



## THE CENTRE REPORTER

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"Old Hutch's" clerk has robbed him of \$60,000. Well, that would only be robbing a robber.

Gen. Hastings will please note that Boss Quay is a bigger man in Cambria county than the Johnston flood.

To Dan Hastings—The Republican masses are for you, but that does not signify anything, as the bosses are not for you.

The Auditors' Report shows that Henderson and Decker put in more days the last year, as Commissioners, than in any previous year, while Mr. Fiedler put in fewer.

The general drift among the Democrats is towards ex-Senator Wallace for Governor. Among the Republicans the popular feeling is in favor of Hastings, but Quay and the monopolistic Standard Oil Company insist it shall be Delamater.

We are told a puppy is still snarling at the good Reporter. It's only a short time ago a pack of a dozen of them conspired to do all kinds of terrible things with it—but we brushed 'em all aside with one little finger, to the amusement of the audience. A whiffet thinks he's safe when he can snarl with his nose under the gate.

The Republican organs are in great glee over Ingall's speech in the Senate about the negro's wrongs. Well, let's see how deep this love runs: In Republican Pennsylvania not a single negro has been elected by that party to any county office, or to the State Legislature, or to Congress.

Is this wrong or is it right? Do not let answer at once. Where have these Republicans done "justice" to the poor negro for the votes he gives them?

The new carpet bag postmaster of Bellefonte has not yet been able to decide whether to leave his whiskey jug hid in the Gazette office, where the boys have occasionally found it and had a sup, or to remove it to the postoffice; or, shall he have a jug both at the printing office and one at the postoffice? We believe the Polecat City debating club intends to take up this question for debate at its next meeting.

The Altoona Tribune thinks the monument building mania has taken possession of a number of the friends of the late Dr. E. E. Higbee and they have issued an appeal for contributions from the public school children for that purpose. We have no inclination to criticize the deed, but are constrained to say that until monuments have been erected to the memory of earlier champions of the common schools that to the recently deceased superintendent of public instruction should wait.

In Kansas, it appears, they have the grip pretty badly and have been taking to the flask quite industriously, and now are after the druggists in good earnest. At Leavenworth fifteen suits against as many druggists were commenced by Assistant Attorney General Black, who was appointed by the governor for the special purpose of enforcing the prohibition law. The attorney alleges that every druggist in the city has been violating the law. One druggist acknowledges having sold 200 flasks of whiskey in 24 hours to those who thought they had the grip.

Calvin S. Brice, the newly elected United States Senator from Ohio, was overwhelmed with callers in New York on Tuesday, but cheerfully listened to a request by a reporter for a statement as to the charges of corruption on his part in the late Senatorial contest. "The statements as to money being paid are untrue. No member or Senator received from me, or any one for me, directly or indirectly, in person or through others, any money or anything of money value, before the election or since, or the promise or hope of any; and this applies both to the vote in the caucus and to the Legislature."

Communication was established for a short time between Sacramento and the Truckee office on the eastern side of the Sierra mountains. It was learned that the snow at the latter place was sixteen feet deep on the track. The late rains, followed by frosts, had transformed this into ice, which will have to be chopped out or shoveled away by hand.

From Colusa, in the western part of the Sacramento valley, reports come that the farms for twenty-two miles north and south of there are covered with water to a depth of from two to six feet. The loss throughout the state cannot yet be approximately estimated, but it will be very great.

## Farmers' Meetings.

The farmers' meetings that have recently been held in every county of the state are attracting a great deal of attention among all classes and much interest is felt in the proceedings, as matters of vital importance to the agriculturist as well as every class and occupation of our people, are discussed. These meetings very properly are open and free to all as they are intended to enlighten the people upon subjects in which all, and the farmers in particular are interested.

The agricultural population of our state numbers about 400,000, and this vast number is intended to be benefited by these farmers' meetings, upon the subject of better roads, reduced taxation, and kindred questions. Of the 400,000 agriculturists of our state, according to Secretary Thomas' report, only 35,000 are members of the Grange, thus it will be seen that about 1 out of 11 of our agricultural population is a member of the Grange.

Hence we conclude that a movement that represents about 360,000 of non-Grangers, will be productive of good results in ameliorating the depressed condition of our agriculturists, in which direction numbers of the honest grangers have also been working.

With the 360,000 outside of the grange and the co-operation of 35,000 in the order, there will be no failure in any movement that is matured to relieve the farmer of unjust burdens.

In our own county several of these meetings have been held recently and much interest was manifested in them.

## Goff Exposed.

The exposure of republican frauds of West Virginia was completed on Saturday by General J. W. St. Clair. He did it, a dispatch from Charleston tells us, by proving that Goff had deliberately attempted to deceive the assembly and palm off false evidence on it. Goff made a sweeping charge that twelve votes had been taken from him by the contest committee where there was no proof that the men ever voted. He took up a printed copy of the poll lists and claimed that the names of the men were not on the lists. General St. Clair presented the original lists and proved that the name of every man whose vote was thrown out was on them, and then proved that Goff had the original lists in his hands, and knew that he was falsifying when he made his charge. Goff was present and made an attempt to reply. An exciting scene ensued. St. Clair read the lists, showing Goff's double dealing, and the republican leader was silenced.

Goff seems to be a man of the Foraker stripe and the people of West Virginia would be in need of sympathy if he were placed in the gubernatorial chair. What do the Southern outrages think of those "intense haters of fraud," Foraker and Goff, anyhow.

Dom Pedro, Brazil's exiled emperor, is engaged on memoirs of his life and reign, to be published after his death. This is almost his sole occupation at present. He reads a great deal and enjoys literary work.

Questioned by a correspondent who visited him at Cannes as to why he had so long maintained silence on the subject of the revolution, Dom Pedro said he had abstained from speaking of Brazilian affairs because neither remonstrance nor discussion could help matters. The work of revolution was accomplished. He preferred to let his enemies have a full hearing, and leave the world to judge.

"I believe," said the emperor, "that what has happened will be permanent unless an attempt is made to set up a dictatorship. Even an unpopular sovereign is to be preferred to a military dictator, whose rule would be fatal to any country. Although dethroned and cruelly exiled, I am deeply interested in the progress and prosperity of the people of Brazil. God knows I did all in my power to give them a satisfactory government, but at last vaulting ambition took flight above reason and seemed to compel obedience to its behests, whether right or wrong."

"What do you think of the future of Brazil?"

"I fear that there will be division internally, as the north and south were never on good terms."

"If you should be elected president of the republic, as some of your friends propose, would you return to Brazil?"

"With all my heart; whether as emperor, president or private citizen, I would gladly return to die among my people."

The itinerant umbrella menders are the only ones for whose business the rainy spell has produced a boom.

The next Republican nominee for Governor won't be Hastings—it will be the Standard Oil Co. monopoly's man, Delamater!

## Village Life on the Upper Congo.

Many of the villages on the upper Congo consist merely of fifty to sixty huts, two-thirds of the population being generally women. In many districts women are considered as currency, their value increasing as they attain a greater degree of corpulence. Each woman has as many metal ornaments as she can wear some composed of iron, others brass and copper. These metals are the money of the country, so that the more a woman can heap herself the greater becomes her value. Each chief has as many wives as he can afford to buy or marry, which is only another form of purchase. Early in the morning few of these women are to be found in the villages, as they start off at daybreak to work in their plantations, and do not return until about noon. However, a few always have to remain to attend to the necessary domestic items of life, such as cooking and their toilet. These central Africans are very particular in all items in connection with their toilet, which consists of plaiting their hair shaving off the eyebrows pulling out the eyelashes, cutting their nails right down to the quick, and besmearing their bodies with a mixture of palm-oil and camwood.

In another part of the villages are seen some of the villagers engaged in making fishing nets and basket-work, and being helped by the young boys of the village, who become initiated into these crafts at a very early age. Again, under some shady tree, in another corner of the village, some natives will be engaged in the manufacture of pottery. In this they display a great knowledge of their work, mixing the different clays so as to stand firing. They have no moulds—nothing but the practiced eye and hand to assist them and it is really wonderful to see a lump of clay, in the hands of an African savage, moulded, in the space of a few minutes, into a useful article of pottery, rendered really artistic by its neatness and tasteful design.

A busy nook in a village is always the blacksmith's shop, generally merely a grass roof supported on bare poles. Like the corresponding institution of civilized life, it is the resort of local gossipers.—From "Life Among Congo Savages," by HERBERT WARD, in February Scribner.

Mahoning county, Ohio, is about to macadamize, at a cost of \$100,000, all its county roads, the farmers contending that they lose money by the delays inseparable from poor roads, and that it is the best of economy to pay taxes and having roads on which they can get to market speedily. These Ohio farmers, says a contemporary, are wiser than their day and generation. Most of the farmers prefer to stick to the old policy of working out their taxes by swapping gossip in fence corners, even if they do lose time in consequence, six months of the year. If all road taxes were paid in money, and supervisors of roads held to a strict accountability for every dollar expended, farmers who use the country roads more than any other class would not be half the night reaching nearby-markets and in a very short time, too, would find the road tax a very trifling thing. We know that many farmers do not believe this but we feel quite confident that they would find it to be the truth if they would only try it. They know that "working out road tax" is very much of a joke among them, and they know, too, that where one man does an honest hard day's work at it there are a dozen who do not. Under the present system goods road have not been and will not be made. If the roads were once made good, very slight attention would keep them good for many years to come. May the example of the Ohio farmers be imitated in Pennsylvania.

## The State Road Laws.

The State Board of Agriculture adopted as points for the commission appointed to revise and codify the road laws of the state: First—The repeal of the privilege of working out road taxes. Second—That supervisors employ labor where best values can be obtained, preference being given to home labor. Third—That all commodities of equal value shall be taxed at the same rate as real estate. Fourth—That some efficient head in each county be appointed to prepare plans and supervise the work of road building.

Resolutions were adopted calling upon the people to aid in securing the necessary legislation to assure improved highways.

## Facts for all.

In spite of all competition the Philad. Branch clothing store, remains headquarters for actual bargains in ready made clothing, for men and boys. Lewins introduced cheap clothing in Centre county, and has kept it at that all the time; he kept honest goods, no trash, and, as a rule, always sold from 25 to 30 per cent below any other clothing store in this part of the state.

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## A Story of a Strange Land.

Australia is a country in which nature has established conditions unknown elsewhere, says the Boston Journal, and where civilization must adapt itself to surroundings which it finds novel and strange. It is a country full of absurdities in animal, vegetable and human life. Its native race, in point of intelligence and development of resources, is far below even the cave dwellers and the people of the stone age Europe. Its animals per petuate types which disappeared from every other part of the globe some millions of years ago. Its trees and plants are representatives of species found elsewhere only in chalk and coal measures.

Hardly anything here has the character and quality of its relations in other lands. Although the trees and flowers are chiefly those of the temperate zone, the birds are, for the most part, of the tropics, and flash the gorgeous colors of the parrot and the cockatoo through the dull foliage of the sad-toned eucalyptus. The birds have no song, and such notes as they possess seem like weird echoes from a period when reptiles were assuming wings and filling the tree-tops with a strange jargon, before heard only in the swamps and fens. The flowers have no scent, while the leaves of every tree are full of odor. The trees cast no shade, since every leaf is set at edge against the sun, and shed, not their leaves, but their bark, which stripping off in long scales, exposes the naked wood beneath, and adds to the ghastly effect which the forest already holds in the pallid hues of its foliage. The contour of the country is of one that is but newly risen from the waves—its thousands and thousands of square miles, level as a table and set with no other growth than the gray eucalyptus, looks like the uplifted bed of some great sea, and is as monotonous as the unrelieved expanse of coast itself. Here and there are low hills, show in their sides and in the country about them the evidences of ancient lava flows. Elsewhere are piled up masses of bowlders, which show the long-age courses of glaciers over the face of the land. Everything seems prehistoric, hoary with age and forgotten. To the traveler from others lands an impression comes that he is visiting a country which had ceased in its development long oceans ago.

## Stole 20 Dollars.

On Tuesday evening a Hungarian and an Italian, laborers, went into Lyons' store. The Hun bought a pair of shoes and gave the Italian a check for some twenty dollars, which Moyer Lyon cashed, giving two ten dollar bills and other bills. The Italian crumpled the small bills in a heap and put them back in the Hun's purse. Soon after the Hun discovered that he was minus \$20 and blamed the Italian for taking it. The Italian grew indignant and let them search him. Officer Garis arrived and was in the act of taking him to the lock-up when "Max," the clerk, thought he noticed something in the accused man's mouth. The officer grabbed the man by the throat and told him to spit it out. Then a tussle followed and the man was hrowa on the floor. He tried to swallow it but the grip on the throat stopped him. After prying in his mouth with a yard stick and a large key he gave up and spit out the two ten dollar notes of the Hungarian. He was lodged in jail for future hearing.—Centre Democrat.

## Something About Public Sales.

The more a sale is advertised the greater number of people will know of it and attend, bidding is brisker and prices higher. In addition to having bills printed sales should be advertised in newspapers, which means has frequently attracted buyers from a distance whose desire for the possession of certain articles has caused the prices to run above what they would otherwise have brought, and the increased receipts more than paying the expenses of the sale. These remarks are copied from the Lewistown Gazette, and are correct and just about what we expressed a year ago.

## A Slap at Hastings.

Cambria county is where Johnston is situated. On 27th the Republican County Convention met at Ebensburg. There were 110 delegates present out of 116 in the county, and they elected a Delamater delegation to the State Convention and passed strong Delamater resolutions.

The result of the convention may be a surprise to the friends of General Hastings, who confidently expected that Cambria county would support him, but to everybody else it is just what was expected: The friends of General Hastings there conducted his campaign entirely on sympathy and no practical political work was done in his behalf.

One delegate moved to strike out the name of Delamater and insert that of Hastings. The vote stood 99 for Delamater, 4 for Hastings and 1 Montooth! The original resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

## JANUARY COURT.

### Commonwealth and Civil Cases

#### COMMONWEALTH CASES.

Com. vs. Alfred Andrews, charge, murder of Clara Price.  
Com. vs. A. L. Woodford; charge, larceny. Prosecutors L. G. Gill and L. G. Confer.  
Com. vs. Richard Fink; charge, larceny. Pros. John Orwig.  
Com. vs. John Iddings; charge, assault and battery. Pros. J. C. Snyder.  
Com. vs. John Orwig; charge, larceny. Pros. Richard Fink.  
Com. vs. Harry Blowers, charge, f. and b. Prosecutrix, Annie Frantz.  
Com. vs. Henry Gross and Wm. Beck; charge, assault and battery. Pros. G. W. Campbell.  
Com. vs. A. C. Hoffman; charge, larceny. Pros. Joshua Fouk.  
Com. vs. John L. Croft and John P. Hite, road supervisors of Boggs township; charge, neglect of public road. Pros. Benjamin Walker.  
Com. vs. John Burgett, charge, violation of liquor laws. Pros. Wm. Stone.  
Com. vs. W. W. Pettingill. Pros. Sadie Sheridan.  
Com. vs. Sam Keys, Michael Fenecy, James Convey, John Jamison and Hugh McGrath. Charge, resisting police. Pros. Wm. Garis and Joshua Fouk.  
Com. vs. John Thompson. Pros. Joshua Fouk.  
Com. vs. John Orwig. Pros. Richard Fink.

#### CIVIL CASES—2ND WEEK.

I. J. Grenoble vs. P. D. Phillips and James Kennelly.  
Charles A. Mayer vs. Ed. M. Sturdevant.  
J. M. Bannell and J. A. Aikens vs. Ellis L. Orvis.  
John L. Kurtz vs. E. R. Chambers.  
Edward C. Humes vs. The Nittany Valley Railroad Co.  
The Mercantile National Bank, New York, vs. Bernard Lauth.  
Frank McLaughlin vs. The Centre Mining Company Limited.  
Ocell National Bank of Port Deposit vs. John M. Holt & Co.  
The Lehigh Valley Coal Co., vs. Geo. W. Hoover, Hughes & Co.  
Alice Fetzler vs. Robert Cooke, Jr.  
The National Park Bank of New York, vs. Bernard Lauth.  
John Moulton vs. Amelia Johnson, et. al.

Ex. of A. Alexander, dec'd., vs. The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Centre county.

The Commonwealth of Penn., vs. Geo. M. Swartz and John L. Musser.

The Bellefonte and Buffalo Run Railroad Co., vs. McCoy & Linn.

J. H. Reifsnnyder vs. R. H. Duncan.

Samuel Royer vs. Daniel Harter and John Harter.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Co., vs. Patrick Ward, Sr.

Centre and Kishacoquillas Turnpike Road Co. vs. Centre county.

M. W. Cowdrick vs. A. G. Morris.

Isaac E. Levy, vs. Robert Cooke, Jr.

Wm. Graner & Co., vs. Sol. Silkknitter.

George Noll and Annie Noll, his wife vs. David Shope.

John C. Bathurst, et. al., vs. Jacob E. Snyder.

Ex. of John A. Linn, dec'd vs. John Kelley.

The Clearfield Bituminous Coal Co., vs. A. T. Lucas, Brady Bechtel and Martin McGowen.

Dr. W. C. Grove vs. Abram Baum.

John Hipple and B. Vielorfer vs. D. M. Stewart.

### Sanitary Bureau, New York City.

Dr. Cyrus Edison of the New York Health Department prescribes Speer's Port Grape Wine in his practice as the purest and most reliable wine to be had and his opinion is endorsed by his associates as will be seen from the following letter:

New York December 9, 1887  
The Speer N. J. Wine Co.,  
Gentlemen:

Having used your Port Wine to a large extent in my family in case of sickness and found it to be all that was recommended of it by my family physician, I desire to purchase it by the dozen bottles.

Respectfully yours,  
JAMES BRYAN,  
Sanitary Inspector Health Department,  
New York City. Druggists keep it.

—There are individuals who can always be depended upon to set false reports in circulation! Falshood is their natural element and they never tell the truth unless by accident. Citizens who to preserve their own fair fame and to refrain from injuring others by assisting to circulate untruths will avoid such persons as much as possible and bury their communications in oblivion. Those who adopt such a wise policy will be the slaves of malice.

## Madisonburg.

Did you ever get left?  
The cold wave that struck us has put a smile on the ice consumers face, only to be disappointed again.

Simon Hazel was again confined to the house by sickness last week, but at this writing is much better.

W. E. Reardon will move to this place, having rented Mrs. Nestlerode's property.

Henry Beck, merchant and postmaster here, will leave this place shortly and go to Sunbury, Pa. This will leave a fine opening for a live business man who wishes to engage in the mercantile line.

There is a rumor afloat announcing a wedding to take place in the near future; both parties being residents of this place.

Wm. Yearick of this place will move to Mill Hall, Pa.

J. Ed. Reber, who had been clerking in a store in Vicksburg, Pa., is home on an unlimited vacation.

The Literary society held their regular meeting on last Friday evening before a crowded house.

The following question was discussed: Resolved that the American Indians have been wrong, treated by the white people. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative side.

At the executors sale of the Adam Schaffer estate, on Saturday the 25 inst., E. S. Schaffer bought the farm for \$4400; J. W. Hazel the three lots situated in Madisonburg; Mr. Markie the timber tract in little Sugar Valley.

Rev. Brown, a student of the Reformed Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., preached a trial sermon in the Reformed church Sunday afternoon.

## Sprucetown.

Quite a number about here are still afflicted with the grip.

There is a protracted meeting in progress here held by Rev. Hicks. We hope it may meet with abundant success, that many may be led to embrace this opportunity of doing good.

Jerry Schreffer is again sexton of the M. E. church, filling the vacancy made by Thomas Toot moving to Bellefonte.

W. W. Spangler and D. H. Bartley are attending court this week as jurors.

The mill at Potlers Mills operated by Mr. Strong at present bears the sign: "No more custom work done here." This would seem to indicate that the low price of grain means small profits.

Mrs. Mary Miller who had been spending a few weeks at Madisonburg, is home again.

—Ask at your store for Calla Lily flour—it is No. 1.

—Samuel Rowe, the tanner, was seriously ill from the effects of the grip.

—Woodland and all kinds of soft and hard coal at the Centre Hall mills.

—John Weaver and Frank Emerick of Farmers Mills, were callers at this office last week.

—WANTED.—A boy to learn tailoring, 17 or 18 years of age. W. A. SANDOR, Centre Hall.

—Chas. Meyer is acting in the capacity of hotel clerk for the new landlord, Mr. Bariges.

—Simon Loeb's new clothing store, opposite the Conrad house, is the place for bargains in men and boys' suits.

—Several new sewing machines Davis and New Home make, will sell at cost to close them out. G. W. BRISHMAN.

—Lewins can sell you a late style suit or take your measure and make it to order on short notice, and at a saving to you of from \$3 to \$8. Try him on this.

—Send your name in for the Reporter campaign rates on trial. Or send us two new names and the cash for a year and we give you a copy one year free, thus enabling any one, by very little effort to get a paper one year free.

—The elegant new shoe store, of Mr. Gilliam, in the Crider Block, Bellefonte, should be visited to see his stock and variety of boots and shoes for all ages and sexes.

—What the Philad. Branch does not have in the line of ready-made clothing is not worth having. The spring stock now on the counters is immense and goes ahead of anything you ever saw Lewins is King for low prices.

—Now is your time to get a cheap overcoat, and Lewins has 'em cheap good, warm, lasting goods. Give the Philad. Branch a call and see for yourself and save \$5 to boot.

—The dates named below have been decided on for public sales: Cyrus Luse, March 5; George Emerick, March 13; Jas Stahl, March 14; A. P. Luse, March 18; John H. Lee, March 19.

—If you wish to have a good overcoat, \$4 to \$8 less than can be bought elsewhere, then go to Samuel Lewins he has them and warrants them. He sell nothing that has cheat about it.

—Now is the time to leave your order for a suit and overcoat. Prices to suit the times. Perfect satisfaction in everything fully guaranteed.

MONTGOMERY & Co.,  
Tailors, Bellefonte.

—Mingie's shoe store in the Brock-erhoff house block has every idea in the line of boots and shoes, a hether of rubber, leather or cloth, and he sells at bottom prices, so that none pay more than the goods are worth. He warrants all he sells.

To Dan Hastings—Can you spell "retained" backwards with your eye shut and your hands in your pockets? Try it.