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Chicago and Milwaukee went Democratic on Tuesday by large majorities.

Quay is having the run at the Republican primaries, in this state.

The anti-Quay movement throughout the state, which promised to down the Senator, has fizzled into nothing.

The tide of instructions for President, as reported from various parts of the Union, is strongly, in fact unanimously in favor of Cleveland.

The *Tyrone Times* has entered its 13th volume, and improves its appearance. The *Times* is an excellent paper, and we are pleased to see it prosper.

A thunder storm in West Virginia, on Sunday afternoon at five, is reported as terrific, with hail stones as large as hen's eggs. All that was needed in 'em would have been the white and yolk, and there would have been a big drop in the egg market.

Of the sixty-seven counties in the state Grover Cleveland is the Democratic choice for the presidency in all but a few and the result will probably be a solid Cleveland delegation from Pennsylvania in the Democratic national convention. The state convention which will be held in Harrisburg next week will partake of the character of a Cleveland ovation.

Even the dog meat cure has failed. At Shelbyville, Indiana, Maggie Donaghy, who lived several months on dog flesh, in the hope that it would cure her of pulmonary consumption, was buried a few days ago. For a time the diet seemed to benefit her and the believers in the remedy claim she did not begin its use soon enough. She ate seven dogs, which will be agreeable news for sheep.

The Democratic State Convention to be held April 13th, will be a strong Pattison-Cleveland gathering. While the delegates to Chicago may not be bound by a unit rule, at least fifty of the sixty-four will be in favor of the ex-President. If his nomination becomes impossible the delegates will strongly support Pattison. The convention will re-elect Secretary Harrity as National Committeeman.

One great evil in the political parties—Democratic and Republican—is that so many think they should be the leader, or boss, when, in fact, they are poor material even for followers; every county and state organization is cursed with these puddle toads. Some men, if perchance, elected to any office, think they are ex-officio, or really, the chosen bosses of their party, and that they have been elected to own the whole machine, and that no one knows how to run it but themselves, and they do not know a cent's worth about it. All parties must have leaders, but it is not every one that is fit to be a leader.

On April 1, 1891, centrifugal sugar, 96 test, cost the refiners 3 cents per pound. The selling price of refined was one-fourth cents. The cost of refining and selling was $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cent, leaving a net profit of $\frac{1}{4}$ per barrel. This was while there were three Philadelphia sugar refineries outside of the Trust. On April 2, 1892, after the Trust had absorbed the Philadelphia refineries, the price of raw sugar was 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., or one-fourth cents less than a year ago, and the price of refined 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., or 1 c. higher, and the profit on refined sugar \$3.20 per barrel instead of \$2. Eighty cents of the increase is taken out of the sugar producers and forty cents out of the consumers. In other words, both the producers and consumers of sugar are squeezed to nearly double the profits of the little band of holders of sugar certificates. Is it worth while to retain the tariff of a half a cent a pound on refined sugar merely to swell the wealth of a few who already have too much?

A Chinese exclusion bill of the most drastic character passed the house of representatives under a suspension of the rules by a vote of 179 to 42. It absolutely prohibits the coming into the United States of all Chinese persons except the minister from China, his attaches, servants, etc. It has been stated as coming from those high in authority in China that if this bill becomes a law it will be followed by an edict from the Chinese government excluding all Americans from the empire and calling off commercial intercourse with this country. But as we buy about \$20,000,000 merchandise from China every year and only sell about \$6,000,000 to the Chinese, this latter bit of retaliation is hardly probable. The principle of Chinese exclusion is right, however, even if we have to pay something for it in the way of retaliation. Five years of unrestricted immigration would probably see half a million Chinese thrown into the American labor market.

THE "PURE FOOD" BILL.

The New York World advises the killing of the "Pure Food bill." It says: A bill was passed by the Senate some time ago which the Democratic House ought to kill very dead at the earliest opportunity.

It is known as the Paddock Pure Food bill. It authorizes agents of the Agricultural Department to call for and analyze or have analyzed samples of all foods or drugs or drinks or patent medicines, or anything else that a man can swallow, which may be offered for sale in any State other than that in which they are produced, and it makes it a misdemeanor to send or take from one State to another any food or drug which is adulterated or improperly branded.

The measure is bad all over and clear through. It directs Federal bureau interference with a matter which properly belongs to the several States. It opens up an opportunity for endless extravagance in the multiplying of needless and costly analyses. It institutes a bureau of inquisition which in dishonest hands will become a bureau of blackmail pure and simple. It gives to this bureau practically the power to prohibit the sale of any article which is not an absolute simple, to call any combination of substances an adulteration, and to help one man's business by destroying the business of his competitor with an arbitrary ruling.

If the bill becomes law the bureau may at will select a baking powder, for example, and accept its composition as the standard, forbidding the sale of all baking powders made in any different fashion by ruling that to call them baking powders is to brand them improperly. It may favor one ketchup in the same way, and so on through the whole list of foods and drugs and drinks.

There is no public desire for such a measure. There is no occasion for it and no sense or justice in it. It is an arbitrary, tyrannical, paternal impertinence at best; at worst it is something very much more objectionable than that.

The Democratic House should kill the thing so dead that they never hear a resurrection trump.

GIVE THE TAX LAW A CHANCE.

There are two features of Treasurer Boyer's report that should afford gratification to somebody and the first of which will doubtless be gratifying to everybody. The first is that with the present amount in the sinking fund and the additional \$100,000 annually which goes into that fund under existing law, there will be enough money to pay off the last dollar of State debt when it falls due in 1912. The second, which should be gratifying to the local tax payers is that under the present law nearly \$10,000,000 will be collected annually for local purposes, where formerly only \$4,000,000, the school appropriation, went to lighten local tax burdens.

Of this increase \$4,000,000 is a clean addition to the school appropriation, the retail liquor licenses which formerly went to the State Treasury produce \$2,750,000 more, three fourths of the personal property tax \$1,800,000, and one half the cost of the indigent insane formerly paid by the counties, \$425,000. This return to the local treasuries does not equalize taxation by any means, the real estate being still taxed for local purposes a good deal higher than corporation stock, bank stock and other personal property taxed only for State purposes. So far as it goes however, and it goes a good ways, local tax burdens are lightened or more money is made available for local purposes.

These facts suggest the propriety of giving the present law a fair trial before making any important changes. One fault with our Pennsylvania tax laws has been that they were changed too often keeping the State collecting department in constant litigation upon new points raised under new laws that had to be adjudicated by the Courts. The present law produces a large revenue; the important questions regarding its enforcement have been legally adjudicated; the presence of an honest, capable Executive at the State capital insures a rigid enforcement of the law. Give the present tax law a chance and see how it will work.—*Times*.

The policy of exclusion, so the Chinese Minister thinks, is a game at which two can play. And if China should adopt his view, and if the Venezuelans and other South Americans whose coffee, sugar and hides have been taxed should adopt our way of playing the reciprocity game, American men and American goods would be scarce and high in some foreign countries.

The Pennsylvania would-be Democratic leaders, who are at war with the other, will soon learn to their sorrow that the voters are tired of their funny business.

CLEVELAND TIDE RISES.

The hopelessness of Senator Hill's Presidential aspirations is no longer doubted even by Hill's friends. A Washington dispatch to the *Evening Telegram* says:

Even the New York Congressmen who are delegates to the Democratic National Convention admit that it looks to them as if Hill was out of the Presidential race. They do not talk this way for publication, it is true, but say so to their Congressional associates. They fear that Cleveland is going to be nominated and they are very restless. They would like to see Hill get out of the way and let the New York delegation declare for Governor Flower or Senator Gorman. They rather believe that this may be done within the next few weeks, unless something unforeseen should occur to start the Hill boom again.

The opinion of four out of every five Democratic members of Congress is that the result of the silver bill being shelved is that Cleveland is now far in the lead. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who has been very friendly to Senator Hill, says that Cleveland will be nominated as Tariff Reform will be the only prominent issue.

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Democratic County Committee met in the court house last Saturday for the purpose of apportioning the county into ten districts, for the election of conferees, for congress, senator and judicial, each district to elect one conferee, based upon 500 Democratic votes. The apportionment adopted is as follows:

Miles township.....	293
Haines township.....	248-541
Milheim borough.....	128
Penn township.....	204
Grogg, South Precinct.....	267-509
Gregg, North Precinct.....	83
Putter, North Precinct.....	121
Putter, South Precinct.....	298
Centre Hall borough.....	82-494
Harris township.....	146
Ferguson, East Precinct.....	172
West Precinct.....	67
College, East Precinct.....	114
West Precinct.....	47-546
Patton township.....	98
Half Moon township.....	54
Taylor township.....	48
Worth township.....	65
Horton township.....	70
Unionville borough.....	25-443
Phillipsburg borough.....	297
Rush township.....	238-505
Burnside township.....	41
Snow Shoe, East and West precinct.....	201
Rogers township.....	21
Millsburg borough.....	60-503
Curtin township.....	64
Liberty township.....	97
Howard township.....	95
Howard borough.....	49
Marion township.....	97-402
Walker township.....	158
Spring North precinct.....	90
Spring, South precinct.....	146
Benner township.....	171-605
Bellefonte borough.....	483
Spring, West precinct.....	98-581

Rhode Island Election.
As Rhode Island is an old Republican state, the election on Tuesday looks weak for them, since they had not the required number of votes to elect.

PROVIDENCE, April 6.—There was no election by the people to-day. The vote for governor is as follows:
Wardwell, Democrat, 22,072; Brown, Republican, 23,187; Burton, People's party, 170; Gilbert, Prohibition, 1,411. Total vote cast, 46,846.

This is the largest vote ever cast in Rhode Island.
As the Republican candidate for governor did not receive a majority of the entire vote cast the legislature, which is Republican, will elect him.

There is a well authenticated rumor current that Quay, acting on the advice of his friends in Pennsylvania and to secure the alliance of the Administration in his own fight for a re-nomination against Dazell, will advocate the renomination of Harrison, and that he is now considering the best method of announcing his change of heart.

Buried at Lewistown.

The remains of the late Dr. E. W. Hale, of Bellefonte, who died several weeks ago in Southern France, were placed aboard a steamship at Havre, on Saturday, March 20th, and arrived at New York the following Saturday. The remains were taken to Lewistown where they were interred on Tuesday of this week.

Same as the Rest of Us.

Clergymen pay half rates on the railroads, but clergymen's wives and children rank as important as other people.

Loss by Fire.

The Kistler tannery, in Look Haven lost \$60,000 last week, by fire in their bark sheds. Insurance \$40,000.

SEVENTY TWO TOWNS.

Towns in Pennsylvania that will have Post-office Buildings Under the New Law.

There are seventy-two towns in Pennsylvania which would be provided with post office buildings by the government if the bill which passed the senate on Monday should become a law. The bill in question provides for the erection of post office buildings in all towns whose post office receipts exceeded \$3000 in amount in each of three consecutive years. These towns in Pennsylvania, according to a report sent to congress from the post office department.

Ashland, Athens, Bedford, Berwick, Blairsville, Bloomsburg, Bristol Brookville, Brownsville, Bryn Mawr, Cata-sauqua, Clarion, Clarified, Coatesville, Connellysburg, Conshohocken, Doylestown, DuBois Gettysburg, Greenville, Hanover, Hollidaysburg, Homestead, Honesdale, Houtzdale, Indiana, Irwin, Kane, Kennett Square, Kingston, Kittanning, Latrobe, Lewistown, Mansfield, Marietta, Mauch Chunk, Mechanicsburg, Mercer, Middletown, Monongahela City, Montrose, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant, Muncy, Nanticoke, New Brighton, North East, Oxford, Plymouth, Renovo, Reynolds-ville, Ridgway, Rochester, Scottsdale, Sewickley, Shippensburg, Somerset, Steelton, Stroudsburg, Susquehanna, Tamaqua, Tarentum, Tidoute, Troy, Sunkhannock, Union City, Waynesborough, Waynesburg, Wellsborough, West Newton, Wilkensburg.

WHERE TO FIND THEM.

Where Centre Hall Citizens Have Located In Town.

The town was all astir last week for two or three days with wagons loaded down with household effects of our citizens who were on the move. Many changes were made in the place of residence and we will endeavor to give a few. Charley Arney moved into the house vacated by Amos Koch, who removed to Huyett & Meyer's farm, near Linden Hall; W. R. Camp into house vacated by Charley Arney; J. Shannon Boal from near Linden Hall into W. R. Camp's late residence; D. W. Reynolds, from Reedsville, into house vacated by Arb. Katherman, Cyrus Goss, from Boalsburg into house vacated by A. J. Reesman, who flitted into Mrs. Smith's dwelling opposite the Reporter office; Alf. Lee into Dinges store property, John Strunk, of Milesburg, into house vacated by Lee, John Martz into house vacated by James Worl, who removed to Bellefonte, John Puff and bride into house vacated by Martz, and several others we cannot recall.

Carried It Too Far.

An April fool joke was perpetrated on a number of our citizens by some idiot who may yet have cause to regret his actions. About twenty postal cards were sent to different tradesmen and dealers in the city and vicinity requesting them to call early in the day on Mr. H. Mayer, at his store on Eleventh avenue. Some were told to believe goods, ranging from a load of wood to cooking utensils, while others were told to come prepared to make extensive repairs and improvements. Mr. Mayer took the farce in fun at first but when the nineteenth man arrived he informed the postoffice authorities and requested them to try to detect the offender. Vigorous efforts will be made to identify him, and if successful Mr. Mayer will prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law.—*Altoona Times*.

Two Months In the Water.

A party of surveyors while going over a route in Snow Shoe township, this county, found the body of a white haired man in the waters of Big Sandy Creek. The body was badly decomposed and it was interred near by as it was impossible to remove it. It was impossible to identify the body and who it was will probably never be known.

Put Them in Proper Repair.

The street commissioner will be instructed to see that all boardwalks are put in repair according to the ordinance to that effect. The ordinance seemingly is a dead letter and no attention is paid to it, but in the future walks will be put in proper shape or there will be some fun.

Season Soon Here.

Trout season will open on the 15th inst., and the lone fisherman will go forth for the next several months entirely oblivious of the cares of the world beyond the size of the trout which dropped off the hook back into the stream.

Will Soon Leave.

Our merchants will soon leave for eastern markets to purchase stock for their spring and summer custom.

—THE REPORTER, \$1.50 per year.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, April 4, 1892.

The black wings of the foul bird, scandal, are flapping ominously over this administration, which has been lauded—by republicans—for its purity and honesty—ever since it came into power. No wonder that Mr. Harrison who, to "render under Caesar that which is Caesar's," is a man of great personal purity and sterling honesty, is shocked at some of the most recent exposures. Any honest man would be. And what makes the matter worse, is that prominent members of Mr. Harrison's own party have shown up some of the worst things. For instance, it was a republican Senator—Manderson of Nebraska—who on the floor of the Senate proclaimed, and produced the documents to prove that the authorities of the Indian Bureau have for several months been trying to compel the officer, who is acting Indian Agent at Pine Ridge Agency, to accept and distribute 120,000 pounds of bacon which had been sent to the agency by a Chicago contractor and refused by the army officer, because of its being unfit to eat. How Mr. Harrison must enjoy reading the letters from the saintly Indian Commissioner (signaling his entrance into office, several years ago, by creating a scandal, in connection with saddling his wife's travelling expenses on the Government, besides getting her a salary by appointing her his private secretary) to the honest army officer in behalf of the dishonest contractor.

It was also a republican Senator—Chandler of New Hampshire—who, as chairman of the Senate committee on Immigration, first directed public attention to the fact that officials of the Treasury department had authorized the expenditure of \$320,000 more than there was any legal authority for spending, on the buildings, etc., at the Government Immigrant Station on Ellis Island, in New York Harbor, an expenditure which the House and Senate Committees on Immigration are now jointly engaged in investigating, for the purpose of placing the responsibility therefor upon some one official, if possible. It cannot be charged that politics had anything to do with exposing either of these charming specimens of official crookedness. The Pension Office scandal Mr. Harrison has had with him so long that he has probably almost become accustomed to it; but some of Raum's admissions, to say nothing of the testimony of others to the House Committee now engaged in investigating that office, must have made very interesting reading for Mr. Harrison.

The first step towards the tariff reform, which the democratic party will ask the voters of the country to endorse next November, will have been taken when the House passes the Springer free wool bill, this week, and others will follow in due season. If the republican Senate sees fit to refuse to pass these bills, so much the worse for the republican party.

Silver rumors are thick just now, probably because of the agitation in the Senate caused by the debate brought on by Senator Morgan's resolution and challenge to the Senators to define their positions. In spite of all that is said it is very doubtful whether the Senate will go to the extent of voting on Senator Stewart's free coinage bill. It certainly will not if the influence of the administration is strong enough to prevent it. The most interesting rumor is one that says more than eighty members of the House have entered into an agreement to filibuster continuously on every bill, except tariff bills, unless the Committee on rules will report another rule setting a date for the consideration of the Bland free coinage bill. Further than that such a request has been made of the Committee, the rumor cannot be confirmed.

Superintendent of Immigration Owen, the Indian ex-Congressman whom Assistant Secretary Nettleton has accused of being unfit for his place and careless, if not dishonest, in the handling of vouchers for Uncle Sam's hard cash, has endeavored to answer the charges by throwing the blame for everything that has gone wrong in his office on his clerks, and by charging that General Nettleton is trying in the interests of parties who opposed the creation of the office of Superintendent of Immigration, and has been from the time he (Owen) took charge of that office, to throw obstacles in the path of its work and bring discredit upon it. It is easy enough to believe that both of them are telling the truth, republican officials are such a queer lot. Mr. Harrison is willing, it is said, to sacrifice Owen, who is his personal friend, and also Nettleton, if that would settle the scandal; but he has been told by members of both the House and Senate Immigration Committees that they intended to probe the whole matter to the bottom, who ever it might hurt, so that he will pro-

bably wait a while before making any removals or asking for any resignations.

Jewish Persecutions.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The condition of the Jews within the pale becomes worse daily. The government does not allow them under any circumstances to leave the bounds of the pale. They are unable to obtain work, and there is much suffering among them. An enormous death roll is only averted by the continuous charity of rich English Jews.

The *Breslau Zeitung* publishes the text of an imperial decree, prohibiting the passage of Russian Hebrews through Germany. The decree is rigorous, and entry into German territory is refused those Hebrews to whom the frontier committees guarantee support, and those provided with money and tickets for passage on ocean steamers, as well as Hebrews who are entirely destitute and friendless. As it is impossible to make the decree known throughout Russia, thousands of Hebrews are certain to arrive at the frontier, where, as they will be permitted to proceed further, it will be impossible to provide accommodations for them. The committees which have been formed for the purpose of providing relief for these unfortunate people say that four hundred thousand Hebrews are seeking to escape from Russian tyranny and persecution, and are ready to emigrate wherever the opportunity offers.

SPRING MILLS.

What Our Correspondent Finds of Interest. Thieves About.

Another Democrat in Penn Hall Saturday.

Frank Snyder is going to Centre Hall next week to work for Huyett and Meyer.

F. M. Fisher began housekeeping on Tuesday. He moved into his father's house just across from the store.

Our genial landlord made a mistake last week. When the young minister asked for cigars he handed him a small glass and a bottle.

Mr. Brown, who has been operating extensively in the lumber business in Penns and Brush valleys, moved his family to Clearfield on Monday. Mr. Brown remains to look after his lumber interests in the lower end of Brush valley.

Your correspondent from this town missed fire for the last two weeks, owing to the fact that since the town has been handed over to the skunks whose defensive power is all-pervading and permeates everything so admirably, it was not safe to go out of doors. But the lamps in front of the stores will burn again.

A gang of sneak thieves are in the neighborhood. On Saturday night the house of Mr. Samuel Harter was ransacked and a watch belonging to William Heckman stolen. The same night Ruhl's bar-room was entered by raising one of the windows, and opened his cash drawer where they secured about sixty-three cents and a solid gold watch. They evidently knew the combination to the drawer or else were fortunate enough to pull the right wires at the first trial, which is not likely.

Marriage Licenses Granted.

Following is a list of marriage licenses granted during the past week:
Samuel A. Hoover and Hannah M. Stere, both of Fleming.

Charles A. Peters, West Liberty, and Elda M. Hoover, Unionville.

William R. Messner, Gregg township, and Kate M. Long, Penn township.

Louis Ernst and Rebecca Moyer, both of Phillipsburg.

Frank Scott, Bellefonte, and Minerva McKinley, Milesburg.

John T. Laure, Bellefonte, and Lucy L. Haverack, Milesburg.

Distributing the Blanks.

Assessor Dave Booser made his annual rounds this week through Centre Hall, gratuitously distributing those large pink blanks. Dave may be rather presumptuous in forcing them upon the citizens, but in legal matters of this kind business is business.

April 1st.

April 1st, or All Fool's Day, passed off without any incident worthy of notice. All seemed so busy moving and attending to other affairs that no time was had for playing any tricks on his fellow man.

Can Get No Trout Fry.

The State fish commissioners are overrun with applicants for trout fry. About 3,000,000 were raised this season and the applications have already exceeded 4,000,000, so that no more orders can be filled.

—M. L. Rishell, esq., has been appointed executor of estate of the late Catharine Dashem, dec'd.