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John H Hoover,

Patton twp ..

Potter twp, north ..

Was it a horizontal reduction?

SECRELARY BAYARD is a little "too utterly utter" for any thing."

worth 100 cents. Pap's dollar is Sumner, or Douglass, if living, would worth 80 cents.

ELECT a good honest silent worker, chairman of the State Central Committee. No more natural gas in ours.

THURDER and lightning, rain, rain. Land slides, railroad blockades, wash

E SIMONTEN must be consul ting the Delphic oracle as to what he shall eay on the Railroad deal. Hurry up man, the case is plain and the people are anxious.

THE chief occupation of the Re. publicae press just now is to vilify the President. Awful ain't it? How interesting it must be for their readers? and then don't Grover get mad and swear? Oh my! Shouldn't wonder if he resigned in favor of E. Pink ston Sherman.

as Governor of New York amid en. home as his wife was dying. He re- spect and confidence of his fellow from all parts of the State, amid great a rage bordering white heat, he detion of Malioneism as amalgama- litely informed that if he had no more But the buying and selling was princited with spurious Republicanism.

THE new year starts out pregnant with hope; business while not booming grows brighter each day. The fires that bave been strangers to the great industrial establishments of the country for the past year now cast their warm glow through the great buildings in which the wealth of the state has been poured so lavishly. On all sides furnaces beich forth the molten iron that has made our State wealthy and her people happy in by-gone days The "hard times" of 1885 will soon be forgotten in the business revival of 1886. Labor on whose employment depends the happiness and prosperity of any country, will reap its just re. ward. Peace reigns profound through all our borders, and famine and pestilence are unknown. We have souch to be thankful for, and our hearts should wield thanksgivings to the Great God whose favors have been Patitson, and a newspaper correspon-

WANTED -A Moses to lead us out

The Decadence of the Senate

The decadence of the United States Senate has been a subject of remark for some years back and a comparison the year 1734, his great grandfather of the present Senate and its score of Matthias Hoffer came from Switzerland millionaires with ante-bellum days is humiliating to the American whose ideal statesmen were Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Macon, Hayne, Dallas, Dougenuine oratory. There were statesmen in those days whose intellect outweighed their bank accounts, the test of the suffrage of a State then was ability and integrity. To-day none but the man whose wealth reaches into the sive Senate. True there are some able men in that body, but there are so many who would not command respect in is not a poor man in the Senate to-day except those afflicted with poverty of intellect. The magic wand that unlocks the doors to imbecility, and clothes mediocrity with the senatorialtoga is the gold filched from the people by monopolists, or the phenominal wealth of the "bonanzd" king. Web-Tax dollar of our grand daddy was ster, Clay, Calhoun, Macon, Seward, stand no more show of being elected Conkling and the grand old Thurman are retired to private life.

> "LEAKY"-Very Leaky! Inhuman Action.

We have heard of cruelty, but the following we think displays the cruelist and most unfeeling actions that we ever heard of a person being guilty of. A wife lay dying at Ashcroft's with the diabolical remark "you are Two Democratic Governors were not as bad as you let on," he picked inaugurated on the first of January. up his dinner bucket and proceeded be more charitable to him, than he after being a widower for almost 7 years, was to her whom he vowed before he was married to Miss Sarah Pruner, God to love, honer, and care for .- | daughter of David I. Pruner Esq., of Philipsburg Journal.

> SENATOR WALLACE called on Gov. tions were very happy, both by his first damage to buildings in the country volatile Hensel. The game is hardly

John Hoffer

John Hoffer belonged to an old and

numerous family in our country. In

and settled himself near Manheim, Lan-

caster Co. Pa., where he raised a large

family, and accumulated what was in that day accounted great wealth. Geo. the 3rd son of Matthias, was Mr. Hoffglass, and the host of great men who er's grandfather. It is a tradition of made the Senate chamber ring with the family that young George won the heart of a young lady belonging to a Mennonite family, and that he had not a little trouble in securing the hand of his elected bride, on account of the well-known opposition of the Mennonites to all intermarriages with parties outside of their own communion. hundreds of thousands can gain en. However, George was a young man of trance to the aristocratic and exclu- pluck, won the hand of his fair lady, and then moved to the vicinity of Appville. Lebonan Co., Pa., where most of his decendants still reside. His second son Christian, was Mr. Hoffers father. He al- character as a man and a christian. a ward caucus, but for their millions, so at first settled in Lebanon Co., but that the general tone of the Senate is in the spring of 1834-just one hundred disgustingly low. Silk purses are not years after his grandfather had crossed made from sow's ears and senators the ocean,—he moved to Centre county cannot be made from rich asses. There arriving on the 6th of April at Centre Hall where he located. He was a member of the Reformed church, donated the ground on which the Reformed church is built, and was otherwise ac- at the time of his death, assistant sup- impression left is correct. This, he said stitute. Miss Kate is an active and exchurch. John Hoffer was born on the 1st of April 1821 in Lebanon Co. He had two brothers and three sisters, all of whom were born in the same place. When his father moved to this county, he was a mere stripling of 13 years. For liberally of his means toward all the the next 15 years he was working on his cathers farm, clerking in a store, and to the Senate than they do now that teaching several terms of common they are dead. Legislatures are bought school. In 1848 John A. Sutton made up like sheep by the millionaire mule his famous discovery of gold in Califorwho aspires to the toga. The wood wis. Many among us, no doubt remem. pulp monopolist from New York and ber the great excitement which spread the Standard Oil Company monopolist like wild fire over the country, and the outs, dez., a good send off for the new from Ohio join hands and the brilliant overwhelming tide of emigration which immediately started up from all parts of the country and in fact from all parts of the world, towards this modern El-Dorado. John Hoffer became one of this army of gold diggers. The very next spring, he packed his valice and set out for the golden state, his object being to try his fortune in delving for the precious metal, but more especially, to regain his health which was considerably impaired, for which reason he also chose the ocean route around Cape Horn, doubling the cape mines. In the morning upon the day both going and returning. After an she died, she plead with her husband absence of some 3 years, he returned to remain with her, and not go to much improved in health, and slso the bank that day. Unfeelingly and well paid for his time and trouble, but without having acquired a fortune. This indeed he might easily have bad, had his conscience been as easy and ac-The Hon. D. B. Hill took the oath of to his day, s labor. Some time during Though a young man of only 28 years office and became his own successor the day he was sent for to hasten and a stranger, he enjoyed the full rethusiastic and impressive ceremony. fused to go and not until the owner miners to such extent that they saked About the same time, Gen. Fitzhigh of the mine forbid the driver to de. and urged him to open up a trading Lee was inaugurated Governor of Vir- liver him any more cars that he left post among them, offering to loan him ginia in presence of the leading men the bank. Then he came out and in all the capital he needed, and promising to do all their buying and selling joy over the redemption of the great manded to know why in the d-1 no ing one. He might easily and in a through him. The offer was a tempt- ped, owing to the bridges being swept old Commonwealth from the degrada- care was sent him. He was very po- short time have made a big fortune. washed out. manhood, than not to quit work pally done on the Lord's day, and Mr. voluntarily when his wife lay at the Hoffer, in accordance with that sound point of death, he would be compelled christian principal which never failed to. Grambling and growling and bim, concluded that he would rather Market Square and reached within a be poor than gain riches on the Lord's few feet of the Court House. Trains greatly against his will be went home, day. He accounted the "reproaches of on the Philadelphia and Eric Railbut long ore he reached there the Christ's greater riches than the treasures road west of here were interrupted for silent messenger had accomplished its of Egypt." After his return from the a time this afternoon, but are now work, and the neglected wife had golden state, he was married to Miss running regularly. Damage in this passed to a country where brutish Leah Keller, and for several years en- locality is very heavy but no reasonand tyranical husbands will never en- gaged in farming on the old homestead. able estimate can yet be given. ter. In the case of this heathenish In 1857, the people of this county The flood in the Susquehanna reach the officers elected by the institute for conduct, comment is unnecessary, chose him by a large majority to the ed its height here this evening after the ensuing year are the following: office of Prothonotary which he filled having submerge three-fourths of the for one term. During this term, on the city. No lives have been lost, but trusting that when he comes down to 4th of May 1859 his wife died, their damage has been very great. News the shores of the stream which he union being blessed with two sons, C. from out of town comes in slowly on will be obliged to cross sooner or U. Hoffer of the firm of C. U. Hoffer account of travel being interrupted. later, that those who stand at his bed- & Co., and another son who died in his From all accounts the farmers along side on the morning of his death, will infancy. On the 6th of February 1866, the river have lost heavily. The

was "to his own hurt," as fully as when it was to his own gain. And so kind and benevolent! While in California, he "Rs" and strays a little nowsense and once gave all the money be had, (a con- slang. siderable sum,) to several poor fellows who were how sick, retaining only fity just comes the title of the "Inimitable given during the week, and toad others cents for himself. And this he did feel, Burbank ing quite sure that he would never see his money again, as also be did not. And how little his kindness and generous help to persons in need were often. equal in the times appreciated. Indeed I often won. dered that his heart was not embittered by the ingratitude of men. And yet I never found that he cherished any but the kindliest feelings even toward these ingrates. In the community in which he lived he was universally esteemed and beloved. For 21 years he was elected by the votes of his ward as, their member on the board of school directors, and when stricken in death, his fellow members passed resolutions expressive of their high appreciation of his services as a director and of his

He was a member of the Reformed church. In his youth he was baptised made. Prof. Kemp then followed with and confirmed by Rev. P. S. Fisher of a talk on blessed memory. And howfaithful and regular ! At the Sund y services, at the Holy Communion, at prayer meeting, ing that in our language the proper way and at Sunday School he was always at his post. In the Sunday School he was For 27 years he was an elder in the congregation. He was a member of the committee which built the present church edifice. He contributed most various forms of church work. He was often sent as a delegate to classis and synod. The Reformed congregation misses him very much, next to his own family he is missed most in his, church we miss his kindly face, the testimony of his godly life and his liberal help in all our work. And now that he is gone, the soft memory of his name and his many virtues linger among us like bright hues when the sun is set. He died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday morning Dec. 8th, 1885, aged 64 years, 8 months and 7 days. The funeral services took place the following Saturday. The Reformed church where the funeral services were held was filled with a large and sympathizing audience. In addition to his paster, Revs. Groh, Wolf, and Land. Rev. Foster of the Methodist church, Rev. Steck of the Lutheran, and Rev. Hughes of the Presbyterian were ground in the Centre Hall cemetary, comforted with the hope and assurance of a blessed resurrection at the last day. May I die the death of the righteous, and may my last end be like his."

Bellefonte, Pa.

The Flood in The Susquehauna Nearly as High as in 1865.

HIS PASTOR.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., January 5 .-All the trains on the Williamsport | Hon. Henry Houck delivered a lecture and Canandaigua Division of the Northern Central Railway are stopaway by floods and the track being

The river here after reaching twenty this city the water backed up to from begining to end.

flood very nearly reached the high

water mark of 1865. WILKESBARRE, Jan. 5 .- For the past twenty-four hours a heavy rain Bellefonte. They had one child viz. and wind storm of great violence has Sallie E. Hoffer. His domestic rela- prevailed in this section, doing much and second marriage. After his term districts. This evening the Susque.

Mr. Hoffer belonged to the salt of the raining steadily here since yesterday Renovo, Pa., Jan. 4.-It has been worth the Senator's powder, except earth. He was quiet, modest, and un- afternoon. The river has risen nine hearts we thank Him, and feel that of the wilderness of 81,000 and one that the fragments of the party left by assuming, and as free from guile as Nafeet. The old residents say it will be our future work, to be crowned with

olo form Prof. W. F. duet by the Br dies sisters" won lutions; hearty applicuse and closed the entertainment for the evening.

THURSLAY MORNING.

After the mening exercises, and music, Prof. Murphy fi'led in the first period with a very instructive talk on "Geography" and "Map Drawing." He suggested local scenes and the cardinal points as being the first to be taught and a correct yet simple explanation of the meaning of the same, the etymology of the word "News." He then showed how the transation from this stage to years. general geography can successfully be

IMAGINATION AND PERCEPTION. He sdvanced the correct idea in sayto correctly fix the spelling of words, is Miss Kate McCormick of Tyrone, but

by the image, or picture of the same, the erintendent, teacher and treasurer, an held good in all branches taught. No office which he had held many years, branch can be successfully taught without the use of the preceptive faculties, and upon this point he urged the cultivation of all these faculities. That whole-souled, genius Hon. Henry Hough sgain sat the institute in a roar of laughter. His subject this time was "The Teacher," what was necessary to his success, etc. The truths fell thick mor, and his little stores of every day practical lesson.

AFTERNOON SESSION. the subject of History. A piano solo by Miss Anna B ble and a recitation by Miss Waddle, of Lock Haven, opened up the way for a "common sense" talk on the common school system by D. F. Fortney, Esq., President of the Bellefonte School Board. He discussed the loss of life, it is thought, to three men. advantage, in fact the necessity of erecting good commodious school houses and planting trees around the same. He urged the directors to pay the female teschers as much as the male present and took part in the service. His remains were committed to the tors convention was favorably consid-Henry Hough said: "His speech was heard from a school director in his life." Mr. Fortney was followed by music, after which Mrs. Rose De Woodie recited Teddy O'Flynn. Prof. Houck then addressed the institute on the new law-

THURSDAY EVENING

the best he had in his satchel, and it was not a written lecture either. The audiences that were unkind to him, of the bridge that it

FRIDAY MORNING.

The closing session convened. Rev. Chas, Steck recited a selection from hakespear and a "Leap for Life," to the evident gratification of all present. cued. Superintendent O. E. McClel-To say the least Mr. Steck has few equals as a Shakesperian reader.

President (ex officio), D. M. Wolf. Vice Presidents, Kate McCormick and A. M. Butler.

Assistant Setretary, Sallie A. Meek Committee on Permanent Certificates G. W. Williams, F. F. Jamison, W. A. Krise, J. M. Furey, Mrs. Rose J. Dewoodie.

Secretary, D. M. Lieb.

The following resolutions were adopted with the amendment that they thank the Commissioners for the use of the Court House.

march : Therefore, be it

that will do it in less than forty years. Mr. Heusel may be gathered together, thanial. He spoke the truth when it one of the biggest floods for years.

recognition of His overruling Provi-

Resolved, That we heartily thank Professors Atherton, Kemp, Murphey, who have in any way contributed to

of composer of music. D M. Wolf, not only the able officer, a performer has no but the sympathetic friend, and we feel al per of the State hat our interests are secure in his

> The following accompanied the reso-Resolved, That we appreciate the ef-

forts of the County Superintendent in raising the standard of education in issuing Provisional Cert ficates. Resolsed, That the course of Reading

as suggested by the State Board at Harrisburg, be adopted by the teachers of Centre county.

INSTITUTE NOTES. Every session of the institute was

crowded. The ministers, lawyers, doctors, and

in short the citizens of Bellefonte seemto take a greater interest and pride in the institute this year than in former

A full and complete report of the teachers institute will be found in this weeks issue of the DEMOCRAT.

We overflow with sympathy when we think of the cruel method applied to Henry Houck by the school teacher of the olden times in teaching him "nine times four are thirty six.'

who is teaching near the line of Centre perienced teacher and meets with success where ever she teaches.

Good wholesome instruction was given at institute, and many should profit by the practical seggestions given by the instructors,

A Terrible Wreck. DUNCANNON, Pa., Jan. 4.-The most distressing accident that has oc: curred on the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad for many miles on either side and fast with here and there a spark- of this place happened here this evenling diamond of genuine wit, and hu- ing, about eight o'clock, and the excitment that prevails for miles around is experience in the school room when re- intense. Sherman's Creek is a small lated by him contained a useful and stream that winds about through the length of the county, and as it pears the Susquebanna River, it broadens Prof. Murphy concluded his talk on and deepens, and the recent rains, have added to its depth and width

The bridge which spans the creek has always been considered substantial, yet a portion of it gave way to-night as the Huntingdon local was crossing. precipitating eight ore-dumps and the engine into the creek and causing a

It is almost impossible to obtain an accurate account as to the immediate cause of the accident. As one of the spans of the bridge is broken and a portion of a pier washed away yet the most plausible theory is that the pier was weskened by the unusual swiftness to-day of Sherman's creek. Willered by Mr. Fortney, in short as Hon. iam Knowles, Conductor of the train says the engine had just crossed the the best and most practical he had ever | bridge when the pier gave away. The tender of the engine fell into the river drawing the engine and the cars with it. Knowles was washen away by the swift current, and floated on a log two miles down the river before he was rescred. Men ventured out in boats. and the engineer, who escaped with a sprained ankle and an injured thigh, was taken to a farm-house. The rest. of the crew are from Huntingdon, R. W. Turbett, the brakeman, was written lectures he only inflicted upon ed between the pier and stringers. consequently he had no occasion to do quired the combined efforts of four four feet and a half, is now slowly so here he said. He gave a "rough and men to release him. His limbs were falling. Reports from the stream and ready" lecture which kept the audi- broken. T. D. Baldwin, the conducnounce rapid fall at all points. In ence in one continuous roar of laughter tor, and his assistant, A. G. McGahan can not be found, and the probability is that they are drowned. J. A. Miller, who resides here, and is the conductor of the Duncannon Iron Company's train, jumped into the river, lan, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, arrived here about 11 o'clock, in charge ot a wrecking crew, and the work of clearing away the debris has been begun. Owing to the swiftness of the river and the darkness of the night, but little headway can be made. Railroad men say it will require two days labor to fully repair the damage. Passenger will be transferred over the walking bridge near bere and some accommodation made to take them East and West.

Democratic State Committee

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1, 1886. There will be a meeting of the Democratic State Central committee, at the Bolton House, in the city, of Harof office expired he continued to reside hanna river is rapidly rising, and at Wheneas, We, the teachers of Centre Wendesday, Jan. 10th, 1886, to elect so, graciously bestowed during the ent has gone into hysterics lest the in Bellefonte engaged in the mercantile 7 o'clock was thirteen feet above low have reached another milestone in our and seven members of the State Executive cammittee; and to transact such other business as the committee may determine.

> W. U. HENSEL Chairman. J. B. LICHTY, Secretary.