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Reciprocal Beer and Coffee.

The gospel temperance people of Williamsport at one of their meetings the other day displayed the liveliness of their disposition by pitching into a number of public characters, one of whom was no less a person than Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE. It appears that Mr. BLAINE, in his solicitude for the establishment of reciprocal relations with Brazil, portended the advantage it would be if the Brazilians could be induced to accept malt and beer from us in return for their coffee. Any one can see that this would be a good trade, with the advantage on our side if the beer to be sent to Brazil should be no better than that which is usually sold in our saloons. But the gospel temperance people have no fancy for reciprocity, that has been in the arrangement. Accordingly C. W. HUNTINGDON, D. D. S., one of their shining lights, wrote to Mr. BLAINE for a copy of "Malt and Beer in South America," a publication in which the whole scheme of swapping beer for coffee is set forth, it evidently being his intention to blow BLAINE up about it. But the wily JIM couldn't be caught in that way and replied that he could not furnish Mr. HUNTINGDON with a copy, because the department had no copies on hand and the "edition was exhausted." But the D. D. S. wasn't satisfied with this, and in spite of Mr. BLAINE's refusal he procured a copy of the desired pamphlet; and further, more he wrote a letter back to the great apostle of Reciprocity, in which he almost called him a liar, saying that he (Huntingdon) "had doubted the assertion that a man outside of the damnable liquor traffic could not procure a copy," but that now he was convinced of that fact. The letter then went on to lament that "our government is in league with the liquor business in this country; that it is lending its aid to extending that blighting, cursing and misery-breeding business to the islands of the sea and other missionary grounds; and that while this information is gleaned at the public expense, it is withheld from the patriotic moral citizens of our land and given freely to the worst element of citizens and aliens."

Taking it all together the letter was a scorcher, and if Mr. BLAINE would have "reciprocated" in kind the correspondence would have furnished some mighty lively reading. This incident was brought to the attention of the Williamsport meeting, presenting Mr. BLAINE in a rather unfavorable light from a gospel temperance point of view, and of course the assembled brothers and sisters could come to no other conclusion than that there was a very large and venomous snake concealed in the reciprocity project.

The harvests on the continent of Europe are reported to be very promising this year. This is said to be particularly the case in Russia, from which country the other European nations draw much of their supply when their own is short. Here would be a great chance for the sale of our abundant surplus of agricultural productions if the trade regulations with Europe were not such as to shut off this market in a large measure.

A revolt has broken out against the further continuance of Chairman ANDREWS at the head of the Republican State committee. The banner of rebellion has been displayed in Tioga and Blair counties, and it is likely to be unfurled to the breeze in other localities.

Peffer's Tale of Woe.

Senator-elect PEPPER is far from regarding with satisfaction the state of things existing in Kansas. Speaking in Cooper Institute, New York, a few evenings ago, he said:

One-half the homes of this country are mortgaged for more than they are worth. If the whole State of Kansas were put up at auction at thirty days' notice it would not bring enough to pay her indebtedness. I make the same assertion regarding every agricultural State in the country. We are not starting in Kansas. We propose to pay our debts, but we can't pay a 10 per cent. debt out of a 2 per cent. business. The farms are worth a little more than the debts upon them, but the railroads of the State owe four or five times their value.

This is, indeed, a discouraging exhibit, particularly of a State that has been under Republican rule from the very first hour of its existence. There has been no Democratic inter regnum in Kansas to break the monotony of Republican depression. The entire picture as painted must be credited to "the grand old party."

But what are the Kansas farmers going to do about it? They have been voting the Republican ticket right straight along for more than a quarter of a century, helping to keep in power a party which has repaid their fidelity with a heavy burden of tariff taxation. Whether drought parched their fields or the grasshoppers destroyed their crops, there was no let up to the tariff that increased the price of their household necessities, their building materials and the implements of their labor. They entrusted the making of their State laws to men who made them in the interest of the mortgagee and for the protection of the "eight and ten per cent. interest" shark. They surrendered the governmental control to Republican politicians who taught them that the way to become rich was to be taxed by the tariff and robbed by the money lenders. And now PEPPER comes east with his tale of woe. But he could do better by going back to Kansas and telling his constituents that their only relief is a political revolution that will turn the rascals out.

The various bureaus that have charge of the preparations for the Chicago Fair are said to have settled their differences and have gotten down to work in earnest. Much valuable time has been lost in bickerings and cross-purposes, but it may be regained by vigorous work in the future. A commission in the interest of the exhibition is about to start for Europe; applications for space have been pouring in rapidly, and work has actually been begun on one of the buildings. If Chicago shall wake up and throw off her unaccountable supineness she may have her show ready for visitors by the time fixed for its opening.

Its Object Perverted.

Thirty-two soldiers and sailors have left the Erie Home because they were required to give eighty per cent. of their pensions to the institution. This does not look like a charitable requirement. The Home, if we understand its object, is to support the old soldiers. It is a perversion of it if the old soldiers must support the Home. It does not appear by what authority the managers demand contributions from the inmates whose pensions should be considered sacred. If a pensioner sees fit to give part, or the whole of his pension to such an institution, there can be no objection to it—the money is his own and he can do with it what he pleases, but there is no authority that can compel him to make such a contribution against his will.

When the Erie Home was established, it was not understood that the veterans would be called upon to help support it. It was to be a State institution where the veterans, who entered it, would be supported by the Commonwealth. If the State cannot afford to keep it up, repeal the Act establishing it. The veterans can probably support themselves as well, if not better, nearer home.

General BENJAMIN F. BUTLER is writing his autobiography in which he will explain and defend his political and military career. There being a good deal to explain, and much to defend, it may be expected that it will be a large sized book. As the parties with whom he came in contact in his past career are nearly all under the ground, including GRANT and PORTER, he will have the advantage of waacking them without their being able to hit back. In awaiting the appearance of the book the people will be curious to see how he will explain the spoons.

The colored citizens of Cincinnati held a meeting last Tuesday to demand "equitable recognition" in political affairs. They can hope to secure such recognition only when they stop the foolish habit of giving their votes only to one party.

Numerous Statements.

The authorities of the Treasury Department are having quite a time in making statements that will give the most favorable appearance to the condition of the national exchequer. Last week no less than three statements were issued, and each was vouched for as being correct. The first showed a deficit of \$263,164. Upon second consideration it was seen that this wouldn't do—that it gave an unfavorable impression of the financial management of the powers that be. So the treasury managers tried their hand at making another statement that would look better, and which figured out a surplus of \$1,664,870. This was something of an improvement on the first one. It was not much of a surplus, to be sure, considering that CLEVELAND had left over a hundred millions in the strong box of the government, but still it didn't show a deficit—an utter vacuum where there had been so many millions when HARRISON came into office.

But after the second effort it was discovered that the figures were wrong, and a new calculator was put at the books who worked out a third statement. A cabinet meeting was called to consider the correctness of this third effort. It was vouched for as being "an honest count," with no "going behind the returns," and it makes the splendid exhibit of a net balance of \$1,566,572 in the treasury of a government that is imposing enough taxation on the people to overflow the governmental coffers with redundant millions.

The Republicans of Huntingdon county are not overflowing with the sentiment of brotherly love, but on the contrary a feeling of antagonism and contention pervades their ranks. The coming struggle for the county offices will be a fierce one between the stalwarts led by Senator WILLIAMSON and the Independents marshalled by Representative LITTLE and THOMAS M. OAKS. Both factions will go into convention with a flourish of scalping knives. The sore defeat of the anti-license people is not calculated to throw oil on the troubled waters, but will be a factor of disturbance in the nomination of a candidate for Judge.

Protesting Against the Boss.

A number of prominent Philadelphia Republicans, of the respectable class, have come out in a public manifesto, strongly worded, against the continuance of M. S. QUAY's control of the party in this State. The attack is squarely aimed at the Boss, with the accompanying warning that if his domination is allowed to go on it will end in the utter overthrow and destruction of the Republican party in Pennsylvania.

What is particularly aggravating to these protesting Republicans is that, at QUAY, as they allege, has brought defeat upon the party by his high-handed conduct, he is preparing to take charge of it this year, and manage its convention and dictate its nominations, as if nothing of an untoward character had happened last year, and that his followers are ready to work the machine again in customary compliance with his directions.

The case is certainly a provoking one to those who are willing to submit no longer to the control and dictation of the Boss; but it is beyond any remedy that they may be able to apply. It is their own unquestioning support of party measures which the bosses have managed to direct in the past, that is to be blamed for the power which the chief boss is able to maintain in the party management, in spite of their protests. By their assistance his machine, with its ramifications, has become so completely incorporated with the party that it can't be broken without smashing the party also.

The agents of the anthracite coal combination have been holding a conference in New York at which arrangements were made for putting up the price of a widely used and indispensable fuel. The trade in anthracite coal has become a monopoly, the advantage of which is enjoyed by a few corporations and individuals to whose vast profits the public is made to contribute. Bad legislation, indifference to constitutional restraints, and supineness of popular sentiment, are answerable for this evil.

Secretary RUSK vainly inspects American hams, shoulders and flitches with his microscope, hoping thereby to assure the Germans that there is no trichina in them. He means well, but it will have no effect. It isn't the fear of trichina that is keeping the Germans from buying our hog products. Their authorities think they are serving a home interest by maintaining an embargo on American pork, and in this they imitate the stupidity of our own tariff policy.

In an address to the graduates of Yale Law School, Justice BREWER, of the United States Supreme Court, said: "The true end of government is the protection of the individual; the majority can take care of itself." This doesn't exactly agree with the present state of affairs in this country. The Democrats were the majority at the last Presidential election, but the minority is taking care of the government—such care as it is.

It is proposed to hold at the Chicago World's Fair a reunion of those who wore the Blue and Gray in the civil strife that is now happily passed. The proposition is a patriotic one, and is generally endorsed by members of the Grand Army and by Camps of Confederate veterans. Such a meeting would help to dispel any fraternal feeling that may yet be lingering between the North and South.

Why These Visits by Night?

New York Times.

When Mr. John Wanamaker, postmaster general, president of the Bethany Sabbath school, and late shareholder in the Keystone bank of Philadelphia, appears, as he must, before the investigating committee, we venture to suggest that he be called upon to say whether he was in the habit, very late at night, of visiting the office of the city treasurer when it was occupied by Mr. Bardsley. If Mr. Wanamaker admits that he made such visits, or if the committee should discover that fact without his admission, we suggest an inquiry into the objects of such nocturnal conferences at a time when the city funds were being put into the Keystone bank and Mr. Wanamaker was withdrawing his own.

THE HANDSOMEST OF ALL COINS.—This proud distinction is generally conceded to the United States' twenty dollar gold piece, a marvel of beauty in design and finish. The loveliest of God's handiwork is a handsome woman, if in the bloom of health; if she is not, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will restore her. Ladies who use this priceless remedy are unanimous in its praise, for it cures those countless ills which are the bane of their sex—irregularities, dragging-down pains, inflammation, hysteria, sleeplessness, and the "all-gone" sensations which burden their daily lives. A tonic and nerve, without alcohol.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Alert Baseball Club will give a hop in the rink this evening.

The camp meeting at Mountain Grove will be held from the 6th to the 18th of August.

The trout season is closing with the catching of some unusually large trout in the creek at this place.

The Chief Burgess and Borough Council will ride in Potter's new tally-ho coach in the 4th of July parade.

On Saturday evening, July 18, the Zion Grange will hold a festival at their new grange hall at that place.

The Bellefonte Lutherans had their Children's Day last Sunday, celebrating it with interesting exercises in the evening.

Mr. Claud B. Barnes, foreman of the Tyrone Times office, paid us a visit on Monday. He is a prepossessing young man.

Several boys were arrested last week for stealing liquor from Keplinger & Co.'s drug store. They will be tried at next term of court.

The new pump for the water works arrived in this place last Monday and has been put in position; it will greatly assist in increasing the borough's supply of water.

After a six months absence in the south chiefly in Florida, for the benefit of his health, Dr. E. W. Hale returned to his Bellefonte home last Friday considerably improved.

The harness used by the Logan Hose Company to-morrow in the parade can be bought at a sacrifice, after the parade is over, by inquiry of Geo. Tate, who will have charge of the team.

Robert Simcox, of Queen's Run, Clinton county, is a bee keeper who keeps bees for profit. He has had 31 swarms this year, and expects to take in October more than a ton and a half of honey.

Rev. Charles Herron, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Curwensville, and who has on several occasions preached in Phillipsburg, has been tendered a call by the congregation at Poland, Ohio.

The will of the late Moses Thompson, of College township written on about twenty pages of legal cap paper, was probated at the Register's office this week. The estate is valued at about half a million dollars, with few if any incumbrances. The bulk of it goes to the children.

The frame of a large barn was put up for Mr. Thomas Butler near Howard, Thursday last week, some 70 men assisting in the operation. Mr. J. W. Ertel, of Milesburg, has the contract for its construction, and when finished it will be one of the finest barns in Centre county.

NOTICE TO FANTASTICS.—Those who intend to take part in the 4th of July parade as fantasics are requested to assemble in the alley behind Garman's Opera house about 9 o'clock, a. m.

THANKS.—The pupils of St. John's school and their teachers, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offer their sincere thanks to all who were interested in the late entertainment, particularly to the editors, ushers and the gentlemen assisting at the doors and on the stage.

A LOCK HAVEN BOY SAILS FOR SPAIN. Guy Kress, son of W. C. Kress, Esq., has passed a very creditable examination, and has entered the nautical school at Philadelphia. The school ship on which he will be a student of navigation will sail on Wednesday for Spain. Guy has the ability to make a navigator and will no doubt make a creditable record for himself in the nautical school.

MUSIC ON THE EVENING OF THE FOURTH.—The Milton Military band will give an open air concert in front of the court house, on the evening of the Fourth, commencing about 7 p. m. The following will be the program:

- March—"Fiedmont".....Koppitz.
- Overture—"Poet and Peasant".....Suppe.
- Gavotte—"First Heart Throbs".....Ellenberg.
- Potpouri—"The Germans Before Paris".....Ellenberg.
- Idyl—"The Mill in the Forest".....Trenkler.
- Overture—"Nebredonora".....Vardi.
- Waltz—"Tout Paris".....Waldteufel.
- Polonaise—"Presidential".....Soust.
- March—"Imperial".....Voelker.

WILL BE ABLE TO GET HOME THE SAME NIGHT.—As the great celebration of the Fourth of July will come off on Saturday, it is important to know what arrangements have been made with the railroads for getting the people home, the next day being Sunday. It is now positively certain that special trains will be run on the night of the Fourth from Bellefonte to Coburn over the Lewisburg; to State College over the Bald Eagle and Tyrone and Clearfield. All trains to leave Bellefonte after the fireworks display which will be about 9:30 o'clock.

FOURTH OF JULY REGULATIONS.—Chief Burgess Reader has issued the following injunction relative to the Fourth of July proceedings in this place:

Notice is hereby given that on July fourth, 1891, no firecrackers, squibs, torpedoes, or other fire-works, will be permitted to be fired, thrown or exploded in the Diamond of the Borough of Bellefonte, or along the route of the procession to be gone over that day, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until after the conclusion of the oration and other ceremonies in the Diamond. Every violation of this notice will be punished in accordance with the ordinance in such case made and provided.

It is further ordered that the Diamond and the route of march to be gone over that day by the procession shall be kept clear of horses and of vehicles of all descriptions, from 10 o'clock in the forenoon until after the close of the parade.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.—Bellefonte was the scene of a fatal railroad accident on Thursday morning which resulted in the almost instantaneous death of Christ Peters, an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad. The unfortunate victim was unloading a car of coal at a round house when a Snow Shoe engine with three cars attached went into the Y for the purpose of shifting. Peters got upon the first car to take charge of the brake. In making the switch the engine got through all right, but the switch was not readjusted in time for the cars, and they ran off the track. Peters was thrown off, getting under the cars, one of which and part of another passed over him. Both legs were cut off and the body so lacerated that the entrails protruded. Besides these fearful wounds there were other contusions. He lived but a few minutes and his body was brought up to the freight house. He was about 40 years of age, a resident of Milesburg and leaves a wife and two children to suffer from their sad bereavement.

PREACHER SUEED FOR LIBEL.—Rev. L. L. Seiber, pastor of the Lutheran church of Lewisburg, was placed under \$1,000 bail for his appearance at the next term of court to answer the charge of libel. Some weeks ago there appeared in the Chronicle an article headed "A Dude Doctor Demented," which created a sensation from the fact that the physician attacked was entirely innocent of having done anything to provoke the assault and that the author of the article was Rev. L. L. Seiber, pastor of the Lutheran church. The matter would not have been taken into court if it were not that the Rev. Seiber declined to make a satisfactory retraction after learning that he had assailed an innocent party, and by this legal action the physician seeks amends from a jury.—Lewisburg News.

AN EDITOR DOES A GENEROUS ACT.—It isn't so seldom that editors do generous acts that it is necessary to make a parade of them, but there is something of an unusual character in the following which makes it worth publishing:

There is Editor C. B. Seely, of Jersey Shore, he goes about doing good and not letting anybody know anything about it. About a month before the Legislature adjourned Mr. Seely's good wife heard a story about a

young girl residing near Jersey Shore, which she told her husband. It seems that the young girl, whose name is Ella M. Ramsey, was at home with her mother when the great flood of 1889 swept through the valley. Their home was swept away and for refuge they climbed into a tree at night. During the night the tree was overturned by the force of the water, but not carried away. Miss Ramsey and her mother clung to the branches, and from 11 o'clock at night until 4 o'clock the next day the young girl was in water up to her neck. Both were rescued, but the exposure was too much for the girl and she was taken ill. When she recovered she had lost her voice entirely. It was this story that Mr. Seely's wife told him, and he at once took measures for the unfortunate girl's relief. He visited Dr. Pepper at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and interested that benevolent gentleman to such an extent that he offered to give Miss Ramsey free treatment and care in the University Hospital. Mr. Seely did not stop there. He saw the flood commission and secured the clever sum of \$300 for Miss Ramsey which he gave to her, and about three weeks ago he and Mrs. Seely accompanied her to Philadelphia where she was placed in the hospital. Yesterday word was received in Jersey Shore that Miss Ramsey will be home next week. As Dr. Pepper said he would not let her go home until she could laugh and talk, it is fair to presume that she is cured, and it can be laid at the door of the Jersey Shore editor. An editor occasionally does a good thing, but somebody else has to find it out and tell it.—Harrisburg Telegram.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.—The committee that have in hand the arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration in this place have been working like Trojans in the performance of their duties, and have things in good shape as far as it can be done up to the present time of writing. The general committee met on Monday evening to complete the preliminary preparations, and to lay out a programme for the proceedings of the day. The places were assigned for the different organizations in the parade, providing, of course, for additions if others should want to take a part in the procession. In putting the line in marching order the head of the column will be formed on High street, right resting on Spring; the fire companies on North Spring; the Industrial parade on South Spring, and the Fantasics on Thomas street. The positions in the line of parade will be as follows:

- Chief Marshal and Assistants.
- Chief Burgess and Orator of the Day in Carriages.
- Borough Officers in Carriages.
- County Officers in Carriages.
- Band.
- FIRST DIVISION—COL. AMOS M. MULLEN, CHIEF.
- Form on High Street, right resting above Water Street.
- Staff.
- Sheridan Troop—Capt. C. W. S. Jones.
- Company B—Capt. W. F. Reber.
- Grand Army of Republic, under Command of Gen. John I. Guthrie.
- SECOND DIVISION—L. T. MUNSON, CHIEF.
- Form on North Spring, right resting on High Street.
- Band.
- Hope Engine Company, of Phillipsburg.
- Band.
- Miltonian Engine Company, of Milton.
- Band.
- Logan Engine Company, of Bellefonte.
- Logan Hose Company, Jr.
- THIRD DIVISION—W. C. HENSLER, CHIEF.
- Form on South Water, right resting on High Street.
- Staff.
- Reliance Hose Company, of Phillipsburg.
- Band.
- Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, of Curwensville.
- Good Will Fire Company, of Lock Haven.
- Hand-in-Hand Fire Company, of Lock Haven.
- Band.
- Undine Hose Company, of Bellefonte.
- Undine Hose Company, Jr.
- Coronet Hook and Ladder Company, of Bellefonte.
- FOURTH DIVISION—JOHN MESSER, CHIEF.
- Form on North Water, right resting on High Street.
- Staff.
- Drum Corps.
- Industrial Parade, consisting of Floats, Wagons and Artistic Representations of the Industries and Trades of the County.

FANTASTICS—JOHN DUFFAY, CHIEF.

ROUTE OF MARCH.—The procession will move at 10.30 a. m. sharp as follows: Along South Spring, to Bishop, Bishop to Allegheny, Allegheny to East Linn, East Linn to Armor and return to Allegheny, Allegheny on Linn to Spring, Spring to Lamb, Lamb to Thomas, Thomas to High, up High street to Diamond and mass by divisions for public meeting and addresses.

The committees are working hard and doing their full duty. Now let the citizens give the occasion a zealous co-operation by decorating their houses, by doing their utmost to promote the general zeal, and by extending a generous hospitality to those who may come here to participate in celebrating the glorious Fourth.

The Huntingdon Manufacturing Company, of Huntingdon, controlled by the Iron Car Equipment Company of New York, has indefinitely suspended operations, throwing 350 men out of employment. The suspension was due to a lack of orders for cars. It is rumored that the plant will be removed to Tennessee.