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Democratic State Ticket.

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 of Catawissa.

He don't have the wealth of a Croesus
 Nor creases in his pants;
 He is just plain old farmer Creasy,
 But he'll make some one dance.—Ex.

An exchange is of the opinion that if Diogenes were still living, he could find active employment for his famous lantern at Rennes, searching for an honest man among those who are trying Captain Dreyfus.

It will be a hard matter for the French Military Court to convince the people that Captain Dreyfus is guilty. They are satisfied of his innocence, and the verdict, even if it should be against him, won't change their opinion.

Secretary of War Root announces that political and personal influence will be dispensed with in the election of men for army positions, hereafter. But his saying so don't make it so by any means. You can just bet that when there are any appointments to be made the political demagogues and bosses will have a say in it.

C. E. Geyer, Esq., the Columbia county delegate to the Republican State Convention, at Harrisburg, has been appointed a member of the committee for the revision of the party rules governing State Conventions. It is intended to amend the rules so that the delegates will be apportioned by the vote cast at the previous national election. This will give Columbia county two delegates hereafter, instead of one.

Concerning the war in the Philippines, President Norton, of Harvard University, has the following to say: "The cry is already rising, from Maine to Texas, and from Texas to California, 'Stop this fighting in the Philippines. It is a woeful mistake; it is a crime. By what rights are we murdering the people in the Philippines and devastating their homes?' Their steadfast resistance to our oppression deserves the respect of every freeman. Let the cry rise 'till it thunders in the ears of the Administration, 'stop this fighting!'"

McKinley doesn't show any disposition to send Miles to replace Gen. Otis, to command the army in the Philippines. The sentiment of the American people demand that this change shall be made, but they are not aware as to the cause of the President's slowness in the matter. It is very easy to explain it. Miles is a Democrat, and McKinley is afraid that if he should make the change, the war in the Philippines would be brought to a speedy conclusion, and Miles be made a presidential possibility in 1900.

The Crime of 1873.

It is only claimed now by anti-Democrats that we are just recovering from a frightful depression which culminated in 1896. But even if this recovery will be all that is claimed or pretended the original evils still persist in all their magnitude and venomosity. The silver metal is unrestored; the currency is contracted by all the silver it has been despoiled of, since and including 1873; lost work, wages, &c., can never be restored. The gold monopoly, the banks' consolidation, the money trust which made the act of 1873 and by which the present plague of trusts blights the land is still the dictator in all our affairs; public and private; and if there is a temporary prosperity anywhere it is not among the people, but the self-preferred creators of the situation and is as insecure even to its holders as it is factitious, like the millions and billions made out of nothing by capitalizing a combine overvalued at \$10,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

A prosperity whose vouchers are no better rests on bubbles—is, in fact, a bubble itself; and the entire wind inflated combination will speedily burst in terrible catastrophe.—Morrisville, N. J. *Express*.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—A monster hawk flew into the farm-yard of Edward Hendrix, at Canton, Tuesday, and killed a game rooster. Mrs. Hendrix killed the bird with a hatchet, but not before she was painfully injured.

—Otto Bergenhausen, aged 30 years, was found dead Tuesday morning sitting by a window at his home at Wellsboro. After shooting himself through the heart, he laid the revolver back on the window ledge.

—An explosion of dynamite, caused by a fire at D. P. Guise's brick works, north of Williamsport, shook the entire city Monday night. The fire destroyed the plant, entailing a loss of \$50,000. It is believed that an incendiary applied the torch.

—Mrs. Frank Williams, of Pottsville, while putting coal on a fire unwittingly threw her pet cat, which had fallen asleep in the scuttle, into the stove. The feline was horribly burned, but managed to crawl out and make a wild dash through the house before it fell dead.

—A proposition has been submitted by the Pottstown Iron Company to its stockholders to raise by subscription \$1,000,000 for the early erection of a large open hearth steel plant and the placing of its blast furnace in connection for resumption. The latter has been idle for about seven years.

—Abraham Keller, of Reading, aged 78 years, has employed counsel to bring an action in ejectment against his son, Valentine, to recover possession of a farm in Alesco township, Berks county. The father deeded the farm to the son, but recently they had a fall out, now he is desirous of regaining the title to the land.

—John and George Fry, brothers, of Snow Shoe, were held in \$500 bail each, Monday, charged with stealing cattle from farmers and selling them to unsuspecting butchers. It is alleged that eight persons are concerned in the thefts. Farmers have been missing cattle for the past several years but it was not until recently that a clue was found. This led to the Fry brothers arrest.

—While working in a manhole of the telephone underground conduits, at Williamsport, Monday afternoon, George W. Huffman, Jr., was suffocated, and Joseph Diets was overcome by gas, which had escaped from an adjacent sewer. A passer-by heard Diets groaning and gave the alarm. Several rescuers were overcome by the gas, and the men were gotten out with great difficulty.

—The residents of Huntsville, eight miles from Wilkesbarre, have been much exercised of late over the presence of many wild cats that come from the mountain seven miles away. Tuesday as a young farmer named Joseph Fuller was passing through a corn field his dog was attacked by a big cat. Fuller tried to pull the dog away, when a second wild cat leaped at him. His clothes were badly torn and his flesh lacerated before he could drive off the animal. The dog succeeded in killing the first cat.

The price of beet is steadily advancing and the indications are that it will go still higher. Purchasers of porter house, or surloin steak, have to pay 18c per pound, round steak, 16c., rib roasts, 15c., veal steak, 20c., veal chops, 15c., and ham, sliced, 18 and 20c. There is an old fable, which says, "the cow jumped over the moon," and these prices lead us to believe that the bovine will attempt to go over the earth's satellite the second time.

"He That is Warm Thinks All So."

Thousands are "cold" in that they do not understand the glow of health. This implies disordered kidneys, liver, bowels, blood or brain. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives all who take it the warmth of perfect health. Get Hood's because



THEN AND NOW.

The harvest is past, the summer is not quite ended, at least the warm weather is still with us. But the sound of the steam thrasher is abroad in the land. Some of us can remember when the old threshing machine we knew anything about was the poverty club, the music of which could be heard far and near from the time harvest was gathered until late the following winter.

The first threshing machine that I knew anything about, was brought into the neighborhood where I lived by a couple of strangers, about sixty-five years ago. They did up the threshing in a hurry for the farmers. It was regarded as a very dangerous thing for women and children to be about. I was only allowed to view it from a distance. For the neighboring farmers formed a syndicate and bought the concern, and for a time had a monopoly of the threshing.

Some may be under the impression that syndicates and monopolies are a modern invention, but such is not the case; they are nearly as old as history. Most of your readers can remember hearing or reading of one Alexander, who attempted to monopolize the world, and thought he had done so. If he were living now, he would out-build Vanderbilt and outcock Rockefeller.

The threshing monopoly was of short duration. Soon almost every farmer had a machine standing in his barn. The increase in the number of machines and the various improvements took the wind out of the monopolistic sails. The steamers are at present the champion threshers, but they are too numerous to form a monopoly.

The difference in our mode of threshing then and now, is not the only thing in which great changes have taken place. When I was a boy, grain was always cut by hand, the grain cradle, or what has sometimes been styled the Armstrong reaper. There was a few old men who did not take kindly to new fashions, that still cut some of their grain with the sickle. The changes that have taken place between then and now, have come about gradually. Had they come suddenly, they would almost have taken our breath. If the old man bending over his sickle, had seen a self-binder coming into his field, it would not have been necessary to tell him to get out of the way. He would very hastily have put at least one fence between him and that huge monster.

Harvesting has been made much easier by the introduction of machinery, but it has lost some of the charm of yesteryear.

Then it was a very common thing to see from three to six men with cradles cutting down the grain, and a goodly number of boys and girls following with rakes, raking up and binding the sheaves ready for shocking.

Racing was then in order, to see which could rake and bind the sheaf the quickest, the boys not unfrequently coming in second best.

A stout, healthy girl, with plenty of bone and muscle, was then regarded as a prize worth looking after. But things have changed. The large girl is rather at a discount now, as she cannot play the organ or piano, or engage in any other fashionable frivolity, better than her smaller sister or neighbor,

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and it takes more calico to make her a gown.

I am of the opinion that the girls of the present day would be quite as well off, and perhaps, better, if they would occasionally take up some useful outdoor employment, instead of turning summersets in a gymnasium. And they would not lower themselves in the estimation of any young man worth having, by showing that they could make themselves useful as well as ornamental. Some of the best women that I have ever known, I have seen working in the fields, making themselves a helpmeet in fact as well as in name. So far as I know they have not injured their health or reputation by so doing.

OLD TIMER.

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World's Bicycle Championship.

And \$200.00 in Gold to be Raced for by Starbuck and Chuch, at Williamsport on Labor Day.

The Y. M. C. A. Wheel Club is preparing for a mammoth race meet at Athletic Park, Williamsport, Pa., on the afternoon of Labor Day. The star attraction will be a great professional championship race between Charles Church, of Philadelphia, and J. Frank Starbuck, Willow Grove. This race is creating intense interest in every section of the country, as Starbuck holds the professional record of the world at five miles, standing start, and has defeated Linton, Michael, and the best men of this country, and also of Spain, France and Italy. Church is known as the "unpaced king," and has never been defeated in a pursuit race. He has beaten McDuffie, Butler, Coulter, Titus, McEachern and many other noted professionals. Over \$600 in prizes are offered. All of the crack amateurs of the State are also entered. Thousands of people are going to Williamsport on this day, as all railroads are selling excursion tickets.

W. C. T. U. County Convention.

This being the twenty-fifth Anniversary year of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. Appropriate Crusade Exercises will be observed at the convention to be held at Rohrsburg, Sept. 7th and 8th. Prayer is also asked for Friday September 1, that the Father's choicest blessing may be poured out upon us at that time.

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 Bears the Signature of
Chas. H. Fletcher

AUGUST FURNITURE NEWS.

Our August Furniture News has scarcely been touched upon in the papers.

Bed Room Furniture and Sideboards In the Favorite Wood.

You can have a white enameled bed and choose a bureau and wash stand that will go with it nicely. These prices just to hint.

- Bed room furniture at \$14 95 that will be \$17 00.
- Bed room furniture at 16 00 that will be 20 00.
- Bed room furniture at 21 50 that will be 25 00.
- Sideboards at \$10 00 that will be \$12 50.
- Sideboards at 12 35 that will be 15 00.

Men's Shirts and Collars.

The white unlaundered shirts have been selling fast, but we have all sizes left. It is little wonder they sell so fast. The bargain was remarkable. They are made by one of the best makers to sell at 75c. It is out and out good fortune that makes them 49c.

Dress Goods.

Choice and pretty stuffs cheap. Every one of these offerings spell the word bargain. When you may obtain 42c goods at 23c, and 85c goods at 37c, well it is surely a bargain harvest time, isn't it?

Big Reductions in Summer Skirts.

The summer skirts are ready to take their leave now. Just to give them one great forward push out of the door these Wednesday we will have a fresh lot of watermelons.

F. P. Pursel.

OUR MID-SUMMER Clearing Sale

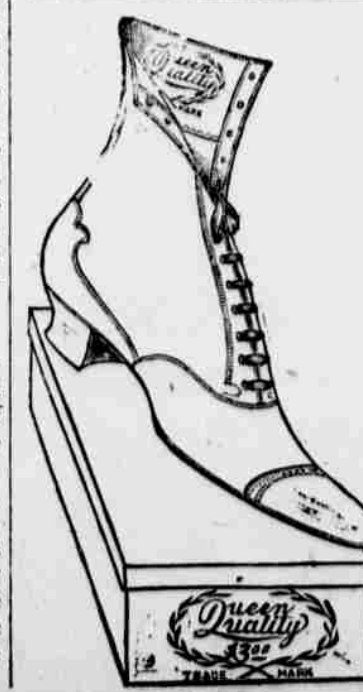
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