



Things look very chill just now with prospect of hot ahead.

Announcement will soon be made of the killing of the Delaware peach crop.

The National Guard of our state has announced its readiness to have a brush with Chili.

Candidates for the fall nominations, in our county, are getting on the race-course.

If the McKinley bill had taxed the grip it might have been kept out of the country.

The Harrison administration cannot be a big thing on ice if Quay could lick it at the Philadelphia primaries.

A cave with a pure silver lining is the latest discovery reported from Virginia. Clouds with a silver lining are a common thing.

The feeling of the Democratic masses regardless of presidential predilections, is in favor of Mr. Kerr's continuance as State chairman.

Don't be alarmed about war—the speck now on the horizon will disappear inside ten or fifteen days. The REPORTER predicts there will be no war with Chili.

Republican organs are sneering at congressman Holman because he intends to inaugurate economy in the public expenditures. The billion dollar congress was hurled out of power by the people because of its monstrous extravagance, and now the organs of it are jealous of the Reform to be introduced by the Democratic house.

If the Republican organs want a text for a homily upon gerrymandering let them look to Ohio, where the representatives of their party are cutting the map up into a Chinese puzzle or a crazy-quilt in the endeavor to make sixteen sure Republican Congressional districts out of the twenty-one. If President Harrison did not protest against this sort of thing what had he in mind? Perhaps it is only Democratic gerrymandering that is wicked in this view.

The Board of Pardons has issued a set of new rules, the chief features of which are that the Board will meet in open session on the fourth Tuesday of each month, in the Supreme Court room in Harrisburg to consider applications for a pardon. Notice of these applications must be printed two consecutive weeks in the prisoner's home paper, and in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the Mayors must also be given notice. Applications will only be heard at the open sessions of the Board and no individual member will listen to any arguments alone.

The grip, like other diseases, is no respecter of persons. It invades the palace of the kings as well as the hovels of the lowly—it strikes the millionaire as well as the poor.

Last Thursday night, Prince Clarence, heir apparent to the English throne, died of the grip. He was to have been married shortly.

About the same time two eminent Catholic churchmen also had to obey the summons, Cardinal Manning, of London, and Cardinal Simioni, of Rome.

The reader of the REPORTER, who has had the grip, will thus see that he has been in good company, and if he has safely gotten over he has been more fortunate than Queen Victoria's grandson, and the two eminent Cardinals, above named, and that Providence has been more gracious to him than to those illustrious personages.

There is ample proof that the masses in Great Britain were not greatly stirred by the death of the heir to the throne. The Miners' Federation is the most powerful labor organization in England. It numbers 200,000 members and it controls the votes of several members of Parliament. The leader of the federation, himself a member of Parliament, sent a message to its annual convention asking for the passage of resolutions of sympathy with the Queen and royal family. The convention refused even to consider the request. By a decisive majority it voted to proceed to the business before it. Immediately after the refusal to pass a vote of condolence the delegates appropriated a liberal amount for the relief of their fellow workers, the striking nail makers of the midland districts. The significance of their action is unmistakable. These men of the people were ready to tax themselves to help those in their own station, but with the affairs of kings and princes they would not concern themselves. Their attitude toward the throne probably represents that of the great body of organized British labor. The sentiment of loyalty to the crown which was prevalent among the masses a hundred years ago has disappeared.

### D. F. FORTNEY FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

"We understand that D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, is being urged by his friends to be a candidate for the legislature. There is this much about it, that if Mr. Fortney should be nominated no one for a moment would question his election. There is no more popular man in the county, and he would go through swimmingly. And, then, too, Centre county would have a representative of whom we would not need feel ashamed, and one who could hold up his end of the string in fine shape."

We clip the above from the Phillipsburg Journal. We do not know that Mr. Fortney can be induced to be a candidate for the legislature, he certainly would be elected and Centre county would have a representative of whose experience and ability the people might well be proud.

If the people of the county want such men as Mr. Fortney in the legislature they must not expect them to canvass the county and solicit the support of their fellow citizens. We have no doubt that the necessity which always comes, of making the canvass of the county keep men, who by learning and training are capable of properly representing us in the Legislature from being candidates.

For the good of the party, in the interest of all the people we sincerely hope that Mr. Fortney can be prevailed upon to be a candidate for the Legislature.

### AN ASTONISHING ADMISSION.

In framing the wool schedule of the McKinley tariff its makers had the assistance of persons representing the wool-growers, who desired prohibitory rates on the raw material, and of other persons who were authorized to speak for woolen manufacturers, who desired prohibitory rates on woollens. The interests of consumers were not considered. But it was arranged between the contracting parties that, in order to compensate manufacturers for the duties which they would be obliged to pay on imported wool, an equivalent duty should be added on woollens. Under this snug arrangement it only remained that an understanding should be reached as to the amount of the compensatory duties. This was settled upon the assurance on the part of the manufacturers that it required from four to four and one-half pounds of wool to make a yard of cloth. Four times the duty on wool was therefore placed upon imported cloths in addition to the duty levied upon the value.

The proposition to put wool on the free list now brings out the admission on the part of the manufacturers that they did not play fair with the wool-growers in their joint assault upon the taxpayers of the country. It is urged in *The Manufacturer* and in other publications that speak by authority that free wool should be opposed, because, instead of taking four pounds of wool to make a yard of cloth, it only takes two pounds, thus giving the manufacturer double the compensation to which he is entitled by the agreement. It is urged that it would be more advantageous to continue the operation of this clear steal than to have free access to foreign wool markets.

For intolerable impudence and assurance the whole volume of protective argument hardly furnishes anything to equal this complacent acknowledgment of rascality, accompanied with argumentative statistics to show that the rascality should be perpetuated. The wool-raisers and the wool-wearers both ought to have their eyes opened by these astonishing admissions.—*Philadelphia Record*.

### WAR.

It looks as if Uncle Sam would open the gates of Janus and declare war against Chili, a snaky little neighbor, spun out a thousand miles along the Pacific coast of South America—narrow, a long shoe-string on the coast. If Uncle Sam finds it necessary to go down there, the concern will be wound up, like a tape, sure.

American seamen have been mobbed and killed on the streets of Valparaiso by Chilians, and the authorities have offered no apology yet for the outrage and insult. The President will send a message to congress this week relating the facts in the case, and it is said they will be of such a nature that congress will at once declare war, unless reparation is offered by the Chilian government.

This week the Democratic State committee meets at Harrisburg, and the National committee at Washington. The latter to fix the time and place for holding the next Democratic National Convention.

### Try It To Keep Your Toes Warm.

A man in town says he keeps his toes warm in rubber overshoes in winter by buying them one size too large and then stuffing paper in the toes. This is a simple remedy and well worth a trial.

### BOOTHS AND BALLOT-BOXES.

Selected by the State Commission Created by Baker Ballot Law.

The commission created by the Baker ballot law to select suitable polling booths and other paraphernalia necessary to carry out the provisions of the law has practically completed its work. For weeks the commission has been examining into the merits of the various patterns submitted by manufacturers at the recent exhibition in the supreme court room and a final meeting was held last week at which a pattern of a booth, guard rail and ballot box was selected. Blue prints of each of these patterns, together with the specifications, are being made and in a few days will be sent to each board of county commissioners in the state.

The county commissioners must procure booths and guard rails of the same pattern and style as adopted by the commission, and within the price prescribed by it, but they are at liberty to award the contract for these appliances to whoever they please. After the booths and guard rails have been purchased the commissioners are authorized to certify under oath to the auditor general the number of each selected and order will then be drawn upon the state treasury by that official to reimburse the county for the money thus expended.

### BALLOT BOX AND POLLING BOOTH.

The commission has adopted the style of ballot box manufactured by C. F. Hodson, of New York, which it will recommend to the county commissioners for adoption. The counties must furnish the boxes. As it will be necessary to procure boxes large enough to hold the blank ballots to be voted it is likely that that manufactured by Mr. Hodson will be generally adopted.

The commission has prepared the following specification for a polling booth: Material to be clear seasoned white pine, number one grade. The divisions and backs from one and one-fourth in stuff, surfaced on all sides, to be made as separate panellings and must follow accurately the size and shape shown on drawing, the styles and rails to be moulded on the solid, framed together and moulding coped; each division and back to be hinged together by two two-inch by four-inch back flaps; the first or starter booth and the annexes to be joined screen door fasteners, one at top and one at bottom. The shelf to be from one-inch stuff, surfaced on all sides and held in place by stub and plate on the back and single-bed fastener at each end, and set to slope one-half inch from back to front. The metal fittings described to be in malleable iron of sizes and weight shown on drawing.

### STYLE OF THE GUARD RAIL.

The pattern of the guard rail selected is similar to that presented by the Buffalo Portable steel house company, of Buffalo, N. Y. The specifications for this rail are adopted follows: Floor flanges are to be made of cast iron containing five screw holes to be tapped so as to admit a three-quarter-inch pipe. Standard to be of three-quarter-inch pipe, thirty-two inches in length, threads cut on lower end to enable it to be firmly screwed into floor of cage. Top to be one and three-quarter-inch iron knob, containing hole to admit chain, also top hole to admit set screw. Standard to be covered with one coat of paint. The rail to be non-welded chain, same as described in blue print. Cost thirty-two cents per linear foot, say fifteen feet of chain or rail, with six standards, two for first three feet of chain and one standard for each additional three feet of chain; the whole to cost \$4.80 complete, delivered at county seat.

Mr. Hodson agrees to deliver and furnish the style of ballot boxes selected by the commission at \$3 a piece within three months after the awarding of the contract. The commission prescribes that the boxes shall be made of ash, well seasoned and kiln dried, and in the best manner as to workmanship and finish. The hardware used on the boxes shall be of malleable iron or steel, either bronzed or japanned. The boxes shall be eighteen inches each way inside measurement and all.

### EDGES SHALL BE RABETED.

The thickness of the wood shall be five eighths inch long. Each box shall be fitted with one lock with three keys to each lock. Two handles on sides and two hinges for corner. The slot in the cover through which the votes are to pass be six inches long and three-eighths inch wide bushed with metal. There shall be a metal cap for closing the slot. This cap shall have a self-locking device, so that when placed in the slot the cap cannot be removed without unlocking the box.

The maximum cost of the main booth has been fixed at \$475. The annexes or additional compartments must not cost more than \$350 each. The commission estimate that it will require 5,000 main booths at a total cost of \$237,500, and 20,000 annexes at a total cost of \$70,000 to conduct elections according to the provisions of the law. Five thousand guard rails will be necessary at a total cost of \$24,000.

Hugh Baylotts, general agent for the Elsner patent steel booth company, of St. Louis, says the style of booth selected by the commissioners is practically the same as that exhibited by his company only that it is to be constructed of wood instead of steel. He claims that the contractors furnishing them must infringe on the Elsner company's patent if they obey the commissioners' instructions, and threatens to bring suit against the first person making them. He has already engaged John R. Reed, of Philadelphia, to defend his company's patent.

### Says More Arrests Will Follow.

The directors of the First National bank of Muncy, met Saturday for the first time since the failure of the bank. Mr. Delta Green, the cashier, when seen, appeared to be unusually happy, and said that he would not be alone among the arrested ones very long. "More arrests will be made shortly," said he, "and you will discover that there are some things in connection with this matter that have not yet been made public." It is not unlikely that the directors will make a proposition to the stockholders to pay the deficiency, open the bank and then go into voluntary liquidation. This is for the purpose of saving the expense which would be involved by the appointment of a receiver. They will likely pay the depositors in full, also its debts and wind up its affairs. Delta Green's case came up on Tuesday before United States Commissioner Bentley.

### Dies While Visiting a Young Lady.

In Altoona on Tuesday night about a quarter to 11 o'clock, A. G. Lockard, a young man and a machinist, suddenly dropped dead in the parlor of Jacob F. Smith, 1038 Third avenue, on whose daughter he was calling at the time. He was just rising to leave when he fell forward, dying instantly. A moment before he was apparently in as good health as ever he was in his life and had been laughing and joking all evening.

### What He Has Discovered.

A Chicago engineer has figured out that his city will be destroyed in 1893. He says Lake Michigan has washed out the soil of the city so that the strip of earth upon which Chicago stands has a thickness of only 16 feet, and is too weak to sustain the weight of the colossal exhibition buildings. When the depression occurs the city will sink 40 feet to the next stratum. Notwithstanding all this the preparations for the Columbia exposition will go right on and will be the wonder of the world.

### Must Pay Tax or Abandon.

The Somerset county Commissioners have taken a new departure and have taxed all the property belonging to the South Penn Road which lies in the county. This will oblige the company to pay a tax of over \$3,000 each year, and it is thought it will either compel the road to be built or abandoned, as it is expected the same action will be taken by the other counties through which the road passes.

### Celebrated their Silver Wedding.

Rev. Isaac Heckman and wife celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday last, January 16th, at their home in Sinnemahoning, Cameron county, Pa. The reverend gentleman several years ago resided with his family in Centre Hall, being pastor of the Penns valley charge of the Methodist church, and from here was transferred to his present location.

### Held on Other Charges.

John Alexander, of Milroy, who was brought to Lewistown from Indiana county to answer the charge of burglary, etc., and whom everybody had come to look upon as a desperate character, was cleared of the charge of burglary but is held on other charges.

### He Obtained Damages.

Farmer A. H. Dunkleberger, of Scollingsville, whose team stuck in the mud in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and who sued the supervisor for not keeping the roads in better condition, has obtained judgement for \$58. It was a test case.

### Three Dead.

Abraham Myers, a wealthy retired farmer, near Lancaster, is dead at the age of eighty years, and his death makes the third of the brothers within ten days, the others being seventy-six and seventy-eight years old. The only surviving brother is also very ill, and his death is looked for very soon.

### 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.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, 1892.

The meeting of the national Democratic Committee to be held here this week to decide where the National convention shall be held, is exciting much interest. Arrangements have been perfected by the local democrats to entertain the committee in true democratic style. Washington would like to have the convention come here, but she will have to be contented with merely wishing for it, as it is regarded as being between New York and western city, with the chances decidedly in favor of New York, should its representatives really wish to make a winning fight.

The interest in the meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, which is also to be held here this week is only second that felt in the meeting of the National Committee. The purpose for which this meeting is held is not made public, further than that it is for the transaction of business important to the democratic clubs of the country. Its proceedings will, of course, be secret.

Mr. Blaine endeavored to convince the House committee on Foreign Affairs that the House ought to pass the bill pledging the endorsement of the Government to an issue of \$100,000,000 of the bonds of the Nicaragua canal company but it was labor lost, as Representative Holman's resolution, which was adopted by the House has made it certain that no such scheme can get through that body.

Representative Holman says his resolution against subsidies and government aid of any kind to private industries and against appropriations not actually needed, which has been criticized in some quarters, will not interfere with the passage of a river and harbor bill or any other legitimate appropriation. But it knocks the private schemes higher than a kite.

Representative Alderson, of West Virginia, introduced a resolution in the House for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the charges of partisanship, mismanagement and wastefulness which have been made against the Census bureau. The ex-Czar of the House is not to be allowed to monopolize the role of clown on the floor of the present House.

He has a rival in the person of Representative Boutelle, of Maine, who was so much worked up in his mind because the House adopted Representative Holman's resolution against government subsidies of all kinds, and against the appropriation of government money for anything except to carry on the necessary business of the government, that he took upon himself the task of making a funny speech to ease his mind. After serving the House with a sort of pot pouring, made of equal parts of Dickens, Edison's phonograph and democratic economy, he jumped in over his head by hurling anathemas at the democratic party because Mrs. Flower, the wife of the present popular Governor of New York, did not find the contents of the linen and china closets, as turned over by the retiring bachelor governor, to be as full and complete as she desired them to be. That was humor of the most subtle kind wasn't it? Boutelle is very, very "funny," almost as comical as Reed.

There has been considerable active maneuvering on the part of the republican bosses around here of late. Clarkson has been holding private conferences with Quay, Alger, Blaine and Allison, and many think that Alger is trying to make a combine with Blaine either to take the second place on the ticket or to obtain Blaine's support for the head, if he doesn't take it himself.

Senator Turpie succeeded, after a hard fight, in getting the senate committee on the Judiciary to postpone the consideration of the nomination of Judge Woods as a member of the new Circuit court, until Senator Voorhees gets back, which will be some time this week. No stone will be left unturned by the Indiana Senators to defeat the confirmation of Woods, but present indications are that the republicans will vote solidly for his confirmation.

Having become satisfied that the Chilian minister has been "playing," possum," as to the intentions of his country, the administration will, it is for the third or fourth time said, send the correspondence to Congress this week, with a message from Mr. Harrison recommending that war be declared. Congress is ready to meet him more than halfway, if the correspondence be of the nature it has been represented to be. A bill is pending in both House and Senate to repeal the law against the appointment of men who served in the Confederate Army and Navy to positions in the U. S. Army or Navy, in order that the Government may get the benefit of their services in the war with Chili, which is regarded as being almost a

certainty.

Speaker Crisp is, he thinks, well enough to resume his duties, but to take no chances of a relapse he will be entirely guided by the advice of his physician as to exposing himself.

### KIND WORDS.

Remarks made by Our Neighboring Exchange Concerning the "Reporter."

### Marked Improvement.

From the Millheim Journal.  
The CENTRE HALL REPORTER, our nearest contemporary, inaugurated the year 1892 by coming out in an entirely new dress, and now presents a very clean and handsome appearance. We congratulate the REPORTER, upon the improvement and wish it continued prosperity.

### Brightest and Best.

From the Millheim News Item.  
The CENTRE HALL REPORTER, of Centre Hall, Centre county, marked the advent of 1892 with improved efforts. The REPORTER is one of the brightest and best of our exchanges. It is filled with ably written editorials, carefully prepared news matter, and is a fearless exponent of right. Long may Bro. Kurtz enjoy the prosperity so richly merited.

### An Excellent Paper.

From the Huntingdon Monitor.  
Editor Kurtz's Centre Hall REPORTER has entered upon its 65th volume, and the paper now appears in a new dress. The veteran Democratic publisher prints an excellent paper for so small a town as Centre Hall.

### A Credit to the Town.

From the Bellefonte Watchman.  
Last week the CENTRE HALL REPORTER appeared in a neat, new dress and greeted its patrons, on the first morning of its 65th year in a highly improved condition. The REPORTER is a live energetic country weekly and is certainly a credit to the town in which it is published.

### Old and Reliable.

From the Bellefonte Centre Democrat.  
Last week the CENTRE HALL REPORTER came out with a new dress, having an entire new outfit to begin the year 1892. The REPORTER is one of Centre county's old and reliable papers and enjoys a large patronage. May it continue to prosper.

### Well Edited.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.  
The CENTRE HALL REPORTER has recently been much improved by a new dress and otherwise. It is a well edited and prosperous newspaper.

### Handsome as a Bride.

From the Millheim Times.  
The CENTRE HALL REPORTER came to hand in a new dress last week, altho it has almost reached three-score-and-ten—having entered its 66th year—it is as bright and handsome as a young bride.

### Its Democracy Staunch.

From the Millheim Post.  
The CENTRE HALL REPORTER that staunch advocate of the Democracy, came out last week with a brand new dress.

### Deaths.

Quite a number of deaths took place in the east end of the valley, last week, all from grip, namely,

John Musser, an old resident and native of Millheim.

Miss Harriet Harter, at an advanced age, in Millheim.

Daniel Stover, an old resident of the south side of Haines township, aged between 80 and 90 years.

Miss Agnes Bower, a daughter of Jacob Bower, dec'd., of Haines township.

### When You Get the Grip.

Leading doctors say there is no way to avoid the grip. Once taken with it the first thing necessary is to go to bed, take plenty of rest, well covered, until it leaves. Food must be taken at intervals. Alcoholic stimulants are good, such as punch. Then don't be in a hurry to get out to force your energies. Take no drug unless under the advice of a physician.

### Keep the Ashes off the Street.

It is the obnoxious habit of some of our citizens to dump their coal ashes on the street. This should not be done and the council should prevent it. It would save a little profanity from teamsters when there is sleighing not to have their sled come to a dead stop by a pile of coal ashes in the middle of the street.

### Won on a Technicality.

It was a Lock Haven girl who excused herself for allowing a policeman to kiss her, by claiming that it was against the law to resist an officer.

You certainly cannot go amiss if when in Bellefonte, you make your purchases of shoes, etc., at Powers Shoe store. A reliable firm with many years experience.