



## THE CENTRE REPORTER

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Persons who die without having paid their debts are always remembered the longest.

The Berks county hotel keepers intend to test the constitutionality of the Brooks high license law.

Harrison is being faulted for appointing other Harrisons. If Harrison don't take care of the Harrisons why who the Harry will?

Ben Butler is trying to dig a Dutch Gap canal through Admiral Porter. The Admiral in turn is busy dipping up Ben with spoons.

The widow Fleming, of Philadelphia, has compromised her breach-of-promise suit with ex-Senator John J. Patterson, by accepting \$2000 for her wounded affections.

The proposed amendments to the liquor law all failed. It is well understood, however, that if the prohibitory amendment is defeated the next session will witness a general assault on the Brooks law in the interests of the dealers in intoxicants.

Telegrams say that copious rains have fallen within the past few days over a very wide wheat, oats and corn growing area in the West. The area reported from covers the entire States of Illinois and Indiana, and parts of Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Governor Beaver has appointed the following commissioners to the exposition at Paris: Andrew Carnegie and Russel Errett, Pittsburg; John Henry Harjes, Paris; Charles F. Warwick, Mrs. H. A. Roberts, William D. Rogers, William D. Hastings, Philadelphia; John P. Zane, Bradford; Professor R. R. Streeter, Titusville; J. W. Gephart, Bellefonte.

Gov. Beaver's ideas of economy will have to be tested not only by the appropriation items he has vetoed, but by the bills he has signed, among the latter being bills for a junketing trip to New York, that absorbed all the money asked for two or three deserving charities that are to get nothing.—*Public Ledger.*

Advices from Samoa up to April 30 state that the natives are quiet at the islands though the political situation remains the same. At the suggestion of Mataafa, Admiral Kimberly, the American Naval officer, Dr. Koappe proposed to Tamasese to agree to maintain peace. This Tamasese refused to do unless he was recognized as King. Upon this Admiral Kimberly issued a proclamation urging the natives to maintain peace.

Altoona Tribune, says: The syndicate schools which have been reaping a rich harvest from the soldiers orphans are to go, but the syndicate superintendent of public instruction has been given another lease of office. The action of Gov. Beaver in reappointing Dr. Higbee to the superintendency of common schools is a great disappointment to the people because they had a right to expect better things. It now looks as though Higbee will bestride the school system of this commonwealth until the day of his death. It is unfortunate that this is so, but the people will have no difficulty in fixing the responsibility.

District Attorney Darte, of Wilkesbarre was notified the other day that the Italian Government will not surrender the two Italians wanted as "Red Nose" Mike's accomplices in the McClure murder. The officials of that country, however, request that the evidence against the men be sent to Italy, and they will be tried there. A similar case occurred one year ago, when the extradition of a criminal was asked by authorities at Cleveland, O. An indictment had been found against the man, and this was forwarded to Florence. The Florentine officials had the formidable looking document translated, convicted the criminal, sentenced him for life to the galleys and sent a record of it to Prosecutor Hadden, of Cleveland.

Senator Colquitt's address in the court house in favor of the prohibition amendment has infused new life in the prohibition cause and its friends are taking fresh courage. The address was eloquent, powerful and convincing; the courtroom was packed and the speech of the senator left a favorable impression upon the large audience.

Mr. Colquitt has spoken in many other towns of this state with the same favorable effect. His efforts, it is easily to be seen, are reviving the cause of the prohibitionists, which for some weeks seemed to be drooping. Centre county will register in favor of the amendment, if its friends remain active.

Lawyer Rothermel will have a peculiar suit come before court in Philadelphia.

The question which the judges of the Common Pleas Court are called upon to puzzle over is whether a child can recover for personal injuries received before its birth. He represented the infant child of Mary Jones, and the suit is against the Second and Third streets Passenger Railway company. Mrs. Jones in November, 1887, while in a car of that line received permanent injuries to her spine because of a collision of the car with a passing wagon. She brought suit against the railway company and recovered a verdict for \$2250. Six months after the accident her child was born, and ever since has been a sufferer from fits and spinal trouble. The faculty of a prominent medical school have examined it, and they are unanimous in their opinion that the helpless condition of the infant is the result of injuries received at the same time with the mother. The railway company is sued for damages done to the child, and as the injuries are permanent, if a verdict should be recovered against it, it probably will be for a handsome sum.

In the history of the law there is no record of any case having ever been brought similar to this one. It is a well settled principle, however, that an unborn child can become entitled to an inheritance and enter into the possession and enjoyment of it after birth, but whether a suit can be brought for any other purpose by such infant is a question upon which all the legal books are dumb. The trial of the case will be watched with great interest by the bar, in view of the novel questions of law which have been raised by Mr. Rothermel.

The Times a few days ago made the statement, gathered from Philadelphia and New York brewers, that Senator Quay was to receive \$200,000 from the brewery and distillery interest for his services in defeating prohibition in this State at the coming June election. This money has been largely collected in New York, but the Philadelphia liquor interest also chipped in. If this is so, it looks like a gongee game as the senator pledged himself to defeat prohibition in return for the liquor contributions he handled in the Harrison campaign. He should not take double pay for the same service. It is hardly moral.

The New York Times gives it fresh prominence in the disclosures of a member of the brewers legislative committee of Rochester, N. Y., vouched for by the Times as "a man of unquestioned probity and standing." We quote:

He said that early last summer Mr. Quay served notice on the brewers of Pennsylvania, who are for the most part Republicans, that they must contribute \$300,000 to the general campaign fund, the money to be used for the success of the ticket in their own State and New York. The required sum meant a tax of about 10 cents a barrel on the annual production of the breweries. In return for this handsome contribution Quay pledged himself and the Republican party to defeat the prohibition amendment to the Pennsylvania State constitution. The brewers, no doubt thinking that all was fair in love and war, managed to raise a round \$300,000, which was duly sent to the mighty leader of the Republican phalanxes.

### The Model Legislature.

The legislature which adjourned sine die yesterday says the Patriot made a record which cannot fail to draw upon it the condemnation of the people. Its contemptuous disregard of the petitions of the workingmen of the state for legislation for their protection, its servile obedience to the will of a Philadelphia boss politician in the passage of the judge's salary bill, its failure to inquire into the grave allegations against the management of the sinking fund, its refusal to legislate for the enforcement of the provisions of the constitution in regard to discrimination by common carriers, its neglect to provide for the secrecy of the ballot, its costly junket at the centennial, its extravagantly expensive contested election cases, its contempt for the rights of the minority, constitute a fearful array of ugly facts which, the political majority in the two houses are called upon to explain.

Brother-in-law Scott, of Indianapolis, has been appointed to a six dollar a day position in Washington Territory. Ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, father of Russell Harrison's wife, is booked for a seat on the Utah commission; \$5,000 a year and "found." The Indianapolis Sentinel says: "It looks as if Harrison intended not only to 'take care' of all his own and his wife's relatives, but of his son's wife's relatives as well.

There is one fool less. At Houston, Texas, Prof. St. Clair, the aeronaut, in attempting to give his "leap from the clouds," at the Fair Ground Park, lost his grip on the parachute and fell 300 feet to the earth. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

## Editorial Twitter.

There is talk of war between Brazil and Bolivia.

The early return of the African explorer, Stanley, is predicted.

The state legislature has adjourned without doing any thing for which our agricultural friends need feel thankful—unless for the adjournment.

One month more and Pennsylvania will decide whether she will lick-her or not: wet or dry. Centre county will go a little dry.

Thus far seven states have voted not to go dry, namely, Michigan, Texas, Tennessee, Oregon, West Virginia, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Now let Pennsylvania roll back the tide.

The United Brethren having split should now call themselves the Dis-united Brethren.

The Venango county court rules that judgment notes and mortgages are not taxable. Let the Centre county commissioners listen to that.

Mrs. Gen. Gaines suit, some 40 years in court against the city of New Orleans, has been decided in her favor, by the U. S. Supreme court, and her heirs now get about 1 1/2 millions. She died three or four years ago but Gaines all the same.

Massachusetts now has a law forbidding the docking of horses tails with fine and imprisonment as the penalty. Guess horses up there wont kick now unless flies get too forward.

## Renounces the World.

Miss Kate Drexel, of Philadelphia, the second daughter of the late Francis A. Drexel, who left \$5,000,000 to each of his three daughters, has practically renounced the world. The young lady has entered as a postulate, or earnest seeker, of the order of the Sisters of Mercy in the mother house of the order at Pittsburg. This is not exactly equivalent to entering the order, but those who know Miss Drexel know that this act amounts to a complete renunciation of her family, of her surviving sisters and her dear friends and her great wealth.

Miss Drexel has meditated this step for some time, though the fact has been kept very quiet. She is well known as the most attractive of the three sisters. The youngest sister, now Mrs. E. De Murrell, who was married a few months ago, and her unmarried sister, Miss Lizzie Drexel, will sail from New York for Europe with their uncle, A. J. Drexel.

Miss Drexel attended mass at St. John's Roman Catholic church in that city, and it was there that she elected to part from the few most intimate friends who knew of her purpose. After finishing her devotions, she kissed all her relatives and, accompanied by two faithful maids was driven to the depot, where she took the train for Pittsburg.

Last Sunday there was a great scene in the James river, at Richmond. The entire colored population had gone to the banks of the James River to witness the biggest baptism ever known among the colored churches. About 300 were put under the water. This is the first result of the unprecedented revival going on for three weeks in the colored churches.

By daylight the entire negro population was preparing to attend this union baptism, which was to begin at half past 10. The crowd in attendance is estimated at from 20,000 to 30,000. The converts marched in procession through the streets, many of the women wearing white robes, some of the more opulent attired in decorative gowns. Rev. John Jasper towered six feet one above the vast concourse and though 71 years old his voice is the strongest, and his roll of converts the largest. Three ministers stood in the river, three lines of penitents moving to them at a time, and the groans and shouts, the ecstatic ejaculations that rolled over this multitude surpassed anything of the kind ever heard in Richmond before.

In the next war armies will have to be employed chiefly in keeping out of the range of each others guns, or they will be annihilated. In addition to the repeating rifles, Gatling guns, dynamite guns and the like, the government has been experimenting with a six pounder that fires 19 times a minute or 60 times in 4 minutes and 20 seconds. There will be no charge like that of Picketts men at Gettysburg against such weapons.

Simon Cameron was ill last week, but is recovering again.

Italy refuses to surrender the McClure murderers. Shame!

The United Brethren World's Quadrennial Conference, now in session at York, threatens to split on the anti-secret society question.

The Juniata Classis of the Reformed church last week passed the following: Resolved, That we encourage all Christian men and women to use all legitimate means to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of alcoholic beverages.

Last week the newspapers announced the death of Father Damien, the self-sacrificing priest who gave his life for the lepers of the Sandwich Islands. He was a comparatively young man when he died—only died—but had spent a number of years at Molokai, the leper settlement, his purpose being to do good to the bodies and the souls of the outcasts among whom he cast his lot. This priests life and death illustrate the spirit of Christianity. He loved God supremely and therefore he loved man. No one cared for the lepers and therefore he abandoned home and hope and consecrated life to their welfare. It is easy to find similar instances in the history of the church. But where are the martyrs of infidelity? Which of the priests of unbelief have ever sacrificed their lives for the benefit of the unfortunate ones of earth? "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Just previous to the brave priests death, Father Callaghan of New York, received a private letter from him, in which he said:

"I am now in the hands of God. If I become a leper the good St. Peter, no doubt, will let me pass all the easier when my hour comes. Sometimes when I am kneeling by the side of a poor leper, from whom exhales an odor that would put the most courageous to flight. I often think I am doing a little of my purgatory. What do you think? Regularly every week a small steamer makes its appearance here, and very early in the morning announces by the loud blowing of its whistle that lepers have been landed. Then those who can hurry to the shore. Often we find our new comers soaking wet through. Now again begin the cries and tears, for one sees here again the meeting of a husband and wife, or a wife seeing her husband among them, sometimes a child seeing its father or mother. They take the names of the new arrivals, and everyone sets out to find new lodgings for them. Although I am not a leper I could not leave here to go to any other of these islands without a proper certificate from the Board of Health. But I have no wish to go anywhere. My mission is here, and here I'll remain."

Intelligence from South Carolina says: Farming interests in this state have been injured to a serious extent by the unprecedented hot spell which set in four days ago, and which is still parching vegetation. There has been no rain to speak of for several weeks, and the ancient inhabitants find it difficult to recall such another hot spell.

The absence of rainfall during the week, the normal temperature and the amount of sunshine above the normal has tended in a great measure to injure the grain crop all growing crops. The small grain crop has been injured to a vast extent and what may be made will be of light weight. Gardens are suffering. Corn in most places is doing very well. Cotton prospects are very gloomy. The last three days of the torrid wave are discouraging to all interested in agriculture.

The prohibition case in this state has lost ground in the last six weeks; had there been an election a few weeks ago the amendment passed the legislature, it would have been adopted by the people; had an election been held at any time within the past three weeks, we believe it would have been defeated. Just now it looks as the prohibition were gaining strength again and only an animated, aggressive campaign on the part of the advocates of the measure can make sure of the adoption of the amendment on the 18 of June.

While thousands of Republicans are honestly in favor of prohibition, the bosses of the party are trying to defeat it in order to get the good will of the powerful liquor element.

Disappointed Oklahoma boomers are now invading the Sioux reservation.

Friday's cyclone made a show of Barnum's show at Williamsport.

Speckles, the sugar baron, struck a natural gas well in Philadelphia; perhaps he'll strike graneling sugar next.

Military fired on striking rioters in one of the German cities the other day, killing six.

Already there are deaths reported from sunstroke.

A conspiracy has been discovered among the military officers stationed at St. Petersburg. A large number of the conspirators have been arrested. In their possession were found papers which proved that they intended to make an attempt to assassinate the Czar. A number of bombs were also found by the Secret Service agents.

## WHAT IS LIFE?

The Vital Question Discussed from Various Standpoints.

One day, when the feathered songsters in the woods were tired of singing, there was a long pause. All was quiet and nature itself seemed lost in meditation.

Suddenly the philosophical bullfinch piped, "What is life?" to which a little songster among the leaves replied, "Life is a song."

"No, a battle in the dark," said the ground mole, who just poked his head out of the ground in the vicinity of the tree among whose branches the little bird was hopping around.

"To my mind it is an unfolding," declared the rosebud, which was just ready to unfold its beautiful leaves, to the great delight of a magnificent butterfly, which did not hesitate to kiss the pretty flower, with these words: "Life is full of idle joy and pleasure."

"Say, rather, a short summer day," hummed a jealous one day fly buzzing past.

"I mean that life changes ever with work and pleasure," mentioned the bee, and it disappeared in the leaves of the rosebud to gather honey.

"I do not see that it is anything else than idle worry," complained the little ant, dragging a blade of straw, which in comparison to itself was unnaturally long.

"Yes, you are right," a little rabbit nodded from the hazel bush; "life, as sure as I live, is a hard nut to crack."

"At this moment a soft rain murmured, 'Life consists of tears, all tears.'"

"Life is an ever changing consciousness," said the thunder cloud floating toward the ocean. The ocean waves broke against the shore and sighed, "Life is a steady battle for freedom."

"No, you are mistaken, it is freedom," jubilantly said the eagle, sailing through the air with his powerful wings.

"Ah, it is poor earth," moaned the weed, working its way out of moor and stone.

The high cedars bowed to each other to the earth saying: "Life is striving ever upwards." And a ripple sounded through the tops of the trees until the pasture cried sorrowfully: "Life is rather given up to a higher power!"

Night had broken in and the solemn dome prelate advised: "Let us rest, my friends. As there was no satisfactory answer given we will resume our debate tomorrow."

"For all I care you may do that," breathed the night. "But life is only a dream."

The still night ruled over the city and country and soon morning would draw near. The student who was sitting in his out-of-the-way garret, lost in meditation, blew out his little lamp and murmured: "Life is only a school."

Footsteps were heard on the deserted streets. A tired citizen was going home to rest, after spending the night in going from pleasure to pleasure, in spite of which he complained: "Life is an unsatisfied longing and steady disappointment."

"It is a riddle," stammered the newborn morning wind.

Suddenly a glimmering light rose upon the horizon. Higher and higher climbed the magic light over the top of the woods. The red morning light greeted the earth and like a mighty chord it sounded through the universe: "Life is only a beginning.—From the German."

Sea Anchors.

Experiments have lately been tried at Dover with a so called sea anchor, invented by Capt. Waters. This apparatus consists of a canvas bag about four feet in diameter and five feet deep, with either a strong hoop to hold it open or a square bolted frame to answer the same purpose. The bag is attached to a beam, or float, in such a manner that it lies just below the surface of the water, and a stout rope forms the connection between it and the bow of the vessel employing it. The object of this sea anchor is to bring a boat or ship's head to the sea when in danger of foundering from getting broadside toward waves. There is nothing very new in the idea, for such a contrivance has frequently been extemporized with advantage. The veteran aeronaut, Green, also constructed an anchor to hold a balloon near the surface of the sea, which was almost identical in form to this one.—New York Telegram.

Down and still down go the wages of the iron workers and coal miners in all parts of the country. What an oversight it was in the working men who have been bamboozled into voting to keep up the war tariff in order to secure "American wages for American men" that they did not have inserted in the law a clause compelling the protected mine owners and manufacturers to "divide fairly" the bonuses of the tariff. As it is, the moonpolls gets all the meat and throw to their workmen the bone.

### The Cigarette Bill.

Providing that if any person or persons shall sell cigarettes to any person or persons under the age of 16 years he or she so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.

The above act has been signed by Gov. Beaver and is now the law.

Minnesota is the eighth State to adopt the booths and secret ballots with the names of all the candidates on one side, and the names of the voters on the other, that is in such common use in the antipodes. This will make eight States that Pennsylvanians can watch in order to see how the Australian system works.

## Aaronsburg News.

H. A. Mingle and wife started on a six week's trip to Illinois on Monday.

Rev. Ditzler now drives a pair of grey horses to a carriage.

The post office has been taken from Mr. Yearick's store to M. M. Musser's store.

Fred Limbert had the misfortune to have a horse die for him on last Sunday for which he had refused \$200.

Cronmiller & Mingle now gather the cream for the Spring Mills creamery; and Harper gathers cream for Daniel Hoy, of Millheim.

P. Gross Yearick of Philadelphia is spending his annual vacation with his parents here.

Mrs. Beck who had her home with Emanuel Cronmiller, was found dead in bed on last Thursday morning. She did not get up at her usual time of rising. On going to call her they found her with eyes and mouth closed and with bed clothing tucked up to her chin, and not till they touched her and found her cold did they realize that she was dead. She had passed away without a struggle.

Meyer & Motz have commenced to remodel their mill on Pine creek. Are putting in rolls.

Supervisors of Haines township have been notified to put up railing at all dangerous places along the public roads.

Jerry Kline's barn west of Madisonburg was unroofed by the storm last Friday afternoon.

## Walnut Grove Items.

The storm that passed over our section last Friday did considerable damage; the sawmill in the gap was unroofed, and a young boy of Henry Wright was pitched up and carried three or four rods, but fortunately escaped uninjured.

C. C. Meyer and Cyrus Dunt went to Houserville on Sunday to hear Rev. Black, of Alexandria preach a trial sermon.

Mrs. Mary West is visiting down the country. Our young people were to Lemont on Saturday evening attending the band festival, and report a fine time, especially the one that traveled in a cart; think if your correspondents could have been there, would have enjoyed it too.

Miss Maggie Spangler, one of Tusseyville's fair ones, spent a couple of days around here; the next time, Maggie, you want to "just wait a little" and stay longer.

The prospects for fruit in our neighborhood are good. The grain fields also promise a good crop. Most of the farmers are thro planting corn.

George Bradford and family of near Pine Stump spent Sunday at Dan's Bohn's. Y. Z.

## Spring Mills.

Spring Mills is booked for four temperance or amendment lectures, beginning Thursday evening 16th, and ending Monday evening 20th. They will be delivered in the M. E. church, by Rev. Hicks of Centre Hall, and A. C. Rankin, of Bellefonte.

R. F. Fetters of returned home from Gettysburg college.

R. G. Eisenhart and family are moving this week to Horse Head, N. Y.

Will Gettig has gone to Montandon to learn, or rather finish learning telegraphy.

The slight change made in the R. R. schedule is not fully endorsed by the citizens. But of course when the R. R. Co. changes anything they do it to suit themselves and not the people. The trains now, instead of passing here, pass at Coburn.

Irwin Underwood our student operator took charge of the Centre Hall station last Monday, his regular operator being absent.

—The school board feeleth aggrieved because it hath not where to lay its head while the honorable town council enjoyeth snug quarters in the post room at \$15. This should not be thinly; the school dads are a self-sacrificing, respectable body, and should occupy the same soft chairs and cork up their aching heels upon the same tables as the grave town councilmen do. And there might be cheaper quarters where both these honorable bodies could meet: aye, why not hold their sessions in one of the school rooms which wouldn't cost a cent? See?

—All will agree— That this is excellent growing weather and a good harvest in prospect; That potatoes are not trump; That the crank who invented house-cleaning didn't know what misery is; That it shows bad breeding to stop in the passage way to that when church is dismissed, blocking the way for all behind you; That in minding your neighbors' business you invariably neglect yours; That gossiping is the bane of a community; That the folks of whose faults you are continually speaking haven't near as ugly faults as you have.

"Brick" Pomeroy, at 234 Broadway, New York city, is now editing and publishing the liveliest and most interesting \$1 a year publication ever printed in that city. His famous Saturday Night chapters; his Pen pictures of London; his descriptions of the "plague places" of New York City, and his vivid chapters of Life Experiences in La Crosse during the war, are each worth more than the price of his paper, which bears the significant title of *Advance Thought*. Pomeroy is a 55 year old volume of National history, and now he is letting it out red hot.

The Von Graef Medical Company, No. 3 Park Row, New York City, in 1888, made seventy eight per cent. of cures of various diseases of men, chronic and otherwise, within the time allotted for treatment. The record of cures of disease of women was nearly as large.

This is the highest record ever achieved in this country by hospitals or private practice. In the treatment and cure of diseases, science, skill and discovery keep pace with inventions in other directions. The new book lately issued by the Von Graef Company, full of valuable hints and information to young or old, free to all who call for it or order it by mail.