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'The Real Thing' Still Dominates Centre County Republicans.

High Handed Rulings and One Man Power Again Disgrace the Republicans of Centre—Hastings, 'the Real Thing,' to the Front and Centre. John C. Miller, in a State of Total Catastrophe, Becomes the Big Man of Marionette. Dale, Gray and Chambers Swindled out of an Apparent Victory and the Convention Adjourned amid Harshes for Quay.

The name of Schlitz is heralded, the world over, as the one that has made the city of Milwaukee famous, but in the history of Centre county Republican politics Hastings will go down as the name that has won for it the most notorious notoriety.

Prior to last Friday everything was moving serenely as possible in Centre county. It was known that a Republican convention was to be held on the following Tuesday and that two sets of delegates were aspiring to the honor of being sent to the State Convention, but as far as any serious complications were concerned, such a condition was not thought of. Former Assemblyman P. E. Womelsdorf, of Phillipsburg, and W. E. Gray, of Bellefonte, were the avowed Quay men; while C. P. Long, the Spring Mills merchant whose mysterious conversion to Hastings in the midst of the fight last year is still a mystery, and W. H. Mellick, of Phillipsburg, were announced as the anti-candidates. The latter were marked for winners, but as they moved about over the county it became evident that the ghost of the Quay propaganda had not been buried deep enough last year and was rising up in all sections—not to be downed unless again overwhelmed with the 'real thing.' This brought the former Governor hurrying home on Friday and then the trouble began.

Chairman Reeder had the organization to hand over to him and then Tommy Mitchell was called in to tell them what to do. This trio of statesmen were in constant consultation until after the primaries on Saturday when the result of which seemed to crown Tommy's managerial perspicacity with a wreath of skunk cabbage leaves. Nothing daunted, however, by the narrowness, if any, of their margin they set to work again the frightful debauchery of last July's disgraceful scenes and the dragnet of corruption they threw out—praises to the manhood of some of the delegates—didn't bring in more than a handful of corruptibles, yet enough to accomplish his purpose.

Poor old Brouse, the last of the Mohicans who rallied with Al Dale and Vic Gray at the time of the first crusade, fell and went as special emissary into the South ward for the man who had cut a normal majority of 100 in the North ward down to 38, for him when he was a candidate for overseer only last February.

The town was rife with excitement up to the hour of the convention's call on Tuesday, for it was so close that no man could tell which way it would go. Even George Knocker McCain's paper, the Philadelphia Press, that morning admitted that the move was up to the Governor and that the 'handful of political nobodies' were standing pat. They stood, but Howard Holzworth, Lew Bullock, Jno. C. Miller, and Jim Watt slipped Dan a few cards under the table and he bluffed them out.

The primaries on Saturday had been bitterly contested and the result when summed up was exceedingly close with the Quay people claiming the lead. But that lead was for a very short time. The other side had the organization, and the ex-Governor had the 'real thing,' and such influences and temptations were more than the ordinary Republican could withstand.

When the convention met the ex-Governor appeared as one of the delegates, although he had not been elected nor did he present any credentials. His late Attorney General, as chairman of the county committee, had made up the roll and without any explanation, or apology to the convention, had placed his name upon it. At the roll call forty-two delegates answered to their names whose credentials showed they had been instructed to support Quay delegates, and forty-one who had instructions or were inclined to vote the other way.

There were eighty three delegates present, but only one of them counted. That was Dan. He had Tom Taylor's seat in the convention and while Tom is only a poor colored man he can pass around to his brethren now the boast that his proxy was the main guy and kept the whole pack a movin'.

On Tom Taylor's proxy's motion John C. Miller who, two years ago, was Centre county's delegate to the Bourse convention, was made chairman, and Delann Stewart, of Burnside, and G. L. Potter, of Bellefonte, secretaries. Then Tom Taylor's proxy's chairman appointed J. Thos. Mitchell, reading secretary. Up to this time the gathering had more the appearance of a Quaker funeral than a political convention, and not until after Tom Taylor's proxy's side had secured the chairman and the secretaries did the Quay people waken up. From that time on they made things very lively.

The next thing was the appointment of a committee on resolutions and the following were named: D. F. Stewart, of Snow Show; S. H. Diehl, of Bellefonte; William Allison, of Spring Mills; Joseph Hettinger, of Boalsburg, and E. M. Lucas, of Union.

At this juncture it became evident to

Little Phil that some shady delegates were on hand and he rose to interpose objection to their being seated. But Tom Taylor's proxy was loaded for 'Fillip' and J. I. Yarnell, David Rhinesmith and J. E. Bitner were appointed a committee on credentials instanter. Then they retired to hear the contests. That was easy.

The real business came up next and Gray and Womelsdorf and Long and Mellick were placed in nomination. The vote was being called when the Taylor proxy thought it was time for the committee on contested seats to report, so he went after it and while out in the court library Johnny Hurst, the Phillipsburg plumber, passed him up a compliment as smooth as if it were a wipe joint make with the remnants of that old bath towel Mark Hanna once talked about. The credentials committee reported, however, that all of the Hastings people should have their seats and that there was trouble. The Phillipsburgers got up on their hind feet like they did the time Col. Jim Coburn relegated Steele Crissman's famous resolution to a committee waste basket. It was anybody's trouble and when the smoke had cleared away it was discovered that Scott Lose and Charley Morgan, two of the delegates from the South ward whom Brouse didn't have instructed for Tom Taylor's proxy's end of it, had deliberately grown tired of representing their constituents and had gone out, presumably to investigate the truth, or falsity, of the rumor that Dan's new brick stable had lately been lined with nice long green.

A bungling roll call in which names were called and votes recorded twice; challenges made and votes changed as suited the clerks; and noise and confusion reigned to such an extent that there was no certainty that the votes cast were recorded as intended, the result was announced as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Long (45), Mellick (45), Gray (37), and Womelsdorf (35).

During this confusion and pretense at balloting, a committee on resolutions were agreeing on a platform which was presented just as the chairman announced the result, and was declared the only business before the convention when a challenge of the vote on delegates was made. So well was the chairman coached in his duties that when a Phillipsburg delegate offered a substitute for the resolutions, he was immediately declared out of order, and ordered to take his seat. Neither the writer, nor anyone else heard the resolutions. Such were the charges and counter charges, the threats and denunciations that were passing between the delegates and whether they were adopted or not is a question for those who are interested to decide.

So great was the trouble and so anxious was Tom Taylor's proxy to get away, after his success that he moved to adjourn before the conferees to select district delegates to the National Convention had been named and Miller was putting the motion when 'Squire Haupt, from down at Milesburg, remembered that he had been told to do something. He did it and then the end came. Such a babel of sounds you never did hear. Tom Taylor's proxy had snapped his finger and poor John C. Miller, he who had headed on the entire 192 girls who wanted places in the shirt factory, came to hear things about himself that must have made him think he was anything but a winner.

Little Phil, seeing that the big show was over, jumped up on a high chair and announced a concert that was held around the watering can over in the corner later, and then some one in the back end of the court house proposed three cheers for Quay and the audience rose en masse and gave them so lustily that Uncle Dan's suffered visibly with a temporary fit of suspended animation. It was great. There never has been anything like it since the night our friend Sam Miller talked poor old Charley Green to death.

THE AFTERMATH. Little Phil's concert announcement brought Wilson Fleming and George Chandler under the shadow the water cooler. There they organized a convention of their own by electing George Chandler chairman and W. I. Fleming, and John Hurst secretaries. Of course they elected delegates to the State Convention and they were Gray and Womelsdorf; they did it unanimously and they will be seated in Harrisburg, because the convention they go to will recognize anything that wears the Quay collar, whether the people will or not, and tell how Tom's proxy hypnotized John C. Miller and made a monkey of him, and how they had been bull dozed, him flammed and gagged—the poor little fellows.

These are some of the stories that are going round about it now. Scott Lose and Charley Morgan, two delegates from the South ward who got instructed to vote for the Quay men, got tired sitting in the convention and went out before doing the duty their constituents confided to them. Whether they took Hood's or something else for that tired feeling we can't say, but the former Governor was seen whispering in their ears after they had taken seats in the convention. And when Will Gray started to pour out his indignation upon them about one o'clock he found them gazing at Hastings' stable. Upon his approach they bounded away like frightened deer—how dear, no one knows—and fled down through Hastings' yard.

Now there was trouble about Isaiah Woodle and Daniel Spittler, too. They were the delegates from South Rush, where the Quay post master Harry Stuart is chairman and didn't hold any primaries. He just appointed his delegates and told them to vote for Gray and Womelsdorf. When they got over here Christ Sharer nabbed the one that is his nephew and soon had Harry's nice little scheme busted and they did just what their uncle told them to do

and that was two more votes for Tom's proxy. Then there was Stine Walker from East Ferguson. He was chosen and instructed by the Quayites, but that Tyrone diplomat, Jim Watt, is said to have gotten his hooks on Stine and the result was that he staid in Ferguson all day and Quay was shy an entire one.

Just whether he did or not we are at loss to verify, but they say that Howard Holzworth, of Unionville, tampered with William Woodring, the Worth township delegate, who was instructed for Quay. On Monday Howard is supposed to have been out at the big house on the hill, then suddenly departed for Port Matilda from which place he was driven down to Woodrings'. Then he took the 4:44 train to Tyrone where he reported to Dan by telephone and came down on the night train; handing off a parcel to Woodring as the train passed. If this is true, that parcel contained the tamper and whether it was like the shoes Jake Hernan gave Mrs. Hunter for Jacob Hicks last fall or the 'good long green' you'll have to depend on your own imaginations to settle.

Harry Miller, the delegate from Middle Spring, who was instructed and elected by the Quay people fell a victim to Lew Bullock's seductive wiles and went driving instead of representing the people who had chosen him. Lew knows what it means to get home to Dan's pocket book. He did it nicely the time they were building the Methodist church in Milesburg, for which that congregation ought to be duly grateful. But we haven't heard whether Harry is on the list of duly grateful etc., or not.

Another one was Frank Wallace, of West Boggs, whose vote should have been for the Quay delegates. But instead of being here Frank was in Pittsburg at the bedside of his two sick daughters. Of course no one could see him for that, but the Quay people are hot because Jno. C. Miller talked him into going away without leaving a substitution and when these same people tried to work in James McMullen this same Mr. Miller knocked him off his seat by an arbitrary ruling to the effect that no person was entitled to represent another, unless bearing a written substitution from the absent delegate. Such a requirement, they all swore, had never been heard of before in a Republican county convention.

Jack Mitchell, of Lemont, was declined a seat on the same ruling and the Quay people lost the vote they were entitled to from College township; the same thing having occurred in Curtin.

As to the truth of these assertions, they are all made by responsible Republican leaders and you can judge of them for yourselves. While the fight was far closer than anyone had an idea it would be there is little doubt that the Hastings people would have been able to win out fairly without resorting to the unfair methods they are charged with having resorted to.

Another relative standing of those about the court house on Tuesday was about as follows: BIG DAN. COL. REEDER. TOMMY MITCHELL. JOHN C. MILLER. THE DELEGATES.

Beckham Is Governor of Kentucky.

Kentucky Court of Appeals Hands Down Its Decision. Four Democratic and Ten Republican Judges find that Beckham was Legally Chosen as Governor. One Republican Judge Dissents.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 7.—The court of appeals has handed down its decision in the gubernatorial contest in favor of Beckham, Judge Durrell dissenting. The other two Republican judges, Borman and Guffy, handed down a separate opinion, which differed in its reasons from the opinion of the Democratic judges, but agreed with them in its conclusion. Judge Hobson, one of the four Democratic judges, wrote the opinion of the majority of the court, affirming the decision of Judge Field of Louisville.

It recites the work of the state canvassing board and of the contest proceedings in the Legislature and all subsequent proceedings and continues:

'We have no more right to supervise the decision of the canvassing board in determining the result of this election than we have to supervise the action of the Legislature in calling a special session of the Legislature or in pardoning a criminal, or the action of the Legislature in contracting debts or determining upon the election of its members or doing any other act authorized by the constitution. There is no conflict between the action of the state canvassing board and that of the Legislature in the exercise of its powers. The state canvassing board was without power to go behind the returns. They were not authorized to hear evidence and determine who was in truth elected, but were required to give a certificate of election to those who on the face of the returns had received the highest number of votes.

'For the state board to have received evidence to impeach the returns before them would have been for them, in effect, to act as a board for contesting the election, and if they had done this they would have usurped the power vested in the general assembly by the constitution, for by its express terms only the general assembly can determine a contested election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

'We are, therefore, unable to see how this case can be distinguished from any other legislative action, taken in a matter over which the constitution has given the Legislature exclusive jurisdiction, and we are, therefore, of the opinion that the court is without jurisdiction to go behind the record made by the Legislature under the constitution. Such a record seems to us entitled to every presumption in its favor which the records of this court, kept under its supervision, would be entitled to receive at the hands of the Legislature in a matter before it.'

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IMPERIALISM A WRONG.

We are unalterably opposed to the imperialism of the present Administration and the Republican party. No commercial advantage can justify our holding the Philippines as a subject people, and the Philippine Islands as an imperial colony. We favor granting at once to the people thereof home rule and the right to govern themselves under the protection of the United States.

We demand that the solemn pledge made by Congress to the people of Cuba be faithfully observed and their independence granted in complete thoroughness, and that the army of the United States be withdrawn, as recommended by General Leonard Wood.

JUSTICE FOR PORTO RICO.

We demand for the people of Porto Rico the right of freely importing and exporting to and from any part of the United States, and we denounce the sinister influences that have caused the President to depart from that which he termed was a 'plain duty.'

In our intercourse, political, financial and commercial, with foreign nations we demand a vigorous American policy. We deplore the subservience of the present Administration to the interests of England and English statesmen, whether the same be intentional or not, and we demand that the officials in the State Department. We denounce the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a complete abandonment of the claims of our statesmen of our right to construct and control an interoceanic canal and an un-American and a base surrender of our inherent right of self-defense.

We denounce as arbitrary and unjust the rights of citizenship and destructive of the rights of a freeman the use of the army of the United States and the writ of habeas corpus and decrees of martial law in times of peace, in order that labor may be intimidated and organizations broken up.

FOR THE COUNTRY'S WELFARE.

We declare in favor of: An interoceanic canal controlled and protected by this country. No further surrender of Alaskan territory. Fortification of strategic points on the Pacific. No entangling alliances with England or other countries, secret or open. Free trade with Porto Rico. Independence of Cuba. Home rule for Philippine Islands. No subject people. No colonial dependencies. Eternal opposition to Trusts. A vigorous foreign policy. And an income tax.

FAITH IN Bimetallism.

We reiterate our faith in the beneficent effects of bimetallism, gold and silver, the money of the Constitution, and believe its recognition and adoption would steadily and make permanent the prosperity of our country, and free us from the power of the Money Trust to precipitate panics at will and make money dear, labor poor and all other things cheap.

We earnestly extend to the brave people in South Africa now struggling for their liberties and existence, our profound sympathy, and declare that the war of conquest and extermination now being carried on by the British Empire in its greed for gold and power, is a menace to advancing civilization. We favor united action on the part of all the Republics of the world for the independent existence of the two Republics in South Africa.

STEPS TOWARD BALLOT REFORM.

In matters affecting us as citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, we demand the passage, and pledge ourselves to create such legislation as will secure ballot reform, personal registration, pure elections, honest counts and correct returns. And we denounce the Republican party of this State as being responsible for the present laws, which make elections by the people a mockery by making the ballot box 'stuffed' in many and personate of election frauds return the result by which our highest officers are elected.

We favor legislation to curb the power and punish the oppressive and criminal acts of the Trusts and monopolies that have fastened themselves upon our industries in this Commonwealth. To restrain discrimination by common carriers, telephone and telegraph companies. To prevent the combination of corporations by purchasing the stock of other corporations. To prevent the issue of full paid stock except for cash or property at its actual cost value. And to prohibit foreign corporations from doing business in this State except upon an exact parity with those organized under the laws of our Commonwealth.

We favor municipal ownership of all municipal franchises and public utilities and the passage of legislation to accomplish this purpose.

GOVERNOR TAKEN TO TASK.

We call the attention of the voters of the State to, and condemn as a flagrant violation of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, the unwarranted appointment by the Chief Executive of Hon. M. S. Quay as Senator of the United States.

We call attention to and condemn his usurpation of the legislative functions in approving parts and disapproving other parts of Appropriation bills duly passed by the Legislature, whereby the public schools and charities of our State have suffered.

We call attention to and condemn the extravagance that has characterized the administration of our State under Republican Administrations. We demand that the laws of this Commonwealth be revised, so that all legitimate subjects of taxation shall bear their fair share of its burdens. We condemn the so-called labor legislation of the Republican party of this State as being ineffective and a failure, as always containing an unconstitutional provision intended to make it void if effective. We favor legislation that will put the honest toiler upon an equality before the law with corporate greed and monopoly. We favor legislation tending to reduce the hours of labor in proportion to the progressive increase of the production.

UNITE SUPPORT FOR BRYAN.

As the Democracy of Pennsylvania have since 1880 regarded Wm. J. Bryan as the ideal Democrat, intelligent, honest, able, sincere and loyal in his devotion to Democratic principles and Democratic policies, whose public and private life is without reproach, and whose patriotic, wise and statesmanlike acts and utterances upon all public questions have stamped him as a man of the people, and to whom the great heart of the Democratic and common people of our country look for its redemption from the spoilsman, its regeneration from the imperialism and its enthrallment from Trusts and unlawful combinations, we hereby, in convention assembled, invite him to become a candidate for the Presidency upon the Democratic ticket, and pledge the united support of the delegation from the State of Pennsylvania to vote and labor for his nomination and election.

\$30,000 Fire Destroys Several Buildings at Lewisburg.

At Lewisburg, Thursday afternoon, fire broke out in the plant of the Central Electric and Foundry company, and in a short time had spread over an entire square. A number of frame buildings and the foundry were completely destroyed. A high wind fanned the flames and carried burning embers a number of business blocks within their grasp. The situation was so threatening that the authorities telephoned to Milton, four miles distant, and to Sunbury ten miles away, for assistance. The former arrived on a special train, but just as the Sunbury company was about to leave that place the order to them was revoked.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

'What Happened to Jones?' is a lively farce comedy that had marvelous success this season. It comes to Garman's next Friday night.

The wagon bridge that spans Mohamman creek at Munson station gave way on Tuesday precipitating Thos. White and his team of horses into the stream 12ft below. Singularly enough neither driver nor horses were hurt.

A series of entertainments are being arranged by the women of the Methodist church for the benefit of their Aid Society. An Old Folks concert will be given in the lecture room of the church, the first week in May, and some time after that the Old Maids Convention.

Political aspirations and hardships seem part of the birthright of Centre county boys these days. Cyrus Woods, formerly of Boalsburg, was nominated for Senator by the Republicans out in Westmoreland county Tuesday, and Lawrence Thomas, a Pine Grove boy, only missed the nomination for Assemblyman on the same ticket by a few votes. The first is a Quayite and the latter an Anti.

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION EFFECTED.—Last Saturday morning there was a meeting of all interested in the monument fund, held in the arbitration room in the court house at which a permanent organization was effected. It will be known as the Centre County Soldiers Monument and Curtin Memorial Association and elected the following officers: President, James A. Beaver; vice presidents, S. H. Williams and D. F. Fortney; treasurer, James Harris; secretary, John C. Miller.

Executive Committee—W. C. Patterson, State College; Dr. J. A. Thompson, Half Moon; W. M. Allison, Spring Mills; Dr. Thomas Royer, Rebersburg; Capt. W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills; George W. Atherton, State College; W. A. Tobias, Millheim; Col. W. F. Reynolds, Bellefonte; Col. Austin Curtin, of Poland.

Committees on Finance, Design, Location etc. are to be appointed by the president with the advice of the executive committee. The finance committee is to be appointed at once, consisting of three in each election precinct and the work of raising the money is to be pushed with vigor. It is hoped that they will be able to lay the cornerstone of the monument during the celebration of the Centre County Centennial, July 25th, and 26th.

Everyone who contributes a dollar or over to the fund will become members of the Monument Association and will receive a neat certificate of membership which will be a valuable souvenir in after years. The purpose of the association is to erect a soldiers' monument to cost \$15,000 and a memorial to the late Governor Curtin, to cost \$10,000. They now have \$13,000 in sight.

Resolutions of Respect.

The undersigned committee was appointed a regular meeting of the Bellefonte Preceptory on Friday, April 6th, 1900, to draft the following resolutions:

WHEREAS It has pleased almighty God, the supreme ruler of the universe, to remove from our midst a faithful brother and beloved friend, and from his wife a beloved husband, in the person of brother James E. Conroy.

Resolved, That we the members of the Bellefonte Preceptory L. A. 300, K. of L. do hereby tender to the wife and family of the deceased the assurance of our profound sympathy and condolence, and be it further.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Preceptory and printed in the Bellefonte papers and the Commoner and Glassworker, and a copy of each sent to the wife of our deceased brother.

Geo. KESSELY, S. P. SMITH, DANIEL WELLS, Committee.

Centre Hall.

Dr. Radcliffe, of Phila., was in town a few days. Usually the lying and fishing season open at the same time, but when fishermen get old it appears the season to lie about their own greatness is always in.

The second car load of horses was shipped to the eastern markets Thursday. None but good, sound animals were bought and a very fair price was paid for them.

The Reformed and Lutheran churches will observe Easter by holding services Sunday evening. A sun rise prayer meeting in the Lutheran church conducted by the various religious societies of the town is expected to be largely attended.

Mrs. D. W. Bradford returned from Philadelphia Monday where she had been assisting in caring for her sisters Mrs. Hemphill, who had been seriously ill. On her way home Mrs. Bradford stopped with friends in Harrisburg for a few days.

The Bellefonte pike is in fine condition for April. A little force of men are seen every few miles between Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte making repairs. Pikemaster Taylor knows how to make road. The township supervisors ought to go to school to him.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Homan died Tuesday and was buried Thursday. She was the only daughter and was aged about three years. Much as she was loved by her parents, death came and used as its agent brain fever. The Homan family moved from Boalsburg to the Arney farm north of town last spring. Interment was made in the cemetery at this place.

F. A. Foreman and Mrs. Sallie Kline were married Wednesday evening at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. L. Lingle, near this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Bearick, and but a few of the nearest relatives of the principals were present. Both bride and groom are from this place and need no introduction. The groom will at once take his bride to his home on Main street and omit the formal wedding dinner. The writer, together with the many friends of both bride and groom, join in hearty congratulations.

S. W. Smith is selling high grade flour for the Phoenix Milling Co. The 'Superlative' is a straight spring wheat flour; 'Fancy Patent' is a blended spring and winter wheat flour, and 'The Finest,' a straight winter wheat flour. The prices are right. Many of the Penns valley farmers go to the Phoenix mill to exchange for flour and now the townspeople have an opportunity to get the same first class goods.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, of State College, accompanied Lewis Benjamin Morgan to town Saturday and remained over Sunday.

W. W. Booth, the wheel and general hardware man, has his machinery in operation with which he tires with rubber. He has a complete outfit, and can take your old iron tires off your wheels and replace them with rubber and make a first class job of it right in Centre Hall.

The entertainment given by the Reformed Sunday school Saturday evening was one full of interest to those who filled both the main auditorium and Sunday school room. Among the features of special interest was the dumb bell exercise given by a class of small boys and the doll drill by little girls. Dr. Glosier manipulated that feature of the program in the best of shape. The singing, speaking and all other parts were well performed and was an entertainment of such a character that should be gotten up more frequently by the various organizations.

The writer with a party of friends inspected the Penna. Match Co's works Monday afternoon. The favor was obtained through J. L. Montgomery, the superintendent, who is an ideal chaperon, and made a special effort to show up every operation. From appearances there are few who are granted an opportunity to see the common, everyday match manufactured, but the gate swung open before this little coterie and the bold sign 'no admittance' fairly quivered for wrath because its order was disobeyed. The factory is complete in every respect and is an industry that no doubt will have a long and prosperous life under Mr. Montgomery.

Two and one half miles south of town on the Rev. Boal farm several large sinks fell in this spring. Tenant D. W. Bradford relates that the occurrence is not an unusual one to take place this season of the year. The farm referred to is in and comparatively level, yet the surface keeps on dropping here and there every year. This spring three new sinks were added, right in the centre of a large wheat field. In some cases the top soil just seems to be lowered without breaking, and down ten to fifteen feet may be seen the wheat plants striving to grow. Surrounding this oasis are perpendicular walls of earth devoid of stones, which seem to say that they are gnawing their way to a beautiful cave, a fact of which there is considerable danger in tilling such territory to say nothing of the inconvenience Bradford will have of raising his crop to the natural level. Bradford is apprehensive lest some time a little item similar to this will be printed in the papers:

'D. W. Bradford, a life long and respected citizen of Potter township, while plowing, was swallowed up by the earth together with his team. There was apparently not a note of warning; the earth just yawned and the whole outfit disappeared like a fly in an alligator's jaw. There was a rumbling and all was over.

An investigation showed that many hundred feet below is the mouth of a subterranean passage that leads to a beautiful cave, a description of which can scarce be penned. Stalactites and stalagmites are everywhere visible; rocks when touched give out sounds resembling those of musical instruments; myriads of gems light up the entire cavern if but a single ray of light is thrown upon them; a beautiful stream of water lazily flows among the rocks and hundreds of unheard of plants and flowers grow on tiny islands where the stream widens, but every effort to pluck these new beauties is thwarted by the monster upon whom back the island has formed by simply diving into the crystal water and taking the flower garden with him. When the phenomenon again appears every plant and flower has changed in color, size and shape.'

Pine Grove Mention.

Some of our forenoon farmers have their oats sowed.

Mrs. Jacob Meyers is visiting her old home in Rebersburg.

Mrs. Maggie Meek and Mrs. W. K. Goss enjoyed a drive out into the country on Wednesday.

W. H. Roush, who is engaged in the buggy business over at Alexandria, spent Sunday with his family.

The arrival of a little daughter at the home of Harry Frantz makes that gentleman smile all over his face.

Recent reports from Mr. Levi Krebs, who is now in the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, indicate that his condition is most discouraging.

Mrs. H. C. Campbell, of State College, and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Musser, of Pennsylvania Furnace, are visiting the former's son, John B. Campbell, in Tyrone.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Bortoff will be glad to hear of her recovery from a severe bronchial trouble which for several days has caused them considerable alarm.

Uriah Gates, one of Huntingdon county's staunch Democrats as well as successful farmers, was here recently noting the improvements since he was a little barefooted boy of the town.

James Burns, an employe of the Linden Hill Lumber company, had his right hand so badly mutilated, lately, in a cut saw that he would be a cripple for life. The accident happened while he was relieving John Collier, the regular sawyer.

Jonathan Hess, formerly a merchant in this place but now of Williamsport, is here in quest of health, and, as soon as the law allows him, will try his hand angling for the fluny tribe over along the mountain streams, where he is acquainted with every turn.

Dr. Laurie, of Bellefonte, Rev. Hepler, of Lemont, and elders Lowder and Gohsen enjoyed the drive over the Seven mountains and across the beautiful Kishicoquillas valley into Lewistown, where they are attending the annual meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery, this week.

The Republican primaries held at the St. Elmo hotel, Saturday, to elect delegates to the county convention was most spirited and hot. When the smoke cleared it was found that the stalwarts had won. It was a Quay meeting from start to finish but one of the happenings was the election of two insurgents instructed to vote for Gray and Womelsdorf. One of the delegates, for reasons best known by himself, failed to show up in the convention on Tuesday. The vote stood 15 to 21. Their chairman declares that everything is going to h— this fall and all the Democrats have to do is to vote straight.