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Chairman Heinle has appointed the Co. Com., which is as near right as can be.

The Democratic administration goes out in about three weeks—but it leaves no stain behind it.

The ground-hog seemed to effect Harrison's cabinet making as much as it did the weather.

The young German Emperor has received an increase of \$900,000 in his annual salary, making his total pay something like \$4,000,000 a year.

Money is a good fighter. The liquor interest will spend twenty dollars to one of the prohibitionists, to defeat the amendments. The temperance army may be all right in numbers, but it keeps its hands warm in the pockets that don't have the money.

The New York butchers are at work trying to obtain legislation to prohibit or at least regulate the sale of Chicago dressed beef in that State. When the butchers would raise the price on consumers 2 to 3 cts. per pound, and Heaven knows they retail it high enough as it is.

The movement for the erection of a new Capitol is about to take definite shape. Mr. Burdick, of McKean, is preparing a bill which provides for a new and convenient building on the site of the present structure, the cost of which is not to exceed \$5,000,000. The bill also provides that a committee of five shall be created to look after the plans and specifications, one to be appointed by the Governor and two each by the House and Senate.

Philadelphia now has two women under sentence of death. They will probably be hanged within the next few months. Women are rapidly forging to the front, says an exchange, and not even the conservatism of Philadelphia can repress them.

The Reporter thinks this in accordance with women's rights—woman has just a much right to commit murder as a man has, and just as good a right to hang for it as a man.

A whole family, consisting of the father, mother, two sons and two daughters, was wiped out by diphtheria within the past six days at Gosfield, Ontario, twenty miles from Detroit. Last week, James, the 7 year old son of William Tubbs, returned from school with a sore throat. He died the next evening. William Tubbs was poor and could not afford a doctor. The next day two more of the family were stricken and died, next the mother and then the father succumbed, all of malignant diphtheria. The neighbors visited the house to find six dead bodies.

The dressed beef bill got another black eye, this time in the house, at Harrisburg. After the judiciary committee had laid it out an attempt was made to get it before the house, but the house voted not to have it. There was a bad smell about it—the bill, not the beef. It was in the interest of the stock yard monopolists, who hired a few cranks to raise the cry that it was in the interest of the farmer. But every intelligent farmer and beef eater, saw through it and the cranks who were hired by the beef monopolist crawled into their hole about the same time the ground hog did.

The double kick which the beef bill got at Harrisburg, sent it clean over to Ohio where it got another kick which sent it to Halifax.

The prohibition amendment, in the central counties of the state, will fare about as follows:

Centre will vote for the amendment, from present indications, but not with a heavy majority.

Union county will poll a strong majority in favor of the amendment.

Mifflin county, will vote in favor of the amendment.

Clearfield will go pretty strongly against the amendment.

Clinton will be evenly divided with chances for a small majority against the amendment.

Huntingdon will cast a large majority in favor of the amendment.

Bair county is likely to vote in favor of the amendment.

The anti-liquor people threaten to split into high license and amendment factions, many of the most ardent temperance advocates favoring high license and opposing the prohibitory amendment. If these get any considerable following we think the doom of prohibition is sealed in the state and high license will prevail.

LEGISLATING TO TAX MEAT.

What would be thought of the Philadelphia newspaper publishers if they demanded of Congress or the Legislature a law excluding New York and other newspapers from competing with them in Pennsylvania? Such an application would be hooted out by legislators as idiotic, and the action would be just.

Pray, what is the difference between excluding outside newspapers from circulating in Pennsylvania, and excluding outside beef from coming into our markets from Chicago or else where? There is no shade of difference in the principle between the newspaper and the meat, but there is a substantial shade of difference in favor of excluding the newspaper in preference to beef, because meat is one of the commonest necessities of life.

The allegation that Chicago beef is more likely to be diseased, is the merest pretext to excuse extortion upon every home of the State. Cattle shipped to the East are much more likely to furnish diseased meat than the cargoes of refrigerator cars, and both the Eastern killed bullocks and the shipped dress beef, are never safe without careful inspection. The danger of disease is just about equal in either case, and it is swinging backward toward the dark ages to exclude cheap food from the people.

Of course, the Western beef combine does nothing whatever except as interest dictates. It plunders the Western cattle grower and gets all it can for dressed beef, but that is no reason why it should be excluded from our markets simply to enable others to throttle consumers. In this game of self-interest, it is always safe to legislate only in the interest of the consumer, and the best way to do that is to give free markets and competition to all who supply food for the people.—Philadelphia Times.

The following is published as the authentic details regarding the tragic death of Crown Prince Rudolph: Archduke Rudolph had paid court to the beautiful Baroness Marie Vetsera for four months, and it is stated that Countess Wallersee Larisch, a niece of Empress Elizabeth, encouraged the liaison. Baroness Marie had a romantic and nervous temperament, and was devoted to Rudolph. The pair started in a closed carriage drawn by two horses, on the 28th of January, for Meyerling. They spent the next day together, and on the morning of the 30th both were found dead in the Prince's bed. Marie was shot through the forehead, and Rudolph as already described. It is evident that the guilty couple resolved to die together. The coverlet of the bed was strewn with flowers. The body of the Baroness was taken secretly from the chateau to the gamekeeper's cottage, and was removed thence for burial. The Vetsera family left Vienna on Saturday for Venice where they will probably hereafter live.

This story regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Prince Rudolph fails to create any peculiar sensation here. The story had already come out by piecemeal, and this latest report simply furnishes the skeleton thus formed with the requisite name of the Prince's partner in the amour. It appears that the story is the same that the *Peather Lloyd* loyally refrained from publishing out of regard for the royal family, but someone less scrupulous having got hold of it has given it to the world. The story of Rudolph's liaison with Baroness Marie Vetsera is generally credited here, and it is believed that the truth of the affair has come out finally.

It seems to be pretty well settled that the present Congress will create another Cabinet place, to be known as the Department of Agriculture. This will make the eighth Cabinet official, and will give President Harrison one more Cabinet appointment than any of his predecessors had. Originally there were four Cabinet officials, namely, Secretary of State, Secretary of Treasury, Secretary of War and Attorney General. There were subsequently added Postmaster General, Secretary of Navy and Secretary of the Interior.

Next there may be a demand for another, Department of Mining; then for another, the Department of Manufactures; then another, the Mercantile Department; then another, the Base Ball Department; then another, the Dressed Beef Department—all asking for cabinet places, on same rights as the last one just created.

The Sheriff of Berks county on Monday, sold ten fine farms in that county, aggregating nearly one thousand acres. During the present winter season the Sheriff has sold some twenty other large farms, besides the farm stock of twenty other farmers, all of whom had failed. This condition of things is taken as an indication that farming no longer pays as formerly, as a similar state of affairs exists in other counties in this part of the state.

GOVERNMENT BY CROWNS.

From the New York World.
What a comment there is upon the monarchical principle in the character of royalty to-day on the European Continent! The doctrine of divine right no longer prevails in England and the throne there lingers but an empty form—albeit somewhat expensive—through sufferance and the lessening force of tradition. But across the German ocean the title-deeds to rule are still held by their possessors as specifically coming from the Almighty.

The Austrian succession has just been diverted from a Crown Prince who, divested of his rank, would not be received in any respectable social circle in the United States, to a young man whose best quality is amiability but whose brains, if reports are true, would not be equal to the proper management of a truck patch. The Emperor of Germany has an unpleasing record as a son and husband and his course is a constant source of apprehension and uncertainty. The King of Holland is near the end of a discreditable life, prematurely senile, with a little girl, nine years of age to succeed him. The King of Wurttemberg has forced his people to place a restraint upon him and require him to send away companions who pandered to his weaknesses. The taint of insanity which sent King Louis, of Bavaria, but a short time ago to a watery grave is in the blood of all of these. The two-year-old King of Spain may be added to the list to be considered. Possibly he may turn out well, but heredity places the chances strongly against him.

Think of millions of people, accredited civilized, ruled by human trash of this kind! How long can it last?

PROHIBITION INTERESTS.

The temperance convention at Harrisburg, last week, was called by A. A. Stevens, Chairman of the Prohibition party in this State, generally known as the third party. The men who are prominent in this party want to be leaders in the prohibition campaign now about to open. Their ambition in this respect is likely to lead to trouble. The friends of prohibition in the Republican and Democratic parties, who do not believe in a third party, and are nonpartisan in their temperance principles, are not disposed to make their fight for prohibition under the leadership of Mr. Stevens or any of the men who have been prominent in the political prohibition party. Consequently John Fulton, of Johnstown, and Samuel Collins, of Allegheny City, president and secretary of the State Constitutional Temperance Amendment Association, have called a convention of their non-partisan friends to meet at Harrisburg on Tuesday, February 19. All friends of prohibition, irrespective of sex, party or other distinctions, are invited to attend. The political and non-political advocates of prohibition are not just at present very cordially in harmony and it is not unlikely that the anti-liquor campaign may be conducted by two separate and distinct organizations.

Singular news comes from the M'Alister's soldiers' orphan school, where twenty five boys have become insane, all about the same time.

The friends of the management are pooh-poohing the idea of insanity and for some purpose are trying to create the impression with the public outside that the boys are shamming, but Dr. L. Baeks who is an intelligent physician, indignantly repudiates any such a notion. When he visited the school he put the boys to such tests that made it impossible for them to deceive him.

While they are able to distinguish objects and know what they are, yet when they endeavor to name them they say another word than the one they want. Such a condition, it is said, comes from enema of the brain, which is produced sometimes by poverty of the blood. Two of the boys have cores or Saint Anthony's dance, which is an effect of enema of the brain. The condition of the boys seems improved.

THE GAMBLERS IN WHEAT.

But it is tolerably safe to say that there is not going to be any famine this year as to actual wheat. There will be found enough to go round and to supply all demands that are likely to come from abroad, and somebody will be left with excess on hand—an excess greatly increased if artificial prices are made and maintained during the few months of the crop year that remain. Individuals may make millions by a corner, perhaps, but the country will certainly lose, and that heavily, if its foreign trade is again slaughtered by a further suppression of exports.

An Ohio woman who has reached the good old age of 91 years concludes that marriage is a failure and has brought suit for a divorce.

The Reporter would suggest the old dame that she have a little patience and she will be granted a separation from a higher court.

THE FRIENDS OF THE PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT IN CONCLAVE.

Apparent harmony has been established between the Constitutional Amendment Association and the Prohibition party of Pennsylvania, as all the Representatives appointed at the recent conference of friends of the prohibitory amendment, in the city of Harrisburg, have signed a call for a State Convention in Harrisburg on February 19. The prohibition party felt highly insulted at a letter written by the president of the Constitutional Amendment Association to Judge Black, of Lancaster, in which he declared that his association would have nothing to do with the third party, and the leaders of that organization, at the late conference, resisted the effort being made to unite with the Constitutional Amendment Association.

But a committee was finally appointed to confer with the president of the Amendment Association, in the hope of having another time than election for the convention of Prohibitionists. In this effort the committee was unsuccessful, as the association could not recede from its purpose. Each county in the State is entitled to send ten delegates to the convention, and each city and borough one delegate from each ward.

REV. DR. BOARDMAN UPON THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" was the commandment treated by Dr. Boardman. In introducing his subject he said that language was one of the most wonderful, immortal and sacred faculties of man. By its means we are enabled to understand and enjoy one another. It is the very blood of humanity, the covenant of the people and the symbol of the unity of man. Language, to be true to its lofty purpose, must be entirely trustworthy—the utterance of a lie being more criminal than the forging of a note or the counterfeiting of a coin, for these one may catch, while a falsehood is as elusive as it is dangerous.

When in direct consideration of the Ninth Commandment Dr. Boardman explained that it forbids all perjury, all slander or misrepresentation of whatever kind, nature or expression; all tale-bearing and gossiping; all indulgence in calumnious rumor or hearsay; all backbiting and insinuating; the silence that by its quiet gives consent to rumors or scandals; all falsehood, whether evil or not; all lies, direct or otherwise. It also enjoins upon us candor in all things, truthfulness in word, thought or deed.

THE FOOD NOT GOOD.

The committee appointed by Wilson Post G. A. R., of Mifflintown, to investigate the cause of the nervous insanity at the McAlisterville soldiers' orphan school, met there to-day, and in conjunction with Drs. Grubb and Hoopes made an examination. They found the building cleaned up from top to bottom, and the children seemed to be well clad and shod. The boys are not looking healthy. The girls appear much better. John Brady, aged fifteen, Tilden Limes, aged twelve and Lynn Shirk, aged fourteen are confined to a room and are in charge of keepers. They are badly affected and have a disposition to climb out of windows at every opportunity. Albert Baker and Dennis Howell, aged twelve years, are in bed with cores.

The doctors say that all five boys are troubled with blood impoverishment, caused by lack of nutrition. The doctors could go no further than this. The dinner to-day consisted of potato, boiled with some meat in it, dark, heavy bread made out of second grade flour, with molasses and water. It is believed the lack of nutrition is thus accounted for. Ex-Senator Wright was not present, though he was telegraphed for several days ago. The committee were at a loss to know what to report.

The expectation is that Harrison's administration will start off somewhat in this shape: Secretary of state, Blaine, whom Harrison will have to either fight or follow; secretary of the treasury, probably Platt, who will excite the animosity of half of the Republicans of New York, and add a large element to the forces dragging down the administration; Alger, secretary of war, who carries in his breast the grievance planted there in Chicago last June; postmaster general or secretary of the navy, Wananaker, an amateur statesman who goes in as the result of an ante election understanding; attorney general, Estee, who as a corporation attorney of the most corrupt monopolies of the West, will throw around the department of justice a flavor of suspicion before his name goes down on his first official paper. It is needless to add that whatever Southern representative there is in the cabinet, he will have neither influence nor prestige.

The Vanderbilts have obtained control of the South Penn road, which is explained to mean that the road will not be built.

IN A BAD FIX.

ENTERING THE LEWISBURG BRIDGE BY TEAM AT ONE END WHILE A FEW MOMENTS LATER A TRAIN EN-TERED AT THE OTHER.

Mr. John Houtz had finished his business in Milton early in the afternoon, and it was about four o'clock when he and his wife arrived at the Lewisburg bridge, where he wished to cross to Lewisburg. Bridge keeper Hess was away from his post and had no signals out to show that a train was approaching. Mr. Houtz saw a train on the opposite side of the river, but, as there were no signals out, he thought it was a train on the Reading Road and that he could cross in safety before a train would come on the Pen's Road. Horror of horrors! When he got about 50 yards into the bridge, he saw an approaching freight train enter the other end, coming from Lewisburg. "My God!" said Mr. Houtz, "I would not have given two cents for my chances of getting out of that bridge alive. I could not tell any man what my thoughts were as I saw that grim monster approaching. My first thought was to run forward and stop the train, but the bridge soon filled with smoke and I saw that would not do because the engineer could not see me and the noise was so great that I could not hope to make myself heard. What could I do? I tried to turn around but the tongue of my sled was so long that it struck the opposite side of the bridge, yet I felt that I must get out of that, I could not let my team stick there and see them mangled, I jumped down out of the box, got behind the sled and commenced to lift with might and main but the sled would not budge. Nearer and nearer came the train; it would soon be upon me. Great beads of perspiration stood upon my forehead as I thought of my possibility of being crushed to death under those terrible wheels. Once a sin I lifted and shouted to my team; they seemed endowed with almost human reason and obeyed at once. I lifted the sled about three feet and around went the team like a flash. I jumped into the box and by whip and word urged my team to their utmost speed; sometimes they would slip and come down on their knees but up and off they would go again, and as we got out of the bridge, the train was only about 20 feet behind me. My wife had gone out ahead of me and met me as I drove out of bridge. My sleigh weighs about 1,000 lbs. and I don't see how I lifted it. I don't believe I could lift it again if I should try. I then drove up to Milton and crossed the river there and came down to Lewisburg on the west side of the river. I always had a horror of that bridge and it is strange that the first time I ever tried to cross it, I should meet with such an accident as this. I will never try to cross that bridge again. When I arrived at Lewisburg, I got the address of the Superintendent (E. B. Westfall) and wrote to him, stating my case, and now I hear that the bridgeman got permission to do something else, or, in other words, he got the bounce.—Mifflintown Times.

FIGHTING OVER CHILDREN.

On Monday last the people of Lewisburg were surprised by the sight of a closed carriage being rapidly driven through the main streets followed by a number of men on horseback, but when the whole caravan stopped before the law office of Hon. C. S. Wolfe the mystery was soon solved. Some time during the week before Wesley B. Stark, of Williamsport, had taken his two children from his home and brought them to his mother's, Mrs. E. A. Stark, of Lewisburg, because, as he said, his wife was not taking proper care of them. On Monday Mrs. Wesley Stark and her sisters came to Lewisburg in a closed carriage and taking the children started for Williamsport, but were overtaken near Milton, in Northumberland county, and brought back without a warrant.

Mrs. Stark secured Mr. Wolf as her counsel and the matter was brought before Judge Bucher to be decided. He deferred it until evening. As Messrs. Wolf and Leiser and the two ladies with the children were returning from the court house they were met by Stark and his brother and William Ginter, a relative of Stark's, who tried to take the children from them by force. Mr. Wolfe interfered and in the struggle Mr. Leiser struck Ginter on the head with a law book, not, however, doing him any injury.

In the evening Judge Bucher, being unable to decide on account of insufficient testimony as to who should have the children, was about to give them to Mr. Stark's mother when the children, both of whom are quite young, began to cry for their mother. This aroused such a storm of indignation in the court that it was impossible to keep order, so he gave them to their mother on \$300 bail to appear in court next Wednesday, when the case will be finally decided.

The Board of Commissioners of Centre county seems to be composed as follows: John D. Decker.....1 Michael Fiedler.....1 John Henderson.....3 Total.....5 This puts Henderson in the majority on all questions.

The Republican granger of the Western prairies, who wanted relief from taxation, but was told by his party spouter in the recent campaign that it would be more becoming to receive it from his own party, will find it necessary to wipe the hay seed from his eyes in his effort to discover the promised relief in the senate tariff bill.

EXTRA OFFER.

Any one sending us the names of three new subscribers with the cash for one year, will get a copy of the Reporter one year free.

WALNUT GROVE.

James Wert was hauling logs last week for Wm. Colyer, near Tusseyville.

George Inhoff will move near State College next spring.

Jennie, a little daughter of John Fromis, has been on the sick list the past week, but now is convalescent.

Messrs. Jake and George Fishburn, of near Bellefonte, spent Sunday afternoon and evening in our vicinity.

Those having ice houses are hard at work trying to fill them. The ice is about 5 inch thick.

Messrs. Daniel and Wes Meyer of Boalsburg, were through here last week, buying fat cattle.

C. C. Meyer and Cora E. Durst attended the convention at Zion, last week, and say the convention was a success the entire week, and a crowded house on Saturday evening. They also give the people of that place high praise for their sociability, no doubt C. C. will now travel back and forward quite frequently.

The farmers around here are hauling their grain to Linden Hall, price 95 cts.

Miss Sallie McClinton, of near Wolf's Store, paid her parents a short visit last week. Sallie the next time you come we want you to stay longer and call on all your friends.

Mrs. George Fressler who had been sick is now improving.

Cyrus Durst will make sale on Tuesday, March 12th, of farm stock, etc.

Mr. Tobias of Potterville, passed through here last week, purchasing cattle.

Some of our young people expect to attend the convention at Spring Mills the latter part of the week, the rest will attend the concert.

Suppose our young men are in the best of humor since the last snow fell, as they again can coast on their Portland center, if some of you become thirsty again, call around.

AARONSBURG.

Charles Bell has rented his house to Andrew Immel and will move to Bellefonte.

Jacob Harter has rented the Evert farm at Coburn from the executors, Samuel Evert and Geo. Bower.

Wm. Honan of Farmers Mill moves on the Michael Muser farm, lately purchased by Wm. King of Laurelton, Pa.

Willis Walker, who has been spending the last year at home with his father, at Rebersburg, spent a day, last week, among his old acquaintances in Aaronsburg. He had been in poor health but is much improved and expects to return to Stephenson Co. in a few weeks.

Hon. J. G. Meyer has a singing class in town of 72 scholars which meets twice a week. Young and old, little and big, all attend.

Charles H. Stover has taken a partner in the cigar manufacturing business, Mr. Andrew Muser and the firm now is Stover & Muser.

J. Willis Muser ships about half a dozen calves to New York each week. Willis deals in a little of everything, and among other things has gceese and duck feathers.

PENN TOWNSHIP.

We now enjoy midding good sleighing once, but not on the Coburn pike.

Mr. Huyet's steam sawmill is again running on full time in Dr. P. T. Muser's timber land.

Last Saturday Wallace Muser a son of S. D. Muser fell into the large milldam back of town. The day before there were some 50 skating on the dam, and he went on the next morning but the water had wasted the ice, consequently he broke through, and with tight scraping was saved. Rather cool dip Wallace.

The German Exhibition committee are pushing their work through quite lively, and we hear it will be a grand treat.

Election next week. We have some important officers to elect, such as school director, supervisors and one J. P., also others. All turn out and vote.

Since I last wrote for your paper the death and funeral of Mrs. Hella Gregory took place. She died of typhoid fever, on last Sunday a week ago, at the age of 25 years. She was married only 6 months ago, and her grieving husband is also laid up with a severe attack of erysipelas. May he speedily recover.

Mrs. Sarah Smith of Smithville is very low with lung fever.

Mr. C. Brumgard of Brushvalley, had 2 frolics for hauling ice to Millheim to fill his ice house with the intention of running the meat market next summer. He intends to move over this spring.

The farm belonging to the Michael Muser estate, in Haines township, is sold at public sale to Mr. King of Union county for \$50 per acre—125 acres

Fleming, the fashionable tailor Bellefonte, makes the cheapest and best fitting suits in the county.

Fauble keeps the finest stock of ready made clothing in the county and cannot be undersold by any competitor.

Novels by Scott, Goldsmith, Verne, Haggard, Dickens, Dora Thorne, Hugh Conway etc., on sale at Murray's Drug store.

Lewins employs none but the best workmen in his tailoring establishment at Bellefonte, and has the finest cutter in the state in his employ.

The Philad. Branch has opened up its full stock of clothing. An immense stock of fall and winter overcoats can be found there for your inspection. They have overcoats in all styles, price and quality. Remember the Philad. Branch when in need of clothing.

If you wish to be well dressed, get your clothing made by Fleming, the fashionable tailor, Bellefonte, who has a complete line of latest goods, and at cheapest prices.

The Philadelphia Times of Wednesday, goes heavily for the Danphin county horse insurance company, on the complaint of a number of Philadelphians who did not get pay for horses that died; yet all the time demands were made for payment of assessments. The Times also goes for the Union county horse insurance company on similar complaints. So it will be seen the Reporter is not the only paper to cry, "Beware!"

Powers' shoe store is having a big rush for boots and shoes at this season, and as usual are well prepared to meet it. They have an immense stock of new goods which embraces everything in the line of foot wear. Lumbermen's gum boots, and all kinds of boots for teamsters and workmen, at lower prices than ever. Ladies' and gents' dress shoes and in fact anything you want to see in the line of boots and shoes at lowest prices, at Powers' shoe store, Bellefonte.