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HAVE SECURED A SATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The Report that Harrison and Quay Had Made Friends Found no Believers in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—President Cleveland and Secretary Olney could not have secured a more satisfactory state of affairs than the expressions of prominent Republican newspapers and Congressmen have brought about if they had personally had charge of the arrangements themselves. These Republicans have publicly put their party on record and when President Cleveland sends a special message to Congress, as he will do shortly after it assembles, setting forth the demands he has made upon Great Britain to recognize the Monroe doctrine, and accompanying it with Great Britain's answers thereto concerning its claims in Venezuela, the Republicans cannot without stultifying themselves hold up their hands in holy horror and cry "jingoism!" They will be compelled to endorse the President's position, simply because their previous utterances will have left them nothing else to do.

There is nothing new in the diplomatic complication with Great Britain, but there is reason to believe that there will be this week, as Great Britain's answer to Secretary Olney's last dispatch, stating the position of this government and its intention to stand by the Monroe doctrine, is daily expected. Upon the nature of this answer the next move of this government will depend. Although a specific answer was asked for it is regarded as probable that it will not be received. Even had Great Britain fully determined a week ago to positively deny the right of the United States to interfere under the Monroe doctrine with its affairs in Venezuela it would not do so now. The deal that Russia has made with China has given Great Britain something more important to do than to quarrel with this country. British commercial supremacy is at stake in the east and for that reason it is believed that the answer will be a diplomatic one that will leave the question open until John Bull has more time to give to it.

The rather silly report that Harrison and Quay had made friends and that the latter is going to take charge of the former's boom found no believers in Washington, but it served to bring out several good, if not new stories, concerning similar reports in the past. Lots of people remember that during the latter part of the campaign in 1892, at about the time the Harrison ticket struck the toboggan slide, Boss Quay went to New York, and the papers were full of stories about his having become reconciled with Harrison and going to succeed Carter, who had as chairman of the Republican National Committee made a mess of the campaign, so far as his own party was concerned. Col. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, met Quay in New York, and being an old personal friend asked him in confidence whether there was any truth in the story. Quay replied: "Not a word. I'll tell you why I'm in New York. I heard that there might be some danger of Harrison's election, and I merely ran up here to test the truth of the story from the appearance of things. I find that Harrison stands no more how of election than a snow-bird. That relieves me. I'll now return to Pennsylvania and attend to re-electing Matt Quay Senator."

Mr. Benjamin Harrison has not given up hope of getting that nomination again, notwithstanding the opposition of Quay, Platt and other Republican bosses. This has been made very plain to those who know the inside track. When a number of the Republican National Committee met in New York City last week, to decide upon the date for the committee meeting which will determine the time and place for holding the National Convention of the party, Mr. Harrison had a confidential representative on the ground—he is reported to entertain doubts of Chairman Carter's friendship for him; others are certain that Carter has joined the combine against him—in the person of W. S. McKeen, the railroad man, to find out the full strength of the combine against him. He also has an agent—ex-Governor Saunders, whose daughter is the wife of "Prince Russ"—in the south trying to "arrange" for delegates to the National Convention.

Secretaries Carlisle and Lamont have been to their respective homes and registered and they will both vote the straight Democratic ticket on election day. President Cleveland did not register, consequently he will have no vote. Secretary Carlisle says Kentucky will go Democratic, although the majority may be smaller than usual.

Senator Gorman after having carefully gone over returns made by trust Democrats in every election precinct in Maryland says there isn't the slightest doubt of the state remaining in the Democratic column. The Republican trick of trying to persuade Democrats to vote for the Republican candidate for Governor and the rest of the Democratic state ticket is too transparent to catch many votes.

The nearer the opening of the session of Congress gets, the more apparent it becomes that the fight which a number of Republican members are making for the chairmanships of the most important committees may develop some rather dangerous obstacles in the path of the Reed Presidential boom.

PROSPERITY RETURNING.
President Cleveland's Wise Policy Bears Abundant Fruit.

The Democrats have great reason to be proud of the manner in which the National Government has been, and is now, administered by their chosen President. Coming into power at a time when the credit of the nation had been ruined by the unwise and pernicious legislation of a Republican Congress and the policy pursued by a Republican administration of financial and economical questions, he saved the honor and credit of the nation, restored confidence to the people; law and order were enforced, while wicked and oppressive laws were repealed. Under his wise, patriotic and beneficent policy, a period of peace and great prosperity, such as has never yet been witnessed by any people, has come upon us and our people rejoice and are glad in the abundance which surrounds them.

Every where, all over our great country, the furnaces that were darkened, the forges that were silenced and the factories that were stilled by the tariff legislation of the last Republican administration, have sprung into new life.

STRONG TESTIMONIALS.
The weekly output of our furnaces, as stated by the Iron Age on the 12th of September, is larger than ever before in our history, or in that of any other country. Production is still increasing and, as yet, is unable to keep up with the demand.

The Pittsburg Dispatch declares that prosperity is no longer indicated—it is here. Pay rolls are the realization of prosperity's best fruits.

Andrew Carnegie declared recently, that as a people, we had entered upon a long period of prosperity, and to this the present Governor of Ohio gave heed when he declared, as he did recently, "that the people of Ohio had never enjoyed so prosperous a year as the one they were now in."

So, in every department and branch of our great industries has prosperity returned. The music of the loom is ceaseless; the product of the spindle is endless; the output of the mines unequalled. Wages of labor is increased and still going up. Labor in demand everywhere. In many places wages are higher than they were in 1890, and at the same time the purchasing power of the earnings of labor has greatly increased. There are fewer tramps and idle men in the country today than at any time for a period of twenty years.

A Fifty-Cent Calendar Free.

The Publishers of The Youth's Companion are sending free to the subscribers to the paper, a handsome four-page calendar, 7 x 10 in., lithographed in nine colors. It is made up of four charming pictures, each pleasing in design, under each of which are the monthly calendars for the year 1896. The retail price of this calendar is 50 cents.

New subscribers to The Companion receive this beautiful calendar free and besides, The Companion free every week until January 1, 1896. Also the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's double numbers free, and The Companion fifty-two weeks, to January 1, 1897. Address,

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—Lyon & Co. have made a still further reduction in all lines. They publish their prices, and you get the same at their store.

AN OLD MURDER

AN EXCITING TIME FIFTY YEARS AGO.

A Traveler Disappeared in the Penns Valley Narrows.—Dam left off at Night and the Body Evidently Removed.

Many of the older citizens of the county will doubtless vividly recall the excitement in July 1842, when the report that a man had been murdered spread like wildfire throughout this whole section. Knowing that the retelling of the story would be interesting at the present day, we secured some facts from one of our most respected citizens. About two years ago an old lady, now living in Laurelton, who was a servant girl at Brumbach's tavern at the time of the murder, gave him a detailed history of what she saw and heard, and from her story and his own recollections the article has been compiled.

On the 19th of July, 1842, some hunters were examining deer ticks in the Penns Valley Narrows, situated in the western part of Hartley township, this county. Returning home they discovered the dead body of a strange horse in the woods, some distance from the road. The horse had evidently been brutally killed, as its brains were beaten out with a fresh cut heavy birch club which was lying near by. A search revealed the bridle and halter hidden under some brush only a few rods away, but that was all they could find. Suspecting that something was wrong they made inquiries, and soon found that a traveler had been seen in that vicinity the day before, the description of whose horse tallied exactly with that of the dead horse found in the woods.

An old toll gate keeper, Yeasick, who was a man of a very inquisitive nature, said that the day before a man on horseback had passed through the gate, and that from the conversation he had with the man he learned his name was Kerr, and that he was from Lehigh county. Afterwards it was reported that this same man had been seen traveling on foot through Aaronburg and again at what is now Centre Hall. But the gate keeper stoutly maintained that the description of the man traveling on foot did not tally with that of Kerr. It was observed that the horse had been newly shod, and a blacksmith from Hartleton identified the shoeing as being done by him, and also described the owner of the horse as being the same man that had passed through the gate and talked with Yearick, the gate keeper.

Soon after the hour of midnight citizens on horseback and on foot with dinner horns rushed from house to house with the startling news that a man had been murdered in the Penns Valley Narrows. The whole country was quickly aroused and the excitement was beyond description. Over five hundred men, women and children turned out and met at the place where the dead horse had been found—the spot being at the turn of the pike, about half a mile below where the pike crosses the 4 mile run. A stone pile to this day marks the exact spot where the horse was killed.

Search was made in all directions for the body of the supposed murdered man but nothing could be found except some traces that seemed to indicate the victim might have been dragged and thrown into Roush's milldam, close by where the horse had been found.

Suspicion fell upon some persons of doubtful reputation, living in the neighborhood, who had their haunts at a tavern in the Narrows, about a mile below Yearick's toll gate. This tavern was kept by a man named Brumbach. A diligent search was made through the building and premises, but all that could be found was a pair of saddle bags, on which traces of blood were discovered. Yearick, the gate keeper, positively identified these bags as being the same carried by Kerr, the traveler, on horseback. The most current story was that Kerr had stopped at this tavern and that he had been killed by these persons in a quarrel over some gambling, and that his body had been thrown into the dam, and to avoid suspicion the horse had been taken to the woods and killed. A public meeting of the citizens was held and it was decided to drain the water off the dam on the next day and see what the result would be. Before daylight thousands had gathered at the mill dam, many of them coming from the eastern end of Penns valley, in Centre county, anxious to see whether the mystery would be solved. But they were thwarted. During the night the flood gates of the dam had been raised, by whom it never was known, and the water had nearly all run out. Tracks were seen where persons had waded in mud, during the night, about the edge of the dam, who had evidently removed some object.

This strengthened the belief of everyone that the body had been thrown in the dam, and then removed before the searching party reached the ground. As the amount of water in the dam gradually decreased, a saddle was found, and this, too, identified by Yearick as belonging to Kerr. These facts only served to increase the excitement, and renewed efforts were made to find the new hiding place of the body of the victim. So successful, however, were the plans of those connected with the concealment of the body, that its hiding place to this day has remained a secret.

There are at this day still living many citizens of this county who themselves were untiring in their efforts to unearth the crime, believing some of their own neighbors knew all about it. Indeed some were very outspoken in naming the supposed murderers, and finally a suit of slander was instituted against a farmer who named the persons that he thought committed the crime, but the matter never came into court. Dr. Weirick, who was then a practicing physician in Hartleton, caused some arrests, but as no body of a murdered man could be found, the warrants went by default.

That there was a murder committed is unquestioned, but in those times there were no "Pinkerton Agencies," and the good, honest old farmers were engaged in clearing their lands and improving their farms, and had neither time nor money to devote to ferretting out the perpetrators of the crime.

In Centre county the excitement was equally as great as in our own county. Jacob Motz, John Motz, Jacob Hosterman, and others, from Motz's Bank, (now Woodward), organized a company of searchers, but discovered nothing except what is here related. The "Berichter," a German newspaper published at Aaronburg, thought they had a clue, but the county authorities were not willing to give any assistance, and they were obliged to drop the matter.

General Greene, Hon. George Schnabel, Col. McFadden, and a few others drove up from Lewisburg, and stopped with Daniel Spigelmyer, who was then a candidate for Sheriff. They enlisted him in the matter, as they did also James Madden, Justice of the Peace, for Hartley township. The Rules, Brauchers, Reeds, Andrew Cook, Lincolns, Glovers and many others assisted in attempting to unravel the mystery, but all efforts failed. No body could be found, and warrants could not be issued without some definite proof that somebody had been murdered.

Soon after these occurrences two of the persons supposed to be implicated in the crime, disappeared, and nothing was heard of them until 1884, when the death of one of them was announced in a Westmoreland county paper. Only within recent years attention was again directed to this old story by the publication in a western Penna newspaper of the deathbed confession of one of these two men, who told that he had assisted in the murder of a man in Penns Valley Narrows in 1842, and implicated some others, who are all dead now.

About six years ago a tram road was built over this same ground by Pardee & Co., and in a lonely spot the workmen unearthed the frame of an old carpet bag, with it a bottle, tightly corked and sealed, but the contents had evaporated long ago. These things may or may not have had some connection with this mysterious case, else why would they have been hidden in that lonely spot evidently half a century before? Be that as it may, the true story of the murder will probably never be told, and if it were, there is no one left to hang; all have gone to be tried in a higher court where that which is hidden shall be revealed, and from the judgment of which there is no appeal.—Lewisburg Journal.

Mistakes in a Newspaper.

Every column in a newspaper contains from 5,000 to 25,000 distinct pieces of metal, according to the size of the paper and the type. The displacement of anyone of these means an error. Is it any wonder that mistakes sometimes occur. Still some people think it awful to see mistakes in a newspaper, and when they find one they make it a point to tell the editor about it.

In a speech at a Democratic meeting in Philadelphia, Benjamin F. Meyers, the party candidate for State Treasurer, charged that the banks in which the State deposits are placed made loans to favored leaders of the Republican party.

THE MISSING MAN.

HENRY FRY NOT YET FOUND.—SEARCH MADE.

Neighborhood Greatly Excited.—No Traces of the Missing Man.—Still Searching for Him.

The missing Henry Fry was the talk of the Potter's Mills section all last week, and excitement ran higher as days passed without any clue being obtained as to his whereabouts, in spite of all search that was made.

It appears that he left home wearing his cloth slippers, and as these would be unsuited for a long journey over a rough country, suspicion is growing that the old man committed suicide in some yet undiscovered spot in that section. Some believing that he drowned himself in Allison's factory dam, led Mr. Ed. Allison to consent to the letting off of the dam, if so desired, tho he did not himself believe the body would be found in the dam.

Accordingly the dam was let off on Sunday before dinner in the presence of a crowd of people, but the missing man's body was not in it. The same day quite a number of people searched the mountains a second time but without success.

On Sunday a searching party also scoured Egg Hill, but the day ended without anything to unravel the mystery.

County Jots.

The wife of Henry O. Bower died in Penn twp. on 22 October; she was a daughter of Henry Swartz.

James C. Noll, formerly of Pleasant Gap, has been admitted to the Scranton bar.

Samuel Cole, of Nittany, had his wrist severely bruised by the wheels of an ore washer.

While picking apples, Josiah Ziegler fell from a tree near Zion, breaking an arm.

W. M. Cain, of Spring Mills, raised a 23 pound head of cabbage.

A lot of Chas. Rimmey's sheep were killed by dogs a few nights ago, near Pleasant Gap.

October Will be a Dry Month.

"There is not much hope of getting rain this month," said Col. Ridgeway, the Harrisburg observer, last week in speaking of the great drought. "October is a very dry month and the conditions of November are about the same. If we get heavy rains this month it will be out of the usual course of events. The deficiency is so great that if it should rain it would probably be a soaker. I am afraid it will be a hard winter with lots of snow."

Col. Ridgeway says the great drought covers Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Delaware. The small streams in these states are entirely dried up and the larger ones are lower than ever known. Physicians are afraid if the streams freeze up before a heavy rainfall it will cause much sickness.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

State News.

A half dozen houses at Reedsville, were entered by thieves last week but very little booty was secured.

A Huntingdon county trapper took from his traps in one day last week two wildcats, six foxes and ten minks, and on the way home saw two bears and two cubs. This beats the record of any Centre county hunter, we guess.

Bon Lincoln is indignant over the idea of proposing him as the Republican nominee for president—he couldn't for a moment entertain the thought of having the man worry of the presidency. Well Bob, the "Reporter" has an idea for you; go out and plow like Cincinnatus of old and wait until they call you away from the plow to take the helm of state.

Good administrations were given the people by Cleveland and Pattison in both their terms—it can not be denied. Vote to strengthen the Democratic party next Tuesday for its devotion to the interests of the people.

WHEN YOU HAVE A GOOD THING, TICKET TO IT; hence vote the Democratic ticket next Tuesday.

IN CENTRE COUNTY.

A Brief Statement of Democratic and Republican Rule.

From 1863 to the first Monday of January, 1888, all the offices in the county were filled by the candidates chosen by the Democratic party. At the election in November, 1887, for the first time since 1860, the control of the office of Sheriff, Treasurer, Recorder and of the Commissioners passed into the hands of the Republican party.

DEMOCRATIC SURPLUS.

The Democratic Board of Commissioners, on the first Monday of January, 1888, turned over the county to the Republican party, free from debt, and a balance, over and above all liabilities, of \$24,096.00. The Sheriff's and Treasurer's office had been carefully conducted, and were clean in their standing before the people.

REPUBLICAN DEFICIT.

At the end of three years the Commissioner's office was again placed under the control of the Democratic party, but the large balance on hand at the end of 1887 had been squandered, and the county, as shown by statement for 1890, left in debt to the extent of \$5,267.63. The Sheriff's office had been disgraced by the then occupant; fees not allowed by law were collected, and the unfortunate debtor oppressed and plundered. In the Treasurer's office, commissions were taxed and charged and taken, by the then Treasurer, on more than \$20,000 due to several townships for road, school and poor purposes, but which had not been paid over.

GOOD OFFICIALS AGAIN.

This, in brief words, was the situation when all the offices named were placed, by the people, into the hands of the Democratic party in January, 1891. At the end of five years what is the record? The county out of debt, and a balance of assets over liabilities of \$9,440.11, as is shown by the last annual settlement. The Commissioner's office carefully, economically, honestly and intelligently administered. The offices of Sheriff, Prothonotary, Treasurer and District Attorney honorably conducted and competently filled, with no illegal fees taxed or collected.

DESERVE RE-ELECTION.

With this showing, the people of the county are surely satisfied, and should see to it that the important offices to be filled at the coming election are not turned over to the Republican party. Our candidates for Prothonotary and District Attorney are tried, experienced, competent and thoroughly honest. They have discharged their duties and administered their offices strictly for the "benefit of the public." Under our party rules, as well as the principles of civil service, declared by both the great political parties, they should be continued in office.

Large Grain House Burned.

Fire on Sunday morning completely destroyed the grain house of the Buffalo Milling Company, at Millinburg. Cyrus Hoffa, of Lewisburg, who owned the grain, will lose about \$5,000, on which there is a partial insurance. Jacob Royer, the manager, will lose several hundred dollars in flour and feed. Aaron Klose's loss on building is \$1,800; insurance, \$1,000.

The fire was of incendiary origin. Millinburg is without fire protection other than the bucket brigades, and only by heroic effort was other property saved. Had there been any wind the greater part of the town would have been burned, as water is very scarce, owing to the drought. About a year ago citizens voted to bond the borough for \$3,500 to put in a water plant, but council has persistently refused to act.

In Pittsburg, as the investigation now going on shows, the Republican officials have deposited the city funds with pet banks, for years, and put the interest in their private pockets, making a clean steal in interest off the city funds, amounting to half a million dollars.

It is admitted by all that a Democratic board of commissioners has administered the affairs of our county faithfully and economically, paying old indebtedness, and showing up a balance in favor of the taxpayers; for this reason justice calls for a big Democratic majority in the county next Tuesday, as an endorsement of good housekeeping.

Abe Miller, admittedly unqualified for prothonotary and ask the people of Centre county to elect him over a tried and competent man like Smith? Why it's awful! who ever heard the like?

Wm. F. Smith has a good record; Abe Miller's record is such an one as can not be shown in his credit. Vote for Smith next Tuesday.