# THE TIMES

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GOV. HARTRANFT has our thanks for a copy of the General laws passed by the Legislature for 1877.

THE SPECIAL SESSION of Congress is postponed until the 15th of October, when it is probably the regular Session will follow without any intermission.

THE REPORT of the condition of affairs in Europe is very conflicting .-Several skirmishes are reported as having taken place on the line of defence between Turkey and Russia, but no reliance can be placed upon the reports as to the results. England is quietly preparing for any immergency that may compel her to join in the conflict.

LANCASTER CITY has a new daily paper, and a sprightly one it is. The New Era is the name of it, and J. M. Geist, esq., is the Editor. He knows how to edit a paper and his name is a sufficient guarantee that the New Era will be a newspaper worth having. It is published by Hon. John B. Warfel.

A CORRESPONDET says: "The voice of Colonel W. C. Breckenridge, who is mentioned as a possible candidate for the United States Senatorship from Kenteky, is said to be silvery, his articulation distinct and rapid, words flowing in a continuous stream." There are too many Senators and Members now whose words flow in a constant stream, so we hope they will send some one with less gift gab and more on the work.

#### California Cattle Starving.

A gentleman who recently traveled through Kern county, Cal., reports that the carcasses of cattle were lying in great numbers where they had died of starvation and that many others were too feeble to get up and eat or drink. Bands of sheep were subsisting on grease-brush, apparently in the last stage of hunger. The owners of some herds have abandoned their flocks to their fate, not being able or willing to have them herded.

# A Knotty Case.

They have a knotty case before the Ohio Supreme Court. The action is one brought by a husband against his wife, on a note given before marriage, and the question raised is, whether or not the marriage of the parties extinguished the obligation. The wife contends that it did, as by the common law the husband was liable to the creditors of his wife, and could not, by becoming his wife's creditor, put himself as regards her, in the position of both creditor and debtor. The matter was held under advisement.

# A Request for Three Cent Donations.

One of the peculiarities of the Internal Revenue law-Infernal would be a better word-as construed by the Deputy Collector of this district, Robert C. Bryson is his name, is to request each person applying for a license, to enclose in addition to the fee provided by law, a three cent postage stamp to pay the return of the license. If this is a provision of law, the sooner the government sells out to some other nation the better, and if it is a special arrangement of the collector, the sooner the authorities put in some one whose ideas are above a three cent stamp, the more credit it will be to the country. If the price of a license is too low, let the price be raised, but don't try to run the government by passing around the hat and asking contributions of three cent stamps.

The amendments to the Maine law, just passed by the Legislature, which include native wine and cider, when used for tippling purposes, among the list of intoxicants, went into effect on the 12th of last month. Under the law, the manufacture of all intoxicating Hquors is prohibited, except cider, and heavy penalties are imposed for convictions under the search and seizure clause. For the first conviction, any person who sells any intoxicating liquor manufactured by him in that State, except cider, is liable to a punishment of two months in the county jail and a fine of \$1,000. A penalty of \$100 is imposed on any magistrate or county attorney who, in preparing complaints, warrants, or indictments, knowingly neglects or refuses to allege a previous conviction. The law, as now amended, does not except sacramental wine used by some churches, which contains a large percentage of alcohol. The exclusion of such will bring into general use the

unfermented Juice of the grape for sacramental purposes, a domestic fluid that many churches have used for some time past.

The new law will be the menns of banishing from the market all native wines which have been extensively sold for a few years past, one Portland manufacturer doing a large business in this line, and who has now on hand some 10,000 gallons, it is represented. It will also be the means of closing up a brewery in that city which has been doing a large business.

#### Spontaneous Combustion.

In Kernan's saloen, back of the City Hall, to-day, a man was burned to death by spontaneous combustion. He had not been more than a month in the city, but in that time had been frequently arrested for drunkenness. He wandered about alone, seemingly demented, occupying his whole time in drinking the vile poison of the city front and Barbary Coast dens. He had twice been treated by Dr. Stivers for delirum tremens, and was this morning discharged after a longer time than usual. He continued drinking steadily at the various bars in the vicinity, and the large size of each potation promised to speedily send him back to the hospital. At length he staggered into the room

nearly insensible, and feebly asked for a drink. This was refused him, and he staggered toward the gas jet to light the stump of a cigar while the barkeeper turned away. A moment afterward he heard a low moan and noticed a flash of fire, and turning around he saw Harley falling to the floor, his head enveloped in black, thick smoke, while flames issued from his mouth and ears. Not a moment was lost in attending to the sufferer. He was beyond relief, however. His face was perfectly black, partly charred and partly covered with a moist soot. His eyes were opened .-His mouth was completely roasted on the inside, but, with the exception of his head and hands, no part of his body bore marks of his horrible death. A letter found in his pocket, addressed to M. Harley, or Hartley, furnishes the only clew to his identity.-San Francis-

#### A Dying Man's Confession.

Our readers will remember the terrible fire in Warwick township, Lancaster county, a couple of years ago, which destroyed the large barn of Rev. Christian Bomberger, together with its contents, consisting of a couple dozen horses and cattle, all the agricultural implements, and thousands of dollars' worth of grain. It will also be remembered that Mr. Bomberger narrowly escaped with his life, in his efforts, to save his property. It was an incendiary fire beyond all doubt, but no clue to the perpetrator could be obtained. We now learn that a man, who was highly respected in that county, died some time ago, and in his last moments confessed that he had fired the barn of Mr. Bomberger, his former friend, because he had refused to lend him a certain sum of money! The guilty wretch was in a sore strait when he asked for the money and the refusal of it so preyed upon his mind that he became insane upon the matter of revenge, and a most diabolical revenge he adopted. He has gone to render his last accounts, and we draw the veil in charity; but the fact which we have mentioned is another illustration of the adage that "murder will out."

# Accident on the Susquehanna River.

On Friday afternoon, as a large wood flat, belonging to Messrs. Myers & Mc-Farland, was crossing from the York shore to Marietta, laden with fifteen cords of wood, 4 men, a boy, a horse and a wagon, it was swamped by the heavy wind and waves, at a point about 100 yards from the Marietta shore, distributing the wood along the surface of the water for a long distance. The horse, being headed to the York shore, immediately swam for that side of the river, and succeeded in reaching it safely, after much difficulty-swimming at least three-fourths of a mile. About six cords of wood were lost. The horse was not attached to the wagon. Parties farther down the river were engaged in boats in catching the woods, and two men, named Edward L. Stahl and Frederick Ernst, filled their boats too full, when it swamped, and for a long time it was feared both men would be drowned. They were rescued after much difficulty. No lives were lost, although there were some very narrow escapes.-Lancaster New Era.

Colonel Henry Becker, an old Burgomaster, landed in Philadelphia in 1741, from Rotterdam, and associated with one Philip Barton in a colonization scheme, brought 30,000 people into Pennsylvania, many of whom settled in Berks county. When he died besides having three million dollars in bank, he left property now on York avenue from Green to Vine streets, in this city. Before passing away he left a will, devising all this property to his only sister, Anna Barbara, who resided in Kuchhelmer Bolendau. She was married to Ludwig Mandler, At her death and that of her husband, a few years after the Colonel's demise, her sons, Ludwig and George, took possession of their farm. They rarely referred to the property in America and soon it became like a tradition to them and their friends. In due course of time the children of these heirs emigrated to America, and took up their residence in Williamsburg, N. Y. In February, 1876, by the merest accidental notice of a marriage in a paper, was discovered the whereabouts of Peter Hammerschmitt, who was remembered as having left the old country years ago. The Williamsburg heirs wrote to Henry Burkhardt, of this city, and through him discovered a party who knows of the existence of the will left by the Colonel. Through the assistance of Mr. J. Cooke Longstreth, of this city, the heirs have obtained a certified copy of a power of attorney granted to Mr. Henry Burkhardt in the year 1882, signed by all the heirs then living of Anna Barbara, sister and sole heir of Col. Henry Becker.—Philadelphia North American.

#### Interesting to Wealthy Grandmothers.

A few days ago the officers of the new Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Philadelphia had their attention called to what was supposed to be a case of peculiar atrocity. It was complained that a man who is out of employment, and living in a dirty lane in the vicinity of Seventeenth and Market streets, was in the habit of clubbing his children, and was slowly starving them to death. Agent De Lange, of the Society, investigated the case and found that the allegation of cruel treatment was incorrect, and that the man and his wife were suffering from the actual necessities of life. To cap the climax of this wretched man's sufferings a constable walked into his apartment to throw his goods and his family into the street for non-payment of rent. . The unfortunate man visited Mr. Grew, the Secretary of the society, at the rooms, 1420 Chestnut street, and told him that his mother was a very wealthy Catholic lady living at Seventeenth and Fitzwater streets, and that she had utterly discarded him because he married a woman who was a Methodist. This was found to be true, and then Mr. Grew sent for the counsel of the society to learn if the grandmother of the children could not be compelled to support them. He gave it as his opinion that she could and it was determined to commence action in the courts to thus compel her to maintain them. There are five children in the family.

# After Insurance Men.

NEW YORK, May 2. - The grand jury to-day found indictments against Thomas S. Lambert, president, and Alexander J. Reid, actuary of the Popular life insurance company for swearing falsely to inaccurate statements of the standing of the company, which were furnished to the superintendent of the insurance department of this state. Mr. Lambert gave bail to-day in \$10,000; Reid also furnished bail in \$5,000. Indictments have also been found by the grand jury against Luther W. Frost, president, and S. P. Roger, secretary, of the Continental his insurance company for similar fraudulent transactions.

The Columbia Courant says; It was recently noticed that two of the piers of the Columbia bridge had been undermined and the upper portions gradually crumbling away. The second or third pier from this end had become so weakened in this way that it was considered dangerous, and workmen were immediately set to strengthing the bridge at that point by putting in huge timber supports until the pier could be

# A Thief with Some Conscience.

An emigrant en route to San Francisco had his pockets picked at Omaha of his tickets to destination and \$25. While relating his loss to the ticket, agent at the depot an envelope addressed to that official arrived, which, being opened, was found to contain the stolen tickets.

# Another Bank Failure.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 30.-The Dime savings bank of Bethlehem suspended this morning. The liabilities exceed \$285,000. Assets unknown, but claimed to be sufficient to yield a fair percentage. The bank declined to make a statement.

# A Lady Wings a Thief.

Mrs. Hawkins, of Pawtucket, is a plucky woman. She found a thief in her parlor Teusday a week, getting ready to leave with a bundle of clothing, and she presented a pistol and ordered him to stop. He drew his revolver and threatened to shoot her, whereupon she !

fired two shots at him. He finally escaped through the window, leaving a trace of blood on the sill.

#### A Young Grandmother.

A Mrs. Bachelder, of Scotsville, Va. m arried at the age of 13 years, and a year afterwards gave birth to a daughter, who also married at the age of 13. A few days ago a son was born to the latter, making Mrs. Bachelder a grandmother at the age of 28 years.

#### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1st, 1877. The President is in daily receipt of letters The President is in daily receipt of letters from members of Congress and business men from all parts of the country urging him not to call an extra session if it can possibly be avoided. That question was decided some time ago, however, by the President and his Cabinet in that the Army cannot be legally provided for without a regular appropriation by Congress, which, it falled to make during the last session. Other Departments also require legislation and, notably the Justice and Navy Departments. The Eastern war increases the imments. The Eastern war increases the importance of immediate attention being given the Navy since that force is particularly inefficient, especially when compared to that of other countries less prosperous as regards all other conditions than is the United States. As our Naval force now exists it would hardly be able to enforce the strict neutrality laws proposed by our Government towards the war between Turkey and Russia new to rectact America. key and Russia, nor to protect American commerce abroad. The time fixed for the extra session is June 4th, but it will not be proclaimed officially until the return of

Secretary Evarts, now in New York.

Our government has as yet received no official notice of the war between Turkey and Russia, but as soon as such notice is received, the President will issue a proclamation announcing that war exists and cautioning American citizens to observe strict neutrality, and ordering Naval officers to prevent, as far as they are able, the fitting out, arming or equipping, within American jurisdiction, of any vessel intending to cruise against either belligerent power, &c.

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become so troublesome to the President that he has lately adopted the following rules governing that matter, with one or two others: "The hours for the reception of visitors upon business are from 10 Å. M. to 2 P. M. daily, except Saturdays and Sunday, and during Cabinet meetings. The regular meetings of the Cabinet are at 12 M. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Applications for appointment to office must be made in writing, and presented at the proper de-partment. Personal applications to the President will not be considered."

When the Hayes family first arrived in Washington, a young lady named Virginia Peyton, highly educated and a grand daugh-ter of the late Bishop Johus, of Virginia, a teacher by profession, determined to try for the position of governess to the Hayes children. Accordingly having no influen-tial friends or letters of recommendation, she made personal application and one morning presented herself at the White House and quietly asked to see Mrs. Hayes. That lady was so well pleased with Miss Peyton, and the result of her inquiries concerning the young lady was so favorable that she was forthwith engaged as govern-ess to the President's children at a hand-some salary. M. M. W.

# Miscellaneous News Items.

day, using some pieces of an old tin cup with which to stab himself.

During services in a Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sunday night, several young men got up to leave, when the church officials stopped them and a tussle ensued, creating considerable sensation

lives at Holyoke, Mass. Of seven to whom she has successively given her hand, four sleep in the church-yard, two survive divorce suits, and the seventh—well, he's officiating as husband at the present time.

on fire. The pain was evidently greater than he anticipated as he made frantic efforts to extinguish the flames, but with out success.

Boston, April 30.—James Hurd, living at North Weare, N. H., yesterday left his insane wife at home in charge of their son, aged ten years, and some time during his absence she killed the boy with an axe, nearly severing his head from the trunk,

On Sunday a week Rev. E. P. Hammond and a number of converts addressed

A man recently died in Lancaster who made a deathbed confession in which he stated that he had fired Rev. Christian Bomberger's barn a few years ago because he had refused to lend him a certain amount of money. The man was a resident of Warwick twp., and had been generally

In revenge for a supposed slight to her child, an Eigin, Ill., woman slandered the schoolma'ma. The schoolma'am prose-cuted her, and she was sentenced to pay a

RALEIGH, April 30.—The most terrific storm ever known in Raleigh occurred here yesterday afternoon. It came with a south-west wind. The rain and hail for 15 min-

He says he was hired by Joseph Buzzell to kill her and received \$200. Buzzell was tried for the murder and acquitted. He will be rearrested, together with an accomplice named Jonathan Sanborn.

New York, April 30.— While John Leggett, a waiter in a house No. 42, east Twenty-ninth street, was engaged to-day in cleaning the house he found a bottle in the closet which he says he thought was claret. He poured it out in a glass and gave it to his fellow servant named Rose Wyse, who drank it and was almost immediately seized with convulsions which ended in her death. The man said he did not know the character of the contents of the bottle but examination showed that it bore a poison label on it. Some of the bore a poison label on it. Some of the servants declare that Leggett and the de-ceased were not on good terms. Leggett was arrested and held to await an examina-

#### SUPERSTITION.

A panacea, or "cure-all." is one of the myths of the age of superstition. Dr. R. V. Pierce does not recommend any one or even his whole list of standard remedies as adequate to cure every disease. For severe lingering coughs, bronchial, throat, severe lingering conghs, bronchial, throat, and chronic lung diseases, he belives his Golden Medical Discovery is unsurpassed, but it will not cure you if your lungs are half wasted by consumption. The Discovery not only exercises a potent influence over pulmonary affections, by reason of its pectoral properties, but possesses also the most valuable alterative, or blood-cleansing properties, and is therefore a sovereign remedy in blood and skin affections. But while it will cure scrofulous and other while it will cure scrofulous and other ulcers or sores, blotches, pimples, and eruptions, it will not cure cancer, nor does its manufacturer claim any such merit for it as is done by proprietors of other blood-cleansing medicines, who dishonestly try to deceive the afflicted into the belief that their preparations will accomplish impossi-bilities. By reason of its real intrinsic merit it has a sale surpassing that of any other blood and cough medicine.

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The Maine Liquor Law.

# An Old Will Comes to Light.

George Price, confined in the Schuyl-kill county jail, attempted suicide the other

The most married woman of the day

27 Perry Lewis, of Bradford county, suicided last week, by saturating his clothing with kerosene and then setting himself

and hanged herself in an outhouse.

an open-air meeting in Seneca Falls, N. Y., from a platform occupied by about 100 singers and others. Over 400 persons have professed religion at Seneca Falls and 100 at Waterloo since the Hammond meeting

fine of \$180, or go to prison for 120 days. She chose imprisonment, but the sheriff, instead of keeping her close, lets her ride all around town, so that she triumphs over the schoolma'am at last.

utes was so thick that it was impossible to see 10 feet. Fourteeff trees were blown down in Capital-square. All over the city trees are down, across the streets and in

DOVER, N. H., April 30.—Charles Cook was arrested by detectives at Farmington yesterday, having confessed to murdering Miss Hansou, of Brookfield, two years ago.

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