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CONGRESSMAN J. H. O'NEILL will accept our thanks for a copy of the first annual report of Commissioner of Labor for 1886.

THERE is one officer to every 10 privates in the United States army. It is fortunate there are no fewer privates, else there would not be enough of them to furnish all the officers with body servants.

THE Missouri Legislature will be made up as follows, viz: House—Democrats, 83; Republicans, 50; Union Labor, 2 Senate—Democrats 21 Republicans 10. This gives the Democrats 50 majority on joint ballot.

THERE is considerable discussion about the "labor vote" since the late election. The proper place for the "labor vote" is in the Democratic party, and the duty of the Democratic party is to see that labor is not improperly legislated against—in short, to see that labor has fair play in all things.

PERHAPS somebody in the pension service will be able to explain satisfactorily how it was that Mrs. Lyons of Syracuse, N. Y., was able to draw a widow's pension twenty years, though during all that time she was a married woman. It certainly needs some sort of an explanation. Is Ex-Commissioner Dudley in form to give it?

THERE has been a recount of the votes in the 3d Assembly District of Passaic county New Jersey which shows Carroll, the Democratic Labor candidate to have been elected by one majority, and this gives to the Democrats a clear majority of one in the Legislature, thus enabling them to elect a United States Senator as the successor to Hon. Wm. J. Sewell, the present Republican United States Senator. Thus, you see, one vote—every vote—is of the utmost importance.—Sctah.

Death of Ex-President Arthur. Ex-President Chester A. Arthur, died at his residence in New York City Thursday morning last the 18 inst. His death will come as a surprise to our readers, as for a month past it was thought his health was improving. His death leaves only Mr. English of the four men who headed the two great tickets of 1880, Hancock and Garfield have gone and the singular mortality is continued in Mr. Arthur. He was 57 years of age.

Never Did. It does look as though the people were losing faith in the "hell" of our fathers. It don't appear to be suited to the present age. That old place of torment where the fires are always kept burning; where sinners are roasted like herring on a gridle, appears to be fast losing its hold upon humanity.—Athens Messenger.

Judging from the political course of the denizens of the seat of the O. U. they never did take much stock in the existence of an old fashioned "hell." But in the sweet subsequently they'll find out.

Go up Head. "Texas only gave 100,000 Democratic majority."—Irononian.

There are two places that have been associated together. Gen. Sheridan is credited with the remark that "if he owned Texas and Hell, he would rent Texas and live in Hell." Now you've polled Texas, and are elated over the great Democratic majority, but that's nothing wait until the other place is polled.—Jackson Standard.

Now you are right Bro. Mackley, when the result from that demisne is announced the Republican majority will lay away over ours in Texas.

The Pork Packer's Strike Ended. The packers' strike in Chicago, by virtue of General Master Workman Powderly's order to go back to work, seems definitely ended. The strike has lasted some fourteen days, involving two weeks' idleness to 25,000 men, and has given rise to many fears of serious collision. From Mr. Powderly's action in the matter it would seem that the first step of the men may have been ill-advised and without proper deliberation. During the continuance of the strike the aggregate wages of the men at the average price of \$1.25 per day would have amounted to \$437,500, quite a neat sum to throw out of the pockets of the packers in the early weeks of a Chicago winter.

Rigid Facts. It isn't every day that such men as Gen. Kennedy can be induced to take office and no opportunity should be lost to secure them when they do consent. Gen. Kennedy went into politics reluctantly. It was a case where office sought the man and now that we have him we can't get along without him.—Republican Gazette.

We have known the truth of the

above for some time but thought you too timid to acknowledge it. Of course the Republican party "can not do without" such men as Bob Kennedy. He has shown himself the pliant tool of the gang that rules his party in this State, and willing to do anything, however questionable, that promises political success. The g. o. p. needs Kennedy bad.

How It Works. Prohibition what sins are committed in thy name! Thou hast turned the sober and benevolent drug store into a hypocritical dispenser of strong drink. Thou hast given an odor of alcohol to the erstwhile innocent soda water, and has led righteous men into devious ways of deceit and misrepresentation. Atlanta has been rendered a city of strange devices by Prohibition. Of these devices the Prohibition Bible seems to be the worst. For a dollar-bill a thirsty Atlantian can obtain a clever imitation of a Bible. There is a spring attached to the little volume, but it is not a spring of clear water. Beneath the covers of the book lies a bottle of very good whisky. Of all the effects of Prohibition this desecration of the Bible seems to be the very worst. Even Ingersoll to all his boldness would not countenance such sacrilege.—New York World.

Becoming Renowned. Dr. J. J. Baker of Tarlton is the champion Domino player of that locality, and it is said can hold two double sixes in one "hand."—Circleville Union Herald.

Dr. J. J. Baker, of Tarlton, makes a ten strike at playing checkers. He not only vanquishes his victim but exultingly challenges the world at large to meet him any where at any time.—Circleville Dem. and Watchman.

We have known the Dr. for many years and always supposed him to be too modest to get his name in two papers of opposite politics on two widely different accomplishments all the same week.

The Dr. always had merit and we are glad that it is being recognized. If he could now just down the boys pitching quoits he would be justly renowned.

Overwork of Pupils in our Common Schools. The best and therefore the most proper time to consider the question of work in our schools is at the beginning of the term, when the evils resulting from overwork can be prevented, and not at the end of the term when the manifest injury sustained give poignancy to unavailing regrets. The teachers and others who have control of this matter are loath to acknowledge that the adopted course is more than should be required of pupils, and yet the fact is patent to any one who has given the matter attention, that in many instances the adopted course can not be accomplished without without more labor than the physical constitution can bear without manifest and permanent injury. The pale faces the enfeebled forms the headaches and debilitated nerves, seen in our children at the end of a long term of school, plainly show that something is wrong. We will not argue that bad ventilations, improper diet and care at home, and lack of sufficient exercise do not contribute in some degree to this worn and fagged-out appearance, but there can be but little doubt that the modern high pressure system of the head cramming is responsible for a large share of the bad results. One phase of the system is surely bad viz: the practice of subjecting all children, the weak and strong, the dull and bright, to the same iron-clad system and course of study. That all children are not equally capable, whether as the result of physical or mental causes, needs no argument, and no teacher or superintendent should close their eyes to the fact, but recognizing it vary the studies to the capabilities of their pupils, and cease to require impossibilities.

The course should be in some way better adapted to the needs and capabilities of the individual scholar. But says the teacher, "such a plan would destroy and disintegrate my class." What of it? A system and classes maintained at the expense of the development is a crime against the race. Again the nonsensical cultivation of an undue rivalry, the worry and suspense in contests for promotion, the system of honor marks and rewards for the advancement should forever be abolished. Parents should see to it that pupils get plenty of sleep and exercise and do as little studying when out of school as possible and among the older pupils the barring of all dissipation. These things added to the already burdened constitution, not infrequently is the "straw that breaks the camel's back."

The Grand Jury adjourned this morning after examining about 140 witnesses.

Will Women Suffrage Purify Our Elections? One of the pet arguments of those who advocate woman suffrage is, "That the presence and participation of women in elections will rob them of many if not all of the elements of undue influence now regarded almost legitimate by the sterner sex."

We have always maintained that women in the capacity of voters and participants in election contests would manifest no more honesty and discretion than their brothers, and party spirit would, in them, generally, attain a height and intensity almost unknown in men.

Their feelings would be made manifest in as many different ways as there are different natures, and in the heat of the contest all native modesty would be submerged in brazen effrontery.

They might not club each and all opponents, but would resort to any and all means to carry their point without regard to restraint of any kind.

A case in point:—A short time since the denizens of the village of Athens voted (without warrant of law) upon the proposition to prohibit the liquor traffic in that place, and of the contest and the means brought into play we clip from a special to the State Journal of the 10th inst.

ATHENS, Nov. 9.—The local option fight has been raging fiercely here to-day. The ladies championed the cause to close the saloons, holding tickets and giving hot coffee and warm meals to every voter. The saloonmen closed their places of business, and made a personal fight at the polls. It resulted for local option 230 against 175. Every bell in town is ringing.

The idea of running a free lunch stand at which warm meals and hot coffee, and better argument were all furnished free, is new, novel and instructive.

All we need is another grade of females interested, and we will see other adjuncts added.

The population of "Hells Half Acre" must be in a famishing condition when a free lunch is necessary to induce them to turn out and vote at a time when everybody was interested.

Even-handed justice would seem to require, that, as an offset for such proceeding, the saloonists should have erected near the voting place a free beer counter and have dealt out the fluid nourishment to all who might have desired it, and such a course on their part would have been just as proper as that which was done.

We predict that it will be a "raw and blustering" day in American politics when the average woman shall lay down the implements of housekeeping and become an integral part of our machinery of elections, and the methods which she will introduce will do more to break down the purity and honesty of the elections than to elevate them.

It is no excuse to say that the temperance question is one on which they feel more than ordinary interest, for the sex is so constituted that they readily espouse the cause of any and every smooth-tongued deceiver that may choose to practice his arts upon them, from the halcyon days of our first parents in Eden until the present time.

Politics is not woman's sphere, and she but degrades her present high position by attempting the role. Woman was created for a helpmeet for man and every attempt made by her to assume a position other than that given her by the Creator, has been fraught with disaster.

A TEST CASE

In the Matter of Canvassing Peddlers. Last Thursday, at Mt. Vernon, Judge McElroy, of the Common Pleas Court, rendered a very important decision, which materially affects every other city and town in Ohio in the matter of canvassing peddlers, in which the Judge held that cities like Mt. Vernon can not require a person taking orders for the sale of articles to be thereafter delivered, to pay a license for the privilege of so doing.

In July of this year the Council of Mt. Vernon passed a peddler's ordinance, which, among other things, provides that it shall be unlawful for a person to take orders to sell any goods, wares or merchandise (manufactured beyond the limits of the State) without first having from the Mayor a license for the privilege.

Along came W. W. Moorhead, a non-resident, who proceeded without leave or license to canvass Mt. Vernon and take orders for silver ware, not manufactured in Ohio. He was arrested for not complying with the ordinance in taking out a license, and Mayor Culbertson found him guilty of violating the ordinance.

The case was promptly carried to Court of Common Pleas on writ of habeas corpus, with the result that the judgment of the Mayor was set aside, the ordinance declared void,

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and Moorhead discharged from custody, the costs falling on the city to pay.

In giving his decision Judge McElroy said:

"Sec. 2659, as amended April 22, 1885, § 2, p. 118, could only apply to that portion of the ordinance Moorhead is charged with violating, and the charge against him under the designation this said act contained as the "peddler." The special legislation under supplementary act passed April 22, 1885, vol. 82, page 171, if of any validity at all, only applies to cities containing the population therein specified. Said portion of this ordinance if under any act at all is under said supplementary act.

"§ 1 O. S., 208.—The power of the council must be unequivocally delegated, and it is not in its power, by ordinance, to include persons who did not fall within the ordinary meaning of the term used in the statute.

"§ 2 O. S., 465.—It is strictly limited in its power and has that which is expressly granted or clearly implied, and no other, and doubtful claims to power are resolved against it.

"The supplementary act above cited in addition interprets the general act cited from the same volume.

"It is not necessary in this case to discuss or determine the question as to the amount required for license, nor as to whether said general act is constitutional or not. Assuming for the purposes of the question in this case, that said act is constitutional, it confers no power upon the council of the city of Mt. Vernon to pass the ordinance in question, and the same is invalid, and the said William W. Moorhead is discharged.

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