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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1899.

## Democratic State Ticket.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT,  
SAMUEL L. MESTREZAT,  
of Fayette County.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT,  
CHARLES J. REILLY,  
of Lycoming County.

FOR STATE TREASURER,  
WILLIAM T. CREASY,  
of Columbia County.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
W. H. FISHER,  
from the South Side,  
WILLIAM KRICKBAUM,  
of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,  
JEREMIAH SNYDER,  
of Locust Twp.

FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK OF THE COURTS,  
WILLIAM H. HENRIE,  
of Bloomsburg.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,  
J. C. RUTTER, JR.,  
of Bloomsburg.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
JOHN G. HARMAN,  
of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY AUDITORS,  
WM. BOGERT,  
of Scott Twp.  
G. H. SHARPLESS,  
of Catawissa.

The great boat race, which has aroused universal interest between the American cup defender Columbia, and Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock will take place next week. In the opinion of many, the handling of the yachts will cut a big figure in the race. We want to see the best boat win, and we hope that the Columbia is the best boat.

The Democratic party in the State has seldom found itself better prepared for attack than it is at the present time, says the *Pittsburg Post*. The consensus of opinion favors sticking to state issues for the most part, as that is Democratic and honest. The Democratic party does not need to evade anything—it does not find it necessary to draw attention away from local corruption by shouting about the starry flag and upholding the nation's honor and the like inapplicable truisms.

The state board of health in a circular letter issued with reference to the spread of small-pox in this State gives the information that since the disease was first reported in Bedford county, in the month of November, 1898, it has made its appearance in more than twenty counties and more than 100 different localities. The number of cases reported is about 900 and the number of deaths seven. The board urges that in all communities the proper precautions be taken in the way of general vaccination, isolation of patients, and the providing of emergency hospitals.

### Trusts Injure Labor.

It is stated by the advocates of trusts that their action can have no effect to injure the laborer employed by them. A practical illustration of the falseness of this theory was lately seen by the action of the glass trust lately instituted. The National Glass Company, of Pittsburg, has been absorbed by the monster Glass Trust lately organized. It employs several hundred salesmen. As soon as the National Glass Company entered the combination its first action was to call all these salesmen home, which meant their discharge. The work will in the future be performed at one central selling agency for the product of all the factories included in the consolidation. One agent, with slight help, will do all the work of the discharged salesmen, throwing hundreds of these men out of employment and compelling them to seek other modes of making a living and maintaining their families, and yet those who favor trusts have the face to maintain that the latter will have no effect to injure the wage earner. We show the fallacy of their arguments.

### Why the Beef Trust is Omnipotent.

An advance in the price of cattle on the hoof at Chicago to \$6.90 per hundred pounds, the highest price reached since 1882, and which means still higher prices to those who buy steaks and roasts for family consumption, is variously accounted for, with a decided preponderance of denunciation of the greed of the Beef Trust, which is supposed to have a corner in the supply of fat cattle.

While it is probably true that the wealthy beef-slaughtering corporations of Chicago and elsewhere are making the most of the present enormous demand for beef and beef products, both at home and abroad, the public should not lose sight of the fact that the chief factor in the advance of beef prices is a short supply and an unusual demand. The price of beef will not be lowered to a fair and normal rate by denunciation, and the sensible plan will be that of remedying as fast as possible the real evil, a short supply of cattle. Since 1892, when the cattle in the United States other than milch cows numbered 37,651,000, the number has steadily decreased until, according to a recent report of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, the cattle available for meat purposes only numbered 28,000,000. These figures alone tell the story of the present high price for beef.

The causes for this decline in the number of beef cattle in the face of a constantly-increasing demand for beef are very apparent. The great cattle ranches of the West frightened the ordinary farmers out of the cattle-raising business. The drovers and butchers who used to traverse the country buying one animal of this farmer and another of that are out of the business because the small farmers do not raise cattle any more. The great cattle ranches of the West have long since reached the limit of production, and until the farmers throughout the country engage once more in the cattle-growing business the supply is bound to be below the demand.

We think it was a mistake for the farmers of the older states to permit themselves to be driven out of the business at all. The farmers have suffered in pocket and the farms in productiveness in consequence, and the sooner they return to the old practice of raising a limited amount of cattle to be sold for beef from time to time, the better for farmers and beef consumers. The Beef Trust controls the market now because of a limited supply of cattle held in a few hands, but with the small farmers again furnishing a supply of cattle to local butchers and dealers, the latter, as well as the beef-consuming public, could once more snap their fingers in the face of the Beef Trust, and we are satisfied that the farmers would find more profit in the change than in the growing of unlimited quantities of cheap wheat and corn.—*Phila. Times*.

### A Oripoled Issue.

It's wonderful how quiet Republicans are on some of their former issues. Last year the principal stock in trade of the State ring was the "Little Red School House." It was in all of their papers, their speeches, their songs, their pictures and their thoughts. It was the child of their creation and a blessing that they had built up, protected and handed down to us. There was no going back on the public schools, or the record of the Republican party, as their advocate and defender. All the intelligence and good and glory that had come from education and enlightenment was due to it, and they were its daddy. How different now? Do you ever hear one speak of what his party has done for the public schools, or how it fosters and cares for them? Not much. They did that once, boastfully and effectually. It was only last fall that the air was full of it, and the State reverberated from end to end with their hurrahs for the "Little Red School House," and the glory it had achieved. But it is all over now. A condition arose that forced them to choose between the corporations and the schools. To save the former they attempted to strike down the latter, and, as a campaign issue, the public schools, their progress, usefulness, future welfare or benefits, are now as useless and obnoxious to them as are the ten commandments to those proselyting for the devil.

How suddenly some people must change. How plainly the hypocrisy of some is exposed. That million of dollars stolen from the schools seems to have played thunder with their public school issues.—*Ex.*

There wasn't a single occupant in the Sullivan County jail, and Judge Dunham discharged the criminal court jurors, because there were no cases of a criminal nature to be tried.

## "The Best is the Cheapest."

Experience teaches that good clothes wear longest, good food gives best nutrition, and a good medicine that cures disease is naturally the best and cheapest. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine money can buy, because it cures when all others fail.

Poor Health—"Had poor health for years, pains in shoulders, back and hips, with constant headache, nervousness and no appetite. Used Hood's Sarsaparilla, gained strength and can work hard all day; eat heartily and sleep well. I took it because it helped my husband to whom it gave strength." Mrs. E. J. Giffels, Moose Lake, Minn.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and most cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

### Moving on the Enemy.

A most important meeting of Democratic editors and those in charge of the Democratic organization of the State was held in Pittsburg recently. The situation in the State was thoroughly gone over and a line of action adopted, which, if earnestly carried out, both by the organization and editors, is sure to give the state ring more trouble than it has yet anticipated in its efforts to continue its corrupt rule and debauching influences. At the instance of the editors steps were taken to organize a movement that, if successful, will minimize the frauds perpetrated at the polls in Philadelphia, and will secure, as far as it is possible, under our inadequate election laws, fair elections in that machine manipulated, and repeater-ruled city. Efforts to thoroughly organize and arouse the Democratic vote of the State are to be made in every school district, and with a full Democratic vote at the polls, reasonably fair elections in Philadelphia, and such help as the Independent Republicans may give, there is no reason under the sun why the end of Quayism, ring-rule and its rottenness and robberies should not be in sight.—*Bellefonte Watchman*.

### STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Roles of Deposit, have become the parents of a little girl that tipped the scales at two pounds and twelve ounces. A lady's finger ring will easily pass over the midget's hand and arm, and a bracelet will pass completely over its head. The little woman is well formed and healthy.

—Judge Simonton of Harrisburg, in his charge to the grand jury Monday instructed the jurors to return all slot machines and other gambling devices. Judge Simonton instructed the grand jurors to make thorough investigation, and report the result of the same to the court at any time during the week.

—By a fall of rock at the Burnside mine Shamokin, Monday morning three men were seriously injured. They are Lewis Stein, body crushed; Lewis Hummel, shoulder broken; Moses Mowrey, head and face cut. The accident occurred shortly after the colliery had started, and the fall, which came without warning, was quite large.

—The strike at the Stevens colliery, Pittston, which has been on for the past two months, and which resulted in a fatal riot a few weeks ago, has been settled. At a meeting of the striking foreigners held at their hall it was decided to accept the company's proposition of an increase of five cents per car.

—Judge Albright, of Allentown, has ordered the removal from the soldiers' monument of a bronze tablet containing his name, that of the county commissioners, their clerk and their solicitor. He said the monument was erected to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers, and not

# FALL STYLES

## NOW IN.

We have lots to interest you. Our Fall styles in Ready-Made Clothing have been selected with care, and our HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS will be found to be the latest in style. Call and examine the new styles, just in, at

# TOWNSEND'S STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

as an advertisement of county officials.

—The project for the construction of an iron bridge across the Susquehanna at Sunbury assumed definite shape by the Sunbury Bridge Company authorizing a contract with the Gorton Bridge Company, of New York, for the construction of the bridge at its bid of \$1,400,000. On the completion of this bridge the line of the Sunbury and Northumberland Electric Railway will be extended to Selingsgrove.

—Burglars Sunday night entered the home and store of Joseph O'Donnell, Forrestville, and carried away several hundred dollars' worth of goods. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell were both chloroformed, when the burglars worked at will. The same night burglars entered the jewelry store of I. H. Dourich, in Orwigsburg, and stole about \$400 worth of jewelry. There is no clue to either burglary.

### A REAL GHOST, THEY SAY.

A Phantom Object Frightens the People of South Williamsport.

People living in South Williamsport are greatly agitated by a strange apparition, which appears nightly,—that of a headless woman dressed in long flowing white robes.

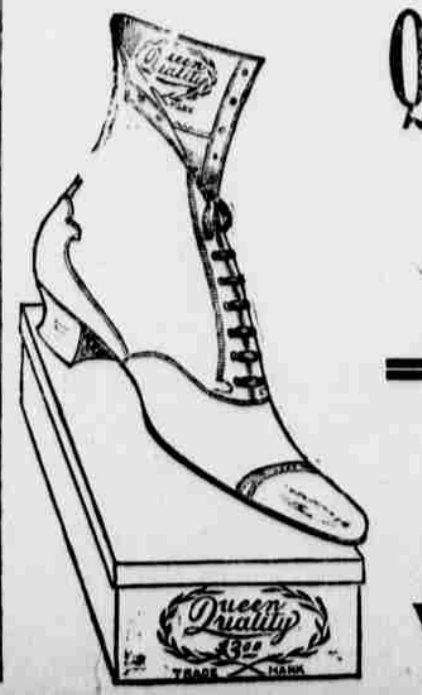
Sunday night a young woman ran screaming into the residence of a Mrs. Houser and said the figure had walked by her side in a lonely place along the edge of a high retaining wall skirting a dark ravine and cavoring in a most terrifying manner. A young man returning from a visit to his girl saw it in the shape of a phantom dog, which, when he kicked at it, as he did repeatedly, was always far enough away to miss his foot, finally vanishing entirely, when he lost his nerve and ran home.

Superstitious people believe the ghost is that of an unknown woman whose skeleton was found on the mountains back of Duboistown. Many are afraid to venture out after night-fall.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT AND HONEST persons to represent us as managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$900 a year and expenses. Straight, bonafide, no more, no less salary. Position permanent. Our references, any bank, in any town. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. THE DOMINION COMPANY, Dept. 3, Chicago. 9-28-16t.

TO THE PUBLIC.—I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for County Commissioner, and ask the voters of Columbia County for their support, irrespective of party. O. T. WILSON.

TO THE PUBLIC.—I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for County Commissioner, and ask the voters of Columbia County for their support, irrespective of party. JOHN N. GORDON.



## Queen Quality SHOES

For Women

# = \$3.00 =

Style, Fit, Wear. None Better.

W. C. MCKINNEY,  
No. 8 East Main St.

## The Flood Tide of Fall Trade Has Set In. It Will Increase in Volume Day by Day.

Already it ripples and eddies around the different sections of the store. Dress Goods, cloaks, women's underwear, blankets, shoes, furniture, etc., all begin to show signs of great activity.

We are pleasing our patrons. No store can have a better advertisement than that. We are here for this purpose. Mark the well beaten path that leads direct to our doors. Note the people as they come and go. Ask them the reason why they make this store the base of their dry goods supplies, and they will tell you that they have full confidence in our merchandising methods. That is the secret of our success.

## The Busy Garment Room.

There is a reason for it—yes, several reasons. First—We've the handsomest cloak equipment in this section. Second—You can absolutely depend upon our garments being right in style, fit, finish and mightiness of material. Third—The prices are so modest that they appeal to your sense of economy.

All wool Kersey Jacket, lined throughout with good satin, trimmed with etching and small buttons, in all the new colors, at \$10.00. The \$12 is better lined and finer cloths, made with fly front. The suits we offer at \$10.00 cannot be matched. The \$12.00 suits are made with fly fronts, trimmed with small buttons and made of fine Venetian cloth.

## The New Gown Stuffs.

Shelves and counters laden with handsome new fall weaves. Come in and see if we have not outbid all former bests.

Note the styles, compare the qualities and prices, and be convinced. We've been doing some masterful buying for you.

Mohair, 50 inches wide, in all colors, at \$1.00. Imported Venetian cloth, 45 inches wide, at 90c. Heavy serges and chevrot, ready sponged to gut into. We start these at 50c.

## Kid Glove Reception.

Greater than any of previous season. To the hundreds of our kid glove patrons we should write this. Stock and their value add other hundreds.

Want to start the season right by giving you values that you can talk about.

\$1.00 quality at 75c to start the season.  
\$1.25 quality at \$1.00 to start the season.  
Colored autumn gloves at \$1.25.

## Blanket Buyers.

Don't think you ever handled any honester blankets than these. We know they are honestly priced, too honestly for a big profit showing. But we bought them on an anti-tariff basis and the saving goes to you, where it rightly belongs.

Cotton blankets, from 49c to \$1.29.  
Special offer for a short time: A gray blanket, all wool, nice and soft, 14 at \$2.25, would be cheap at \$3.00.

## Furniture.

New patterns in bedroom suits for \$16, \$18, \$19.50, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$32.50.  
Sideboards, \$11 to \$25.  
Springs and mattresses, at all prices.

# F. P. Pursel

## OUR MID-SUMMER Clearing Sale

### Mighty Bargains, Cut Prices,

Begin with us on Summer Goods from July 11th. Now is your time to save money on

## Shirt Waists, Dimities, Organdies,

PERCALES, LAWNS, &c.

Do not miss this opportunity. We will have great values to offer you during the next month. See the goods, get the prices before you buy.

### Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited.

Corner Main and Centre. ALFRED McHENRY, Manager