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Quay has again gone to Florida to do some fishing. He is not missed at all in the United States Senate.

The grain market still keeps weak. One dollar for wheat is what the farmer should have, and it would be better for other classes too.

Harrison's postmaster at Bellefonte, has been sounding all the Harrison men within telephone call to find whether they are still for Harrison since Blaine refuses to be a candidate. He finds all the Harrison men are for Harrison unanimously.

The Farmers' Institutes held in this county last week, have left a good impression. Hereafter the interest taken in them will be more widespread. Being public, with free speech for all, and solely upon topics in agriculture, their effects cannot fail to be telling.

Nebraska now has a Democratic governor. The United States Supreme court has handed down a decision which seats Mr. Boyd in the gubernatorial chair. Boyd was fairly elected but the Republican governor, Thayer, held on to the office, alleging Boyd was an alien, and could not act as governor. The United States Supreme court has spoiled this game.

Connecticut certainly needs a revision of its antique constitution. There are at present in that State three claimants for the governorship, and one of them, and also the secretary of state, holding office who did not receive a single vote; there are three legislative houses, two of which have been meeting without a quorum; and a constitution which the supreme court confesses itself unable to interpret.

Adjutant General McClelland died at Harrisburg, last Sabbath afternoon, after several week's illness of cancer in the stomach. He was from Pittsburg, and had many friends all over the state. The death of Adjutant General William McClelland removes a gallant soldier and a good citizen. Its announcement, while not unexpected, will cause sincere sorrow among thousands of his old comrades as well as all who honor patriotic manhood.

On 5th the Pennsylvania border raids claims bill was reported to the house by Chairman Belshoover with a favorable recommendation of the house war claims committee. It appropriates \$3,447,945 to be paid to the governor of Pennsylvania for distribution in the counties of Adams, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Perry, Somerset and York, to the sufferers by the three raids made into Pennsylvania during the late war.

Mr. Blaine has broadly intimated to some of his friends that later on and in a different manner he will have something to say in relation to the candidate and the policy of the Republican party. Whether what he says is to be friendly or unfriendly to Mr. Harrison nobody knows, but many of the Harrison people are very uneasy lest he shall carry into active demonstration the feeling of coolness which he entertains toward the President.

Irrigation in Idaho is just as profitable as in the other Western States; the census shows returns from over 4,000 farms, with a total area of irrigation of over 250,000 acres. The average first cost of water right is \$4.74 per acre and the average cost of preparing the soil for cultivation, including the purchase price of the land but excluding the cost of water right, is \$10.50 per acre. The average present value of the irrigated land of the State, including buildings, etc., is reported as \$46.50 per acre, showing an apparent profit, less cost of buildings, of \$31.20 per acre. The average annual cost of water is \$0.80 per acre, which, deducted from the average annual value of products per acre, leaves an annual return of \$12.13 per acre.

We would advise the Republicans of Centre county to follow suit in the following move, which has the endorsement of the Philad. Press; and all sensible Republicans:

The Republican Committees in both Blair and Lawrence Counties have resolved to submit the question of the United States Senatorship to a vote of the Republicans at the coming primaries for the nomination of candidates for the Legislature. This we believe to be the proper course, whatever the result may be. It is the right of the people to have a voice in the election of a United States Senator, and they ought to take care to nominate men for the Legislature who will faithfully represent their wishes in this matter. It is by a popular vote at the primaries that the sentiment of the people can be best ascertained. Whether they want Senator Quay for another term, or Mr. Dalzell, or somebody else, it is the right way for them to determine, and to leave no doubt in the minds of their representatives.

RE-ELECT HIM.

The term for the office of Justice of the Peace J. S. Houseman, of the township expires this spring and at the coming election a candidate will be elected to fill the office. Mr. Houseman has faithfully and judiciously served his term and presided with impartiality upon all cases whether civil or commonwealth brought before him, and he should be renominated for the office, as no better or able man can be found in the precinct who can sustain the office with as much satisfaction as the present incumbent. His first term has been successful and as sufficient evidence it is only necessary to state that in over sixty cases in which he rendered a decision, not one case was appealed to court. No better evidence than this can be put forth that he is the man for the office and at the caucus next Saturday he should be renominated and his election is assured for another term. The Squire is popular and a Democrat of the first water never failing to do his duty for the party. He should receive the nomination as it will be to the interests of all, and there is no doubt whatever but that he shall, as the Democrats of Potter township are intelligent and will not put in an inexperienced man whose decision may be the source of much expense to them.

Blaine not a Candidate.

The condition of Mr. Blaine's health is given as the reason for the following letter which was made public.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1892.—Hon. J. S. Clarkson, Chairman of the Republican National Committee: MY DEAR SIR—I am not a candidate for the presidency and my name will not go before the convention for the nomination. I make this announcement in due season. To those who have tendered me their support, I owe sincere thanks and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make earnest effort in the approaching contest, which is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far reaching consequences. Very sincerely yours, "JAMES G. BLAINE"

The friends of Harrison are overjoyed at Blaine's letter saying he will not be a candidate, and the Harrison people now look upon his nomination as beyond a doubt. Some of the anti-Harrison Republicans are now trying to start a boom for General Alger. But among senators and members and politicians generally the appearance of Blaine's letter at this time is not regarded as favorable to Harrison, especially in view of the fact that Blaine makes no mention of the President or his administration. The time and tone of the letter is rather taken as an indication that no understanding exists between Blaine and the President, and that the letter was written at this early date in order to give all the other Republicans with presidential bees in their bonnets a chance to work up their booms to the best advantage free from the embarrassment of having to antagonize the strong Blaine sentiment which exists in almost all the States. The retirement of Blaine will cause the friends of Senator Cullum, Senator Allison, Alger, Bob Lincoln and the rest to be filled with hope and activity, and there will be from this on the liveliest sort of hustling all along the line in the Republican camp.

And Now It Is Mr. N. B. Spangler, Esq.

On Tuesday, last week, Newton B. Spangler was admitted to the bar at Bellefonte to practice in the Courts of Centre county. Newton was a student in Orvis, Bower & Orvis law office, and while pursuing his studies found sufficient time to devote to stenography in which he became quite proficient and several times was employed by the court. As an attorney he will meet with success, being a bright and learned young man. He is the son of Mr. George W. Spangler, of Potter township. We wish him unbounded success in the dispensation of Blackstone.

Jacob Stover Dead.

Jacob Stover was born in Haines township, Centre Co., Pa., Feb. 7th, 1816, and departed this life at his home in Booneville, Clinton Co., Pa., Jan. 28th, 1892, aged 75 years 11 months and 21 days. Two daughters, Mrs. DeLong and Mrs. Nearhood, six grand children and five great grand children survive him. He was a member of the Ev. Association upwards of 35 years. He was a kind father, a good citizen.

The State Convention.

At the meeting of the Republican state committee, in Philadelphia on Friday last, April 20th was selected as the date for holding the state convention at Harrisburg.

DILL NOT GUILTY.

The Judge Takes the Case from the Jury and Tells Them What to Do.

The commonwealth rested its case in the Dill trial on Wednesday, 3rd, at Clearfield, and Judge Orvis opened for the defence. He said the defense would show that the First National bank of Clearfield assumed the business of the Caledonia lumber company in order to save a claim of \$30,000 due that bank from John S. Putnam, and that as the banking laws forbid banks engaging in such enterprises the directors authorized Dill to carry on the business in his name. When the June flood of 1889 swept so much lumber away a great loss was sustained and the business has been a losing one since. When Dill took charge at Houtzdale, from time to time he transferred the depositors money to the Clearfield bank and used it to sustain the credit of the First National bank, although it was credited to his individual account. Judge Orvis says the money due Houtzdale was owing from the First National and not from Dill individually. Dill was placed on the stand and testified to the above facts. At the conclusion of the testimony Judge Mayer took the case from the jury and ruled that the First National bank was responsible for the amount of the draft and directed the jury to bring in the verdict of not guilty but pay the costs. Dill was discharged. The order granting Dill's discharge from the charges of embezzlement preferred by Mrs. Dickes and Receiver Byer was also granted.

CIVIL CASES.

List of Civil Cases Disposed of Last Week, and the Result.

James Duck vs. Heyette & Meyer to recover \$45 for feed furnished the lumber operation in Haines township. A verdict of \$40.55 was rendered for plaintiff.

In the case of Frank Reese vs. Thompson Reese, a claim for board, the jury returned a verdict of \$54.34 for plaintiff and in the cross suit entered to recover personal property a verdict for plaintiff was returned.

David Hampton vs. J. I. Wagner, claim for wages, verdict for defendant.

W. F. Reynolds vs. Grenoble store Co., to recover amt of a note for rent of building, Verdict of \$274.34 for plaintiff.

J. A. Stowell & Co. vs. W. H. Wilkinson & Co. Verdict for defendant.

D. M. Herring vs. A. M. Hoover et al to recover damages caused by a mill dam's overflowing, Verdict for defendant.

Wm. Colpeter vs. H. J. Tressler-slender-continued until next court.

Andrew Osiekien, the Hungarian who was found guilty of furnishing the liquor which caused the riot in Bellefonte several Sundays ago, was sentenced to a fine of \$50, costs of prosecution and twenty day's imprisonment.

Slippery Understanding.

The weather on Sunday caused many backslidings to many of the church goers. A slight drizzling rain fell in the morning which froze as it came down and the pavements and streets were covered with one-fourth inch of ice. Many falls were the result and the middle of the street was used for safe navigating. Luckily no one was injured by a fall on the treacherous pavements.

Appointed Chairman.

County Chairman Shaeffer has appointed James Coldren Chairman of the boro to look up the interests of the Democracy for the ensuing year. James is a hard worker for the party and in his hands the Democracy will not suffer. Mr. John J. Arney has been appointed for the north precinct of the township.

Enlarged and Improved.

The Phillipsburg Ledger came to hand last week enlarged by one column, a new head and with other improvements. The Ledger is a bright and new sheet and from the appearance the business people of that town are of the same opinion, and appreciate a good thing when they have it.

Revival In Progress.

Rev. S. E. Davis, pastor of the Evangelical church, is at present holding a revival in the church at this place. It was commenced last week and still continues. We hope the Rev. may be the means of converting many erring souls.

Quay's Libel Suit.

Messrs. Porter and Mellon publishers of the Beaver Daily Star, were sentenced to pay the costs of the prosecution, a fine of \$600, and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months for the libels uttered against Senator M. S. Quay.

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

A SUIT FOR \$6364.59 DAMAGES.

Miller & Hoover, of Centre County, Plaintiffs—P. R. K. Company, Defendant.

Miller & Hoover, coal shippers of Centre county, through their attorney George B. Orlandy, of this place, have brought suit here against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to recover \$6364.59 damages. The plaintiffs claim that the railroad company charged them excessive and unlawful rates for transporting coal from Snow Shoe Centre county, to Bellefonte, in the same county, and to recover the amount in excess they bring suit.

In the statement filed by the plaintiffs they allege that the defendant demanded of them and received fifty cents per ton of two thousand pounds for hauling 21,215,300 pounds of coal from Snow Shoe to Bellefonte, from September 4, 1889, to April 11, 1891, an aggregate amount of \$5,303.82; that at the same time the defendant company was delivering coal to the Bellefonte Nail Works and other corporations, between the above named points, at a rate of thirty cents per ton of two thousand pounds. This low rate, the plaintiffs claim, was secretly arranged between the defendant and other corporations, and that the discrimination against them was unlawful.

W. and J. D. Dorris, Esqrs., represent the defendant company.—Huntingdon Monitor.

The Meanness of Some.

Clearfield county has a man who was mean enough to require an estate to pay twenty-five cents probate fee in order to secure himself a debt of six cents. This is almost as mean as the man who borrows his neighbor's Reporter. There are several in town who would not subscribe to save them from—paying for it. Oh, no they couldn't think of such a thing, yet their neighbors scarcely have their paper fresh from the office before they are after it and peruse its columns with avidity. If you are an habitual borrower and this strikes your eye be man enough to subscribe for it and don't annoy your neighbors.

But It Comes Too Late.

An exchange says: An editor works 395 1-4 days per year to get out fifty-two issues of a paper; that's labor. Once in a while somebody pays a year's subscription; that's capital. And once in a while some son-of-a-gun of a dead beat takes the paper for a year or two and vanishes without paying for it; that's anarchy. But later on justice will overtake the last named creature, for there is a place where he will get his just deserts; that's hell.

A Fine Work.

The Reporter office has been the recipient of Prof. Bierley's latest publication, "Song Triumph," a volume composed by a Master hand. The work was used exclusively at the recent Musical Convention at this place, and was a success throughout.

Want an Electric Railway.

The Phillipsburg papers are advocating improvements of that thriving town and nothing else will now do but an electric railway to accommodate the rush and furnish rapid transit. If they want it we suppose they will get it as they are all hustlers.

Postoffice Robbed.

The postoffice at State College was broken into last Tuesday night, but the thieves only secured about four dollars. The deed was evidently the work of a novice.

I. O. O. F. Lodge Organized.

The I. O. O. F. have instituted a new lodge of the order at Rebersburg with a large number of Charter members. The order in the county is largely on the increase and one of the foremost.

It Exploded.

While endeavoring to throw two frozen sticks of dynamite on Tuesday before a fire, in the stone quarries opposite Valentines Iron Works, Bellefonte, Henry F. Davis was severely injured by the explosion which followed. He will recover.

A Small Number of Sales.

There will be less public sales in Centre county this year, by one-half, than at any time in twenty-five years. There are less people going west this year is one cause, and not quite so many who quit farming as in former years.

Death at Farmers Mills.

Mrs. Grenninger, wife of Mr. Grenninger, at Farmers Mills, succumbed to an attack of the grip and its assimilations on last Thursday morning, after an illness of only a few days duration.

—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, Feb. 8, 1892.

"It is another one of Blaine's schemes to get Mr. Harrison in an awkward position" said a republican Senator who is not a very ardent admirer of the Secretary of State, speaking of the coming of the Commissioners of the Canadian government to try to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity. "Blaine", continued the Senator, "has always professed a willingness to negotiate, but I happen to know that he is opposed to giving Canada even the slightest trade concessions, no matter how much she is willing to give us in exchange. He brought the Canadian Commissioners here on a fool's errand last year, as you may remember, and Mr. Harrison, unwilling to delude them with any false hopes, sent them home so abruptly and curtly that many people regarded it as a snub administered to the representatives of a friendly government. But Mr. Harrison knew that it was useless to open negotiations with them that were bound to result in nothing. What Blaine's idea is now I do not know, but I feel certain that he is responsible for the coming of the Commissioners again at this time, and that his object is in some manner to trick the President." No one here seems to have any idea that the Canadians will accomplish anything by coming here.

The acting Secretary of the Treasury Foster is here, but he has not resumed his official duties—in an official communication to the Ways and Means Committee has acknowledged that the expenditures of the Government, notwithstanding the hanging up of appropriations that should have been paid during that time, exceeded the income during the six months ending December 31, last. That report will not be printed in republican papers.

Representative Fithian's resolution instructing the House Ways and Means Committee to report at an early day a bill placing on the freelist all sorts of agricultural implements, is a highly meritorious attempt to alleviate the burdens of a most deserving class, but before the committee could obey the instructions, should the resolution be adopted, other bills would have to be reported and passed. It would hardly be practicable for instance to put agricultural implements on the free list while the raw material of their component parts—lumber and metal—is taxed. The free entrance of raw material should precede that of the manufactured article into which it enters, according to the ideas of those whose long study of the question entitled them to recognition.

Mr. John Whitaker, a large pork packer of St. Louis told the House committee on Agriculture that he believed the bill prohibiting fictitious sales of grain, generally known as the anti-option bill, would, if it became a law, add ten cents a bushel to the price of wheat.

The House Committee on Irrigation has decided favorably on the proposition to cede the arid lands to the several States, to be by them reclaimed, but the details of the transfer have not been fully determined.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency has favorably reported a bill intended to prevent repetitions of the National bank scandals which have become so common. It prohibits national banks making loans to officers or employees except by authority of a majority vote of the board of directors and directs that all such loans shall be reported to the Comptroller of the Currency.

Senator Montt, the Chilean Minister, was on the floor of the House Saturday afternoon, while the eulogistic addresses on the late Representative Lee were delivered, and Members who talked within him believe more strongly than ever that Mr. Harrison's ultimatum was entirely unnecessary and uncalled for by the states of the negotiations at the time it was sent. Senator Montt speaks very guardedly on the subject, but it is easy to see how he feels about it.

It is about settled that the first bill reported from the House Ways and Means Committee will be that placing binding-twine, an agricultural necessity, on the free list. No antagonism to the bill is expected from democratic sources.

It is expected that the House will this week dispose of the several resolutions now before the Committee on Rules, proposing investigations of the World's Fair. One of them will probably be reported and adopted. The World's Fair Committee will not report the bill for the \$5,000,000 appropriation until investigation is made or disposed of.

The republicans are worrying a good deal because of the great authority given the Committee on Rules by the new House rules, but the democrats who voted for the rules are not complaining.

The House committee on Territories has practically decided to report bills for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as States.

COBURN.

Our constable John Page, also delights to inform you that "it is a girl." It is rumored that Samuel M. Ulrich will again occupy the Everet farm in the spring.

Deputy Sheriff George B. Crawford, of Bellefonte, was seen on our streets on Saturday last.

John Gray, Section foreman on the railroad here wears a broad smile and says a little stranger came to his home to stay.

Mrs. T. B. Everett is at Flemington, Pa., at present attending her grandmother, who is lying dangerously ill at that place.

Our wide-awake merchant W. H. Meyer shipped a car load of apples this week. This makes the fifth car load shipped from this station this season.

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Wolf were called away last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wolf's aunt. During Rev. Wolf's absence Mr. W. G. Slonaker, a student at the Missionary Institution at Millheim, filled his appointments at Millheim, Penns Creek and Coburn, respectively. Mr. Slonaker is a rapid and forcible speaker, and we predict for him a bright future in the field of Theology.

In view of the fact that the election is now so close at hand it becomes the duty of the party to place in nomination on Saturday, men who are qualified to perform the duties of the various offices, in a manner that is becoming the dignity of the same, and be a credit to themselves. Especially will this be true for election officers, and assessors. It will be remembered that on the 1st day of March the Reform Ballot law goes into effect, and as that is a voluminous Act, the duties of election officers will be greatly augmented. As for assessor, he will be obliged to assess the real estate, or what was formerly known as the tri-annual assessment, the first year, instead of in the last year of his term as the law directs. The reason of this is when the law went into effect three years ago, it was the year of the so called tri-annual assessment for Centre county, and it has not since been changed.

Banking on Deposits.

The trial of Banker Dill, of the suspended Houtzdale institution, for converting to his own use \$25,000 drawn against the account of the Houtzdale bank on the Chestnut street national bank of Philadelphia, began at Clearfield on Tuesday. Cashier McGrath testified that he knew nothing of the transaction complained of until the monthly statement was received from Philadelphia. He testified that he and Dill entered into partnership without capital, and took charge of the Houtzdale bank. They advertised a capital of \$50,000 but did business wholly on the money deposited. This money taken by Dill belonged to the depositors. At different times Dill took money aggregating about \$80,000, belonging to depositors, and brought it to Clearfield, saying that he did so because the Houtzdale vault was not secure. None of this money, except \$15,000, was credited to Houtzdale, but was credited to Dill's private account.

Union County Deaths.

In Kelly township, January 22d, Sallie E., wife of Mr. Jacob K. Stahl, in her 39th year.

On the 19th of January, at Kelly X Roads, Mrs. Lydia Dunkle, aged 61 years.

In Lewisburg, January 23rd, Wm. Getz, aged 71 years.

In Northumberland county, Jan. 22nd, Mrs. Joseph Negley, aged sixty-one years.

In West Buffalo township, January 23rd, Mrs. Saloom Dieffenbach, aged 87 years.

In Kelly township, February 2nd, Mary Ann, wife of Mr. John Irwin, aged about 55 years.

In Millinburg, January 29th, Elizabeth, relict of Joseph Gutelius, dec'd., aged 73 years.

Try It.

Send a sample copy of the REPORTER to your friend outside the county, and ask him to subscribe for it—thereby you will save much letter writing and postage, as your friend will get all the news from the old home in the paper each week, and far more than you can furnish him by letter. Try it.

New Mail Locks On the Pouches.

Once in eight years all the locks on United States mail bags must be changed, if not oftener. This is because after while a good many lost keys get around, and they are not very safe to have distributed. Just now the equipment division of the post-office department is making over 250,000 locks, merely for the purpose of rendering them different.