

**ROOT OF THE TREASURY SCANDALS.**

The true way to do away with Treasury scandals is to cut down the Treasury surpluses. Outside of the sinking fund there is no need of a surplus at any time in excess of two or three million dollars, and the business of the Treasury could be far better done through two or three reputable fiscal agencies than through two hundred, remarks the Philadelphia Ledger.

The cutting down of the surplus can readily be accomplished without any serious disarrangement of the present taxes. By merely turning over to the counties the mercantile taxes, the liquor license taxes and the whole of the personal property tax the surplus would be abolished and great relief afforded from the strain of heavy burdens. A considerable saving would also be effected in fiscal bookkeeping. This is a work for the next Legislature, to which the solution of the questions arising out of the dealing of the Treasury with the banks may well be remitted. It will not be within the scope of permissible legislation at the extra session to deal properly with the whole subject.

**THE APPOINTMENTS.**

The Democratic board of county commissioners made their appointments early, but not hastily. Their selections are all commendable. The applications, it appears, were quite numerous, and gave the board an opportunity to make good selections.

The law firm of Gettling, Bower & Zerby, while composed of young men, is abundantly able to take care of Centre county from a legal standpoint, and not a voter in the county will be grudge them the appointment.

For commissioners clerk James Cori has been selected. He is a son of Robert Cori, of Harris township, and got his early training on the farm. He is well fitted for the position, because of his training in the recorder's office as clerk to Recorder Rowe, and also a short term of clerical work in the treasurer's office under Treasurer Spear. He is a married man with several children to support, and is entirely dependent upon his salary.

Dr. Dobbins, for county physician, and John Bradford, for janitor, are appointments that will be generally approved.

While one knowledgeable set of organs affirms that Mr. Roosevelt will not even mention the tariff in his message, another is sure that stand-patters cannot prevent its discussion on the floor of the House. The Republican majority is so large that any legislation for public relief is not expected, but preparatory debate cannot be squelched, and next fall a new House is chosen. Mr. Burton announces that no river and harbor bill will be passed on account of the deficit, and Mr. Shaw proposes raising the tax on beer to \$1.50 a barrel for the same reason, worked conversely. The failure to relieve the great mass of people from tariff burdens while increasing the cost of a beverage not consumed by any such number simply illustrates the inequities of the tariff system and how frenzied the clamors of its beneficiaries upon it are. But the tariff Bourbon can be overthrown, and right in Pennsylvania.

Reduction of unnecessary taxes or their transfer to county treasuries for constructing good roads and bridges will go far to solve the financial problem awaiting the extra session of the Legislature. By thus reducing the Treasury surplus to a minimum compatible with reasonable expenditures, there will be little for banks to quarrel over and it will make small difference whether 2 or 2 1/2 per cent. interest be paid on the balance.

The Lewistown Free Press, with R. R. Rambo as managing editor, made its appearance this week in a new form, dress and style. The paper is a quarto, seven columns, and presents a very good appearance. The editor states that politically the Free Press will "stand pat" on Republican national issues, but that in local political affairs it will be independent. It claims the distinction of being the official Republican organ in Millin county.

During the campaign just closed Senator Knox has not proven a reformer. He openly said he would vote for Plummer, and how much genuine reform might be expected from a man who would support Plummer and his backers. Anyway, what business has a United States Senator, a representative of all the people of a state, in bossing politics?

If Governor Pennypacker wants to do some real reforming, let him revise his life of Senator M. S. Quay in which he states that Quay is a greater statesman than either Clay or Webster; and ask the repeal of the Quay monument bill.

**NATIONAL GRANGE IN SESSION.**

5000 Delegates at Atlantic City Discuss Problems that Affect the Agricultural Class.

The thirty-ninth session of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, opened its sessions, in Atlantic City, Wednesday of last week. The first session was attended by fully 5000 delegates.

The venerable Master of the National Grange, Aaron Jones, opened the session with an address. The topics covered by him were railroad rates, graft, free passes from transportation companies by public officials; free delivery of mails in the rural districts; postal savings banks and parcels-post; an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people; an amendment to the Constitution granting the power to Congress to regulate and control all corporations and combinations, preventing monopoly and restraint of trade.

Enlarging the powers and duties of the Interstate Commerce Commission. "Regulating the use of shoddy; pure food laws.

"Provide for the extension of the markets for farm products equally with manufactured articles.

"An anti-trust law, clearly defining what acts on the part of any corporation would be detrimental to public welfare.

"The speedy construction of a ship canal connecting the Mississippi river with the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean.

"Revising the fees and salaries of all Federal officers and placing them on a basis of similar service in private business.

"Provide for national and State aid to improve the public highways."

Jabel Robinson, past master of the Dominion Grange, Canada, and member of the Canadian Parliament, in an address favored closer trade and social relations between the United States and Canada. He called attention to the fact that more than 50,000,000 acres of the best farm land in the world await the first plowing in the Dominion.

Among the most prominent and aggressive Grangers on the floor of the convention are W. F. Hill, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and William T. ("Farmer") Cressy, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Grange.

All the sessions of the convention are being held on the Steel Pier, where a large reception was tendered the visitors Wednesday night by the New Jersey granges.

The speakers at the reception were Governor E. C. Stokes, of New Jersey; Governor C. J. Bell, of Vermont; former Governor N. J. Baenelder, of New Hampshire; Congressman John J. Gardner, of New Jersey, and George W. F. Gaunt, Master of the New Jersey State Grange.

**THURSDAY.**

Amalgamation of all the agricultural organizations of the country into one great federation was proposed in a resolution introduced by W. F. Hill, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

A resolution granting a pension of \$1200 a year from the national fund to O. H. Kelly, of Washington, was passed unanimously. He is the only survivor of the seven farighted farmers who founded the Grange thirty-nine years ago.

Resolutions were introduced by F. H. Derthick, master of the Ohio State Grange, favoring the extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission; by F. C. Atkeson, Master of the West Virginia State Grange, on the national control of railway freight rates; by George B. Horton, Master of the Michigan State Grange, on a co-operative system of labor distribution to supply the lack of available farm laborers.

**FRIDAY.**

By resolution the following subjects were endorsed:

The International Institute of Agriculture, to further restrict the sale of oleo, by striking out the word "knowingly" in section 6; to regulate interstate commerce and increase the powers of the commission; to exempt from tax alcohol which has been rendered unfit for a beverage, so it will provide a cheap fuel for light and heat power.

The finances of the grange, as shown in the report made by Governor Bell, Master of the Vermont State Grange, are in a thriving condition.

Present resources are \$87,738.26, an increase over last year of \$8278.28. With the new grange in process of reformation, it will be only a matter of a few months when the total membership will exceed 1,000,000.

This will mean the creation of a fund of \$100,000, which will be used for the extension of the grange.

Lace curtains free if you buy shoes of Yeager & Davis.

**THE EVOLUTION OF RUDY.**

A NARRATIVE BASED ON FACT—BY S. H. DEITZEL.

It was long before the winding railway that now runs through the picturesque Buffalo, Penns and Nittany Valleys, touching sleepy, old-fashioned villages, and giving the people of that section an outlet to the world, that Herman Weber and his good wife, Katie, immigrated from the Fatherland and settled in what is known as Poe Valley today.

They possessed an inborn love for the mountains, having come from the upper Rhine country near the base of the eternal Alps whose snow-capped peaks overshadowed the homes of their youthful days. Consequently it was quite natural that they would seek a home in central Pennsylvania among the rock-ribbed hills that were richly clad with an almost untouched forest.

Here Herman soon built a rude log house in which they brought up a large family,—the fortune of a poor man.

Herman and Katie were quite industrious and never guilty of ostentation. Their wants were few and easily supplied, and they were as happy as the day was long with their lot in life, in that humble and unpretentious home that nestled among the trees along the mountain side.

As I said, they had a large family—a baker's dozen was the number—and the eleventh was a little flaxen haired lad with striking maternal features and characteristics; to him they gave the name of Rudolph, but called him Rudy for short.

Poor Rudy attracted little attention when he came into the world—a new heir to that home was a common occurrence—he was born in poverty, cradled in adversity, and his only lullabies were the doleful chirp of the cricket and the mountain katy-oid or the dismal hoot of the owl. The world in which he lived was small. He saw few strangers, as their mountain home was seldom intruded upon by way-faring men.

The home life of the Webers was simplicity personified. Shut in as it was from the remainder of the world, wherever Rudy would lift his eyes they rested upon picturesque mountain heights. But he was blest with the love and companionship of a good mother—one of Heaven's best gifts—as large-hearted a woman as was ever known in "the valley." Though she spoke with just pride of her ancestors in the Fatherland, who were a sturdy race of warriors, she often told Rudy that his maternal grand-uncle was an "aid" to the "Iron Duke" during the war that was the downfall of Napoleon, yet she was never guilty of ancestral worship and early impressed upon her children's minds the fact that it was always more honorable that the greatness of their family name should begin than end with them.

If "blood tells" Rudy had something to hope for, for on his father's side there was a long line of clergymen, one of whom at least attained a reputation that extended beyond the borders of his homeland. Thus we find in Rudy's veins the blood of the scholar and of the

warrior to mingle. But in that secluded and monotonous home, a good mile and a half from the Deckers, their nearest neighbors, and with no wealth to win social distinction, there was little to arouse and much less to develop the latent powers within that promising boy.

During those primitive days the opportunities for an education were meagre and limited. However, when he reached the age of eleven he, with an elder brother, was sent to a subscription school at the Red Bridge. A school that was started as an experiment mainly through the influence of Gen. Potter. But the schoolmaster was one of those easy going fellows who took to teaching as a convenient resting place until something more congenial should turn up, and Rudy gained little beyond some sad but wholesome experience from that term. Here for the first time he came in contact with the merciful world. Having a pronounced German accent and wearing some of his father's and elder brother's clothes slightly abbreviated he became an object of jest for his more fortunate but less considerate fellow pupils.

This almost broke his boyish heart and at the close of the day he relates his unpleasant experience to his good mother. She weeps with her child and in her efforts to comfort Rudy she utters those prophetic words: "Never mind, my dear child, it will not always be so. Remember, though we are poor and cannot afford to clothe you as well as others yet clothes will not make a man. Only trust God and do your duty faithfully at all times, and some day you will become a good and great man."

The first term of school life over, Dr. Wilson, five miles away, wanted Rudy as a boy of all-work. This leave-taking was a great event in his life. He had never been so far from home before.

At first he grew homesick but he soon became reconciled. His new home with its grand furnishings; with its walnut bookcases well filled with nicely bound volumes awakened within him dormant powers.

Dr. Wilson recognized in Rudy some noble traits of character. He took a personal interest in his valet's welfare. He taught him to read. He gave him many kind words of encouragement and inspired him with hope and ambition. Under Dr. Wilson's encouragement an uncontrollable desire for an education took hold of Rudy. That slumbering intellect is awakened and wants to be fed. He must find a way or make one.

At last, as all things come to those who are willing to toil and abide the time, so a new and unexpected opportunity presented itself in that Dr. Wilson decided to change his location and had determined upon Bellefonte as his future home. He tells Rudy: "If you will go with me I will give you an opportunity to attend the town school, but I will not be able to pay my wages besides."

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**LOCALS.**

Prof. D. O. Eilers, superintendent of the public schools, recently moved from Bellefonte to State College.

A new student has enlisted with Station Agent W. L. Campbell, at Spring Mills, in the person of Frank Osman.

Roy Bechtel, of Howard, had three fingers badly injured by coming in contact with the machinery of a threshing machine.

Hon. Samuel Frank, of Rebersburg, has recovered from a serious attack of rheumatism. He is eighty-five years old, and carries his age remarkably well.

Between the first of the year and the first of April, Sheriff H. S. Taylor will make his home in the Garman block. When his home on Linn Street is finished he will move there.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dale, of near Lemont, attended several sessions of the National Grange, in session at Atlantic City. They also became members of the National Grange, having taken the degree Saturday.

George Rossman, of Pine Grove Mills, is one of the Centre county hunters who has killed the full quota of wild turkeys—four birds. Hon. J. W. Kepner, of the same place, has to his credit a fifteen pound turkey.

W. J. Throssel, of Millheim, is buying horses to ship to the eastern markets. Call him by telephone or write him, if you have a horse to sell. He and H. H. Leitzel were through the valley the latter part of last week on horse business.

The public school building at Woolrich, Clinton county, was totally destroyed by fire early Thursday morning of last week. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace. The building was erected about three years ago. The loss is partially covered by an insurance of \$2500.

**INCIDENTS OF 1875.**

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers.

[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

AUGUST 12—The Democratic county convention held Tuesday was one of considerable interest. C. T. Alexander was elected president, and D. L. Zerby, Fergus Potter and Harvey Korman, secretaries. L. Munson was nominated for sheriff on the seventh ballot. The first ballot was as follows: Musser, 31; Kremer, 5; Spangler, 27; Keller, 3; Hoffer, 11. The last ballot was Munson, 39; Spangler, 36.

Ten ballots were required to nominate a candidate for treasurer. The first ballot was: Erhard, 12; Derr, 9; Dobbins, 14; Musser, 16; Barnhart, 10; Yearick, 14. Tenth ballot: Erhard, 33; D. A. Musser, 43.

Aaron Williams was nominated for prothonotary on the ninth ballot. First ballot: Williams, 23; Barnhart, 11; Brett, 9; Keifsnnyder, 19; Rumbarger, 13. Last ballot: Williams, 44; Rumbarger, 31.

For register W. E. Borchfield was named on the 7th ballot. First ballot: Morrison, 15; Borchfield, 17; Scholl, 6; Herring, 24; Noll, 12. Last ballot: Borchfield, 43; Herring, 32.

For commissioners: Hall, 46; Shope, 9; Swab, 25; Mingle, 55; Bartholmew, 1; Conley, 8; Stine, 3. Hall and Mingle were nominated on the first ballot.

Joseph Gilliland and A. J. Griest were nominated for auditors. On November 2nd the entire Democratic ticket was elected—by majority of from twelve hundred to fourteen hundred and fifty. The Republican candidates were: Sheriff, Glenn; treasurer, Bayard; prothonotary, Snyder; register, Lehr; recorder, Neal; commissioners, Gregg and Rogers.

AUGUST 19—J. W. Snook, of Millheim, purchased T. N. Wolf's store, in Miles township. Master Ellis L. Orvis, son of Judge Orvis, carried off the "Kaine Prize" at the recent commencement exercises at Pennsylvania State Agricultural College. This prize is awarded to the member of the Junior class who shall excel in the production and delivery of an English oration.

The dwelling house of Mrs. E. L. Wolf, on Church street, is now up. The Lutheran congregation at Aaronsburg is getting another bell to take the place of the one fractured by frost, last winter.

Henry Krouse purchased the house and lot of Daniel Holloway, deceased, of Aaronsburg, for \$700. Rev. G. Brubaker accepted a contract to remodel the Pleasant Gap Methodist church at a cost of \$1050.

A new tile machine is in operation at Daniel Vouds's crockery, east of Woodward. September 2—C. Sumner Musser and Harvey Musser, of Aaronsburg, started for Franklin College, Lancaster. Simon Haines has built a shop in which to carry on wagon making. Abe Tobias reared a new house on the hill.

Samuel Musser sold his interest in the Millheim hardware store to Runkle B. others.

Married—August 1, John Messmer and Amelia Minch, both of Gregg township. . . August 1, D. Ulrich, Jr., of Millheim, and Mrs. Eve Barrell, of near Aaronsburg. . . August 5, Franklin Resides and Miss Ellen Decker, both of Harris township. . . August 19, William Smith and Miss Mary Breen, both of Potter township. . . July 8, Jacob M. Royer and Miss Sarah J. Showers, both of near Madisonburg.

Markets, Bellefonte, Sept. 9. White wheat \$1.15, red wheat \$1.10, corn 65c, oats 60c, barley 90c, clover seed \$8.00, potatoes 60c, pork 6c, butter 20c, eggs 15c, bacon 10c, ham 15c, lard 8c, buckwheat 65c, flour per bbl. \$7.00.

A Good Investment. A few years ago Wesley Nevil purchased the Peter Kerlin home, south of Colyer, from William Colyer, deceased, for \$500. The tract contained three hundred and fifty acres, consisting mostly of wood land. Recently one hundred and fifty acres were sold to Witmer & Co. for \$750, leaving Mr. Nevil all the cleared land, a good house and stable. Besides this, he sold some timber before disposing of the part to the lumber firm named.

Engraved Cards. Orders for engraved cards, invitations, etc., taken at this office. The highest class work.

When you want a pleasant phisic try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no gripping or other unpleasant effect. Sold by C. W. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills.

**TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.****HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.**

Mrs. Sarah Durst has been ill at her home, in Centre Hall, for the past two weeks.

Prof. John S. Rader, of Pottsville, is the new principal of the Phillipsburg schools.

Al. Baum, of Bellefonte, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The Centre Hall Hotel and H. G. Strohmeier, the marble cutter, have contracted for Bell telephones.

B. F. Homan, farmer and salesman, of Oak Hall, was a brief caller one evening last week. He is pushing the sale of a cream separator.

Amos Koeb, of Harris township, was in town Monday. He has had hard luck recently, having lost sixteen hogs through disease.

Mrs. Eliza Stump, living east of Centre Hall, has been ill for a number of weeks. While her condition is not considered serious, she is unable to regain strength.

Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot, William J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Geary drove to Millheim Thursday of last week, and while there were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Stover.

While he has not definitely decided, H. C. Shirk, of Boalsburg, is reasonably sure that he will move to Centre Hall in the spring and occupy the home recently purchased by him from the Sparr estate.

The next session of the Northern Conference of the Lutheran church will be held at Penn Hall. The officers of the body for the ensuing year are: President, Rev. L. N. Fleck; secretary, Rev. J. I. Stonecypher; treasurer, Rev. J. M. Reaick.

Seeing a deer grazing in his field with his sheep Sunday a week, Thomas Thompson, a well-to-do farmer of Antis township, Blair county, could not resist the temptation to try a shot at it. He killed the deer, and Thursday following he was fined \$100 by a Bellwood justice.

Last week Mrs. W. Frank Bradford and son William started for West Virginia, intending to visit Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shadle, at Elkins. When at Tyrone, the latter became ill, and instead of continuing the journey, the mother returned home with her charge.

Among the callers Friday was William Klinefelter, of near Colyer. He informed the writer that his brother, Samuel Klinefelter, now tenant on the Splener farm, west of Old Fort, will move to the Fischer farm, near Tusseyville, recently purchased by ex-Sheriff Brungart.

Sydney Poorman, who for the past two years has been tenant on the Stump farm, east of Centre Hall, will quit the farm and move to Centre Hall in the spring. He will fill the place vacated at that time by John Runkle as fireman and right hand man in the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills, of which the Weber Brothers are proprietors.

A poem by Edwin Markham, "Christ With Us," occupies the place of honor in the December number of the Woman's Home Companion. Mrs. Russell Sage's views on the question, "What's the Matter with Christmas?" a description of John D. Rockefeller's holiday, abundantly illustrated articles on "How Royalty Celebrates Christmas."

The Reporter readers will regret to learn that J. A. Grenoble, of Yeagerstown, has not fully recovered from the injury he received by the kick of a horse while living near Spring Mills. An operation was performed in Philadelphia some months ago, at which time a portion of his skull, back and above the ear, was removed. The most noticeable effect of the injury is the falling of the gentleman's memory.

William Mothersbaugh is one of the young farmers in Harris township who will begin farming on his own "hook" in the spring. He will become tenant on the Shirk farm, above Boalsburg, purchased some time ago by Theodore D. Boal. Of course, Mr. Mothersbaugh will make preparations for this event during the winter months, possibly about the holidays. A bachelor, you know, couldn't farm in these days.

Miss Sarah and Edgar Breen, of Rhoneymede, drove to Centre Hall one night last week, and while the latter put the blanket on the horse he thought his sister had tied the animal, and so he was left stand with the tie rope at his feet. When they were ready to return home the animal and the buggy to which it was hitched were missing, and could no where be found, but on reaching the barn at Rhoneymede, the outfit was found standing by the gate, blanket on the horse and no harm done.