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Patton and the Presidency.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the question of Governor PATTON'S candidacy for the presidential office, an interest that is being felt both in Pennsylvania and in other states. Some assume that the Governor has an ambition of that kind and is working to that end, but such an assumption should be exploded by the words of one who stands near him in a cabinet relation—Mr. HARRITY, Secretary of the Commonwealth, who in an interview with a representative of the Philadelphia Ledger, some days ago, made the following interesting statement.

Governor PATTON has made no effort to invite attention to himself as a candidate. I am disposed to think that he and most of his friends regard Mr. CLEVELAND as still the strongest and most available candidate, notwithstanding the opposition that has appeared in some quarters.

The fact that Mr. PATTON twice carried Republican Philadelphia as a candidate for controller, and that he twice carried Republican Pennsylvania for governor, gives him a political record as an available candidate that is unsurpassed by any other leading Democrat in this country. Add to this an unblemished record as a public official and private citizen, and you give the needed strength and character to make it easily understood why Governor PATTON has been so frequently and favorably mentioned as a strong and available candidate for the presidential nomination. But, as I have already said, the governor is giving him self no concern about the matter. He believes his duty is to the State which has twice elected him governor, and to that duty he is conscientiously applying himself.

Independent of Mr. HARRITY'S statement there is reason to believe that the Governor is an admirer and friend of Mr. CLEVELAND and believes him to be the strongest and most available candidate, and there is every evidence that the ex-President has not lost his hold on the confidence of the Pennsylvania Democracy.

That venerable financier, Senator JOHN SHERMAN, has written a letter on the silver question. He is opposed to changing the present laws regulating the national coinage, and sees financial ruin ahead in case the free silver ideas prevail. The old Senator is evidently nearing the time for his retirement.

The probably fatal illness of Rev. CHARLES H. SPURGEON, the celebrated London preacher, is a matter of world-wide interest. Perhaps no living clergyman is so well known, and, indeed, but few ever did attain the reputation he has. He is known to hundreds of thousands who have listened to his sermons or have read them. The secret of his great success as a pulpit orator and as a minister has long been hunted for, but never satisfactorily found. He has made successful everything he has put his hand to from the time he was known as "the boy preacher." His position in the religious world is not easily explained. He is known as a Baptist, but in reality he has wandered a good ways from that denomination. Whatever he is, he has done a remarkable work, and has always held his immense congregation. The death of SPURGEON will leave a place not easily filled.

It is reported that the Baldwin Locomotive works, Philadelphia, have received an order for twenty compound locomotives from Brazil. The same firm not long ago sent a shipload of locomotives to Australia. As our locomotive builders are able to export their locomotives—\$1,280,000 worth last year, against none imported—what is the use of the 45 per cent. duty which was retained by the McKinleyites? High duties have become a habit with our tariff makers—that is all.

The Banner Bogus State.

In extent Nevada is a large State, more than twice as large as Pennsylvania, having an area of 104,125 square miles, but the census of 1890 shows that it has a population of but 45,761, about the same as that of Centre county.

With this paucity of population the citizens of Nevada carry on a regular State government, with a Governor, Legislature and Supreme Court, and they are represented in the National Congress by two United States Senators and a Representative. Up to this time the revenues of the State have been able to meet the expenditures. But with a population steadily decreasing, it will be a problem in the near future to decide what shall be done with a sovereign State without any of the qualifications which best statehood?

This pocket borough sovereignty was admitted into the Union back in the sixties, at the time when the silver mining industry was being well worked and when there was a bare prospect that there might be a great future in store for a section of country which is almost a desert as far as fertility of the soil is concerned. Her admission into the Union was also helped along by the Republican party for a political purpose. For some years after it became a State it continued to show a slight increase in population, which never attained very high figures, however, and during the past few years the population has been steadily declining.

Another National bank has gone to the bad, the First National of Asbury Park. Its closing up develops the same old, old story. A crooked and spendthrift president, by reckless speculation, and the erecting of an extravagant bank building, brings the institution to ruin, and loss on the stockholders and depositors.

A Great Organization.

The meeting of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society at Minneapolis last week gave an insight into the wonderful growth of this organization. The delegates in attendance numbered 20,000, representing a membership of fully a million. The growth this organization to its present proportions is one of the wonders of the religious world. Ten years ago less than a score of bright girls and half as many smart, enthusiastic, and pushing women met in Portland, Maine, and organized the society, which has since become the largest in the world in point of numbers. Now local societies of Christian Endeavor are found in nearly every town and neighborhood in the country, and branches of the parent society have been organized in all parts of the world. When we recall the past, that in 1882, there were but two Christian Endeavor Societies, with 481 members, in existence, and that to-day there are 13,000 societies, with a membership of a million, we may well be astonished at its marvelous growth.

Chairman KERR well merited the many expressions of confidence and good will he received at the Philadelphia conference of Democratic committeemen and congressmen last week.

The congressmen-elect who were present declared in favor of his election as clerk of the next House, and we are glad to learn that there is very little question of his success. His qualifications for that responsible position are of a high order, and he has a host of friends among the gentlemen who will compose the majority in the next House of Representatives.

They Have Not Been Deceived.

President HARRISON'S round-the-circle speeches, published in pamphlet form by the intrepid SHEPARD of New York, are being extensively circulated at the South, but, according to the Nashville Banner, under an entire miscalculation of Southern sentiment. It says:

What Mr. HARRISON saw was merely the instinctive hospitality which every Southerner accords to the stranger who comes under his roof. Mr. HARRISON came as a distinguished guest, and as such he was received. But his pleasant speeches, though happy in language and sentiment, deceived nobody. The Southern people remembered that he calumniated them before all the world, and the hollow mockery of his newspaper compliments will not erase the recollection of his efforts to deliver them over as the lawful prey of the negro barbarian and the scallawag thief.

Surely the Bayonet Bill represented Mr. HARRISON'S sentiments toward the South more clearly than his complimentary speeches.

The Farmers' Alliance in Kansas is about to engage in a great cooperative scheme for the control of farm products, etc. There is much in theory to recommend co-operation, but the scheme of the Alliance looks much like a project to corner the products of the farm. No class has vociferated against the trusts more loudly than the Kansas farmers.

The Ohio Situation.

Governor CAMPBELL of Ohio was renominated by the Democratic State Convention on Wednesday, as was foreshadowed by previous indications. He richly deserves this endorsement, for he has made an excellent Governor, but notwithstanding the excellent quality of his official acts and his acknowledged ability to perform the duties of Governor, his re-election is doubtful. Ohio is usually a Republican State, and McKINLEY, the Republican candidate for Governor, is the unanimous choice of a united party.

This is one obstacle in Governor CAMPBELL'S road to success in this campaign, but in addition to this the Hamilton county gang, which is his bitter and unrelenting foe, will do everything in their power to bring about his defeat. Besides the considerable defect which may be expected in the Democratic vote in Hamilton county, it must be remembered that even with a united Democracy it is hard to overcome the natural Republican majority in Ohio. The Democrats will make a gallant fight, but, taking all the circumstances into consideration, if they should be defeated it would not have a significant bearing upon the contest of next year.

The New Sugar Bounty.

A dispatch from Washington states that the maple sugar growers seem to be budding by the score from every limb of every tree that looks like either a maple or an oak in the country. The new sugar bounty of 2 cents per pound explains the buds. From present indications, based upon recent research, the output of maple sugar is to be computed at about 450,000,000 pounds, the bounty on which will be \$9,000,000. Internal revenue officials are beginning to be amazed. At this rate the Government will have as many sugar barnacles fastened upon it as there are dead bees clinging to the Pension Bureau. It shows the danger arising from a system of bounties.

A Damaging Disclosure.

One of the most damaging disclosures that has been made in connection with the Bardsley case was that announced on Wednesday by the experts who are overhauling the accounts of the convicted Ex-City Treasurer. They discovered from his check book that he had paid money to Auditor General McCAMMANT and to State Treasurer LIVERY. Unless these gentlemen can explain away this evidence as it appears in the check book of the defaulting city treasurer, they will have to stand charged with a grave offense. They are blamed with gross neglect in allowing BARDSLEY to be in arrears in the payment of money due the State, in consequence of which neglect the default grew to such vast proportions. If it should appear that it was worse than neglect—that the indulgence allowed BARDSLEY was purchased, the offense becomes one of the gravest character. We trust that these high officials may be able to give such an explanation of these checks as will assure the public that they were not bought by JOHN BARDSLEY.

Treasurer WRIGHT, of Philadelphia has already handed in to the State Treasury \$400,000 on account of money collected by BARDSLEY since January 1st. Public money when it gets in the hands of a Democratic official usually goes to the right place.

The 14th of July is celebrated by the French as the Americans celebrate the 4th. It is the anniversary of the day when the French revolutionists, one hundred and two years ago, destroyed the Bastille, the fortress of despotism which for ages was used for the imprisonment of the victims of tyranny. Last Tuesday the anniversary of this event was celebrated in Paris with unusual demonstrations, the people and the army participating with equal enthusiasm. The general observance of the day throughout France, with unprecedented fervor, plainly indicates that the republican spirit has fully taken possession of the French people, and that the republic is firmly established.

Hon. GEORGE A. JENKS says that the railroad companies are all in favor of the proposed constitutional convention, and he says their object is to make such a change in the present constitution as will eliminate the clauses that impose objectionable restrictions upon them. It is true these restrictions have never been enforced, but it took a great deal of these corporations' attention and money to prevent their being passed for the enforcement of these constitutional provisions, and if they now have a chance to knock the railroad clauses entirely out of the constitution it is natural that they should eagerly avail themselves of it.

It is suggested in some quarters that negro workmen from the South be brought into Pennsylvania to take the place of the Hungarians and other objectionable foreign workmen in the coal and coke operations. Whatever there may be to recommend such a suggestion, it is, after all, but a question of cheapness to the proprietors of the mines and coke ovens. If it can be shown that the negroes will work more cheaply than the Huns they will be preferred. Otherwise they will not. The beneficiaries of protection want to have their work done at as small a cost as possible.

The new wheat crop promises to be not only one of the most abundant in the agricultural history of the country, but also of a very high quality. Of six days receipt of the new wheat at Chicago 81 per cent. was of the highest standard of excellence.

BARDSLEY has been put to wood-work in the penitentiary. That he has some talent in this line is shown by the work he has already done in helping to make the coffin for the Republican party in Pennsylvania.

Governor CAMPBELL, of Ohio, notwithstanding a bitter and unscrupulous opposition, was renominated on Wednesday on the first ballot by a large majority. It remains to be seen whether the factional spirit will be carried into the election. We hope not.

The impression is growing among the people that the holding of a constitutional convention might lead to constitution tinkering that wouldn't be beneficial to the State.

Three Awful Deaths.

Summoned to Their Maker Without a Moment's Warning.

The Sunbury Daily tells of three sad and terrible deaths as follows: Joe Keefe and Joe Hickson, two tanners, while engaged in placing a tin roof on the top of the cupola at the Danville asylum Saturday morning, were hurled to the ground, a distance of eighty feet. Both men were killed instantly, their bodies being crushed beyond recognition. About 8 o'clock Keefe, who is well and favorably known throughout Northumberland county, climbed the high scaffolding and in a few minutes was engaged at his work. It was nearly 9 o'clock when Hickson, whose child had been sick, detaining him from work for several hours, joined Keefe on the lofty tower. It was customary for the two men, while employed in the dangerous occupation, to tie themselves together with a rope, which was securely fastened to the cupola. In some manner Keefe slipped, and before he could catch himself, dashed over the trestling. He screamed to Hickson, who was a few feet from him, "Hold on to the rope and we will be saved." The warning failed to reach the latter in time and he too was drawn from his position and a moment later the two tanners lay on the pavement below a mass of crushed humanity.

Isaac Paul, a laborer employed at the Cameron colliery, at Shamokin, while descending No. 3 slope Saturday morning, lost his balance and fell to the bottom, a distance of three hundred yards. When picked up life was extinct.

To Our Subscribers.

The SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT which appeared in our columns some time since, announcing a special arrangement with Dr. B. J. KENDALL Co., of Enosburgh Falls, Vt., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," whereby our subscribers were enabled to obtain a copy of this valuable work free by sending their address to B. J. KENDALL Co., (and enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) is renewed for a limited period. We trust all will avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining this valuable work. To every lover of the Horse it is indispensable, as it treats in a simple manner all the diseases which afflict this noble animal. Its phenomenal sale throughout the United States and Canada, make it standard authority. Mention this paper when sending for "Treatise." 36-27-121.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

If you want furniture cheap, E. Brown, Jr.'s is the place to get it.

Lewistown and Bellefonte tomorrow afternoon, on the ball grounds. A good game is expected.

On Saturday, July 25th, the P. O. S. of A. of Howard, will hold a grand picnic and festival in the grove at that place. Gov. Beaver, Gen. Hastings, and other able speakers will be there to address the people.

Repairing executed with neatness and dispatch at McQuiston & Co's.

Mr. B. F. Bright, of Sunbury, was one of the many visitors to Bellefonte on the Fourth. He was able to give the Sunbury people an account of the finest demonstration that ever came off in this mountain region.

E. Brown, Jr. wants you to see his stock at his store on Bishop street.

Mr. D. J. Gates, of Stormstown, honored the WATCHMAN office with a call on Wednesday afternoon last. Mr. Gates reports the crops up Halfmoon as being very good and nearly all harvested. He is the same genial Dave whom we have always known, and seems to grow younger every time he comes to town.

The venerable widow of ex-Governor William Bigler, of Clearfield, celebrated the 75th anniversary of her birth on Tuesday of last week. During the evening about one hundred citizens of Clearfield called on her informally and extended their congratulations. Notwithstanding her advanced age the lady is still in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Some months ago we made notice of an accident that happened to a brother of Dr. Dartt, of this place, who resided at Hedgesville, Steuben county, N. Y. At the time the unfortunate occurrence happened Mr. Dartt was crossing a railroad track with a team, and the cars coming along struck the wagon and injured him internally. It was thought at one time that he would recover, but he succumbed to his injuries. The Doctor went on from this place to attend the funeral which occurred on Wednesday of last week.

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.—The following are the officers of the Port Matilda Castle, No. 219, for the ensuing six months' term:

Past Chief, W. G. Morrison; noble chief, G. J. Woodring; vice chief, J. W. Wagner; high priest, W. G. L. Crain; venerable hermit, S. E. Williams; master of records and clerk of exchequer, R. D. Ardrey; keeper of exchequer, S. U. Harshberger; sir herald, Cromwell Jones; worthy bard, Martin Cowher; worth chamberlain, A. J. Johnson; ensign, William Spotts; esquire, L. E. Woodring; first guardsman, A. D. Price; second guardsman, R. D. Shay; trustees, Martin Cowher, R. D. Shay; representative to the grand castle, A. J. Johnson.

A GIRL'S FIGHT WITH A BLACK SNAKE.—Last Wednesday while Miss Laura Leininger, of Penn township, Huntingdon county, was picking blackberries in a dense growth of bushes, she suddenly felt her arm tightly in the coils of a huge blacksnake. Before she realized her danger the snake had thrown its tail around her right wrist, rendering her almost helpless in its terrible fold.

Miss Leininger screamed for help, but as she did so the snake thrust out its fiery fangs and made a strike at her lips. Quick as thought the girl grasped the monster by the neck with her left hand and tore it from her arm. Before she released herself, however, the snake had bitten her hand several times.

The heroine dispatched his snakeship and went to her home, where the wounds were dressed. Laura is the daughter of Martin Leininger, and, excepting a great nervous shock and a swollen hand, she does not suffer any inconvenience.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued since last publication:

Harry E. Harter, of Marion township, and Carrie M. Weaver, of State College; Daniel A. Thompson, of Liberty township, and Frances A. Confer, of Howard township; George W. Loberger, of Bellefonte, and Eva M. Kremer, of Millheim; William L. Martin and May B. Moore, both of Howard; Theo. H. Hoffman and Effie Quick, both of Boggs township; Philip Walker, of Boggs township, and Mary Jane Price, of Howard; Hamill Holmes, and Alia Kennedy, both of State College; William Slegle, of Madisonburg, and Amelia Shaffer, of Penn Cave; H. D. S. Alteman, of Allaman, Clearfield county, and Eliza B. Husband, of Glasgow, Cambria county; Morris J. Loeb, of Mahanoy City and Josie Newman, of Bellefonte; W. H. Brower, of Union township, and Mattie Beck, of Jefferson county; Joseph T. Barton and Alice E. Smith, both of Unionville; Andrew Varger and Mary Vrabel, both of Phillipsburg, Pa.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR AT PHILLIPSBURG.—We are pleased to announce that in all probability Bishop John H. Vincent, of Chautauque, N. Y., will be here in a few days to spend a week with the companion of his boyhood years, Rev. J. H. McGarrah, with a view of securing a short but very much needed rest. The Bishop's health at present is not very good, and he wrote a letter to Mr. McGarrah suggesting that they both take a week off and visit the old tramping grounds near McVeytown and other places in that section. Mr. McGarrah wrote back to the Bishop that he would be pleased to join him in the trip he suggests, but previous to carrying out this very pleasant part of the programme, he urges him to come to Phillipsburg and spend a week or ten days, where he can inhale pure mountain air and secure as much if not more real benefit than can be derived in any other locality in the State. It is expected, of course, that the Bishop will accept Mr. McGarrah's invitation, and be here in a few days.

The Bishop, as stated above, is in broken health and may not be able for any public service, but if he should be in condition to speak, our people may look out for a treat in the way of sermon or lecture, or both.—Phillipsburg Journal.

Fine job work of ever description at the WATCHMAN Office.

TO THE FIREMEN OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The twelfth annual convention of the firemen of Pennsylvania will be held in the city of Lock Haven, commencing Tuesday, September 15th, 1891, and it is desired that this meeting be held. There are several measures of the greatest importance to be presented before the firemen of the State, some of which interest all firemen individually, and it is therefore especially important to have the full attendance of all fire departments and companies, as well as the chief engineers of the several departments and individual members of the association present.

The rates of transportation have been arranged for via all trunk and lateral railroads, and ticket orders can be had September 1, on application to the recording secretary, W. W. Wunder, Reading, Pa.

Companies desirous of taking apparatus with them must make application to the freight agent at the station they start from not later than ten days before starting to secure free transportation for their apparatus, and give the agent time to provide cars for the transportation of same. Hotel accommodations are ample for all.

W. W. WUNDER, Secretary.

Reading, June, 1891.

JONES — YOUNG.—On Wednesday evening, July 1, there occurred quite a nice little wedding at the home of Mr. James Spotts, in Worth township, the contracting parties being Mr. Dorsey O. Jones, son of Mr. E. P. Jones, of Port Matilda, and Miss Susie Young, a niece of Mr. Aaron Williams, of Bellefonte. The ceremony occurred at 7 o'clock and was performed by the Rev. J. C. Young, of the M. E. Church.

After the ceremony choice refreshments were served in the most elegant style. The happy couple took a short trip to Clearfield and other places. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Williams, of Bellefonte; A. S. Williams and wife, and son Samuel; W. H. Williams, wife and two daughters; Dr. S. U. Harshberger and wife; M. E. P. Jones, father of the groom; Philip Spotts, Philip Young, Mrs. Margaret Woodring, and Mrs. Nancy Records.

The groom is one of the most exemplary young men of that locality and is a blacksmith by trade. The bride is a charming young lady, well known in Bellefonte, as she resided with her uncle in this place for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will take up their residence in Port Matilda.

THE INSANE ASYLUM PROJECT.—A meeting of citizens of Bellefonte was held in the Court House on Monday evening to assist in the project of securing the location of the new Insane Asylum near this place. The meeting was organized by electing Mr. Geo. L. Potter, chairman, and Mr. George B. Johnson, secretary. A letter was read from the State commission stating that the committee would start on the trip to choose a location about the middle of August and would include Bellefonte in their route. On motion of Mr. Potter the following committee was appointed to receive and confer with the commission.

Ex-Gov. Beaver, Ex-Gov. Curtin, John P. Harris, Gen. D. H. Hastings, Col. J. L. Spangler, Hon. John H. Orvis, J. D. Shugert, F. W. Crider, George W. Jackson, Hon. P. Gray MEEK, J. A. Feidler, Thomas A. Shoemaker, Charles L. Gates, Charles R. Kurtz, and Robert Valentine, with George L. Potter, as chairman. The specifications require a tract of land of about 500 acres, arable, easy of drainage, situated near a grove and along the line of some railroad, and must have on the land good water.

THE CUMMINGS HOUSE AGAIN.—Now that the excitement which attended a gala day, such as we experienced on the fourth of July, has passed, there is a second thing to take into consideration, and while a number of our citizens busied themselves in decorating the town, the entertainment of strangers and feeding of horses had to be accepted by only a few who were able and had ample room for their accommodation; and right here it is highly proper to say that in point of accommodation and entertainment Gottlieb Haag again proved to the public that the house which he keeps is necessary to the town, from the fact that over six hundred people were furnished with meals at his table on the 4th, and over two hundred horses were fed at his stables, while he also entertained the Sheridan troop from Tyrone, feeding and lodging them. Besides Mr. Haag was liberal in his contribution for the purpose of making the day a success, and gave every encouragement to the celebration. The people went away well pleased, and the verdict of the public is simply this, that where a house is well kept, as is the Cummings House, and where people are well cared for, a license for all legitimate purposes should be granted, and this is becoming more and more apparent every day to the community in this town and county.

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