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B. F. MYERS of the *Patriot* met the enemy on Saturday last, scooped him into his capacious vest pocket, and marched off with his belt stuck full of scalps. Yea, verily, Benjamin is the plumed knight of Dauphin.

THE Western Union Telegraph Company has subscribed five thousand dollars to the Grant monument fund. That is about the only decent thing that corporation has done for years. But as they have been skinning the people and stock-holders for a long time the contribution ought to be known as that of the "aborn lambs" of Gould's stock farm.

SIR CHARLES DILKE has received a moral tumble which will likely result in a broken political neck. It is intimated that some of the English newspapers have been living in glass houses and that the result of the stone throwing will be broken glass. Whether Sir Charles Dilke was a stock holder in the Gazette or not, it makes little difference, the grinning skeleton in his family closet has been dragged forth.—Moral—Don't throw stones.

MISS JEROME's husband Lord Randolph Churchill, has been called an "over-grown school-boy" by the *London Standard* "without knowledge sufficient to fathom his own ignorance of statesmanship." If the *Standard* man don't want to rile our American blood he had better quit talking about our American girl's "feller." Whatever his ignorance of statesmanship may be, he had sense enough to gild his titles with American gold. "Churchy" had a soft side for American girls and American ducaes.

THE appointment of Mr. Cadwallader of Philadelphia to succeed General Hartranft as collector of the Port meets the hearty endorsement of all Democrats. No man has been so successful in his recommendations as Mr. Randall, and the President will never go wrong if he acts on the suggestions of such a man. Mr. Cadwallader is a man exceptionally well qualified for the position of collector and his democracy has nothing mugwumpian in its character. He will appoint the best men he can get for his subordinates. That you can bet on.

WILL the Democratic State Convention declare for the supremacy of the constitution or of the Pennsylvania Railroad? Are Pennsylvania industries to bear the burden of freight discrimination in order to make up the loss to its great railroad monopoly, resulting from cut throat freight rates from the West? Will our platform makers give us an honest anti-monopoly plank, declare for the protection of the rights of individuals, a strict construction of section 4 of article 17 with reference to the proposed sale of competing, parallel and rival lines of railroad and demand that the constitutionality of the sale or transfer be tested in the courts?

It is rumored that the change in the *Watchman* management is "contingent" on a certain appointment. The pending negotiations looking to the transfer of Hon. P. Gray Meek to other and larger fields of usefulness will have to "pend" until President Cleveland can "fix" the other fellow. But then suppose the other fellow can't be "fixed," that's where the "contingency" comes in. Any way there is a terrible mental strain on some parties in town, and unless Meek is "fixed" there is danger of great and permanent mental derangement. When the "dicker" is completed we will be pleased to inform our readers of the why and wherefore. The proposed change taken in connection with certain other things is very suggestive. "The best laid plans of mice and men" etc.

THE report of the Committee appointed to investigate the charges made by the *Pall Mall Gazette*, completely vindicates the truth of the charges. A petition containing over five hundred thousand names and a mile and a half long has been presented to the English Parliament praying that body to raise the age of consent from thirteen to eighteen years. In the corruption and wealth of the English nobility may be found the seeds of its destruction, as was the case in France and Italy, centuries ago. Wealth breeds luxury and idleness. Idleness fosters vice and crime, no class can prey on the virtue of another and not suffer. The general tendency of the age is towards republicanism. The English nobility will fall before the vengeance of an outraged people unless there is a reform within that body. The present condition of morals in London is the result of the abject poverty of the lower classes and the great wealth of the upper classes. The wealth of the one and the poverty of the other enforces idleness. Englishmen are not money getters, but the money lenders of the world. The "nation of shop keepers" which the first Napoleon affected to despise has become a nation of bankers and capitalists. While a man is earning money he has little time to acquire the habits of the voluptuary. But when his money begins to earn money for him his labor ceases, and he takes to fast living to while away the time. The root of all evil enables him to gratify all the passions of his animal nature. The immense wealth of England is anything but a great boon. There is great danger in it. But the revelations of the London paper, simply show a condition of morals which exists in every great city of the world, and a condition that has existed ever since the time that man began to build cities. What remedy philanthropists and moralists may offer for the evil we do not know but the present condition of the two classes of society in England is highly conducive to the low state of morals prevalent. The greatest shield to a young girl is modesty, the brazen impudence and effrontery of girls hardly in their teens is one of the things which strike visitors to our large cities. There is something wrong some place and perhaps parents may find it in the home training of their daughters. Girls cannot be educated on the streets and become pure and virtuous women. There are many miniature Londons, and we perhaps have our share.

WE are glad to know that Senators Wallace and Peale are making a brave fight for the Beech Creek road and the integrity of the constitution of the state. They have but to stand firm in the right and the people will heartily second them in their efforts. Centre, Clinton and Clearfield are anxiously watching their course in the fight now pending and they will receive an emphatic endorsement if they refuse to be parties to the violence and outrage on the rights of our people contemplated by the Pennsylvania R. R. We have entire confidence that these two prominent stockholders in the Beech Creek road will fight to the bitter end, the proposed "dicker."

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT states that General Blair has informed it that he has leased the *Democratic Watchman* for a term of years. The General is indulging in a little joke, playing with the credulity of the Democrat's editors. The *Watchman* has not changed hands and is not likely to.

The above we clip from our able contemporary across the bridge. After such a positive (?) denial as is contained in the last sentence we must accept our neighbor's statement as being true. As to General Blair's jokes, they are always huge, and he is "playing with the credulity of others than the editors of the DEMOCRAT." Mark that down for future reference.

A Faithful Officer.

On Saturday August 1st, John T. Johnston handed over to Dr. J. H. Dobbins his successor, the keys of the post office. Mr. Johnston has been in the office for over sixteen years, and in all that time no complaint has ever been made against him. He is a stalwart Republican and one of the shrewdest politicians in the county. He could not be called an "offensive partisan," because of his uniform courtesy. Mr. Johnston has been a most faithful and efficient officer as any one of the seven or eight thousand people who use the office would testify. His commission expired last May, but nobody seemed in any great hurry to have the place filled. He now gives place to a Democrat for the first time in many years. In whatever position Mr. Johnston may be placed he will always have the confidence and respect of the people of Bellefonte.

The New Post-Master.

Dr. J. H. Dobbins assumed the duties of his new position on Saturday last, and is now firmly ensconced in the office. He has as clerks, Randolph Nightingale and Wilbur Harris. Wilbur was the efficient clerk under Mr. Johnston. It is something strange to see a democratic post-master in the Bellefonte office, indeed many who are now voting the democratic ticket never saw a democratic P. M. Dr. Dobbins has been a life long democrat, and has spent his whole life in Bellefonte. He is yet hardly beyond the prime of life, and is thoroughly equipped for the duties of his new position, except in the matter of experience. The Dr. will get experience as every other man gets it. That he will make an excellent officer and give general satisfaction no one doubts. If all appointees were as deserving and competent, as the new Post-Master there would be very little cause for complaint. Dr. Dobbins never received anything at the hands of his party, and is therefore deserving of recognition. He is competent and fills the bill.

THE Virginia Democrats are abreast of the times with one of the strongest tickets ever put up in the old Dominion and a solid advanced platform. They declare emphatically for the tariff plank of the national platform, an endorsement of the civil service policy of the Cleveland administration, and an emphatic demand for the repeal of all internal revenue laws. That is the music to march to. It is the sacred duty of the party to redeem its pledges made at Chicago and any other line of policy will be fatal to party success in the future. It is the duty of the Democratic press to stand up manfully for the principles on which victory was secured last fall. Virginia leads with a grand ticket and a stirring platform. Let us have no hollow pretensions about civil service reform. If bad or incompetent men replace the "offensive partisan" or incompetent Republicans, the press is in a measure responsible. It should fearlessly lift its voice in protest, no man or set of men must hamper or jeopardize the interests of the party.

In the selection of pall bearers the President consulted Mrs. Grant. Her only request was, that if any prominent Union Generals were selected, that the same number of prominent confederates should act. This request was carried out, and Sherman and Sheridan represent the soldier element of the north, while Burckner, Johnston and Gordon represent that of the south. The pall bearers are Gen'l's Sherman and Sheridan, Johnston, Gordon, and Burckner, Admirals Porter and Rowan, Childs of the *Ledger* and Jones of the *New York Times*, Ex-Secretaries Fish and Boutwell. Gen. John A. Logan represents the state of Illinois.

The County Chairman.

It is of great importance for the Democracy of Centre county to select for Chairman of the county Committee an honest, conservative chairman for next year. In its present disorganized condition the party is little better than an unorganized mob. The terrible strain on party lines and organization of last fall cannot be repeated without a total disruption of the party. Already the Republicans are saying that they will capture the county and it behoves us to look after party fences. We must have a man at the helm who will guard jealously his party's interests, and who will send to the rear, and out of the organization any man who travels around with a bill of sale of the party. The party cannot be sold like a flock of sheep. Letter writers must find other work in future campaigns. The sooner we get back to "principles" and men to battle for them, the sooner will our party regain its once perfect discipline. Be careful in the selection of a chairman, next year there is a full set of State officers, Congressman, State Senator members of the legislature and District Attorney to elect. Our friends can see the importance of a wise selection.

WHAT a racket Gen. Davis and his man Friday are kicking up. Every G. A. R. Post in the state is in danger of invasion from the literary "rebel" in the general's office. Why don't the old cuss remove Friday and stop the war? Of course the G. A. R. Posts didn't boil over with indignation when Longstreet, Mosby, Key, and that crowd of "rebels" were appointed to positions under republican administrations, but then it was a different Robison Cruso and another Friday. We are in favor of the removal of Barbieri, not because he fought in a gray suit, and to the tune of "Maryland, my Maryland," but because we don't want the war fought over again. Then again this constant and persistent persecution of an old Mexican veteran and his faithful Friday might cause them jointly to write a book and that would be much, aye, too much for this too proud flesh to bear. If Barbieri is not removed he will fire on Sumpter again and the flames of internecine war will light every mountain top and valley from Maine to Mexico.

The following which we clip from the *Philadelphia Record* expresses our views, and we believe those of every reader of the DEMOCRAT. The people of the state are now alive to the great danger which threatens them and united action will be the result of the agitation. There is no more out-spoken paper in the country than the *Record* and it is always found on the side of the people, and against monopolies. Its columns are ably and carefully edited and its opinions entitled to consideration:

The policy of the Pennsylvania and the New York Central Railroad Companies has been to do a carrying business as large as possible in nearly all the Middle and Western States of the Union and to make the people of Pennsylvania and New York pay for it. The opposition of the West Shore and South Pennsylvania lines threatened to break down this monopoly and to give the States of Pennsylvania and New York the benefit of a healthy competition. The recent "deal" deprives the people of an anticipated advantage and again puts them at the mercy of the monopolies which have heretofore robbed them. The consummation of this bargain ought to be resisted in the Courts of both States, for it is contrary to the laws of both. If the Courts fail to curb the dangerous power of the railroad companies, the Legislatures of the State and the Federal authority must be appealed to for protection. The astonishing growth of corporate power and the astounding disregard for the rights of the people and the laws intended to protect those rights, as shown in recent transactions, challenge immediate remedy and redress. If money kings and railroad managers can set aside State laws and Constitutions at their pleasure, it is time for a change.

—Wedding cards and all kinds of printing at the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office.
—Read Lewis' price list of fish.

The Grant Funeral.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE EVENT ABOUT COMPLETED.

NEW YORK, July 29.—General Lloyd Aspinwall in speaking of the arrangements to-day stated that all armed bodies will be assigned to position in the column, which is to precede the hearse, and all civil organizations will be placed in line following the hearse. All organizations from different states will occupy positions in the line according to the date of admission of the state each represents into the union. Aides will escort the governors of the different states visiting the city on the day of the obsequies. The remains will arrive in this city on the evening of August 5th.

THE BODY IN THE CASKET

MT. MCGREGOR, July 29.—The casket in which General Grant is to be interred arrived this afternoon, and was taken into the cottage and was placed beside the remains. The undertaker then attended to the practical details of transferring the remains to the final receptacle. Harrison and Henry, the nurse, were present. It was found that the hardening process that results from embalming had begun and the embalmers express the belief that the body would remain in its present condition, without change, for at least six months. Harrison was permitted to aid in the final preparations of the remains as far as possible. A suit of black broad cloth was placed upon the remains, the coat, being a Prince Albert. A white linen standing collar circles the neck and a black silk scarf is tied in a plain bow at the throat. The tie was arranged by Harrison, and he also adjusted a pair of low cut patent leather slippers on the dead general's feet, when they had been encased in white stockings. Gold studs are fixed in the shirt front and plain gold buttons in the cuffs. When the remains had been finally attired and placed within the casket the double-breasted Prince Albert coat was buttoned closely from top to bottom. The right hand was folded across in an easy position by the side.

FRED GRANT'S LAST OFFICE.

Colonel Fred Grant at this point entered the apartment. He approached the casket where it rested beneath the black draped canopy and leaning above it some moments studied the face of his father in silence. Then taking in his own right hand of the general, Colonel Grant placed upon the third finger a plain gold ring and then replaced upon the breast the still thin, hand. Before turning away the Colonel drew forth a small packet of mementoes and placed them in the breast pocket of the coat. Having performed these last direct personal offices, Colonel Grant retired, and those in charge dropped the heavy plate glass top of the casket in place, and the casket was sealed by turning down of 60 screws that press the glass down into its fitting, and which thus render the casket air tight.

Riverside Park, where the remains of General Grant are to repose, is a narrow and irregular strip of land lying between Riverside avenue and the Hudson river, from Seventy-second street to One hundred and Thirtieth street. Between the western limit and the river, however, passes the road-bed of the Hudson river railway. The general width of the park is about five hundred feet, while its entire length is some three miles, the area being about 178 acres, only a portion of which has been laid out in walks and drives, while the rest still retains the wild picturesqueness of nature.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The postmaster general has issued an order to postmasters directing all postoffices in the United States to be closed between one and five P. M., on Saturday, August 8th, the day appointed for General Grant's funeral obsequies.

Telegram From Ex-Senator Cameron.

LANCASTER, Pa., August 1.—General Simon Cameron sent the following telegram to-day:

DOXEGAL FARM, Lancaster county Pa.—To Colonel Fred D. Grant, Mount McGregor, N. Y.: I am glad to know that Generals Johnston, Burckner and Gordon are going to act as pall bearers with Sherman and Sheridan. Your father's prayer for peace to his county has been answered and the last bitterness of the war wiped out forever.

SIMON CAMERON.

Exit "bloody shirt."

All at the Disposal of Mrs. Grant.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Referring to the regrets that have been expressed that General Grant is not to be buried in uniform and with one of his swords at his side, and the supposition that they were not available, Adjutant General Drum said to-day that any or all of them are available and at the disposal of Mrs. Grant while they remain in the War Department awaiting action of Congress.

State Items.

Filthy pig pens exist in Shippensburg and are complained of by cleanly citizens.

Peter Trostle, of Butler township, Adams county, had two colts killed by running into a wire fence.

Mrs. Samuel G. Herold, a Perry county woman, while picking blackberries recently dropped dead.

Jacob Seutz, supervisor of Windsor township, York county, lost four horses worth \$600, of spinal meningitis.

A dashing individual, who travels under the name of Adam Wilson, has succeeded swindling many of the farmers of Somerset, Fayette, and Bedford counties by taking orders for lightening rods and weather-vanes to be supplied by the International Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, which concerns has no existence. Wilson, who is represented to be of handsome exterior and finely dressed, managed to secure advance payments to the amount of \$800, and the investors have received no returns for their money.

A number of residences in Norris-town have been robbed recently.

Michael Bailey, of Allentown was struck by lightning on Wednesday of last week and fatally injured.

Samuel W. Miffin, one of the oldest civil engineers in the State, was buried at Columbia on Tuesday the 28th.

Adam Kettler aged 60 years, was successful in a second attempt at suicide by hanging in Milton on Tuesday, the 28th.

Washington Littleholes, one of the most extensive powder manufacturers in the State died at Paxinos, Northumberland county, on Wednesday last.

A colony of 100 Hungarians, who have been employed in the mines, near Hazelton, left on Wednesday for Canada, where they will take up their future residence.

Fifteen miles of copper wire belonging to the Postal Telegraph Company and stretched between Conshohocken and Bala Station, have been stolen since July 1.

The two men found murdered near Mount Carmel were Italians, and are supposed to have been murdered for their money. Detectives are searching for the murderer.

The storm of Wednesday afternoon was very severe in portions of Montgomery and Northampton counties. In the former, near Lansdale, a cyclone destroyed houses on the farms of Leonard Smith, Cornelius Fernley, Silas Dress and Samuel Detwiller. The damages sustained from the storm in Northampton county are estimated at \$500.

Mills Zoo, the actress, has been taken to the Queens County (N. Y.) Lunatic Asylum.

The total amount of money paid John Roach, the shipbuilder, by the Navy Department from 1862 to date is \$10,333,626.

Mrs. Lawrence Leitmeyer, aged 36 years, the wife of a shoemaker at Albany, N. Y., cut her throat from ear to ear yesterday morning while crazed with drink.

Henry Dun, Wiman and Harry Taylor, each 17 years, arrived at Montreal yesterday in an open ten-foot Whitehall boat, having rowed and sailed the whole distance from Staten Island.