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The friends of ex-Senator McATEER, of Huntingdon county, are making a gallant fight for him for the position of Naval Officer at Philadelphia. For this position some half a dozen or more candidates have been presented, all doubtless good men and possibly deserving, but among the whole list we know of none whose success would be more gratifying to the people generally, particularly of that section, than that of Mr. McATEER. He has filled a number of important positions and has filled them well. He is at present a trustee of the Huntingdon Reformatory and a member of the World's Fair committee from this State. He is popular with everybody: a good Democrat, and his election to the position named would be a matter of the greatest gratification to the Democracy of that section of the State that is proud to claim him as one of its representative citizens.

Governor PATISON evidently knew what he was about when he vetoed the el weir bill. It was the right thing for him to do, for there would be very little use maintaining an expensive fish hatchery if pot hunters are allowed to rob the streams with fish baskets.

### Foster's Unmanly Charge.

The failure of Ex-Secretary of the Treasury FOSTER, of Ohio, which was reported the latter part of last week has turned out even worse than it was first expected. A million dollars will not cover the losses of this reckless borrower whom Mr. HARRISON, four years ago, called to the management of the government's finances.

His failure is complete, and besides his own ruin many of his friends who had helped him have been dragged down in the wreck. It was well known that Mr. FOSTER had to borrow money to carry him over when he was appointed to the Secretaryship of the Treasury and now that the reckless management of his own finances has had such a disastrous end it is little wonder that the Treasury is in the condition it is to-day.

There is little sympathy expressed for Mr. FOSTER by the unmanly part he has acted in blaming his disgrace on the present administration. When he said that it was the financial policy of Mr. CLEVELAND that caused his trouble he tried to cover up his own reckless and unbusinesslike financing by the imaginary faults of others. Such an attempt on the part of a man whom the country had every reason to suspect as incompetent and whose departure from office proved him so, is not so much of a surprise as it is cowardly.

The Washington correspondent of the Republican Pittsburgh Dispatch pertinently refers to the failure as follows: "The two 'statements' sent out by Ex-Secretary of the Treasury CHARLES FOSTER, one last evening and one today, explaining how his failure happened, excite a vast deal of comment here, and the general opinion is that the late 'Minister of Finance' explains altogether too much. 'My failure simply illustrates the folly of permitting one's self to be in debt beyond the reach of reasonably quick assets for relief when the hour of difficult borrowing comes' is a phrase so childlike and so like FOSTER, that here in Washington it is apt to pass into a proverb having an ironical application. But that part of the explanation which demands most attention is that which closes the ex-Secretary's communication published this afternoon, in which he says: 'The country is possessed of enormous resources, which are at the command of the government, and it should say and act in terms and ways that will satisfy the country without ambiguity or uncertainty that gold payments will be maintained.'"

This is looked upon as a tremendous bit of presumption on the part of one who was but a little more than three months ago Secretary of the Treasury, and who gave all the genius he possessed to the task of postponing any action looking to a clearing up of the gold situation until after the end of his term, and who carefully refrained from any declaration that would satisfy the country, without ambiguity or uncertainty, that gold payments would be maintained.

Whether rightly or not, ex-Secretary CHARLES FOSTER stands charged with even a greater sum total of ambiguity and uncertainty in his acts and terms than that which is laid at the door of Secretary CARLISLE and President CLEVELAND. One of the highest officials of the current administration said to the correspondent of the Dispatch this evening, that he defied any one to point out a single utterance of Secretary FOSTER that tended to clear away the doubts from the question whether the government would maintain gold payments. On the other hand this gentleman asserts, Mr. FOSTER, did all he could to perpetuate

doubt, and viewed with glee the prospect of the embarrassment that would assail his successor on account of the doubt and distrust he himself helped to create and augment.

"Everybody knows now," concluded the critic, "that gold payments will be maintained in one way or another, but that did not prevent the money lenders from shutting down on further credit for Mr. FOSTER, admitting his complaint that he could not borrow any more money in the explanation of his failure. Look at the logic of the words of Mr. FOSTER, as printed over his signature this afternoon. He first declares that it is folly for one to be in debt so deeply that one can't protect himself when the day of difficult borrowing comes. Business is largely done with borrowed money. When one can't borrow any longer one must go to the wall.

"What fine precepts these are to be laid before the young men of the country by an ex-Secretary of the Treasury! Then, after admitting his own folly and inviting public criticism on account of it, he saddles the whole responsibility on somebody whom he does not name, but who seems to have been explicit as to whether gold payments would be maintained. What gold payments? Such payments have been maintained constantly, far beyond the prescription of the law, and nobody at any time has doubted that they would be so maintained, even if the government had to sell bonds for gold. But that did not stop the money lenders from their cruel course toward this great borrower whose confessed folly was borrowing and whose misery came because he could not borrow more.

### A Heavy Cut-Off of Pensions.

Secretary Smith Reduces the Disability Pay Roll by Many Millions.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Secretary of the Interior Smith sent yesterday to the Commissioner of Pensions a decision that will reduce the annual expenditure for pensions from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. It orders the repeal of an order by General Raum regarding the disability pension act of June 27, 1890 by which veterans have been getting from \$6 to \$12 per month for partial disability, resulting from service in the army, but which did not develop sufficiently to cause inability to serve at the time.

Secretary Smith's decision calls for a return to the language of the statute, requiring the disability to be such as to prevent the applicant from earning a support by manual labor. The Secretary says:

"Disability incurred while in actual service and incapacity coming upon an applicant long after service ceased are made by the law to stand upon an entirely different footing. Those incurred during service in line of duty are pensionable without regard to capacity to earn a support, and are graded without reference to this condition. Disabilities resulting from causes other than of service origin are only pensionable when incapacity to labor joins with incapacity to earn a support."

### Milburn's Son Suicides.

The Famous Blind Chaplain Tells of the Waywardness of His Boy—A Pitiful Sight.

CHICAGO, May 29.—It was late last night when the famous blind preacher, Rev. W. H. Milburn, chaplain of the national house of representatives, was informed at Jacksonville of the suicide of his son in Chicago. Dr. Milburn exclaimed: "Poor boy; it is too bad." The blind man is now in his 70th year. Sitting up in bed by a pale light, and learning of the tragic death of his son, it was a pitiful sight. After a pause he said that his son was born in New York. For several years he had led a wayward and reckless life and was addicted to the habit of drinking, and but recently had taken the gold cure at Denver.

For some time he had been engaged as a hotel clerk in Denver, but becoming dissatisfied he applied to his father for his influence toward securing him a position. The father had been trying to get him a government position, and to that end had written many letters while at Jacksonville.

Despondency, or anger at the refusal of financial help from his father, was the cause of the tragedy. The son was 30 years old. The reason given by the father for declining to send money was poverty.

### A Resignation Demanded.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 31.—A final request has been made for the resignation of Mayor Staunbury J. Wiley, of this city, as supreme master of the exchequer of the supreme lodge of the world, Knights of Pythias by Supreme Chancellor W. W. Blackwell, of Henderson, Ky. As soon as the failure of R. R. Robinson & Co., of this city, was learned and that \$70,000 of the Knights of Pythias money was in jeopardy the supreme chancellor and supreme vice chancellor came to Wilmington and held a conference with the mayor. He assured them that the fund was safe as he had secured property and other securities, which at a fair estimate should be worth \$70,000.

### Furnaces Close Down.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., May 31.—The furnaces of the Rockhill Coal and Iron company, at Rockhill, this county, were closed down indefinitely to-day, owing to a strike of the employees, who demanded the reinstatement of several discharged leaders of the local labor union. The company refused to accede to the demands of the men, in the hope of breaking up the influence of the union. About 300 men are affected by the shut down.

### Bad Luck for Horse and Jockey.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The imported horse Arturo, owned by Colonel North, the nitrate king, ran in the metropolitan handicap to-day and broke his neck. Jockey Edwards had a broken leg and received a severe shaking up.

### World's Fair Open on Sunday.

There was a Large Crowd Visited the Exposition Grounds—Inspiring Music Played—A Conservative Estimate Places the Number That Was Present at 125,000—It Was an Orderly, Well-Dressed Crowd—Sunday Opening Frowned Upon in the North End of the Park—Pennsylvania's Building Was Closed.

WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS, CHICAGO, May 28.—One hundred and twenty-five thousand people, after a week of toil, came to the World's fair grounds to-day and with souls freed from care, drank in the inspiring music and feasted their eyes upon the artistic and natural beauties of the White city, while their minds were improved by studying the works of genius and industry. It was the first open Sunday and it was a success. The Sabbath sun was but two hours old when the people began to come into the grounds. All modes of transportation brought their quotas and from the steamer piers and the railroads came long lines of people. But the masses did not begin to arrive until the afternoon.

Beginning about 2 o'clock the multitudes flocked into the grounds at every gate, and by 4 o'clock 60,000 people were inside the enclosure. The people kept on coming the entire afternoon and overflowed into Midway pleasure, whose every show was crowded, until the attendance mark had been elevated to 100,000. After dark the grounds were lighted up, and this, together with other features of illumination, attracted still more, and when the crowds were about ready to go home a conservative estimate placed their number for the day and evening at 125,000. It was an orderly, well-dressed crowd, which evidently was of the opinion that it had already been kept away from its property altogether too long, and they took possession in the name of "Toilers' day."

The music during the day was of an elevating character, and the band stands were surrounded by long crowds which grew enthusiastic over Mozart's serenade and selections from Lohengrin, Gounod's sacred song, "There is a Green Hill Far Away," a meditation on Bach's prelude by Gounod, Handel's Hallelujah chorus, Wagner's "Hail, Bright Abode," the good old hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," and the several others. The music was furnished by Sousa's, the Chicago and Cincinnati bands.

Sunday opening was frowned upon, however, in the north end of the park, where the American state buildings are grouped to suggest a happy and united family. The members of the great American Union were estranged on the day when the gospel of peace and good will is preached from the Christian pulpit. Missouri, Delaware, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland and Massachusetts were among the buildings which the people obtained only an outside view of.

### Shot by His Brother.

The Chief of Police of a Huntingdon County Town Mortally Wounded.

HUNTINGDON, May 28.—John D. McDonald, Chief of Police of Mapleton, this county, was shot and mortally wounded by his elder brother Henry at a late hour last night. The latter, with several companions, had become involved in a noisy street fight over the possession of a keg of beer. Chief McDonald arrested his brother Henry and took him to the lock-up, where he released him on his promise to go home. The Chief then returned to the scene of the disturbance and arrested two of the offenders.

Henry McDonald, his brother, in the meantime, instead of going home went to a neighbor's and borrowed his 32 calibre revolver on the pretense of wanting to shoot rats. He then followed Chief McDonald and fired three shots at him, one of which took effect, penetrating his right side and coursing through the bowels. Henry was placed in the lock-up over night and brought to the County jail here to-day. Chief McDonald is sinking rapidly and cannot live over night.

### Ex-Secretary Foster Fails.

FOSTORIA, May 26.—Ex-Secretary Charles Foster has failed and has made an assignment. Foster was in business in Fostoria, O., as a dry goods merchant. Soon after the war closed he helped to organize the Fostoria National bank. By his speculations in real estate he became wealthy, and in 1879 when elected governor of Ohio for the first time, was reputed to be worth \$1,000,000.

During the next four years he lost heavily in the Lake Superior copper mines, in natural gas and street railway speculations at Finley. During its temporary boom he invested largely. When the bubble burst he, with many others, were caught for many thousands of dollars. He also lost by endorsing notes for business and political friends. Since then he has attempted to recover his losses, but only became more deeply involved.

The crash was temporarily averted by his appointment as secretary of the treasury.

### Two Couples, Elopers, Captured.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., May 29.—Charles Wilson (colored) and Charles Herbert (white) both of Philadelphia, recently discharged inmates of the Huntingdon reformatory were arrested last night charged with abduction. Wilson and Herbert had spent the afternoon in the woods with Miss Mary Bann, aged 15, and Miss Mollie Grove aged 16, two pretty white girls. There an elopement had been planned and on their return the two couples went to the house of a friend in the suburbs. Miss Grove had arranged the flight by packing some clothes in a satchel. Miss Bann's long absence from home aroused her father's suspicion and with the assistance of Chief of Police DeForest the elopers were caught as they were about to leave town.

### Slavin Was Knocked Out.

In Fact He Was Not in It With Jim Hall Last Night—Only Required Seven Rounds—The Fight was a Disappointment to the Spectators for Slavin Had Been Quoted a Favorite Before the First Round Was Opened.—The Dispute by the Rounds.

LONDON, May 29.—Jim Hall met Frank Slavin at the National sporting club to-night for \$25,000 a side and a purse of \$8,500, and knocked him out in the seventh round. The fight was a disappointment to the spectators. Slavin was the favorite in the betting up to the opening of the first round, but from the beginning he made a poor showing.

He was completely out-generated at every point by Hall and was unable to offer even enough resistance to make the contest exciting. When time was called his face wore a peculiar dazed expression, he lurched heavily twice as he left his corner and was generally unsteady in his gait. After sparring for a few seconds he walked directly up to Hall and was received with a staggering right-hander which almost felled him. Throughout the round he never closed his glove, and when time was called went to his corner amid the hissing and growling of the spectators.

In the second round he showed no improvement. He lurched about stupidly giving Hall several chances at him as he pleased. Hall did not take advantage of his opportunities and the round closed without any heavy work on either side. The third round opened with some light sparring. In the middle of the round Hall landed both right and left on his opponent's head, then gave him a stinger on the jaw and stood away. The men then fooled about the ring, missing repeatedly when they came to close quarters. At the end of the round the referee warned them if they did not fight there would be no purse.

The fourth round was a scrambling one. Not a single telling blow was struck and the fooling of the previous round was repeated until the spectators bled and jeered.

The fifth round was somewhat better. It followed with Slavin going down from a right hander on the jaw.

Nothing was accomplished by either of the men in the sixth round. The seventh round had hardly opened before Hall felled Slavin was soon up, but hearing somebody call time he turned toward his corner. Hall instantly shot out his right. The blow landed squarely on Slavin's jaw and sent him down for good. The spectators hooted Slavin as he was carried to his corner. Disappointment and dissatisfaction were generally expressed.

Slavin was seconded by Jack Start and Jim Bevan and was attended also by his brother Jack. Charley Mitchell and Sam Blakley, ex-champion light weight, seconded Hall. Paser umpired for Slavin and Lord Trispaie for Hall.

### Awaiting His Reply.

Moody Requested to Deliver Sunday Discourses at the World's Fair.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Evangelist Dwight D. Moody has been asked by the council of administration to preach in the World's Fair grounds next Sunday. Mr. Moody has not yet answered the invitation. A warm admirer of the evangelist says: "This is a singular test of Mr. Moody's horse sense. He is a strict Sabbatarian and has strenuously opposed the opening of the exposition on Sunday; but, now that it is to be opened, in spite of all he could do, there is no reason why he should not turn it to the spiritual good of the multitude if he can. To refuse would be the same as to refuse to preach in the Chicago Avenue church because there were so many people walking the streets and visiting the parks. He is a man of veritable common sense, and I think he will accept the invitation, especially as he is finding it almost impossible to secure suitable meeting places for his summer campaign."

A voluminous document has been received from London, England, by Mr. Moody and Ira D. Sankey. It is addressed and is an earnest appeal for evangelistic work. The document is signed by the chairman of the council and committee, J. H. Tritton, and bears the name of 1,214 persons, including clergy of the Church of England, ministers of various denominations, members of the nobility, prominent officials, business men and citizens.

### A Desperate Fight.

LAUREL, Del., May 31.—A desperate fight took place last night among a number of young men of this town and three tramps. Knives, clubs and pistols were used by the combatants and the tramps were terribly beaten. One of them in trying to escape climbed upon a passing freight train, but the unfortunate man, weakened by his injuries, lost his hold and fell under the wheels of the cars and was cut to pieces. The other two tramps were so badly beaten that they may die of their injuries.

### From Senate to Penitentiary.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—Ex-State Senator John J. McFarlane, the defaulting president of the ruined American Life Insurance company, wrecker of the bank of America, with which he was also connected, surrendered himself to the authorities this morning, and in the court of quarter sessions pleaded guilty to the indictments against him and was sentenced by Judge Hare to four years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary.

### Racing at Bennings Stopped.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The racing at Bennings, under the auspices of the National Live Stock Show and Blooded Horse association, has come to a sudden termination, owing to the fact that Secretary and Treasurer Morley left town quite suddenly to-day and his whereabouts are not known. The animals at the track are being removed and all races have been declared off.

### The Work of Desperadoes.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 31.—Ben Downey was put off the excursion steamer Isaac Mason at Greensboro yesterday for disorderly conduct. Some of his companions interfered and were alike ejected from the boat. As soon as they landed they began shooting into the crowd on the boat wounding five passengers, two of whom are expected to die. The names of the wounded are Dr. J. F. Williams, Harry Roberts and Edward Ewing of Greensboro; Thomas Axton and Harry Thomas of Browns-ville. Axton and Thomas were shot through the thigh into the abdomen, and are mortally wounded. The desperadoes were soon overpowered, but there being no officer present, all escaped but Downey, the leader who was lodged in jail at Waynsburg.

### Four Men Fatally Burned.

FREMONT, Pa., May 29.—Through the carelessness of one of their number six miners employed at Middle Creek colliery of the Reading company were most seriously burned by an explosion of gas this morning. The names of the unfortunate men are: Charles Maur, John Seager, Frank Huth, William Boltz, William Bratzius and William Erdman. The injuries of the first four are fatal. The explosion was caused by one of them carrying a lighted lamp.

### Empress Elizabeth Attends a Reception.

VIENNA, May 29.—To-day for the first time in a number of years Empress Elizabeth of Austria attended a court reception. Universal surprise was expressed at this course on the part of her majesty, after her prolonged absence from these functions, from which it was supposed she had severed herself forever. A large number of Hungarian notables were present at the reception and were graciously received.

### President Cleveland Will Fish.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—It is understood that President Cleveland will leave Washington this week for a few days' fishing at Cobb Island. He will travel in the car of Vice President Thompson, of the Pennsylvania railroad. The exact time of departure has not yet been fixed.

### Knows Nothing About It.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Secretary Gresham to-day said that he had heard nothing from any authentic source about a proposition to establish a protectorate over Nicaragua.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Ira M. Harvey has assumed his duties as postmaster of Lock Haven.

Reports from all parts of the country indicate an abundant crop of cherries this Spring.

Prof. Geo. P. Bible, formerly of this place, has been elected principal of the new State normal school at Stroudsburg.

Ex-Gov. and Mrs. James A. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Miss Blanche Hayes, and Miss Mary and Henry Linn were the party of Bellefontes that started Wednesday morning for Chicago, where they expect to stay several weeks.

Mr. Philip Waddle, who has been messenger for the Adams Express Company at this point, for several years, has left the company's service to accept a better position as clerk in the P. R. R. station here. Herbert Schaffer has taken the place in the express office.

The vestry of St. John's P. E. church has extended a call to Rev. Henry B. Martin, of Princess Ann, Md., to assume the rectorship of this parish. Rev. Martin preached here on Wednesday evening and delighted his hearers. He has not accepted the call as yet.

The Renovo News says while loading bark on a dray at Drury's Run Saturday Herbert Brown picked up a large rattlesnake with an arm load of bark. Mr. Snake gave warning in his usual tones with his rattles. Herbert of course dropped it in quick time, and succeeded in killing the reptile. It measured 3 feet and 6 inches in length.

The Lock Haven Democrat says that on Wednesday morning Samuel Spangler, who resides between Tylersville and Robersburg, had a narrow escape from death. After examining a Winchester rifle he proceeded to load it, with the stock on the floor and the barrel pointing toward his head. The shell was rather tight for the barrel and Mr. Spangler attempted to shove it in, when it exploded. The flash severely burned his face and the flying pieces cut his lip to such an extent as to require a physician to stitch the separated parts.

Yesterday morning one of Belle fonte's most popular young men, Mr. Charles T. Noll, left for Clearfield where he will make his home in the future. For a number of years Charles had been connected with the telephone service at this place in the capacity of assistant manager of the Bellefonte district and his careful attention to the wants of the patrons of the telephone company has led to the promotion which now places the Clearfield and Curwensville exchanges, together with the lines from Ridgway to Tyrone, under his supervision. He is the only son of Mr. John Noll and his many friends here were sorry to see him go.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—Taken from the docket.

James Leitch and Ella Haines, both of Howard.

Albert J. Gibbons, of Philipsburg, and Agnes M. Manany, of Lewistown.

William Watson and Mary C. Canaway, both of Bernside township.

J. Edward Confer and Ella Wilson, both of Milesburg.

David Hoffman, of Snow Shoe, and Jennie Griffith, of Broad Top.

Wm. Confer and Annie Keeler, both of Roland.

Wall paper of all kinds at a very low figure can be had at E. Brown Jr.'s.

Do You Know This?—That the post office department has issued an order to postmasters instructing them that no mail matter, except letters, is to be returned to the senders when found to be undeliverable, except when bearing a specific request for such a return. The mere name and address of the sender, which secures the return of undeliverable letters, will not be sufficient to secure the return of packages or printed matter or merchandise. A printed or written request for return must appear on the wrappers of such packages, but special written requests for their return will receive attention if addressed to the post office to which the packages were originally directed.—Ez.

Two From Philipsburg.—The next governor of Pennsylvania, General D. H. Hastings, and his wife were passengers on the Mail train yesterday for Clearfield, where the general was to deliver the Memorial oration.

Attorney Wilbur F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, delivered the memorial oration yesterday. He made no attempt at flowery speech, but gave his hearers a plain, practical, matter-of-fact talk on living issues, that will linger long in the memories of his hearers. He and his wife were the guests of Mr. W. M. Melick, at the Lloyd House, and were pretty sure they were well entertained and had a pleasant visit. Wednesday's Ledger.

The finest assortment of clothing you have ever seen now open at Faibles.

How It Got THE NAME.—Everybody knows what a picnic is, but most folks would find it hard to say how it got that name, and yet it is simple enough when you come to learn of it. When a picnic was being arranged for the custom originally was that those who intended to be present should supply the eatables and drinkables. A list of those necessities having been drawn up, it was passed around, and each person picked out the articles of food or drink that he or she was willing to furnish, and the name of the article was ticked or ticked off the list. The open air entertainment thus became known as 'pick and nick.' The custom is said to have dated from 1802, so that the picnic, is wholly an institution of the nineteenth century.—Ez.

MAIN'S GREAT SHOW.—Walter L. Main's circus which exhibited here on last Saturday was one of the best shows that has ever visited Bellefonte. Everything about the circus was bright and clean. The horses were in excellent condition and the roster of men and women included an orderly and inoffensive lot of people who knew their business and did it to the satisfaction of everyone. Bellefonte has seen all the big shows on the road and the general verdict was that Main's easily takes rank with the best. Under the great canvas there were two hours of solid enjoyment. Good music, well trained animals, clowns who did not bore you and acrobats of every description all combined to please the immense audience present.

The many people who witnessed the show here will be sorry to learn of the awful disaster it met with near Vail, on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, on Tuesday morning.

THE TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.—A great activity has manifested itself recently among the temperance people of this community and it has its escape in the establishment of a new paper in Bellefonte. It will be known as the Centre Magnet and will be a regular weekly publication in the interests of the temperance cause.

Mr. Newton S. Bailey, well and favorably known as a writer, will do the editorial work and Walter Crosthwaite, an energetic young printer, will have charge of the mechanical part of the new journal. Both gentlemen are but recently from the Williamsport Times and have had quite an extended and varied experience in journalism.

The Magnet will have its home in Bush's Arcade, just across the creek from this office, where its out-fit is already arranged. The paper is purely a venture on the part of its publisher's who purchased the old Centre County Times outfit which was published at Spring Mills. The temperance people of the county have guaranteed five hundred subscribers and we hope they will keep their promise.

The WATCHMAN extends a hearty welcome to the Magnet.