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The Italian, with his monkey and organ will soon open the spring season, and you wont detect a bit of war paint on him.

They boast of a woman down in one of the lower counties who actually minds her own business and don't get into mischievous gossip.

There are at this time fourteen men in the Allegheny county jail who have either been convicted of murder or are awaiting trial for that crime.

All are elated at having cheaper sugar on account of the tariff being off. Why not take the tariff off of wool, and some other articles in common use, and be more elated?

It seems doubtful that a road bill will be passed this session of the legislature. Better roads for all and less taxes for the farmer and other toiling masses are two subjects the law makers should act upon.

President Harrison on his southern trip is meeting fine receptions everywhere. Guess he will get over the idea that the southern people are as bad a set as some of the northern demagogues would paint them.

The census shows that the colored race in what is known as the "black belt" of the United States is not holding its own, that its increase in the decade between 1880 and 1890 was not as great in proportion as that of the white race.

All the journals of the state favor a fair and just equalization of taxes, but all of them find the present bill a jumble of absurdities in some of its sections. Our law makers should heed the demands of the people as voiced by the press of all parties in the state.

The Harrisburg Patriot has changed hands, Messrs. D. A. Orr and J. G. Orr, are the new proprietors. The first issue under the new management displays a wonderful improvement in the Patriot in every department. The paper has been enlarged, and displays first class editorial ability and its news department is complete with the latest telegraphic news furnished. Success to the new proprietors.

The present legislature will come short of its duty if it adjourns without passing a farmer's tax bill. Let the bill now up be amended by striking out the absurd and objectionable features so as to put it in common sense shape, and the masses of the people will endorse it. It will not suit the toilers of the state in its present shape, but it can be perfected to suit the overtaxed people and equalize taxation, by throwing more of its burdens upon monopoly and less upon the farmer.

Secretary Blaine's answer to Baron Rudini has the true ring to it. The Italian government's game of bluff is at an end and the only indemnity she will get for the killing of the Mafia assassins is the satisfaction of knowing that the murderers she could not control are not likely to trouble anybody else. Mr. Blaine's statement that foreigners are not guaranteed any other protection than that granted to the citizens of the United States will have the effect of showing Italy that her criminal classes cannot escape just punishment in America simply because they are subjects of King Humbert.

A dispatch from Benares, capital of the Benares District, India, and one of the most ancient cities in the world, the chief center of Brahminical learning, and a holy place in the opinion of the Hindus and Buddhists alike, announces that serious religious disorders are taking place there. The disturbances are owing to the fact that the local authorities have commenced the demolition of the temple, which has been a place of pilgrimage visited by the Hindus and Buddhists from all parts of India, in order to provide a site for a new water works.

The action of Governor Pattison in vetoing the bill empowering boroughs to tax persons, property and occupations is to be highly commended.

It is time our law-makers recognized the fact that the demand of the hour is for a reduction instead of an increase in taxation.

If they would give their attention to the creation of a more equitable system of taxation, under which the burdens would be equally and justly distributed among all classes, they would come nearer the full discharge of the duty they were chosen to perform.

### A Rising Fropean War Cloud.

Philad. Press: The chance of war in Europe has clearly grown in the last three weeks, and in no years since 1885 or 1875 has war seemed more near.

Its coming seems to rest on two or three clear contingencies. The Russian army is being fast armed with a new gun which French factories are at work to turn out night and day. Germany may deem it wise to fall to before this work is done. This is meant by the Berlin despatches that the young Kaiser had begun a systematic display of displeasure to M. Herbette, the French Ambassador which was held to mean war. Rearming Russia is about over, but it will be six months or a year before the Russian army is both equipped and trained in its new weapon.

Italy holds the odds in the next war France and Russia against Germany and Austria is a match so even that no French Government could resist the temptation to act if it were clear the war could be fought out on this line. Italy added to the two central powers would force France to put one-third of its force on the Italian frontier and keep the French fleet in the Mediterranean. With Italy neutral, France and Russia outnumber Germany and Austria two to one in arms strength and three to two in effective force.

Premier Rudini's oracular interview suggests, and it is the first suggestion of the sort from Italy in ten years, that Italy may be neutral. Italy's weakness is its long coast line, and it has been understood for four years that understanding existed under which England would protect Italy in the event of war. The Marquis di Rudini now suggests that this guarantee may be contingent on keeping out of a war between France and Germany. In other words, France may be ready to give England and Italy both substantial advances and advantages in the East Mediterranean in return from neutrality in the great struggle with central Europe. Italy might get Trieste and the Italian coast of Austria, and England get Egypt for good.

France could well afford to make these concessions, and if Italy and England were thus "squared," war would be a matter of weeks alone. But such an arrangement is most improbable, and war will probably come by the dead-weight of events.

### Sixty Dollars an Hour for 1,900 Years.

In the course of a speech delivered before the Young Men's Democratic Club at Boston, on Jefferson's birthday, the Hon. Benton McMillin, of Tennessee gave this compendious and instructive sketch of the Billion Congress:

"Besides this congress the extravagance of all others sinks into insignificance. A billion eight million spent in two years is its record. A sum so great it has to be divided up and considered in sections and by comparison to comprehend it. It is \$16 a minute for all the time since the Declaration of Independence was signed. It is \$60 for every hour since the Saviour was born into the world. You have all heard of the prodigal son. His squandering was nothing when compared to theirs. If he could rise from the tomb he would blush because he had been outdone. He would stand forth as parsimonious as Shylock when compared to these. And I apologize to the shade of that poor squanderer for doing him the injustice to compare him to this Congress. He squandered only his own inheritance, not that of others. Besides, he repented, while they never did."

Mr. McMillin has not overstated the case. There is no exaggeration in his account. The money appropriated by the Billion Congress amounts to more than \$60 an hour for nineteen hundred years. Never has the people's cash been flung away with such crazy prodigality.

As Mr. McMillin says, the prodigal has not repented. It is necessary that the punishment should be sharp and severe enough to cause the only repentance the Republican party is capable of, the consciousness of having blundered terribly.

The Pittsburg Post says on the 15 inst., two train loads of pauper immigrants passed through that city en route from New York to the West. There were over 600 people in sixteen cars, and it is said they were a filthy lot, and, judging by appearance, only fitted for the lowest kind of labor, and some of them not for that. It is such people as these that do great harm to the United States. We have no use for them at all. It would be decidedly interesting to know how they got through New York, if they are as bad as reported. If the laws are not rigid enough to keep them out, the defects should be remedied. America is plenty big enough for many millions more, but it is entirely too small to shelter the paupers and social outcasts of European countries.

M. Fanbie, of the Rochester Clothing House, in this issue inserts a large ad. Read it and be benefited.

### Avoiding New Immigration Bill

The treasury department has taken steps to secure information in respect to the reports that immigrants for the United States, in many instances, first land at Halifax, N. S., and then come across the border by rail, to escape the operations of the new immigration law. It has addressed letters to the several collectors of customs with a request for whatever information they may have. The first response was received from Collector Dow, at Portland, Me., dated April 13, in which he says that the last three English steamers landed passengers there as follows:

March 27, the Carthaginian, 43 (having previously landed about 100 at Halifax), March 30, the Sarnia, 30 (having previously landed about 600 at Halifax) and April 7, the Parisian 34 (having previously landed 100 at Halifax).

The Collector says that the Immigrant Inspector at the port informed him that the immigrants landed there were apparently of a better class than the usual run and were in possession of a considerable amount of baggage indicating, the Inspector thinks, that the poorer classes were landed at Halifax. The collector thinks it is probable that a large portion of those landed at Halifax will ultimately reach the United States. He also says that the steamer Polynesian is expected to arrive about April 20, and he supposes she will land many immigrants at Halifax and suggests that detective officers stationed in Halifax at the time of her arrival might be able to trace the ultimate destination of any considerable number of these intending to cross the line. It will not be possible to prevent immigrants landed in Canada reaching the United States, the Collector says in conclusion, without a closer supervision of incoming trains from Canada than has heretofore been made at Portland.

### Legislative Apportionment Bill.

Representative Hays of Venango, with the assistance of some of the Republican members of the house, has formulated the legislative apportionment bill which was presented to the committee for its consideration. It provides for 201 representatives, three less than the present body. The apportionment of Allegheny county appeared in The Post a few days ago. Cambria county elects 3 members instead of 2; Clarion 1 instead of 2; Clearfield 3 instead of 2; Crawford 2 instead of 3; Huntingdon 1 instead of 2; Jefferson 2 instead of 1; Lawrence 1 instead of 2. There will be no change from the present apportionment in the following Western counties: Centre, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland.

The Republican senatorial bill makes no change in the Western part of the State except the provision for an additional district in Allegheny. It takes Clinton from Clearfield and Center and adds it to McKean and Potter, and takes Tioga from McKean and Potter and adds it to Lycoming.

Work on the World's Fair site at Jackson Park was entirely suspended. Six hundred of the 950 men at work struck on Monday and the remainder declined to go to work. There has been no disturbance.

There is no mistake but Secretary Blaine caromed on Signor Rudini's demands for punishment and indemnity, as to the New Orleans lynchings, very neatly, but it is rather unfortunate in a sensational point of view that for a couple of weeks the press has been discussing the positions taken as the just and proper course for our government, and had unearthed not only the Webster precedent the secretary points out, but others equally pertinent. The promise of indemnity is rather vague. If Italian subjects were killed, if they were in New Orleans not in violation of our immigration laws, etc., etc., the President would submit the matter to congress. Of the eleven lynched, nine were citizens or had declared their intention to become such, and the other two were fugitive criminals and it is believed assassins from Italy, and of course in the United States in violation of our immigration laws. The chance for indemnity seems exceedingly slim.

There is a row in the kaiser's household, Berlin dispatches state, and the empress may take a journey to Schleswig. The imperial couple are said to be unhappy for several reasons, one being the growing influence of the Empress Frederick, who, in the opinion of the kaiser, usurps some of the importance that ought to attach to the kaiser's consort, and another is the harshness shown by the kaiser recently to near relatives of the kaiserin. The kaiser has been a devoted husband since the suicide of Prince Radolph of Austria had an effect in mending his habits, but he expects the same divine right sort of worship in his family that he requires from his people, and this has led to trouble.

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### The Women Voted.

There was an extended experiment in woman's suffrage in Kansas at the local elections last week with results very disappointing to the Republican leaders. The law giving the sex the right to vote in municipal elections was passed by a Republican legislature, and was expected by most of the Republican managers to insure to the advantage of their party, although Governor Martin did not share this view, and warned the brethren they would live to regret it.

The Republican papers in the preliminary canvass to last week's elections made every effort to prejudice the women against the Democrats by characterizing them as "the whisky party," the "enemies of the home," etc. The results were somewhat astonishing. Topeka, Leavenworth, Kansas City, Kan., Fort Scott and other places were carried by the Democrats, and by the votes of women whose husbands and fathers are Republicans. In Leavenworth a separate count of the votes cast by men and women showed that the men were almost evenly divided between the two parties, while the Democratic candidate was supported by 1,232 women, and the Republican by only 945. The same in other places, and in towns somewhat Africanized by negro immigration the white women voted the Democratic ticket and the colored women the Republican.

Naturally the Republican managers are mad, and the chief Republican organ of the State, the Topeka Capital declares that "one or two more slams such as the women gave the Republican party in Topeka and there will not be one of the old friends of municipal suffrage left to raise a voice against the repeal of the law."

### Cost to Call Out Troops.

Soldiering is a costly business to the State. The two regiments recently sent to the coke regions at an expense of over \$2,000 a day already aggregate about \$20,000. Judge Black once said it would be cheaper to pay laboring men the advance wages demanded out of the State treasury than to send soldiers to quell strikes. The capitalists and railroad companies make most of the money out of the coal business, and just now they are fighting the tax bill before the legislature because it requires them to pay something nearer a fair proportion of taxes. They want the State to protect them against the lawless Huns they imported some years ago, because they would work cheaper than Americans, Irish, Germans and others. But at the same time these big coal and transportation companies insist upon the farmers continuing to pay more than their proper share of taxes although they never ask or require any police or military protection from the State.

Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, in sentencing a saloon keeper for selling liquor to minors, made the following remarks: "The very worst effects of the sale of liquors are realized when sold to minors. That is debauching life at its spring. It is making bad men, drunkards and criminals, and a judge cannot but look upon such an offense with abhorrence, as the law also stamps it.

The maximum punishment is light enough for such an offense. He then taxed the fellow \$100 fine and cost and sent him to jail for ninety days. Judging from outward signs, as well as fairly well authenticated reports afloat, there are men in this town who are thus violating the law, and others who are selling by the bottle, by which means boys are furnished with liquor. We have some reason to believe that if these violations of the law are brought to the attention of the court by means of affidavits, the offenders will be punished and their licenses revoked.—Altoona Tribune.

No English parliament is remembered in connection with which so many dreadful personal scandals have occurred as that now sitting. Within a few months there has been the exposure which ruined Parnell, a minor member of the ministry has escaped by the skin of his teeth, and warrants are out against an Irish Conservative and an English Liberal on charges of an infamous character. These men were loudest in professions of purity and uncharitable toward all the weak brothers. One of them is a leading Orangeman, deputy grand master for Ireland. He is charged with the most abominable and nameless crimes. The other, who lured English girls to the continent for criminal purposes is a high official of the Y. M. C. A., an army officer and member of the London city council. He is a Gladstonian home ruler. So far as the political balance goes neither party can crow over the other, but these disgraceful scandals cannot fail to make a deep impression on the public mind.

### Woodland Coal.

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

### The Hebrew Passover 5,651.

On Wednesday evening 22, at 7 o'clock the annual festival of the Hebrew Passover, also called the Feast of Unleavened Bread, was inaugurated with appropriate prayer in every synagogue and temple and the solemn service continued nearly in every Jewish dwelling throughout the world. The festival commences on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month called Nisan, and ends as at present observed on the evening of the twenty-second day of the same month. It is instituted to commemorate the miraculous deliverance of the Israelites from slavery and oppression to liberty and freedom, and although that nearly thirty-five centuries have elapsed which recall that memorable release, yet they still continue remembering "the days of old," thanking the Supreme being for the protection He has offered them and entreating Him to continue to them His unremitting kindness.

### Horseradish a Cure for the Grip

A week or two ago a lady in this city wrote a note to the Tribune recommending the use of horseradish as a means of alleviating the miseries of the grip, if not affecting a thorough cure. Several instances in which this suggestion was acted upon with strikingly favorable results have come to the knowledge of the Tribune. Ordinary grated horseradish eaten at intervals during the day and in connection with food at the table, if food is eaten at all, has been found remarkably efficacious in banishing cough that frequently lingers after all the other symptoms of the grip have gone. It can do no harm to try it at all events. The humble but pungent horseradish must have been made for some good use.—Chicago Tribune.

### A Change in the Revenue Laws.

Prior to this year the fiscal year of the United States Government relating to special liquor tax or license closed on April 30th. This caused great inconvenience to brewers, hotel keepers and bottlers, who carried on business under the State law which commenced on June 1st of each year, and the United States authorities have now decided to commence on July 1st. All brewers saloon keepers, cigar manufacturers, tobacco manufacturers and leaf dealers are now compelled to pay tax or register for the months of May and June, and then on July 1st to get out their license for a full year. All dealers will receive notice of the change. The tax or license for cigar manufacturers, tobacco manufacturers, leaf dealers and retail dealers in cigars and tobacco has been repealed, and hereafter no charge will be made for the above classes.

Some folks have begun Potato planting. (The smallest potato we know of is the fellow who takes a paper a number of years, then, without paying for it, allows the post master to report it, "refused."

On last Friday night A. W. Graff's store, at Milroy, was entered and two revolvers, a gold watch and cigars, chewing and smoking tobacco carried off. Other articles may have been stolen but Mr. Graff has not been able to notice the fact. Entrance was effected by means of a ladder to a second story window. A man by name of Kozier has been arrested on suspicion.

Silver in Sugar valley, gold in Egg-hill, and coal in Brush mountain, north of Egg-hill, is enough to make a new Eldorado of this part of the state. The silver, and gold, and coal, have not yet been found, it is true, but there are shining "signs" of these precious minerals, and an old Injun knows the spot where they are hidden, but he wont tell. Such an Injun can't belong to the class termed "good Injuns," else he would not be a live, for the only good Injun is a dead Injun.

A serious accident happened to a little daughter of John Caron, Frenchman, residing at Coal Run, last Saturday afternoon. It appears that a Belgian, who was boarding at that place, had a revolver and was trying to shoot a rat. While the little girl was standing in front of him the revolver was discharged. The ball struck her in the right side, passing between the fourth and fifth ribs near the sternum, taking a downward course through the body and lodged in her dress. The miraculous course of the ball avoided the vital organs and it is possible she will get well.

The Williamsport Sun, of 22, says: A. O. Deininger, of Hughesville, who was appointed executor of the estate of William Talbert, deceased, was committed to jail this morning by order of the court. The estate, which amounts to over \$1,100, was squandered by Deininger and after a number of attempts on the part of the heirs to get a settlement from him a petition to the court was made to grant a rule to show cause why Deininger should not appear and make a settlement. The rule was not answered and an attachment was issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff. This morning the sheriff brought Deininger before Judge Metzger who committed him to jail, where it is likely he will remain for some time.

### Additional Locals.

Samuel Beaver, of Aaronsburg, is putting up a new stable.

Miss Lizzie Keen, of Millheim, is quite ill from grip.

Forgy Confer has moved from Spring Mills to Poe Mills.

Prof. Rothrock's select school opened last week with thirty-four students.

The family of Mr. Robert Henderson, of Buffalo Run are all sick with scarlet fever.

The Rebersburg Lutheran Sabbath school will have a cantata, in their church, Saturday evening, May 6th.

The commissioners have taken down the iron fence around the court house yard. No one will fault them for it.

There are still many cases of the grip in town, and many are yet down with it, though a few are able to be out again.

Corn and oats are trump, and such of our farmers as must buy feed, would be satisfied if prices of these were not so high.

Wit McCormick had thirty-one funerals, at Tyrone, since January, and seems to be doing a good business as undertaker.

Josiah Dale is at present traveling as a salesman for a drug house and is heading towards the Pacific coast. Hope he will meet with success.

Look, good watches for a time, only \$3.75, also Websters Unabridged dictionaries at the same figure. Come and inspect them. G. O. Benner.

Mrs. James Sweetwood, of near Centre Hill, fell down the cellar steps one day this week and was seriously injured. She is a very aged lady.

Digging for coal is still going ahead on the John Emerick farm, about three miles below Centre Hall, with indications that look encouraging.

Supervisor Morrow, on our railroad the past eight years, has been transferred to the Altoona division. Frank Stoughton takes his place on our road.

Ex-Sheriff Walker has an interest in coal lands in Westmoreland county, which promises a good thing for Mr. Walker. We hope it will pan out big.

Reader if you send us the name of one new subscriber, with cash for six months we will send you The American Farmer one year free for your trouble.

Had very fine, summerlike weather from 12th to 23d, which suited farmers, and housewives for gardening. Trees are budding and many are covered with leaves.

Cards are out for the wedding of Prof. P. O. Stiver, of Orangeville, Ill., a former resident of this valley, and Miss Edie J. Mingle, of Lock Haven, on Wednesday evening, 22.

Do you want to secure genuine bargains in clothing and gen's furnishing goods? Lewins, at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, can save you considerable money.

Ammou Meyer, who left here several weeks ago for the west, has located permanently at Dickson, Ill., where he has secured a permanent job at his trade of tailoring.

The family of Mr. J. J. Arney, are all on the sick list, except Mr. Arney and seriously too. Mrs. James Lingle, mother of Mrs. Mervin Arney, is also quite ill at Mr. Arney's.

While engaged in spreading manure which had been taken from a car in which horses had been shipped, L. H. Davidson, of Milroy, Mifflin county, found a gold watch and chain, said to be worth \$75.

A full line of spring clothing has been received at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, and can be purchased at very low prices. One of the best cutters is in the employ of Lewins and a perfect fit guaranteed.

Nathaniel C. Wilson, Esq., a well known member of the Mifflin county bar died at McVeytown Friday evening. While suffering with a severe cold he visited his sisters and was taken seriously ill, death resulting after ten days.

Warren Smith, of Salladasburg Lycoming county, and the horse he was driving were struck and killed by lightning during the thunder storm on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Smith was driving on the road near Salladasburg at the time.

That venerable Democratic patriarch, Samuel Hess, of near Pinegrove Mills, on 11th inst., celebrated his 93rd birthday. Some thirty years back, he was a county commissioner. Father Hess is an uncle of Mrs. Kurtz, of this place.

Wednesday evening brought a heavy thunder storm. The lightning was vivid followed by heavy thunder, and a brisk rain; the latter will greatly stimulate vegetation. A most beautiful rainbow was formed in the south eastern sky and remained a considerable time.