



THE CENTRE REPORTER  
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**Democratic Caucus Meeting.**  
There will be a meeting of the Democrats of the borough of Centre Hall on SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 15, in Squire Boal's office in the bank building to nominate men to fill the expired borough offices. Every Democrat is requested to be present and a full meeting desired.

Milan, the ex King of Servia, lost a quarter of a million francs at the Casino a few days ago.

Hastings gets lots of ovations, while Delamater gets the delegates. This should secure harmony, surely.

Well this is too bad. Down in some of the dark districts of Snyder county they are talking up Delamater as the hero of Johnston. Now we know why Quay went down to Florida fishing.

The Williamsport Sun is proud over its big new printing press, to work off its 5,000 daily edition. The Sun is as good an inland daily as any in the state, and that's what accounts for its deserved prosperity and success.

An exchange thinks Centre county has an abundance of two extremes, viz: gubernatorial timber and murderers. Well nearly everybody in our county is fit for Governor, it is true, but we are not all murderers by great odds.

The Egyptian Government desiring to ascertain whether Explorer Stanley was an American or an Englishman, ordered Blum Pasha to ask him the question. Stanley replied after a moment's hesitation, "Neither; I am a Cosmopolitan. The world is my country."

If General Hastings desires to enjoy a real fox hunt why not join in with the Horners of Greens Valley? Those Chester county fox hunts are all counterfeit, and besides Quay has some of his hounds down in Chester who only give tongue on the key of D.

The Pittsburg Times, in its clever mood, calls our distinguished friend and fellow citizen, "General" Coburn. It just beats the dickens how full of murderers, governors, gubernatorial timber and military men Centre county is. Just hurry up your next war, we are prepared to officer a dozen of corps, fifty brigades and a hundred regiments.

The great question for every class of citizens should be how to lessen the burden now resting on the farmer. The present unprofitably low prices of all farm products is a source of gain to the consumer—the mechanic, the laborer and the professional class.

Now what is due the farmer in return for this loss he sustains and which is so much gain for all outside of those engaged in farming?

Let the tax be taken off of all the personal property of the farmer. Then take the tariff tax off of all the hundred articles the farmer must buy, the goods, implements and all else. Simple justice demands this.

Among the small potatoes are those who try to gain notoriety by sponging their way through the columns of the newspapers—asking for the publication of silly speeches, seeking complimentary notices, and such like, and yet too stingy to be willing to pay a cent for such aid. These are on a level with the fellows who depend upon sponging free meals and drinks, and will go to any lengths to obtain a "cold check" free.

Vive la sponger! For you even find after he gets a nomination by sponging his way through the newspapers, he's too mean and stingy to pay for printing his tickets. Occasionally one comes across one of these rare specimens.

If you desire to know how it feels to have a limb cut off, here it is all the way from Atlanta:

Colonel H. C. Hamilton, Clerk of the United States District Court, was telling yesterday how it felt to have a limb cut off. He was perfectly conscious when his arm was cut off in a field hospital and says of it: "It really doesn't hurt except when the first cut around the limb is made, cutting the skin. That's because the nerves are all situated just under the skin, and after they are cut there is nothing to convey the sensation of pain. Cutting through the flesh is like cutting a nail or a bit of dead skin—a dead feeling. Even sawing the bone is only a dull feeling. The real pain is over when the knives get into the flesh."

**Another County Heard From.**

The County Commissioners of Montgomery county have been compelled to reduce the local tax rate one-third because of the diminishing profits of farming in that locality.

None doubt that the Montgomery farmers are greatly overtaxed and it is gratifying to see them move for diminished taxation, even if they don't at first strike at the most oppressive and needless of all the taxes. When they move for reduced taxation, they will keep up the battle until they strike at the wanton tariff taxes which now make successful farming impossible in the older States.

The farmers of Montgomery have asserted themselves by forcing the reduction of their local taxes one-third, and now let them look about their homes from roof to cellar and from kitchen to dining room, parlor and bed chamber, and then from barn to field, and begin honest figure-work as to the appalling taxes they pay on the necessities of life.

They are now paying taxes on everything they consume and everything they use and every implement they buy, which was levied in war times when they received \$2 per bushel for wheat and like prices for all their products, and they are paying the same war taxes now, when their farm products are reduced fifty per cent. in price. They are moving in exactly the right direction when they move against oppressive taxes on farmers, and let them keep right along until they repeal every needless tax upon the countless articles they must buy.

These remarks of the Philad. Times will apply to Centre county as well. Our farmers need lesser taxation. The Reporter has advocated this for years. Let their live stock be exempt by law to begin with, and then take the tariff off of many of the necessities by which the farmer is fleeced.

Last Monday, in Salt Lake the most bitter municipal contest in the history of Utah was fought out at the polls.

On one side were arrayed the Liberals, or Gentiles, on the other side the Mormons. It is the latter's last struggle for control of municipal affairs, and if indications count for anything, they are already beaten.

Political lines have been forgotten for the time being in this campaign—all opposed to the Saints, no matter what their creed or political affiliations, having arranged themselves under the Liberal banner, while the Mormons have styled themselves the "People's Party."

For nearly a year the Liberals have been organizing for the fight but so secretly were their movements conducted that it was only a couple of weeks ago that the Mormons became fully alive to the danger with which they were threatened. Since then both sides have been holding nightly mass meetings, parades and illuminations, until the excitement has reached a high pitch, and the City of the Saints has witnessed the extraordinary spectacle of an anti-Mormon meeting held right in Brigham Young's Opera House, and presided over by a son of one of the Apostle's brothers.

The total registration of the city is about 8,000.

Here is a parallel for the role of Cesar Reed, contributed by Representative Farney of Missouri:

"Some years ago the Missouri legislature had an able Irishman for speaker. There was a measure that was very popular with the speaker but which had little support on the floor. The speaker was anxious to get it through the assembly and one day he got it up for a vote. Half a dozen men responded yes; nearly a hundred men voted no. The yeas have it! the speaker declared. Then there was a tumult and several members appealed from the decision of the chair. The appeal was carried by a storm of votes. The chair looked at the house for a moment and then spoke:

"It takes two-thirds of you to appeal from the chair, and it is the opinion of the chair that there aren't two-thirds of you present at all. The bill is passed."

**Bolting Grangers.**

A committee of twelve grangers representing Patrons of Husbandry said to be dissatisfied with the management of the Williams' Grove inter-State picnic on Monday in Harrisburg met a committee of agents of agricultural implement firms with a view of deciding on a point other than Williams' Grove at which to hold a picnic next summer.

The result of the conference was the determination to hold an "American farmers' encampment" at Mount Gretna. A committee of seven members of the Agricultural Exhibitors' Implement Union, a similar committee of grangers, will confer with Robert H. Coleman, owner of the park, with regard to the grounds and buildings required.

**Four Striking Features of the Pennsylvania Limited.**

Of all the passenger trains of the world, none presents for the convenience and accommodation of its passengers so many original and novel features as the Pennsylvania Limited. This train offers four great features unique in the history of passenger travel. As it speeds across the continent there are flashed over the wires, to meet or overtake it the fluctuations of the New York and Philadelphia stock markets, and there are also posted on its bulletins full reports of the doings in the foreign and domestic financial marts. Thus the way-faring man reads as he runs.

In order that the traveler may dispatch any commission which these reports may suggest, or dispose of any current correspondence, a stenographer and typewriter is provided for the free use of the train's patrons. He will take the dictation of letters or telegrams, and see that they are forwarded from the train. Thus may business proceed though the counting-room be many miles away.

So much for the men. Ladies could never before travel in such comfort. For their convenience a waiting-maid is assigned to each train, whose duty it is to serve as ladies' maid in all that the term implies. Ladies without escort, ladies with children, and invalids are the particular object of their care. So that one's own maid may be left at home, and yet the fair traveler may receive assistance of one well trained in the duties of her vocation. The fourth important feature, also of interest to the ladies, is the observation car. This car is attached to the rear of the train. The latter half of it is a large open sitting-room furnished with easy chairs. Broad plate windows admit a wide expanse of light, and the broad platform at the rear makes a pleasant open-air observatory in fair weather. This car is open to all passengers and forms a magnificent sitting-room for ladies.

With these four prominent characteristics, in addition to the superior sleeping apartments, bath-room for both sexes, a dining car unexcelled in service and cuisine, smoking and reading apartments, and a barber saloon, the Pennsylvania Limited sustains its claim of being the most complete passenger train of the world.

**A Letter from Hopkins.**

The following letter was received by William Charles, of the Lloyd House, Philadelphia, from Hopkins, the murderer:

BELLEFONTE, PA., Feb. 5, 1890.

FRIEND BILLIE.—Your letter received to-night and finds me in the best of health. Billie, it would be a joyful meeting for us both if we could get together as we have done before, but it can't be, and so let it be. I am altogether a different man; I have found peace and hope for my soul; I have looked for pardon from a higher place than this earth and I found it, and I am reconciled to my fate, and will meet it like a man for I have nothing more to live for. All my hopes were blighted over a year ago, and it is needless to mention names. Billie I do hope you can get the chance to come and see me before the 20th, for I would like to see you and have a talk over old times. Of course I done an awful crime, but I was drove to it; but, nevertheless, I wasn't justified in killing either of them; that is where I made the mistake; you know all the rest and for that reason I don't care to live; I prefer to die and then I will be out of my troubles. My casket came to-day and I will soon see it and get in it and be put to rest. The county don't bury me, my brother pays all. I will be taken home to be buried alongside of my father, brothers and sisters. Billie I hope from the bottom of my heart that you and yours will prosper and that you may live happy and content; don't fall into the snare I did. Andrews takes it very easy and he is the right man; he confessed to me last night; he and I have the same call. He has told me all; it is frightful. I can't see how he done it but he did. You will read his and my statement after I am gone. We are both unfortunate men, but we will die game. My eyesight is failing me day by day. It is the close confinement that is the cause of it. I have to guess half what I write as I can't see the lines. Give my regards to the boys and tell them how I feel; tell them I am prepared to die. I will close with my love to you and your family. From your unfortunate friend. Write soon. W. S. HOPKINS.

**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.

**WEAVER MURDER.**

**Further Facts About the Weaver Murder.**

Fietta Weaver, accused of the murder of her father-in-law, Andrew Weaver, told District Attorney Meyer, that the knife with which the old man Weaver was stabbed could be found at a certain place in the woods near the house. The district Attorney following the directions has succeeded in finding it. It is a double edged dirk, of the kind used for stabbing. Both edges were sharp. Young Andrew Weaver says that Fietta, his wife upon several occasions had rushed towards the old gentleman with a knife in her hand threatening to kill him. That she had a violent temper, and had frequent quarrels with the old man.

A little daughter of Mr. Weaver, Jr., aged about three years, has related that her mother, Fietta, had stabbed grandpa, she saw it, and that he fell down inside the porch.

Andrew Anman, who is also in jail, charged as an accomplice, stood on the bridge that crosses the run, a short distance from the house, when the fight was going on and it is not thought that he had any hand in the fight that morning, but witnessed the affair, it would seem, from the bridge where he stood.

We are informed that Andrew says at the proper time he will tell what he knows.

There are doubts of the sanity of Fietta, and the trial may bring out points to show this. Her temper was more that of a mad one, at periods, than of an entirely rational being, and she was often heard to say she would kill the old man.

**Report of Grand Jury—No new Court House.**

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Sessions of the Peace in and for Centre county:

The grand inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, inquiring for Centre county in all matters relating to the same, do respectfully report. That they have acted upon 19 bills of indictment of which fifteen were found true bills and four rejected.

We beg to further report that we have visited and inspected the County buildings and found the jail and yard in excellent condition but recommend the removal of the shed roof at back door in yard which may assist prisoners in making an escape.

Realizing the want of room to accommodate the crowd in attendance at the present term of court (which is unusual) and, were it not for the depressed condition of the tax payers of the county and its treasury, would recommend the building of an addition to the front of the court house.

I. S. FRANK, Foreman. January 31st, 1890.

**Pneumonia in New York.**

The worst treatment for a heavy cold is "letting it alone, and the next worse is doing with drugs and crude mixtures. The great want then is, a particular specific to allay fever, arrest congestion and inflammation and prevent extension of the disease to the lungs. Now, since reports from the various parts of the country are to the effect that the above disease is on the increase, and to prevent its assuming a malignant type, if attacked, we would recommend two of the most highly endorsed remedies in the country, Humphrey's Specific Nos. one and seven. Hundreds of people taken with cough and influenza and symptoms of what are now termed "La Grippe" and Pneumonia have been speedily and permanently cured by them. No one allays the fever, pain and inflammation, while No. Seven gets in its good work upon the cough, hoarseness, and sore throat. Hundreds of publishers, having found these Specifics of priceless value in their family, never hesitate to recommend them to their many readers.—Exchange.

Howard Krape of Lock Haven was here to see his parents and friends recently.

Geo. Meese of Tusseyville opened a grocery store here last week in the Lane stand which will be a great convenience to the vicinity.

Allice Hagan, who had been dangerously ill for the last two months has recovered sufficiently to be up and about the house.

Wm., son of Cyrus Lew, returned to the parental roof last week from Williamsport where he was painting during last summer and fall.

Jerric Weaver, attended the funeral of his murdered father near Coburn last week.

A. C. Ripka took in the Andrews trial at Bellefonte.

Those who ought to know, said the convention and concert at Green Grove was poorly attended.

Laura Runkle of Spring Mills, Mrs. G. C. Meese, of Tusseyville, and Mr. White, of Nittany were visiting friends here recently.

Rev. Eisenberg seems to be the right man in the right place in many respects. He preached several appropriate sermons here last week, and also kindly gave some of our boys to understand that their nonsensical conduct during services will not be tolerated.

Several of our farmers sold horn cattle to a Lock Haven party at low prices.

**Madisonburg.**

The people about here were very anxious to know how the Andrews trial would terminate.

Pat, the fish dealer made his rounds last week. He was successful in disposing of his entire stock.

Thomas Wolfe, an able bass singer of this place attended the Green Grove convention.

Miss Annie Fiedler has returned home after an extended visit among friends in Philadelphia and Northumberland, Pa.

Mrs. Andrew Ocker left last week for Howard, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. W. F. Rishel.

**Penn Township.**

On Sunday the sleigh made an appearance, and had to go it lively.

H. E. Duck, was to Millburg, on Monday on business.

On Feb. 6th your correspondent and some others saw a long string of mountain fire. This was something very uncommon for Centre co. in the middle of winter.

There are three boys that are out nearly every Sunday hunting rabbits. They are getting too bold, on other people's property. To get at the rabbits they tear up things, then leave and let everything lay.

John Kerstetter and Adam Harter, of Millheim, built a pine boat and named it the Star Line.

On Wednesday of this week they took sail at Coburn on Pennershook for Sellersgrove. They expect to travel at the rate of 10 miles an hour.

The old saying "Wom mer der hunt dreft don bloped are," was finely illustrated by the Coburn correspondent of the Millheim Journal in its last issue. Four weeks ago I took good aim, using the honest Reporter as sights, and it seems as though I hit the center, for the howling it he set up is a pleasure to behold. We heard say that two or two weeks to recover sufficiently to write a reply; also that there would be school directors have given up all hopes for this spring election. This alone is a blessing to our township. If we take a look at our Com. Office at Bellefonte, we feel as though we had enough of such fellows in office, without electing some of the same material in the township also. He claims they have a miserable school building. Their teacher is a son of Prof. Kries, of Spring Mills, who teaches the Pike school, and has the best certificate of any in the township. He taught our school one week this winter, and all the scholars liked him better than any that taught here yet. I doubt whether that correspondent was ever inside the door of their school during school hours. Therefore not knowing anything about the school but what some of the smart (?) scholars tell him. My dear friend if you want a good school stand by your teacher and encourage him and I'll warrant that your school will improve sooner than if you disgrace him and your community, (just because you were defeated), by publishing all the bad of it you can in the papers. Their building is a good substantial one, only built 6 or 8 years ago, furnished with the latest improved school furniture, plenty large, and can be ventilated from the top, ninety-nine per cent. of all the voters in our township will endorse these statements. I am as much in favor of the free school system as anybody and am in favor that it shall be made use of to the best interest of all our young. Not only to one particular school, as you my dear friend, only care for Coburn. I never asked the voters of our township, to nominate me for an office or to elect me, but the simple fact that I was nominated to the highest office in the township, at my age only having my second vote shows that I am more of a citizen than those who can't make the nomination, and then run independent only to be badly defeated.

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There is destitution in North Dakota. Between 5500 and 6000 people need assistance. Three times that number of horses and cattle are on the verge of starvation, or will be before Spring unless feed is promptly supplied. The stock, while it may survive, will be absolutely unfit for farm work when the season opens.

This condition of affairs prevails in seven counties in the northern part of the state, in what is known as the Devil's Lake Territory. The people of Benson, Pierce, Rolette, Bottineau, Towner, Ramsey, and Nelson counties, are the principal sufferers. Cases of destitution are also reported from McIntosh and Eddy counties.

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**The Lycoming County Judgment.**

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**Sleighing.**

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Mill, departed for Howard Monday.

J. E. Reber, and sister Ida, were attending court session at Snydertown.

At their last meeting the literary society elected new officers. The question for next debate is: Resolved that it is unwise for a teacher to keep the smaller pupils in school six hours. The attendance for the past four weeks has been very good. And the society is a decided success.

La Grippe has not yet lost its grip on some of our people, and the doctor is kept busy.

Rev. Beasick the Luth. minister began a series of revival meetings Sunday evening.

**Aaronsburg.**

John W. Stever, a son of Adam Stever, living near Pine Creek Mills, died on the 6th inst., and was buried at Aaronsburg, on Sunday last. He was aged 17 yrs, 6 mo., and 26 days and been afflicted with disease of his spine from childhood up, and always was great sufferer.

Some of the young men of town are trying to organize a band. A subscription is being passed around to raise money to buy the instruments.

John Foster has been appointed mail agent on the route from Tyrone to Curwinstown, and has gone there to take charge of it.

Adam Heckman will leave town in the spring, and move on the Neese farm near Penn Hall.

John C. Stever who bought the Estinger homestead will move to town immediately after his sale, and with Joseph Korman has rented Mrs. Roter's blacksmith shop, where they expect to open up business.

Tommy Frank has given up the idea of moving into the hotel. Edmunds however will have sale and then go to Bethlehem.

Willie Muser had a suit for damages with the Adams Express company before Justice Reffany in which he claims about a hundred dollars loss for poultry delayed on the road, and which did not reach the market until prices had declined nearly one half.

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