

HON. S. J. BAYARD, of New Jersey, who headed the Straight-out Democratic movement, last year, has joined the Republicans.

BRADFORD county, in this State, voted on the "local option law" on the 17th of last month. The result was a majority of over two thousand against license.

It is asserted that, although Governor GRAY had pardoned from the Penitentiaries sixty-nine convicts, during the last year of his term, up to the 5th of January, yet that during the remaining thirteen days he occupied the gubernatorial chair, he contrived to add thirty-one more pardons to the list.

They are at the old game in Washington—saying at the top, and spilling at the bung—a number of party officers have been reformer out of existence, and now in order to assist civil service reform it is proposed to increase the pay of the heads of all the departments, chief clerks, Congressmen, &c. "The longer a man lives, the more he finds out."

The Iowa City Republicans says it is estimated that in the State fifty thousand bushels of corn a day is used as fuel, and will continue to be used at this rate for the next two months. Think of it—three million bushels of corn to be used up as fuel in the next sixty days, besides the several millions of bushels already disposed of in the same way.

A proposition will soon come before the Legislature of this State favoring the division of Tioga county. Five thousand petitioners have made the request, and, if a majority of the voters of the county are in favor of the division, it will probably take place. The county was taken from Lycoming county in 1864, and contained at that time three hundred inhabitants. It now holds thirty-five thousand souls.

The trial of "Boss" TWEED for robbing the city treasury of New York, has just ended by the discharge of the jury, because unable to agree. In the face of the direct proof, obtained through the testimony of one of his confederates, it is said the jury stood one for conviction, eleven for acquittal. Can there be any doubt that the jury system of New York needs revision, or abolition?

The Constitutional Convention is going to reform corruption in our Legislature, by making the election of members, and the session of the body biennial. We don't see exactly where the reform is to come in, unless it be on the principle that a member elected for two years will not have check sufficient to act for another term, and that therefore, he will not have to "grab" enough to procure his re-election.

The sad story of the detection and exposure of Senator POMEROY, in an attempt to bribe the Kansas Legislature into re-electing him to the Senate—which is telegraphed over the country—seems to us hardly probable, for divers reasons which we have not the space nor the inclination to enumerate. Should it turn out to be a conspiracy of his enemies to defeat him we shall not be surprised. Meanwhile we await the development of the trial to take place before coming to a conclusion.

A BILL has been reported in our Legislature to appropriate one million of dollars towards the Centennial celebration in 1876. Considering the condition of our state finances, this is a very large sum to bestow upon this object. That this expedition will be of large benefit to the country, and to portions of the State, is undoubted, while to other sections its benefits are not as yet perceptible. It will require plausible, if not sound reasoning, to reconcile the average tax-payer's mind to so large an appropriation.

The franking privilege has been abolished. On Monday last week the House passed the Senate bill, and the President has since signed it, making it a law, going into effect, Good-bye to Patent Office Reports and garden seeds for the ladies. We shall receive them no more forever, now that M. C.'s must pay their own postage. As there will no longer be a call for the thousands of books and documents heretofore printed for free circulation, let some reformer move for the abolition of the national printing-office, and the furnishing of the necessary blanks, &c., by the lowest bidder, and another great leak in the treasury will be stopped.

UNDER the cry that it would be an encroachment on State rights, our Senate under the lead of Mr. RUTAN has passed a resolution instructing our delegation in Congress to vote against the Postal Telegraph scheme. So far as we have seen them, the reasons of the Senator are more speculative than real.

If the government has the right to carry messages by mail, why not by telegraph? The country is just now congratulating itself upon the prospect of yet cheaper postage, by reason of the abolition of the franking privilege, when in steps this anti-progressive Senator and his followers, and proclaims, you shall not add to this blessing of cheap telegraphy. In the Senate Mr. GRABAM, of Pittsburgh, was the only member with independence and progressive spirit sufficient to stand up for the people against the present telegraph monopolies. We trust our members of Congress will disregard these super-servicable instructions, and if in their power give the people cheap telegraphic facilities, as well as cheap postal facilities.

JUDGE DEAN, at the late term of the Huntington county court, refused all applications for license, pending the decision of the people on that question. What course will our court pursue at the approaching term?

CERTAIN journals and politicians in the country, are gloating over what they style the fall of Vice President COLFAX, and the wish being father to the thought, they assume the fact that in the Credit Mobilier investigation he has not only performed corrupt, but a perfidious villain.

The facts are as follows: OAKES AMES testifies that he deposited a certain amount of money with the Sergeant-at-arms of the House, which he afterwards distributed among members of Congress, and he produces a check marked S. C. for twelve hundred dollars, which he alleges COLFAX received. To this COLFAX replies under oath, that he never received the check, or the sum of money for which it was drawn. The committee cause the books of the bank where COLFAX kept his money to be produced, and it is shown that he deposited on the 23d of June \$1,968.63, of which \$1200 was in cash, and at once the conclusion is jumped at, that the \$1200 was the proceeds of AMES' check—On such testimony a dog could not be convicted in a court of justice. It is not presumable that the check marked S. C. would be paid without an indorsement, and yet it is not claimed that it has the name of Mr. COLFAX on it. And forthwith, because that gentleman, about that time, deposited \$1200 in bank notes and AMES says, "I have no doubt it was the proceeds of this check" it is at once alleged that the fact is so, and straightway the character of an admitted christian gentleman, and pure statesman is destroyed. Shame upon such casuistry! The only evidence in the case, is the declarations of an admitted corruptionist on one hand, and a denial of the truth of his allegations, on the other. Will an impartial public believe AMES or COLFAX? That is the only question so far raised. Let AMES fortify his testimony by that of others, before it is allowed to outweigh and destroy the character of one, hitherto irreproachable in his walk and conversation.

No PENNSYLVANIA, having a true appreciation of the good name and fair fame of the State, but must feel humiliated by the conduct of the members, presumed to reflect its dignity and ability, in those two representative bodies, the Constitutional Convention and the Legislature. The members of these two bodies—bearing a few honorable exceptions—appear to entertain a petty dislike and jealousy of each other, which crops out on all occasions, and leads to humiliating displays of bad taste, bad temper, and bad feelings.

Thus, in discussing the proposed reform in the legislative branch of our government, members of the convention have made an indiscriminate, unjust and uncalculated attack upon all legislatures, many members of which are occupying seats in the convention; while from the legislative body are hurled back sneers and recrimination—the Speaker of the lower House so far forgetting his own and its dignity, as to vacate the chair, take the floor, and ventilate his spleen in an ill-tempered denunciation of the Convention; while the Senate betrays pettiness and spite by joining the House in a contemptuous refusal to furnish copies of its journal to the Convention. By this conduct, both assemblies are bringing themselves into public contempt, snatching the fair fame of the State, degrading the positions they should occupy in public estimation, and destroying their influence for good.

It is natural that the Legislature should feel restive under the denunciations of a body convened principally with the object of reforming its abuses and curtailing its powers, particularly when that body so far forgets itself as to assume the functions of legislation, and its members to indulge in loose and unfounded statements and sweeping criminations, but we submit, with all due deference, that former Legislatures have not been deemed immaculate, and it is not necessary for its own fair fame that the present one should so pointedly and rudely render imputations upon the integrity of its predecessors; and we also suggest to members of the Convention, that they were assigned the duty of reforming and correcting abuses, which does not necessarily imply the indiscriminate denunciation of all who may have had the opportunity of participating in them.

"Compensating men they are inclined to, by demanding less they have no right to." At the conclusion of York's speech a motion was made for a recess till five o'clock in the afternoon, to give Pomeroiy an opportunity to defend himself, which was defeated by a large majority, and a motion to proceed immediately to ballot for Senator was carried amidst the excitement of the hour.

Before the Senate roll was finished it was clearly evident that Ingalls would carry the great body of the Legislature, both of the Pomeroiy and anti-Pomeroiy vote. The Senate stood—Ingalls 26; Lowe, 4; Harvey, 2; York, 1; and the anti-Pomeroiy vote stood—Ingalls 89; Lowe, 3; Robinson, 1; Kingman, 1; York, 1; and 1. Ingalls was declared elected and the joint convention adjourned.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30, 1873.
THE SENATE TELEGRAPH BILL.
The most interesting measure before Congress at present is the Senate Post Office Committee's Postal Telegraph bill. Under it if adopted telegraph will be reduced to one cent a word for distances under 250 miles, two cents for over 250 and under 500 miles and a cent a word when the distance is more than 500 miles under 100 miles. The operations of this new plan will afford accommodation to the people of nearly all towns containing 500 population which will double the number of telegraph offices. It will be of immense advantage to the provincial and throughout to the masses of the people. Heretofore none but the high priced dailies of the great cities have had the ability to publish the news of the day in full or unless in a few favored cases to publish it all without the necessity of incurring greater expense than they could command.

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A Congressman Hears His Bride Four Months.
About fifteen months ago, the Rev. J. Rehsteiner, a native of Switzerland, came to Richmond, Indiana, and in that city he met Miss Mary Bier, with whom he seemed to fall violently in love at first sight. He began a vigorous courtship, which terminated by their marriage on the 29th of August last.

SCATTERED DIGNITY.
Senator J. W. Paterson, in the Credit Mobilier investigation, has presented in such a gross manner before the nation the representation which he has lost most of the confidence which his friends had reposed in him as a man of truth and veracity. This is said more in sorrow than in anger, for it is not only a disgrace to the Senator, but the good name of the body with which he is connected. He is not only a disgrace to the body, but the good name of the body with which he is connected.

THE KANSAS SENATORSHIP.
Pomeroiy Charged With Attempting to Secure His Election by Bribery.
John J. Ingalls Elected Senator.
TOPEKA, KANSAS, January 19.—The Legislature met in joint session at noon to vote for United States Senator. Long before the hour for assembling the galleries and stairway of the hall were densely packed with people of both sexes, and standing room could be obtained only by ascending the benches or by clinging to the sides of the hall. John J. Ingalls, of Atchison, was nominated, as agreed upon by a caucus of sixty members, as the fittest man to oppose Pomeroiy. Senator York then proceeded to detail three alleged interviews between himself and Pomeroiy. He said these interviews were had in pursuance of a plan agreed upon by himself and other prominent opponents of Pomeroiy. The first one was on Friday night last, and during several persons were present, and during which the matter of the Ross letters was discussed. The second one was private, and at the solicitation of Pomeroiy, on Monday night. At this Pomeroiy offered him (York) \$8,000 for his vote—\$2,000 cash, \$5,000 on Tuesday, and the remainder on Thursday. York accepted the offer and met Pomeroiy on Tuesday afternoon and met Pomeroiy on Tuesday afternoon and met Pomeroiy on Tuesday afternoon.

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 31.
In the Senate, petitions have been presented, asking to have the act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on election days so amended as to prohibit its sale for a period of twenty-four hours after the opening of the polls, and until the polls are actually open, as the law now is.

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