



THE CENTRE REPORTER

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The fish one catches in a dream are always much larger than those caught otherwise.

We won't keep lent this year because the fellow who borrowed a large satchel from us last year has not yet returned it.

The farmer has the heavy end of taxation. What will the legislature do? Gov. Patison is there to sign any bill that will relieve the agricultural class.

There are several tax bills before the present legislature and if our law makers don't do something that will lessen the burden hanging upon the farming class the people will want to know why.

"Thou shalt not steal,"—this is the 7th commandment, which Fiedler violated in his \$400 blanks scheme. Guess he never learned the 10 commandments as he also continually violates the 8th commandment.

The masses of the people of this state—the tax payers and toilers upon the farm and in the workshops demand relief of some sort from the burdens of unjust taxation. Will our legislators heed the cry of the people?

The presidential preferences of the Democrats of 27 State legislatures has been ascertained by the New York Herald correspondents and the footings stand: Cleveland, 1,515; Hill, 199; scattering, 276. The New York legislature was reported 31 for Hill, 2 for Cleveland and 47 doubtful. Governor Hill bosses that institution.

Not many years ago an eminent scientist declared that it was useless to look for coal in California, as the geological formations gave no hope of coal. But since then the coal-searching Californians have discovered seams, and a few weeks ago the largest of them all. So California will now grow her own coal as well as her own fruit.

We have just read the full text of senator Meek's bill taxing unnaturalized foreigners 25 cents per month, and do not believe it will pass either house, as we think it is in conflict with both the state and federal constitutions. The famous alien law under John Adams gave the Democratic party, in its condemnation of it, great popularity and they used it with wonderful effect against the Federalists for 30 years after.

Is the telephone free? A big suit at once break down the Bell Telephone monopoly will be begun in the United States courts in a few days and will be directed by a widely known patent lawyer of Philad. It is claimed that the patent involving the main principle of the Bell telephone expired by limitation on Dec. 9, and it is now possible for other systems to enter and occupy the field. Patent Lawyer George Harding, one of the highest authorities in America, said that it is a fact, as the English patent ran out in December, the American patents, under an act of Congress, also ran out at the same time, and the patents are now public property. There is no doubt about this he said.

At the court at Meadville, last week, Delamater's trial was put off.

Three bills of indictment were returned against the ex-bankers and two indictments include the names of G. B. G. W. and T. A. Delamater. One case the ex-County Commissioners are prosecutors and, in another G. W. Witter, a depositor, is prosecutor. The latter is also prosecutor in a case against Victor M. Delamater, the cashier of the bank. All the indictments are for embezzlement, under the act of Assembly of 1886, which makes it a criminal offense to accept money on deposit when officials know their bank is insolvent.

An application was made for a continuance of all the cases till next term.

The McKinley bill papers do some laughable squirming in their frantic attempts to show that oppressively high tariff measure is beneficial to the farmers. Of course they can't show any such thing as Blaine told them when he declared that the bill would not open a market for another barrel of pork or a bushel of wheat. The laws of supply and demand are solely what give the farmer a chance to sell his products, and the McKinley bill cannot possibly increase or decrease his sale. But it can and does inflict upon him a burdensome and unwarranted taxation, that takes not only the money his farm proceeds bring him, but compels him to mortgage his property and get into debt.

The fair-minded farmer has come to the conclusion that the McKinley bill is an aid only to great corporations and greedy and powerful monopolists.

ATTEMPT TO ROB.

THE PLAN FRUSTRATED TO SWINDLE THE COUNTY OUT OF \$200.

Fiedler's Little Game To Swindle The Voters—He Stands A Self-Confessed Thief.

The facts of the game to rob the treasury of Centre county out of \$200 are now in, and a'd further infamy to the manner in which the county was fleeced under the Henderson-Fiedler regime and the surplus spent. With the outgoing of the late board of commissioners, another grab was hatched by Fiedler, with the aid of Henderson, by which the infamous Gazette was to further increase the deficiency to the amount of \$200 thro a trick to have blanks printed several years ahead at a robbing price as the thing now reveals itself and thereby in an unheard of scheme of meanness to head off the Democratic papers from getting any printing for 3 years.

Fiedler's plunder scheme was to be carried out just at the last moment before Henderson ceased to be commissioner. Henderson agreed to have Fiedler print the blanks for \$400; to this Henderson did not have the consent of the board, but that did not matter, it was the last chance for a pull and Fiedler was unscrupulous and desperate for the steal, and the two, when the plan was nicely laid for the steal, thought then to coax, cajole, buy, or threaten John Decker into a quiescence, but he manfully put his foot down on it as heavy as the Seven Mountains.

Henderson and Fiedler went on then on their own hook in the steal and had the blanks ordered for which Fiedler was to get \$400.

The blanks for which Fiedler was to make a last pull on the tax payers for \$400 were sent by Fiedler to the commissioners' office.

When the blanks, for which Fiedler hoped to make his last steal of \$400 were laid upon the commissioners' table John Decker only was in; says Decker: "What's that?"

Is them blanks said Fiedler's man. Out with them at once, said commissioner Decker, robbing must stop. Out with them! And "them blanks" for which Fiedler with Henderson had plotted to make his last haul of \$400 went out—were kicked out, by the Ethan Allen determination of John Decker, and the county escaped a further plunder of the tax payers, by Fiedler of \$400.

Now see how the steal of \$400 proved itself.

Then Fiedler, who had hoped to make the steal of \$400 in so disreputable a manner thought to entrap the new board to get his steal of \$400 for "them blanks." He tried to fix Strohm, and have Strohm fix Goodhart to get the \$400 out of the tax-payers.

But Fiedler did not get the thing fixed to steal that \$400, and the blanks could not pass the Democratic commissioners with a steal of \$400 in them.

Fiedler got very sick then, because he didn't get the \$400. His belly was out of order, his gills pale like those of a spoiled sucker, and he smelled like a spoiled mackerel because he could not get "them blanks" thro for \$400.

Now see. Fiedler then tried to have the blanks taken at a reduction, proving he had overcharged.

He came down, came down, until he agreed to take \$250 for what he attempted to fleece the tax-payers out of \$400 in the first place.

The selfconfessed plunderer!

A responsible house in Pittsburg telegraphed and by mail sent its offer to our commissioners to furnish the same blanks, guaranteed to be on hand in time, for \$200, for which the same Fiedler of the vile, lying, stealing Gazette tried to get \$400 out of our tax-payers! Besides in a mean, sneaking manner plotting to shut out other printing offices from getting a chance to earn an honest dollar for three years. Now then:

LESSON TAUGHT.

If Fiedler tried to get \$400 for "them blanks," and subsequently agreed to take \$250, is he a self-confessed thief?

If he tried to slich from the county \$400, for "them blanks" which a responsible Pittsburg house offered to furnish for \$200 does that not prove his endeavor to thieve the tax-payers?

He has been caught.

While the prices for the farmer's grain have gone down; the value of his acres has dropped down 50 per cent; his horses have gone down in value 30 per cent, the taxes he has to pay have gone up. Tariffs have been heaped upon all he buys to carry on farming or clothe himself and family; direct taxes added for road, school, poor and state purposes swell the wrong. Here is the first and most important wrong that needs a correction. This demand is simple justice and it comes not from Centre county alone, but from all over the state.

The Election.

The elections passed off very quietly on Tuesday, and a rather large vote was polled considering the unpropitious weather. A great deal of cutting was done in the boro, but the Democratic ticket was elected by good majorities. The Republicans had placed a ticket in the field but had indorsed several of the Democratic nominations.

CENTRE HALL.

The following boro officers were elected on Tuesday: Chief Burgess, John Riter; Assistant Burgess, Wes White-man; Town Council, R. D. Foreman, J. T. Lee, Harry Dinges; School Directors, A. S. Kerling, Dr. Jacobs; Tax Collector, W. A. Sandoe; Judge of Election, Wm. Camp; Inspector, John Danberman, Jr.; Overseer of Poor, J. S. Rowe, one year, H. G. Strohmeier, two years; Treasurer, H. W. Kreamer; High Constable, James Worrel; Auditor, David K. Geiss.

PENN TOWNSHIP.

Judge, Elias Hoover; inspectors, W. A. Stover, J. W. Moyer; Overseer of Poor, J. C. Snook; School Directors, Jacob Kersteter, Fred Auman; Supervisors, J. D. Keen, John Long; Collector, W. F. Smith; Auditor, A. P. Zerby; Town Clerk, A. K. Alexander.

POTTER TOWNSHIP.

North Precinct—Judge of Election, J. L. Neff; Inspector, J. F. Potter; South Precinct, Judge of election, W. A. Kerr; Inspector, John B. Fortney; School directors, W. M. Grove, M. J. Decker; Supervisors, Samuel Bruss, J. A. Sweetwood; Overseer of Poor, S. B. Spangler; Tax Collector, Jacob Smith; Auditor, B. A. Arney; Town Clerk, Joseph M. Gilliland.

MILES TOWNSHIP.

Judge, John F. Waite; inspectors, J. B. Hazel, S. Brumgard; Tax Collector, C. Stover; School Directors, Wm. Kreamer, John West; Supervisors, B. W. Royer, Wesley Snyder; Auditor, J. W. Bright; Overseer, J. C. Hosterman; Clerk, T. B. Frank.

MILLHEIM.

Burgess, J. B. Hosterman, asst. burgess, H. W. Bollinger; Council, Cyrus Brumgard, G. Frank, W. R. Weiser; School Directors, W. K. Alexander, R. A. Bommeler; Overseer, H. H. Weiser; Tax Collector, Jacob Eisenbuth; Judge, F. Kister; inspectors, F. P. Muser, J. H. Deibler; Auditor, W. A. Tobias; High Constable, W. H. Reifsnnyder; Justice of the Peace, J. H. Reifsnnyder.

HARRIS TOWNSHIP.

Judge William Hess; inspectors, C. Durst, John Muser; Justice of Peace, Fergus Potter; Collector, D. F. Weiland; School Directors, M. Hess; W. A. Murray; Overseer, A. H. Hosterman; Supervisors, George Swabb, W. M. Meyer; Auditors, P. H. Meyer, A. E. Kimport; Clerk, Frank Swabb.

Bellefonte went Republican—the Dutch have taken Holland by the skin of their teeth.

Centre Hall went Democratic by a big majority.

How a Religious Enthusiast died by His Own Hands.

Elias Fagely, a well-to-do farmer of Northumberland county, has been one of the most active movers in religious meetings that were held in his section. Of late he has been almost constantly passing the time in reading the Bible and dilating on religion with his friends and neighbors. On Sunday Mr. Fagely attended services morning, noon and night, and when he retired he took a Bible with him.

On Monday morning he was found in his bed with his throat cut from ear to ear in a pool of his own blood which was still warm, indicating that the deed committed some time between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Fagely held in his left hand with a vicelike grip a Bible, and in the right was the razor besmeared with his own blood.

The dead man was about 55 years of age. His business affairs are all in a flourishing condition, and no cause is assigned for the act by his family.

A Correction.

OAK HALL STATION, FEB. 18, 1891.

Hon. Fred. Kurtz: I am very much indisposed, from a complication of diseases, have not been out of the house for ten days. You made mention in the REPORTER of my voting for Porter in 1835, a mistake, it was George Wolf, my next two votes were for Porter, my first vote was in 1834, election was held at Earlstown, in a hotel kept by Walter Longwell; I voted for Doctor Henderson for congress and John Hason for assembly; I have never missed voting for President or Governor; only voted the one time in my native township, Potter, which then extended from east of Spring Mills to within 10 rods of my farm where I am now living.

Truly Yours,

SAMUEL GILLILAND.

—Give Lewins, Bellefonte, your order for a suit. He has one of the most experienced cutters to be had. A fit is guaranteed.

Quay's Denial.

On Tuesday in the senate, Mr. Quay made a denial of the charges against him.

It was a most remarkable scene in the senate—a representative of a great State in the highest branch of the national congress and the national chairman of a great party rising to deny that he is an embezzler, but failing to ask for an investigation, although the charges against him are specific and have been made in hundreds of respectable newspapers and in public speeches by responsible men. If Quay were in the house it is likely that some fearless Democrat would not be content to let his general denial go unchallenged, but would ask him some questions calculated to make his vindication more complete if he is innocent or break it down altogether if he is guilty. But the courtesy of the senate and the time-honored usages of the body will prevent anything of this sort.

Sister Mary Catherine.

The spectacle of a young woman worth \$7,000,000 in her own right making a vow of "poverty, chastity and obedience" in order to devote her life to the service of the Indians and the colored race, is calculated to make the world stop and think twice before it either dismisses her from its mind as merely a pious enthusiast or sneers at her as a victim of priestcraft. For evidently Miss Catherine Drexel, now Sister Mary Catherine of the new Order of the Holy Sacrament, is neither. No two more serious problems confront this nation than its duty to the dark men of the South and the red men of the West, and no more urgent need exists than that the spirit of Christianity reaching down a helping hand to lift them up, succeed the spirit of force, murdering them and defrauding them of their rights. Catherine Drexel is worthy to rank with Cornelia with Joan of Arc and with Charlotte Corday as one of the patriot women immortals of the world, as well as with Saint Elizabeth of Hungary and the thousands of unknown saintly women who like the poor widow in the gospel give all that they have.

Special Announcement.

We have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Disease," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to Dr. B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURGH FALLS, VT. This book is now recognized as standard authority upon all diseases of the horse, as its phenomenal sale attests, over four million copies having been sold in the past ten years, a sale never before reached by any publication in the same period of time. We feel confident that our patrons will appreciate the work and be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity of obtaining a valuable book.

It is necessary that you mention this paper in sending for the "Treatise." This offer will remain open for only a short time.

Marriage Licenses.

Following is the list of marriage licenses issued during the past week from the register's office, Bellefonte:

J. E. Harter and Jennie V. Hosterman, both of Coburn.

Harry Wise and Laura H. Erb, both of Woodward.

M. E. Grove and S. Jennie Pecht, both of Millin county.

John T. Holt and Winona Bergardner both of Julian.

Roland Richards of Julian, and Gertrude Williams, of Marth.

Alex. McLowell, jr., and Sarah J. Crawford, both of Snow Shoe.

Joseph E. Wallace and Mary A. Davison, both of Munson.

Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. J. B. Crawford, of Spring Mills, favored our sanctum with a call. Mr. Crawford has been appointed deputy by Sheriff Ishler, for which position he is well qualified and is, also, in every sense of the word, a gentleman. Sheriff Ishler is to be congratulated upon his selection, as we know that Mr. Crawford will prove an efficient and popular deputy.

The "Doctor" had a Start.

A Locoming county paper says: "A farmer near Jersey Shore had been sick with pneumonia. A traveling doctor came along and put him in a bath of ices water to cure him. He died in twelve minutes, but the doctor was two miles ahead of the crowd at last reports and still going strong and steady."

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Centre Hall post office: F. P. Gerhard, Miss Rossella Meyers, Miss Ida Smalls, Wm. E. Shaffer, T. Benton Ulrich, Wm. W. Young.

D. B. BRISBIN, Post Master.

A barber shop open for shaving on Sunday has been declared illegal by the supreme court.

The Floods.

Altoona, Feb. 17.—Although this city has escaped there has been considerable damage done by the high water, both east and west. At Tyrone the Juniata has a fifteen foot flood and the houses in the western part of the town are surrounded with water, with many half submerged. At Tipton, ten miles east, a foot of water is running over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

West Newton, Pa., Feb. 17.—The Youghiogheny river at 1 o'clock this afternoon has reached the highest point since August, 1884: One track of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is passable, but the other is buried under twenty-five feet of water in places.

All railroad traffic has been suspended at Washington, Pa., since the bridges are not considered safe, and at Temperanceville, a suburb of this city, the Chartiers creek covers half the town and is spreading. Hundreds are homeless and since all the trains are tied up they can only seek the higher ground and take with them what few belongings they can carry in their hands.

Huntingdon, Pa., Feb. 17.—Thirty-six hours of constant rain has caused a rise in the Juniata river to eleven feet above low water mark, submerging all the outlying farming districts to the south and destroying all the fences and other movable property within reach.

JOHNSTOWN UNDER WATER.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 16.—The Conemaugh river is six feet higher than any previous time this spring. On many of the streets people are leaving their homes in boats, and public business of all kinds is stopped. Reports from South Fork say the river is higher than since the flood.

The Point, the Lincoln and the Woodvale bridges over the Conemaugh at this place have been washed away and utterly destroyed. The permanent iron bridge at Walnut street and the Cambria Iron Company's railroad bridge have also been swept away. This leaves the entire city with only the permanent iron bridge to Kernville.

At 6 o'clock this evening all the lower parts of the city is inundated, and the water is still rising rapidly. On the Southside, and in Cambria, hundreds of houses are flooded and people are getting out in boats.

The Pennsylvania railroad has established a station at Washington street, and a rumor has just become current that a large log boom up Stony creek is about breaking. This report has caused the most intense alarm, and people are fleeing to the high grounds. It is said the water at the large boom on Shady creek is higher than it was in 1837 when it broke. There are 4,000,000 feet of logs in this boom. It is said if it breaks it will surely carry away the boom at Fouseville and in that event very serious consequences will result in Johnstown.

At 9 o'clock the water is running over most of the principal streets, and still rising. The Millvale schoolhouse is under water, and a number of houses in that section have floated from their foundations. The engine and hose house of the Thirteenth ward have been carried down.

The streets in this section, as well as throughout Cambria, have been deserted, and the people have left their homes.

The editor of the Philadelphia Times has compiled a table showing the official vote cast by all the States last November. The Democrats carried 29 of the 44 and the Republicans 15. The majority for the former was 1,019,810 and for the latter 100,531. Behold the majority 919,279. Here we have nearly a million majority for the Democrats. Such a public condemnation was never before administered to a party anywhere. The chastisement was not locally administered, but was broadly spread out from Portland Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and from the St. Lawrence to the Rio Grande and its meaning cannot be misunderstood—"thou has been weighed in a balance and found wanting." A codicil has been added to the foregoing will of the people—Eight Republican United States Senators are on a strike, and if the Hoar Reed managers do not change their tactics, by the meeting of the next Congress, a half dozen more will follow suit.

The Pension Bill as passed the Senate appropriates over \$135,000,000. Mr. Allison expressed the hope that the deficiency for next year would not be more than five or six millions, but past experience warrants the belief that it will be more than double this. It is safe to say that the pension list next year will cost \$150,000,000. This is more than \$100,000,000 in excess of the cost of the pensions ten years after the close of the war and \$70,000,000 larger than the cost in 1885, twenty years after the war, when Gen. Garfield said: "We may reasonably expect that the expenditures for pensions will hereafter steadily decrease, unless our legislation should be unwarrantably extravagant."

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Additional Locals.

—The rain has ceased since Wednesday morning.

—Mrs. Martin Stover, of Haines, died a few days ago, aged about 75 years.

—Do not fail to read notice and advertisement of Simon Loeb in this week's issue.

—J. D. Long, of Spring Mills, was given a surprise party on 12, his birthday.

—There is an old and true German saying, "That children and fools often tell the truth."

—Subscribe for the REPORTER—a trial trip of 3 to 5 months, only 8 cents per month, less than cost.

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—The son of Mr. Feterolf is not improving. Mrs. J. C. Boal is fast recovering from a broken rib sustained by being thrown from an upsetting sled some ten days ago.

—A good warm boot or shoe is needed by all during this winter weather. A. C. Mingle, Bellefonte, keeps a complete stock and at low prices. Gum boots, shoes, etc., a specialty.

—Jerry Miller removed his barber shop from under the bank into the hotel building, having had about ten inches of water on his floor and being a little unhandy to boat.

—Many of the cellars in town are flooded, caused by the recent rains, some having from four to five feet. The town is in need of better drainage, and sewers to carry off the water.

—Mrs. Alfred Walton, of Philipsburg, was drowned on Saturday. The cellar of her house was flooded, and falling down the cellar steps she was drowned before help came.

—MUSICAL COLLEGE.—The 39 Session opens Monday May 4 for Young Ladies in Vocal and Instrumental Music.

—Address, for circular, F. C. MOYER, Freeburgh, Pa.

—Have you been to A. C. Mingle's shoe store in the Brockerhoff house block? Never miss going there when at Bellefonte, he always has something new and offers none but genuine goods which he warrants. For low prices in boots and shoes Mingle's is the place.

—Get the REPORTER on trial for 3 or 5 months, at campaign rates, eight cents per month. Send a sample copy to your friends outside the county, who formerly lived here; we put the price at less than cost for a trial trip. Let each reader send us at least one name, with the cash at the above low trial rate.

Senator Quay's reply to the charges preferred against him by the New York World would have attracted more attention if it had been made promptly. The World declares that it will in due time analyze the reply. It says: "If Mr. Quay is innocent why has he not met these charges in a way which admitted of the taking of testimony under oath? Why has he not put the matter in such shape that the facts could be tested with certainty? Why does he offer, in refutation of such charges, only the word of an accused and discredited man, without even the poor support of his own affidavit? Mr. Quay's answer is no answer. He has not met the charges, because he cannot. He shirks because he knows that the accusations are true." Thus the case is put at issue between the World and Senator Quay. The latter's denial is emphatic and specific, but the World will, no doubt, bring forward its evidence and we shall have another trial of the case in the newspapers.

In Omaha they have a way to break a fast. Harry M. Rogers, the horse thief, forger and alleged murderer, who attempted suicide six days ago and has been in jail since, has been trying to starve himself to death. He has not eaten anything since his confinement and has only drunk one cup of water daily: Yesterday the county physician concluded to break Rogers fast for him. The prisoner was accordingly strapped in a chair, and in spite of his resistance a quart of milk was forced into his stomach through a tube inserted in his nostril. His lower jaw was then bandaged firmly to his upper one. This treatment will be repeated twice a day, alternating the milk with beef tea.

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