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CARELESS OFFICIALS.

Last week the land case of the Tyrone Mining Company vs. James Cross was tinued to Saturday evening. The jury drawn on this case reached a verdiet at their homes. Immagine their surprise when they applied at the Commissionwith them the Commissioners clerk. The Treasurers office was likewise closed and no provision had been made for mileage and regular fees.

Under this condition of affairs Prothonotary Schaeffer came foreward and at his own risk and from his own exchequer advanced the necessary Koontz, at which time an executive amounts which aggregated over two committee was appointed by the chair, hundred dollars.

publican board of Commissioners and purely and openly political. Treasurer is another reminder of the manner in which these offices are being conducted by the present incumbents. The public suffers constantly from their negligence and inability-a thing never said of the former officials, Wolf and Greist.

Such gross negligence never occurred under Democratic control of these offices. When jurors were out late on Saturday evenings arrangements were always made beforehand by the Commissioners for prompt payment as soon as released, or they remained in their Judges decided both the law and the offices, as a public officer should and is facts in regard to a writing charged to under obligations to do and see that be libelous, leaving to juries only to deevery juror is paid who applies at a rea- termine whether a defendant should sonable time.

In this case how different? every

Commissioner, Clerk and Treasurer were gone and offices closed. No arrangements had been made, and the twelve jurymen. many of whom had hotel bills for the week and other necessary expenses standing unpaid, would have been unable to leave town under the circumstances ad not the Prothonotary advanced the cessary amounts from his own pocket. Twelve jurymen were inconvenienced. for the sake of one man, the great financier of Centre county and high "cock-alorum" in the commissioners office. He might have remained at the office until 9 p. m. Saturday evening but that would have kept him in town over night and taken another "bowl of soup" at

This is another case of the high-handed "Reform" enacted by the unerring(?) Republican officers. It is the kind of Reform" a little of which goes a great ways, and the public has more than it can stand.

Blackford's in the morning.

## FINANCIAL SCHEME.

The following plan is suggested for reputation and financial standing of Centre county: Put Commissioners Henlerson and Decker on the retired list with a pension equal to full pay during erm of office, and hire a competent business man to take charge of that office or the rest of the term.

The Democrats see their mistake dready in voting for Republican comaissioners and discarding Jack Greist.

A TELEGRAM from New York says : Irs. James G. Blaine, Jr., admitted sterday that, being forced into a posion where she must earn her own living ad support her child, she intended to loot the stage as a profession. Several ebut. No word from her husband has east well advertised.

# DEMOCRATIC VETERANS.

NOT ANTAGONISTIC TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The New Organization Will in no Way Con-Purely and Openly Political-What is Said.

The movement at Indianapolis, Ind., to a great deal. started by Adjutant General Koonts looking to the withdrawal of the demo-Wed, and were on duty for six days the fountain-head of the movement. and naturally were anxious to reach Very little information has heretofore been obtained from the Adjutant General by the local press correspondents. Mr. Koontz stated in an interview, that ers office for their fees with which to the new organization is not antagonistic pay up their hotel bills, etc., and found to the G. A. R. He claims that all all the Commissioners gone and along newspaper statements to the contrary are in error upon this point; nevertheless the point is a new one hereat home. The Adjutant General emphatically declares they are not fighting the G. A. R. The constitution and by-laws of the new organization are not yet forthcomwith instructions to press to organization of subordinate posts throughout This negligence on the part of a Re- the state. The new clubs are to be

> Centre county has a Republican board of commissioners and everybody is sorry

#### LIBEL LAWS.

In a paper prepared for the National Editorial Association, Mr. W. H. Brearley, of the Detroit Journal carefully compares the libel laws of the several States and makes some suggestions of amendment. All the States of the Union punish liber as a crime and recognize it as an actionable offence in civil has made great progress since English | will be. be found guilty of the publication. Most of the States have constitutional provisions to protect the freedom of the press from prosecutions when publications are made from "good motives" or may be proper for public information ; but a few of the States have neither constitutional nor statutory provisions on the subject, and punish the offence of

libel under the common law. If barratry, or the practice of inciting law-suits, should be punished as a crime in all the States, Mr. Brearley thinks one-half the evil which the newspapers suffer from libel prosecutions would be removed. He also suggests that a party libeled should give the publisher a written statement of his case at least three days before bringing suit, and that a retraction or explanation should be given weight in mitigation of damages Wherever juries are judges of the law and the facts this and all other matters pleaded in mitigation of the offense of libel are taken into consideration.

stantial improvement could be made in itself to the task of indoctrinating the the libel laws of Pennsylvania for the people with its principles. protection of publishers or the public. mine the law and the facts.

What stronger guarantee against citizens that are not proper for public soundly Democratic.

#### WHATTHE DAKOTAS AMOUNT TO.

Now that Dakota is quite certain to be admitted to the Union as two States Dakotans assert, and back their asser-

and a few associate democratic veterans, 149,100 square miles, a greater area than the States of New York, Pennsylvania, opened on Wednesday morning and con- cratic members from the Grand Army of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the Republic, and the formation of a Virginia together. It measures 430 new benevolent soldiers' organization or | miles from its northern to its southern order, is given entirely different color- border and 370 miles from east to west. nine o'clock Saturday evening and were ing by statements directly from Adju- Out of this immense area must be dedischarged. They had been drawn tant General Koontz, who seems to be ducted 37,000 square miles devoted to Indian reservations and an unknown area of arid territory known as the "bad lands." The Territory contains 610 rivers and streams and 790 lakes and ponds, or about one acre of water to every hundred acres of land.

Next as to population. This is placed at not less than 600,000 and increasing rapidly. Then as to products. The wheat crop of last year was upwards of 30,000,000 bushels, or more than that of any State already in the Union, while the crop of corn and oats were nearly in the same proportion. On the strength ing to the public. A meeting with of these figures the people of the Terrisome fifty democratic veterans was held tory claim they have been defrauded of ly their years have been thrown away, presided over by Adjutant General their just rights in not being admitted to for long continuance in office unfits one Statehood years ago.

Just now the merriest war is over the Dakota, say the Dakotans, but outsiders over, as over they surely will be, and likewise, will the whole people take part. object to any more North and South States, and suggest Dakota as the name of the Southern and Lincoln as that of two Dakotas are soon to be admitted to takes a slownward step. It is a poor the sisterhood of States, and two right business at the very best. suits for damages. But the law of libel prosperous and progressive States they

## DEFEATED DEMOCRACY'S DUTY.

In defeat, as in triumph, the Democratic party has a mission to fulfil. If the crime. to-day it succumbs, to-morrow it must renew the struggle to secure the vindication of its principles. A century's experience of the politics of our country has shown those principles to be immutable, and possessed of a vitality proof against all partisan vicissitudes. The political organization based upon the doctrines of Thomas Jefferson is so much a part of our nationality that

The National Democracy, having enback ground without loss of hope or bide our time and await the hour of our acter of the respondent. second and, perhaps, then complete and lasting rehabilitation. If there is no rose color in the party's immediate prospect, there are glimpses of light and tokens of good promise in the not far It may be doubted whether any sub- distant future. Meanwhile, let the party

Democracy is old enough in the politics The Constitution of Pennsylvania de- of this country to have learned how to clares that there shall be no conviction | profit by the lessons of defeat. No doubt, for publications "relating to the official | with a supreme confidence in the justice conduct of officers or men in public of its cause, the party from the outset of capacity;" and no conviction for pub- the late Presidential campaign was too lishing "any other matter proper for sanguine and neglected observance of public investigation or information some of those conditions of success that the purpose of preserving the former where the fact that such publication was depend more upon good generalship that maliciously or negligently made shall be upon the strength of principles or even them unpleasantly moist. A few drops established to the satisfaction of the the superiority of numbers. There was of sulphuric acid in the water are also jury." At the same time, in all indict- Tuesday 6th a popular vote and there is ments for libel the Constitution of the to-day a preponderating popular senti-State gives the jury the right to deter- ment in favor of Democratic supremacy in the conduct of National affairs.

That it is a sentiment not conclusively frivolous prosecutions for libel could a available under the formula of a Presi- for poor quality. A good glycerine or The Constitution of Pennsylvania af party's recognition that it has a strong for the discussion not only of the con- the people. In the face of the political office, but of every other matter proper that the nation, as a whole, and apart castile should be kept for washing the papers publish matters about private arate voices in the Electoral College, is ammonia may be used for this purpose,

information, but prove to be malicious Now that the election is over, let us libels, they must take the responsibility. dismiss that convenient electioneering fers have been made to her, but she Any relaxation of the liberal rule of the theory that the winning party will Iowa and he weighs 792 pounds, meas- lad who was visiting friends and who as declined to state from whom, or in real said that he could not understand how that capacity she expected to make her courage negligence on the part of public said that he could not understand how courage negligence on the part of public said that he could not understand how care knuckles to it was that they liked to comb their hair sullivan to fight with course hours. lishers, and would be likely to breed a century, and entertain the more reason- years ago, and when he goes to Church so frequently, he only combed his once a la finish" for \$5,000 a side, the fight to been received by her. She has been at swarm of libelers in the Common- able idea that there is a sweeping Demo- he puts \$1 into the collection basket and week and then it was a trouble to him. take place in five weeks or more if cratic victory attainable for 1892.

#### WILL CONTEST THE JUDGESHIP.

Last week Hon. S. J. McCormick and Addison Candor, of Williamsport, there is some interest taken even out- presented a petition to Attorney Genside this wheat producing Territory as eral Kirkpatrick asking for a commisflict With the Old Association but Will be to what Dakota amounts to. The sion to investigate alleged frauds in the election of John G. Metzger, who was tions with big figures, that it amounts declared elected president judge of the Twenty-ninth judicial district at the re-First as to Territory. It contains cent election by fourty-four majority. The attorney general will present the petition to the governor who is required by law to appoint three nearest judges to conduct the contest. The commission will consist of John Rockfeller, of ple from all parts of the Union. Northumberland county; Bucher, of Union and Mayer, of Clinton.

#### DON'T DO IT YOUNG MEN!

From the Pittsburgh Times we learn what we might safely suppose was the fact, to wit: that persons in great numbers are preparing to apply for office under the new administration. This is not good news. Unquestionably there will be many changes, but these are very ew offices that are worth as much as ome other employment would be. It is not as it used to be. The pay of a few offices are equal to what most of the incumbents could earn at other employ ment. Few men ever came out of office as well as when they went in. Virtualfor other employment. In certain im-

sooner than some expect. To those who intend to apply for office especially young men, we say don't do Northern State. To this proposition it! Stick to the business you are in. If the North Dakotans say no with em- you have none seek one instead of office. phasis. The name of Dakota when ap- The offices must be filled, it is true, and plied to wheat has a market value the thev will be; but the majority of those world over, and the farmers of North | who get into them, when their time is up-Dokota are not sure that Lincoln wheat, or before, will say it was a mistake to though grown on Dakota soil, would have accepted them. There is neither sell as well as under the old name. special honor, nor any profit as a rule in Whether as North and South Dakota or officeholding. The young man who under some other names, however, the goes into the business of officehunting

> ing for one week, and no one on hand to my them is the way Centre county a little like offering a reward of \$100 for the electoral votes. the capture of a murderer, a week after

# SUED FOR DUNNING BY MEANS OF A POSTAL CARD.

United States Commissioner McCindless at Pittsburgh. It is the first action under the new act of Congress forbidding the use of postal cards as means of notifying creditors of their debts. C. R. Bushfield, a grocer sent postal cards to while the one lives the other must sur. Frank Small, asking him to pay his ical inferiority, can again step into the Inspector W. W. Caraway, at the incourage. We must again be content to with useing the mails to injure the char-

A SENSIBLE girl will not keep a lot of cosmetics and drugs on her toilet table, but there are a few articles she should always have in a convenient place. She should have an array of glass-stopped bottles containing alechol, alum, camphor, borax, ammonia and glycerine or vaseline. A little camphor and water may be used as a wash for the mouth and throat if the breath is not sweet. Powdered alum applied to a letter the Governor says: fever sore will prevent it from becomlieved by alcohol. A few grains of alum in tepid water will relieve people whose beneficial for this purpose and are also desirable for those whose feet perspire freely. We should always recommend cases the perfume is simply a disguise duct of public men, whether in or out of results of Tuesday 6th the fact remains addition to the soap for bathing, white for public information. When news- from its division into States having sep- hair. Occasionally a little borax or but it is usually too harsh in its effects.

takes a whole seat to himself.

# A CENTURY AGO.

THE FIRST INAUGURATION AND THE single prisoner. TWENTY-SIXTH.

Harrisons Inauguration Will be an Interesting Event-100 Years After Washington-

Other Facts.

Within the next five months the peo- county, with J. F. Snyder postmaster. ple of this country will have opportunities to witness two ceremonial occurrences of national interest and importeen plump widows Thanksgiving Day tance. Each of these observances will together an immense concourse of peo-

Although the first of them-the inauguration of President elect Harrison wilf be apt to awaken regret in the minds of many who had hoped for a continuance of administrative rule based on the principles which they considered the best fitted to advance the material interest of the country, yet year. this will not prevent them from cheerfully acquiescing in the will of the mamendable measures. In this particular mayor. the Republic every four years presents a

wonder of all the nations of the globe. But in the second of the coming time. events-that which is to celebrate the President of the United States—no possi- | dent Harrison. ble element of regret can enter. As a portant respects office holding is demora- little more than a year ago the whole shall be known. North and South suits when the days of office holding are of the centenary of the Constitution, so, and almost instantly killed. in spirit if not in person, in celebrating the centenary of its fitting sequel-the elevation of General Washington to the Chief Magistracy of the young nation.

Even as marking the marvelous day fixed for putting the machinery of House and Senate had come together. \$3,500. Letters were sent out imploring the A dozen jurymen discharged after serv- it was not until April that the House from the end of succeeded in getting a quorum. The its bill. Senate's quorum was secured on April commissioners attend to business. It is 6th, and on that day Congress counted General Washington's journey from

his home at Mount Vernon to New his cane he is known. York was necessarily slow, considering the modes of travel then in vogue, and the time was lengthened by the charac-A singular suit was broght before ter of the ovations on his way. It was, consequently, the 23d of April when he embarked from Elizabethtown, N. J., in a barge and crossed to the lower part of New York ; and a week later, April 30th, when he stood in front of the Senate Chamber, on Wall street, and, grocery bill or the bill would be put in Chancellor Livingston's proclamation, dured its ordeal of twenty years of polit- The suit was brought by Government dent of the United States !" re-echoed rib. from the cheering throng below. Of all stance of Small, and charges Bushfield the centennial observances we have had rora valley, Juniata county-one physiwill undoubtedly help to swell the promises to be celebrated .- Record.

## GOVERNOR BEAVER ACCEPT.

Chairman Britton, of the Inaugura; Committee, received a letter from Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania accepting the committee's invitation to act as marshal of the inaugural parade. In this

"I appreciate the compliment conveying very unsightly or noticeable, insect ed in this invitation, particularly in view into by burglars, who blew open the mile stings or eruptions on the skin are re- of the manner in which you have linked and carried off postage stamps to the my name with that of the greatest liv. value of about \$75. The post office is in ing soldier of our country in your comhands perspire very freely, rendering munication. I had expected to be pres. Mr. D. W. Luke is the postmaster. ent at the inauguration of General Har- A scaffold gave way at the Bedford rison in any event and would have been Springs the 4th inst, with two works pleased and proud to accompany our di- and one, Matthew Diehl, of Bedford vision of the National Guard of Pennsyl- was struck on the leg by a heavy pier vania as I have had the honor of doing of timber, causing a fracture and m care in the use of scented soap ; in many on former like occasions. The call of ing of the bones above the ankle. the committee to assume the greater other escaped with a few cuts and responsible publisher desire than this? dential election permits nevertheless the honey soap is always preferable, of be disregarded, and I therefore accepcare, labor and responsibility is not tot bruises. course one may rely on scented soap the invitation, relying on the cordial fords the amplest freedom of the press hold upon the hearts and intelligence of from a high class manufacturer, but it co-operation of your committee in the etrable mystery of their nativity, float usually costs more than it is worth. In discharge of the duties which the posit- by each other on the ocean currents of ion carries with it."

first time, wrote to her mother that her love? It is because butter is thirty master and mistress were very dirty, for cents a pound, and a good scalskin sacque they washed their hands ever so many costs as high as \$120. THE biggest man in the world lives in times a day. This is on a par with the So we think.

#### IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The Juniata county jail has not a

Baker's Summit, Bedford county, bas 22 voters and 19 dogs.

Croyle is the name of a new rost office in Snake Spring to vaship, Bedford

A Saxton, Bedford county, man pre sented fourteen plump turkeys to four-

The Wharton school house, near Ryde arouse widespread enthusiasm and draw Mifflin county, was destroyed by fire su the 3d inst. Defective flue. Loss, \$450 Mrs. Bratton, mother of Mrs. D. M.

Dull and Mrs. Ida McClelland, of Oliver township, Mifflin county, died on the 1st

Mrs. John Hoffman, of Clay township. Huntingdon county, was found dead in bed on the 27th ult. She was in her 27th

A young man who shot off a revolver in the city limits of Altoona on Sunday jority and uniting in support of all com- was fined \$20 and costs yesterday by the

Mrs. John Horning, of Mifflintown, spectacle that arouses the respectful died on Thursday night. She had been suffering from mental affliction for some

George B. Amick, of St. Clairsville. one hundredth anniversary of the in- Bedford county, is going to wear his auguration of George Washington as 1840 hat at the inauguration of Presi-

On the 27th ult. James Nolan was names by which the two coming States lizing and unfits men for business pur- people participated in the celebration curve near Longfellow, Mifflin county,

> Dogs tore up several sheep belonging to Reuben Kauffman, of Union town. ship, Mifflin county, the other night. The dogs were detected and killed.

John Sankey and John S. King, who changes accomplished in the course of were so badly scalded by a boiler explothe century the coming celebration will sion near Allensville, Mifflin county, have about it a deep significance. The some time ago, are rapidly improving.

The stock stable of the McClure Coke the new Government into operation was company at Donnelly, Westmoreland the 4th of March, 1789. On that day, county, with nineteen mules and two however, but twenty members of the horses, were burned Saturday. Loss.

J. P. Metzler, of Somerset county, remembers who were delaying business by cently shot a wild goose that measured their absence to present themselves, but seven feet from tip to tip, and four feet

Thirty chickens were stolen from Amos Arnold, of Ferguson Valley, Mifflin county, recently, and in pay the thief left his cane in the hennery. By

A 3-year-old son of John Sassamer. of Jersey Shore, was burned to dealis Friday evening. The child amuse a itself by igniting articles at the slove and when found its clothing was in

Charles Selsor, of McConnellsburg. Fulton county, fell off a chair the other day and split his nose and blacked both after taking the oath of office, heard his eyes. Miss Lizzie Hohman, of the same town, fell off a ladder and broke the hands of the bad-debt collector. "Long live George Washington, Presi- a bons in her forearm and fractured a

Typhoid fever is epidemic in Tuscssince 1876 this will, in the eyes of many, cian having thirty patients, four of hold a strong place; and every State which have proved fatal. Two of these were Aaron K. and John P. Swartz. pomp and enthusiasm with which it sons of Jonathan Swartz, aged respectively 24 and 22 years.

While Rob Hench of Elliottsburg. Perry county, was sawing shingles, en the 1st inst. a piece of lumber caughten the circular saw and was - hurled with great force toward Mr. Hench striking him over the left eye, cutting a long gash and otherwise bruising him.

At an early hour Tuesday morning the post office at South Fork was broken the store of the Argyle Coal Com

A sentimental young lady asks, "Why existence without being instinctivel drawn together, blended and beauti A GIRL who went to service for the in the assimilated alembic of eternal

can needs it to recover his Lealth.