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SHAFER'S confession (?) in the *Grit* of last week was a lie made out of the whole cloth, and was published simply to sell that paper. Sheriff May told the *Grit* man that there was no confession and that he should not say that there was. It is unfair to the prisoners who are charged with such a heinous crime to prejudice the public against them by such statements. They are innocent until proven guilty and the public mind should not be poisoned by false statements in the papers.

STRONG pressure is being brought to bear on Governor Beaver to call an extra session of the legislature to pass a new revenue bill. There is danger of the republican State ticket being swamped because of the sins of the administration and the legislature and the republican leaders are anxious to patch up things before November. It is party necessity alone that calls loudly on the bosses, but it is doubtful whether an extra session would save their ticket. However let us have an extra session and let the legislature do its duty to the people.

W. J. CURTIS, the lightning manipulator of the Bohemian oats swindle, is said to be carrying on his business in New York. A gentleman of our town has received letters of inquiry as to Curtis' standing and as to the Penna. Seed Company of Bellefonte. Anyone of Mr. Curtis' many victims in our county would pronounce him a fraud and swindler of the first water. His Penna. Seed Co. is a fraud, his bonds are a swindle and Curtis himself is a grand rascal. He is wanted here for his swindling operations and if any of his victims desire his address we will furnish it to them.

THE Western Union Telegraph Company which means Jay Gould has gobbled up the B. & O. Telegraph system and now there is not a line in the United States of any magnitude to compete with the great monopoly. The B. & O. system may not have been a financial success, but it was a valuable property and with proper management would have paid. It was the means of reducing to a fair compensation the business of telegraphy between the east and the west wherever it came in competition with the Western Union, where either of those companies were alone in the business rates were high. The Western Union wages no ruinous warfare on its little rivals it quietly buys them up, the B. & O. has gone the way of many another good intentioned corporation, and it leaves it great rival the entire field. The general tendency of business enterprises of all kinds is to a concentration of capital in the hands of corporations, and the business of telegraphy and the telephone has reached the most advanced stage of monopoly. Two companies control the electrical communication between man and man in the United States. The Western Union telegraph company and the Bell telephone company, both are great giant monopolies and are but in their infancy. These are corporations that directly effect the business man rather than the laborer.

THE Bellefonte Republican is afraid that Judge Grove will "drag down the upright purity of the bench" and manipulate it in the interest of the liquor men. We don't know exactly what the "upright purity of the bench" is. It may mean either Judge First or Judge Munson, or it may mean Judge Rhoads, or it may be one of Bailey's beautiful rhetorical figures. If the Republican means that Judge Rhoads is the vertical section of the "purity of the bench" then we agree with our neighbor that Judge Grove will drag it down in November. The Republican says nothing about the horizontal purity, the circular purity or the purity at an angle of forty five degrees, of the bench. There is doubtless danger of the upright purity being tumbled down but it will not be a very serious matter, and our neighbor after he has defined his "upright purity" can devote himself to the pleasant task of setting things to rights. By that time honest John Grove will be on the bench and the "upright purity of the bench" whatever that may be, will be maintained by Judges Munson and Grove.

JUDGE GROVE'S enemies are circulating base slanders against him as a christian gentleman, but they will react. Mr. Grove is a member of the Lutheran church and is honored and respected at his home by all classes. He is not aristocratic, nor wealthy, but he is honest fearless and conscientious in the discharge of every duty. He will be under the control of no man or faction but will discharge his duties as becomes a Judge.

JOHN RUPP our candidate for Register is admitted to be the most competent man who is running for that office, both by Republicans and Democrats who know him. Men who have been raised with him know his qualifications for that office and will give him their heartiest support. When the votes are counted Mr. Rupp will be emphatically vindicated from the slurs and insinuations of his enemies.

THE seventy-five cents per day business is so thin that the *Gazette's* readers are becoming disgusted with it.

What Would Follow Tariff Reform

By putting coal, iron, ore, wool, salt, flax, hemp, juice, chemicals, dye-stuffs, and the rest of the raw materials of labor, on the free list with rice, fish, and certain other necessities of living, an annual reduction of \$20,000,000 would be made in current revenues from customs. Ex-Secretary Manning indulged in no exaggeration when he said in his Treasury report of last December that a repeal of the duties on wool alone would afford more relief to the workmen of this country than would the total repeal of the internal taxes on whisky. Yet the duties on wool last year did not much exceed \$5,000,000, while the internal revenues from whisky amounted to nearly \$70,000,000. The whisky taxes went into the public Treasury for the support of the Government, and the duties on wool grievously enhanced the cost of clothing, flannels and blankets to every family in the land.

With the repeal of the duties on raw materials a substantial reduction of duties could be made on manufactured articles of necessity without any detriment to American industries, and this would diminish the surplus revenues to the probable amount of \$20,000,000 more. It is said, however, that a reduction of duties would stimulate imports, and thus cause an increase of revenues from customs. Experience, however, does not warrant this conclusion. The heaviest importations into this country have been made under the highest rates of duty. Free raw materials would enable American manufacturers to compete with European rivals both in home and foreign markets; and under the influence of this change of policy more American fabrics would be sent abroad, while fewer foreign goods would be imported. The policy of the advocates of tariff reform would reduce the excessive Treasury supplies; remove the temptations and opportunities for extravagant expenditure; relieve labor of needless burdens of taxes; increase the comforts of American families, and give a mighty impulse to the country's industrial and commercial development.—Record.

JOHN NOLL, the next Sheriff of the county is looking after his competitor Mr. Cook and Bob will find that he has an opponent who never slept on his post, but was ever awake to the discharge of his duty. Mr. Noll has always been earnest in the support of his party and has been a local worker of acknowledged ability. As a man his character is above reproach, he is a laboring man in the strictest sense of the word and has earned for himself an acknowledged position among his fellow men. He is sober, honest, industrious and capable and will discharge the duties of his office faithfully. On Mr. Noll the Republican batteries are being trained and imported workers have been travelling the county among the labor organizations in the interests of Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook may be as his friends claim for him a Knight of Labor, but when did he join, where, and what for? Besides is he running as a Knight of Labor or as a Republican? Who ever knew Mr. Cook as a laboring man? Is he a carpenter, a stone mason, a glass blower or a day laborer? Neither, he is a first class livery man keeps good horses and rigs and is sharp and shrewd at a horse trade. There is nothing wrong about Mr. Cook or his business, but we think he should either run as a Republican or on his wellknown record as a horseman, and not pose as the champion of a class with which he has nothing more in common than any other man in his position in life.

Against Free Speech.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The Progressive Labor party held a ratification meeting to-night on the plaza at the north side of Union Square. The delegates from the general districts moved to the square in bodies, bearing torches, several red flags and transparencies with such mottoes as "No harmony between capital and labor;" "More public schools and less armories."

On reaching the plaza they found that the row of gas-jets usually lighted when mass meetings are held there were not lighted. This provoked their anger, but it was much increased when they were told by a park police that their permit to hold a meeting did not entitle them to speak from the platform of the cottage fronting on the plaza. A bitter wrangle followed, and finally the police allowed the speakers to mount the platform.

Editor Shevitch bitterly denounced the attempt of the police to prevent them from holding their meeting. Speeches were also made by Colonel Hinton, J. Edward Hall, the candidate for Secretary of State, and Thaddeus B. Wake. All denounced the action of the police.

While the speaking was in progress the police, of whom there were 150 present, attacked a portion of the crowd, and several men were severely clubbed. There was a stampede of the crowd along the east and west of the cottage to get out of the way, and in a minute the plaza was almost entirely deserted.

After the meeting was over. Police Captain Reilly, in whose precinct the meeting had been held, said a man came to him and told him some George men were disturbing the meeting. He saw disturbance sufficient, he thought, to warrant the police in interfering, and sent twenty men to preserve order. The confusion that followed caused the reserve squad to think their comrades were being attacked, and rushed to their assistance without waiting orders. He said he regretted the occurrence. No arrests were made, and it is not known there was any one seriously injured.

MR. KIMPORT'S private life compares favorably with that of any other man in Centre county, and we advise the *Gazette* to draw his lines light. We don't propose to investigate or attack the private character of any man on the Republican ticket, but if our neighbor insists in mud slinging instead of argument we might give him a few points for reference. Now don't throw stones, it ain't nice. Mr. Kimport is a gentleman capable, honest and worthy of the position to which he aspires. We want to say the same for his competitor Mr. Goss. Let the campaign be conducted without any lying or mud slinging. We know such a thing is foreign to the *Gazette* man's nature but a little self restraint imposed on his otherwise wild and untamed character will go a great way toward making his paper decent.

THE plain duty of every democrat in Centre county is to go to work for the state and county tickets. Every man has his influence, some more, some less, but be it great or small it should be exercised for the ticket. The republican managers are making desperate efforts to wrest the county from democratic management, the courts are already in their hands and an attack is to be made on the commissioners and sheriff's office. With either one of these offices in the hands of our enemies we are likely to lose the county at the presiden-

tial election. Can we afford that, Democrats of Centre? We think not. Let us keep our ranks firm and allow no break or we will be in bad shape for 1888. No democrat has anything to expect from a republican in office nor is the county to be put in better shape. Bellefonte which has been under republican control for over a quarter of a century groans under a debt of \$170,000 while Centre county under democratic management is entirely free from debt. Do you want to put the county in the same position that Bellefonte Borough is in? Do you want to be burdened with thirty mills taxes on every dollar of assessed valuation? If you do all you have to do is to turn the commissioners office over to Messrs. Henderson & Decker.

In Chicago.

CHICAGO, October 6.—Only a half dozen stops were made during this run of the President's train between here and St. Louis and those were at the water stations. The president, who arose early and stood on the back platform, was greeted everywhere by farmers and villagers. The train arrived ten minutes past nine, vast crowds of people awaiting it and greeting the president with cheers. At Twenty-second street a procession met the party and escorted them to the Auditorium where the president and reception committee took places on the stand. Mayor Roche made the welcoming address and the president responded in a pleasant vein. Mrs. Cleveland stopped at the Palmer House on account of fatigue and took a few hours of rest.

It was 1:25 when the crowd began to disperse. There was such a jam that the president could not leave the platform for some time. Finally he got away, almost faint with hunger and exertion and was driven to the Palmer House to eat dinner and prepare for the reception.

With one bursting, frantic cheer crashing through the great rotunda fully one hundred thousand people rushed at President Cleveland and his wife at the public reception at the Palmer House this afternoon. In vain did the policemen, clubs in hand, attempt to stem the rush, and even the files of brawny men could not keep back the surging mass of humanity. At the head came a detachment of union veterans bearing aloft the tattered, bullet-ridden battle flag of the Eleventh Kansas volunteers. A striking scene ensued. While the President warmly greeted the old soldiers one after another, the color-bearer stepped forward to Mrs. Cleveland and gently lowering the old flag bade her clip off one of its precious threads as a memento of the day. The wife of the president gracefully complied and while the spectators went wild with enthusiasm, displayed her trophy proudly to the ladies at her side. President Cleveland shook hands with redoubled vigor and an actual count at this juncture showed his gait to be forty-seven hand-shakes per minute. This rate was kept up without intermission until the time fixed for the reception to end, and not a person in the line was missed. A low estimate of the number who marched past him is 6,000 persons, but they were the fortunate few. Thousands in the corridors and thousands upon thousands in the streets failed even to catch a sight of his face.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Thomas C. Manning, United States Minister to Mexico, who has been in this city for the past ten days died suddenly at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Manning was a resident of the state of Louisiana.

Jay Gould's Turn.

NEW YORK, October 6.—Jay Gould left his office in the Western Union building at 4 o'clock this afternoon, after a brief conference. When questioned about the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph deal, he said "We have bought the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph; we have paid for it, or arranged to do so, and the price is five million dollars."

Although the officials of the Western Union Telegraph decline to make any statement formally in regard to the B. & O. matter, it is given out by the officials in an informal way under a promise to use no names that the papers for the transfer of the B. & O. Telegraph to the Western Union have been signed. The wires of the former company are already virtually under Western Union control.

The contract signed includes not only the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company's lines, but the wires and the exclusive right of way of the railroad company. This gives the Western Union as well the right to wires on the Western Shore road. All the avenues to New York by the trunk lines are now owned by Western Union, the only other wires entering the city coming by highway.

It would have been next to a miracle if President Cleveland while on his Western tour had not evoked the malicious criticisms of eager partisan enemies. Nothing that he could possibly have said or done would have averted their animosity. When he recalled a few historic data showing the wonderful growth of the cities visited by him he was accused of having thrown the cyclopaedia at the hands of the people. When he dropped the cyclopaedia and familiarly addressed his fellow-citizens of the West his speeches were said to be wanting in eloquence and statesmanlike weight and importance. But President Cleveland did not go among the Western people to discuss political questions or to enlighten them in regard to any matters of public administration. In response to pressing invitations he went to see a portion of the great country the public affairs of which he administers so acceptably to his fellow-citizens and so creditably to himself. His judicious avoidance of every topic or act calculated to provoke political discussion is what grieves his partisan enemies. The enthusiasm with which he had been greeted everywhere to all the people shows how little the childish criticisms of his enemies need be regarded.—Record.

Sudden Death of ex-Gov. W. B. Washburne.

SPRINGFIELD, Mas., October 5.—Ex-Gov. William B. Washburne of Greenfield, dropped dead on the platform in City Hall at this morning's session of the board of foreign missions, a little before 10 o'clock.

W. GALER MORRISON, will make one of the most efficient and agreeable officers that has ever been in the Recorders office. He is a beautiful penman, and gentlemanly and accommodating. Don't forget that he is running on his merits and not on his misfortunes as some of our cotemporaries would have you believe.

The *Record* says: President Cleveland when in Indianapolis, told Mrs. Hedricks in a casual conversation, that Mrs. Cleveland did not snub Governor Foraker and his wife, and had no intention of showing them any discourtesy. Governor Foraker says he did not know he was snubbed. These disclaimers of both the party of the first part and the party of the second part ought to be accepted as conclusive and put the mind of the nation at rest.