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THE STATEMENT IS MADE that inventor Edison the great master of electrical science, has realized the dream of electricians by the invention of an ideal storage battery. The statement does not come from Mr. Edison directly, but from persons who profess to know all about his work. It is declared that the Edison storage battery is of comparatively little weight and is compact, easily and cheaply charged and able to retain its power for a long time, besides being free from the danger of overcharging. The claim is made for this, as for Tesla's invention, that coal will not longer be needed for ships, the construction of which will be revolutionized, and that steam engines will be abandoned. "There will be no more trolley lines, locomotives will move silently, gaslight will vanish, coal will not be needed for domestic heating or cooking, motors will be in every house and plows will be run by electricity." Such are some of the alleged sequences of the invention. In short, Mr. Edison is said to have perfected a means which will revolutionize our ways of living. Doubters are rebuked by a statement of what has been already accomplished since the telephone appeared as a toy at the Philadelphia exposition and the first trolley road was operated at Richmond in 1888.

A NEW PHASE of the question of insular citizenship comes up at San Francisco, where two Chinamen from Honolulu claim the right to land on the ground that they are citizens of Hawaii, and therefore of the United States, and so not subject to the Chinese exclusion act.

This point seems on the face of it to be well taken. Hawaii is not a mere military dependency. It has been formally acquired by treaty and incorporated as an organized Territory of the United States. If these Chinamen are naturalized citizens of Hawaii, how can they be excluded from the United States?

The law concerning Chinamen and their naturalization has been confused by various rulings, and the annexation of Hawaii has added some new elements to the question. The new Republican doctrine seems to be that all yellow men, brown men and men of other shades than white or black, if not all men that do not speak English, belong to "subject races," and have no rights but such as may be graciously accorded them by Congress. This is a convenient theory when confined to our insular possessions, but it may be embarrassing when it is brought near home.

THERE IS NO DOUBT the stamp taxes were the most vexatious of the war revenue law made when we commenced hostilities with Spain. After the 1st of July next the country will be emancipated from them. They created comparatively little revenue, but were a source of great vexation and trouble. After June 30, under the revenue reduction law, it will not be necessary to put stamps on telegrams, checks, money orders, express receipts, leases, promissory notes, mortgages, insurance policies and real estate conveyances where the consideration is under \$2,500. The tax on legacies was repealed so far as gifts to charitable, literary, religious or educational institutions are concerned. There are other stamp taxes, like the one on freight receipts, which could have been repealed had it not been necessary to take care of the brewers and the tobacco manufacturers. They are to get one-half of the reduction of about \$41,000,000.

AFTER VICE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT was sworn into office by President pro tem. Frye, of Maine, his first act after his brief and highly strenuous and seasoned inaugural was to call the new Senate to order in extra session. On the Democratic side among the new Senators are recognized some strong accessions in Blackburn of Kentucky, Bailey of Texas, Dubois of Idaho, Patterson of Colorado and Carnack of Tennessee. Millionaire Clark, of Montana, was also sworn in. He has the laugh on Chandler, of New Hampshire, his most bitter assailant, who walked out as Clark walked in for a full term. There were two vacancies in the Senate from Delaware and Nebraska, and one from Montana, so that the body consists of 85 members instead of the full number of 90. The election of Gibson, Democrat, from Montana last week, makes the number of Senators elected eighty-six.

THE EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS of the State, entirely free from partisan influence and standing for the best that can be done for the public schools, have made a strong but unavailing effort to have Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer reappointed State superintendent of public schools when his term expires next month. Governor Stone has indicated his purpose to make a political appointment by naming State Librarian George E. Reed, a Methodist clergyman. Dr. Schaeffer is a Lancaster county man. He was appointed to his present position by Governor Robert E. Pattison. In 1897 he was reappointed by Governor Daniel H. Hastings on the ground of his demonstrated ability and usefulness in the position. Dr. Reed came to this State, being a native of Maine, in 1889, as president of Dickinson college. For campaign services he was made State Librarian by Governor Stone.

AS TO THE EXTRAVAGANCE of the Congress that has just come to an end there is no difference of opinion. It has been denounced by leading Republicans of the Senate and House, but as the party was on the side of profligacy in voting away the public money the opposition of these Republicans and their warnings had no effect. The same with the Republican press. Its leading journals have denounced the extravagance as without justification or defense. But it went through all the same. The party as a party is responsible. Says the New York "Sun," now a stalwart Republican organ: "The Republican party will be attacked, and justly, for the Republican party is responsible for the size of the appropriations."

Centre Hill.

The sale of J. B. Royer was fairly well attended Tuesday. Marion Thompson, of Stormstown, spent some time last week visiting his friend Miss Lydia Smith. A. C. Ripka and son attended the horse sale at Millheim last Monday. A. R. Lee who is moving into the tenant house on the old Sparr farm, has been hauling some of his goods. Morris Burkholder took a jolly sled load to Swartz's store one day last week. James Moyer, of Tusseyville, was in town Monday on official business. Mrs. Susan Burkholder and son

John, of Milroy, attended the sale of J. B. Royer.

Pine Grove Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reed are among the grip victims. Dr. George Woods handles the ribbons over a newly purchased driver. Grandmother Mary Gates is recovering from an attack of heart trouble. She is being attended by her daughter Mrs. Harry Erb, of York State. Miss Sallie Everhart is confined to her bed suffering with stomach trouble and grip. Miss Jennie Hunter is ill with grip, and threatened with pneumonia.

ARGUMENT ENDS ON SCHOOL FUND.

The Supreme Court Will Now Decide Whether Governor Stone Has the Power to Reduce It \$1,000,000.

Final argument on the veto power of the Governor was made in the Supreme Court Monday, to which tribunal an appeal was taken from the Centre County Common Pleas Court regarding the \$11,000,000 appropriated for public schools. The matter was held under advisement.

The school district of Patton Township, Centre County, had applied for a mandamus to procure a proportionate part of the \$11,000,000, which appropriation Governor Stone had cut down \$1,000,000.

W. E. Grey and C. Tyson Kratz, counsel for Patton and other school districts, argued that the Governor's constitutional authority to veto was plainly prescribed in the disapproval of a bill in whole and any "item of any bill making appropriations of money, embracing distinct items." No judicial decision has been given on the precise meaning of "item" but it was urged that the reduction of an appropriation was in violation of the Constitution.

Attorney General John P. Elkin, representing State Treasurer James E. Barnett, declared that the Constitution required that no debt could be created to exceed \$1,000,000 and it was therefore the Governor's duty to see that appropriations do not cause a deficiency in revenue beyond that limitation. Public policy and expediency also influence the Governor's action, it was said, and he had therefore the power to disapprove of a "part" or an item of the bill.

Work Done at the Capital.

The following bills passed both houses at Harrisburg:

To establish interstate comity in teachers' licenses.

A bill passed by the Senate last week prohibits coloring of oleo and allows injunctions against dealers who are accused of violating the law.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Prohibiting transportation companies from carrying excursion parties on Sunday. The attorney general, upon information, must bring suit against violators, and the penalty on conviction is \$500 fine for each violation.

Senator McKee, of Millin county, distinguished himself in the Senate last week by introducing a measure authorizing the county commissioners to take, maintain and assume control of township and borough bridges over forty feet in length; providing for the rebuilding of any bridges which may be destroyed and the building of new bridges.

BILLS READ IN PLACE.

To protect the employees of any individual, firm, partnership, co-partnership, association or corporation in their right to form, join or belong to labor organizations.

Fixing a penalty of \$10 to \$50 or ninety days' imprisonment for any merchant, manufacturer, importer, retailer or dealer or their agents, salesmen or employees in any kind of merchandise to give a customer any ticket, check, trading or premium stamp or other token or memorandum entitling such purchaser to receive any money or any article of value as inducement to purchasers to the injury of legitimate business.

THE ASSESSORS' WORK.

The Valuation in Centre County Depreciated \$280,000 in Three Years.

From the assessors' return it will be seen that the valuation of property in Centre County according to the best judgment of the various appraisers, has depreciated since 1897 from \$10,853,380 to \$10,569,303 in 1901, or a total loss of \$284,077. The greatest depreciation is in real estate, which sum is \$267,077.

The number of horses diminished 141 less than three years ago, and neat cattle were reduced by 283. Every total is reduced since 1897, including money at interest, except the valuation of stages and omnibuses, which is increased by \$383. The figures are as follows:

No. of taxable	1911	1897
Clear land, No. of acres	14,867	197,712
Timber land, No. of acres	140,587	142,252
Value of real estate exempt from taxation	\$1,631,125	1,616,630
Value of all real estate taxes	10,569,303	10,853,380
No. of horses and mules	7,819	7,990
Value of same	\$32,155	291,474
No. of neat cattle over four years old	7,027	7,265
Value of same	\$116,308	119,951
Value of stages and omnibuses	\$465,261	483,096
Aggregate value of all taxable property for county purposes	\$1,471,124	\$1,701,471
Amount of money at interest	2,694,879	2,619,197
Value of stages, omnibuses, etc.	\$1943	3,560
No. of male dogs	3,089	
No. of female dogs	158	

Cow's Strange Diet.

A valuable cow belonging to Mahlon Hoffmaster, at Oley Line, Berks county, died recently. For several weeks past the cow had no appetite, and a post mortem was made to ascertain if possible the animal's ailment. The stomach of the cow was found to be filled with nails, screws, small pieces of scrap iron and wire.

DEATHS.

Prominent Citizens of Centre County Called to Rest.

MRS. HENRY BECK.
Mrs. Beck, widow of Henry Beck, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Yearick, near Madisonburg. Interment will take place in the cemetery connected with the new Yearick church this Thursday, afternoon. Mrs. Beck was aged eighty-two years, and her death was caused by paralysis. Her husband preceded her to the grave about twelve years ago. Before her marriage to Mr. Beck she was married to Mr. Royer. Two children survive her, namely, Mrs. Frank Yearick, Madisonburg, and Henry Royer, east of Rebersburg.

MARGARET LINGLE.
Margaret, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lingle, of Lemont, died last Thursday, with measles, after a brief illness. Margaret was an unusually bright little girl and appeared to be in the best of health until a few days previous to her death. She was taken suddenly ill and notwithstanding all that medical science and careful attention could do was done for her, she was taken away. Mr. and Mrs. Lingle have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

JOHN DIETZEL.
John Dietzel died Thursday morning, March 7th, at the old homestead, near Tusseyville, aged eighty-one years, one month, and fifteen days. He was a native of Zell, Bavaria, Germany, from whence he emigrated some sixty odd years ago, and settled in Philadelphia; after some few years he settled near the old home.

He leaves a widow and six children, viz: Josephine, Clara, and Hulda, in Bellefonte; Mary in Jeannette, Sadie, at home, and Samuel, of Cavetown, Md. The funeral services were conducted on Monday morning by Rev. M. Kershner, of the Reformed church. Interment in the Union cemetery at Tusseyville.

MRS. CATHARINE HOLT.
Mrs. Catharine Holt, wife of D. W. Holt, of Phillipsburg, died at her home in that place Thursday of last week. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Matilda Dale, of Lemont.

GEORGE GARDNER.
George Gardner, formerly of Rock Springs, this county, died at Pittsburg, aged twenty-nine years. He was a son of Mrs. Wilson Gardner, of Rock Springs. The remains were interred in the Graysville cemetery.

MRS. JOHN SUMMERS.
Ella V., wife of John Summers, died at her home in Phillipsburg, after an illness of eight weeks. She leaves a husband and family of seven children. Deceased was a daughter of W. T. Thomas, of Blue Ball, and was aged thirty-six years.

TOUR TO WASHINGTON.

Special Four-Day Personally-Conducted Trip via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Special Four-day Personally-conducted Tour to Washington on Monday, April 1, from Centre Hall, offers an excellent opportunity to visit the National Capital satisfactorily and at a delightful season. The experience of the tourist who accompanies the party enables him to plan the tour of the city with the least possible waste of time.

Special train will be run from Wilkesbarre through to Washington; connecting trains will leave at time indicated below, and round-trip tickets, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from dinner on date of tour until after luncheon on April 4, will be at rates given:

TRAIN LEAVES	RATE
Carbonado	7.50 A. M. \$15.00
Scranton	7.45 " 14.35
Pittston	8.10 " 14.00
Wilkesbarre (special train)	8.45 " 13.65
Rebersburg	8.45 " 14.50
Williamsport	8.50 " 12.90
Bellefonte	6.40 " 14.00
Washburn (special train)	12.50 " 11.75
Lykens	7.21 " 11.25
Altoona	7.10 " 14.00
Tyone	7.45 " 12.60
Chambersburg	8.45 " 12.00
Harrisburg	12.25 P. M. 10.10
Lancaster (via York)	10.41 A. M. 10.10
Columbia	11.30 " 9.50
York (special train)	1.35 P. M. 9.30
Ar. Washington	4.20 "

Proportionate rates from intermediate stations.

Returning, special train will leave Washington at 3:30 P. M., Thursday, April 4. Passengers from points west of Williamsport, and from Dewart, Bellefonte, Centre Hall, Millinburg, Selinsgrove, Lykens, Dillsburg, Lebanon, Lancaster, Columbia, Wrightsville, and points on the Shamokin Division will use regular trains from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trips until April 11, inclusive.

Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train. For rates and time of trains from intermediate stations, and full information apply to ticket agents; E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.; Tourist Agent, 44 Public Square, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE.

Report of the Conference—Partial List of Appointments.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church, in session at Red Lion, York County, adjourned Tuesday.

The managing board of the Church Extension Society was authorized to purchase the Presbyterian church offered at Millinburg.

The matter of the erection of a parsonage at Altoona was referred to the managing board and the trustees of Altoona Mission for favorable consideration.

Rev. I. S. Fraiser was appointed to receive the charitable collections; Rev. J. E. Shultz the general church extension collection, and Rev. J. S. Baumgardner, the foreign missionary contributions. Rev. P. C. Weidemyer was elected treasurer of funds for conference extension.

The reports indicated progress along all lines, especially the missionary, \$16,000 having been collected during the year, or \$5,000 more than any previous year. Rev. S. L. Wiest addressed the conference in the interest of the publishing house. The gross earnings of the house for the year ending September 1, 1900, were over \$60,000.

Lewisburg, Pa., was declared the banner charge, having contributed an average of \$4.17 per capita for missions. Carlisle is second with \$2.83 per capita. Rev. Jacob Hartzler was re-elected delegate to the board of missions.

Centre District—S. P. Reemer, presiding elder. Millersburg, P. A. Smith; Bellefonte, W. H. Brown; Howard, I. N. Bair; Nittany, J. A. Fos; Sugar Valley, L. Dice; Rebersburg, N. J. Dube; Centre Hall, J. F. Sautz; Spring Mills, S. E. Koonz; Millheim, E. W. Black; Buffalo, A. E. Baumgardner; New Berlin, W. N. Wallis; Centerville, S. A. Sand; Middleburg, J. Shambach; McChure, A. D. Gramley; Port Trevorton, H. T. Soar; Lewisport, C. H. Goodling; Patterson, J. Womeldorf. Prof. A. E. Goble, president of Central Pennsylvania College; R. E. Wilson and C. W. Guinter, members of New Berlin; S. E. Davis, member of Port Trevorton, and J. Joseph, member of Lewisport Quarterly Conference.

Lewisburg District—N. Young, presiding elder. Lewisburg, J. W. Thompson.

Williamsport District—E. Crumling, presiding elder. Williamsport, St. Paul's, G. W. Carrin; Jersey Shore, C. L. Sones; Lock Haven, J. F. Dunlap; Lock Haven Circuit, J. B. Sechrist; W. W. Rhoads, Grover, Bradford County.

That Judicial Firm.

Judge Love, of Centre, and Judge Archibald, of Lackawanna county, are rival candidates for appointment to the judgeship of the newly created Middle District Federal Court of Pennsylvania. Both are Quay adherents.

Stricken With Paralysis.
Mrs. Katharine Bierly, of Rebersburg, who is some ninety years of age, Friday of last week, was stricken with paralysis and is entirely helpless. She is the oldest lady in that section of the county, and her condition is such that her recovery is very improbable.

Mrs. Simon F. Moyer Dead.

Lottie C., wife of Simon F. Moyer, died at her home in Womelsdorf, Pa. Interment will take place Friday a. m. Mrs. Moyer is well known to many of the people about Centre Hall, having lived on the farm now owned by M. J. Decker, who will greatly regret to hear of her death. Her age was about forty-five.

Received a Call.

Rev. John H. Keller, son of James A. Keller, of near this place, last Sunday preached a trial sermon at Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, and later was given an opportunity to accept or reject becoming the regular pastor of the charge. Rev. Keller is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and will graduate from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in May.

Public Sale.

Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, will sell at his residence, Rhoneymede, three miles west of Old P. R., ninety head of live stock, embracing Morgan and French Coach horses and colts, Holstein cattle, Shropshire sheep, Berkshire swine, also farm implements. While these animals have not been registered they have been bred from registered sires for three and four generations. A rare opportunity to buy well bred stock. Sale begins at 10 a. m., March 29th, 1901.

Centre Hall Students Honored.

A. M. Arney, of this place, has recently been appointed as one of the five commencement speakers of the class of 1901 at Pennsylvania State College. The speakers are appointed from their class standing and previous grades in essays and rhetoricals. There are fifty-three members in the class of 1901, and to be chosen as one of the five speakers speaks well for Mr. Arney.

Miss Grace Alexander, daughter of Dr. J. F. Alexander, is one of the honor students of the graduating class.

The Reporter congratulates these young people on the distinction conferred upon them.

Died from Paralysis.

Mrs. Lizzie Keller died at the home of her son William, in Madisonburg, Sunday evening, from the effects of a paralytic stroke received some time previous. Interment was made this Thursday forenoon at the Yearick church, near Madisonburg. Her age was about sixty years. Mrs. O. T. Cornman, of Spring Mills, is the only surviving daughter; the sons who survive are Harry, Zion, Adam, Aaronsburg, and William, Madisonburg.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Verses to Memorize.

See that little sunbeam
Darting through the room,
Lighting up the darkness,
Scattering the gloom.
Let me be a sunbeam
Everywhere I go,
Making glad and happy
Every one I know.

"Water, water, every where."
See Grant Hoover, Bellefonte, before you insure.

If you are in need of phosphate consult D. W. Bradford.

John Snyder will move to the ore-bank farm west of Centre Hall.

Rural mail delivery is being installed in many sections of Pennsylvania.

By a resolution the Lewistown town council abolished the curb market in that town.

Col John A. Woodward has finished his course of lectures at the farmers institutes in the western part of the state and returned to his home at Howard recently.

John C. Ross, night engineer for the Lewistown and Reedsville Electric Railway, was found dead at his post of duty Monday morning. Death was the result of heart failure.

Easter Sunday, April 7th, is the date fixed upon for the reopening of the remodeled Methodist Episcopal church at Bellefonte. Bishop Fowler and Rev. Dr. Spencer will both be present.

The Lock Haven Daily Democrat is one of the up to date dailies of the interior of the state, and furnishes a great amount of local news in each issue. The people of Clinton county should give such a daily their most hearty support.

Landlord Decker, of the St. Elmo Hotel, at Pine Grove Mills, has purchased the Judge McWilliams farm, near Pennsylvania Furnace, where he will try his hand raising big crops and blooded stock. Frank Thomas will be the farmer.

Dr. John B. Krebs turned the key on his dental parlors at Northumberland for a week's visit among old friends at Pine Grove Mills. His wife continued her journey to Tyrone where she will visit her sick sister, Miss Sadie Rosencrans.

Col. Fred Reynolds will not have a monopoly in goat farming in Central Pennsylvania. One thousand goats the other day arrived at Treadaghton, near Jersey Shore, and will be quartered in the Pine Creek region. Mr. Putnam, of Wellsboro, is the promoter of the scheme.

Herbert Reigle, who had his foot crushed at the Standard Steel works, died at his home in Lewistown, of gangrene. The injured member was amputated the day after the accident, and later a second operation was performed, but the disease could not be arrested.

There was a slight fire on the second floor of the Brockerhoff house early Thursday morning of last week. The fire was caused by a lace curtain coming in contact with a gas jet. The inmates of the house were promptly alarmed and the flames extinguished before much damage was done.

County Superintendent Gramley recently stated that more public school teachers resigned during the present school term to accept other positions than had done so any previous year. This is an intimation that there are other occupations with better salaries which attract many of the best school teachers.

Beech Creek is having a mad dog scare, and during the past week many of the dogs in that section were killed. "Mad dog," or rabies, whichever you please to call it, is pronounced a hoax by many of the most learned men in medical science, yet it accomplishes one good thing, it reduces the worthless dogs materially.

Judging from the number of farmers who haul their milk to the creamery at this place, and the number of milk cans each one has with him, the milk crop must have materially increased during the past few years. The product of the cow seems to be the only profitable output on the farm these days. Since the installation of the modern creamery the drudgery of dairying has been eliminated.

Landlord J. S. Reish, of the Potters Mills hotel, was in town on business Friday. Mr. Reish is one of those landlords who endeavors to keep strictly within the limits of the license laws, and makes it a point to serve his patrons in good style. Mr. and Mrs. Reish will send out shortly a number of invitations to the "Regular Hunting Club" asking them to dine at the popular Potters Mills hotel. The supper will be given in honor of Rev. W. W. Rhoads and family and will be served Friday evening, March 22.