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An explosion of dynamite in a mine shaft at Johannesburg, caused the death of five white men and twenty-five Kaffirs.

Generals, kernels and majers are getting plenty in politics, yet none of 'em knows the difference between shoulder arms and a noodle soup.

It is truly sad to remark that thus far the Dingley tariff is falling many millions short in producing the revenue promised, and is not earning near as much as the Wilson bill.

It is the Quay fellows who pick the plums in this country. The other fellows can't even look through the knot holes of the fence without having tobacco juice spit in their faces. That G. O. P!

The arctic whaler Nevach, was caught in an ice pack in the Arctic Ocean. The vessel was crushed in the ice, and 31 of the crew were crushed by the ice or frozen to death. In all 42 lives were lost.

There is no dissatisfaction with the ticket nominated at Reading—Democrats everywhere are pleased with the nominees. With the fight now on among the Republicans the Democrats may carry the state.

The trust organs keep sneering at the 53 cent dollar and would make the farmer believe that he escaped a great calamity. Fools! that "53 cent dollar" is all the gold and the farmer is only too glad to take one of them for his bushel of wheat. That's so.

The fight among the state Republicans is on and the fur is flying like seventy. Honest public sentiment is with the state administration and unfavorable to Quay. Those Republicans who desire to break the grip of boss Quay and the corruptionists now have an opportunity to show it.

The search for new gold fields is one of the events of the times. Since the Klondike fever set in gold has been discovered in paying quantities within the last two months in six Territories and eleven States, and in California, Nevada and Colorado there have been new finds of a promising character.

Mr. Bryan, late candidate for President, was in last week's awful rail-road wreck in Kansas, and he was in the fortunate list of the uninjured. As soon as he realized what had occurred he hurried to the assistance of the victims, being one of the first to lend a helping hand, and a persistent worker until everything had been done that could be done for the relief of the wounded and suffering.

Matters continue to look gloomy for Ireland. The harvest is as bad as can be in the west of Ireland, and it is pretty sure there will be not only a food but a fuel famine. Not only are the potatoes rotting in the ground, with the grain crops beaten down by rain and not worth reaping; but the turf cut will not dry. Unless there is exceptional weather within in the next few days a famine is a certainty.

The Altoona Tribune, Rep., gives its opinion of our congressman Arnold thus:

"Congressman Arnold, of Clearfield county, is said to have sent a letter to the State League of Republican Clubs in which he denounced civil service reform, stigmatizing it as 'a fraud, a farce and a delusion.' We reckon Mr. Arnold has been describing himself rather than one of the most beneficent reforms of the century. We believe he is a candidate for high office at the hands of the people of this commonwealth. Did he ever hear of one John J. Ingalls and of a foolish speech he made once upon a time? Well, the speech of Ingalls was no more counter to public sentiment than the letter of Arnold, if he is correctly reported, and the fate of Ingalls lies in wait for the Pennsylvania congressman. Civil service reform is here to stay; the mere politician isn't."

NO NEW CAPITOL YET.

Last week's fuss in Gov. Hastings's cabinet, resulting in the discharge of Secretary Reeder who was more interested in boss Quay than in the administration of his chief, was followed by another fuss, in which the new capitol commission is the hornet's nest. The Commission consists of the Governor and four other high state officials who are friends of Quay and these may be carrying the discharge of Reeder into the matter of building a new capitol in order to spite the governor and defeat his plans to erect a new building for half a million dollars and give

the Quay people a chance to erect a new capitol costing five millions.

Such a scheme will give the Quay tribe, that lost their plunder through the Governor's veto of the robber-junk millage bills, a chance to make up their steal by a grab in the erection of a five million capitol in which there will be plunder enough for Quay to buy his re-election to the Senate.

The state house will now not be erected in time for the meeting of the next Legislature, as required by the act appropriating \$550,000 for a new State house. This was settled on last Thursday afternoon when the capitol commission, against the vigorous protest of Governor Hastings, rejected all the plans recommended by the board of experts, and will ask the architects for new ones. The governor was so displeased with the action of his colleagues that he withdrew from the meeting and declined to further participate in its proceedings. It is expected that he will resign from the commission. The governor's friends assert he has no alternative.

COL. SHORTLIDGE AND THE REPORTER.

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 8, 1897.

I am in receipt of the Reporter of 2d inst., which advises me that I was in the wrong convention, when I offered the resolution of the Business Men's League approving of the Governor's acts and condemning the acts of the Legislature. I beg to differ with you. Anything offered in the Democratic Convention, in the way of reform, creates about as much consternation as a "bull in a China shop", which was fully illustrated in Reading at the late Democratic Convention. Our mutual friend Schofield says, that the convention at Harrisburg, Pa., was more like a Methodist meeting when compared with the acts of the delegates at Reading, Pa. He says, they kicked one of the occupants of the platform through a Bass Drum and did lots of other things of similar character.

I enclose you a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Business Men's Republican League of the State of Pennsylvania to which I invite your attention. Will be glad to have you join us.

It is an elegant opportunity for you to get out of the Democratic party.

Yours respectfully, W. M. SHORTLIDGE.

Our esteemed friend Shortlidge has considerable credit with us for honesty of purpose, and for sticking to the wrong as long as he believes it is the right. In the platform of the Business Men's League there is much of which friend Shortlidge need not feel in the least ashamed, as it strikes at the astounding corruption and plundering practiced by the Republican legislatures the past three sessions.

It is true, dear Colonel, that in your convention no one "was kicked thro' a Bass Drum," but they did what was far worse and discreditable, they sent you and your commendable B. M. L. resolutions to the committee in star chamber; then the committee turned on the gas and left, suffocating you and your good resolves. To be kicked through a bass drum, Colonel, to say the least, is dignified by a martial air and far pleasanter than the gas route.

Surely, Colonel, the anti-corruption resolutions passed by the Democratic Convention at Reading were as strong and broad as your League resolutions which were chloroformed at Harrisburg.

Kicking one through a bass drum at Reading, Colonel, had a wholesome effect, for the recalcitrants have since announced they will support the Reading ticket. You can't purify your party as easily as that, Colonel; kick your bosses and thieves through all the bass drums in creation and seventy times seventy around Halfmoon hill and they'll turn the gas on your good B. M. L. resolutions every time.

Christ did something like this when he kicked and tumbled the money-bags out of the Temple—there were no bass drums then.

Your proper place, Colonel, you will see, is in the Democratic party, one kicking through a bass drum may be all the initiation you'd need to make a good Democrat out of you.

CAUSE OF HIGH PRICES.

The estimate of the "Mark Lane Express," the ablest of the London trade journals, placing the world's wheat shortage at 112,000,000 bushels, is the most important exhibit thus far published with regard to the grain supply. It shows that the combined surplus of the United States and Canada will hardly be enough to supply the deficiency in other countries, and it discloses conditions which must inevitably result in an increased consumption of American corn. The situation fully supports the upward tendency in prices, which, unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent, are likely to rise far above their present level.

This view is confirmed by the statement given out the other day by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who has just returned to Washington after an extensive tour of the west, and a close examination of agricultural probabilities in the way of this year's wheat and corn crops. The secretary says it is a mistake to suppose there will be a heavy wheat crop in the United States; that it will be only an average crop, and that expectations are below the average instead of above. He also says the corn crop will be short. The secretary must have had strong grounds

for these speculations, else he would hardly have given them the sanction of his official position. They mean higher prices for wheat and corn. The visible supply of wheat in the United States at the commencement of this week, compared with the same dates of 1896 and 1895, show a great falling off. It is 15,000,000 bushels this year, as against 48,000,000 bushels last year and 36,000,000 in 1895.—Pittsburg Post.

RAIDING THE TREASURY.

Senator Penrose's view that the secret \$20,000 bond transaction was "only a trifle, a tempest in a teapot, and is too trivial to talk about," does not indicate a very high code of political morality, says the Pittsburg Post. It was part of a scheme to draw public moneys from the treasury in violation of law and in continuance of a policy that has long held sway in Harrisburg regarding the treasury as a private loan office. The Philadelphia Bulletin is a Republican paper, and makes these pertinent comments on the lawless and demoralizing proceeding the senator sets down as a mere trifle.

It is a system which no citizen who believes in sound and businesslike methods of handling the public money can give approval to. It is loose, irregular and demoralizing, no matter how much the treasurer himself may be "protected" by the bonds of outsiders. It means, in effect, that the treasury may be used for advancing money to any friends of the treasurer whom he may feel disposed to oblige, and that so long as the state, at some time, gets the money back again, it is nobody's business how it may be taken out or to what purpose it may be devoted. It is one of the conspicuous forms, in this state, of the evil of "money in politics" so much deplored in a Republican platform of which Senator Penrose himself, not long ago, was among the foremost champions.

The fact is further pointed out that in this case the secret bond was used to indemnify the treasurer for supplying money, not for tiding over some public emergency, which would have made it excusable, but for the compensation of a lot of nominal employees of the Legislature whom the governor justly refused to quarter on the public treasury under the color of law. And it was openly charged on the floor of the House, and denied challenged, that among this lot of pensioned politicians were a number sent on from Washington, presumably by Quay and Penrose, with instructions places should be provided for them. This is probably the reason the senator regards the secret bond with a leniency that borders on commendation.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENS.

Chairman Taylor Issues an Address to the Democracy of Centre County.

To the Democracy of Centre County. The campaign in this State and County is now on. The representatives of the Democratic party assembled in convention at Reading, Pa., August 31, and nominated a strong state ticket and adopted a platform based on true Democracy, reiterating and reaffirming the Chicago platform, the principles as taught by Jefferson, Jackson, Benton, and championed in the last great conflict by that able and brilliant young compeer, William Jennings Bryan, defender of the people's rights and the great leader of the Democratic party which has administered this government during eighty years of its existence.

I urge you from now until election day to further the interests of our party and have every vote out in your precinct. Centre county is Democratic by a good majority. We must make a great effort to place her high up in the Democratic column this fall.

The Dingley Tariff Bill combined with the single gold standard has failed to bring the promised prosperity to the idle men, starving women and children all over this great country. The striking miners, the closing of furnaces, mills and factories combined with great financial failures is a mere indication of the great havoc, misery and disaster it is now spreading among our people; wages have been reduced, the necessities of life increased, yet the deficiency in the treasury under the Dingley Bill, the highest tariff that has existed in this country is \$14,500,000 the first month. Then let us battle and vote to return to the money and principles of the Constitution, the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver, a low tariff to defray the expenses of the government and the affairs of the state honestly and economically administered, also laws to check the growth of gigantic trusts and combine a menace to our peace and prosperity as people. The State and County ticket is strong, they are men who have always been found fighting in the front in every campaign for Democratic principles—men who stood on the Chicago Platform and who now stand on the platform adopted at Reading, August 31.

Very truly yours, H. S. TAYLOR, Chairman.

—When you want a suit to fit, of good quality and at a low figure, there is but one store in Bellefonte that can touch all these points. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch is the place.

SPRING MILLS.

What Has Happened of Interest During the Past Week.

Mrs. Hettinger and family, of Altoona, formerly of our village, are here on a visit.

A cider mill is now located in the brick hard of C. P. Long, and will be in operation every Wednesday.

Of course the granger picnic will attract many visitors during the week; quite a fair number left here for the grounds on Monday and Tuesday.

Howard Rossman, a very popular and active young man of our village, has purchased the entire stock of Wm Pealer, and will take possession the 1st proximo.

The greater portion of potatoes here and through the valley, are a trifle above the size of a walnut, and no big crop. In this section corn looks remarkably well.

Charles Krape, of our village, has just commenced the foundation walls for a structure of some kind, whether it is to be a dwelling, store-room or simply an office, is merely guess work.

The continued dry weather is playing havoc with pastures, the grass is withering and the extra tatty baked. A steady rain of about two days duration would be a welcome visitor.

Friday night last, is reported to have been the hottest so far of the season. To sleep was out of the question. It is said that on Saturday morning some persons were exhausted, in fact had almost melted from the excessive heat during the night, that they were obliged to be taken out of bed with a spoon.

A large number of our people attended the annual reunion of the Veteran Association of Centre and Clinton counties, at Hecla Park, on Saturday last, our village was almost deserted. The weather was extremely oppressive, and at times the heat was very intense, every tree, shrub, and even the fence rails seemed to be heated to a boiling capacity, yet the multitude on the ground enjoyed themselves notwithstanding. By the way your humble servant had quite an interesting conversation with a scarred old veteran from Clinton county, whose eyes resembled gems and fairly sparkled with enthusiasm while relating the dangers he had passed through during the war of the "hair breadth escapes in the imminent deadly breach, of being taken by the insolent foe, etc. Indeed in recalling these old associations, the old gentleman seemed to be in his youth again. Again he was a warrior in the battle field, again fighting his way through a storm of iron hail instead of as he informed me, rapidly approaching his three score years and ten. I could mention many little incidents coming under my observation while promenading in the Park, some very amusing, some otherwise. The addresses were brief, very appropriate and quite brilliant. The games and bicycle racing decidedly lively and rather exciting. Indeed everything passed off according to the program, and in an admirable manner. The associations may well be proud of their reunion, and proud too, in their complete success in amusing and entertaining so agreeably, such a vast multitude as were present on Saturday last.

The little band of Republicans here, and no doubt the party generally, are somewhat startled at the outlook in the mining districts of this and other states, as well they may be. The little coterie here were verdant to a pitiful degree in supposing that the operators secured in their tariff protection, would now protect their miners and pay them something above starvation wages, of course the party managers knew better. But here in these valleys, this was their song during the entire campaign, in fact it was the promulgated clap trap of the bosses. Every working man, they repeated that time and again, would be employed at good wages, prosperity with her luminous wings would cover the whole country; they would feel the benign effects of McKinleyism and the tariff at once. Yes, they do feel the effects of the tariff with a vengeance. Wages reduced; strikes and tumults almost a daily occurrence, and everything the laborer sees, eats and wears is beyond his ability to purchase. Is it any wonder that there is such a widespread discontent bordering on rebellion among the laboring classes? They have discovered that all the bright promises made to them previous to the last presidential election have vanished, and instead they see trusts, combinations and syndicates enriched by millions by a vile and wretched tariff, framed especially to reimburse them for their lavish and villainous expenditure of money, contributed solely to debase the presidential election, while they, the bone and sinew of the country are more impoverished, on the verge of starvation, and almost forced to dig their own dark graves, creep into them and die. When will the laboring man learn wisdom or even common sense, and scorn to be led by the nose like asses, and be continually bamboozled and humbugged by these dark gamblers miscalled politicians.

—All the summer clothing at Lewins, Bellefonte, is being offered at sweeping reductions to make room for new stock. He has the genuine bargains of the season and the prices on all lines have been cut in two. These bargains are going rapidly and cannot last long.

The Labor of getting 1095 Meals

NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT

Star Store.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM.

G. O. BENNER. NEW CARRIAGE WORKS.

John T. Lee, Centre Hall, Pa.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

PENNSYLVANIA R. R.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division and Northern Central Railway.

Time Table, in effect June 20, 1897. TRAINS LEAVE MONTANDON, EASTWARD

WESTWARD

THROUGH TRAINS FOR MONTANDON FROM EAST AND SOUTH.

LEWISBURG AND TYRONE RAILROAD.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

DESIRED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC SALE.

CAUTION.—MY WIFE, BERTHA M. KLINE