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Friday, - - November 18, 1881.

—For some time a delegation of London capitalists have been examining several large mineral properties in South-western Virginia, and are negotiating for the purchase of 400,000 acres for colonization purposes. The introduction of capital and business energy are rapidly developing the wonderful mineral resources of the South.

—The Guiteau trial having commenced at last, the people do not want a travesty on justice. They exhibited a forbearance, that, under such extraordinary circumstances, was unparalleled, and now that the wretch is arraigned, let the law decide as to the disposition to be made of him. We think, however, that if insanity should, in a few cases, be made a penal offence, there would be fewer criminals who escape punishment by acquiring the reputation of cranks.

GRAVEYARD INSURANCE.

Judging from articles recently published in many of the dailies, the graveyard insurance mania is rapidly approaching its end. The dissolution of the last company conducting this speculative business should be the signal for rejoicing in every community where its works have been seen and its influence felt. The alluring prospect of the speedy acquisition of comparative wealth held out by the agents of these associations, has produced almost numberless evils. Men have abandoned profitable, legitimate businesses to embark their capital in this desperate speculation; the wages of the laborer have been absorbed by it; little accumulations, representing years of toil and economy, have gone to enrich the coffers of the companies; and every locality infected with the epidemic is impoverished almost to the extent of its investment. These associations promise large returns for a small outlay, but in numerous cases, the only showing the unfortunate dupe has for his money is a gaudy document, entitled 'Policy No. Ever so many thousand,' which affords him no other consolation than the gloomy reflection that he is but one of an immense number who have been deceived by glittering promises, never to be fulfilled. We know of several victims, who, disappointed at not receiving the money so confidently expected, and, rendered desperate by the complicated condition of their affairs, have sought relief from financial embarrassment in suicide. Instead of a benefit, the venture proved a curse.

In addition to these evils, consider the *character* of the business.

A speculation, based upon the speedy demise of a human being, is revolting, and has a direct tendency to blunt the sensibilities of all who engage in it. Having taken out a policy on a good "subject,"—to employ graveyard insurance slang,—the insured must die, in order that the beneficiary may realize upon his investment; consequently, it becomes his desire that the "subject" should die. Imagine the effect of this idea being constantly present to the mind of a weak or desperate man. It leads naturally and logically to murder; and the commission of this crime has, in several instances, at least, blackened the history of this execrable business.

Thus we observe the wrongs call into existence by this offspring of man's cupidity—foolish expenditures of money; poverty, entailing its misery upon the innocent as well as the guilty; mental trouble, culminating in suicide; and, crowning all, the darkest crime known to, and practised by humanity—murder.

Is it any wonder that the extirpation of such a nefarious business should be a cause for congratulation?

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The New Secretary of the Treasury—Secretary Lincoln to Leave the Cabinet—Army Etiquette—Mahone's Cabinet Prospects—Guiteau's Trial Begun.

[From our own correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15th, 1881.

But one member of the new Cabinet has been appointed—Judge Folger, who formally assumed the portfolio finance to-day. The new Secretary has made a very favorable impression upon all who have seen him. In personal appearance, he is quite striking, and is what might be called a handsome man. He is tall, well-formed, with broad shoulders, upon which is firmly set a large and shapely head. His face is attractive and is fringed by side-whiskers of iron-gray. He has a pleasant, genial manner, and is a good talker.—His family is at his home in Geneva, and for the present, he will occupy his quarters at the Arlington. He intends, after he has an opportunity of looking about, to rent a house, when he will be joined by his family.

It had been believed, until very recently, that Secretary Lincoln would remain in the Cabinet, but, within the last twenty-four hours, this has been denied by very reliable authority. If Emory Storrs of Chicago, should be made Attorney General, there will be a reason for the retirement of Secretary Lincoln, who is from the same state. It is said, moreover, that he does not wish to remain in the Cabinet; that his relations with the General of the Army and the older officers are not pleasant. These old sons of Mars feel galled and humiliated to be outranked socially and in military ceremonial by a young man and a civilian.

There are few things more beautiful and edifying than the punctilio of rank etiquette in high Army and Navy circles. Mrs. Sargeant Smith must sit square on her rank, and, in no case, call on Mrs. Corporal Jones until that lady has first paid her respects. Calls to deliver washing do not count.

General Mahone, it is thought, will be made Secretary of War, or, perhaps, Secretary of the Navy. He is very wealthy, and hospitable, has an accomplished wife and daughter, and, as a Cabinet minister, his house will no doubt be one of the social centres of the Capital, and the headquarters of the disintegrated new South enthusiasts.

The near approach of a trial that will take the first place in the criminal annals of the District, and of the whole country, in fact, caused very little excitement in Washington yesterday. In the hotel lobbies, at night, the trial was discussed in little knots, the general current of opinion combining detestation of the accused and his terrible crime with a fear that he would escape the hangman's noose, on the plea of irresponsibility.

At the United States jail, there was unusual excitement yesterday. Early in the morning, a party of Christian women called and held a prayer meeting for the benefit of the prisoners, Guiteau in particular. One of the women, in her prayer, asked God's mercy and blessing for "that dear man s (refering to the assassin) soul." One of the lookers-on, a Western man, took umbrage at the expression, declaring that "that d——d Guiteau's soul was not dear in the sight of God or the sight of man."

A large number of witnesses have arrived who will be examined on the question of Guiteau's insanity.

C. A. S.

—Felix Munshower, convicted of the murder of James Wetzel, in August, 1879, was, on Friday, November 11th, hanged in Frederick City. His counsel and friends procured several reprieves for him, and immediately prior to his execution, made a final effort to have his sentence commuted, but the Governor replied that he did not find sufficient cause to justify interruption in the case. He died protesting his innocence, saying, "Do you think I would go to the gallows and meet my God with a lie in my mouth?" He expressed himself as being fully prepared to die.

IF YOU WANT A GOOD BLANKET, Cheap and Warm, go to WILSON'S and get it, for he is selling all kinds of Goods at Bottom Prices.

Country Newspapers.

As a purveyor of news the country paper needs much watching and constant scrutiny. To these essentials for the decent conduct of a newspaper must be added the need of the earnest co operation of the community among whom it circulates, and for whose benefit, if properly conducted, it does so much. No class of men know better than editors the bitterness of a want of appreciation and of moral and material support. If people would only realize what advantage it is to a town to have a decent, well-conducted paper, they would with one accord tender such encouragement and support as would lighten the editorial burden and lift up the editorial heart. The labor bestowed on a live local journal is very great, and it should meet with a generous recognition on the part of all who are interested in the success and prosperity of the village in which it is published.—*Ex.*

A Graveyard Insurance Murder.

The authorities of Ephrata township, Lancastar Co., Pa., are investigating the supposed murder of an old man whose life had been insured for $50,000 by different parties. It appears that the tragedy occured five or six weeks ago, but has just been developed by a boy named John Gallagher, who saw the affair and was offered two dollars to keep quiet. The parties interested in the policy made the man drunk, and enticed him to a hayloft, where they had arranged a trap. Here they allowed him to sleep for a while, when they suddenly called him. Awaking half dazed, he staggered upon the trap, fell through, and died from his injuries within twenty-four hours.

—A movement is being inaugurated in Baltimore City to institute a secret organization, similar to the New Orleans Mardi Gras Society.—The object of the association will be to perpetuate the Oriole; that is, to make it a permanent annual affair. It will no doubt prove very profitable to Baltimore, as has been demonstrated by the success of the Sesqui Centennial and Oriole celebrations. The citizens of that city have evidently arrived at the correct conclusion, that, in order to reach the pockets of the American people, they must be amused.

Pennsylvania Items.

The death-bed insurance mania is rapidly abating, and will, ere long, be a thing of the past. The concentrated fire of the press and the pulpit has done the business. The next thing in order will be the prosecution of the swindlers by their duped victims.

A considerable number of farmers who left Pennsylvania to go to Michigan years ago, and who suffered greatly in the forest fires there, are returning impoverished, to seek, and to generally find shelter among their former friends.

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Opposite the Market House,
Nov4-1y. Hagerstown, Md.

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Eleven different kinds of Roasted Coffee to be sold cheap at J. C. WILSON'S.

ESTATE OF CATHARINE KNODE, DEC'D.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Washington County, Letters Testamentary on the estate of

CATHARINE KNODE,

Late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 1st day of June, 1882, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

MOSES POFFENBARGER,
Nov. 4,—3t Executor.

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Drugs, Medicines,
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Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours, day or night. Nov4-1y.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS!

THE undersigned Collector of State and County Taxes, gives notice that he will meet the Tax Payers of Washington County, either in person or by deputy, at the following places and on the days named, as follows:

In Clearspring, at Bovey's Hotel, on Monday, the 14th of November.

At Indian Spring, at A. J. McAllister's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 15th of November.

At Millstone Point, at Myer's and Hoge's Store, on Wednesday, the 16th of Nov.

In Hancock, at Charles Barton's Hotel, on Thursday and Friday, the 17th and 18th of November.

In Williamsport, at Shawen's Hotel, on Monday, the 21st of November.

In Rohrersville, at J. V. Rohrer's Store, on Wednesday, the 23d of November.

In Boonsboro', at the Nyman House, on Thursday, the 24th of November.

In Keedysville, at the Wyand House, on Friday, the 25th of November.

In Sandy Hook, at H. C. Elgin's Store, on Monday, the 28th of November.

In Smithsburg, at Wishard's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 30th of November.

Last Notice!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that the Tax-Payers of the different districts meet me at the above named places and dates, and especially so those in arrears for Taxes for **1878, 1879 and 1880**, as this is *positively my last public appeal* to them for payment, as my business MUST be CLOSED and all accounts for said years remaining unpaid after above named dates *will at once* be placed in the hands of an officer for prompt and summary collection.

CHAS. W. ADAMS, Collector
nov4-3t for 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881.

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THAT YOU CAN GET
OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE
At the Very Lowest Prices at
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You will also find his Bar stocked with
WINES, LIQUORS,
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Call on him and be convinced.
D. S. HARTLE,
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PRIVATE PARLORS,
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BILLIARD ROOMS,
SHAVING PARLORS, &c.
All the modern conveniences of the day. Terms moderate. 'Busses to and from all trains.
FRANK B. CARLIN, PROPRIETOR,
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I have extended my store room to a depth of 45 feet, making a beautiful and attractive room—well lighted and filled from cellar to second story with all kinds of staple goods.
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No advance in Woolen or Cotton Goods!
Largest Stock in Town!
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Nov. 4, 1881.—2m. J. C. BOLINGER.

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STABLES,
East Main Street,
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Having the contracts for the two Mail Routes I will meet all trains on both the Wash. Co. Branch, B & O. R. R, and S V. R. R., and will convey passengers and baggage to and from the different depots at the most reasonable rates.
Thankful for past favors, I solicit a continuance of the same.
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D. S. MUMMA'S STAGE LINE
From
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Conveys passengers to and from the Trains.
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Thankful for past favors, I solicit a continuance of patronage. Call and see me.
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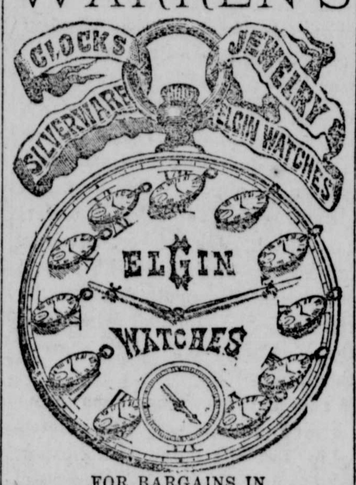

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AND
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An examination of prices solicited.
Nov4-4m.

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I will guarantee them cheap prices.
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