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China man like long pig-tails, but no like long Blair speeches.

Italy can't fight Uncle Sam now, she is clean out of powder, since the shaking up Rome got the other day.

The house passed the road bill, year 103, says 79. The bill now goes back to the Senate for concurrence in amendments made in the house.

Baltimore is known as the Monumental City, by reason of its many columns in memory of the great dead. In a half a century, at the rate monuments are now being put up for public men, ours will be known as the monumental land.

From Berlin comes intelligence: "Assurance is given in the most authoritative quarters that peace is less than ever endangered, and the relations of Germany and Russia are now more friendly than for a long time."

Now Blaine can make his biggest fist at Italy, she's got no powder to go to war with nor money to buy any. Still, if the Italians are spilling for a fight with the U. S., we think Uncle Sam would be willing to lend them a little powder.

Governor Pattison has approved the bill providing for the ascertainment of the amount of money expended and the settlement of the account against the Commonwealth for expenditures at Johnstown and its vicinity, and in the valleys of the Conemaugh and Kiskiminetas rivers and of the West branch of the Susquehanna.

It is now certain that the Senate will prune the tax bill of its absurdities and likely pass one amended so as to come nearer a common sense standard. The house passed the bill but many members among them those of our county, declare they would not vote for it again, since they see its absurdities.

The publication by the Department of Internal Affairs of a new railroad map of the State for the present year recalls the fact that Fulton county is the only county in the State entirely without railroad accommodations. The people of that county, numbering over 10,000, are compelled to use the old-fashioned and inconvenient stage coaches or private conveyances when they wish to travel.

A band of farmers in Lincoln County, West Va., have driven away from their neighborhood the Mormon elders, who had for a year past been laboring to make proselytes to their faith. The elders were warned that their lives would be forfeited if they returned. This looks like a harsh measure, but desperate diseases require desperate remedies, and it is time organized recruiting for the twin relic was stamped out.

Emperor William in his order instructing the army to go into mourning, pays the following tribute to Von Moltke: "A friend and counsellor has been removed from my side. I most deeply mourn this irreparable loss to myself, to the army and to the Fatherland. To his last hour the deceased enjoyed unprecedented renown by reason of his military achievements and his services for the welfare of the Fatherland whose gratitude will never die."

A new scheme has been started in South Oil City which is called by the participants the Bellamy plan. Seven families, 21 persons in all, have rented a large room and take their meals there. Each family furnishes its own table, chairs, dishes, napery, etc. The secretary and treasurer of the society hire a cook and table girl, purchase food and pay the bills. The expenses are pro-rated between the different members, and it is claimed they will be able to have the best market affords at a cost of about 15 cents per meal.

Should the bill for the equalization of taxation, to reduce the burdens resting upon the farmer, be defeated in the legislature, the blame will rest upon some of the absurd things contained in the bill, put there, evidently by heads that know as much about framing tax laws, as a mule does of mathematics. The enemies of the bill, will make these objectionable features an excuse for opposing the measure, and the farmer will not get what is due him. The monopolists and corporations secretly chuckle over the impracticable features of the bill as affording them an excuse for its defeat.

The friends of a just tax-law want to amend the bill in the interest of the agricultural class, strike out the plagued nonsense in some of the sections, leaving the good remain, and then make the law makers squarely face the music.

The Wholesale License Bill.

Notwithstanding Representative Books' fright about his wholesale liquor bill when it was recalled from the Senate, the House has again passed it in a shape that makes it a better bill than before. The license fee in cities of the first and second classes has been increased to \$1,000, leaving it in cities of the third class at \$500, in all other cities \$300, in boroughs \$200 and in townships \$100. This makes the act what it professes to be—a high license law.

Another good feature of the amended bill is that which increases the lowest amount of malt or brewed liquors that may be sold by a wholesale dealer to any person to twelve pints, and forbids the drinking of the beer or other liquors so sold upon the premises or at any place provided by the seller for the purpose. This will put an end to the carrying on of drinking places under the authority and protection of wholesale licenses.

The remaining feature of the proposed law, which is an improvement over the existing law, is that vesting in the license judges the same discretion as in the granting of wholesale licenses as in that of retail licenses. They are not obliged to grant licenses to all comers if in their judgment the public interests do not require it. These improvements make the law about as complete as a wholesale license law can well be made and the Senate should lose no time in passing it as nearly as possible in its present shape.

The Harrisburg Patriot says: The Republican majority of the House defeated the Civil Service Reform bill introduced by Representative Wherry. The significance of this action is unmistakable.

It places the Republican party of Pennsylvania in its true light as the antagonist of Civil Service Reform and again emphasizes the fact that the three great measures demanded by the people of the State and nation—Revenue Reform, Ballot Reform and Civil Service Reform—have no substantial support within the Republican organization. On these moral issues—the only ones that raise our elections out of the low level of a mere party contention for spoils—the Republican party of Pennsylvania is openly hostile or covertly false. The Democracy, on the other hand, is both by profession and the votes of its representatives, Federal and State, the consistent advocate of all these sorely needed and beneficent reforms.

The vote Thursday in the lower House in favor of the Civil Service Reform bill was almost wholly Democratic.

On last Friday morning Deputy Crawford and a large posse of assistants arrived from Uniontown and proceeded to the White works, where they were joined by a body of officers in command of Deputy Kyle, and the work of eviction commenced. They were accompanied by Company C of the National Guards, which was stationed at a point in plain view of them. No serious difficulties were encountered in the morning, during which time six writs of ejectment were executed. A large crowd of strikers continually surged round the house and hurled epithets at the evicting party, but made no attacks. One woman, a Hun, picked up a club and was in the act of striking Deputy Crawford when her husband restrained her. Crawford threatened to bring the soldiers, and no further trouble was experienced in that case.

Compulsory Education.

In the House the Farr Compulsory Education bill, passed finally by a vote of 116 to 49, there being no debate on it. The bill requires that all children between the ages of 8 and 12 years must attend school at least sixteen weeks in each year, unless living more than two miles from the nearest school. Failure to do so is punishable by fine. Assessors of each district must furnish the County Commissioners with a list of children of school age. This list must be placed in the hands of teachers in each district, whose duty it shall be to report to the Secretary of the School Board the names of children who do not attend to co-operate with the authorities in enforcing the act, by furnishing the authorities with a list of pupils under their control.

On the 24th inst., at the semi-annual meeting of the Phillipsburg Beech Creek, and Osceola Check Weighman's Association, which has a membership of almost 4000 miners and embraces all the mines sending their outputs over the Beech Creek Railroad, voted in favor of the eight hour law. They sent an expression of their views to the meeting of the National Executive Board United Mine Workers of America, to be held at Columbus, Ohio.

The vote was practically unanimous, and it is almost certain that unless the demand is granted, a suspension of mining operations will follow in the Clearfield and Beech Creek coal regions.

The Deepest of Holes.

One of the most important scientific explorations into the depths of the earth ever undertaken will be carried out near Wheeling, under the joint auspices of the United States Government and the City of Wheeling.

Some months ago the Wheeling Development Company began drilling a well near this city in search of oil or gas. It was determined to bore as far as possible. The hole has already reached the depth of 4100 feet, within 500 feet of the deepest well in the world. In this distance a dozen of thick veins of coal have been passed and gold struck but not in paying quantities, and gold, quartz, iron and many other minerals, found. The hole is eight inches in diameter and the largest in diameter of any deep well in the world.

Professor White, State Geologist arrived from Washington where he had succeeded in getting the Government Geological Survey officers interested in the exploration and the result is that the hole will be drilled to a depth of one mile. Then the Government will take up the work under the direction of two expert officers of the Geological Survey and drill into the earth as far as human skill can penetrate.

The idea is to take the temperature and magnetic conditions as far as possible and by means of an instrument constructed for the purpose, a complete record of the progress and all discoveries made will be kept and will be placed in the Geological Survey exhibit at the World's fair.

Mr. C. Woods Davis, who is a Kansas farmer and who has devoted a good deal of time to the elucidation of agricultural problems, has an interesting article in the May number of the Arena on the wheat crop of the world. He undertakes to demonstrate by an array of figures that the United States will not only cease to export wheat by the year 1895 at farthest, but that it will join the number of wheat importing states. When that time arrives, according to Mr. Davis, the American farmer will enter upon an era of assured prosperity which will bless him and the millions who are dependent upon him, and through them the rest of the country. Some people might fear that the scarcity of wheat, and the consequent high price of flour—at least double what it is now—would cause much suffering; but Mr. Davis says nothing of the sort is to be apprehended.

If the advice the REPORTER has from Harrisburg are correct, the nonsense contained in the tax-bill will be eliminated and a bill passed that will not be a crazy quilt. The bill as it came from the house was a ridiculous jumble that would not have benefited the farmer, and seemed to be the emanation of an ignorant brain.

What we need is a law based upon common sense, which every farmer can understand and which will be an actual relief to that tax-burdened class. We must have reform in the matter of taxation and an equalization that will equalize and no ignoramus is competent to originate such a law.

Twelve Towns Burned.

The British columns advancing on Manipur, under Generals Lockhart and Turner, reached a large native settlement in the Bhagri valley. The British force halted when within sight of the settlement, and sent scouts forward to inform the Manipuris that the British generals were waiting proposals from the insurgent tribes. The rebels, however, refused to answer this peaceful suggestion. The British pushed forward and burned twelve villages which had been occupied by the rebels. The latter retreated to the hills. The British force then shelled the forts, killing and wounding large numbers of the enemy. The rebels are now believed to be completely cowed.

The decision of the District Court of Louisiana in the case of the lottery company's appeal, that the question of the extension of its charter be submitted to a vote of the people, which was in favor of the company, is an indication of how the matter will be finally settled. The lottery is the great Louisiana institution and the people of that State will not be likely to cut its life short by voting against the measure. Gambling of that sort is second nature with a good many of these people; they must and will have some means of gratifying the passion and the lottery people counted upon that when a popular vote was asked.

The house on 21, passed finally bills to prohibit the use of air guns, rifles and pistols; providing for half holidays on Saturday from June 15 to September 15; Jones' employer's liability bill was postponed for the present. The compulsory education bill was amended by striking out the clause providing for free text books to be supplied at the expense of the State.

"Old Hutch" has disappeared. He lost heavily in wheat lately.

Latest News.

Tuesday a great mine strike began in Indiana. 600 miners employed by the Cable Coal Company went on a strike because of the refusal of the operators to discharge a mine foreman who had incurred the ill-will of the men. The operators ordered the men discharged, and the greatest strike in the history of the Southern coal field is in progress.

A strike is still probable among the coal miners of the Pittsburgh district. The river miners will not strike but the railroad miners are anxious to go and have called a convention to meet on Thursday to decide upon the advisability of demanding an increase in wages.

At Zanesville, on Tuesday, in accordance with the order of the Carpenters' Union made at a meeting, a general strike of all the building trades was made. All building work is stopped.

The Baltimore and Ohio had a wreck on Tuesday, in which three persons were killed.

The 9th National Bank of New York loses \$400,000 thro the defalcation of its President, J. T. Hill. Banks ain't any honestier than other folks.

All quiet at Scottsdale. No evictions whatever were forced, the operators being content to forcing a resumption at their plants. Forces at all the works were slightly increased and the coke shipments were heavier than they have yet been. The operators have sent for more men, who are expected at once.

It is Taxation, Then!

Sugar is to-day cheapened 2 cents a pound, and from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 of taxation remitted by the McKinley tariff. This is a decrease in price which will be instant, immediate and permanent.—Philadelphia Press.

But, remarks the Pittsburgh Post, you have been teaching for years that tariff is not a tax, and that it is paid by the importer and not by the consumer. And here we have you turning a complete somersault, declaring the tariff "taxation," and that its remission brings immediate and permanent relief to the people. So we conclude from the logic of events, and the admission forced from the Press, the tariff is a tax and that it is paid by the people.

The story published in Wednesday's dispatches to the effect that a Shamokin man, broken in health, who went into Snyder county to recuperate, was compelled to return to his home because he was boycotted by the rich farmers of that county because he was poor, speaks badly for the Snyder county people's hospitality, to say nothing of their humanity. The Snyder county farmers are always willing to work in favor of monopolies and poor men can not hope to find favor in their eyes. As there isn't as much humor in a Snyder county man as there is in a snow shovel, the boycott cannot be viewed in the light of a joke. If the story of the boycott is true, it puts Snyder county into the lowest depths of inhumanity.

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the Liver be inactive, you have a Bilious Look, if your stomach be disordered you have a Dyspeptic Look and if your Kidneys be affected you have a Principled Look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alterative and Tonic acts directly on these vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blisters, Boils and gives a good complexion. Sold at J. D. Murray's Drugstore, 50c. per bottle.

The explosion of 265 tons of gunpowder in the magazine at Pozze Pantaleo, which caused serious loss of life, created great alarm at the Vatican. All the windows of the Pope's library were broken, and a number of precious relics were destroyed. In addition many valuable panes of colored glass in the principal windows of St. Peter's Basilica were smashed to pieces. The handsome stained glass window over the chair of St. Peter was also broken.

Big and Little.

At the Registrar's office in South Shields a midget girl, only 32 inches high, was married to Professor Hadley, a man six feet one inch high. Humbert, the man without arms, gave the bride away, signing the certificate by holding the pen between his teeth. The bride-maid was Miss Nina, the American giantess, who weighs 616 pounds. The best man was Captain Dallis, who is seven feet ten inches in height. General Mettione, twenty-nine inches high, was one of the wedding party. All were connected with a traveling circus going through the country.

The decline in the grain market, the past few days, has caused a panic. Wheat and corn are down, but may rally again.

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Fourth of July Excursion to Gettysburg via P. R. R.

The widespread interest which centres in the battlefield of Gettysburg has induced the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to arrange a general excursion to that point from all principal stations on its system on July 3d and 4th next. Not only the fact that this day is a national holiday renders the date appropriate, but it is at the same time the twenty-eighth anniversary of the great battle. Independence Day is also a favorite date for the visit of veterans to the field, and there are always ceremonies of interest to civilians as well as soldiers.

On this occasion excursion tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania System on July 3d and 4th valid for return until July 6th. The rates which will prevail are exceedingly low. Round-trip tickets will be sold from New York at \$5, Philadelphia at \$3, Washington at \$3, Canandaigua \$7.50, Pittsburgh \$7.50, and at proportionately low figures from other stations.

The regular train service will be available in most cases, but special service may also be provided, due notice of which will be published later.

A New Reservoir.

The Centre Hall water company this week began work on a new reservoir in the mountains. The present one, built only a few years ago will be too small with the increased population of Centre Hall and its several new manufacturing, and a new one will be built at once, locating it about five hundred feet up the mountain on the first "bench" where an abundant supply of water from a spring has been found. The new reservoir will have a fall of about two hundred and fifty feet, almost twice as much as the old one, giving a pressure of near one hundred pounds to the square inch. Its dimensions will be 100 feet long; fifty feet wide and about ten feet deep, which will hold many thousand barrels of water, so that little uneasiness will be felt or lack of water in the dry seasons.

To be Opened May 10.

The Evangelical church in Centre Hall, which has undergone repairs and the main audience room newly frescoed, will be reopened on Sunday, May 10th, with impressive services. Rev. Stanford, of the Evangelical, the organ of the church, will be in attendance and conduct the dedicatory exercises. A general invitation is extended to the public to be present at the re-dedication of the church.

Admitted To The Bar.

Two young men were admitted to the bar of Centre county a few days ago at Bellefonte, after passing a very creditable examination. The young men were Harry Keller, son of Col. D. S. Keller, who was chief clerk under Adj. Gen. Hastings, and Harry C. Quigley, a student from the law office of Hastings and Reeder. Both are bright young men and we bespeak a brilliant future for them.

Painting the Exterior.

Painters are at work on the exterior of the Evangelical church, and will greatly improve the appearance of the edifice by their work when it is completed. The interior a short time ago was frescoed, and with the outside also painted, the members can well feel proud of their house of worship.

Severely Cut.

On Saturday evening two young men engaged in a fight at Tusseyville, the result of an old feud, and one of them was very roughly handled, receiving ten cuts about the head and face, caused by a piece of iron in the hands of the other, and was painfully injured thereby, but not seriously.

Getting Ready.

Garden making is already far advanced and it is a pleasant sight to see the folks manipulate the spade, the rake and the hoe. Everything is being put in first class order for the summer's pleasure and enjoyment and the fruitful work of sun and shower.

Fell off the Step Ladder.

Miss Annie Lohr on Wednesday, fell off a step ladder, while cleaning house, and sprained her ankle, besides being otherwise injured.

Blair a. g.

The Chinese Government has notified the Government of the United States, through the Department of State, of its unwillingness to receive Hon. Henry W. Blair as our Minister to China.

The Chinese, no doubt, knew of Blair's habit of making long speeches.

The Fow cigarette bill, prohibiting the adulteration of these articles and preventing the smoking of the same on the highways, passed the house finally. It will probably be promptly killed in the senate.

Additional Locals.

—Subscribe for the REPORTER.
—Bellefonte glass works closed.
—For sale—six shoats—S. W. Smith.
—Holt voted yes on the road bill and McCormick no.

—Cabinet photos \$1.50 per doz. at Shaeffer's gallery, Bellefonte.
—George Bushman has moved into John Nell's house on Church street.

—Garden work and house-cleaning is keeping the women busy just now.
—Cabinet photos \$1.50 per dozen—Shaeffer, the photographer, Bellefonte.

—Mr. Henry Rossmann, of Tusseyville, spent a short time at the REPORTER office this week.

—It is just awful—cabinet photos \$1.50 per doz. at Shaeffer's gallery, Bellefonte.

—Mrs. Shadie, nee Miss Sadie Bitner, of Williamsport, is visiting her parents west of town this week.

—The brick work of the new Lutheran church, Bellefonte, has been awarded to Thomas Ziegler, of Rebersburg.

—There never was such destruction of property by mountain fires, in this section, as we chronicle this week.

—Cabinet photos \$1.50 per dozen—this is no advertising fake but a genuine cut—at Shaeffer's gallery, Bellefonte.

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

The Philadelphia boarding house keepers have formed a combination, and as a result the price of board has advanced a dollar or two a week, and besides the bill of fare is curtailed, too.

—Good shoes, at very low prices can be found at A. C. Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte, and a very large assortment to select from. He handles no shoddy goods and full return guaranteed.

—Our young friend, Charley Shiffer, of Big Run, Pa., has been stopping for a few days in town. It is said Charley will not leave the town alone, but will leave with one of Centre Hall's young ladies.

—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.

—No shelf worn stock is thrust upon customers at A. C. Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte. His large trade enables him to constantly keep new goods, and always of the latest styles and at very moderate prices, as all customers admit.

—"When My Ship Comes Over the Sea," as sung by Denman Thompson's Quartette in "The Old Homestead" is the latest musical hit by the Popular Song Writer. WILL L. THOMPSON. Price, seventy-five cents. Published by Will L. Thompson & Co., 259 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

—A trunk line railroad to strike north of the Brush valley narrows, will be cheerful news to our readers in Miles township, as the road will strike near Stovers, in the east end of Miles tp. We give further particulars in a more extended article in another column of the REPORTER. There is some reality in this new project, as the engineers made a survey thro there a few days ago.

—"Beirly's Jubilee Choir," is a new candidate for favor, in the musical world, containing a collection of easy and medium-graded Sacred Anthems for church choirs, consisting of solos, duets, trios, quartets and choruses, by Alfred Beirly, publisher, Chicago. Mr. Beirly hails from Centre county, and his Jubilee Choir, 250 pages, has many fine pieces. Thanks to the publisher for a bound copy of the work. Lovers of good music will be delighted with it.

—The fellow who takes a newspaper for a half dozen years or so and then puts it back into the postoffice marked "refused," will probably learn a new point when he understands that a newspaper man in Ohio brought suit against forty-three men who would not pay their subscriptions, and obtained judgment in each case for the amount of the claim. They were then arrested for petit larceny and bound over in the sun of \$300. The new postal law makes it larceny to take a paper and refuse to pay for it.

—A new clock has been invented by a railroad man that promises to be a great advantage to locomotive engineers. The dial plate and figures are large, and so are the hour and minutes hands. As a train whirrs by a station the hour and minute hands whirl around like a flash to mark the correct time, and a red bull's eye flashes into the dial. Five minutes later the red light turns green, and in five minutes more the green light disappears. The engineer on the next train following can tell exactly how many minutes ahead is the train that precedes him. The clock is a perfect time-keeper and when the train passes drops the signal light.