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Editorial.

BE FAIR.

With characteristic ugliness and unbecoming meanness the Gazette in giving the result in the county, of the vote on the Prohibitory Amendment, undertakes to slur the Democratic districts of the county. It would have been just as easy and a great deal better to have stated the truth and nothing more.

If the grand old Democratic districts had not voted largely for the Prohibitory Amendment it would not, by any means have had the majority, that it did receive in the county.

The Democratic districts which gave majorities for the Prohibitory Amendment are as follows to wit: Centre Hall boro, Millheim boro, Benner, Curtin, Ferguson, Haines and Marion twp. While the large Democratic districts of Gregg, Haines, Miles, Penn, Potter and Walker which last fall gave for Cleveland a majority of 1034, only gave a majority of 217 against the Prohibitory Amendment.

If that district had voted solidly against the Amendment as the Gazette would have the people believe the majority would not now be 1937 by any means.

The truth is, all the Democratic districts voted largely for the Amendment and but the fact that the flood with other things, over which he had no control had not prevented Mr. Bower from attending the meeting appointed for him in Haines and Gregg townships the result would still have been better. In the two districts there was not much discussion, and what there was, unfortunately was by men who were strangers to the people.

For the dereliction of Republicans and the Republican party, there is no use in trying to throw slurs on the Democratic party.

The Democrats of Centre county did their duty grandly in coming up to the support of the Prohibitory Amendment. We made no complaint of the Republicans of Centre county, but in the state the Republicans must henceforth and forever be known as the "Whiskey Party."

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

It is somewhat amusing to note the reasons given by the Philadelphia papers for the defeat of the suffrage amendment. The principal reasons however, as given by the Press, Bulletin, and other papers, is that the people did not understand the purpose of the amendment. In this they are mistaken, and only show how little the city organs know of the intelligence of the country people. We met a great many voters during the campaign, relating to the amendment, and the predominant idea the people had of the suffrage amendment was that it was fraud in the interest of fraud and corruption; that put into operation it would go a great way to destroy the purity of the ballot. In this they were right. Cooper, in framing this amendment, had no higher motive than to make it easy to colonize voters in doubtful legislative, senatorial and congressional districts whenever it might be necessary to do so in the interest of certain members of the Republican party. If Cooper had left the required two months residence in an election district, or increased it to three months, before the right to vote could be exercised, the amendment would have passed, and the payment of a state or county tax, as a qualification to exercise the right of suffrage would have been abolished. But to abolish the payment of the tax and reduce the period of residence to thirty days was throwing open the gates to the pollution and corruption of the ballot, too wide for even the stomach of a Republican, outside of the city of Philadelphia.

This is the whole reason for the defeat of the suffrage amendment. The payment or non-payment of a tax before the citizen can vote had nothing whatever to do with it.

Do you get the DEMOCRAT?

A TERRIBLE DEED.

A MANIAC SON TRIES TO KILL HIS AGED FATHER.

Fires a Load of Shot Through a Door and Seriously Wounds his Father in the Hand and Abdomen.

A horrible shooting affair occurred on Wednesday, 19, last week near Coburn. The Centre Reporter, of last week gave the following account of the affair.

A son of Francis Rote, David, aged about 35 years had been on the verge of insanity for several days, and on Wednesday afternoon took a violent form, and threatened to kill everyone about the house, and got into his possession an old musket, which was loaded with shot. He started

IN PURSUIT OF HIS FATHER,

Francis Rote, aged about 75 years, who ran into the house hotly pursued by the maniac son with the musket, and succeeded in reaching it safely. He was barring the door when the maniac fired and the charge went through the door and struck Mr. Rote's hand and in the bowels. Mr. Rote sank to the floor, and the son gained entrance to the room.

The other people about the place immediately fled upon the first indication of the man's demoniac ravings, and gave the alarm and when help was secured returned to the house, and found the son sitting on his father's prostrate body with

BUTCHER KNIFE IN ONE HAND

and Bible in the other, and was reading a passage from it. A kick from one of them sent the knife flying across the room, and he was secured but not without a terrible struggle.

He was immediately taken to Belleville and lodged in jail, and proper documents will be made for his incarceration in the asylum.

At this writing the father is slowly improving and his condition is not a critical one. His hand was badly mangled by the load of duck shot, two of which entered his abdomen.

The son was taken to the Danville insane asylum on Monday, by the authorities. His actions while on the train indicate that his mind is affected and that he does not realize that he committed a terrible assault upon his aged parent. In speaking of the matter he replied that it was necessary for him to shoot his father; that he was compelled to do it.

At one time the father was committed to our jail for attempting to commit a similar assault upon his wife and children, and was always considered by the community to be weak minded.

PALMER'S EMPHATIC VIEWS.

Trouble For the Republicans—A Democratic President.

The Philadelphia Telegraph publishes the following interview with Chairman Palmer:

At the prohibitory amendment committee rooms everything indicated an early removal. Secretary Redding was busy packing up the effects of the organization preparatory to vacating the rooms. Chairman Palmer sat by, taking it philosophically. When asked about the published statement attributed to him he said: "Yes, I said all that and I mean every word of it. We are beaten by the combined villainy of the republican and democratic machines, with all the nefarious political methods. Well, it just means this: It will give the republicans trouble. I don't think Boyer can be elected State Treasurer. I guess there is no doubt but that he was against the amendment from the first. No man can be elected governor who voted against it. Gen. Hastings can, for he acted fair and square with us. The next president will be a Democrat. Quay, Beaver, McManes and all the big leaders voted for the amendment, so that they can say, 'We did not do it,' but then, if you hire a horse and wagon from a man, does it make any difference whether he drives it or sends another man to do it? You never can convince me that there were not more than 26,000 votes polled for the amendment in this city."

Rhode Island Repeals the Amendment by a Heavy Majority.

The fifth amendment to the Constitution of Rhode Island, the Prohibitory Amendment was repealed last Thursday by a vote of 5,469 more than three-fifths of the total vote necessary to carry the Amendment. The total vote is: Approve, 28,449; reject, 9,853.

All subscribers who have received notice of their delinquency in subscriptions, or anyone knowing themselves indebted to the DEMOCRAT will please call or send the amount due us.

RELIEF FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

Williamsport to receive \$50,000 and Lock Haven \$20,000

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—Mayor Fidler, in an interview to-day in speaking of the trip of the relief Commission, said:

Williamsport was the first place we stopped, where we were met by Judge Bummin. The scene of destitution was terrible, but we found that the destruction was greater in what is known as the lumber section of the place than in Williamsport proper.

At Renovo, although the destruction is not as great as was expected, it was considerable. Many people not only lost their homes but everything they possessed.

LOCK HAVEN'S CONDITION.

At Lock Haven almost everybody sustained some loss. I don't think as much energy and activity is displayed here as in Williamsport, but the people are doing considerable work and getting the town into a good condition. The condition of Lock Haven is deplorable and unless something is done to place the town in good sanitary condition at once some sickness will break out.

We reached Johnstown in the morning and remained there until late in the afternoon. The condition of the place is such as to meet the most exaggerated account. Nothing has been published which exaggerates the condition of affairs. General Hastings told me yesterday that there were no less than 27,000 people being provided for every day with the necessaries of life. Most of them are women and children, but he was unable to say how soon this number could be reduced.

SOME APPROPRIATIONS.

At a conference we decided to give immediate assistance to the sufferers in the other towns, and with that object in view, decided to award a part of the fund in this manner: Williamsport, \$50,000; Renovo, \$5,000; Millin, \$3,000; Lock Haven, \$20,000; Lewistown, \$5,000; Newport, \$3,000.

These awards will not be made until they are confirmed by the Pittsburg members of the Commission. It was also decided to appropriate \$10,000 for sundries to be used in the smaller towns. All of the money appropriated will be distributed by the local relief committees.

The "labor leaders" who took the stump for Harrison last fall, and preached that high tariff meant high wages, are being gradually provided for. Jarrett gets a job at Birmingham with \$10,000 a year and little to do Charles Litchman, who was Secretary of the Knights of Labor, has been made a special agent of the Treasury department at Boston; pay \$10 a day and "opportunities." What is being done for the "labor followers" who took the advice of such as Jarrett, Litchman and Campbell, and voted for a high tariff? Ask the men at Homestead, and at the hundreds of other manufacturing plants throughout the country, whose wages have been reduced from 10 to 20 per cent.

The Philadelphia Record, originally an opponent of high license law, states as the result of a year's trial of high license system, that drunkenness in that city has been reduced one-half, the dangerous and debasing dives have been abolished, while liquor selling on Sunday has been practically wiped out, and supports this statement by an appeal to the everyday experience of Philadelphia citizens to the court records or the last twelve months.

The Philadelphia Record very correctly remarks that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has fully justified the expectations, founded upon its well-earned reputation as the most ably managed railroad corporation in the country, of speedy resumption of traffic on all its lines. The work of making good the damage done to bridges and embankments has been accomplished with masterly celerity that challenges the unstinted praise of experts and the admiration and wonder of persons unacquainted with the resources of modern engineering. It gives the Record much more pleasure to chronicle the deservings of the Pennsylvania officials than to criticize their shortcomings.

Clearfield Will Celebrate.

The Republican says the report has been circulated by some one that Clearfield wouldn't celebrate on the Fourth on account of the flood. This is all a mistake. The money has been secured that a regular good old fashioned time will be had is not to be doubted. The different committees have been hard at work and they are certain of a successful day. Let everybody assist in whatever way they can.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

At the Cash Bazaar, on Spring St., Belleville, you will find a complete line of ladies muslin underwear.

Mr. John Kernes, of this place, better known as "Cody" was kicked and beaten so badly in an empty building in Cambria City that he had to be taken to the hospital. It is supposed to be the work of some tramps; their intention was to rob him.

In keeping with the time honored custom among newspaper offices, the DEMOCRAT will not be issued for next week. Fourth of July comes but once a year and as we are of a patriotic disposition we need plenty of time to celebrate and recover.

Herbert Guyer, son of Rev. G. W. Guyer, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Milesburg, had both legs badly crushed while trying to board a moving freight train at Tipton station near Tyrone, on last Friday. He died soon after the accident.

A sharp faker is making a good income by advertising a sure method of killing all insects. When you send him fifty cents you will receive a printed card on which are these words: Get your insects to smoke cigarettes, and they will die within an hour. So long.

Mr. Philip Confer, of Yarnell, had business in town on Saturday and did not fail to visit the DEMOCRAT office. Mr. Confer informs us that the corn fields in their section are being damaged seriously by cut worms and that in some places the crop will be entirely destroyed.

The baccalaureate sermon before the students of Pennsylvania State College, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cattel, formerly President of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., on last Sunday. Dr. Cattel is well advanced in years but still possesses a strong constitution for his age, and his intellect is as clear and strong as ever.

Robert Elliott Speer, the valedictorian at Princeton College this year is the second son of C. Milton Speer, of Huntingdon. Young Mr. Speer promises to maintain the high oratorical standard for which his father is famous. In the oratorical contest known as the Lynde Prize Debate, which occurred on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speer was awarded the prize of \$150.

About three hundred people assembled in the Court House on last Thursday evening to hear Miss Maud Pater-son relate her experience of the Johns town flood. She is an easy speaker and entertained the audience with a full description of the terrible calamity. The young lady is making an effort to support her family in this manner as they had everything destroyed.

On last Sunday Mr. Mark Halfpenny, one of Lewisburg's most respected citizens, passed away, aged about 74 years. Mr. Halfpenny was engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods, at Lewisburg years ago and is well known in this county where he became acquainted through business relations with our merchants and farmers. The interment took place on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Gehan, a stout woman of Mahanoy City spanked Grocer Grant Goodman with her shoe because she thought he had over charged her boy for pot herbs. Goodman acknowledged that she "licked him" and the Jury recommended her to the mercy of the Court who imposed a fine of 6 cents in the addition to the costs, about \$30. The case created much merriment.

A car load of provisions and clothing were sent to the flood sufferers at Coburn and Millheim from Philadelphia, last week. It contained flour, canned meats, groceries, cooking utensils and a large lot of clothing. Among the many gifts were about a dozen plug hats sent by the charitable dudes of the quaker city. They were very thoughtful indeed in providing the people with a Sunday-go-to-meeting head wear but they were very much mistaken as the sufferers are not very stylish after passing through such an experience. The hats were not accepted by anyone and were finally taken by the freight train men who are putting on all the style of city dudes. Engineer Cherry wears his black plug with the dignity of U. S. Senator; Churchy Tool will hereafter attach Hon. to his name, while Asher Adams, they say, has some idea of becoming a minister, since the plug gives him such a pious look. Fireman Page with his plug is the very picture of a curstone politician and may resign his position. When we saw the above gentlemen at Oak Hall, on Monday, we thought they were President Roberts and board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, respectively.

TWO OF A KIND.

BIRDS OF THE SAME PLENUM FLOCK TOGETHER.

James Schofield Makes a Few Timely Remarks.—Bummers and Whiskey Peddlers Show up—A Fine Pair.

Editor of the Democrat:

For the past year Fiedler has been publishing a series of articles for the purpose of defaming my name, injuring me in my legitimate business and to make the public believe that I have been dishonest in my accounts with the borough of Belleville as Overseer of the Poor.

What is his object in doing this? His object in doing this is to have the tax-payers believe that I as a Democrat can not be trusted in office; by his misrepresentations, the people of Belleville and county dare not trust anyone but a Republican.

What has he accomplished? In all of this tirade and abuse he has accomplished nothing. The Republican board of Auditors, elected by the tax-payers of the town, examined all my accounts thoroughly and carefully and they pronounced them fair and just. Men, under their oath endorse my course and that is sufficient to settle the matter. It was the endorsement of the entire Republican board and his insinuations bring these men into question thereby. If my accounts were dishonest, the board of auditors should be censured first; but it is a political dodge and nothing more, and who is misled thereby is not wise.

He brings up the testimony of John Garis, a bummer and loafer and a fellow too worthless to keep his wife and children from the poor house, to charge me with false entries in my account with the borough. A fine piece of humanity indeed to make an accusation; but these are Fiedler's associates and birds of the same plumage always associate—Fiedler, the whiskey peddler and Garis the loafer, make a good pair.

When such men combine to injure a citizen or public officer one need not fear, for he will hold the confidence of the people for the enemies he has made.

JAMES SCHOFIELD.

On Saturday afternoon the alarm of fire was given at Milesburg and soon after the beautiful residence of John Potter, Esq., was seen to be in flames. So rapidly did the fiery element spread that it was useless to try to save the building and by hard work managed to save a large portion of household goods. The fire was kept from spreading by the heroic efforts of those present. The building was a large two story frame dwelling house and what was once one of the finest homes in that section was soon turned into a mass of glowing embers. The loss on the building will be about \$2500; insurance \$1800. Mr. Potter was away from home at the time. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been a defective flue. Mr. Potter was a heavy loser from the recent flood which swept away fences and outbuildings and did considerable damage to the land.

The first passenger train from Belleville to Montandon, since the flood made the trip successfully on Saturday morning. This road suffered about as heavy damage as any line through the State. From Coburn down Penn's creek and its tributaries were on a rampage. At many points embankments and heavy fills, twenty feet deep, were swept away. The road-bed at Pardee station was washed out for almost a quarter of a mile and the stream flows in a new channel, where the road-bed was formerly located. The first train passed over the river bridge at Lewisburg on Saturday. The work of erecting trestle-bridge was a large undertaking but was completed in a remarkable short time. All railroad connections with Belleville are now completed and our business men will fill a relief upon the resumption of trade.

Mr. Hampton Hampton, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, tells a Pittsburg paper that a big dynamite explosion at Johnstown lately blew open the door of a wrecked house, releasing a large black dog, which had been imprisoned for nearly two weeks. He at once scampered to the hills, but was captured by two boys. A brisk competition for the relic ensued, and a Pittsburg named Burns finally got the dog for \$50.

The Hon. Jeff Davis walks about the streets of New Orleans in excellent health, wearing a naty suit of Confederate gray. He is 81 years old.

Mr. Joseph Guggenheimer, of Philadelphia, son of Isaac, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

A Year Without a Rival.

The year 1889 bids fair to go down to history as a year of disaster. Several fearful railway accidents, involving large loss of life, have already marked it, and now the terrible flood disaster of Johnstown and the destruction of Seattle by fire gives it a distinctive place in the century. The oldest inhabitant was compelled to acknowledge that for extent and destructiveness the flood of May 31 far exceeds anything of like character within his recollection, and it may be the youngest inhabitant will never again see another flood to equal it or a conflagration as large as that just chronicled.

The revised and correct list of the relatives of the President who have been introduced to the public crib stands thus:

1. The brother of the President.
2. The father-in-law of the President.
3. The father-in-law of the "Crown Prince."
4. The brother of the husband of the daughter of the President.
5. The husband of the daughter of the brother of the President.
6. The husband of the niece of the wife of the President.

(To be continued.)

The sharp flash of lightning of last Friday afternoon struck the tin-shop of H. A. McKee & Bros., no serious damage was done. Frank Waltz got down on his knees and plead for mercy. And George Wolf offered up a prayer.

Mr. Peter Carney and Ed. Swiller have erected a very nice platform out near Reepsburg and intend holding dances during the summer evenings. The very best of order will be preserved. All are invited to attend.

Last Friday night a peculiar theft occurred at Aaronsburg. Mr. Michael Harper, a man well advanced in years lived at the home of a Mr. Weaver in that town, and it was known that he always carried considerable money in his purse. The next day Mr. Harper found that same one had been in his room during the night and had stolen his purse. The doors and windows of the house were not disturbed and it was supposed that an entrance was affected by means of a key. On Sunday morning Mr. Weaver saw a coat lying in the barn and when he picked it up found Mr. Harper's purse under it with over two hundred dollars in paper money still in it; some eighty being removed. A small package of old coins belonging to Mr. Harper was found, later between the house and stable. This certainly was a very generous thief in taking but eighty dollars and leaving the rest for Mr. Harper.

A Johnstown special to the Pittsburg Post says: Even the tramps turned heroes, R. F. Bankert, of Altoona, tells of a strapping big itinerant who came across him and several other rescuers attempting to extricate the body of a woman from the wreckage. The body was held down by the half roasted carcass of a cow. The tramp pushed the lighter weights and literally walked away with the obstruction. Then he picked up the corpse and carried it half a mile to the Grand View morgue. For days he worked among the corpses in that morgue, scarcely stopping to eat or sleep. Blessed with herculean strength, and a heart big in proportion, he was as kind to the living who called as he was serviceable to their dead. The tramp is James Martin, but he won't walk for his living any more. As Johnstown lifts up her head again so will he, and friends will set him up in business.

That Cantankerous Old Woman

Described in the glibbery ballad, who "lived upon nothing but victuals and drink" and yet "would never be quiet," was undoubtedly troubled with chronic indigestion. Her victims, like those of many other elderly persons whose digestive powers have become impaired, didn't agree with her. This was before the era of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, or some one of her numerous friends and relatives would have undoubtedly have persuaded her to try the great specific for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness. This would have been a measure of self-protection on their part, for she would soon have been cured and ceased to disturb them with her clamor. The most obstinate cases of indigestion with its attendant heartburn, flatulency, constant sickness of the stomach and of the nerves, are completely overcome by this severing remedy. Chills and fever and biliousness, rheumatism and kidney trouble are also relieved by it.

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PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. A. SCHAFFER, of Belleville, Pa., as a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of M. I. GARDNER, Howard Boro, Pa., as a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.