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THE CENTRE REPORTER FRED KURTZ, -- EDITOR

Monroe county has instructed for Wallace, and the Clearfield man seems to be in the lead.

The phrase "set-on-up" is likely to become obsolete, and hereafter it will be, "let's break an original package."

An article from the Morning Patriot, copied in this issue, is timely, and we think it deserves the study of Centre county Democrats.

The census taker will be around in a short time—now don't any one give him a black eye or kick him on the shins for asking questions.

Cumberland, Franklin and Indiana have gone for Delamater, and that gentleman is now far enough in the lead to make his nomination a certainty in spite of the casting it will cause.

Will Messrs. Henderson and Decker go to inspect their bungled job, the Kart-hause bridge? A miserable job for the tax-payers, but a fat one for some pet party service.

Commissioner's clerk Strohm, is a candidate for commissioner. Strohm is a clever fellow only he comes in Johnny Decker's territory; still that won't matter as Henderson has pledged "all Bald Eagle" to Decker.

Farmers, be on the alert for sharpers. A gang of wire-fence swindlers are fleecing the farmers in some of the adjoining counties. Don't let them catch you napping. Remember the hay-fork swindlers and the Bohemian oats cusses.

Out in Indiana county there is a deal of a fight between the Delamater and the Hastings folks. It appears that Lawrence Brown was out there in the interest of Hastings and now the Delamater sheets call him "Boss Boodler Brown." Lawrence, that title is terribly awful.

According to the Philadelphia Sunday Times the master of the Penn's State Grange is trying to run both Democratic and Republican politics in Huntingdon county, but that nobody pays any attention to him—not even farmers. It's queer, if any one did, more than to laugh at him—and they shouldn't do that.

Huntingdon county by a large vote, instructed for Wallace. It is a notable fact that the agricultural districts are fast wheeling into line for Wallace whose long record has not the dot of an i in it that is inimical to the farming interest. The farmers will not be led by a half-witted blabberer to oppose a man of the clear record of Wm. A. Wallace.

We are pleased to note that our esteemed friend and fellow citizen, commissioner Decker, has gotten over his spell of rheumatism, and instead has as severe a spell as ever of roomatising each day in the court house. Things threatened to go to the dogs while laid four days and Henderson got all the stamps for the Forepaugh show tickets.

Cumberland county defeated Hastings and instructed for Delamater. Cumberland is Granger headquarters and it seems brother Thomas did not influence the farmers to any great extent to vote against the standard oil company's man. Bro. Thomas has about as little influence with farmers as some other chaps—in fact Thomas belongs to the Quay crowd.

Farmers should beware of fellows who continually sing into their ears against railroad and other corporations—some of these are pharisees of the first water, and are only after office. We knew one of these blabberers against railroads and other corporations who rode on a mileage book when in his own neighborhood and on a railroad pass just as soon as he got out of the county, in order to appear as a saint at home.

In last week's Clinton Democrat, a "Lamar Farmer" has a column of sensible advice to his brethren exposing the hypocrisy of Piolet and two other chaps who are hoodwinking farmers and grangers in the interest of monopolies, and cautious farmers against these false prophets. The farmers of Centre county are fast catching on to the ideas of the "Lamar farmer" and think they see some (three) big frauds in the air crying "Lord, Lord." If recent elections in our county are a guide, they would show that farmers do not take much stock in the stereotyped blabber of some and can see by their eyes and their feet for office under the cloak, and this speaks well for the intelligence of Centre county farmers.

Impudent, But Amusing.

One of the patriotic non-partisan gentlemen who insist that their advice shall be taken by the democratic state convention in nominating a candidate for governor is the Hon. Leonard Rhone, of Centre county, who in politics has been "every thing by turns and nothing long."

It appears, however, that Mr. Rhone is not only thrusting his unsought advice upon the democrats, but that he also demands that the republicans shall take counsel of his wisdom. He is sending out circulars to republicans in Huntingdon and other interior counties setting forth the beauties and graces and excellencies of General Hastings as a candidate for governor.

Mr. Rhone is the head of the State Grange and professes to be intensely hostile to "corporations." He cannot endure any man who was ever an officer of a corporation, except the president of a banking corporation and a member of the Beaver corporation administration. There is a most delightful insouciance in the pious horror with which Mr. Rhone turns away from candidates who have as little to do with corporations as any granger in the state, and the sweet complacency with which he tenders the "farmer vote" to other candidates who stand in the closest sort of relations with corporations. Indeed, as the late Artemus Ward would have said, the Hon. Leonard Rhone is an "amooosic coss."

It is also very gratifying to anti-monopolists to observe how earnestly and nobly the Hon. R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, Mr. Rhone's politico-agricultural side-partner, backs up the advice given by the Centre county prophet to the people of both political parties. Democrats, especially, who know Mr. Thomas' relations with the republican state leaders, will be delighted with his charming effrontery in constituting himself their counselor. The democratic candidates whose nomination is favored by the political firm of Rhone and Thomas may well pray to be delivered from their friends.—Harrisburg Patriot, 28.

The *Patriot* does not seem to know the standing of the Centre county "coss" and "prophet," as it terms him, or it would not even sneer; election returns show that he has no following, and does not run the Democratic or Republican party, much less the farmers. Our people up here do not follow feeble minded fellows for leaders, nor take stock in any one who is simply crazy for office without qualification for any. To sponge upon newspapers for space for a nonsensical speech, or letter, and such, to get into print, for notoriety, shows shallowness is all that's in the *Patriot's* "coss". The *Patriot's* allusions are about correct, but if it had known the subject alluded to would have been silent out of pity. He is known to continually be on some self-constituted committee, to appear before legislative bodies making fools of themselves trying to enlighten legislatures and political parties. The caliber of the *Patriot's* "coss" can be seen at once from the fact that the only original idea he had was to ask an appropriation of \$5000 out of the state treasury to improve the Williamsburg picnic ground. He used to pester Judge Black with his fool notions, which led the judge on one occasion to remark to a bystander, "I guess he means all right, but he knows nothing and seems a little off."

Germany, with all its pauper labor will do more at some points to protect women and children if the pending labor law is passed than Pennsylvania does. Under the law passed no child can work under 13, and then only if they have been at school, while here 12 is the age and nothing is required as to schooling. Up to 16 ten hours is the longest day allowed, and for women over 16 eleven hours, and no women can be kept at work after 5.30 P. M. the day before a Sunday or a holiday or on any day at night. Men in mines, quarries, salt works or foundries are prohibited from working Sundays or holidays, and in all trades where work is necessary on Sunday it must be done in shifts of five hours each. Germany is determined to stamp out Sunday work and overwork, as all countries should, and while the hours are longer than here labor will be better regulated and protected by the German factory law than in this State.

The Charleston *News and Courier* has taken advantage of the opportunity to reply to the partisan republican organs who are ever happy to gloat over the misdeeds of a democrat. Hear it: "Philadelphia alone, it appears, has turned out more defaulters in one year than all the Southern States have produced in twenty years. And yet the republican papers of that city preached columns of sermons to the South recently because of the misdeeds of half a dozen democratic state treasurers. The Pharisees are not all dead yet evidently, and a good many of them seem to have gone into the newspaper business up 'North."

Don't Answer Them.

The New York *Sun*: The census enumerators on June 2, equipped with a schedule of thirty questions. Among other objects of inquiry, they are instructed to ascertain from every citizen and inhabitant of the United States:

"22. Whether (he or she is) suffering from acute or chronic disease, with the name of disease and length of time afflicted.

"23. Whether defective in mind, sight hearing or speech; or whether crippled, maimed or deformed, and name of defect.

"24. Whether a prisoner, convict, homeless child, pauper.

"25 and 26. Is the home you live in hired, or is it owned by the head or by a member of the family?

"27. If owned by head or member of the family, is the house free from mortgage encumbrance?

"28. If the head of the family is a farmer, is the farm which he cultivates hired or is it owned by him or by a member of his family?

"29. If owned by head or member of family, is the farm free from mortgage encumbrance?

"30. If the home or farm is not owned by head or member of family and mortgaged, give the postoffice address of owner."

We advise every citizen and inhabitant who respects himself and is disposed to resent all impertinent, unwarranted and illegal intrusion into his private affairs to flatly refuse to answer any of the questions here quoted from the schedule. Not one of them is within the constitutional scope of the federal census. Not one of them is justified by necessity or propriety. The census takers have no more business to investigate the chronic maladies, the bodily defects and the private account books of the people living under this free government than they have to inquire into our loves and hatreds, our moral weaknesses, our secret sorrows.

The claim for a solid delegation from Philadelphia is practically given up by Mr. Harrity, for he says they claim 50 to 55 delegates for Pattison. This assures 14 to Wallace and leaves but 36 majority. This is too low for Wallace, as results will show in the convention.

"Of the 131 delegates already elected outside of Philadelphia, there are 106 instructed for or favorable to Mr. Wallace and 25 instructed for or favorable to Pattison. Of the 171 delegates who are yet to be elected 129 will probably be chosen for Wallace and 42 will probably be for Pattison. This includes those counties in which the first choice may be Rick-etta, Black or Elliot and defines the issue between Pattison and Wallace after local candidates are disposed of.

There are 364 delegates in a full convention, and 184 are necessary to nominate. Pattison is conceded Scott's district and every other locality in which there is doubt as to who they will prefer. From this it will be seen that with 14 from Philadelphia Wallace will have 248, or nearly two-thirds of the convention.

The manufacturer paid \$1.25 to labor for producing a ton of pig iron. The government gave him \$6.72 in order to enable him to pay that \$1.25. The manufacturer paid labor \$3 for producing a ton of steel rails, the government gave him \$17 to enable him to pay it. Why did not the manufacturer give the \$17 to the workmen instead of turning them out of work and going on tally-ho rides through the mountains of Scotland?—*Congressman R. Q. Mills*.

Because the laboring man allows himself to be duped by the hired orators of the protected monopolist, and the workman is not allowed to see that the tariff goes out of his pocket into the purse of the millionaire.

There are indications that the census enumerators will not receive free and cheerful answers to their solicitous questions regarding the citizen's mental and moral imperfections. A New York telegram announces that a large number of people in that city have entered into an agreement not to answer the questions concerning disease, physical deformities and private debts, and will make a test case of it. It need excite no surprise if this movement should spread all over the country. If several million people were to refuse to answer, and the Government were to succeed in collecting \$100 from each delinquent, the surplus would get to be more troublesome than ever.

The committee appointed to investigate the immigration business report the discovery of a single square mile of territory in New York city where 270,000 people live, which is 8,000 more human beings than can be found dwelling in any other square mile on the earth's surface. These people are said to be all Italians, speaking only their own language and observing foreign customs.

Reward Party Service.

In every state save Pennsylvania, it is an honor among democrats to be known as one. Men are singled out for party honors not because of their never having said or done anything for the party, but because they had stood up and battled manfully for democratic success. In Pennsylvania, however, whatever may have been the custom in the long ago, it seems to be the prevailing sentiment that a democrat who has earned the title of being one, is considered as an unsafe man to be honored with his party's nomination for office. It is useless to deny the charge and the sooner the thorough-going, every-day democrats rescue the party from its, in this respect, erring course, the sooner will success at the ballot box crown the party and command for it that respect and allegiance which is now paid to the party in other states.

The success of the republican party is owing to the recognition which it gives to its stalwart champions. The road to nomination and election in that party must be paved with deeds, and the more radical a republican he is, the better he is liked, the more he is praised and the more certain his chances for the honor of having his party set the seal of its approval upon him by a nomination for honor and profit. And this is right and proper, and if this were the only offense of that party we would gladly bid it God speed to victory. The soldier who is seen to perform valorous deeds for his own army comrades gains promotion and never does the regimental colonel make a captain of one whose chief merit consists in the fact that as a silent, potatoing, bean-soup-boiling cook he had never offended the enemy.

Men who have offended the enemy ought to be promoted and honored too; and this in political party organizations as well as in the military service. The political party that does not recognize and enforce this principle deserves defeat; overwhelming, crushing defeat. What hope is there of the success of democratic principles in Pennsylvania where a man's deeds in behalf of the party and its principles are used as weapons by his own party associates to club him to political death?

Is Mr. Wallace a bourbon democrat? and Mr. Black, another? Be it so. But let it not be said to their shame, but to their honor. The party needs bourbon democrats. It does not need the milk and water democrat who at best is but a diluted republican, strong only in the love of these who prize him because of his thin gruel democracy. One good, old fashioned democrat like Wallace or Black is worth an empire of such democrats and no intriguer can hide this truth from the people.

The above remarks from the Morning *Patriot* may be read with profit in Centre county. We have seen honest and unflinching Democrats set aside here for men fresh from the Republican ranks with neither merit or ability; and at times persons get nominations who never concerned themselves more for the party's benefit than to get an office for themselves. This course proved near wrecking the party and has caused several defeats.

It used to be missionaries to Indiana its missionaries from India, and they have landed at New York on Sunday last, as officers of the Salvation army of India.

They are Staff Captain Jai Singh and wife, Captain Kantahella, a Hindoo cadet, Lord Ratsa Pals, a converted Buddhist, priest, Lieutenant Addut Azis, a Persian. The object of the visit of the Indian missionaries is to excite an interest in the missionary work of the army by making a tour of the United States and Canada. The costume they wear consists of a Dhorte (robe) of orange—the religious color—a shoulder cloth, and puggled for the head of the same color, a red jacket across the breast, on which are the words, "Salvation Army."

The most interesting figure of the group was the youthful ex-Buddhist priest. While he says he is twenty-two years of age he looks much younger. He was ordained a priest at the age of thirteen, after which he prosecuted his studies in Pali, Ehu Sanscrit and Bana books, and was possessed of such rare intellectual qualities that he was a very popular preacher and drew large multitudes to hear him. By accident he came across some of the publications of the Salvation Army, and his conversion to the Christian faith followed.

The grand lodge of Missouri, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; has adopted a rule by which no saloon keeper will hereafter be admitted to the order, and those already in are notified to withdraw.

The house committee on the judiciary has decided to report favorably a bill providing for woman suffrage.

The Presbyterian General Assembly has reached a harmonious compromise at Saratoga. The creed is to be revised, but it will take two years before the work is done. The revision is to be on liberal lines; but the committee making it "is to be restrained from proposing changes such as will alter the Calvinistic character of the standards." Lastly, the long dispute, whether the Presbyterian Church can alter its fundamental law in government and in creed, and whether, if so by a majority or a two-thirds vote, is settled by providing that its government can be changed by a majority vote and its creed only by a two-thirds vote of the presbyteries.

This compromise is a practical victory for revision. It marks a great advance over the position taken by the Church half a century ago in its great schism, or twenty years ago in reunion, when all these issues were postponed to a more convenient season. The successive votes by which a minority was cut off from the Church nearly fifty years ago, the action by which it was reunited with a tacit agreement to stand by the letter of the creeds and let each of the two great parties in the Church cherish its own interpretation, and now the movement by which two-thirds of the presbyteries demand revision, are each the beachmarks of an advancing tide. Such an onward march bespeaks the vitality and growth of a great communion, and the circumstance that high water mark is reached without the disruption of the Church and with the consent of all—Dr. Patton, from Princeton, supporting the compromise as heartily as Dr. Van Dyke, from Brooklyn, is an equally strong proof of the homogeneous character and the essential unity of the Presbyterian Church.

Beware of Politics.

Captain James McCormick, adjutant general of the Grand Army, in this state has issued a notification to all the posts not to meddle with politics. Some of them, it appears, through pure good nature and forgetfulness of the rules of the organization, have, as posts, recommended certain candidates to the suffrages of their fellow citizens. This the circular says, cannot be permitted. The law says that no officer or comrade of the Grand Army shall in any manner, use the organization for partisan purposes. The circular further intimates that action in defiance of the notification may result in the forfeiture of the charter of the post.

For the privilege of putting up posters for Forepaugh's show, on the court-house premises, at Bellefonte, commissioner Henderson secured a number of tickets to the show.

A new source of revenue for the county, were it not that Henderson put the proceeds of the tickets in his own little pocket. On show day Henderson ran around the streets trying to sell the tickets to boys, black and white. What people may desire to know right here is, will Henderson divide the profits from the tickets sold with Decker, or will he keep all? Mr. Decker is entitled to a share of the proceeds, after allowing Henderson a reasonable per cent. for selling them while Johnny was laid up from rheumatism.

There is a steadily growing feeling of apprehension among McKinley's friends that his political brethren in the senate are whetting their knives for his scalp. The first proceeding in divesting the major of his recently acquired gaudy plumage is to turn down his tariff. It is whispered about among politicians that the senate finance committee is seriously thinking of reporting a substitute measure for the McKinley bill when it reaches the higher branch of congress. Senators Allison and Aldrich, the chief members of the senate finance committee are known to be very fond of the senate tariff bill of congress which they succeeded in framing after a week of labor. Major McKinley and Senators Allison and Aldrich are known to hold widely diverging views on the subject of the tariff. Senator Sherman is chiming in with his brother senators on the subject, it appears.

The largest gun yet manufactured at Krupp's works at Essen is intended for the fortifications of Cronstadt and is made of the fine quality cast-steel. It weighs 270,000 pounds—about 120 tons—the caliber is 16½ inches and the barrel 44 feet long, the core having been removed in one piece. The greatest diameter is 6½ feet and the range about 12 miles. It is intended to fire two shots per minute, each estimated to cost \$1,500. At the trial, the projectile, 14 feet long, and weighing 2,600 pounds, was propelled by a charge of 700 pounds of powder, and penetrated 19 inches of armor, going 1,312 yards beyond the target. The gun was carried from Essen to Hamburg on a car specially constructed for the purpose.

Penn Township.

A number of our farmers are not through with corn planting yet. Several have not commenced. Too much rain is the cause.

The wheat and grass looks very good, and if nothing serious turns up, we will have a better harvest than we have had for years.

Mr. Peter Hoffer, of Centre Hall, was through here last week and succeeded in selling several Osborne binders.

Miss Lizzie Bierly, formerly of this place, now of Lewisburg was visiting in this and Brush valleys last week.

The supervisors of Penn township have commenced to repair the public roads. The roads are in a bad condition, owing to the much rainfall.

The Evangelical congregation of Millheim will hold a sacred concert Saturday evening next. The proceeds are to be used in paying for a church organ.

The Ed. of the Millheim Journal has what he calls sound doctrine in his last paper for the religion of the merchant, plasterer and farmer. We as a farmer would like to know of what value this same editor's religion is to him.

The Madisonburg boys are as mischievous as ever, years ago they played all sorts of mean tricks on the writer when over there visiting his friends, and now they are getting down so low as to cut off the tails of visitor's horses. They think its smartness, but nobody but the lowest class of boys—will do such tricks.

On Monday the sad funeral of Mrs. Annie Norris took place. She was buried in Fair View cemetery, Rev. Deitzler officiated. She was married but six months ago to Mr. Norris. Consumption the dread destroyer, was the cause of her death.

The new furniture store building of Harter & Campbell is up and when completed will be one of the largest buildings in town.

Rev. Deitzler is at present preaching his farewell sermons to his five different congregations constituting the Aronsburg charge. He was a faithful and earnest minister, and served the above charge five years. In that time he preached over 800 regular sermons; made 5,475 sick visits and 3,640 pastoral visits; he baptized over 100 infants; united in matrimony 65 couples, and officiated at 96 funerals; 399 young people were catechized by him, of these 26 were confirmed in the church, and half that many by certificate. To do all this work he traveled nearly 19,000 miles. We are exceedingly sorry to lose him. He was liked by everyone.

Sprucetown.

The preaching service next Sunday will be in the afternoon at half past two o'clock, at this place.

The masons are at work putting up the wall for Mr. Wolf's new house.

Quite a number of people from this vicinity were to see the show at Bellefonte last Saturday.

Mrs. Agnes Shirik is away at present visiting her daughter at Warrior's Mark.

The carpenters are at work putting up W. H. Stiver's hay shed.

There is to be a lecture at this place next Saturday evening by Rev. Owen Hicks, subject, Explosives from my Old Knapsack.

An Epworth League has been organized at this place.

The Disagreeable Winter Gone.

Now that the cold drizzly rains are transformed to delightful spring, and the muddy roads to pleasant drives it would be well to look about and prepare for the lurking diseases often coming with the new vegetation, as to better enable us to follow out daily avocations we should be in good health and spirits. No well-regulated family is without a stimulant of some kind. Deception is probably unparaphrased by unscrupulous dealers in liquor than any other business. Mr. Klein, 52 Federal street, is a reliable party; to him we recommend with pleasure. No deception, no misrepresentation, no selling under false colors with him. His Silver Age Bire is positively pure and sold everywhere for \$1.50 per quart only. His six-year-old Pennsylvania Bire at \$1 each quart, or six quarts for \$6, are as good and reasonable as any in the country. Send for complete catalogue and price list to Max Klein, 52 Federal Street, Allegheny, Pa.

Announcements.

TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce that J. J. Gramley, of Millersburg, will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages.

COMMISSIONER.
We are authorized to announce that Daniel Heckman, of Buffalo Run, will be candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that G. L. Goodhart, of Foster township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that B. F. Stover, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Republican usages.

We are authorized to announce that Daniel C. Grove, of Marion township, is a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that A. J. Long of Harris township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Republican usages.

ASSEMBLY.
We are authorized to announce that J. H. Holt of Spruce Grove, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to Democratic usages.

SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce that A. M. Buler, of Millersburg, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that John P. Condo, of Penn Hall, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that W. A. Tanyer, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce that John Noll, of Spring township, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

We are authorized to announce George E. Parker, of Phillipsburg, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages.

REGISTER.
We are authorized to announce that John A. Rupp will be a candidate for Register, subject to Democratic usages.

Several subjects of importance are likely to engage the attention of the senate this week. The naval appropriation bill will come up tomorrow as unfinished business. That it will be disposed of in one session is uncertain. An attack upon the appropriation for three battle ships expected from the Democratic side of the chamber. By an agreement reached last Friday, Senator Wilson's bill to place imported liquors in original packages under State regulation, is the special order for Tuesday to be discussed to a finish.