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A High Recognition of the Pennsylvania State College.

Pennsylvania has reason to be proud of the reputation which her State College has acquired, both in this country and in Europe, as an institution of learning, particularly in the line of technical instruction. The advancement of the State College to its present eminence among the schools of the country has taken place under its present management, whose efforts have also given it a European reputation. It must be gratifying to the faculty to receive such a recognition of the high results of their work as was shown by the action of the National Association for the Promotion of Technical Education in England, whose Secretary recently wrote to Prof. Atherton acknowledging that the courses given in the syllabus of the Pennsylvania State College were regarded as the best for the purpose of the English National Association, and asking for a copy of the 1888 report of the State College for their information and guidance.

A still higher recognition of the merits of our State College was that shown in Parliament where, in the House of Commons, Sir R. PAGET asked the President of the Committee on Education whether it would be proper to direct the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, to issue, for the use of such technical schools as might require it, a series of plates in the nature of those printed in the annual report of the Pennsylvania State College, which were said to be "the best available illustrations of the progressive series of exercises for the course of the mechanic arts."

Recognitions and admissions of the superiority of our State College, coming from such high sources, should stimulate both the people and government of the State to give it liberal encouragement, so that it may advance to the full measure of its usefulness in imparting instruction in technical knowledge and the mechanic arts.

The exports of bread stuffs from the United States in the last eleven months were \$30,000,000 less in value than the exports of the corresponding period of the preceding year. There has been an obstruction of the import trade by the tariff restrictions, and such a thing cannot occur without affecting the amount of the commodities we send out of the country. The loss of \$30,000,000 in the value of exported breadstuffs is largely the result of our high tariff system. It is thus that the McKinley policy is injuring the farmers.

The Bird Book Vetoed.

Among the numerous bills through which the Governor has jabbed his veto pen is the one which authorized the printing of additional copies of the celebrated Bird Book to the value of \$33,000. This ornamental publication—more ornamental than a useful—had already cost the State \$60,000. The copies were much sought after by people who fancied birds and liked to look at pretty pictures, and the first edition was soon exhausted. With the object of getting a new supply the bill was passed, which the Governor considered it his duty to veto. It is a pity that every body can't have one of those highly ornamental volumes, but it is not the business of the State to furnish the people with picture books.

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Hard to See the Relief.

Major McKINLEY has a queer way of consoling the American tax-payer. In a Decoration Day speech he tried to comfort them with the statement that whereas in 1869 we paid \$130,000,000 annual interest on the public debt and \$28,000,000 for pensions these figures have been so reversed that we now pay \$135,000,000 in pensions, and \$27,000,000 in interest. But as the money comes out of the pockets of the people in the shape of taxes, in what way can the Major show that the people have been relieved, since it appears that the combined interest and pension expense is greater to-day than it was in 1869?

Major McKINLEY should be reminded that when the pensions were \$28,000,000 a year an abler Republican and better statesman than he, General GARFIELD, an old soldier, by the way, predicted that the pension appropriations would reach their maximum at \$35,000,000, and thenceforth steadily decline. The General had no idea that they would be swollen to five times the maximum he allowed; but, then, he had no conception of the extent to which his party would use the pensions as a means of making Republican votes.

Tin-Plate Lies.

It is not safe to push the tin-plate lie too far. It is likely to recoil on the liar and bring him to shame, if he is capable of such a feeling as shame. In illustration of this statement we have the case of the New York Tribune, which since the passage of the McKinley bill has been doing a good deal of tin-plate lying. Last April, ridiculing the charge that the high duties would raise the price of tinware, in its issue of the 24th of that month it said:

"Why, the McKinley bill was going to raise the price of tin-plate! Don't you remember the free trade tears that were shed over the 'little tin pall of the laborer'?" And now to learn that the American market in six months time has been so far filled by American tin plate as to compel the Welsh trust to shut down to prevent a glut of the market!

Having been prodded unmercifully for this evident falsification, shame compelled the Tribune last Wednesday to make the following correction of its misstatement on the tin-plate question:

"The Tribune will frankly say that in a short paragraph in its editorial columns of April 21 a statement was made that the production of tin plate in this country had been so large as to compel the Welsh trust to shut down. That assertion was a mistake and should never have been made. No one regrets more than the Tribune that an inaccurate item of that kind should have been printed in its columns."

The tin-plate liar should be more circumspect.

Appearances That Don't Look Well.

It didn't look well for the administration to hesitate about allowing Mr. Lacy, the Controller of the Currency, to appear before the committee investigating the Philadelphia bank failures. The inference must be drawn, rather damagingly to the administration, that it has something to conceal with reference to its supervision of the national banks. It should make every effort to have these institutions properly conducted, so that the public should suffer no injury through them, and when a case occurs in which such injury has been done, an administration, if entirely faultless in the matter, should hasten to give every assistance to rectify the wrong and punish those who were responsible for it. The Harrison administration has not acted in this way in the cases of the Keystone and Spring Garden Banks. It has held back as if it were reluctant about having an investigation.

In this connection there is an intimation that General A. B. NETTLETON, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, had business relations with the Spring Garden Bank that exercised an influence in the appointment of a receiver. Altogether there are appearances in connection with the Philadelphia bank wrecks that do not look well for the Harrison administration.

Politics in Massachusetts is certainly improving. The Legislature of that State has passed a nonpartisan congressional apportionment bill which was signed by the Governor on Thursday of last week. It provides for the dividing of the State into districts without reference to party advantage and with no other object than a fair representation of the people. The unfairness of the gerrymander originated in Massachusetts, and is attributed to ELBRIDGE GERRY, it being a derivative of his name. It would be historic justice if the first earnest effort to suppress it should be made where it began.

The failure of another woollen mill in Philadelphia is to be scored to the credit of the McKinley bill. It was an old establishment, having stood the ups and downs of 33 years, but McKinley "fetched it."

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He Bestrides His Party.

Senator WOLCOTT, of Colorado, is a Republican. He is a hustler and is far in advance of his party in liberal and enlightened views. His political observations, recently made in an extensive tour, have reached from the Mississippi to the New England States, and the impression made upon him has been given to an interviewer. He says that towards HARRISON personally but one sentiment exists all over the country—that we have had him for four years, and we have had him just four years too much. "Everybody instinctively turns to BLAINE. His blazing triumphs of diplomacy have brought him thousands of Republican friends who six years ago were opposed to him. The constant booms for HARRISON come from newspapers the proprietors of which have been appointed to office." It is easy to understand the opposition to the President in the west, says Senator Wolcott, but he confesses to be somewhat surprised to find it equally strong in the east.

It is questionable whether the Senator takes a correct view of the antagonism of the Blaine element as against the candidacy of the present incumbent. HARRISON is evidently master of the situation. He bestrides his party more masterfully than any previous Republican President. He apparently has BLAINE cowed, the Premier exhibiting a tameness which is far from indicating a disposition to fight his chief for the Presidential succession. This may be caused by his ill health. He may not feel himself physically equal to a contest for the Presidency.

The Illinois Legislature has almost unanimously endorsed a constitutional amendment that would make United States Senators elective by the people. In the Senate there was but one vote against it. The public is beginning to be impressed with the necessity of making this change. Nowhere is this impression becoming deeper than in the western part of the Union where seats in the United States Senate are being made the prizes of those who are willing and able to pay the most money for them. The higher branch of the national legislature is being filled with moneyed mediocrity, through purchase, and the evil can be remedied only by giving the election of these officers to the people instead of to legislatures that can be bought.

In a conversation in New York last week Senator PUGH, of Alabama, expressed the belief that a free coinage bill will be passed by the next congress. Both Houses, he thinks, will go on record in favor of it, although it may be expected that the President will vote it. There will be strength enough in the House to pass it over the veto, but it is doubtful whether it could be done in the Senate. He also expressed the opinion that very substantial modifications of the McKinley bill will pass the House without any trouble, and will very likely pass the Senate. He added: "If the senate should pass a bill of this sort I doubt if President HARRISON could veto it. There is a sentiment in the country that would condemn him in such action."

In the bituminous coal product, according to the census figures, Westmoreland leads the counties of the State with a value of \$5,674,493; Clearfield comes next with \$4,403,000; then Allegheny with \$4,000,000. Fayette reports \$3,792,000, Jefferson \$2,117,000, while Washington, Tioga and Cambria each approach the million and a half line, the first named a little in excess. Centre county's figures are considerably smaller. The value of the product of the State is \$28,000,000, and the wages paid \$21,000,000.

JAKE KILRAIN, who had the distinction of being defeated by the great JOHN L., in the celebrated mill in Mississippi which got them both into trouble, was again unfortunate in a set-to with SLAVIN, the Australian champion, at Hoboken last Tuesday evening. It took nine rounds for the antipodean pugilist to knock JAKE out. The honor of the country in the fistio line now depends upon SULLIVAN's doing up the audacious Australian.

Will Eat in Heaven.

We cannot discuss the subject of heaven with editors who show by their statements that they have never studied the question of the resurrection. Our bodies will be material after the resurrection. This is an article of faith. Heaven is a material place. The object of the resurrection is to reward the body for its partnership in the good done by the soul in the flesh. It shall have bodily enjoyments after the resurrection. Will eating and drinking be one of them? We think so. Why not?

The cells of the human lung are 75,000,000 in number, covering a surface from two and a half to three and a half times greater than the whole body surface of ten full grown men.

The Farmer's Encampment.

The Coming Gathering at Mt. Gretna to Be the Largest and Greatest Ever Known

The Farmers' Encampment at Mt. Gretna will be held this year from August 16th to the 22nd, and from what we already know, it promises to be one of the largest and greatest exhibitions and farmers' gatherings ever before convened in this country. Everybody who attended last year's gathering at Mt. Gretna went away pleased, and those from other States, who had never before been at Mt. Gretna, were delighted with the place and its surroundings. This year thirty acres of cleared space will be added to the already large area devoted last year to the exhibition of machinery, and it is confidently expected that it will all be occupied. Already inquiries for exhibits are coming in rapidly, and in addition to those who were there last year, who will greatly enlarge and improve their exhibits, many new ones will be there.

Mt. Gretna, in itself is a great attraction and has become the famous picnic grounds of eastern Pennsylvania. During the summer almost daily there are large excursions and picnics at this place, and its adaptation for the accommodation of large crowds, is one of its principle features. A hundred thousand people do not crowd the vast grounds. The State Encampment of National Guardsmen is held here and it has been pronounced by United States Army officers, who with their commands have encamped with our State troops, to be the finest camp ground in the country. For such a gathering as the Farmers' Encampment no better place than Mt. Gretna could be found.

There will be some great speeches, and interesting events in addition to the great exhibition, that will form attractive features of the great encampment. Among the prominent men who will be in attendance may be mentioned Hon. Jeremiah Rusk, Secretary of Agriculture; Senator Pfeiffer and Congressman Simpson of Kansas; Leonard Rhone, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and Henry C. Snavely, President of the State Farmers' Alliance, and others whose names will be added as their acceptances are received. No effort on the part of the management will be spared, not only to make the encampment a success, but the largest gathering of agriculturists and their friends ever before gathered in one place, and Mt. Gretna is large enough to hold them all.—York Dispatch.

For Cleveland's Renomination.

According to the New York Press before leaving for his summer vacation expedition Cleveland suggested that a consultation be held, and to it he invited not only those who were prominently associated with him while he was president, but one or two others who did not sustain intimate relations with him then. Among those who accepted the ex-president's invitation were Senator Gorman, Senator-elect Vilas, Don M. Dickinson, Senator Bruce, William C. Whitney and Colonel Daniel L. Lamont.

Mr. Cleveland was very frank with the gentlemen and stated that he desired to know first of all whether it was their opinion that the Democratic party wished to have him become its standard bearer again. If that was the wish he would cheerfully accept. He also wanted to know whether the disaffection which has cropped out in certain quarters indicated any serious opposition. If that were the case, he would not be a candidate. The situation was gone over very thoroughly. The conference, which was protracted until a late hour, and was in fact renewed the next day, resulted in this determination: Messrs. Gorman, Dickinson, Vilas, Bruce and J. J. Bell, of Minnesota, agreed formally that they would at once begin to canvass for the renomination of Grover Cleveland.

Senator Vest was asked Saturday at St. Louis: "How about the charge that the Democratic senators are working against Cleveland?"

He answered: "It is false, and every Democrat who repeats it is helping the Republicans. Of course, the enemy wants all the internal dissensions and distrust in our ranks that are possible, but the Democrat who falls into the trap is not intelligent. There is some feeling among Democratic senators as to Cleveland's silver letter, but in my opinion our ticket will be Cleveland and Gray, and the Republicans will nominate Harrison and Morton."

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The roe deer is the smallest and most nearly domesticated of the three species which inhabit Germany. It is likewise the most beautiful, and its flesh is the daintiest venison known to the epicure.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Last Saturday Harter's steam saw and shingle mill in Sugar Valley was destroyed by fire. There was no insurance.

The P. O. S. of A. will hold their second annual picnic, in Long's Grove near Howard, July 25th, at which, a highly enjoyable time will be assured all who attend.

There is an immense amount of building and improving property going on in Philipsburg this summer. The sound of the hammer is said to be heard all over town from morning till night.

The Amateur brass band will accompany the Reliance Fire Company of Philipsburg, to Bellefonte on the Fourth. The Hope Fire Company of the same place has engaged the Clearfield band to go with them.

There isn't much vitality in the Centre county Agricultural Society, but what is left of it met last Saturday evening and elected D. F. Fortney, esq. E. C. Humes and George F. Dale, of Lemont, as delegates to represent the Society at the State College on the 17th inst.

About 3,000 people attended Robbins' circus at Karthaus, last Friday, and the Times says at least \$2,000 was lost by the people who tried to beat the show people at their own games. The losses ranged in sums from \$5 to \$80. A long list of names of persons who lost money is given in the Times.

Col. Mullen, who went especially to Tyrone to invite the celebrated Sheridan troop of that place to attend the Fourth of July celebration in this place, has received a letter accepting the invitation. The company consists of sixty men all mounted on fine horses, and they will ride from Tyrone to Bellefonte.

One evening last week a bed in a room on the third story of Mr. Chas. Calloway's residence on Spring street, was discovered to be on fire. It was observed by Miss Mary Brockerhoff who quickly checked it by throwing a blanket over it and thus smothering it. Its origin cannot be explained.

Too many men, selfish in the extreme, are envious of their neighbor's prosperity, and hence they patronize foreign establishments for everything they need rather than buy at home and thus help their own town. Articles that are bought elsewhere are almost always no better or cheaper than those offered by home dealers. The shortsightedness of such persons does not permit them to see that their interests are identified with those with whom they are continually coming in contact in the every day affairs of life.

ANOTHER FESTIVAL.—The friends of the Union Sabbath School at Lauvertown will hold an ice cream, cake and fruit festival, on Saturday evening, June 27, to which all are invited and will be made welcome.

A LONG AND EXPENSIVE SPREE.—A man named Hogan, suffering from delirium tremens, was confined in the lockup on Wednesday. He had removed all his clothing but his shoes and was dancing and yelling on the railroad track near the tannery when Officer Simler went after him. He has been on a drunk since Memorial Day, and, it is said, has spent \$1200. He is a large and powerful man and gave his captors a good deal of trouble. Dr. Lytle is treating him and he will come around all right.—Philipsburg Ledger.

DANGEROUS ELECTRICITY.—The Sunbury Daily states that a strange accident occurred near there Tuesday morning. A load of hay was brought from Northumberland to Sunbury, belonging to Hon. William Elliott. It was fastened with a chain and as it was almost through the bridge the chain touched the electric road wires, making a short circuit, and in a second the hay was on fire. The driver hurried through the bridge, and succeeded in getting the hay out without setting the bridge on fire, but the hay and wagon were entirely consumed.

BURGLARIES AT LOCK HAVEN.—The residence of J. B. G. Kinsloe, Esq., editor of the Lock Haven Republican, was entered last Friday morning about 2:30 a. m. through a side window by a burglar who succeeded in stealing the editor's gold watch and eighteen dollars in money. His pantaloons were found at the foot of the stairs. On the same night the residence of Samuel Marsh, of the same place, was entered and the thieves got Mr. Marsh's and his son's clothes, took them down stairs and abstracted therefrom a gold watch and chain and a nickel watch, and money to the amount of a little over \$40. Mr. Marsh's clothes were found down stairs in the house, and his son's out in the alley back of the stable. The robbers are supposed to have been the same parties that were in the Kinsloe residence, as the same marks and tracks as bare feet leading to it were found. The out kitchen of Frank E. Harder was also burglarized, the thieves getting away with a lot of eatables.

DEATH OF MRS. WEAVER.—We are pained to announce the death of Mrs. Weaver, wife of A. B. Weaver, of Clearfield, and daughter of John P. Harris, Esq., of this place, which occurred at her home in Clearfield last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. She had been ill for some weeks, and although at one period of her illness her death was looked for, she rallied, and it was reported that she was recovering. But her disease took a turn ending in death, as above stated. She was about thirty years of age and when a girl was noted for her beauty and attractive qualities. A husband and one child are bereft by her untimely death. Her remains were brought to Bellefonte for interment, the funeral taking place on Wednesday morning.

TOO SMART A BOY.—William Lose is a hard-working farmer in Buffalo valley, between Lewisburg and Mifflinburg. He is a veteran of the civil war and receives \$36 pension money every three months. But Mr. Lose has a son, Jonas, and he, knowing all about the pension matter, went to the post office in Mifflinburg, got his father's mail, opened the pension envelope, which he recognized at a glance, took out the draft, endorsed it across the back with his father's X or mark, as the old gentleman couldn't write, forged the name of a brother of his as witness to the signature, and then presented the draft at a bank and got it cashed. He then skipped, but was captured on Tuesday last at Fall Brook and sent to jail, where he will have time to reflect over the difficulty into which he has gotten himself by being too smart.

COULDN'T GET NEAR HIM.—The miraculous cures said to be effected by a Catholic priest at Allegheny, this State, is attracting wide attention among those who have confidence in that method of treatment. The following from a Lock Haven paper relates to these alleged medical miracles: "Our friend, Johnny McDonald, of the Custer House, who went out to Allegheny on Friday to consult Father Mollinger, returned home on Tuesday, having been unable to see the disease-curing priest at all. He states that there are apparently 15,000 people there camped in tents in the fields and wherever they can find a place, and that it is a wonderful sight. The craze and excitement are so great that he found it impossible to get near the good priest, nor could he by any effort find out the name of the druggist who puts up his prescriptions. Mac. will have to try it again."

CLEARFIELD PEOPLE DINE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND FAMILY.—Mr. W. H. Dill left for Washington, D. C., Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday with Mrs. Dill, who has been visiting friends in the Capital City. Mrs. Harrison learning that Mr. and Mrs. Dill were in the city invited them to dine at the White House at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. There were present the President and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Dimmick, Russell B. Harrison and others. It will be remembered that Mr. Dill secured the President's visit to this place last summer and that he managed the details throughout. Mr. Harrison was so delighted with the courtesies extended him that he has taken every opportunity to appreciate the same, and this invitation to dine at the President's mansion no doubt grew out of the President's visit to this region.—Clearfield Public Spirit.

A BOLD FORGER.—A very bold and persistent attempt to do business with a forged check was done in this place last Monday by a person who represented himself to be an employee at the nail works. He bought a \$40 gold watch and chain at Richards' jewelry store, giving in payment a check for \$25 and his due bill for the balance. The check was on the Centre County Bank, signed "John G. Phillips," and endorsed, "L. M. Manson." It was pronounced a forgery when taken to the Bank by Mr. Richards, who immediately hunted up the man from whom he got it, found him in the street, demanded and got back his watch, and handed the check back to him. The mistake was made in not arresting him at that very moment. He afterwards went to the clothing store of Simon Loeb and wanted to buy a suit of clothes for \$12, offering the same check and asking in change the difference between the price of the suit and the amount of the check. Mr. Loeb's suspicions were aroused and he pretended that he had to go to bank to get change, but his purpose was to have the check examined. The man objected to this, saying that he would call next week for the change. But Mr. Loeb started for the Bank and his customer disappeared, leaving the suit. The check proved to be the same forged one that had been given Mr. Richards. The rascal was afterwards looked for with the intention of having him arrested, but he could not be found.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following licenses were issued during the past week: Wm. M. Jackson, Bellwood, Pa., and Miss Bertha McKinney of Port Matilda. John E. Woods and Miss Rachael Cowher, both of Sandy Ridge. John Watimaki and Miss Amelia Jarvi, both of Bellefonte.