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## OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMOCRATS.

A Wise Selection for Governor Will Enable Democrats to Carry the State.

There is a more general and intelligent concern among the people of Pennsylvania as to who shall be elected governor this year than there has been for a long time. The last governor elected by the Republican party was far from being satisfactory to the people. He was a misfit, although in the latter part of his administration he made attempts to compel a better administration of State affairs. The present executive, if the common judgment of a great majority of the people of all parties is accepted, is the worst the State has ever had. He has done more to demoralize and degrade administration, and introduce and foster corrupt and reckless methods than anyone who has preceded him in the history of the State. No one of intelligence or candor will challenge this statement. He is accused and convicted, it can well be said, of lowering the standards of politics and public duty until they have sunk deep in the mire. All parties have felt the influence of his disreputable administration, but it has struck his own party its most crushing blows, and it finds itself a wrangling, disorganized and divided aggregation of political factions. This is the present condition, and as a result the people are profoundly concerned as to who shall succeed Stone in the executive office for the next four years. The question has forced itself on the judgment and conscience of every citizen of "this grand old State," as we used to call it in a thrill of patriotic appreciation. But it is a "grand old State" no longer. It has fallen to the depths of degradation. Its executive is detested and execrated for manifold crimes and misdeeds; its judiciary is under stinging reproach, and its Legislature a hotbed of general corruption and direct bribery. No wonder the people are concerned as to who shall succeed William A. Stone, and are earnest in seeking a solution of the question outside the lines of usual party division, and within the lines of honest, enlightened and efficient home rule. They don't want a governor selected on the test of the spoils principle, either in Florida or Washington, by intriguing factionists who stand for the worst in Pennsylvania politics. That merely means the return of power of some new Hastings or Stone.

The Republicans are in a muddle about the selection. Never was boss power more ruthlessly and audaciously asserted than in their preliminaries, and so it will go on the end. The Democrats are in infinitely better shape and better prepared to meet the intelligent and honest judgment of the people. A number of names are presented from their side of the political household. There is not one of them who does not stand for the reverse of what Hastings and Stone represent.

These are State issues. They relate to State and municipal reform; to honest methods in Legislation; to honest and effective ballot laws; to the crushing out of bribery and jobbery in city councils as well as State Legislatures; to preserving for the people of cities honest sources of public revenues; to prevent such sources being squandered on political favorites or bartered to millionaire speculators and grabbers of public franchises.

As soon as Secretary Root returns from Cuba, and the President has made up his strenuous mind, we are assured that General Miles will get the grand bounce, and John Dewey and Schley in their enforced retirement. The organs of the administration give out that Miles has been the cause of infinite trouble. He declared in his testimony before the Senate committee that cruelty and severity of a needless character were our policy in the Philippines. The President and the secretary of war branded this as a wicked invention, and censured Miles severely for putting it forth. With what result? First comes the report of Major Gardner, who has been acting as civil governor of the Luzon province of Tayabas, sustaining General Miles in the fullest extent, and showing that he was moderate in his criticism of the conduct of the war. The secretary of war tried his best to suppress this report, but the Senate committee extracted it. It is claimed that Miles hinted to the Democrats of the Senate committee the facts, and on this hint they shamed Secretary Root, into giving out the report he was endeavoring to suppress to make out a case against Miles.

Next comes the investigation ordered from Washington into the tortures applied by American officers to Filipino prisoners to compel them to speak. The torture was not the "rack" or the "boot," to be sure, but the "water cure" was precisely in the same line. It inflicted physical pain and agony up to the limits of human endurance. The use of torture is be-

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## LESSONS ON TARIFF.

Curious Facts About Manufactured Goods Protected by Tariff.

Ex-Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, in a recent interview said: "From the best information I have been able to gather, steel rails can be manufactured at about \$18 per ton. Sold as they were two and a half years ago at \$17.50 per ton, there was a profit of \$1.50 per ton, which is more than the profit on flour of 10 cents a barrel. Yet such rails are now being sold at \$28 per ton, making it easy to understand with such enormous profits, how the steel mills are enabled to pay dividends on shares, three-fourths of which are composed of water. And yet, with this condition of things, we now have a duty of \$7.80 per ton on steel rails. And what I have said of steel rails can also be said of structural steel, which now enters into construction of different kinds to such an enormous extent. If this is not robbery, I would like to find some stronger word to characterize it."

Charles M. Schwab, the president of the great Steel Company (capitalized at \$1,100,000,000) assures Joseph Lawrence, an English member of Parliament, as the latter publicly stated to the Newport Chamber of Commerce in England, that the steel trust could deliver steel billets in England for \$10.50 a ton. They charge Americans \$26 to \$27 a ton.

During the last year the price of lead in New York has been 4.37 cents a pound,—in Liverpool 3.1 cents. Yet 6,354,924 pounds were exported and sold abroad at from half to two-thirds the price exacted at home.

Copper is now free, but it was under a high protective duty for many years during which enormous profits were realized by the mine owners and the foundation laid for the combination which now holds up the price in this country. A very curious result is shown by the import of \$9,949,463 worth of copper in the same year that \$43,267,621 worth was exported. American manufacturers have actually purchased American copper in England and paid freight on it back across the ocean at less cost than the price exacted by the Copper Trust at home.

Hon. Wm. B. Rice (Rice & Hutchins), one of the leading shoe manufacturers in the United States, declares that owing to the duty of 15 per cent. on hides, and the rebate on exported goods made of such hides the foreign manufacturers are able to buy American leather at 5 to 10 per cent. less than the prices charged the American manufacturers.

"The trust needs the exorbitant tariff to keep up prices in order to pay dividends upon its great volume of watered stock."—Congressman Babcock.

## Keith's Theatre.

The greatest novelty of the week, and promises to be one of the most delightful attractions of the season, is Coleman's cat and dogs, the latest Keith importation, one of the several best acts secured in Europe by the European representative of the Keith International Circuit. The performance of these felines and canines is said to constitute one of the greatest achievements in the annals of animal training, a performance which has never been equaled by any circus entertainment, and which, for several years, toured Europe under a tent, furnishing an entire entertainment. At Keith's it will be but one of fifteen acts, and their repertoire of tricks is said to be the most amazing and amusing ever provided by a company of this sort.

## Robbers at Pine Grove Mills.

The postoffice at Pine Grove Mills was broken into one night last week and a number of letters torn open. The postmaster, Mr. Hess, had taken the cash home with him, which lessened the receipts of the robbers. Entrance was gained by a window fronting on the street. An attempt was also made to enter the store of D. H. Weaver by boring through the lock, and while doing so were evidently frightened, leaving their work unfinished and the tools scattered about.

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lieved to have been much more general than was generally credited to first, and it seems that there is not enough of whitewash in the Philippines to cover it up.

All this explains the administration hostility to General Miles. His great offense is differing in opinion from Roosevelt and Root, and then comes his alleged agency in disclosures that have shocked the American people and detracted and humiliation against Miles may make him an ugly factor to deal with in 1904. The strenuous and impulsive "broncho buster" had best be a little careful.

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Democrats Assembled in Harrisburg Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Democratic state committee met in Harrisburg Tuesday and Wednesday and fixed June 25th as the day for the State Democratic convention and Erie as the place for holding the same.

State chairman Creasy was re-elected by acclamation.

The gathering was largely attended by representative Democrats from all over the state. Among those in attendance from this county were Hon. P. Gray Meek, Hon. W. C. Heinle, Colonel J. L. Spangler and Hon. L. Rhone.

The fifth annual meeting of the Democratic State Editorial Association was held here to-night and resolutions were adopted declaring it the policy of the party to take up State matters exclusively in the campaign and to insist that a more vigorous press bureau be established. The last Legislature, the state Administration and the Republican organization are regarded as state issues. P. Gray Meek and John F. Short were appointed to confer with Chairman Creasy.

The following officers were elected: President, P. Gray Meek, Bellefonte; vice-presidents, J. Irvin Steel, Ashland; John F. Short, Clearfield; secretary and treasurer, W. P. Hastings, Milton. Executive Committee, A. K. Neule, Norristown; J. B. Coulston, Coudersport; J. W. Maloy, Lansford; D. A. Orr, Harrisburg; W. W. Batley, Johnstown; Charles E. Stable, Gettysburg.

A resolution was adopted that hereafter the basis of representation in the State convention shall be one delegate for every 1000 votes cast at the last Presidential election and one additional for every fraction of 1000 or over 500, provided that each county shall have at least one delegate. This resolution also will have to be adopted by the State convention before it becomes effective.

Colonel William S. Thomas, chairman of the Thomas-Fritchey Dauphin county committee, who was elected recently in defiance of the mandate of the State executive committee, was unseated, and the county will have no representation in the committee until after the June primaries.

The boom of Congressman H. H. of Ridgway, for Governor, was launched by J. Burwood Daly, of Philadelphia. Neat white ledges announcing Mr. Hall's candidacy were distributed among the visiting committeemen and spectators. Mr. Hall was present, but declined to discuss his prospects of nomination or to state whether Mr. Daly was acting by his authority.

## Republican Office Seekers.

Among those who are seeking office in Mifflin county through the Republican party are:

Sheriff—Mitchell M. Bricker, Geo. B. Yocum, Joseph C. Brehman, Lewistown; George T. Benn, Yeagertown; Philip D. Mertz, Dewey township; L. G. Civitta, Wayne.

Treasurer—Thomas H. Brehman, W. Merle Garret, Charles W. Shaw, Lewistown.

Commissioner—H. G. Bratton, Union township, Samuel Dell, David S. Price, Yeagertown; W. L. Owen, Charles G. Kaufman, Oliver township.

Legislature—Samuel Strieth, Alfaretz; T. A. W. Webb, Allenville.

Delegates to State Convention—George S. Haffly, Lewistown; John P. Taylor, Brown township.

## Orchard of 1,400 Trees.

John T. Boyer, of Perry township, Snyder county, this spring will set out an apple orchard of 1,400 trees. He has selected some of the best and most popular varieties, and there is no doubt but that he will be handsomely rewarded for his labors in future years.

There is good authority for stating that there is no better locality for apple growing than Penna Valley, and time has demonstrated that the acres devoted to apple orchards yield a larger per cent. of profit, on an average, than the same number of acres devoted to any of the staple grains. The cost of caring for an orchard is small compared to the preparation, cultivation and gathering of other crops.

Apple orchards are profitable; there is no mistake in it.

Why are there not more apple trees planted?

Because the crop cannot be gathered the first year. A poor argument, but there is no other to produce.

Plant apple trees; select choice, standard varieties.

## Wedded at Pleasant Gap.

Samuel T. Brooks, the Bellefonte liveryman, and Miss Annie K. Bell, of Pleasant Gap, were married Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bell, parents of the bride.

The Blit Well shoe for men at \$2.50 is a good one, Yeager & Davis.

## DEATHS.

### HIRAM DURST.

Hiram Durst died suddenly Friday afternoon, from a complication of diseases of the bowels, stomach, and kidneys. Mr. Durst was working with a team in some lots he had just recently purchased, when he became ill, and on his way home fell from his horse in front of the residence of Hon. Wm. Allison, whose children hurriedly hitched to a buggy and assisted the ill man to his home, where, a few hours afterward, death ensued. Mr. Durst was not in the best of health at noon, and was asked by his wife to remain in the house that afternoon, but he was a man who did not put off manual labor to nurse slight pains and accordingly went on with his daily labors.

The funeral took place Monday, Rev. G. W. Kershner conducting the services, assisted by Rev. Bearick and Dr. Wolf, interment at Spring Mills.

Hiram Durst was born July 10, 1842, at his father's home, one mile west of Earlytown, Potter township, a son of George L. and Catharine Durst. He began his education in the Fairfield school, and during his early boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal from his birthplace to another farm in Potter township, where he was reared to manhood; he then continued his education in the Plumb Grove school. He has always been a staunch advocate of good schools, and has done all in his power to promote educational interests. On the home farm he was trained to habits of industry and economy, and his father, who was one of the leading agriculturists, taught him excellent farming methods. He remained at home until his marriage.

January 1, 1864, Mr. Durst married Miss Amelia Schure, daughter of Christian and Lydia Schure, of Hartley township, Union county. After a short married life the wife died and was buried in the Centre Hall cemetery. Not long after his marriage Mr. Durst and his brother Philip began the operation of the old homestead farm, and in 1868 one hundred and three acres were set off from the remainder of his father's large property, which he owned until about a month ago, when he sold the farm to Wm. Barges, of Coburn. When Mr. Durst first took possession of this farm it was entirely unimproved save for new buildings which had just been completed, and were ready for his occupancy. He operated the farm until three years ago, when he retired from active farm life and occupied the comfortable and modern residence he erected at Spring Mills.

Mr. Durst was married the second time December 23, 1867, to Miss Sarah Bible, daughter of William and Elizabeth Bible, of Potter township. She was a highly educated and cultured young lady. Mr. Durst was the father of four children: William Bible Durst, a bright young man, who had received good educational privileges, who died when eighteen years of age; a child, who died in infancy; Katie E., wife of A. J. Musser, of Clearfield, Pa., and Anna L., at home.

Mr. Durst had given his entire time and attention to his farm, and had placed his land under a high state of cultivation, its neat and thrifty appearance indicating his careful supervision. He was also extensively engaged in raising stock, and had some fine thorough-bred stock. His life was one of industry and activity, and his resolute purpose and tireless energy were the important factors in his success. As a citizen he was true to all the duties that devolved upon him. His political support was given to the Democratic party.

### THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

Thomas Hutchinson died at the hospital at Kane, Pa., Tuesday morning, after an illness of two weeks. Deceased was born in Harrisburg thirty-eight years ago and was the son of Dr. J. F. and Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson. When quite young his parents moved to Centre county, finally locating at Bellefonte. For many years he was employed by the Adams express company at that place but at the time of his death was postal clerk on a train running between Williamsport and Erie, making his home at Williamsport, where he was an earnest worker in the Methodist church.

Deceased is survived by his wife and three children, and by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson, a sister, Fannie, and brother, Harry, all of Bellefonte. The interment will take place this, Thursday, afternoon, at Kane.

### HENRY HOFFMAN.

Henry Hoffman, of Bellefonte, Monday, died of appendicitis, aged about seventy-two years. He was a German but lived in Bellefonte for forty years.

Call and examine our \$2.50 Blit Well shoe for men, Yeager & Davis.

## REBUILDING CREAMERY.

The Howard Creamery Corporation Began Its New Plant This Week.

The Howard Creamery Corporation, the new title, under the corporate laws, of the Howard Creamery Company, began its erection of the new creamery plant this week. The new building will be erected on the site of the plant recently destroyed by fire, and will be similar in construction.

The choicest butter made by this company was churned and shipped from this point, and after the completion of the plant under construction, Centre Hall will again furnish the gilt edged product of the concern.

The work of rebuilding the creamery at this point was delayed for various reasons, notably because of the reorganization of the company. The company did not, however, lose sight of their patrons who furnish the milk, but the following day and ever since, the lactal fluid was regularly received by them.

The rebuilding of the creamery at Centre Hall is looked on with much favor by its citizens, and is a bit of news that the Reporter is very willing to give out.

The institutions of Centre Hall are permanent.

## FIRE AT HOWARD.

The Howard Creamery Corporation's Plant Was Totally Destroyed.

The plant of the Howard Creamery Corporation at Howard was totally wiped out of existence by fire Saturday night. The fire was first discovered at about 1.30 o'clock, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. A building near by was rescued from the elements by hard fighting by the local fire company and the citizens.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was owned by S. I. Reber, and was insured for \$800, the insurance having been taken the Tuesday previous. The fixtures were valued at \$1500, with an insurance of \$1000.

The summer's supply of ice was the only thing saved the creamery corporation. The building and saw dust were well burned from it. The ice was sold for \$30.00.

## Had His Leg Amputated.

John C. Brooks, a brakeman on the New York Central Railroad between Beech Creek and Patton, had one of his legs amputated at the knee at the Cottage Hospital, Philipsburg, as the result of an accident that befell him Thursday afternoon of last week. When the accident happened he was on his train near Morrisdale Mines. Suddenly the brake chain broke and he was thrown between the cars. The train went nine miles beyond the place before they missed Brooks. They went back with the engine and found the unfortunate man lying along the track with his knee crushed.

He is twenty-five years old and unmarried. His home is at Roland, Pa., and is a brother of William J. Brooks the station agent of that place.

## DEATHS.

### DR. A. HARSHBERGER.

In Philadelphia, on the evening of April 10th, 1902, Abraham Harshberger, M. D., died suddenly at the age of sixty-two years.

His birth place was in Centre Co., near Bellefonte. For the last thirty years he has been physician of the Soldiers Orphan's Institute and Northern Home, 23rd & Brown Streets, Phila. He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn his loss.

Like the "beloved physician,"

He walked in the steps of the Lord; In aid of the dear orphan children

His ministries freely outpoured; [ly, With words that were gentle and time

With looks that were kind and benign,

With services faithful and hopeful, He followed the Healer Divine.

"In honor preferring another;" This ever was part of his creed;

The lowliness born of true greatness Accompanied each lovely deed.

Not seeking his own, but his neighbor's—

When'er his good life we recall, We see how it shone with the beauty

Of charity, greatest of all.

His work is not finished, for surely The seed that he planted will spring

In some other lives of devotion To Christ, the compassionate King.

And, yet, he shall rest from his labors;

In the Home that is not far away, Where suffering and sorrow are over

Where clouds never dim the bright day.

—E. E. HEWITT.

Farmers started in with their farm work in dead earnest last week.

Mrs. James Gregg, of Milesburg, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Porter Odenkirk, in this place.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield county, is ill from erysipelas.

W. H. Welshman was on Thursday appointed postmaster at Booneville, Clinton county.

Read the inside pages of the Reporter. You will find much matter referring to events of the week.

B. H. Arney and George W. Bradford are said to have the best fields of wheat in this neighborhood.

Calvin H. Graden has moved from Cold Harbor, N. Dakota, to Davenport, Lincoln county, Washington.

Ed. Foreman left Monday morning for Youngstown, Ohio, where he has secured employment at his trade, that of carpentering.

Rev. W. M. Gardner, formerly of Iowa, Friday evening was installed pastor of the East Kishacoquillas church at Reedsville.

Fred Newman, who makes his home with W. W. McCormick, at Potters Mills, has been ill with typhoid fever for some time.

J. C. Rowe, of Philipsburg, Democratic candidate for Recorder, spent last week in various sections of the south side of Centre county.

John G. Strayer bought out Jacob Krider's entire stock and farming implements and hereafter will be a farmer and stock raiser at Gatesburg.

The Lutheran church is undergoing a thorough cleaning, and in order to do so the chairs and carpets are being removed. The work will require a week's time.

Rev. John E. Alexander, D. D., died at his residence in Greeneville, Tenn. He was born June 2, 1815, at the old Alexander home, in Little Valley, Mifflin county.

Frank Bradford and Isaac Shawver spent last Friday and Saturday at Paddy Mountain fishing for trout. Bradford caught eighty-four and Shawver forty-five speckled beauties.

Several advertisements in this issue call for help in the house. It is a foolish idea among girls to be willing to work for a pittance at anything else, rather than do house work where fair wages are paid and board thrown in.

The funeral services of Mrs. Sarah Van Valzah, conducted at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Van Valzah, Spring Mills, Sunday afternoon, were largely attended. Services were conducted by Dr. Schuyler, assisted by Dr. Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Henney Tuesday started for Pittsburg where they will make their future home. Mr. Henney has secured employment in the Gen manufacturing establishment at just the kind of work for which he is especially fitted.

Messrs. Mingle and Brislin this week shipped a car load of potatoes from the Centre Hall station. Tubers are said to be very scarce, but just what became of last year's crop is hard to tell, because very few potatoes were shipped out of this section.

Dr. J. F. Harter sent his household goods to Millheim, says the State College Times, where he will make his future home. Dr. Harter has been one of the prominent citizens of State College, and will leave many warm friends behind when he goes.

Dr. D. Kline Musser, a skilled dentist who has parlors in Bellefonte, passes through Centre Hall on the L. and T. on his way to and from his Aaronsburg home. Mr. Musser is one of those gentlemen whose association is sought by his acquaintances because of his affability.

Rev. C. W. Rishell, who was located at Millville, Columbia county, Pa., by the Methodist Conference recently held in Bellefonte, writes that Millville is a beautiful place and is up to date, and that he finds the residents a splendid class of people. Rev. Rishell was formerly located at Woodland.

Fourteen tobacco dealers were placed under arrest in Williamsport on Friday of last week for alleged violations of the act of assembly prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any form to children under sixteen years of age. There is not a day passes that you cannot see on the streets boys under sixteen years smoking cigars or cigarettes. Where they get them is the question.

The one consideration against permanent peace in South Africa is the fact that the Boers are the obstinate descendants of the Dutch who broke the dykes and locks of their canals and let the sea inundate their farms and villages rather than submit to a foreign rule. They are of the blood of the same Dutch who, as a last effort of despair, prepared to abandon their country and take ship to found a new home in South Africa. Macaulay says that a people capable of such resolves is rarely called upon to execute them.