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Massachusetts Democrats have declared for Cleveland. The current keeps running in that direction pretty strongly.

Putting it into poetic prose, it reads about like this: Sure it's Quay—that's running away—with Dalzell—like h—l.

Harrison and a party of friends were in Maryland last week shooting snipe. There is a big snipe of the Quay species up here in Pennsylvania that Benjamin has been gunning for, but has not yet brought him down.

The Gazette announces that people cry for that sheet like children do for Castoria. Yes, and the effect of reading the Gazette is like Castoria too—it puts one to sleep before half through and you wake up with a darn big headache.

Another railroad—in the interest of the Reading system—is talked of with Pennsylvanians on its route. To the Reporter's efforts is mainly due the completion of our present railroad, and we will work just as hard to get another.

A farmer asks us what is meant by shoddy. Shoddy is old clothes worked over and manufactured into new cloth as a substitute for wool—the McKinley tariff having made the price of woolen goods so high, that shoddy is imposed upon the people instead.

From Texas comes intelligence that the country between Corpus Christi and Laredo is in a deplorable condition. Crops are lost and cattle are dying by the thousands. It is the worst drought for years in that region, and the loss is beyond computation.

The Democratic convention met at Harrisburg on Wednesday, yesterday. The delegates are about all for Cleveland. Senator Wallace has announced himself in favor of Pattison for President. The Republican State convention meets at Harrisburg next week. It will be controlled by Quay.

On 7 the free wool bill was passed in the house by a vote of 194 to 60. The debate on the bill was closed by Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia. The speech was one of the most remarkable, if not the most remarkable, for eloquence and display of masterly ability that has been delivered during the long discussion. At the close every Democrat in the house shook hands with the orator.

The state of Texas produces more wool than any other state in the Union. But every representative from that great commonwealth voted for free wool, in spite of narrow appeals to an unenlightened self-interest. Every Republican representative voted for dear wool and dear clothing for the workingmen of this State, although there are not enough sheep in the state to give much more than a nut-chop to every person in it.

There is a young man aged twenty-three years working on the farm of H. G. Sparks, of Benton, Mo., whom Mr. Sparks believes to be Charlie Ross, who was stolen from his home in Germantown, Philadelphia, on July 1st, 1874. About four months ago he applied to Mr. Sparks for work, and he has worked steadily ever since.

He says he remembers that when he was a little boy he was driven away in a wagon by some men. For some time he was secreted in obscure places and closely watched, so that no one saw him except men whom he supposed were criminals. After a time these men disappeared.

A relative of the Ross family is now on his way to see the young man and investigate his story.

A few days ago Senator Quay asked two Western senators who had been engaged privately in trying to revive the Blaine boom, if they were sure that Mr. Blaine would accept the presidential nomination if it was offered him. They replied that they were perfectly sure that he would accept. Mr. Quay said then that he could assure them of solid delegations from Pennsylvania and New York for Blaine. Mr. Blaine has repeatedly said that his letter of declination was handed out of him by Mr. Elkins and other of Mr. Harrison's representatives.

It may be accepted as certain, that Mr. Blaine does not now expect to have the presidential nomination offered him, but that he feels that he has been crowded into a false position; that he is disappointed, and that he would not decline the nomination if it should be offered to him. It is entirely probable, however, that Mr. Harrison will have enough delegates pledged to him when the convention meets to preclude the possibility of a break of the convention to a man who is not an avowed candidate.

PATTISON AND WALLACE.

Ex-Senator Wallace's declaration in favor of the nomination of Governor Pattison by the Chicago convention came in the nature of a surprise to the Democrats of Pennsylvania. That cordial relations have been established between the Governor and the distinguished and able ex-senator, one of the few prominent Democratic survivors of the party days that tried men's souls, is matter for congratulation. We do no injustice to Senator Wallace to state that he accepts Governor Pattison as a presidential possibility only because of his belief he is the best man to withstand the Cleveland tide. The ex-senator, as he has a perfect right, believes the nomination of Mr. Cleveland to be unadvisable, and that it would be disastrous. In this he is at odds with the vast majority of the Democracy, who believe Cleveland will command more votes and inspire the party with greater enthusiasm and zeal for the work of the campaign than any other Democrat in the Union. It is the distinguishing characteristic of Governor Pattison and his closest political friends—those who have been battling whatever opposition he has had in his candidacies and administrative offices—that they are unflinching friends of Grover Cleveland, and favor his nomination regardless of this question of second choice. That has lately been introduced. Those who have a second choice in reserve cast a suspicion on their fidelity to the first choice. There is no telling what may happen amid the incidents, turmoil and possibilities of the Chicago convention, but it seems certain the friends of Cleveland will be in great majority, whether he is nominated or not, and as has happened heretofore in analogous cases will control the nomination should a break occur. If there is to be any resulting advantage to Governor Pattison in such contingency, the steadfastness and fidelity of Pennsylvania's support of Mr. Cleveland should not be questioned. It is not well to advertise the second choice business too freely. It throws suspicion on first choice preferences.

We do not question Senator Wallace's entire sincerity, or his desire to promote the success of the State and national Democracy, but it remains to be said that while the Pennsylvania Democracy admire Governor Pattison, and in other conditions would enthusiastically support him for the presidential nomination, as matters stand they are overwhelmingly for Grover Cleveland. They believe he is the man for the emergency. He gave the party its winning issue, sacrificing the presidency to his sense of right in doing so, and has fairly won the honor of leading the battle of '92. In this case that he should do so is not only right, but it is the highest expediency.

Andrew Carnegie, the great iron millionaire of Pennsylvania, who has a residence in New York next door to the twin Vanderbilt mansions, a fine house in Pittsburgh and a castle in Scotland, has also another residence abroad which he will occupy this summer. The latter is an old English mansion with modern improvements, which he can reach by thirty-seven minutes' ride from London on the cars and a five-mile drive through a dense forest of the queen, through which he has acquired the permission of passage and a private gate of entrance.

High tariffs on iron are what enabled Carnegie to own so many princely residences, while the folks who pay the tariff can scarce own a shanty.

Same as in Centre County.

Judge Furst threw consternation among the successful applicants in Huntingdon county by decreeing that no sales of liquor shall be made over the bar in flasks, except to hotel guests who may be sick and to other persons who will take it out of the city. He also ordered that all screens shall be removed from saloon windows and doors and that 10 p. m. shall be the hour for closing.

In the Ohio Senate Representative Griffin introduced a bill making it a penitentiary offense, punishable by from one to three years imprisonment, for a married man to pay court to a single woman representing himself as unmarried.

Hill would be more of a success as chairman of the Democratic National Committee than as candidate for president.

The Cleveland boom is still on the rise and assuming larger proportions than heretofore.

The Dubs faction has gained a decision in the court at Reading.

The political cauldron is beginning to boil.

Mr. Kribbs Has a Bill For Indemnifying Losses by Registered Letters.

Representative Kribbs of Centre Pennsylvania, district introduced a bill of interest to all who use the registered mails, and especially to people living in the country or in small towns. The bill proposes to indemnify senders of registered domestic mail for valuable matter lost or destroyed in the mails to an amount not exceeding \$15 for money and \$8 for merchandise. Last year the receipts from registered mail amounted to \$1,238,906. The number of pieces lost or destroyed was 918, for which \$10,000 would have indemnified the senders under the proposed act. The registry business of the postoffice department yields a large profit, while the deficiency in the other branches of the postal service is over \$6,000,000. There are about 65,000 postoffices in the United States, but only about 10,000 money order offices, leaving about 55,000 offices dependent upon the registry system for sending money.

People living away from money order offices and not near to banks have no secure means of transmitting money. It is believed that the increased business that would result from the added security afforded by this bill would be ample to meet all increased expenses.

THE LIQUOR LAW.

Wholesalers May Send Their Goods by Wagon to Any Part of the State.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania Monday decided that the delivery of liquor by wagons in an adjoining county is not a violation of the liquor law. The decision was rendered in the case of the Commonwealth against Francis Hess, in which the finding of the court of Montgomery county was reversed. Hess, who has a bottle's license in Philadelphia, sold and delivered to Frank Cottman, who keeps a hotel at Jenkintown, beer and porter.

In his opinion Justice Paxson said that a wholesale dealer had a right to sell liquor, not only to customers in the city, but throughout the state and country at large, provided the sales are made at his place of business. He said: "It is not necessary that a retail dealer from an adjoining county should call at the place of the wholesale dealer in Philadelphia in order to make the purchase. He may order his goods by mail, as in other cases."

The Troubles of Riches.

There is likely to be litigation over Ario Pardee's immense estate. A dispatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says:

The widow of the late millionaire coal operator, Ario Pardee of Hazelton came to take out letters testamentary of her husband's estate. The fact that no will was left may cause litigation, as it has caused much sensation already. Several educational institutions expected handsome bequests. The absence of a will makes the widow immensely rich, as the estate will aggregate \$30,000,000. There are a half dozen children by Mr. Pardee's first wife, who have instituted most careful search for the will, but to no effect. There are about the same number of children by the second wife.

The filings of letters testamentary will require several persons to unite on a \$5,000,000 bond to cover the personal estate.

Milroy County Deaths.

At the residence of his son, in Milroy, Landrum Buchanan, in the 58th year of his age.

At Milroy, April 5th, 1892, A. W. Graff, for many years a prominent merchant and Odd Fellow in Milroy, aged 76 years. Mr. Graff many years ago was a merchant at Aaronsburg.

Death of a Child.

A child of the late Oscar Duck, of Brush Valley, near Farmers Mills, aged about seven months, died last week and was interred at Farmers Mills cemetery on last Saturday morning. Several other of Mrs. Duck's children are reported quite ill.

Two Delegates For Centre Hall.

By the recent apportionment of Centre county, Centre Hall is entitled to two delegates to represent the borough in the Democratic county convention. Heretofore one delegate only was allowed us on the basis of one delegate for each fifty votes cast. The vote at the last election was 82 which entitled us to the two delegates.

Do You Fish?

If you do, call and examine my large stock of rods, lines, reels and baskets. Also flies, hooks and leaders. I have a fine split Bamboo fly rod, in wooden case for \$4.00. I am also agent for all makes of shot guns, rifles and bicycles. G. W. BUSHMAN.

—It may be well for all to remember that there are still some bargains in remnants and job lots at Wolf & Crawford's. In a week or two their new Spring Stock will have arrived, until which time they will give you some big discounts so as to empty shelves and counters.

SPRING MILLS.

The House of a Minister Invaded by His Flock. Other News.

W. B. Krape has gone to Sunbury on business.

Our jovial postal clerk, Miss Sue Long, has quit the postoffice.

Deputy sheriff Crawford moved on Tuesday into the house vacated by Elmer Wolfe.

Mercantile appraiser Swabb is in town making an assessment on our merchant's goods.

Miss Sadie Bron who has been in Aaronsburg all winter, has returned to her parents.

Linna Leitzell is going to Lewisburg, to stay with her sister, Mrs. Reimyer.

Phillip Long and J. W. Angstead are now full-fledged Knights of the Golden Eagle. They took the third degree last Saturday night.

Dr. Wolf's school opened last Monday with a large attendance. On Tuesday the students numbered fifty-seven, and about ten more are expected in a few days.

Phillip Long was out driving with his best girl on Sunday afternoon. He has changed his mind and did not go to Adams county, as was stated in the Reporter some time ago.

The court has appointed S. J. Herring, William M. Allison and John F. Heckman, to divide the southern precinct of Gregg township into two election districts, on Monday, 18th of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gentzel, and daughter Minnie were welcome visitors around town last week. They left on the 7.15 train Monday morning for Adams county, Pa., where they will reside in the future. Miss Minnie was the guest of Miss Sue Long.

The house of our new minister was invaded on Tuesday night by about twenty-five members of his flock together with a good supply of the necessities of life. It was an agreeable surprise for the minister, and after spending an hour or two they returned to their homes. Mrs. James Kennelley deserves much credit for the admirable way in which she conducted the exercises of the evening as also for putting the movement on foot to take the minister a donation.

A Wealthy Tramp.

The Columbus, Ohio, courts have been asked to appoint a guardian for John Swin, an aged wanderer, who, though worth \$300,000, has led the life of a tramp from boyhood. He has begged the most of what he possesses, and is so miserly that he will not clothe himself properly. He was recently found by the road side almost frozen to death. He owns farms in several counties, and is known all over the state as the "wealthy tramp." He once lived at the almshouse in Lancaster for a year before the authorities discovered that they were entertaining the richest man in the county, and expelled him. Swin is 97 years old, but quite hale and has engaged a lawyer to resist the motion for a guardian.

Dogs Not Useful on the Farm.

A farmer gives it as his opinion that keeping dogs is a waste on the farm. An average dog will consume as much food as a dozen hens. The dog gets the scraps from the table, consisting of soft bones, meat, gristle, bits of bread and the like. These are the most valuable egg producers known. If these hens were only half up to the standard in egg production they would lay over fifty dozen of eggs per year, worth \$10.

Marriage Licenses.

Following is the list of marriage licenses granted during the past week: A. T. Boggs and Mary S. Lingle, both of Milesburg.

James G. Chambers and Sarah Miller, both of Phillipsburg.

Jacob D. Lutz, Fillmore, and Alice Dillon, Julian.

George B. Suters, State College, and Minnie Confer, Bellefonte.

Andrew J. Tate, Lemont, and Annie B. Bottorf, Pine Grove Mills.

Nelson George.

Nelson George, for many years a well-known citizen of this county, but who removed to Locoming county, died on March 29th, near Maple Hill, of Bright's disease. He was aged 72 years, 10 months and 3 days. Decensus controlled a number of stage lines some years ago.

Unsettled Land Sale.

James J. Granley, county treasurer, this week advertises in the Reporter unsettled land sold for taxes. There are about four hundred tracts or over, but not as many as in former years.

Sold His Fine Roan.

On Tuesday Howard Homan sold his fine roan horse to Sheriff Ishler, for \$150. The sheriff has a spirited best and fast roadster.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 11, 1892.

Republicans are no longer doing talking about the "do nothing House." Passing two tariff bills—free wool and free cotton ties and bagging—in one week is legislating entirely too fast to suit the republicans, and then the subject of this legislation is not a pleasant one for them to contemplate; it recalls memories of the cyclone of '88, which makes their knees shake at the prospects for its duplication next November.

It has leaked out that prominent republican members of the Senate Finance Committee wish to dodge the tariff issue by smothering these bills in committee, that is not reporting them back to the Senate at all—they do not wish to hear, nor to allow the country to hear the tariff speech which Senator Carlisle has prepared, nor that of Senator Mills, which was not delivered in the House, because the Senator preferred it to be his maiden speech in the Senate.

Another reason for wishing to smother these bills is that there are several republican Senators who are considered by the republican leaders as shaky on the tariff question. Democratic Senators have served notice on the republicans that they would resist the smothering process, and intended to have a vote and a discussion, which would show the country where the Senate stands, and that may result in making the dodgers toe the mark.

Commissioner Raum's attempt to draw the attention of the country away from his own shortcomings and mismanagement of the Pension bureau because a man who had been employed by Representative Cooper, of Indiana, had used that gentleman's signature to obtain information from the Pension office, which he afterwards sold for his own benefit to Pension attorneys, was a flat failure; that Mr. Cooper knew nothing about the transactions was fully shown by letters in Raum's possession.

The case with which a real estate pool has been shuffling off depreciated ground upon the government at a fabulous price is creating much talk. Last year all Washington wondered why a bill was smoothly passed locating the Postoffice on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue, in the most disreputable part of the city. At least three prices were paid by Congress for the ground; and now the engineers are trying to find a foundation on the site in a swamp and under water. A plan has been devised to line the entire cellar, covering a square, with Portland cement, like a cistern, and a pumping apparatus will be used to keep it dry. The cellar will be placed on 40 foot piles.

Last week a bill was presented in the Senate to build a new Patent Office in the same locality and on a like foundation at a cost of \$3,500,000. To understand the situation, the reader must know that the glory of Pennsylvania Avenue has departed. The low, unhealthy locality, subject to overflow, has been abandoned for higher ground, three blocks north, on E and G streets, where are now all the best stores and most of the government buildings. The Avenue property owners have formed a lobby to unload their declining real estate upon the Government. They are assisted by the largest paper here, which has a plant on the Avenue, by a syndicate of real estate agents, who get a goodly slice in commissions, and it is surmised that there are Members and Senators whose hands are not clean. This is more than a local scandal. Every paper in the country should take editorial cognizance of it, and every reader should cut this article out and send it to his member of Congress. There are too many members of Congress who vote gregariously, and hence ignorantly. There should be no excuse for ignorance, when this bill comes to a vote.

Assistant Secretary Nettleton is the guilty man. It is he who was responsible for the spending, without legal authority, of a large sum of money at Elles Island, money that was certainly extravagantly lavished upon favored contractors, and which later developments may show to have been dishonestly expended. Immigration affairs have been taken out of Nettleton's hands but that is not enough; every member of the House and Senate committees on Immigration, which are conducting this investigation, believes that he should be compelled to resign. Superintendent Owen had nothing to do with spending the money, but the investigation has made his general incompetence so plain that it may be regarded as certain that he will have to retire.

Representative McCreary introduced in the House a bill prepared by Representative Springer, providing for the holding of an international monetary Congress, to endeavor to reach an

international agreement as to the relation which should be maintained between gold and silver and the uniformity in weight and fineness of coins. The bill is a long one, and was prepared by Mr. Springer previous to his late illness.

Only three democrats—English of New Jersey, Coburn of Wisconsin and O'Neill of Missouri—voted against the bill to put cotton lies on the free list.

COBURN.

Current Events as Localized by Our Correspondent. A Brakeman Injured.

Andrew Harter made a business trip to Bellefonte on last Monday. A. B. Meyer is attending Dr. Wolf's select school at Spring Mills.

Some of our people were up to Millheim last Saturday attending a lawsuit.

The members of the Reformed church at this place will start Sabbath school on next Sabbath afternoon.

Rev. Stover, former pastor of the Centre district of the Evangelical church, passed through here on Tuesday on his way to Aaronsburg.

Miss Annie Kern, of Millheim, opened a subscription school at this place on Monday last, with a pretty fair attendance.

Assessor, J. C. Stover has been making his rounds among the taxables of the township, and displaying large pink papers.

Another application was made by an Eschert representative, to preach at this place, but he did not succeed in getting the consent of the trustees.

This is the semi-annual house cleaning time. The man that can match the stove pipes without using any superfluous adjectives, deserves to be sent to Congress.

Charles R. Kurtz, editor of the Centre Democrat, circulated among friends in this section, the latter part of last week, in the interest of his publication, and also hunting up Democrats, in reference to his candidacy for prothonotary.

Mr. McClain, a brakeman on engineer Theodore Cherry's train was seriously and perhaps fatally injured on Saturday, at Ingleby, the first flag station below Coburn. While switching a car he lost his balance and was hurled violently to the ground, striking his head upon a tie and stones. He was brought to this place by his crew, and was sent to his home at Sunbury, on the afternoon train going east. When last heard from he was in a critical condition.

From going to theatres, balls, and horse races. Methodists are prohibited by section 242 of the Book of Discipline; but this section is disliked by many justified Methodists, and one of the local Conferences now in session has ordered that the question of repealing it shall be brought before the General Conference of the Church this year. There is no doubt that in these times may believing Methodists violate the prohibitory section and enjoy the forbidden pleasures without being either disciplined or excommunicated for the offence. They do not look upon the ball-room as sinful, or the play-house as wicked, or the turf as ungodly; and they do not think that the devil is in all the good things of this world. The Methodist ministers could not expel all the violators of section 242 without emptying many of the foremost pews in the churches. It would seem, therefore, to be an act of prudence on the part of the General Conference to abolish a section that cannot be enforced and is not essential to Methodism.

How It Will Be Divided.

The appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the public schools of Pennsylvania for the year ending June 6th, 1892, will be divided among the different counties in proportion to the respective school population. The lowest amount received by any county is Forest which will receive \$6,491.64, and the highest will go to Philadelphia, amounting to \$1,077,790.70.

Only One Empty.

Centre Hall has a record this spring again which is enviable of other towns in the section. Only one empty house is within her limits and that will be occupied ere long.

Plenty and Low in Price.

Fresh shad, and of good sizes, were sold at the stands in town last week at 25 and 35 cents according to size. These fish are plenty and cheap this spring.

Still Plenty.

Apples are still plenty and can be had at 25 to 30 cents per bushel.

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