



OUR TOWN'S OPPORTUNITY.

AN EFFORT WILL SECURE AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Central Penna. College Seeking a Place to Located.—Our Town a Desirable Site, and the Citizens Favor It.

The Central Pennsylvania College, an institution of the United Evangelical church, now located at New Berlin, Union county, will be removed from that place to some town in this part of the state yet to be determined upon by the educational committee, upon whom devolves the duty of finding a new location. The committee is composed of seven members, and included on this committee is Rev. W. W. Rhoads, of Centre Hall. The committee meets in March next, when they will consider offers and sites from the different towns seeking for the institution.

The institution will be removed from New Berlin. The present location is not conveniently located, having but few facilities, and being in a district abounding in denominational educational institutions, it is considered advisable to remove the institution to other parts. The institution has been offered sites by towns in several localities, but they are not available, and there is an excellent opportunity for our town to secure this institution. The college at present has nearly two hundred students with a steady growth and it is advisable for our citizens to make an earnest effort to secure its location here.

Centre Hall is desirably located in a most fertile district, a more healthful climate is hard to find. We have splendid railroad facilities, and are up-to-date in all conveniences and modern improvements, and there is no reason why we should not land this institution if our citizens make an earnest effort.

That the project has met with public favor on the part of those acquainted with it, our public-spirited citizen, Mr. J. D. Murray has headed the list with the offer to give \$100 towards the institution. The Reporter repeats its offer made several months ago to give a plot of ground of five acres for the college site.

There are many other citizens who upon learning of the project, will contribute as liberally, and a large amount of funds can be subscribed.

A college institution with nearly two hundred students will be of no small consideration to all lines of business in the town and community.

College buildings, large and commodious, with all conveniences, costing thousands of dollars, must be constructed, affording a home market for building materials and labor in plenty for our mechanics and laboring men. This outlay of capital will send a large volume of money in circulation, not considering the regular and steady rains poured into the regular business channels by the students and all connected with the institution.

Rev. Rhoads, as a member of the committee, is decidedly in favor of Centre Hall as a most desirable site. With an earnest and honest effort by our citizens, we may secure it.

With Mr. Murray's \$100 and the Reporter's site of five acres of land, will there be other citizens with the public good at heart who will come to the front and aid the project?

The Educational committee meets in March, when likely a place will be selected. To delay will mean that Centre Hall has lost an opportunity for securing a most excellent and worthy institution which will be of great benefit to the town in other than a financial manner.

Bryan's Remedy for Trust Evil.

For the solution of the trust problem Mr. Bryan proposes that the jurisdiction of the Federal Government be extended over all corporations that have interests in more than one State, and are therefore engaged in interstate commerce in the constitutional meaning of that phrase; and the passage of a law requiring them to take out licenses for which they must pay a reasonable tax to the commissioner of internal revenue. At stated periods all such corporations shall be required to publish statements of the financial condition and transactions similar to those made by the national banks, and their books shall be always open to examination by special agents of the internal revenue bureau who shall have the same power and duties similar to those of national bank examiner.

Given a Gail.

Rev. James Runkle, pastor of the Hubbersburg Reformed church, was elected by the Williamsport Reformed church to take charge of that pastorate, to succeed Rev. Fiore. The Rev. is one of our Potter township young men, who is forging to the front in his calling, and has become a very prominent and popular minister.

SPIRITS TELL HUMMEL OF BABY'S BODY.

Body of Murdered Hummel Babe Found in the Stable.

Buried in a stable on the Hummel farm, near Montgomery, the body of Baby Delaney, was discovered on morning of 18. It was directly underneath the spot where Hummel's horse stood, and was covered with stones, dirt and cornstalks.

The child's skull had been crushed in by a terrific blow from some blunt instrument.

Much mystery surrounds the affair, as the officials refuse to tell how or from whom they received their information as to the location of the body. It was surmised that Hummel had confessed, but he and his attorney deny this. He displayed no emotion when told the body of the child had been found.

Rag Peddler Hummel's belief, or pretended belief, in spiritualism will probably lead him to the gallows. It developed on Saturday that the information secured by the authorities, and which led to the finding of the body of Baby Delaney, buried in Hummel's barn, was given to Sheriff Gamble by the prisoner himself. Hummel told the Sheriff that he was a spiritualist, and during the two months he has been in jail he has held frequent communication with his dead wife in spirit-land.

He said that his wife's spirit informed him that if a letter containing certain interrogations was sent to certain parties when these parties replied she would be free to divulge the location of the grave of her murdered babe.

On Wednesday night, 17, the Sheriff read to Hummel what purported to be a reply to this letter. Immediately after the reading Hummel apparently relapsed into a trance, and when he returned to his normal physical condition he told the Sheriff that his wife's spirit directed them to go to the shed on the Hummel place, in Black Hole Valley, where, buried in the horse stall, they would find the corpse of the baby.

Sheriff Gamble, District Attorney Kapp and Deputy Sheriff Smith drove to the shed that night, and inside half an hour they had dug up the baby's body, finding it just where Hummel said it would be.

This spiritualistic message is considered a virtual confession, and the Commonwealth's officers declare that Hummel cannot escape conviction on the charge of murdering his wife and his three step-children.

Saved by Her Daughter's Dream.

Mrs. Ellen Crosby fell on the ice Jan. 3 and sustained injuries that were pronounced fatal. Brain fever ensued, followed by collapse and apparent death. Preparations were made for the funeral, which was to have occurred on 15, at English, Ind. A daughter of Mrs. Crosby dreamed the night before that her mother was appealing to her. After she awoke the impression was so strong that her mother was alive that she would not allow funeral arrangements to proceed. For eight hours the daughter sat beside the body, when suddenly Mrs. Crosby spoke and attempted to get up. She declared she had tried to tell the undertaker and attendants that she was still alive, but could not make them hear. Falling in this she thought she shouted to her daughter, although no sound was heard, her body being cold and apparently lifeless. The daughter, however, started from her sleep and rushed to the supposed corpse.

The Awful Famine Situation in India.

Official estimates show that the cost of the Indian government will be about 40,000,000 rupees, or over \$14,000,000. About 22,000,000 persons are now affected in British territory and about 27,000,000 in the native States. The Viceroy, Lord Curzon, said that the famine area had expanded, surpassing the worst fears, and they were now suffering a cattle, water and food scarcity of a terrible character. About 3,250,000 persons were already receiving relief. While in 1897 the world shared India's sorrow and contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds toward the relief fund, the Viceroy pointed out that India now would have to struggle alone, for the thoughts of every Englishman were centered on South Africa. It would be the duty of the government to pursue the task of saving millions of lives and it would spend its last rupee if necessary to do so.

Caucus Meeting.

The Democrats of the south and north precincts of Potter township will hold their joint caucus for the nomination of candidates for township officers at Centre Hill, on Saturday, January 27th, 1900, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock p. m.

G. L. GOODHART,
D. K. KELLER,

Committee.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The January Sessions with Much Work to be Done.

The January term of court convened at Bellefonte on Monday morning, with Judge Love presiding. The morning session was taken up by a large number of petitions and motions being presented to the court for consideration, by members of the bar. The list of grand jurors was called, and the absentees noted. After the jury had been instructed as to its various duties by the court, it retired to the grand jury room to deliberate on the several bills of indictment to be placed before them by District Attorney Spangler.

The constables of the boroughs and townships of the county then made their quarterly returns to the court, with reports of the order in their districts.

The trial list of civil cases for the first week was then gone over and the cases marked for trial and the following were disposed of:

John Zentmeyer, now to the use of P. B. Zentmeyer. Settled.

Philip A. Leister vs. E. M. Huyett, continued to next term.

H. P. Harris vs. John H. Hines. The defendant confessed judgment in open court in favor of the plaintiff for \$64.18.

The first case called was Com. vs. Emory S. Beals, indicted for betrayal; prosecutrix Marcella Straw. This case is from Huston township and the defendant plead guilty and received the usual sentence.

Court called at two o'clock, and considerable time was again taken up in hearing petitions and motions and taking returns to writs of partition.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Bellefonte was chartered by the court.

No criminal cases being ready for trial the civil case of G. W. Barner vs. P. A. Leister, brought to recover back on a note given by the plaintiff to the defendant in a horse deal on the 21st day of April, 1899. The parties live in Potter township, the plaintiff near Centre Hall and the defendant near Potters Mills. The plaintiff alleged that he bought a horse from the defendant on the day stated and giving in payment thereof his note for \$35, with surety, and a colt and that the defendant had guaranteed the horse to be perfectly sound; on the other hand the defendant alleged that it was a horse trade, that he had gone to see the plaintiff in the forenoon of that day in pursuance of a letter inquiring about a horse and that in the afternoon of the same day the plaintiff called at his place and that he had given him his choice of three horses, and that he had chosen a sorrel mare and that the terms of the trade were agreed upon, and that the plaintiff had gone to get security on his note, and in the evening they had met on the road near Mr. Homan's where the trade was consummated by delivering his horse to the plaintiff and receiving in exchange his note and a colt which he could not get home that night on account of kicking. That some time afterwards the plaintiff returned the mare to his place alleging that she was a "dummy" and demanded his note for \$35, which he could not do, having sold the note to the Penn's Valley Banking Company. The horse was afterwards taken up as a stray and sold and the plaintiff was obliged to pay the note to the bank and brought suit to recover his money from Mr. Leister. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$20.90.

Com. vs. Parmer Hetzel and Jacob Wetzel, indicted, first count larceny; second count, receiving stolen goods knowing the same to have been stolen; prosecutor J. H. Maize. Jacob Wetzel not being in court, only Hetzel was arraigned. These defendants are indicted for purloining about twenty chickens from the prosecutor on or about the 12th day of January of this year. This case is from Millheim, and the defendant plead guilty and stated to the court that he had gone with Mr. Wetzel to take the chickens, but had not taken any but helped him carry three chickens away that night, and that afterward when spoken to by Mr. Maize had returned the chickens. Sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, five dollars fine and imprisonment in the county jail for a period of twenty days.

Sallie A. Meek vs. the school district of Half Moon township. This suit is brought to recover on a school order given to the plaintiff, who taught the Elder school in the defendant district during the winter of 1881 and 1882; verdict for the defendant district.

The National Computing Scale Co. vs. F. B. Stover. Continued before court.

W. E. Irvin vs. Mrs. Blanche Meyers and D. P. Meyers, her husband. Settled.

The following cases were discontinued upon the payment of costs by the several plaintiffs. They are all against the same defendant and are as follows:

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE ISSUES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Silver, Trusts and Imperialism Will be Combined in the Democratic Platform.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Col. Bryan's visit to Washington brought about a general interchange of Democratic opinions, which resulted in showing, beyond question, that silver, trusts and imperialism will be the foremost issues in this year's campaign. While willing to talk freely on most subjects, Col. Bryan will not express an opinion on where the Democratic convention should be held, or who should be the candidate for Vice President. He said of imperialism: "I am opposed to imperialism. I am opposed to the permanent retention of the Philippines. I believe that this government should at once declare its intention to give independence to the Filipinos, on the same terms that independence has been promised to the Cubans. I am not opposed to all expansion. Each proposed annexation should be settled on its own merits. I have tried to distinguish between the peaceful extension of a Republic and the change of a Republic into an empire." Of his attitude toward trusts, Col. Bryan said: "I propose that a Federal license shall be required of every corporation organized in any state, before it is allowed to do business outside of that state. While this license would permit a corporation, so far as the Federal government is concerned, to do business outside of the state in which it is organized, it should not impair the right of any state to impose any restriction, even to the point of prohibition, as the people deem necessary for their protection. The state and Federal remedies should be concurrent. It would not be safe to take from the state any power which it now has to protect its people from outside corporations, even though state protection is not complete, because if the state remedy were taken away, the people of the state would be entirely helpless in case the monopolies were able to exert a controlling influence over the action of Congress. These remedies could be exerted without a constitutional amendment." Republican mischief makers, or rather would be mischief makers, were responsible for the sensational stories sent out from Washington, alleging that Col. Bryan and Chairman Jones had quarreled over what should be the policy of the Democratic party. There was absolutely no foundation for the stories. The two men are in perfect accord politically, and on the most friendly personal terms. While in Washington, Col. Bryan took family dinner with Senator Jones, and Senator Jones was one of the party of prominent Democrats who accompanied Col. Bryan to Baltimore Saturday night and listened to his able speech on the attitude of the Democratic party towards the public questions of the hour.

Now that the administration has declared for free trade with Porto Rico, and Representative Payne, of New York, has introduced a bill, drawn under Mr. McKinley's instructions, providing therefor, all the wearers of the McKinley collar will have to fall in line and support it, regardless of their records as protectionists. This will be a bitter pill for many Republicans, but there is nothing in sight to indicate that any considerable number of them will have the sand to vote against the bill. Already they are beginning to ask if the McKinley program includes free trade with the Philippines.

Representative Ball, of Texas, took occasion, while the Pension Appropriation Bill, which was passed, was under discussion in the House, to give the imperialists, who are trying to make it appear that any opponent to the war in the Philippines is a traitor to the U. S. government, some sharp raps by quoting the language of Abraham Lincoln, who was a member of the House at the beginning of the Mexican war, and who made a speech demanding information of the President, about the beginning of that war, compared with which most of the speeches made by Democrats against the Philippine war are extremely mild.

Mr. Norman E. Mack, the Buffalo Democratic editor, who is now visiting Washington, is credited with knowing New York politics thoroughly. He says that with the exception of a few corporation and trust lawyers, the party in that state is in line with Col. Bryan, and expresses the belief that the recent financial transactions of the Treasury Department, have materially aided the Democratic cause, and that the state will elect a Democratic governor and Presidential electors, next November.

The administration's rather too pronounced sympathy with Great Britain's war on the Boers, is getting it into hot water. Senator Hale declared in a speech in the Senate, that he believed nine Americans out of every ten sympathized with the Boers in their struggle for liberty, and the Senate adopted Senator Allen's resolution, asking why the State Department refused recognition to a properly accredited Representative of the Transvaal Republic. And the trouble is just beginning. At a big meeting last night, at which there was some scorching talk, which must have made Mr. McKinley squirm, if he read today's Washington papers, the principal speakers were Senators Hale, Allen and Mason, and Representatives Baley, De Armond, Sulzer, Lentz, Lamb, Champ, Clark, and Gordon.

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Not a Snake But a Beef Story. A Bellefonte news getter has soaked the city dailies with the following: "The farmers of Nittany and Brush valleys engaged in a regular cattle hunt. Over 100 fine animals escaped from their herds while grazing last summer, and are running wild around Nittany mountain. The cattle are wary as deer, and hunters have been unable to get within half a mile of them. During the last week the farmers tried the experiment of a general round-up of the stock. Fully 100 men, mounted and on foot, surrounded the herd, but even then they could not get them out of the woods. Lassoing was then resorted to, and in this way four were caught. Persons who were in the chase declare the stock is as wild as the wildest of cattle on the western plains."

Now the Reporter asks leave to put the following pinholes in the above: 1. The Reporter is within a stone's throw of Nittany mountain, with a full view of its entire west side, and no one has seen such cattle or heard their bellowing. 2. "Over 100 fine animals," &c., and "fully 100 men," &c.—cut a cipher from each, and it leaves the story a tough one. 3. "As wild as the wildest cattle on the western plains." Our domestic cattle don't get so durn wild as that in one or two seasons out. 4. "Hunters have been unable to get within half a mile of them," and "four of them were caught by lassoing." Catching cattle by lassoing and not getting nearer than half a mile to the critters, and in the woods at that, don't only beat the western cowboys all hollow, but it beats the devil.

25 Sugar Valley Dogs Killed Under a Mad Dog Scare. One little dog in Sugar Valley was the cause of twenty-five other canines meeting death during the past week. Some of the dogs had been bitten by a mad dog, while others were killed to keep peace in the community.

Amos Frank, a farmer who lives at Easttown, in Sugar valley, had a little dog that suffered an attack of rabies, on Monday of this week, and started away from the home of its owner. It first appeared at J. H. Overdurf's where it was noticed that something was wrong with the dog. While Mr. Overdurf had three dogs, the mad dog did not bite one of them, but further down the road the canine became worse and attacked every dog that it saw. In all about fifteen dogs were bitten before the afflicted one was killed.

The mad dog's trip through the valley caused the greatest excitement, and a slaughter of canines on Tuesday. In a short time twenty-five dogs had been shot, some of which were valuable, others that were expensive to the owners. Some that had not been killed because the mad dog had been in the neighborhood. J. H. Overdurf had three valuable dogs that had not been bitten, and at first he refused to kill them, but when he was threatened with arrest he despatched the canines.—Wm'sp. Sun.

Easy Debt Paying. An indebtedness of \$5,564,918, said to be the largest schedule of liabilities ever presented for discharge under the National Bankruptcy act, is set forth in a petition in involuntary bankruptcy filed in the United States District Court by Francis P. Owings, who was formerly interested largely in real estate in Chicago. There are no assets. This is an easy way to get clear of debts and Owings will be owning a great deal of money when it is ended, sure.

United Evangelical Conference. The United Evangelical church Conference of Central Pennsylvania will meet March 1st, in Williamsport. This Conference covers a great territory in the state and has a large number of pastors.

Married. At the residence of the bride's parents, at Lemont, January 17th, 1900, by Rev. W. W. Rhoads, Mr. Morris B. Martz and Miss Etta S. Rowan were united in marriage.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Bells.

What shall the New Year bear to me? The shadow or the sun? A hope—a beam— A sunshine gleam— Love's long uninterrupted dream— Or dark for daylight done?

What does the New Year hide for you? A silence or a song? A sigh—a note From joy-bird's throat, Or stillness lying long?

What may the New Year hold for us? All light and shade are there. Both silence chill And singing. Still Old love that ever bath its will Will give each heart its share!

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