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Blaine will accept the nomination for president if tendered him. Happy New Year to Blaine, but Grover can beat him.

The Democrats of the House will pass a bill for free salt and free binding twine which are now both taxed by the McKinley bill. The farmers will see by this who are their friends.

It is no secret in Washington circles that if Harrison is renominated for president Blaine will remain secretary of state, and should Blaine get the nomination that Harrison is to beat the head of the cabinet, should Blaine be elected.

It is evident Sherman and Foraker have no understanding and that it will be a battle to the death between them. It was only before election that they grew eloquent on each other's virtues. In the last few days three of the on-the-fence members of the legislature have come out for Foraker, and it is believed by some that Sherman's chances are diminishing.

Well, if Sherman is downed by fire-alarm Foraker, he can console himself with having had a good time once when he and Eliza Pinkston played a big role in the presidential steal.

The report of the physicians officially present at the recent electrical execution in New York shows that it was as successful as regards humanity and decency as could be desired. The electricity was applied during 52 seconds, and the criminal was formally pronounced dead within 10 minutes from the first application. There was no doubt, however, in the minds of the physicians that he was killed by the first application—that is, in 15 seconds. The subsequent ones, all made within 52 seconds were merely precautionary.

The Speaker's Tariff Idea.
Speaker Crisp's idea of the true tariff policy is this: Introduce and pass either one short, compact bill, or several very brief measures of whose meaning there can be no possible doubt; strike at the root of the question by putting wool, salt, binding twine and a few other of the most important articles which are designated as raw material upon the free list; stop there; leave no room for misapprehension or misconception; such a bill could be framed in a few weeks; the debate would be short; it would pass the house, of course, by an overwhelming majority. Then see what the Northwestern Republican Senators will do. The chances are more than ever that the number compelled by the convictions of themselves or their constituents to support the measure would be sufficient to send the bill to the President. He might sign or veto it. Approval would testify to the strength of the Democratic position. A veto would lose to the Republicans who shall say how many Western States?

Increased Pension.
Senator Cameron has introduced a bill in the United States Senate providing that all persons on the pension rolls, and all persons hereafter granted pensions who have lost the sight of both eyes or one eye, or both hands or feet, so as to be totally disabled, or of one hand or foot so that they may be nearly helpless and require the attendance of others, shall be granted a pension of \$100 a month. Those who have lost an arm at the shoulder or a leg at the hip are to receive \$80 a month; those who lost an arm at the elbow or a leg at the knee, \$55 a month, and all who have incurred or contracted other disabilities are to receive a sum per month equal to the total of the rates for all the other disabilities.

State Board of Agriculture.
The State Board of Agriculture which meets in Harrisburg on January 27th and 28th will hold sessions of more than usual interest, and the farmers of the State ought to see that every local society is represented. Secretary Edge has prepared a good programme, and the essays will be instructive and interesting. Not the least important subject to be discussed will be that of "Roads," and considerable information is expected on this subject.

No Paper Next Week.
No paper will be issued from this office next week, being holiday week, and according to a time-honored custom, all hands will want it for rest and recreation. The office will be open however, for the transaction of any business. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

—13 cents a yard for all wool Red Flannel.—Garman's, Bellefonte.

Dalzell Against Quay.

Congressman Dalzell enters the field for United States senate, and in so doing boldly throws the gauntlet of the battle at the feet of Boss Quay. He specifically declares himself a candidate against the boss, the wording of his announcement being somewhat peculiar. He says:

There is undoubtedly a widespread sentiment in Pennsylvania against the re-election of Mr. Quay. In this sentiment, wholly apart from any considerations personal to myself, I sincerely concur. If that sentiment shall take form in my favor, and I be elected to the highly honorable and responsible office of United States senator, I shall appreciate the honor, and to the best of my ability perform its duties with fidelity, and with loyalty on all occasions to the declared principles of the Republican party.

This raises the issue of Quayism in the Republican party. Mr. Dalzell challenges its supremacy, and puts himself in the van as a leader for its overthrow. It is humiliating that the Republican papers of Pittsburgh receive Mr. Dalzell's candidacy in a chilly way instead of at once emphatically pronouncing for his election. This is the blight of Quayism. On the other hand the Philadelphia Press, which is the strongest newspaper force in the Republican party of the State, gives Mr. Dalzell a strong indorsement, and urges immediate organization and work in his behalf. It recognizes the fact "Pennsylvania has been dumb in the senate for many years." This has been so since William A. Wallace retired from that body. The Press declares "Mr. Dalzell, would be a senator that any State might be proud of," and "would be to the younger generation of Pennsylvania a revelation of what the senatorial office is capable of in competent hands." Colonel McClure says in the Times that "Dalzell has taken a wise course in thus announcing his candidacy. His one chance of success lies in a bold and courageous campaign. At the hide-and-seek game of politics Quay can beat him two to one, as all the hiding places are in the possession of Quay and his friends."

We are curious to see what kind of a fight Mr. Dalzell proposes against Quayism. If he meets it on its own ground of corrupt and tricky maneuvers for the control of primaries and conventions, of course he will be beaten. But if he appeals to his party in the State by a bold and thorough discussion of the issue his candidacy raises, he may awaken its conscience and intellect, and so triumph over the debasing and corrupt influence he combats. He should challenge his competitor to forego his winter quarters in Florida and on the Jersey coast, and discuss with him the issues of the canvass in every county likely to elect Republican legislators. Of course Doss Quay would venture on nothing of this kind, and in that event Mr. Dalzell should thoroughly canvass the State from the Delaware to the Ohio bringing the issues home to the people in a way they cannot be shirked or suppressed. Such a canvass would be a novelty in Pennsylvania, but there are precedents for it established by some of the greatest statesmen whose names adorn the history of American politics. To content himself with fighting Quayism at the setup primaries and packed conventions would be to invite defeat, as Quay unquestionably has the party machinery in his hands.—Pittsburgh Post.

Swearing Off.
The end of the year is the occasion for many to swear off from vices to which they are addicted, and turning a new leaf for the new year. Now then is the time to swear off that you will quit drinking and lead a sober life. Quit smoking and chewing because they are filthy habits. Quit lying because it degrades you in the eyes of all decent men. Quit cheating and quit refusing to pay your honest debts because these are far more cowardly and mean than the work of the midnight thief. Quit gossiping and tattling because thereby you breed strife and disturb the peace of the community. Quit using profane language because it is disgusting to God and all Christian men. If you have any or all of these vices, then swear off for 1892, and you will be a true man or a true woman.

Blanket Your Horses.
We noticed several horses hitched along some of our streets without blankets on during the recent ugly weather. Horses should be carefully blanketed at this season while standing tied to a hitching post, and all merciful men will do so. It is willful and inexcusable neglect not to do so when a comfortable horse blanket can be bought so cheaply as they are now selling at. The merciful man is merciful to his beast, and all such will see that they are properly sheltered and protected from the frigid blasts of winter.

Big Porkers.
Mr. H. E. Duck, of Millheim, so far up to date, bears the honors of killing the biggest porkers. Last week he killed two which dressed 978 pounds, one weighing 484 pounds and the other 494 pounds. Who can beat this?

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.

Christmas.

"Christmas,"—everybody speaks the word with a smile of gladness. Children repeat it in hopeful glee—looking ahead to the coming of the greatest of holidays when they will be the recipients of garments, toys, sweetmeats, and such things as bring delight to the hearts of the little ones. To the adult Christmas also has its gladness meaning, in manifold ways. Hence, we say, all young and old, rejoice at the coming of Christmas. The little folks look for gifts at Christmas—never allow them to be disappointed—give them something at least, and with the gift, teach them the meaning—a Saviour born, the greatest and most precious gift to all mankind. How He gave His life as a gift that all might be saved.

Christmas is properly a time for real rejoicing and gladness, and it should be spent, not in wicked revelry as is so often to be seen. "Behold, I bring you glad tidings" said the Saviour, hence we greet each other, at this season, with "A merry Christmas to you." Friday, in the four quarters of the globe, will be heard this greeting from millions of lips, and in hundreds of tongues, and wherever it is uttered, there it is known that Christ was born, and His teachings have a foothold. Christmas will come around as long as the world lasts, and when national holidays have fallen from the memories of men, Christmas will have grown in the appreciation of a Christian world, and its recurrence bring joy and gladness.

The Reporter wishes all its readers "A merry, merry Christmas."

Odenkirk-Sankej.
On Tuesday noon, at the home of Mrs. John Sankej, about two miles west of Centre Hall, a very pretty wedding was solemnized, at which Miss Kate, daughter of Mrs. Sankej, and R. Porter Odenkirk, son of Mr. John Odenkirk, of the Old Fort hotel, plighted their troth. About thirty-five guests were present, being only relatives and intimate friends of the respective families. At exactly twelve o'clock the bridal party entered the room where the guests had assembled to witness the ceremony and took their places before the minister, Rev. Shoemaker, of the Methodist church. The ceremony was brief and the responses were clear and audible. Congratulations were then showered upon the groom and many and varied in the extreme were the well-wishes of all for the future happiness and prosperity of the bride.

An elaborate dinner was then served to the company, to which all did ample justice as though to fill a long-felt want. By the time the wedding party were through with the many courses served, it was time for the departure of the happy couple on their wedding tour. They were driven to Centre Hall where they embarked on the 2:47 train for east. They will visit several of the Eastern cities and will be absent about one week. Mr. and Mrs. Odenkirk are both well-known in this section and are highly esteemed by all with whom they are acquainted. The Reporter extends congratulations and wishes them a life of happiness and success.

Deservedly Punished.
Four well-dressed dudes promenading on Sanson street, Philadelphia, upset an ash barrel filled with ashes on the street or track. A policeman who saw the act gave the four young men the alternative of getting down upon their knees and returning the ashes to the barrel with their hands, or to be locked up. They chose the former, scraped up the ashes with their hands and put them in the barrel, while a crowd of men and boys hooted and jeered at them. Served the dudes right.

Union County Deaths.
At Vicksburg, on the 4th of Dec., Richard Struple, aged 67 years.
In East Buffalo township, on the 6th of Dec., Benjamin Rangler, aged 82 years.
At White Springs, on the 6th of Dec., Mrs. Lizzie Dreibeis, aged 39 years.
At Hartleton, on the 15th of Dec., Lonias, relict of Isaac Rothermel, late of Kelly Point, dec'd., aged 79 years.

An Odd Happening.
A farmer was driving a load of hay under a railroad bridge at Norristown, the other day, when a spark dropped from the locomotive into the hay. The hay and wagon were both consumed, and the horses made a very narrow escape.

Save 20 per cent. buying Boots and shoes at—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.
—Sell your pork and beef to—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.
—The Gazette offers a gold watch to the teacher receiving the most votes, the ticket being cut from that paper. At the close of the contest, the editors will likely be able to clip coupons themselves and lose nothing by it.
—If you miss our opening (you miss a treat).—Garman's Store, Bellefonte.

Stray and Trespassing Laws.

Judge Rockefeller, of Northumberland county, recently rendered a decision on this question that is of general interest. W. H. Mertz, of Point township, took up stray cattle and then brought suit against the owners for trespass. The jury found against him, by direction of the Court, because he had not complied with the stray law. He applied for a new trial but Judge Rockefeller in an exhaustive opinion, refused to grant it. The Northumberland Democrat says from this legal research and exposition of the Judge, the law on strays, trespass and hogs can be epitomized as follows:

STRAY LAW.
The common law action of trespass lies in Pennsylvania to recover damages for a trespass by the cattle of another, notwithstanding the stray law of 1807. But if the owner of improved and enclosed land instead of driving them off, takes them up and confines them, it is an election to proceed under said stray law, and he must comply with its provisions by giving the required notice.

The Act of 13th April, 1807, Sec. 2, amongst other things, enacts that "If any person shall discover upon his, her or their improved and enclosed lands any stray cattle, horse or sheep, it shall and may be lawful for such person to take up the same; and it shall be the duty of such person or persons to give notice thereof to the owner of such stray, if he or she can be found; but if otherwise, such person as aforesaid shall within four days, deliver to the Town Clerk aforesaid a particular description of the color and marks, natural or artificial of such strays, in writing or satisfactory way; and for every neglect or refusal to do the same, he or she shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recovered as debts of similar amounts are recovered." Purdon 1566 pl. 1. The fifth section of the Act enacts, that "If any person or persons taking up any stray or strays shall neglect to give notice as is hereinbefore directed, he, she or they so offending shall forfeit all right and title to or recovery of any sum or sums of money for any trespass committed by the same, but shall deliver up the said stray or strays so detained to the owner thereof, without any recompense, fee or reward whatsoever."

FENCE LAW.
In Northumberland county (territory within its limits on the 7th of March, 1800,) fences are to be made according to the sixth section of the Act of 10th of May 1729, which was never repealed and requires them to be four feet and a half high, and the distance from the ground to the bottom thereof not to exceed nine inches.

HOG LAW.
The owner of swine, who permits them to run at large without rings and yokes, in violation of the provisions of the Act of 1705, 18m. L. 70 is liable in an action of trespass for depredations committed by them upon the enclosure of another, irrespective of the character of the fence surrounding such enclosure.

Canada Thistles.
To exterminate Canada thistles, follow this plan:

Cut the thistles when in full bloom, as close to the ground as possible. 2. Plow about three inches deep, and sow millet or Hungarian grass, seeding heavily in harrow. This may be done at once or some two weeks after the thistles are cut. 3. In September, plow under the crop; or save it for hay as desired. At all events, plow, and seed liberally with rye. 4. Plow under the rye in May and seed again with millet or Hungarian grass, or plant to some hoed crop and give the most thorough cultivation with continued searching for, and destruction of every remaining thistle. 5. Continue the clean cultivation and sharp lookout for thistles another year.

Pay Your Taxes.
All persons who have not yet paid their taxes for 1891 had better do so at once, to save trouble, as the tax collectors throughout the county have been notified to settle up their duplicates without delay.

Married.
At the Reformed parsonage, by Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, on Dec. 17th, Mr. Samuel J. Shunk and Miss Annie B. Snyder.

An Aged Lady.
Mrs. Robert Potter, mother of Fergus Potter, of Linden Hall, is now 94 years of age. The old lady is still active and well-preserved.

Wagner, the Williamsport architect, drew the second prize of \$500 for a Pennsylvania building at the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago.
Schools Closed.
The schools closed on last Friday for the holiday vacation, and the young are now quite prominent on our streets. The vacation will last two weeks, when they will again resume their studies on Monday, Jan. 4th.
Get one quick—one of those late style, handsomely made overcoats at the Philad. Branch.

Coal Near Lock Haven.

The Lock Haven Express refers as follows to the discovery of what is supposed to be anthracite coal at a little village near that city: "The people of Dunns-town, and in fact all the citizens in and about the village, are excited over the discovery of a vein of what is said to be anthracite coal near that place. The discovery was made by the quarrymen who are quarrying stone for filling the cribbing at the chute. The location of the supposed coal mine is about one and a half miles from the court house and about midway between Dunns-town and Liberty. On Saturday last the quarrymen with their blasting threw out a vast body of rock and opened up a vein of black substance which they believed to be coal. Several parties from the city went over to Dunns-town and obtained specimens of the substance. It looks like a fine quality of anthracite coal, is very bright and glossy and when a sample was placed under the blow pipe it burned readily and is undoubtedly coal. A miner who has worked in the anthracite mines near Shamokin examined the specimens and pronounced them an excellent quality of coal. Further prospecting will be necessary to determine whether there is a large body of the substance and arrangements for doing so will likely be made within the next few days. The coal is on the land of farmer Joseph Moran."

He Knocked the Persimmon.

On Tuesday morning a young couple from across the valley came to Centre Hall to have a marriage ceremony performed. At the first parsonage where they stopped the dominie was absent and the party set out to find another. It became noised about that a marriage fee was forthcoming to the lucky minister who would first come upon the scene, and a short time after three of our resident ministers and the justice of peace, were seen bearing down upon the happy couple, each jingling the expectant fee in his pocket and no doubt hoping that the pavement would fly up and smite the three others on the back. It seems however, Rev. Davis had the longest pole and succeeded in bringing down the persimmon, and reached the goal first and bore off the prize to his lair. The two other ministers and the J. P. looked on with envious eyes and no doubt mused that some one will have to do without a Christmas present this year.

Bound Over to Court.

On Tuesday, Wm. Horner, the huckster, living about two miles west of town had a warrant issued for the arrest of Wm. Thomas, who lives in a tenant house of Horner's, on the charge of assault and battery, and threatening the life of said Wm. Horner. At the hearing before Squire Boal, from the evidence given in, the charge of assault and battery was squashed and Thomas was bound over to court on the sum of \$100, on the charge of threats made. It appears Horner and Thomas had engaged in a wordy altercation, which soon led to blows, and Horner received the worst, having his face considerably bruised and his eyes blackened.

Insurance Meeting.
The directors and officers of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company met at Bariges' hotel, on Tuesday. All the directors were present except one, they were, Messrs. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, H. E. Campbell, of Ferguson; John Musser, of Aaronburg; Daniel Brumgard and Samuel Gramley, of Miles township; H. E. Duck, of Millheim; Jacob Bottorf, Lemont; Samuel Herring, Penn Hall.

No Entertainments.
For several years past it has been customary for our several Sunday schools to give entertainments appropriate to Christmas, but this year proves to be an exception and services of no kind, we believe will be held.

At the Reformed Sunday school last Sunday, cards were distributed which on presentation on Christmas will be good for a box of candy.

Silence is Golden.
The long distance telephone rates are one cent a mile for a five minutes' talk. That is about \$1.18 for a message to Harrisburg. \$2.22 to Philadelphia and \$3.25 to New York.

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WE BEG YOU TO READ THIS.

It Will Give You an Idea Worth Following UP.
Just think of it! A 12-page weekly paper, consisting of 96 columns of reading matter, for \$1 25 a year; or in clubs of five or more \$1 a year. The best of reading matter, too such as the freshest news of the hour stories, miscellany, correspondence from all parts of the world fashion articles, children's department, complete market reports, and an agricultural department for which every line is written by one of the leading practical farmers of the United States, a native and resident of Ohio. Is it possible, we hear some one inquire, that a paper of this character can be gotten for the price quoted? It is indeed possible, as many thousands of its readers are prepared to testify. And this paper is THE PITTSBURGH WEEKLY POST. Everybody knows THE POST as the leading—in fact the only—metropolitan Democratic daily and weekly newspaper of the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. THE WEEKLY POST as well as the daily, has a constituency that reaches from the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains to the western border of Ohio with a host of subscribers in West Virginia besides. If you wish to obtain a really great, one that will meet every want, you cannot afford to do without THE POST. Send for a free sample copy and see for yourself the kind of weekly newspaper visitor you can get as low as \$1 a year if you are willing to get four neighbors to club with you.

Next year the presidential campaign will be fought, and the great question of tariff reform will be debated from every stump in the union. Everybody who is anybody, and desires to keep posted on the developments of every week, and know what is going on, will of course have to have his weekly paper, if he should not feel able to take a daily. There will be a good many newspapers pressed upon your attention, but if you have not seen the Pittsburgh Weekly Post you do not want to subscribe for any of them until you have seen for and examined a copy of it. We know what you are talking about, and if you want a Democratic paper you will not regret taking our advice in this matter. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Married.
December 20th, at Centre Hall, by Rev. W. E. Fischer, George E. Brain, of near Madisonport, and Lydia A. Zerbe of Spring Mills.

Masonic Banquet.
The Masonic order of Centre Hall, will banquet at Bariges' hotel on Thursday evening, 24th. A number of invitations have been issued.

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Dr. Gast, of Millburg, the specialist, was in town Monday and Tuesday.
—Dr. Calvin Runkle, of Philadelphia arrived in town this week for a visit to friends.
—Christ Murray, a student at Princeton College, arrived home on Tuesday evening for his holiday vacation.
—Mrs. George M. Boal departed on Tuesday for Pittsburgh, where she will spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Runkle.
—Our instructors of the young, Prof. Rothrock, John Dauberman and Miss Maggie Hanna, are attending institute at Bellefonte this week.
—T. Milton Osman, departed for the west on Friday evening on an extended visit. He is going to see some country, and goes via Buffalo N. Y.
—John H. Runkle, of Tusseyville, who has secured employment at Altoona will have public sale of his household goods, etc., on Thursday, Jan. 14th.
—Our old Democratic friend, Fred. Zettle, of Georges Valley, gave us a call, and put his credit one year in advance. May he have a happy New Year.
—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.
—Weather has been very changeable this week, extremely mild and pleasant in the early part. A drizzling rain set in on Tuesday afternoon and not at all agreeable.
—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.
—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.
—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.