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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1897.

A bill offered in the House recently for legislative apportionment, gives Columbia county but one member. It may not pass, but it is quite certain that when a new apportionment is made we shall get but one member instead of two, as at present.

The new libel law prepared by the Pennsylvania Editorial Association has been killed in the legislature. The libel law as it stands gives sufficient freedom to the press. The proposed law was intended to enlarge this freedom, and this the legislature properly refused to grant.

It looks now as though the suggestion of the Governor for the erection of a new capitol to cost not more than \$550,000 would be adopted by the legislature. This is right. The people are in no humor to be taxed for the building of a palace at a cost of several million dollars.

The proposed Dingley tariff appears to be specially designed to help trusts and monopolies. It takes several dollars from the pockets of the people for every one that it turns into our national treasury. As a whole it confers even greater benefits upon privileged industries than did the McKinley bill itself. This partly because many duties are higher, and partly because the same duties are more prohibitive, now that manufacturers have been compelled by lower duties to improve their machinery and methods to compete with foreign manufacturers. In many cases though increasing the burdens of taxation, it decreases the income from custom duties. The only important increases expected are from sugar and wool—two articles necessary to health and comfort which should not be taxed at all in times of peace, or while it is possible to obtain sufficient revenue from other sources.

**FELLOW CITIZENS!**

No one man is as wise as the whole community—and no mere political coterie is as wise as the whole party. In the selection of a candidate for office, in spite of our convictions, geography has sometime to go with the question at issue.

The office of Sheriff which touches the citizen more nearly has a wider territory as well as clientele for selection. A different sort of man is needed for the place and the south side of the river will no doubt contest for the nomination. It requires a man of quicker mind and more business ability than the judgeship—a man of tact and of action. He should be a gentleman in dress and in manners and see that his office was open, and his deputy or himself in constant attendance: And with that, that the arrangement of the office precluded outsiders from being more conspicuous than the officer. The arrangement and fixtures of the Sheriff's office, at present, are a disgrace to the County.

There has never been any system about advertising in the Sheriff's office. While a lawyer may control his writ, unless he actually does, he may find that the publicity he requires has not been secured. The business men are also interested, and consult their weekly and neighborhood paper for items of interest and current advertisements and public sales. No paper ought to have a monopoly, but it is certain that every advertisement from the Sheriff's office ought to appear in some one of the three Bloomsburg papers. If the lands or subject matter is south of the river send it to Catawissa—if about the east end send it to Berwick—if up the creek, then to Benton—if to the west, then to Millville. That is fair and it is systematic. Thus all interests would be subserved and proper public and local publicity attained. No office is a private affair—it is a public trust and the first thought should be to serve the public with honesty and fidelity.

A report was started recently that Mrs. Cleveland had the Dolly Madison silver spoons in the White House melted up and recast into spoons and forks of lighter weight. The story is denied because in the first place the historic silver of Dolly Madison is still at the White House, and in the second place there were no spoons in the set.

**Democratic Committee Meeting.**

The Democratic County Committee convened in No. 2 Court Room, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Chairman William Chrisman called the assemblage to order.

The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a County Chairman and Secretary, and five delegates to the State Convention, and to transact such other business as may come up before them. The calling of the list showed a fairly good representation of committeemen present. Nominations for County Chairman were then in order, whereupon John G. McHenry of Benton, was unanimously elected, there being no opposition. Next came the election of a Secretary, and R. G. F. Kshinka of Briar creek was made the choice. C. B. Jackson, Christian Small, E. J. Ohl, A. J. Derr and H. P. Hower were elected delegates to the State Convention.

Hon. W. T. Creasy offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, that a vote of thanks be tendered our former County Chairman Hon. Wm. Chrisman and efficient Secretary, C. A. Small for their excellent work while holding their respective offices. Elliot Adams, of Berwick, presented this resolution which was also adopted without a dissenting vote.

WHEREAS the vote of the late Presidential election has shown that a great majority of the citizens of Columbia County favor the principles as set forth in the Chicago platform. And, WHEREAS we hold it to be good sound Democratic doctrine that the majority shall rule and their wishes carried out and respected. Be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the delegates to the State Convention chosen this day by this committee are hereby instructed to support such candidates for state offices—who have been open and avowed advocates of the Chicago platform and supporters of the candidates nominated at our last national convention. And be it further

*Resolved*, that it is the sense of this committee that those newspapers which loyally supported the Democratic candidates and platform of last year merit the confidence and support of all loyal Democrats.

A resolution that a committee of five be appointed to revise the rules and report at the next Democratic County Convention was offered by Mr. Creasy.

No further business appearing before the committee, the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was one of the most quiet and orderly ever held by Columbia County Democrats, and the business was transacted with the utmost serenity.

The committee could have made no better selection for County Chairman than it did. The election of Mr. McHenry as Chairman is wise, and he is well qualified to fill every requirement of this most important position.

**A Job in Contemplation.**

Nothing could more strikingly display the complete dependence of our state authorities on the will and wish of Senator M. S. Quay than the spectacle that was presented, the other day, by a delegation of our state lawmakers going to Washington to learn what the Senator wants done in regards to the building of the new state capitol. They report that they had a conference with him on this subject, and it is to be inferred that they propose to act in the matter according to his direction.

To a majority of the citizens of the State it will be a query what Quay has to do with a work of this kind, and what authority he has over it which requires that he should be consulted. The people have their representatives in the Legislature who are expected to provide for the building of that structure in a manner that will give satisfaction, and it is not necessary that it should be done to suit Senator Quay. The people want a creditable building, but they don't want its construction to furnish an opportunity for discreditable jobbery. If the Governor and Legislature do their duty this can be effected without the assistance of M. S. Quay, or any other party boss. Interference from such a source would have a suspicious look.

Up to this time there has been an appearance in the proceedings relative to the new capitol that has not been very assuring to those who want its construction to be an honest job. At the very start there was an attempt to give the contract to favored parties, without competition, and since the detection of the trick by which that was intended to be effected, there is evident maneuvering going on to put the work in charge of a commission something like the one which has made a twenty-four years' job of the Philadelphia city hall, costing over eighteen millions of dollars.

The Governor assumes to be opposed to these schemes. We trust that he is sincere in his opposition, and will use his veto if the corrupt inclinations of the Legislature should induce it to pass a bill that would enable a set of jobbers to plunder the State in the building of its new capitol.—*Ex.*

**Tariff Bill Passed.**

Vote on Dingley Measure in the House is Yeas, 205; Nays, 121.

**DUTIES IN EFFECT TO-DAY.**

The object for which President McKinley called the fifty-fifth Congress to meet in extraordinary session a fortnight ago was accomplished, so far as the House of Representatives was concerned, at 4.30 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, when the vote on the Dingley tariff bill was announced by Speaker Reed—yeas, 205; nays, 121; answering present and not voting, 21.

The affirmative vote was composed of 190 Republicans, five Democrats—Messrs. Broussard, Dovey and Meyer of Louisiana, and Kleberg and Slayden of Texas—and one Populist, Mr. Howard of Alabama.

Mr. Reed, in the Speaker's chair, directed the clerk to call his name just before the announcement of the vote to which he responded eye amid applause. The negative vote comprised 117 Democrats and 4 Populists and fusionists, Messrs. Baker of Illinois; Marshall, Simpson and Todd.

**The Consumer Pays the Tax.**

In the course of the tariff debate in the House of Representatives Saturday Mr. Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, in discussing the sophistry that the foreigner pays the tariff tax, suggested that the experience of the people would be that the foreigner would object to doing any such thing. In reply, Mr. Payne, of New York, narrated the experience of two farmers, one a resident of his district, the other a resident of Canada, across the river; and he added:

My constituent took 100 tons of hay to Buffalo, and sold it for \$1000, which he brought back and put in his home bank. The Canadian farmer also took 100 tons of hay to Buffalo and sold it for \$1000. But he had to leave \$400 with Uncle Sam as duty (it was under the McKinley law), and he took home with him but \$600.

This rejoinder was conclusive enough for the Republican mind to elicit applause; but before the echoes had died out Mr. Terry, of Arkansas, neatly countered with the remark that the fallacy of the gentleman's conclusion was that it failed to take into consideration the effect of that 40 per cent. duty on the market price. Had it not been for that duty the price would have been but \$600 for the 100 tons; so that it came back to the Democratic position that the consumer pays the tax.

The shot went home, and the House rang with applause, this time from the Democratic side. Of course, the Protectionists mind never takes thought for the consumer—the consumer is a beast of burden for whom Protectionism has no use except to dump its load of taxes on his back. But, happily, though he can get no hearing before the Ways and Means Committee, he still has alert and able spokesmen in the open House, and they hurled some shots Saturday that made the splinters fly from the Protectionist hulk.—*Record.*

**PENNSYLVANIA NEWS ITEMS.**

—Scranton has organized two new fire companies.

—Sisters of Mercy will erect a \$75,000 hospital at Wilkes-Barre.

—Organized burglars are robbing houses at Ashland, Frackville and Shenandoah.

—Westmoreland County has adopted plans for a \$340,000 Court House at Greensburg.

—Young Lorin Nettle was frightfully scalded by falling into a tub of boiling water at Shamokin Monday.

—Sixteen horses were killed and a car load of crockery smashed in a "Penny" freight wreck near Mount Joy, Monday.

—Hydrophobia caused the death of Philip James, at Pittsburg last week, he having been bitten by a mad dog three weeks ago.

—For alleged fraudulent use of the mails in ordering goods, Max Reese, of Shenandoah, was held under \$1,000.

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**Dress Goods.**

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36 in. wide, all wool, Spring Suitings, 23c the yd.  
38 in. wide, Jamestown Spring Suitings, will not shrink or spot, 42c a yd.  
38 in. all wool, Spring Suitings, for separate skirts, 50c the yd.  
38 in. all wool Plaids, Shepherds in all colors, and mixed plaids, 60c. a yd.  
44 in. all wool, Novelties, 90c, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50 a yd.

**Twenty Days Special Sale of 500 Pair Lace Curtains.**

|          |            |            |
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| 50 pair, | worth 50c, | at 29c.    |
| 50 "     | " 85c,     | at 60c.    |
| 25 "     | " \$1.00,  | at 75c.    |
| 50 "     | " 1.25,    | at \$1.00. |
| 25 "     | " 1.65,    | at 1.25.   |
| 25 "     | " 1.90,    | at 1.40.   |
| 25 "     | " 2.00,    | at 1.50.   |
| 50 "     | " 2.25,    | at 1.65.   |
| 50 "     | " 2.50,    | at 1.75.   |
| 50 "     | " 2.65,    | at 2.00.   |
| 25 "     | " 2.75,    | at 2.25.   |
| 12 "     | " 3.00,    | at 2.75.   |
| 15 "     | " 4.00,    | at 3.25.   |
| 12 "     | " 3.75,    | at 3.10.   |
| 12 "     | " 5.00,    | at 4.00.   |

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**WIDOWS APPRAISEMENTS.**

The following Widow's Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia County on the first Monday of May A. D., 1897 and confirmed, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute.

Estate of E. J. Cole, late of Jackson twp. deceased, Personally \$200.00.  
Estate of Mordecai Millard, late of Centre twp. deceased, Personally \$300.00.  
Estate of Wesley E. Nuss, late of Mifflin twp. deceased, Personally \$200.00. Realty \$200.00.  
Estate of James W. Hess, late of Sugarloaf twp. deceased, Personally \$244.00.  
Estate of Joseph C. Davis, late of Centre twp. deceased, Personally \$80.00.  
Estate of George Cole, late of Benton twp. deceased, Personally, \$27.25.  
Clerk's Office, W. H. HENRIE, Bloomsburg, Pa., April 1, 1897. Clerk, O. C.

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