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**REEDER RESIGNS.**  
A change in Governor Hastings cabinet was made on Wednesday, by the resignation of General Frank Reeder, secretary of the Commonwealth, and the appointment of James H. Lambert to fill the vacancy. The resignation was requested by Hastings, and Reeder's connection with the \$20,000 indemnity bond is the alleged cause of the Governor's action. More removals or enforced resignations are hinted. In reply to questions concerning his resignation Mr. Reeder said:  
"Yes, it is true, I have resigned. The governor last Thursday night sent to me a written request for my resignation in which no reason for such request was stated, but which I at once acceded to by delivering my written resignation into the hands of Mr. Beitler, the governor's private secretary. The governor's request was very formal."

**Building and Loan Associations.**  
The annual report of the Banking Commissioner upon the building and loan associations of the State contains several interesting features. First of all it shows that despite business depression and hard times the people of small means, who are the chief shareholders of these associations, continued to save money during the entire year, the assets of the 1,173 local associations having increased more than seven per cent. over the assets reported for the previous year. It shows, too, that only one-third of the shareholders are borrowers. Forty-two new associations were chartered and only five failures occurred among the strictly local associations.  
The general conditions of these associations is shown to be sound, and their affairs well and economically managed, an exhibit that should lead to a very marked addition to the \$107,008,110.80 which stood to their credit last year. Times are better now and there will be more money in the hands of the working people for investment. The report shows that on the whole there is no sounder form of investment, for while the rates of interest secured are moderate the investments are safe, and those who put their money in are reasonably certain to get it back when they want it, with a secure and moderate increase. The rate of interest is above that paid by the savings banks, and the encouragement for investing small savings in this way is very great.

There have been some cases of mismanagement brought to light during the year which should serve as a warning to all local associations to take nothing for granted. The sudden death of one man who was an official in not less than twenty associations in an inland city, leaving his accounts in a confused and tangled state, emphasizes the necessity for a complete annual exhibit of the accounts of every association to an auditing committee composed of men who will audit. There is a tendency in the smaller towns, where everybody knows everybody else, to entrust the entire management of one or more associations to a well-known citizen of admitted integrity. Such men are liable to die suddenly or to become embarrassed in their own affairs, and the only safe way is to exact such a clear system of accounts that no matter who dies or fails in business the shareholders of every association shall be able to know to a cent the condition of their investments.

While the Bank Commissioner's report shows that on the whole the condition of these associations is sound and that they are wisely managed, it should be the aim of the shareholders of each association to improve upon this until there is no further room for improvement. The few failures that have occurred show where the weak spots are, and should serve as object lessons upon what to avoid in future.  
—Times.

The corn crop in the west is below that of last year, and the prices are higher. Speculators have turned to corn in preference to wheat, and the fact that Europe may have to take our corn as well as wheat, in order to have sufficient food supply has tended to send the prices up.

**Dunn's Weekly Review of Trade.**  
"Failures in August were in number not 17 per cent. less than in August, 1896, but in amount of liabilities 70.8 per cent. smaller. July and August show a lower average of liabilities per failure than has ever been known in any year or even in any quarter of the 23 years R. G. Dun & Co. have kept quarterly records. The improvement is also well distributed, extending to nearly every important branch of business, but in clothing, jewelry and unclassified trading only two months of the past 47 have shown smaller failures, in general stores and furniture only three, in groceries, hats and iron manufacture only four, in hat and chemical manufactures only five, and in clothing manufacture only six months of the 47. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to payments at clearing houses has been smaller in July and August than in any other month since early in 1893.  
August was the first month in which the daily average of settlements through clearing-houses exceeded materially that of the corresponding month of 1892, the excess at the principal cities being 12.3 per cent. Nor is this due, as might be supposed, to activity in stock speculation, for the stock exchange clearing-house now disposes of a very large share of transactions, so that they affect bank exchanges far less than five years ago. The volume of business here has been distinctly larger in other than speculative lines than it was then, and in textile goods phenomenally large, though slackening this week, buyers having nearly completed their initial purchases. With an extraordinary movement in grain, heavy real estate and building transactions, and increased business in iron products, the month was clearly the busiest August ever known."

**The World's Shortage in Wheat.**  
The Mark Lane Express, the distinguished British authority on crop reports, in its issue of Monday, figured that the net shortage in the world's supply of wheat would amount to 14,000,000 quarters, or 112,000,000 bushels, which would have to be supplied by this country. The Express adds that "should the demand be actually as large as this the stores of old wheat will be used up, and a crisis of great seriousness will only be prevented by generally good prospects for the spring of 1898."  
A crisis in the wheat markets of Europe might easily be serious in other than commercial ways—its political consequences might be of a portentous nature. But among other inevitable results of dollar wheat will be a vastly increased acreage in this country; and this may serve as a stop-gap to stay the stomachs and preserve the peace of Europe.

**Death of Judge Weidman.**  
Judge Mason Weidman died at his home in Pottsville Friday afternoon last. Judge Weidman was a native of the city of Lebanon, and went to Pottsville when a young man. Although in politics a democrat, he was not a strong partisan and was always opposed to associating politics with the judiciary and when a vacancy occurred on the bench through the death of Judge Green he was appointed by Governor Pattison to the position, and in the following fall was taken sick and confined to the house up to the time of his death. Judge Weidman was a man of culture and education and had he enjoyed good health would have no doubt proved himself worthy of the exalted position.

**Devoted to Bryan.**  
Chairman Garman Says Democrats Put Him Next Jefferson and Jackson.  
In answer to a query from a New York paper as to whether the growing prosperity of the country has shaken the faith of Democrats and Populists of this state in the silver issue and whether their loyalty to Mr. Bryan as leader is as great as ever, State Chairman Garman sent the following: "The Democrats in general consider any present evidences of prosperity due entirely to accidental circumstances, and we can see no special reason to believe that prosperity is here except by a spurt. Nor have the Democrats lost faith in the silver issue. Their loyalty to Bryan has become a devotion. He is placed next to Jefferson and Jackson in Democratic esteem."

**Important Pension Decision.**  
An important decision for pensioners' widows has been given by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Davis, that where the evidence shows the cause for pension was complicated with a disease which was the immediate cause of the soldier's death, the widow's claim on account of the death from these complications will be sustained, the death being held to be in the line of duty in the service.

**Spain's Threat.**  
The following letter, written by Spain's Prime Minister, is very boastful. He says:  
"Our position is clear and our determination to repel any unjust pretension of the United States so emphatic that we are resolved before yielding to go to all extremes, even to war if necessary, in order to defend our sacred rights in Cuba."  
"Nor, if we go to war, shall we be less confident of the triumph of Spain. We will be the champions of the great political principle of European colonization in America against the wrong idea that the United States is the arbiter of national life and property in the New World."  
"Europe will not consent to our failure, and apart from the fact that our arms will have a better occasion to display their strength in a contest against a civilized country than in the guerilla fights in the manigaus of Cuba, we shall have, even if we fail, a hand to lift us up in the last moments."

**PENNSYLVANIA NEWS ITEMS.**  
—The Farr eight hour law will be enforced at Hazleton.  
—The peach crop in the eastern part of Pennsylvania is of tremendous size.  
—Pennsylvania Master Horse-shoers are in convention at Harrisburg this week.  
—The National Commandery of the United States Regular Army and Navy Veterans will meet in Reading, beginning next Monday.  
—Martin Moran, of Providence, Lackawanna County, who died last week, was 117 years old and believed to be the oldest resident in this state.  
—Reading's embarrassed building and loan associations will settle their debts to each other upon a three per cent basis on or before January 1, 1899.  
—Ex-Mayor Charles B. Sutton, of Wilkesbarre, died on Monday, aged sixty-seven years. He was a republican in politics and served two terms as mayor of Wilkesbarre. He was prominent in Grand Army circles.  
—Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, of Illinois, addressed an audience of about 5,000 people at Washington park Philadelphia, Monday afternoon. His subject was "Municipal and Government Ownership and Government by Injunction."  
—The mammoth manufacturing plant, Mendelssohn park, near McKeesport, containing the Mendelssohn piano works, the Barckhoff organ works and the Dickson & Wood brick works was burned to the ground at an early hour Monday morning, entailing a loss of \$65,000.  
—Legislator Walter E. Ritter of Williamsport, announced on Tuesday that he would accept the Democratic nomination for Auditor General given him by last week's State convention at Reading. The Young Men's Democratic Club, of which Mr. Ritter is president, is making preparations to have a monster ratification meeting.  
—The Luzerne County Democratic Convention Tuesday was largely attended. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and, after a hard day's work, a good ticket was placed in the field. There was a stiff fight for the head of the ticket, that of District Attorney. There were three candidates—Colonel T. R. Martin, S. S. Herring and Bernard McManus. Two ballots were necessary for a choice. Martin led on the first ballot, and was nominated on the second, after Herring had withdrawn.

**AN IDLE MOMENT.**  
The new revenue cutter is a record cutter, too.  
Wigsby was asked what mine was the best to invest in, and replied, "Mine own."  
Boys will be boys. This is nonsense. Boys will be men—if they live long enough.  
Every man is of the opinion that he paid a terrible price for his experience, while others got theirs at a bargain counter.  
The late Princess Alice of Hesse did much for the progress of women, and her memory is fondly cherished by those who were benefited by her kindness.  
Tar and feathers do not seem to be an antiquated mode of punishment, at least in Nebraska, where a man was recently tortured for cruelty to his step-daughter.  
The Machias, Me., Union tells of an Auburn man, who has been confined to a sickbed seven weeks now, and who wrote a book three years ago on "How not to be sick."

**Did Not Like Texas.**  
In the old civil docket recently brought to light in the court house at Greensburg, Pa., there are several cases recorded against George Washington. In the course of the year 1787 three claims were entered against him to compel him to pay taxes. The humorous clerk of that time has written the following under the claims: "George Washington, Esq., appeareth not to like taxes."  
—Ex.

**Scrofula**  
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**MISSING LINKS.**  
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Boston has a dead man's curve which is even worse than New York's.  
In the fifth century before Christ refined copper was deemed as precious as gold.  
He who knows the world will not be too bashful. He who knows himself will not be impudent.  
During Queen Victoria's reign the taxes in Great Britain have doubled, and trade has increased sevenfold.  
Queen Victoria, in returning thanks for past favors, gives notice that she will continue business at the old stand.  
She—Of course, you all talked about me as soon as I left? He—No, dear; we thought you had attended to that sufficiently.  
The Boston Transcript thinks that the two most attractive places in the country for conventions are New York and Boston.  
Your personal affairs are of mighty little concern to the world unless you have been doing something that you oughtn't to.—Life.  
Hood, in describing the meeting of a man and a lion, said: "The man ran off with all his might, and the lion with all his mane."  
The following is an advertisement in a Kansas paper: "Man and wife desire board and room in private family. Must have storm cave."  
Many persons of irregular habits and lives charge to our climate numerous aches and pains which are the result of their own heedlessness.  
The Atchison Globe says: We find in the course of a day that we have all the outdoor exercise we need in dodging people who ride wheels.  
In New Zealand the boys swim rivers and climb hills to go to school. Here they frequently stay away from school to swim rivers and climb hills.  
Railroad engineers in Germany are rewarded for carefulness. If they run ten years without accident, each engineer receives a gold medal and about five hundred dollars in cash.  
The number of immigrants who arrived in New York during the fiscal year just closed was 180,556, of whom 106,040 were males. Total immigration to the United States was some 220,000.

**Postal Robber's Ruse In Court.**  
William Moore and James Lewis, in the United States Court at Williamsport, on Tuesday, were found guilty of robbing the post office at Barnesboro, Cambria County. Moore was sentenced to five years, and Lewis to four years and six months in the

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**SHERIFF'S SALE.**  
By virtue of a writ of F. Pa., issued out of the Common Pleas of Columbia County Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897,** at 2 o'clock P. M., All those two messuages, tenements or tracts of land situate in the township of Greenwood, county of Columbia, and state of Pennsylvania, the first thereof bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, corner of land of Thomas Pokes; thence north 2 1/2 degrees west 10 1/2 perches; thence north 87 1/2 degrees west 102 8-10 perches; north 3 1/2 degrees east 12 perches; north 77 1/2 degrees west 68 perches to a post, south 79 degrees east 16 5-10 perches to a white pine; north 3 1/2 degrees east 16 5-10 perches to a chestnut, south 79 degrees west 76 2-10 perches to a rock oak; south 50 degrees west 60 8-10 perches to a post; south 45 degrees east 72 perches to the place of beginning, containing **9 1/2 ACRES,** being the same tract of land which Edward Hittche and wife by deed dated the 12th day of Dec. 1881, granted and conveyed to I. K. Titman, recorded Jan. 21, 1881 in Deed Book 37 p. 197.

The second thereof—beginning at a post, a corner of land of Thomas Pokes, thence along line of said Pokes, south 80 degrees east 49 perches to a post, south 45 degrees east 62 2-10 perches to a post, thence by land of Edward Hittche, south 50 degrees west 60 8-10 perches to a rock oak; south 79 degrees west 76 2-10 perches to a chestnut, north 2 1/2 degrees east 16 5-10 perches to a white pine; south 79 degrees west 61 perches to a post; thence by land of James Masters, north 2 1/2 degrees west 118 perches to a post on bank of creek; north 42 1/2 degrees east 35 perches to a hemlock, south 75 1/2 degrees east 88 perches to a white pine; north 2 1/2 degrees east 13 perches to a post; north 43 1/2 degrees east 31 5-10 perches to a post, south 87 1/2 degrees east 55 perches to a post, south 2 1/2 degrees west 25 perches to a post, north 87 1/2 degrees west 42 5-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 128 Acres, 11 Perches

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