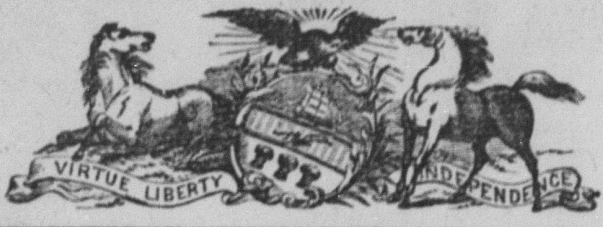


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Mr. Kerr, late member of congress of this district, is the unanimous choice of all the Democratic members for clerk of the house. All other candidates have withdrawn in his favor.

The year's bounty on Vermont maple sugar is estimated at \$100,000—and no questions asked. But why should the people be taxed to pay the money? The government with the same right should give the Pennsylvania farmer a bounty on his wheat and corn, but the McKinley bill is not built that way.

The friends of Hon. A. O. Farst, President Judge, are pressing forward his claims for the Republican nomination for Supreme Judge. Central Pennsylvania deserves to be recognized on the bench of the Supreme court and the Republican party could do far worse by not nominating Judge Farst.

Unfortunately for the farmer the prices of wheat and other grain are not up to expectations or what they should be. Wheat especially has shown weak all along, in spite of Russia prohibiting the export of wheat. Whatever advances the price of wheat makes, makes plentier money and helps all branches of trade. The farming interest is the most important of all interests, and its depression is felt in all channels, hence we are benefited by the prosperity of the farmer.

The correspondent of the *Hyogo News* writes as follows respecting the recent earthquake at Oyakiko: Close to the river bank are the remains of the East Hoogaugi Temple. In the latter at an early hour on the fatal morning, 300 people had convened at a special service in connection with the harvest. The huge edifice fell and crushed all of the devoted worshippers, whose corpses were afterward calcined by a conflagration.

The election of Crisp to the speakership is a good thing. The election of either of the other candidates, would have been equally as good. All were tariff reformers. It is neither a Cleveland or anti-Cleveland victory or defeat. The next presidential nominee did not enter into the speakership contest. The Democracy are harmonious in congress, and while the contest for speaker was lively and exciting, it all went on harmoniously and all the contestants bore themselves honorably.

Trains were tied up in the Northwest end of last week by snow blockades. With but one exception every railroad running into St. Paul from the West and Northwest reports that its trains are either greatly delayed or tied up altogether. The Northwestern and the Milwaukee have trains tied up in South Dakota and the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have trains strung along their lines, stalled from Mandan and Winnipeg to Jamestown and Moorhead. The spur lines, too, are having a hard time of it and, owing to the heavy winds, snow plows are making little headway.

A band of Kansas adventists have fixed upon next Christmas day as the last of earth. The leader is a woman who claims to have her information straight. Unfortunately she does not tell us just how the end will come or just at what hour. If it is very early there will be no use bothering about Christmas presents, and the money usually used for that purpose can well be expended in ascension robes or something equally appropriate. But if the time is late in the day we can go ahead and have the usual amount of fun and then step off into the millennium. The best part of it will be hearing the excuses of this prophet when the performance does not come off according to programme.

Emperor William, of Germany, has been making another remarkable speech which has set Europe talking. After a number of young recruits had been sworn into the service he told them they were too young to understand the full meaning of the oaths that they had just taken, and added: "They mean that you have given yourself to me, body and soul. You have only one enemy—that is my enemy. In the present socialistic agitation I may order you, which God forbid, to shoot your relatives—your brothers, even your parents—and you must obey without a murmur." This energetic young monarch is evidently a firm believer in the doctrine of Louis XIV., "I am the State," but he is likely to discover that the world is two centuries older than it was when the French monarch gave utterance to that remark, and that even in Germany the people are the state.

It Will Cost Money to Vote.

The commission, consisting of the secretary of state, secretary of internal affairs and the auditor general, whose duty it is to select a style of polling booth and ballot box for use in this state, has not yet arrived at a conclusion, and will hardly do so before next week. Auditor General McCamant said Friday that the first cost of the polling booths, which will be borne by the state, may reach 200,000, if a style is chosen in which iron and steel enter largely into its construction. There are others, however, built of wood and canvas, which would cost less. Another large item of expense under the new law will be the polling places. These must be fifty by thirty-five feet, and the interior arrangements must be in accordance with certain specifications. This will in many instances, perhaps in nearly every case, necessitate the renting by the year of suitable rooms, or the purchase of movable polling places that may be taken to pieces and stored away between elections. This means a large expense to county commissioners.

The commission will suggest a style of ballot box to be adopted, but this expense, which may reach another \$200,000 or more, will fall directly upon the counties. The box meeting with the greatest favor is the "Safety," the invention of a Fitzburg man. It is of glass and registers each vote. It is claimed for it that it is impossible to tamper with the votes except by the connivance of the entire election board, each member having the key to a separate lock, and furthermore that it does not wear out. The boxes in use in New Jersey and Massachusetts, somewhat similar in character to this, cost thirty-three per cent. of their first cost for repairs after each election. The commission has some doubt to how far its recommendation goes, and it is thought that the county commissioners of the state will have to pass finally upon the selection.

Always a Welcome Visitor.

No visitor in the household, particularly the rural household, is more welcome than a favorite publication, be it newspaper or magazine. The newspaper, however, is foremost in the affections of the people, and outside the cities the weekly newspaper easily takes precedence. It is a necessity, and since it contains the news of the week, in conjunction with the freshest current miscellany, all who are not located where they can receive the daily fresh from the press prefer the weekly with its vast stores of news its choice stories and special departments. In this class of journals THE PITTSBURGH WEEKLY POST stands without a rival. All the foreign and domestic news finds a place in its columns. Its stories, original and otherwise, come fresh from the pens of the most popular authors; its editorial expressions are clear, forcible and honest; its agricultural department is conducted by a practical nineteenth century farmer; its financial and commercial reports are complete, and altogether it is a paper that no well-regulated family—especially no well regulated family in love with true Democracy—can do without. Its great worth is attested by its large and steadily growing circulation. Price, \$1.25 a year. In clubs of five or over \$1 a year.

The Bellefonte and Eastern.

The Sugar Valley Journal says: Good news concerning the proposed railroad through Sugar Valley comes from Hightown. Several hundred men are at work on the road near that place, so it is said. They are heading westward, and if reports can be relied on much work will be done toward the completion of the road to Loganton before April 1st, '92. It is not positively known whether this statement is wholly true or not, but the fact that a prominent citizen of Green township actually saw and spoke with the men at work as above mentioned, gives credence to the belief that this railroad will be built in the course of another year.

Now He Gets \$5 More.

Some time ago E. E. Conrath, principal of the schools at Conemaugh, whipped one of his pupils and the father of the boy had him arrested. The citizens of the place have come to the conclusion that Conrath did what was right in punishing the boy, and as an act of justice the directors have increased his salary \$5 per month. This demonstrates that he is the right man in the right place.

Dill Again Arrested

W. H. Dill, ex-president of the defunct First national bank was arrested again on Monday night charged with converting \$25,000 of the bank's funds to his own use. He gave bail in the sum of \$3,000 for a hearing on Thursday. The information was made by John McGrath cashier of the Houtzdale bank.

Every well dressed gentleman get his clothing from the Philad. Branch Bellefonte. They can fit you out in anything you want, at a big bargain. You'll miss it greatly if you don't call to see his stock.

SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ.

Ex-Senator Wallace Believes in Putting Restrictions on the Ballot.

Ex-Senator Wallace replies as follows to Representative Johnson's open letter urging him to be a candidate for the legislature: "I have no personal ambition to hold office now; my business affairs occupy me entirely, and require constant attention. As a citizen of the commonwealth, however, I try to keep abreast of those current topics which affect the welfare of our people. Among these I regard a perfect system of secret ballot reform as of great importance. Besides this I have long been convinced that we need an educational qualification. When taking the chair in the State convention of 1888 I expressed the views upon this subject that I still entertain, thus: 'No man who votes anywhere should be deprived of that right during his life; but we should coerce him to educate his children and put a spur on the head of every boy of 16 and every foreigner seeking to help govern us by at once providing by constitutional enactment that after five years no new voter should have that right who cannot read and write the English language. The pendulum has swung too far in the direction of free suffrage. It is time to take heed of and provide against the evils that threaten us, both North and South, from the masses of uneducated and incompetent voters.' 'You will observe that it is not a part of my thought that anyone who now has the right to vote should be deprived of that right, but that the whole process should be prospective. Experience will probably teach us that the ballot bill will need amendment as you suggest, and both it and the assessors' bill will prove burdensome to the country districts, but they have never been tried, and it is our duty to give them a fair test. The best way to repeal or improve a defective law is to execute it. Whether I shall or shall not be a candidate for the legislature depends upon my business future.'

Changed His Mind.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts once decided that the use of the word "damn" is not profanity. There is a story about a Connecticut clergyman who, in a sermon upon profanity, said that the word "damn" might be rightfully used by respectable people as an emphatic expression. The next day he changed his mind on the subject when he met one of the feminine members of his flock, who saluted him thus: "Good morning, Mr. —. That was a damn good sermon of yours yesterday."

Religious Gathering in Altoona.

The Epworth League, Christian Endeavor and other societies connected with the Methodist Episcopal churches of the Altoona District will meet in convention in the First M. E. church, Altoona, on Thursday, December 17. Every young people's organization in the Altoona District of the M. E. church should be represented. Rev. R. H. Bender, D. D. of Altoona, Pa., is the corresponding secretary, to whom all names of delegates should be sent.

A Remarkable Sait.

In Elk county, recently, a cow which had been helping herself to some prize cabbages was shut up by the owner of the land on which she had been trespassing. He neglected to milk her, and when the owner of the cow got her back he sued for damages and won the suit. The *Butler Herald* draws this conclusion: Never fail to milk a cow when you find one on your premises at this time of the year.

A Novel Question.

The novel question, "Can a farmer recover damages by getting stuck in the mud?" is to be legally passed upon in a suit brought by A. W. Dunkleberger against Martin Raker and Daniel Reed, supervisors of Little Mahanoy township Northumberland county, to be tried before Justice Miller, at Shamokin. The farmer's wagon was stuck so fast in the muddy road near his house a week ago that he hasn't been able to budge it since.

Why Did He Blush.

A North Bend young man sent a young lady in another place a bear leg. When our devil read about this says the *Lock Haven Democrat*, he blushed until his face was as crimson as a turkey gobbler's gullet. When he read it the second time he couldn't see what the thunder he had blushed about.

Death at Bellefonte.

On Sunday night Mrs. Weaver, of Bellefonte, widow of David Weaver, dec'd., died after an illness of about twelve days. She was aged about sixty years, and was the mother of J. C. Weaver, insurance agent in Bellefonte.

—When you want a shoe that will give you satisfaction both in price and quality, go to Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte. He guarantees all goods sold and you get a genuine article.

Handsome Cabinet.

The county commissioners have received the first piece of metallic office furniture with which the various departments of the court house will be equipped. The piece unpacked is an office cabinet. It is about eight feet wide and six high, and is made of steel and enameled sheet iron. It contains a large number of drawers for holding office stationery, blanks, etc. Then there are several large spaces for filing important documents, protected by steel doors and locks. It is complete, compact and convenient and a great improvement of former methods. When all the vaults are fitted in this manner the public records can be securely and safely kept.

Number of Marriage Licenses Granted.

In the matter of marriage licenses granted in our county since the law went into force, there has been issued up to last week 2010. During the past year there have been issued 399 licenses, an average of almost one a day. This however is a falling off from last year of 39, as from the first of December, 1889, to the first of December 1890, there were issued 348 licenses.

Walks Like a Crab.

Joseph Copeman, a 11 year old deaf and dumb boy from Shannonville, near Osceola, is at the Philadelphia University Hospital for treatment for a curious affection. When he was three years old he was stricken with a convulsive fit. Since then he is unable to walk forward but walks backward like a crab. The doctors are at a loss to understand the case which has no parallel.

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Fresh Oysters constantly on hand.

—G. O. Benner.

—Butchering season has begun and porkers are being killed right and left.

—Large stock of clothing for men, boys and children.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

—Mingle's shoe store receives new stock every day. Prices are always fair and reasonable.

—C. P. Long, Spring Mills, will save you 25 per cent. on Horse, Carriage and Bed blankets.

—Jacob Richard writes us from Hinchman, Mich., Dec. 1st, "had a little sleighing to-day and yesterday."

—Have you seen the new stock of overcoats just received at the Philad. Branch?

—Mr. Peter Keller, proprietor of the Keller Hotel, Lock Haven, died there suddenly on Thursday evening, of heart failure.

—A neat looking shoe, good quality and low in price, is the kind of goods purchased at Powers' Shoe store, Bellefonte. A trial will convince you of this.

—Lock Haven had two fires last Wednesday evening, one at the Baptist church, the other a private dwelling, but both were extinguished before much damage was done.

—If in need of anything in the boot or shoe line don't forget that Mingle, Bellefonte, has the finest line in the state from which to select. He guarantees all goods and you have good returns for your money.

—The butchering season is on us and the squeal of the porker is distressing, and fresh sausages are getting plenty.

Morgen komt der Baiern Fernst, Un' bringt uns' en Sack mit Leberwercst.

—A quick way to clean your cook stove is to pour a gallon of coal oil on the live coals. It will clean the stove and kitchen too. The operator may experience a rapid, though uncomfortable, transition from this to another world.

—If in need of Fall and Winter underwear, don't forget the fact that the Philad. Branch has received a full and elegant line. Call and examine quality and price and you will be convinced that better cannot be done elsewhere.

—Cattle dealer, D. C. Keller, shipped two car loads of fine cattle to Eastern markets last week. Mr. Keller informs us for the past season he has shipped on an average four car loads per month from this station. One would suppose all stock had been shipped from the valley, but there still seems to be some left.

A Generous Firm.

McCamant & Co., lime dealers and manufacturers of agricultural implements in Bellefonte, have thirty-eight men working for them and to each man they presented a fine big gobbler for his Thanksgiving dinner.

Shoulder Blade Broken.

Little Roy Miller, six year old son of Jerry Miller, had his shoulder bone broken one day last week, caused by coming in collision with a playmate at school.

MAIL AT FARM DOORS.

Postmaster General Wanamaker's Big Free Delivery Scheme.

The plan for the introduction of the free postal delivery system into every postoffice in the United States, as outlined in a letter of Postmaster General Wanamaker, has excited the interest of every live farmer from Maine to California. Every little hamlet in the remote sections of the country is represented in the petitions forwarded to the postal authorities applauding the idea and urging its prompt adoption. Mr. Wanamaker, personally, is enthusiastically in favor of the scheme, and the farmers rely much upon his untiring efforts in the matter. In a letter to appear in the *American Agriculturist* next month Mr. Wanamaker says:

HOUSE DELIVERY FOR THE FARM.

"To carry letters, newspapers and magazines, and leave them in an office remote from the home to be called for, is only a partial fulfillment of the duty of the department. With the well-paid railroad star route contractors and mail messengers traversing every highway to the uttermost nook and corner of the land, there ought to be some practical way to utilize all these forces and spread the house-to-house delivery over almost every square mile of this great country. I firmly believe that when such a scheme is in proper operation for a year it will be proven that the increase of revenue will fully counterbalance the necessary expenditure.

"The last congress listened to arguments on this subject and allowed the postmaster general to use \$10,000 of the appropriation for free delivery for an experiment in the small towns, villages and farming districts. The first twelve of these offices were designated Feb. 1, 1891, and a five months' trial is all that has allowed up to the close of the department fiscal year. It is, therefore, too soon to get full results. But it is clear from the figures at hand that the increased expense. This is a significant fact, and if the same results follow further experiments a great extension of the free delivery is readily at hand."

FARMERS ENTHUSIASTIC.

This article well expresses the views of the thousands of farmers who have written to the *New England Homestead* upon the subject. Many of them advocate the organization of a national association to push the matter, and already this suggestion is assuming tangible shape. The farmers are thoroughly aroused, and are presenting their claims in a businesslike way through the proper channels. One farmer living some four miles from a postoffice, paying immense sums annually in taxes, pays ten cents twice a day to a milkman who passes his door and leaves his mail.

Another similarly situated drives sixteen miles each day for his newspaper and an occasional letter. They urge that the government owe them their right of an education, if nothing more, and insist that in depriving them of metropolitan daily and inland weekly newspapers they are denied the cheapest and most available source of learning. They assert that inasmuch as they pay the greater percentage of taxes they are entitled to some consideration on the part of the government.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle at J. D. Murray's Drugstore.

Shot Three Deer In One Day.

The Sugar Valley Journal says: On Wednesday last tonsorial artist C. F. Herlacher went out on Rock Oak Ridge to hunt. He returned home the next day with a spring wagon load of venison, having shot and killed three large deer, two bucks and one doe, and he wasn't a bit excited either. This is the biggest lot of deer ever shot in this locality by one man in a single day and entitles Mr. Herlacher to the championship.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Centre Hall postoffice, December 10th, 1891: Rash McClenshan, Mrs. Kate Mapes, Robert Smith, Franc C. Thompson.

B. D. BARNES, P. M.

Thousands of Families bless the day when they learned the use of Humphreys' Specifics Nos. One and Seven. Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis and Sore Throats are always cured by them.

A Dime Novel Hero.

In 1862 Mr. Sanderson and his wife and child were crossing the country near the Arizona line with a wagon and outfit. A band of Comanches came down upon them and killed the child, and also the woman, after horrible outrages.

Sanderson was tied to a post and compelled to witness the fearful scenes. After this the Indians began a series of tortures, and his life was only saved by the timely arrival of a detachment of soldiers who drove off the savages. Sanderson was taken to the fort with the soldiers and remained there until he had recovered his health. Then he took a solemn oath to be revenged in a manner that would make his name a terror to the Indians.

The avenger supplied himself with a rifle, revolver and ammunition and started out on his tour of extermination. By July, 1865, he had over 100 scalps and had killed at least 140 Indians and 70 ponies. He made no distinction between men, women and children, but killed any that he could get near to. After the close of the war of the rebellion, when the Government turned its attention to the Indians, a treaty was made with the Comanches, and it was stipulated by the Indians that Sanderson should be called away from the country. He heard of it, and for many months kept out of the way of the soldiers and continued his work of destruction, but at last was found and told that he must give up the work. He complied with great reluctance, and has taken advantage of every Indian outbreak since then to go out and kill the savages.

THE FATAL FLAMES.

Two Children Burned Wednesday Morning at Fort Matilda.

Wednesday morning at 7.30 o'clock a most horrible catastrophe took place at Fort Matilda, this county. Two children of Mr. George Ammerman were burned to death. One was an infant of one year old and the other a child aged four.

Both of the parents were away from the house at the time and it is not known how the fire started. When the flames were first seen by neighbors they rushed to the house, but the flames advanced so rapidly that they could not find the children. A brave man who went into the house to search for the children was compelled to jump from an up-stairs window. The bodies of the two children have since been found in the ruins.

When Mr. Ammerman left the house the children were eating breakfast, and in some way they must have come in contact with the fire, and that probably was the origin of the fire which consumed them and the home.—*Daily Gazette*.

A Place to Drop Dimes.

The ladies of the Lutheran Missionary society of this place, will serve to the public ice cream, cake and oysters, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, December 24th, 25th and 26th; and will also give a chicken and waffle supper on Saturday evening 26th. A part of rooms have been engaged on second floor of bank building, and every effort will be made by the ladies to have everything tastefully arranged. Many handsome and suitable articles for Christmas presents are offered for sale at the Bazaar room, to which your attention is also called.

Wedding in the Church.

This afternoon, Thursday, at 3.45 o'clock, there will be a very pretty wedding solemnized in the Presbyterian church in this place at which Miss Maggie Thompson, of Centre Hall, and Mr. Allison, of Howard, will be united in the holy bonds of wedlock.

Married.

At the home of Mr. George P. Rearick, near Spring Mills, on October 13th, Mr. Isaac Y. Moyer, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Ida V. Rearick of Spring Mills were united in marriage by Rev. H. C. Baskerville.

Communion Services.

Communion services will be held in the Presbyterian church at this place, on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preparatory service Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Buckwheat Wanted.

Several hundred bushels of Buckwheat wanted at Kurtz & Son's mills, Centre Hall.

—Lewins, at the Philad. Branch Bellefonte, is disposing of stock very cheaply to make room for fall goods. A bargain is offered among his large stock.

—Powers, Bellefonte, handles all grades of heavy winter boots and shoes, and as for prices, no cheaper can be purchased anywhere else. A trial is asked.

—The furnace for the new Presbyterian church arrived this week and is being put in place, and the room will be comfortably heated for services on Sunday morning.

James Kerr for clerkship of the House went through with a roach.