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A Lasting Fare.

Senator DRURY's determination not to go into the QUAY caucus proves a painful and lasting trouble to the adherents of the boss. They cannot forget it. They can neither whistle it down, nor can they cover it up with bluster. Sleeping or waking it confronts and staggers them. With this vote and through the help of the Lieutenant Governor they could have organized the Senate. Its organization in their hands would have empowered them to make up the committee. These would have controlled the legislation of both Houses. They would have reported what the boss wanted and they would have buried what he had no use for.

DRURY's vote would not have elected QUAY had he decided to go with that outfit. It would, however, have saved QUAY's Governor from the obloquy that must follow his veto of such reform legislation as is almost certain to be sent to him. It would have made Senatorial committees that would have proven the burying-ground of every effort at legislation that did not suit the ring. With the loss of that vote they have missed the opportunity to cover up their iniquities, or to hide their opposition to honest legislation. What they will do now must be done in the open. They must go on record, as against every effort of reform, or must submit to the passage of measures intended to wipe out the power of their ring.

We do not wonder that they cannot forget DRURY? His announcement that he was not of them, with them or for them, was a knock-out blow for the ring, and we are not surprised that the sore it made fests deeper, grows angrier and shows no signs whatever of healing.

Director Patterson's Timely Bulletin.

The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, at College Park, Md., has published a series of *Bulletins* on topics timely to agriculturists that should be doubly interesting to residents of Centre county, because they are the work of H. J. PATTERSON, B. S. who is director and chemist of the station. The four subjects treated are: "Fertilizer Experiments with Different Sources of Phosphoric Acids," "Lime Sources and Relation to Agriculture," "The Culture and Handling of Tobacco," and "Experiments with Feeding Pigs." In the latter, after treating the subject most exhaustively, it is interesting to note that director PATTERSON demonstrates a few facts that every farmer should know. First, with some rations gains on pigs could be produced as low as 2 cents per pound. Second, the cost of producing a pound of pork increases with the age of the pig. Third, skim milk was found to have a feeding value for pigs equal to fully double the price charged at most of the creameries of the State.

At this time probably seventy-five percent of the farmers of Centre county are beginning to look specially after the shoats that are to make the pork for next fall. It is opportune, therefore, to suggest, as Director PATTERSON has done in his *Bulletin 63*, that those raising pigs might profit to no small amount by discarding old-fashioned methods and using a systematic feed of compounds that have been proven the most economical producers of the best pork.

About Time to Get a Move On.

The Saturday preceding the election our unpretentious neighbor, the *Daily News*, published an interview with the owner of the Valentine iron works, in which he predicted the hopelessness of any effort to start the works, should BRYAN be elected, and the bright prospects that promised of them being in full blast in a very short time in case of McKINLEY's success. It is a month since the election, and no one questions the fact that we are to have four more years of McKINLEY protection, gold-standard and all that this class of industries demand, and yet we have seen no sign that these particular works are any nearer a starting point than when that interview was given the public. Is it not time that some movement is being made in the direction of fulfilling that promise? Or was it, like other Republican professions, only made to influence those who were soft enough to be influenced that way and then to be forgotten as soon as the election was over.

In defending the ship subsidy steal Senator FRYE, of Maine, undertook to prove that it costs more to operate ships flying the American flag than it does those of any other nation. If it does it is certain that the crews are no better paid for that reason. And why should we pay taxes to subsidize ships so they can earn more for their monopolistic owners. It is all tommy-rot to tell the farmer that he will get more for his grain if he favors the ship subsidy bill. The promoters of the steal have never intimated that it is to make the carrying rate cheaper than that of Norway or English vessels and if the carrying rate is to be no cheaper where does the farmer gain anything in getting his grain to foreign markets? The whole job is to fatten MARK HANNA and a few of his friends and the common people will have to pay for it.

On Both Lists Yet.

Up to this time the QUAY claquers in this county who didn't have the courage to make a fight for the "old man" last fall, when an effort might have accomplished something, are claiming the vote and efforts of THOMPSON for anything that QUAY wants. The other fellows, who named the ticket, and whose efforts elected it, are cock-sure that both Members from this county will be found in the ranks of the Independents when the time for them to show up comes. Evidently some one is going to be fooled. Who it is, the WATCHMAN is unable to say, but it has a very decided opinion that there are a good many people interested in this matter who deserve to be fooled effectually. Any lot of voters who will deliberately go to an election and vote for men, not knowing what they will do on important questions, deserve exactly the disappointments that are sure to come. The Republicans in this county did that last fall, and the crowd that gets nothing now, or experiences the bitterness of seeing their Members vote contrary to what they expected they would, only get what they deserve.

The New Mercantile Appraiser.

On Tuesday the County Commissioners announced the appointment of Mr. L. D. ORNDORF, of Woodward, Haines township, as Mercantile Appraiser for the coming year. Mr. ORNDORF is to be congratulated over his success, especially since there were 26 applicants for the position. His appointment is a good one and reflects credit upon the Commissioners. He is a thoroughly equipped, energetic young man and his selection is a fitting recognition of a very worthy and representative family in the lower end of the county.

Miners' Narrow Escape.

Close Call of Thirty-Two Men Employed in New Aug Colliery—Below the Surface 400 Feet.

SCRANTON, Pa., December 5.—Thirty-two men employed at the New Aug colliery, in Dunmore, were entombed by a cave-in this morning, but, thanks to a simple fortunate occurrence, a repetition of the terrible Turn shaft disaster was averted.

The men were at work about 1,000 feet from the bottom of the slope and 400 feet below the surface, when the acres of the roof between them and the slope came down with a terrible crash, crushing the pillars beneath it and causing a rush of air that almost blew the men from their feet and hurled the roof from off the fan house.

Their lamps were extinguished, but finding that the air was still pure, they lighted them and began looking about for a way of escape. Some counselled remaining where they were until help could reach them from the outside, but the cracking of the pillars in their vicinity told them that the cave-in was extending towards them and that they must find a way out or be caught and killed like rats in a trap.

Foreman John Gibbons, who chanced to be with the men at the time, bade them keep cool and quiet and he would try to find a way out. Crawling on his hands and knees over the fallen roof and sometimes squirming through crevices that barely admitted his body, he made his way to within fifteen feet of the main airway which led to the second opening and which it was presumed was not effected by the fall as it is a narrow passage out through solid rock. Returning to the men he bade them take their tools and follow him. After a difficult and dangerous journey they reached the point where the last fall blocked their way. This was attacked with bars, picks and shovels and after an hour's work a passage was cleared to the air-way, which, as they counted upon, was open. As fast as they could run they made their way to the second opening and thence to the surface, were they were greeted with wild hurrahs from the thousand who had gathered expecting to see them brought out crushed or mangled corpses if they were brought out at all.

During the two hours and fifteen minutes intervening between the time of the cave-in and the time the men emerged from the second opening, the most intense excitement prevailed. Scores of volunteers urged on by the piteous appeals of the wives and children of the entombed men, descended the slope and in the face of the fact that the roof was continually cracking and tons of rock were liable to drop at any moment, they proceeded to attack the fall and dig a passageway through it. Four mules are still in the mine and must need starve to death.

The only horse affected to any extent was that of Joseph Melvin, which was thrown out of plumb until its sides ran at an angle of forty-five degrees. There are only a few houses in the disturbed territory.

The New Aug colliery is an old working and was opened thirty years ago. It is pretty well worked out and only comparatively few men were employed in it.

Worth Over \$250,000,000.

Standard's Jump to \$845 Calls Attention Again to Rockefeller's Enormous Wealth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Dismissing the sensational jump to-day of Standard Oil company stock to \$845 per share the *Mail and Express* says:

"The company's capital of \$100,000,000 now has a market value of over \$800,000,000. The stock is the second highest priced industrial in the country. The rise in the price of Standard Oil this year has been phenomenal. Last January it sold at \$475. By the middle of October it had reached the \$600,000,000 mark. A gain of over \$200 a share has been made since then, with the last 100 points advance occupying less than a fortnight.

"When it is considered that John D. Rockefeller owns 43 per cent of the total capital of the company, the amount of the increase of his fortune within a year is tremendous. In the company which he controls his investments are worth at least \$350,000,000. The company has paid about \$45,000,000 in dividends the past year."

Led His Class.

PRINCETON, N. J., December 5.—Announcement was made today that Edward Glassmeyer, '01, of Reading, Pa., has been awarded the prize of \$150 for leading his class in scholarship through the Junior year.

Opening of the Second Session of the Fifty-sixth Congress.

One Meeting Was Quite Notable—Senator Hanna, of Ohio, and Senator Jones, of Arkansas, Who Led the Opposing Forces in the Last Campaign.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—The opening of Congress to-day drew great crowds to the capitol, intent on witnessing those interesting scenes marking the inauguration of the legislative work of the government. On June 7th last the first session of the Fifty-sixth Congress adjourned, and the second session began to-day with many momentous questions awaiting the attention of the national law-makers. Above the middle colonnade, ironing the dome, the Stars and Stripes fluttered lazily, and on either side flags were run up as soon to indicate that the respective houses were in session.

SENATE AND HOUSE QUICKLY GET DOWN TO WORK.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—When the Senate convened to-day at the opening of the second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress, it was within the shadow of the death of two of its most distinguished members.

A notable meeting on the floor just before the session opened was that between Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, and Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, the chairmen respectively of the Republican and Democratic national campaign committees. Surrounded by many of their colleagues, they exchanged cordial greetings and laughed and chatted for several minutes.

When the gavel of President pro tem, fell at 12 o'clock, the scene presented in the Senate chamber was unusually brilliant and beautiful. With scarcely an exception the desk of every Senator bore a floral emblem. Some were the finest products of florists.

As the gavel fell the buzz of conversation in the packed galleries ceased, and the Senators as one man rose to their feet. The venerable blind chaplain, Milburn, invoked the divine blessing upon the session just opened, and in beautiful and stirring language referred to the death of Senator Geary and Senator Davis.

The president pro tem., Mr. Frye, appointed Messrs. Hoar and Cockrell a committee to wait on the President and inform him that the Senate was ready to receive any communication he desired to make. The committee joined a like committee from the House to call on the President. The call of the roll disclosed the presence of sixty-one Senators and the Senate then proceeded to routine business.

Mr. Proctor, Vermont, presented the credentials to William B. Dillingham, who had just been elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Justin S. Morrill, and the oath of office was administered by President pro tem. Frye.

The other new member of the body, former Representative Johnathan P. Dolliver, who succeeds the late Senator Gear, of Iowa, was present but his credentials were not presented and he was not sworn in.

The usual morning routine business the Senate on motion of Mr. Hale, recess.

The Senate reassembled at 1:45 and a few minutes later Major Pruden, one of the President's secretaries, appeared with the President's message. Secretary Bennett, of the Senate, at once began the reading of the document. As its conclusion the body adjourned until to-morrow.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Girded by over-flowing galleries, bathed in light from the stained glass windows overhead, the hall of Representatives presented a brilliant spectacle when Speaker David Bremer Henderson called the second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress to order at noon to-day.

The desks of half the Members were weighted with flowers. Admission to the reserved galleries was limited to those holding cards, but before 11 o'clock the wealth and beauty of the capital were assembling there. On the floor the Members drifted in, exchanging greetings.

As the hands of the clock pointed to noon the speaker with one stroke of the gavel stilled the vast multitude. "The House will be in order," he cried in resonant tones. Instantly the Members arose in their places and stood reverently with bowed heads, while the blind chaplain lifted up his voice in prayer.

The first bill of the session introduced in the House was by Representative Crumacker, Republican, of Indiana, "Making an appropriation of Representatives in Congress, under the eleventh census." It provides an increase of membership from 357 to 365.

The following States gain in representation: Arkansas one, Colorado one, California one, Connecticut one, Florida one, Illinois two, Massachusetts one, Minnesota two, Missouri one, New Jersey two, New York three, North Dakota one, Pennsylvania two, Texas two, Washington one, West Virginia one. The following States lose: Kansas one, Louisiana two, Mississippi three, Nebraska one, North Carolina four, South Carolina three, Virginia one.

A resolution in behalf of ex-President Kruger was introduced by Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts. The speaker appointed Messrs. Payne, of New York; Grosvenor, of Ohio; and Jones, of Arkansas, a committee of the Senate to notify the President that Congress is ready to receive any communication from him.

The speaker announced that 235 Members had responded to their names, a quorum, and the House was ready for business. The members-elect then appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath.

On the reassembling of the House the reading of the message began and was heard with attention. When it had been finished the usual motion to adjourn until to-morrow was made and carried.

The Ship Subsidy Bill.

It Was Given the Right of Way in the Senate Today. Senator Frye Opens Debate—Under Present Conditions the Ships of Great Britain and Germany are Carrying our Trade and Getting \$500,000 a Day.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The program of the Senate leaders for a business session was taken up in earnest to-day and material progress was made. What is popularly known as the ship subsidy bill was by a vote of 38 to 50 made the unfinished business of the Senate instead of the Spooner Philippine measure, and the discussion of it was opened by Mr. Frye, of Maine, chairman of the Committee on Commerce, from which the measure was reported. He addressed the Senate for more than an hour and a half. Recognized by his colleagues as an authority upon the subject he was accorded close attention. He spoke without notes and at times was forceful and eloquent.

Mr. Frye reviewed what had been done in the past to revive the merchant marine of the United States, saying that every effort so far made by legislation has failed of its purpose.

Mr. Frye said it cost 80 per cent more to run our ships than it did to run the ships of Great Britain and Norway. He then discussed the preliminaries leading up to the presentation of the pending bill, showing that a divergence of opinion there had been as to what was the best method of bringing about the desired object.

Last year "of all the enormous exports and imports of the United States only 9 per cent was carried in American bottoms. Last year, Mr. Frye said, the United States paid to foreign nations, principally Great Britain and Germany, \$500,000 a day for doing carrying trade work for this country.

Mr. Frye then took up that provision of the bill which provides the amount of subsidy to be paid vessels and explained how the payment was regulated. He showed that by the terms of the measure a ten-knot vessel out for 175 days would draw \$15,000 a year beyond the cost of her coal and handling, and that the amount of the subsidy in percentage diminishes with the increase of the speed of the ship.

Mr. Clay, of Georgia, asked if it were not true that a twenty-one knot ship would draw under the bill \$304,000 a year.

Mr. Frye replied that the amount drawn by such a vessel would be about \$22,000 in excess of her coal consumption and handling.

"But," persisted Mr. Clay, "is not the gross amount of the subsidy of the twenty-one knot ship \$304,000 per year under the bill?"

Mr. Frye admitted that it was. "I understand," said Mr. Clay, "that the ten-knot and twelve-knot ships which carry the agricultural products of the country do not receive more than one-third the subsidy of the fast passenger vessels which carry no agricultural products."

At this point Mr. Frye yielded the floor for the day, and the Senate at 3:55 p. m. went in executive session, after which it adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The session of the House to-day was brief. The real work will begin to-morrow, when the House will consider the army reorganization bill which Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on Military Affairs reported to-day.

He explained the urgent necessity for immediate action upon this measure, saying that under the present law the army must be reduced to 27,000 men on July 1st next, and asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill to-morrow. When Mr. Sulzer, of New York, objected to the request, Mr. Hull introduced a resolution for a special order for the consideration of the bill to-morrow, with provision for a vote at the end of six hours' general debate.

Many Ships Wrecked in a Terrible Gale on the Atlantic Coast.

Entire Crew of One Schooner, Which Went Ashore on Hampton Beach Known to Be Lost.

BOSTON, December 5.—The heavy gale which swept the New England coast last night and to-day created havoc among the large number of schooners which were caught off the North Shore of this State and the beaches of New Hampshire and southwestern Maine. More than a dozen schooners were wrecked, a large number of others were damaged and several narrowly escaped being dashed to pieces.

The serious loss of life reported up to early this morning was in the wreck of the Gloucester fishing schooner Mary A. Brown, of Hampton Beach, N. H., whose crew perished. A schooner was reported on Scarborough Beach at noon.

This afternoon the storm was central off southwestern Maine and was moving northwesterly. The weather bureau issued a special warning to mariners that severe gales would sweep over Nova Scotia this afternoon and over Newfoundland to-night.

WIND BLEW AT HIGH RATE. The wind last night along the New England coast attained a velocity as high as 75 miles an hour. Thick weather accompanied the blow, making last night one of the most trying for seamen that has been experienced for two years.

Most of the damage in New England was that experienced by shipping. Land damage was confined to small buildings, trees, etc., and to telegraph lines. Connection with Vermont by wire was practically impossible to-day, owing to damage to several points in this State and New Hampshire.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past week by recorder N. E. Robb:

Henry Stevens to John P. Sebring, Nov. 5, 1900, 65 acres 76 perches in Half Moon Twp. Consideration \$160.00.

J. T. Lucas et al. to Jacob W. Hazzard, Oct. 5, 1900. Lot in Snow Shoe. Consideration \$100.00.

Susannah Burehfield's heirs to Luther Krebs, Dec. 29, 1899. Lot in Ferguson. Consideration \$350.00.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company to Steve Staieck, June 20, 1900. Land in Snow Shoe. Consideration \$50.00.

J. R. Blowers et al. to Daniel Moon, August 1, 1898, 55 acres 74 perches in Taylor Twp. Consideration \$1,100.00.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—David Dorman, of Fidler, shot a deer last week.

—William Haynes and his Snow Shoe hunting party got three deer.

—Charles Fisher, of Zion, shot nine pheasants one day last week.

—The Bellefonte amateur operatic minstrels have set New Year's night, Jan. 1st, 1901, as the time for their next performance.

—Rev. Guernsey Weber, who was born at Rebersburg, this county, September 14th, 1868, died at Salisbury, North Carolina, on the 25th ult.

HEPTASOPH MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the Improved Order of Heptasophs on Friday evening. Nominations for officers will take place. Members are urged to be present.

H. H. HARSBERGER, Secretary.

—Harry Luoss, who had died in a Philadelphia hospital, on Tuesday of last week, was taken to Romola on Saturday and buried. There was doubt as to whether he had died from paralysis of the brain or a tumor on the brain.

KEENAN DECLARED INNOCENT.—In last week's WATCHMAN was published a full account of the trial of John Keenan for the killing of Annie Hobbs, near Gillantown. Up to our time of going to press the evidence had all been in and the attorneys were arguing the case. The argument, with the judge's charges, lasted until about 11 o'clock Friday morning, when the jury retired. It required only 30 minutes for it to return with a verdict of "Not Guilty."

It is reported that the jury was unanimous from the first. Keenan was liberated soon after and ate his dinner with sheriff Brungart at the jail. He spent the most of the afternoon with friends about town and later in the day left for Phillipsburg, where he expected to obtain work in the mines.

While there was little doubt as to the outcome of the trial it should certainly be a lesson to all young men, and to Keenan especially, that the carrying of concealed, deadly weapons is unlawful at all times and likely to involve those who are foolish enough to carry them in serious complications.

THE SECOND WEEK IN COURT.

The second week of court was not what might have been called an important one for there were only two cases of any consequence on the list.

The first was that of Miss Fannie Barnhart against the borough of Bellefonte to recover damages for injuries to her person, sustained by a fall on a Curtin street boardwalk. The case was tried before Judge Love.

The other case was that of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. the Beaver Lumber Co. et al. upon which Judge Harry Bell, of Blair county, sat.

The following cases on the second week's trial list were settled:

Sarah Musser vs. D. M. Osborn & Co. Feigned issue. Plea, general issue.

Minnie McCool vs. D. M. Osborn & Co. Feigned issue. Plea, general issue.

A. E. Mayer vs. J. H. Ross. Replevin. Plea, "non cepit and property."

Wyckoff Pipe Co., of Williamsport, Pa., vs. State College Water Co. Appeal by plaintiffs from assessment of damages. Plea, "non assumpsit."

William Kioski vs. John Swovick. Ejectment. Plea, "not guilty."

A. D. Adams vs. Samuel Hoover and Martin Cowler. Trespass. Plea, "not guilty."

In the case of A. Allison vs. J. N. Krumrine and C. H. Foster, owner or reputed owners and T. F. Kennedy, contractor, being a suit on a mechanics lien filed by plaintiff, a non suit was entered.

Of the cases that were listed for trial, the following were continued:

Moshannon Banking Co. vs. Wm. Parker, et al. Exrs. of Etc. Judgment opened as to Jno. Ramsdale. Plea, "non assumpsit."

O. Perry Jones, use of Kate A. Miller, vs. Jane Gowland. Judgment opened. Plea, "non assumpsit."

Bellefonte B. & L. Assn. vs. W. C. Heine. Sci. Fa. Sur. mortgage. Plea, "nil debit."

Robert Kinkead vs. Rosa L. Pierce. Assumpsit. Plea, "non assumpsit."

A. D. Potts vs. A. McCoy and Frank McCoy trading as a McCoy & Son. There were six suits entered and on list for trial between these parties, all continued.

Henry Wollfort vs. Nathan Haugh and Emeline Haugh. Trespass. Plea, "not guilty."

David Robb vs. J. L. Wagner et al. Trespass. Plea, "not guilty."

John Reese vs. Peter Kelly. Ejectment. Plea, "not guilty."

Henry and Dromgold vs. Nathan Haugh. Judgment opened.

Cortland Wagon Co. vs. L. C. Bullock Jr. Assumpsit. Plea, "non assumpsit."

The case of Fannie Barnhart against the borough of Bellefonte, for injuries received from a fall caused from a neglect in a walk, was taken up for trial on Monday morning, before Judge Love in the Arbitration room. The case went to the jury Tuesday evening, and a verdict was reached after a sitting of over an hour, and sealed. At the opening of court Wednesday morning the jury handed its verdict to the court, awarding her the sum of \$500 for injuries sustained.

The accident occurred Nov. 17th, 1898. An offset some three feet high was left between the walks of two adjoining lots on Curtin street, where a cut-down was made without providing steps thereto. Attorneys Ed. Chambers and John Blanchard, for borough, and J. C. Meyer for the woman. The damages asked were \$5,000.

Though the award is more than Miss Barnhart is reported to have offered to settle for, some time ago, there are a great many citizens of the town who would have been glad to have had the borough caught for the full amount of her claim. As they are of the opinion that a few cases of this sort would probably waken the powers that be up to a more business like conduct of our municipal affairs.

The costs in the case, outside of the attorneys fees, will probably amount to \$250.00.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. Beaver Lumber Company, Mary I. Ardell, John Ardell Jr., George Lucas, David Hoover, D. C. Shope, Isaac Lanning, Frank Lanning, Alfred Ammerman and Wilson Wolford, summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. This is an action to recover three tracts of unseated lands in Rush township by the names of Robert Morris, Reuben Haines and Martha Houston. The plaintiff claims them on a claim of title from the Commonwealth down to the present

time and having paid the taxes regularly. The defendants claim the tracts by virtue of a tax title. It is a question of location and the trial has lasted all week being still on. Judge Martin Bell, of Blair county, is trying the case and Miss Olive Mitchell is acting as court-reporter in his court.

The case is one of the most interesting land cases that has been up in this county for a number of years and dependent on it are a number of other possible contests.

NOTES OF THE SESSION.

The Court appointed J. H. Wetzel, Isaac Dawson and Edward McKinney viewers to lay out a public road in Howard township.

S. Kline Woodring, Chris Decker and Albert Snelitzer were appointed to lay out a public road in Marion township.

Subpoenas in divorce were awarded in the cases of James Zerby vs. Mary Zerby; Aggie M. Dinges vs. M. J. Dinges and Annie Gheret vs. Samuel C. Gheret.

J. Frank Condon, having resigned as official stenographer of the Court, on Monday, appointed Mr. G. S. Burrows, of Sunbury, to fill the vacancy. The appointment was a highly gratifying one on all sides. To the Centre county court, because it inures it a reporter whose efficiency is equalled by few men in the State; to Mr. Burrows, because it was chiefly unlooked for and given him upon the voluntary petition of the members of the bar.

STOCK BREEDERS MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders Association, will be held this year at Harrisburg, December 12th and 13th. From the program furnished it promises to be one of the most interesting and important meetings the Association has yet held. Special rail and hotel rates have been secured and a much larger attendance than usual is expected. Whether Centre county will be represented we do not know. We have a number of stock breeders who would doubtless find it of great interest if they would attend and who, if so inclined, could give valuable pointers to others who think they know all about the business. Further information can be had by applying to secretary E. S. Bayard, East End, Pittsburg.

A CHRISTMAS MARKET.—The Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a Christmas Market and a handkerchief fair in the W. C. T. U. rooms, on North Allegheny street, on Thursday, the 13th. There will be a fine assortment of handkerchiefs for sale, as they have been contributed from nearly every State in the Union and by many important personages. There will be dolls in plenty, both inexpensive and elaborate, and aprons of every description. At the fancy work booth you will be able to buy all the novelties of the season, as well as the usual bags, cushions, collars, etc. In the evening an oyster supper will be served for 25c. with ice cream and cake extra.

The Brokerhoff is under new management. Elmer Thompson, who has run the place so energetically since spring, has retired and will go to Jekyl Island, where he will become steward of an exclusive winter club house. Mr. John J. Shanfleiter, of Williamsport, has taken charge of the Brokerhoff and if there is anything in past experience he ought to be able to make it a very popular house. Mr. Shanfleiter has been connected with hotel life in Baltimore and with the Park hotel in Williamsport.

The Pennsylvania State Grange, P. O. H., will meet in the court house in Lock Haven next week and on Tuesday night a public meeting will be held. Speeches will be made by Hon. C. A. Mayer, W. U. Herr, Joseph H. Paschall, of Delaware county; Mayor W. F. Elliott, D. B. McWilliams, of Juniata county; Hon. C. S. McCormick, Mrs. Helen Johnson, of Corty, and state master W. F. Hill.

Mr. John H. Donley and Miss Blanche McDonald were married at the home of the bride's parents, near Martha Furnace, at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday evening by Squire O. H. Naason. After the ceremony a splendid wedding supper was served and those present had a most enjoyable time.

Ernest M. Brickley, a former Centre county, writes from Braddock that he is "still true to the principles of Democracy in spite of our crushing defeat" and we congratulate Mr. Brickley on the sensible retention of the teachings of his boyhood's home.

The work on the new United Brethren church at Phillipsburg is progressing so satisfactorily that the dedicatory services have been set for Sunday, January 6th, at which time it is to be hoped that Bishop E. B. Kephart will be there.

The wedding of Miss Emma Holmes, of State College, and Mr. James Barrett Martin, of Pittsburg, has been announced for December 25th. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's father Jas. H. Holmes Sr., at noon.

On Saturday evening the young people's Christian Union of the United Brethren church will serve a chicken and waffle supper at the residence of David Barlett, on Thomas street, to which all are invited.

The Woman's Exchange, which is being held in the W. C. T. U. rooms Friday and Saturday afternoons, is proving far more successful than its most sanguine advocates expected.

Pay up your subscription. Don't let the WATCHMAN cost you more than \$1 per year. It surely will if you don't keep it paid for in advance.