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A large per cent. of the Reporter readers have paid their subscriptions in advance, but there are some who as yet have not taken advantage of the One Dollar rate. It has been decided that all such subscribers who pay in advance before April 1st will be given the benefit of the one dollar per year rate.

Every one should take advantage of this opportunity and secure the Reporter one year for one dollar. New subscriber's rate: \$1.00 per year in advance.

[From the Philadelphia North American]

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND preached to the Holland Society in New York a sermon that should be repeated with earnest emphasis from every pulpit and platform in the land until its truths are impressed upon the minds and hearts of the American people. It was a plea for the conservatism in which this government had its birth and a warning against "the confused rage of national greed and bloodiness" that is sweeping away the restraints of the Constitution and reverence for the principles of the Declaration of Independence. It was the protest of a wise citizen, not the plaint of a partisan.

Mr. Cleveland recalled the fact that a treaty of arbitration was formulated between the United States and Great Britain, but failed of confirmation in the Senate, and said:

"Less than five years passed, and these English-speaking champions of peace and arbitration are still operating in parallel lines—one in the Philippines and the other in South Africa—but no longer for peace and arbitration. Both are killing natives in an effort to possess their lands. We can conquer the Philippines, and, after conquering them, can probably govern them. It is in the strain upon our institutions, the demoralization of our people, the evasion of our constitutional limitations and the perversion of our national mission that our danger lies. As a distinguished Bishop has said: 'The question is not what we shall do with the Philippines, but what the Philippines will do to us.'"

To check this "headlong heedlessness" Mr. Cleveland invokes the saving grace of Dutch conservatism, the kind "that lays out a voyage by chart and compass, and follows chart and compass to the end; that loves the liberty and national happiness which rest upon tried and sure foundations; that teaches reverence for national traditions and encourages the people's satisfaction with their country's mission."

In these views Mr. Cleveland is in sympathy with ex-President Harrison, Senator Hoar and other Republican leaders of the old school.

The doctrine expounded by Ex-President Cleveland and indorsed by the North American seems familiar. It sounds much like the doctrine of the Democratic party under the leadership of William Jennings Bryan. But the strange part is this: neither Mr. Cleveland nor the North American indorsed Mr. Bryan as the Democratic candidate for president.

While Ex-President Cleveland is telling the truth, he is talking principally for Mr. Cleveland's benefit.

### JUDGE LOVE ASKED TO DECIDE

The Centre County Judge is Asked to Give a Decision of Importance.

From Philadelphia Press. John P. Elkin, Attorney General of Pennsylvania, Tuesday filed a petition for a mandamus in the Common Pleas Court of this county, the purpose, apparently, being to compel the State Treasurer to take the necessary steps to secure payment of the school appropriation on the \$11,000,000 basis to Patton Township, this county.

The question at issue is precisely the same as that involved in the suits instituted at Harrisburg by C. Tyson Kratz, in behalf of a number of school districts of Montgomery county. In these suits the State officials evaded a decision by paying the amounts claimed. In answers filed for the State Treasurer it was declared that Mr. Kratz's suit had no standing, and that action to test Gov. Stone's veto must be instituted by the Attorney General.

The proceedings instituted here are evidently in pursuance of the State Treasurer's suggestions. The matter, moreover, is thus brought before Judge John G. Love. In the various contests within the Republican party in this county the anti-Quay people have asserted that Judge Love has been one of the most prominent workers in the Quay ranks.

### A PECULIAR PETITION.

There are a number of features about the petition presented to-day that arouse comment. It is the petition of the Attorney General as an official on behalf of the Commonwealth. Mr. Elkin then as an individual appears for the State Treasurer. It is a proceeding in which the return is to be made less than two days after the writ is granted. It purports to seek a judicial expression on the question of Governor Stone's veto, when the Attorney General could have had the question settled some weeks ago at Harrisburg.

The Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, it is further declared, has no jurisdiction of the State Treasurer in a mandamus proceeding.

### Returned from Hospital.

Homer Harry who had his back broken about three months ago, was taken to his home at Rebersburg from the Auslin Hospital this week. Nothing could be done for him at that institution. He was accompanied by his brother Irvin Harry, and sister Miss Annie, and a trained nurse, Miss Minnie Vandusky.

Mr. Harry says he does not suffer the least bit of pain, from his back, but that he has no feeling at all in the lower portion of his body.

### SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

It is Indefensible From Every Point of View.

A striking feature of the pending discussion of the Hanna-Frye-Payne subsidy proposals is the extent to which political and economic theories are relegated to the rear. The reason for this is plain, however, when the bill itself is considered.

Politically our people are divided as to the theory of paternalism between protection and free trade, and as to each, while its opponents may not concede its propriety, on the one hand they are prompt to appreciate the weight of certain considerations urged in its behalf and to recognize the sincerity with which these are pressed, and on the other, as to matters not involved by their opposing theories, they are apt to agree on first principles. Here, for example, the general distrust of the legislation proposed and the growing opposition to it involve no political theory.

From a free trade standpoint one could defend a bill to facilitate export of American products in ships owned by American citizens by granting to American capital that freedom to purchase foreign ships which by our laws is given American shipbuilders and owners to purchase foreign materials and supplies, including labor, and from a protectionist standpoint one could champion a measure which would try to attain the same end by distributing government aid either to exporters in inducing shipments abroad or to vessel owners in such way as to prompt them to carry export cargoes at lower rates. The trouble with this bill, however, is that on inspection it has become clear to our citizens of all political beliefs that as an economic measure it is equally indefensible from either a "free trade" or a "protection" standpoint; that our export trade, our shipbuilding industries, our ocean carrying business, as such, are each equally far from the aims of the concern of the promoters of this bill—that is, it is in no proper sense even a protective or other public measure at all, but simply a steal, defended by hypocritical concern for interests which it is not intended to subserve and worthy of support only by those whose expected share in the proceeds shall be such as to justify the loss, great or little, of self respect and reputations in thus conniving to deplete the public for personal gain.

The present issue, therefore, is not for or against any economic theory, but on behalf of the tax-paying public, that earns its own living, against tax eating capitalists, to whom, for example, the most representative "protection" newspaper of the United States, the Republican New York Press, thus editorially alludes in its issue of Dec. 15, 1900:

**THE SHIP SUBSIDY JOXHAIR.**  
The "nine gentlemen" of the American line are engaged in an entirely legitimate business. They are carrying American mails, and they ought to be paid so that they can carry them in American-built ships and on American flags. They are carrying American mails, and they ought to be paid so that they can carry them in American-built ships and on American flags. They are carrying American mails, and they ought to be paid so that they can carry them in American-built ships and on American flags.

Just before the late Christmas vacation it was announced that arrangements had been made to "take in" all recalcitrant shipping interests, and it may therefore be expected that with great flourish of trumpets there will soon be announced amendments which, it will be claimed, will so broaden the scope of the bill as to make it truly popular. In view, however, of three years' experience with amendments to this very bill, announced in just this way, we may be entirely confident that, so far as concerns the lion's share of the subsidy provided for, it will not be diverted from the pockets of those who devise this bill.

It may well be, indeed, that Dives has quieted Lazarus with a few cold victuals and the Kite dogs with a distribution of bones, but that he has actually reformed and has either given his goods to the poor or stopped stealing their earnings for himself is too much to believe. The Hanna-Griscorie coterie is most decidedly "not made that way." It will be easy at any moment by watching its attitude to know the character of the bill in whatever shape it may be amended. If it is really made such as mainly to benefit the interests it professes to favor, it will be practically without supporters, except new ones. If the Hanna-Griscorie interests are still clamorous in behalf of any amended bill, it will mean that they who know best just what will be its effect are still convinced that it is in the main for their personal benefit.

The "Old Maids' Convention" will be held in Grange Arcadia Saturday night. Three-fourths of the proceeds go to the Presbyterian church, the entertainment being given by the aid society, and the balance to the Grange Association for use of hall. Let there be a full house.

### DEATHS THROUGHOUT CENTRE.

Brief Sketches of Departed Friends, Who They Were and Where They Died.

**WM. H. MCCARTNEY.**  
Wm. H. McCartney, formerly of Bellefonte, was killed in a railroad wreck at Abernethy, Va., recently. He was an engineer on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

**MISS MAGGIE WEAVER.**  
Miss Maggie Weaver, daughter of Frank Weaver, of Pleasant Gap, died Tuesday morning. Her age was nineteen years, and her illness was but of short duration. She was very popular among her associates.

**MATTIE SAGER.**  
Miss Mattie Sager, daughter of Geo. Sager, died at the home of her brother Elmer Sager, near Valentine's works, Thursday last week, at the age of twenty-two years. George Sager and family, when the deceased was a little girl of five or six years of age, lived in Centre Hall.

**MRS. HANNAH FRANK.**  
Mrs. Hannah Frank died last Monday at the home of Daniel Wolf, at Boonville, with whom she had her home. Death was due to lung fever. She was the second oldest lady in Sugar Valley, having but recently passed her eighty-sixth birthday. Interment in the Reformed cemetery at Green Bury.

**CHARLES YEARICK.**  
Charles Yearick, son of B. F. Yearick, of Snyderstown, died this Thursday morning. The funeral will take place Saturday. Services will be held at the home of his father in the morning, and interment made in the Union cemetery, near Farmers Mills. The deceased with his parents a few years ago lived on the Kurtz farm west of town.

**HENRY SHOLL.**  
Henry Sholl, the oldest male resident of Rebersburg, was buried on Monday. Mr. Sholl was a man who was esteemed by all who knew him. He suffered from dropsy for several months, but bore his affliction with much patience. The deceased was the father of ten children all of whom survive him. Wilson, who resides at Bellefonte; Annie, wife of Philip Meyer, at Coburn; Della, wife of Mr. Heckman; Wm., pastor of the M. E. church at Renova; Lee, attending college at Lebanon; Clara, wife of Frank Waite, and Ella, wife of R. O. Deihl, Rebersburg. Lillian, now Mrs. Baker, of Huntingdon; Elizabeth, living at Lebanon, and Emma at home. Mr. Sholl was aged eighty years.

**CHARLES A. WEAVER.**  
The death of Charles A. Weaver cast a gloom over his many friends and acquaintances in and about Rebersburg. His death and the finding of the body were peculiar. Mr. Weaver was a miller by trade and up to the time of his death was conducting a mill near Reading. After taking his supper last Wednesday evening he went to the mill to grind corn, and as his intention was to be absent but for a short time, his wife went to the mill to see why he did not return for so long. The mill machinery was at a stand still, but Mrs. Weaver went up stairs and was horrified to see her husband pinned between a horizontal shaft and a heavy post. She made a heroic effort to release the human wedge, but was unable to do so. Thinking her husband still alive, she hurriedly ran to the house of three maiden ladies who own the mill and asked assistance. Her appeals and the mention of her name did not bring the occupants to the door, as they were suspicious of tramps or some harm awaiting them. The woman not receiving aid there, started for the nearest hotel, where she secured the help of a number of men.

The man was released from his fastenings, but he was dead. It appears he was doing something about the shaft when the shaft key caught his clothing and drew him between the shaft and post so tightly that life was actually squeezed out of him.

The remains were brought to Rebersburg for burial. The deceased was aged forty-four years, and was married to Miss Kister, of Logan. He was a son of John Weaver, deceased, of Rebersburg.

**His Birthday.**  
Although unrivaled in the art of cross examination, on one occasion Lord Russell was distinctly beaten by a witness.

"What is your age?" he asked.

"Is it my age you are asking?" replied the witness.

"Yes, sir. Now speak up and be exact."

"And be exact! Well, of all the—"

"The court does not desire to hear any comments of yours. Tell the court your age."

"Well," said the man, "I celebrated my twelfth birthday last week."

"Don't trifle with the court and remember you are on oath."

"It's quite true. I was born on Feb. 29, in leap year, and my birthday only comes once in four years."

### The Sneeze Wood Tree.

The remarkable sneeze wood tree is a native of Natal and other parts of South Africa. Its funny name was given to it because one cannot sneeze without sneezing violently.

The dust of its wood has just the same effect as the strongest snuff and is so irritating to the nose that workmen are obliged to sneeze even when they are planting it.

If a piece of the wood of this tree is put in the mouth, it is found to have a very bitter taste, and no doubt it is this bitterness which prevents insects of any kind from attacking the timber of the "sneeze wood" tree.

The fact that insects find it so disagreeable makes its wood very valuable for work that is required to last a long time.

### STEPHENSON CO., ILL.

Centre County People in the West Who are Prospering.

It may be of interest to the many readers of the Reporter to hear about some of the people who were born and raised in Centre county, and who now live in Stephenson county, Ill. Time and space will permit me at this time to speak of only a few, though there are legions here. I will confine myself to Orangeville and vicinity, and will begin with the Musser family, who were all born and raised in Penn Hall, on the farm now owned by the J. B. Fisher estate. George, the elder of the family, with his good wife and daughter Gertrude, lives in Orangeville. Mr. Musser is a retired farmer, a well-to-do man, a good citizen, and much respected by all his neighbors. His farm is three miles east of Orangeville, and is well improved, in a high state of cultivation, and contains about two hundred acres.

Daniel Musser, another of the family, with his wife and two daughters lives in Orangeville. He is a speculator in lands and stocks, and owns much real estate in Illinois and other states. He is rated among the wealthy men of this section, and holds the respect of the entire community.

James Musser is the principal merchant of Orangeville, and also conducts a bank on his own account and is doing a heavy business in both store and bank. He rates high, and takes an active part in politics; has served as one of the supervisors of the county for sixteen years. His family resides in the city of Madison, Wis., where he placed them on account of College advantages for his boys.

Just a short distance outside of the corporation lives Thomas J. Rote, another sturdy, honest Centre county boy, who owns a beautiful forty acre farm, well improved, which affords himself and his wife a good living. Mrs. Rote is not a native of Centre county, but, never the less, is an excellent Christian woman. Tom, is a good fellow, and he and his wife have the respect of all who know them.

Another of our useful men is Elias Heckman. He is now filling the office of justice of the peace, and notary public. For eight years, under President Cleveland's administration, he served as postmaster at Orangeville to the satisfaction of all the patrons of the office.

Next I must mention Prof. Cyrus Grove. He is an excellent educator, and has been principal of the Orangeville High school for almost eight years, which speaks well for him, and no one could praise him more than he deserves. He is a bachelor, and this can only be accounted for, because too many fair maidens are after him.

A short time ago Prof. Grove came within a very few votes of being elected county superintendent.

**A SUBSCRIBER.**  
[You may repeat your letter, Mr. Subscriber, and it is hoped other readers of the Reporter in all seasons will send for publication similar letters. The Reporter desires to its patrons, at all times, for legitimate news, and it is kindly asked that many more readers take advantage of this opportunity to bring the news of their respective localities before the people. Keep in your mind, at all times, that the Reporter is a News Paper.—Ed.]

Prince Edward Albert will be crowned King of England.

### A Poet With Vigor.

The McMillans of London published a book of poems by T. E. Brown, which the English critics lauded because of the "vigor of the poet's descriptive style." Here is a little sample of it referring to the sailing of a fishing smack:

So to the jetty gradual she was hauled;  
Then one the tiller took  
And chewed and spat upon his hand and bawled,  
And one the canvas shook  
Forth like a muddy fist, and one, with noise  
And smiles, lay on the bowsprit end and called  
And cursed the barber master by his gods,  
And, rotten from the gunwale to the keel,  
Rat riddled, bilge heaving,  
Slime slobbered, horrible, I saw her reel  
And drag her sooty flank  
And sprawl among the debt young waves that  
Laughed

We believe this is a poet who could almost do justice to the Chicago stockyards. The rhythmic swish of the pig sticker's knife and the thrilling splash of the hog in the scalding vat ought to thrill such a bard to the very core of his immortal soul. Give us a call, Brown.—Chicago Times-Herald.

### When in Philadelphia, you can not find a letter place at which to stop than the Bingham House, corner of Market and Eleventh street. The Bingham is within a few minutes' walk of Broad Street Station and only a square below the Reading Terminal. See their card.

Robert Ross, of Missouri, has been in this section for the past few weeks the guest of Mrs. M. A. Ross and others. Mr. Ross went west from this place and bought land largely which in time together with his labors upon it greatly increased in value, and now he is reaping the benefit of his former good judgment.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

S. Paul Dinges, of Williamsport, was in town this week on business.

Republicans will hold their caucus Saturday evening in Reesman's shop.

W. H. Runkle's hotel furniture sale will take place Thursday of next week.

General William J. Sewell was re-elected U. S. Senator from New Jersey.

A valuable cow belonging to Samuel Swartz at Tusseyville died the other day.

Nothing except the mint can make money without advertising.—Gladstone.

George Nearhood, of Rebersburg, secured a position in a large retail store at Williamsport.

Edward Sellers Wednesday returned from a week's trip in the interest of the Centre Hall foundry.

George W. Long, a well known and highly respected citizen of Blanchard died Sunday morning.

Snow is the name of the new post-office south of Le Raysville, and A. B. Snow is the postmaster.

W. H. Runkle was in York a few days this week looking after the transfer of his hotel license at that place.

Don't forget the "Spinsters' Convention" in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening. Come and have a good laugh.

The new landlord, S. B. Shaffer, at the Old Fort Hotel, has everything in proper shape and is ready to entertain the public.

Mrs. M. L. Emerick and son Chas. D. and daughter are paying relatives and friends in the lower end of Penns Valley a visit.

The Millburg Times is much improved. The Times is a strong advocate of Democracy, and is brim full of news each week.

Don't miss the concert to-night in the Evangelical church. The blind musicians come here with the best of recommendations.

You will regret it if you fail to attend the "Spinsters' Convention," in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening. The program is interesting and laughable.

The Jenkins Iron and Tool Company, operating the Lauth Iron Works, at Howard, is making arrangements for the immediate enlargement of its plant.

Prof. R. M. McNeal, of the Model School at Lock Haven, will be at the teachers' local institute at Millheim Friday night. Prof. Ellis will not be present.

Donald Sellers, a young son of Edward Sellers, was unfortunate enough to sprain his ankle which has kept him confined to the house for the past few days.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in St. Louis in 1903 is now assured of \$10,000,000, half from Congress and the remainder from private subscriptions.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman is laid up with the grip. Suppose the doctor thinks if he could get a good grip on the grip with his forceps he would give it a good yank.

Monday was a busy ice day for D. A. Boczer, who houses more ice every season than any half dozen men in this locality. Rain set in by noon, which interfered seriously with the work.

E. G. Van Pelt, of Ithaca, N. Y., is in town, having come Wednesday. He relates that he and his wife and son each had the grip with all its variations. Every body is glad to see Mr. Van Pelt.

Grip is getting a good hold on the citizens in the vicinity of Lemont, and seems to have a special spite at the teachers of College township. Three of them, Messrs. Bortoff, Williams, and Herman are on the sick list.

Those desiring reserved seats for the "Spinsters' Convention" Saturday night, can look over the chart at Geo. Bushman's jewelry store, on Church street, where you can select your seat and secure your ticket. Admission, 10, 15, and 25 cents.

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