about the circumstances of her death. These facts being presented to Gov. Hayes, last Friday, he pardoned Frazer, and thus after thirty years entombment, at the age of 73, he steps into the midst of a world of new things.

THE whisky suits have already netted the government over \$300,000. A million more is in a fair way of recovery.

Correspondence Gallipolis Journal, Florida State Fair.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, Feb. 25, 1876.

DEAR NASH:—As State Agricultural Fairs are rare in mid winter, I will be brief in describing the first Florida State Fair and some of its exhibits. The fair was a success in all respects. The display of fruits, oranges—sweet, bitter-sweet, Yauger, Key West, and many other varieties from different parts of the State was large. Nassau county, the most northern county in the State, took the first premium for the finest oranges; this county has been considered out of the orange country, but the specimens exhibited led to a different conclusion. Lemons, Sicily, French, Native Florida, with other varieties, were here to perfection. Fine apples, Key Largo, and bake orange, citron, grape fruit, which will weigh on one pound to ten lbs. each. Limes, Guavas, Plantains, bananas, from Key West, lake orange and Brooksville, Hillsborough Co. Sappadilla, sugar apple, pomgranates, Japan plums, dates and coconuts were all here in profusion, and from different sections of the State. Key West, oranges, lemons, and a fine display, some of the articles being rare, from the tropical island. Arrow-root, sorghum, sugar-cane, Sicil hemp, hemp plant, Zamarinde, date trees, yams, aloe, egg plant, castor beans and indigo plants, fine specimens of sponge, shells and coral, and a small turtle—the shell measuring 56 inches in length, 32 inches in breadth, and 42 lbs. The turkey, broom-corn, etc., were to be seen. The stock display was fine but meagre. One native Florida bull, Durham, aged four years, weighed 2000 lbs. The display of poultry was excellent—white cochin, partridge cochin, Houdans, LeFleche, buff cochin, brown leghorn, dark brahma and a large number of other breeds. Fine Cuba tobacco, pepper, broom-corn, etc., were to be seen. The stock display was fine but meagre. One native Florida bull, Durham, aged four years, weighed 2000 lbs. The display of poultry was excellent—white cochin, partridge cochin, Houdans, LeFleche, buff cochin, brown leghorn, dark brahma and a large number of other breeds. Fine Cuba tobacco, pepper, broom-corn, etc., were to be seen.

The Pomeroy Salt Transportation company are loading ice at St. Louis, for sundry points on the Ohio.

The firm of J. G. Blackford & Co., of Parkersburg, made an assignment last week. Liabilities stated at \$60,000.

A. J. Green has exchanged his residence on the hill for a farm near Kyger, in Gallia county. He will make a Jewel—of a Grange.—Middleport News.

W. S. Halliday, Salem township, Meigs county, has a dog weighing 104 pounds.

The Marietta National Bank has decided to surrender its charter, and continue business as a private bank.

The protracted meeting at the Free Baptist church closed last Wednesday evening. There were sixty-one accessions to the church. The entire labor devolved upon Rev. W. J. Fulton.—Middleport News.

Judge Bradbury is quick and drives business. So far, he has shown himself to be the making of a good Judge.—Marietta Register.

M. Wise & Co., of Ironton, have made an assignment.

The store of F. W. Dixon, at Salem Center, was burglarized last week, and \$300 worth of goods taken. It is thought that thieves from West Va. did it.

J. E. Sylvester is among the graduates of the Miami Medical College this year.

Ex-Auditor Griffin, of Meigs county, returned and took his family to Nevada, last week.

Gallipolis roughs, it is thought, knocked down a Mr. Ruth, on the St. James, at Pomeroy, one night last week, for his money, but failed to get it.

The Cincinnati Enquirer clearly states the case of Gen. Belknap in this extract from its columns, to-wit:

A sympathy seemed to go out to Belknap, who appeared to be the victim of a braze of indignant women rather than an intention of crime. There is no evidence to show that the Secretary was a party to the contract made between his first wife and "a Mr. Mass" for the sale of the Fort Snider lands, but when his second wife fell heir to the corrupt annuity Mr. Belknap was certainly cognizant of all the facts, and if he had been a strictly upright man, he would have put his foot upon the transaction then and there. His willingness to shoulder all responsibility in order to shield his first wife was that, but his character stands out in dark relief for all that, and no defense can save him.

The Washington Star speaks of the Belknap matter as follows:

"Elsewhere will be found the sickening details of the developments before the House Investigating Committee, implicating the Secretary of War, or members of his household, in the sale of the Fort Snider lands. It seems to be understood that the bargain was originally made with Secretary Belknap's late wife, a sister of the present wife. It is doing originator not in any greed for money for its own sake, but through feminine weakness, desiring to make a more distinguished figure socially than the salary of the husband would justify. It is the old, old story repeated—another chapter in the history of vanity fair."

Mrs. Belknap is a native of Kentucky. Her first husband was a Mr. Bowers, of Cincinnati. He dying, she married Gen. Belknap in 1873. Her sister, Carrie Tomlinson, was the first wife of Mr. Belknap, but died in 1870.

The dead wife, it appears, was connected with the matter, but the statement, well says the Cincinnati Gazette, that the Secretary promptly assumed the entire responsibility for his wife's acts, placed him on the plane of a real hero, and was the one redeeming feature in the whole sad story.

A CENTENNIAL wonder is in New York, on its way to the International Exposition at Philadelphia. It is an Ox, weighing upwards of 5,000 pounds, 7 feet 4 inches in height, and measuring 26 feet from tip to tip. It is supposed to be the largest in the world.

GALLIA COUNTY FUNDS.

Statement, Showing the Condition of the Funds in the County Treasury, of Gallia County, for the Six Months Ending Feb. 29th, 1876.

Table with columns: Funds, Bal. Aug. 31, 1875, Am't over paid Aug. 31, 1875, Am't Received since said act to Feb. 29, 1876, Total am't to be accounted for Feb. 29, 1876, Total Am't Disbursed to Feb. 29, 1876, Balance in Co. Treasury Feb. 29, 1876.

We hereby certify the foregoing Statement to be correct. J. H. EVANS, County Auditor. JOHN L. GUY, County Treasurer.

March 9, 1876.

Probate Court.

Judge KENT furnishes us the following statement of the business of the Probate Court for the past week, to-wit:

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Thos. M. Roberts and Fannie E. Wadell.

Elias Colwell and Sarah Saunders.

Charles P. Jeffers and Mary A. Weaver.

OTHER MATTERS.

John Clark was appointed guardian of William Eblin.

John Clendinning was appointed guardian of the minor heirs of Mary Wilson, deceased.

C. W. Kennedy, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of John Albury, deceased, filed his final account.

James S. Deem, guardian of Sarah A. Henry, minor heir of Joseph Henry, deceased, filed his final account.

MARSH, the witness against Gen. BELKNAP, has fled the country, to avoid criminal prosecution.

EDUCATIONAL.

GALLIA ACADEMY.

THE SPRING TERM will open on Monday, the 20th of March.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

will remain under the charge of Mrs. ELIZA V. HEBARD, who has most successfully conducted it the past two terms. This department affords excellent opportunities for those desiring thorough primary instruction for their children, and its aims are to assist in forming good habits of study in young pupils.

THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

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W. H. MITCHELL, Principal.

March 9, 1876.—3w

Public Sale.

THE undersigned will offer at public sale, at his residence in Springfield township, near Rowley, on

Thursday, March 23, 1876,

beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property, to-wit: One Express, 1 Wagon, 2 Horses, 3 Cows, Hogs, Moving Machine, Corn, Hay and Fodder. Also, Farming Implements, Household Goods, Harness, &c.

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E. PATTERSON.

March 9, 1876.—2w

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W. A. HOWARD, Comm'r., Grand Rapids, Mich.

P. R. L. PEIRCE, Sec'y Land Dept., March 9, 1876.—13w—6w

Notice!

TO J. M. Clark and Lucy Clark, his wife, Abel Clark and Sarah Clark, his wife, H. Z. Adams and Elizabeth Adams, his wife, Samuel Wright: You are hereby notified that at the March session of the Commission on Gallia county, Ohio, A. C. Roberts and others, filed their petition for the alteration of the State road leading from Blacksburg to Gallipolis, as follows: Beginning in the center of said road near the residence of Wm. Marshall; thence passing in a southerly direction, crossing Thos. Run to and through the farm of Jonathan Middleberry, passing in front of his residence and in the rear of Chas. Carter's lot; thence to and through the lands of John Chamber's heirs; thence passing through the northwest corner of Wm. Harde's lot, or near to it, at discretion of referees, on the most direct line, eligible considered, so as to intersect Main street, in Chambersburg; thence along said street, to and through the property of Noah Kinler; thence to intersect Main street in Dickey's subdivision; thence along said street to and through the lands of A. J. Alexander, in front of his residence, and to and through the lands of G. W. Dickey, in front of his residence; thence to and through the lands of D. R. Fletcher, in front of his residence; thence to and through the lands of Grace Westall; in front of her house; thence to and through the lands of Samuel Wright, far enough to intersect the said State road in a direct line, and there to terminate.

That viewers and a surveyor of said alteration were appointed by said Commissioners, and that said viewers and surveyor will meet at Chambersburg on the 5th day of April, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., to enter upon the discharge of their duties. A. C. ROBERTS, Principal Petitioner.

March 9, 1876.—4w

Report.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, GALLIA COUNTY, O., March 1st, 1876.

A STATEMENT of the proceedings of the County Commissioners during the month of February, 1876, and of the orders issued for the payment of money out of the County Treasury:

James E. Thomason, witness fees \$9 50

H. A. Kent, probate judge fees 5 50

Wesley Rothgeb, school examiner 16 00

E. W. Chase, school examiner, C. D. Wall, medical witness, Z. Allen, witness fee, H. S. Gibbs, witness fee, W. Turner, janitor for school ex-aminers. 1 50

James Harper, printing for school examiners, 17 50

Wesley Rothgeb, repairs to George creek bridge, 26 73

O. Jones, deputy sheriff, sheriff fees, Alexander Shuler, constable fees, A. Phillips, road viewer, J. C. Matthews, treasurer, school funds Union District, C. G. Sims, treasurer, school funds Guyan township, C. G. Sims, treasurer, township funds Guyan township, C. G. Sims, school funds, Crown City district, E. Daddridge, treasurer village funds Crown City, Wm. Phillips, treasurer school funds Greenfield township, 1,848 83

Wm. Phillips, treasurer township funds Greenfield township, 164 62

L. M. Beman, treasurer 2d payment school funds Racoon township, 907 91

L. M. Beman, treasurer 2d payment school funds Center-ville district, 197 39

L. M. Beman, treasurer township funds Racoon township, 200 69

John C. Vanden, treasurer school funds Union school district, 7,250 01

L. W. Manck, treasurer 2d payment school funds Chesire township, 1,044 88

L. W. Manck, treasurer township funds Chesire township, 136 78

M. Moses, clothing for insane patient, 13 00

John L. Guy, city treasurer Gallipolis city funds, 9,288 40

John L. Guy, treasurer Gallipolis Cemetery funds, 1,212 41

John L. Guy, treasurer Gallipolis roads funds, 475 27

James A. Tipton, treasurer 2d payment school funds Walnut township, 1,129 06

Jas. A. Tipton, treasurer township funds Walnut township, 150 36

Joseph H. Gaskin, taking patient to asylum, 48 45

Joseph Bell, witness fee, 1 15

W. W. Fisher, treasurer school funds Addison township, 1,418 77

W. W. Fisher, treasurer township funds Addison township, 188 78

D. H. Graham, treasurer school funds Green township 2d payment, 1,134 32