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The Altoona Tribune often says some sensible things, and this item belongs to the list: There are people in this country whose lands would be of little value were it not for the markets opened up to them by the railroads, and yet they spend a great deal of energy in demanding that the railroads be taxed beyond their capacity.

The grip is thoroughly epidemic in Pittsburgh and fully 4,000 cases are reported. Several of the most prominent physicians are afflicted and almost every business firm numbers at least one with the disease. Among those whose death can be directly attributed to the grip is Alderman Cassidy, well known in city affairs, who died. The disease is far more acute than ever known here.

In the Senate at Harrisburg on Wednesday Senator Williamson of Huntingdon presented a petition from Citizens of Huntingdon protesting against the liberating of inmates of the Reformatory of that place at about half pay, to the detriment of honest labor and suggested that the prisoners should be sent to their homes to work out their parole and not ruin honest labor at Huntingdon by competition with cheap convict labor.

It appears that all the Sicilians murdered by the mob in New Orleans were naturalized citizens. This disposes of any reason for interference by the Italian Government, and it must be a source of considerable satisfaction to Secretary Blaine, who by his swift and inconsiderate official dispatch to Governor Nichols made out a case against himself before the facts were known. Mr. Blaine has one failing as a diplomatist. He sometimes lets his heart run away with his head.

Peter J. Claassen, who was convicted wrecking the Sixth National Bank of New York, was sentenced to six years imprisonment; and on the same day at Long Island City a burglar received a thirteen years sentence. The lay mind sometimes finds it difficult to understand why the man who impoverishes hundreds of innocent persons, and strikes a blow at business integrity, should be dealt with more leniently than the social Ishmaelites, with his dark lantern and "jimmy," who robs but few at a time, and these with much discrimination.

### The Law of the New Orleans Tragedy.

From the New York Evening Post.  
It is desirable on all grounds that there should be no misapprehension either at home or abroad as to the powers of the United States Government to make amends in any way to the victims of the New Orleans tragedy. The President has no power, as the law now stands, to punish anybody, or make amends to anybody, for what has happened in New Orleans, or to give any precautionary orders or instruction to the State officials. He cannot interfere in any way with the police of Louisiana except at the request of the Legislature, or of the Governor when the Legislature is not in session. Nor is the United States responsible, under our municipal law, to any foreign Power for damage done to the persons or property of resident aliens. This fact has been set forth again and again by various Secretaries of State and notably by Mr. Bayard in the controversy arising out of the Rock Springs massacre of Chinese in 1884.

### An Important Decision.

A dispatch from Doylestown, Pa., says Judge Yerkes has rendered an interesting and important decision, in which it is held and laid down as law that the word "issue" in a will includes illegitimate children. One of the six children of the testator died before him, but after the date of his will. He left legitimate children and one illegitimate son, who was born prior to the date of the will and whose existence was known of by the testator. He claims to share in the one-sixth interest which his mother would have taken if living. It was contended that the illegitimate son must be excluded, because, under the rule of the common law, the description "child," "son," "issue," must be taken prima facie to mean legitimate child, son or issue. Judge Yerkes, in concluding his opinion, says: "We are of the opinion that when the testator substituted the issue of deceased children as the legatees who were to take the shares of deceased parents his intent, as expressed by his will and under the law, was to include the illegitimate with the legitimate children of such parent in the term 'issue.'"

Lewis makes suits to order, parties can select their own goods from samples. Satisfaction guaranteed in all respects, and at prices 25 per cent lower than elsewhere.

### On The Granger Tax Bill.

There was a discussion of the grangers' tax bill in the house at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, from 11 o'clock until 1, and from 3 till 5.30. Many amendments were inserted and more were rejected, and when adjournment time arrived five of the 23 sections of the measure had been disposed of. Taggart, of Montgomery, who led the fight for the bill, asked for its passage on the ground that it would materially relieve the farming interests of the unjust burden of taxation which it is compelled to bear. He was ably assisted by Wherry, of Cumberland and, indeed, had it not been for the latter, Taggart would have frequently found himself in a hole.

Capp, of Lebanon, was first to find fault with the bill. He took exception to the first section which defines certain terms, but Wherry silenced him in short order, and then was passed the first amendment of the day. It was offered by Taggart himself, and exempts from taxation mortgages held by building and loan associations. Walton, of Philadelphia, wanted to exempt savings institutions from the payment of a tax, but his amendment to that effect was voted down and the first section of the bill agreed to.

In the second section of the bill the income tax feature was stricken out, notwithstanding the vehement protest of Stocking of Washington. This was Taggart's proposition, and there was no trouble in having it carried into effect. Fow, of Philadelphia, made an unsuccessful effort to put scientific and literary institutions on the taxable list. The bill exempts institutions of this sort, but Wherry says they must be institutions that receive State aid. Fow was also unsuccessful in an attempt to exempt consigned goods from taxation, and Gillan, of Franklin, met a similar fate in his effort to prevent the taxation of musical instruments.

The warmest discussion of the day was over the proposition of Stewart of Philadelphia to strike out the provision taxing machinery. He, Walton and Cox contended that a tax on machinery would drive some of the largest manufacturing establishments in Philadelphia out of the city. Gillan maintained that the bill wouldn't tax that kind of machinery, others declared that it would, and the matter was being discussed when the house adjourned. Consideration of the bill will be resumed, and the probabilities are that all the sections will be disposed of.

### Advice To Farmers.

Ex-President Cleveland has written a letter to the Indiana Tariff Reform League declining to be present at the league's annual meeting.

The full text of the letter is not given out for publication, but the closing paragraphs are made public. They are as follows:

"You will not, I hope, think it amiss if I suggest the necessity of pushing with more vigor than ever the doctrine of your organization. I believe that the theories and practices which tariff reform antagonizes are responsible for many if not all of the evils which afflict our people.

"If there is a scarcity of the circulating medium is not the experiment worth trying as a remedy of leaving the money in the hands of the people, and for their use, which is needlessly taken from them under the pretext of necessary taxation? If the farmers' lot is a hard one in his discouraging struggle for better rewards of his toil, are the prices of his products to be improved by a policy which hampers trade in his best markets, and invites the competition of dangerous rivals, whether other means of relief may appear necessary to relieve the present?

"I believe the principle of tariff reform promises the most important aid in their satisfaction, and that the continued and earnest advocacy of this principle is essential to the lightening of the burdens of our countrymen. Hoping that your organization may continue to be one of great usefulness and encouragement, I am yours very respectfully,  
GROVER CLEVELAND."

### No New Capital.

The Building Commission to devise means to repair the capitol or build a new one, decided to recommend the erection of a department building and library, not to exceed in cost \$500,000, and that an appropriation of \$125,000 be made to repair the present capitol building. There will be no new capitol.

So long as we have the old rooster style of legislation at Harrisburg the old capitol is good enough. As long as roosters and lobbyists direct things at Harrisburg there need be no new building at Harrisburg—the present one will do. When the taxpaying masses once see that their interests are to be cared for then let the event be inaugurated by a new capitol—otherwise the old Angean stable is good enough.

Shirts, underwear, hats, caps trunks and valises at cost.—S. Loeb.

### Election of Senators.

The sentiment is growing strongly in favor of the election of United States senators by the people. Congressman Holman of Indiana, who has served longer in that body than any member of the house, but not in continuous service, in a recent interview staked his reputation for good judgment "upon the prediction that almost the first thing done at the opening of the Fifty-second congress will be the passage of a resolution to amend the constitution, requiring the election of senators by the people. There is a strong sentiment in favor of it, and the change is almost at hand. The measure will be introduced in the house as soon as congress meets, and there will be very little delay in its passage. It will go to the senate early enough to give them plenty of time to act upon it, and senators, whether they like it or not, cannot afford to defeat the measure. A popular sentiment will demand the change, and for senators to oppose it would be construed to signify a fear on their part to trust their fate to the will of the people. I predict that the present method of electing senators will be very soon done away with."

The Republicans of Ohio propose at their coming State convention to nominate a candidate for United States Senator after the manner adopted by the Democrats of Illinois in their successful campaign for Governor Palmer. Their candidate will probably be Senator Sherman, whose term expires with the next congress, and this is the vacancy that is to be filled. Governor Foraker, it is stated will be a candidate for the convention in disfavor, but will hardly succeed against Sherman. If the Republicans should adopt this plan of nominating a candidate for senator it will be a challenge for the Democrats to do the same.

Many States of the Union, by legislative resolutions or by the action of their political State conventions, have recently declared for a constitutional amendment for the election of senators by the popular vote, and if congress submits such an amendment there is no question it will be ratified by three-fourths of the States. Congressman Holman's assurance that it will pass congress by the necessary two-thirds vote is most welcome.

### Chicago is again in the grasp of the grip.

The disease seems to be more prevalent than last year. The residents of the fashionable avenues and the denizens in the tenements of the poor alike suffer from its ravages, and it is felt in every line of business.

Five hundred men employed on West Side street car system are laid off with the epidemic and the company is badly handicapped for help. The South Side Company has 125 men on the sick list. The North Side Company has about 75 men off, while many of those at work are suffering from the disease in a mild form.

The large downtown stores are having a similar experience. In one store, employing 150 clerks, 40 are sick. Ten per cent of the police force is laid up and 50 men in the fire department are off. Fifty out of 150 mail carriers in the post office are suffering. All the hospitals are overcrowded. About 50 grip sufferers applied for admission to the County Hospital and nearly as many the day before. The institution is full and many of the patients are compelled to accept accommodations on the floor.

There is scarcely a boarding house in the city, it is said, but has from one to five persons laid up with the disease. It has invaded the hotels, and fully one-third of the guests are ill. To make matters worse then, many of the managers and hotel employees are sufferers, and there is such a dearth of help that some of the guests, by their own request, have been sent to the hospitals. There are a large number of grip sufferers in private houses all over the city and the doctors are kept busy night and day.

### Pabst Beer.

The bottling establishment of P. R. Young sells it to every dealer. It has medical properties and highly recommended for invalids, nursing mother and delicate children. Beside he has pure unadulterated liquors and wines of all brands. The guarantee with every sale is my reputation.  
1031 PHILIP R. YOUNG.  
Prop'r Lewistown Bottling Work.

### Consience Money.

On Monday morning Treasurer Gramley received \$12 from a party living in Pennsylvania which under the circumstances should be termed conscience money had been out hunting and killed some out of season. So strong were the pangs of conscience that they only found relief by voluntarily paying the full amount of the fine to the county Treasurer.—Centre Democrat.

### Woodland Coal.

Two car loads Woodland coal just received, at Kurtz & Son's mill.

### To Import Buffalo.

C. K. Sober, of near Coburn, is making efforts to import a buffalo bull from Nebraska, for the purpose of crossing with the cattle in this section. If he meets with proper encouragement from our farmers, and he should, because it would be the means of greatly improving their stock, will arrange to get a buffalo or two in the near future. Western stockmen claim that the robes of crossed stock are more beautiful and of greater value than the robe of a full buffalo, while the meat of such cattle is far superior to that of common cattle.—Millheim Journal.

### Marriage Licenses.

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

John Swift and Elizabeth West, both of Phillipsburg.

Andrew Blesh and Agnes Hoilas, both of Enterprise.

F. Delosier and Jennie Straub, both of Hollidaysburg.

Chas. S. Hinton, of Snow Shoe and Lona Lucas, Union twp.

W. H. Snavely, of Penn twp., and Nora Mowery, of Aaronburg.

David Gingery, of Martha, and Cecelia Bullock, of Julian.

Samuel Segal and Sarah Abramson both of Phillipsburg.

### A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Huffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be Consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds and at that time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half of a bottle, that he was much better; he continued to use it and is today enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or Chest Trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at J. D. Murray's Drugstore.

### Many Changes.

The recent conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Sunbury made many changes in the assignment of charges among the members of that body, familiar to many of our readers. Rev. Elias Shoemaker has been assigned to the Penna Valley charge and Rev. O. L. Hicks, the former pastor, stationed at Fairview and Marysville. Rev. Sarvis, who did such good work at Pleasant Gap for four years, was assigned to Irons, and Rev. F. W. Leidy stationed at that place; Rev. C. W. Kishell has been stationed at Sharmut.

### Centre Hall Select School.

The spring term of the Centre Hall select school, to continue ten weeks, will begin on April 13, next. All the higher branches and languages will be taught. Special classes will be formed for those preparing to teach.

Boarding can be had at reasonable rates.

H. C. ROTHROCK,  
Principal.

### His Body Found.

The body of Newton Graham, who was lost in the mountains in Clearfield county, while hunting last December, was found on Tuesday of this week on Leonard Ridge. It was in a fair state of preservation and the clothing did not show signs of disturbance. His watch was missing. It is likely he was lost during the heavy snow storm which prevailed at the time and died from exhaustion.

### Old Documents.

Recently while in Squire Boal's office, we were shown some very antiquated documents which he has in his possession. They are deeds conveying lands, dating back from 1774, and are still in very good condition, though somewhat time-worn as can be expected. The penmanship is very good and is perfectly legible.

### Thanks.

Mrs. Martha Odenkirk wishes through these columns to kindly thank many neighbors and friends who showed many favors and attentions during the recent illness of her brother.

### Thousands of Families.

bles the day when they learn the use of HUMPBACK'S SPECIFIC NOS, ONE and SEVEN, Coughs, Cold, Bronchitis and Sore Throats are always cured by them.

—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: —The cantata Saturday evening—admission, 20 cents.

### Additional Locals.

—Freshground buckwheat flour, No 1, at the Centre Hall mills.

—Mr. M. C. Gephart, of Millheim, was circulating in the town this week.

—New stock of wall paper, etc., at Camp's furniture rooms, Centre Hall.

—Thanks to Senator Meek for copy of the road bill as it passed the senate.

—Miss Carrie Tibbens, of Farmers Mills, was a visitor in Centre Hall this week.

—Samuel Kreamer bought a fine bay horse at a sale in Brush valley last week.

—Harry Camp returned home this week after spending four weeks in Mifflin county.

—Dr. Jacob's family on Sunday evening, added one more to its list,—its big girl and the first.

—On Monday last a Clinton county man killed a blacksnake which measured over four feet in length.

—We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Harper, of this place, the aged mother of Simon Harper.

—It is proposed that the Pennsylvania building at the World's Fair shall be a fac-simile of Independence Hall.

—Don't fail to hear the beautiful cantata on Saturday evening in the Lutheran church, benefit of a good cause.

—I have one new sewing machine, New Home make, will sell for \$19.00, in order to close out.

G. W. BUSHMAN.

—The milk man was not on hand Tuesday as announced, but he will be around—due time with a good quality of milk.

—Jerry Miller has moved back into his former room with his barber shop, the water having receded from the floor.

—Mr. James Kimpport, of Harris twp., gave us a call. Mr. Kimpport intends having public sale of farm stock, etc., April 4.

—The funeral train, from Tyrone to Spring Mills, will pass here between 12 and 1 p. m., Friday with the remains of J. W. Van Valzah.

—George Ocker, Moses Richard and several others, who had been working on a big job at Tyrone, have returned home again.

—The Lingo trial in Jersey attracted no little interest among the citizens of this community, the proceedings being closely watched.

—A petition for a license for a new house, presented to the court at Altoona by J. Hesser, contained the signatures of a great many women.

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

—It is likely that all arrests for the murderer Wilson, have been made and seemingly all persons answering his description are in and no more out at present.

—William H. Runkle has become a citizen of Centre Hall, having flitted last week in to a house near the station. He will speedily push the erection of his new residence.

—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.

—The Lutheran church of Mifflintown has extended a call to Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D., of Allegheny. Rev. Holloway is a native of Aaronburg, this county.

—The F. & M. Glee Club, will give a concert in Garman's opera house, Bellefonte, Thursday evening, April 2, for benefit of Reformed church organ fund of Bellefonte.

—The Trustees of the Evangelical Church at Shoemakersville, have welcomed pastors appointed by Bishops of both factions, while in Reading churches the congregations will divide.

—Levi M. Eberhart, tax collector of Allison township, Clinton county, has been arrested in Chicago charged with embezzlement of state and county taxes and will be brought back to Lock Haven for trial.

—Rev. George Guyer, a superannuated minister of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home in Tyrone on Tuesday evening. He was 72 years and 24 days old.

—Frank Woods, a well-known man employed as a clerk in Altoona, was drawn on the jury for the Blair county court, and when he made his appearance at court at Hollidaysburg Wednesday in answer to the summons he was badly intoxicated. His honor, Judge Dean, at once noticed his condition and dismissed him. As soon as he became sober he was taken before the court and publicly reprimanded and fined \$25. His name was also ordered to be forever stricken from the list of jury eligibles.

### Died from Eating Peanuts.

Word comes from Snow Shoe township, of a Miss Solt, says the Daily News of Wednesday, a young lady about 15 years of age, who was found dead in her bed on Sunday morning. An inquest was held and a post mortem examination made from which it was learned that the indirect cause of the young lady's death was eating too many peanuts. The direct cause of death was the bursting of a blood vessel which was undoubtedly caused by a severe attack of cramp, the latter the result of the peanuts the young lady had eaten. It is said that she ate three quarts on Saturday evening but this is probably too large a quantity.

—The Middleburg Post says: While Sheriff Bolender was in Philadelphia to place Adam Comfort in the Eastern penitentiary, he called on Israel Erb, who is serving out a life sentence for his part in the Kintzier murder of 1879. The old convict had a paralytic stroke on the 24th of February which had almost proved fatal, but he had nearly recovered his usual health. He told the Sheriff that he thought he had to die, but found comfort in the consolation that he was innocent of the charges that kept him there. He explained that he had had hope of pardon until his friend Andy Dill died and that since then he had cast the matter aside. At the suggestion that he had better prepare for a better world, he replied: "Yes I have been thinking of that, and done some work in that direction, but not as much as I ought to have done. However, I have forgiven everybody and harbor malice toward none." When giving Mr. Bolender goodby he said: "Give my respects to my friends, to my family, and especially to Samuel Wittenmyer of your town. Tell them that I have spent nine years in prison an innocent man. I am now seventy-four years old and I would like to see 'de mommy' (his wife) once more—if it was but to go home and die.

—The new jail at Somerset does away with the scaffold in executing murderers. The inside of the jail is entirely of iron, and double iron trap doors in the hallway of the upper floor constitute the drop and two iron rings fastened in an iron joint of the ceiling of the second story serve to secure the ropes. The executions take place in an upper corridor of the building where the witnesses are stationed. The bodies drop through the trap and hang partly in the lower corridor. The room in the jail only allows about 35 or 40 persons as no more can be accommodated. About 400 persons have addressed Sheriff Good to witness the execution of the Nicely brothers.

—A farmer named Andrews, in Crawford county, died recently. He was always complaining about being poor. He dressed for effect and lived the same. He died recently and his heirs are now rejoicing over finding \$17,000 worth of Government bonds, secreted in a small tin box, which was hidden on a brace in the barn. About a fortnight ago they discovered papers which proved that he had \$8,000 of bonds in the Treasury Department at Washington. He left a farm of 800 acres, worth at least \$20,000. If the heirs are the usual style they will not worry any one telling them they are poor.

—Samuel Pierson, of Lock Haven, fell from a second-story window of the Keating house, about 3 o'clock in the morning, sustaining serious injuries. Five ribs were broken, his tongue badly cut and his body considerably bruised. It is supposed that he rose in his sleep and raised the window with the above result.

—Dr. John Ege, of Reading, who engrafted a white man's skin on a colored man, and a white man's with the result that the black skin became white, while the white skin retained its original color, has announced his belief in white being the primeval hue of man's epidermis.

—The Bowmanites have concluded not to make any further attempt to gain possession of the four Evangelical churches of Allentown, but will hold services in another hall, beginning next Sunday, until the meeting of the General Conference in October.

—The statement of receipts and expenditures for Centre Hall bore appearance in this issue of the REPORTER. It is anxiously looked for by all as the past year was one of unusual interest to the taxpayers of the borough.

—The Cantata, "Under the Palms," in the Lutheran church, on Saturday evening, admission 20 cents, under 12 years 10 cents. Reserved seats 10 cents extra.

—Rev. J. W. Hanghawout, aged 51, a Methodist minister well known in Centre county, died at his home in Williamsport on Tuesday night.

—To-morrow, 27th is Good Friday and a holiday.

### Married.

ZEIGLER—CAFER.—At Linden Hall, March 19, 1891, by Rev. A. A. Bask, Miss Maggie Carter and Nathaniel Zeigler, both of Linden Hall.