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Editorial.

A GOOD OFFICER.

The Democratic candidate for Prothonotary in Centre county is Mr. Lew Schaeffer, of Bellefonte a son of Sheriff Schaeffer of Walker township, and he is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Frank Blackford of this city. Mr. Schaeffer is the incumbent of the office and is asking for a re-election, which will undoubtedly be accorded him. He is one of the best prothonotaries in the State, is a member of the bar and thoroughly familiar with all the forms and processes strictly temperate and industrious and always at his post. Such a man cannot fail to make a valuable officer for the court and the people and as such his merits have been fully recognized.

The above article is taken from the Lock Haven Democrat and is a true estimate of our present Prothonotary. Since Mr. Schaeffer has been in that office he has performed his duties with a faithfulness that is to be commended. It too often happens that in an election to fill positions of considerable trust and importance who are not capable to attend to the business and often do not sustain the best of a reputation. Centre county has had a good taste of such officers who were elected through partisan influence, when good sound judgment was not exercised. It is a matter of grave importance to the public and the taxpayers, especially, to have able, honest and efficient men elected. When the Democrats of Centre county placed the name of L. A. Schaeffer on the ticket they got the right man for Prothonotary as he is agreeable, obliging and qualified for the position. We want good men elected this fall; no more boobies and time-servers.

FIFTEEN thousand changes in the postoffices in five months is the record of which Chief Executioner Clarkson boasts. And this under the sanction of a president who said in his letter of acceptance that "only the interest of the public service should suggest removals from office," and that "in appointments to every grade and department fitness and not party service should be the essential and discriminating test, and fidelity and efficiency the only sure test to office." In some cases he has sought "fidelity and efficiency" in prisons, or among the criminal class. But Quay's and Dudley's debt had to be paid.

"THOSE COMMISSIONERS."

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PRETENDED HONESTY.

Large Contracts Given to Political Favorites, Healers and Henchmen—The Abuse of Office—Nothing Better was Expected.

About six months ago the wall around the Court House tumbled down and is still in the same condition. After the usual delay and meditation, so characteristic of our present Commissioners, and for which the county pay \$3.00 each per day, these Commissioners have decided that the wall should be repaired. This would require very little work and expense but to make the public believe that everything is done in that office in a fair and decent manner an advertisement, for a letting of the job, is inserted in a number of the county papers, when the cost for said advertisements would, itself, repair the wall. This piece of pretended honesty is a cute trick to cover up the underhanded jobbery and political favoritism employed by Henderson and Decker in giving Gallagher the job of erecting the abutments at the Millsburg bridge. Why did they not allow our home mechanics to bid in the same way on the work and in that way get it done for the least possible amount of money? Had this been done there would have been no reason to find fault, but when the Commissioners give a large and expensive work into the hands of a notorious character and a political heeler, without a public letting it is evident that something is rotten.

It is estimated that by the time the stone abutments at the Millsburg bridge are completed it will cost the county an enormous and extravagant price. No advertisement of a letting was made for this expensive work; that would have spoiled the arrangements of giving Gallagher a fat position as a reward for his dirty work done in a recent campaign for Henderson and Cook.

When a large job is to be given out, Henderson and Decker, award it to some low curb-stone politician, for services rendered. When an insignificant piece of work turns up a great deal of advertising is done, wasted money often, to blind the tax payers.

We are not surprised at this sort of an administration of the county's most important office. When Henderson was elected we knew that his past record was not a savory one for honor or integrity. Yet as a public officer we had some hopes that from the fear of exposure, alone, better might be expected. We must confess we were mistaken. As for Decker we believe he is doing the best he can under the circumstances. We have great confidence in his integrity, but integrity availeth little when the ability is lacking. Where these things pointed out to "Johnny" before and Henderson's nefarious schemes would be stopped. Verily, the predictions of bad management, bad faith, incompetency and other gross evils of these Republican reform (?) commissioners have more than been verified.

Do we want another lot of 'em? It is amusing to note the effort made to prejudice the voters of Centre county against Lew Schaeffer, the Democratic candidate for Prothonotary. Mr. Schaeffer's record as a public officer can not be assailed, his private character is far above the besmirched and besotted career of the lying demagogue who wrote the fictitious communications in the columns of his paper last week. The decent and respectable people of Centre county know Mr. Schaeffer and will unanimously endorse him at the polls next November.

EX-SENATOR WALLACE makes very short work of the silly newspaper story that he is opposed to the nomination of his fellowtownsman, Mr. Bigler, as the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer because such a nomination would interfere with his own selection as the next Democratic candidate for Governor. He is for Bigler this year; and is not concerning himself with what may or may not be done by the Democrats some other year.

Mr. Gladstone's library at Hawarden is one of the finest private libraries in England. It has more than 20,000 volumes. Mr. Gladstone loans his books out to any one in the neighborhood who wants to read them. Formerly people could keep them as they liked, but a few years ago the rule was made that a book could be kept for one month only. It is the regular free library of the district.

It is reported on the streets that Judge Furst lost the Kepler case on Tuesday.

Watchman

TANNER ON PENSIONS.

He Will Knock Out the Surplus Next Year

Commissioner Tanner's Chautauqua Speech. We hear a great deal about the pension roll. We have one that costs the government \$66,000,000. There will be more next year. (Uproarious applause). You must remember that these are all within the clearly defined law. The Commissioner will sit up nights, as he has done for months, not to bestow charity to do justice. Where does the money go? It keeps. It supplies in the body politic what the blood in the veins of the heart does in the body. One little thing comes to my mind. Billy Moore's pension under the late administration had been stopped and his name stricken from the roll. I put it back and I dated it back to the day when it stopped. There's so much more of that surplus gone.

For twenty years I have stood before the people trying to have justice done to the soldier. In the later days some little power has come, and I thank God that I can, with out scientific knowledge, transmute some of the coin of the Republic into God's golden sunshine and send it streaming to the homes of the suffering.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

The Result of Handling Fire Arms Carelessly.

On last Sunday evening, Nelson Vanatta, Lock Haven, was about to go to bed and had picked up a self-cocking bull-dog revolver that was loaded. While looking at it one of his fingers in some way became entangled in the trigger and it went off, the ball going through the window and entering the kitchen window of the Rathgeber house just after that unfortunate individual had entered the door with a bucket of water, which he had been out drawing, in his hand. The ball struck Mr. Rathgeber in the breast near the heart, making a large hole, but Dr. Ball says it struck a rib or bone and was repelled and bounded out again, a fact that undoubtedly saved Rathgeber's life. The distance between the two houses is very considerable.

Mr. Rathgeber suffered a good deal, although there being no bullet in him, the wound is not likely to prove serious. He says he feels sore all over from the effect.

Numberless sad particulars of the Johnstown flood have been written and related, but is only now that some of the ludicrous incidents are coming to the surface. Here is a good one: A saloon-keeper, who, with his colored bartender, had taken refuge on the roof of his building, was so impressed with the awfulness of the situation that he appealed to his bartender to pray for both, as he (the saloon-keeper) did not know how to pray. The bartender prayed, "Oh Lord, if you ever saved a nigger and a Dutchman, save us now." They were saved.

GOVERNOR BEAVER's explanation of his relation to the state of affairs at Johnstown shows that he has about as much general knowledge in regard to these affairs as he has in regard to the prospects of Home Rule in Ireland. He means well enough, and he is not wittingly doing anything to annoy the flood sufferers, but he is not the man to take the bull by the horns and make the noble charity of the people as sudden in relief as it was in tender. -Record

One reason why fish when served at the table are frequently not as toothsome as they should be, is because they are not killed immediately after being captured, as they should be. The proper way to deal with newly captured fish is to bleed them at once, which is done by cutting in at the neck without severing the head. That not only insures long keeping and better table qualities but it is humane. It is not a pleasant sight to a right minded person to see a fine fish die a lingering, gasping death. Kill your fish as soon as captured.

The Juniata Valley Editorial association is off on a jaunt to Atlantic City this week; Ole Meek and niece Miss Nellie, of the Watchman, left on Tuesday morning to join the excursion.

The Fleming base ball team got a good thumping on last Saturday afternoon. They went down to Millsburg to have a little fun and give the boys down there a few pointers in tossing the sphere. Somehow it happened they got their eye teeth badly cut when they tackled the Millsburg amateurs. Such base running and batting made the Fleming's dizzy and came home feeling like stewed monkeys. The Flemings were beaten by a score of 18 to 5 and are still hard at work trying to explain how it happened.

FRUITS OF PROTECTION.

The Chicago Herald states the case in short meter: "Wherever in America protection has established an infant industry, there has followed the truck system, the slave system, the company government and the de-Americanization of that region. The Americans have fled and foreigners have been seen in the blasted district. It has been on the call of the Governor for militia to effect a lower scale of wages. As at Johnstown, Pencyoed, Brazil, Hocking—everywhere—the friend of man has looked on the scene and has wished that manufacturers and mining had not come into the world, to make the drama entirely hateful. While the workers have silently metamorphosed from Americans to Irish to English, to Germans, to Italians to Magyars, to Huns, to Scythians—the great American millionaire has passed away and the billionaire corporation has taken his place. At last men, contemplating the work of protection, close their mouths and grow afraid. Now let them give, in order to save these worthy miners from death, for at last the labor problem has got to that stage where the strike and the militia can no longer be used to confuse the promptings of charity or to conceal certain hypocrisies of our civilization."

WOOL.

Small wonder is it that the president of the national association of wool manufacturers has issued a call "for an extraordinary meeting of the association in Boston on September 17, to consider the present unhappy condition of affairs as demonstrated by the numerous recent failures." The call mentions for consideration three special features—the necessity for unity of action among those whose interests are affected by the wool tariff, the equitable adjustment of the schedule, and a basis which shall adapt itself to the present industrial situation.

Since the first of January there have been fifty wool failures in this country in view of which fact wool manufacturers have indeed cause for alarm.

The high tariff has caused the distress to the wool industry just as it has depressed all kinds of protected manufactures. PEOPLE inclined to overreach their fellows, do business everywhere, soon become known as sharpers. A crafty dealer, one who aims at beating down values which he knows are legitimate, or infatigable those which he fully comprehends are not worth the price asked, may succeed for a while, but his ways soon become known to customers and dealers in his line of trade and he speedily declines in prosperity. Honest dealing, truthful representation and fair profits tend to the perpetuation of any business in which they are practiced. A business man, in the true acceptance of the term, is an honest man. To do business means to exchange good for values, money or commodities on a fair basis of profit, and he who endeavors to do it unfairly and falsely to the injury of the person with whom he deals is not a business man. He is a sharper in disguise, standing on the highway of trade who, when known is always avoided. The old aphorism applies here, "honesty is the best policy."

At the close of 1888 the Southern States had 38,252 miles of railroad, as against 30,262 in 1880. Since last January about 1,000 miles more have been built, making the gain since 1880 about 18,700 miles. At present the South is building more railway mileage than any other part of the country. What is more to the point, the Southern railroads pay. They constantly show in traffic and net earnings. The South is not yet overbuilt. It has no speculative roads—roads built to sell. There is so much room that large sections of good territory are still unsupplied. Add to this that the roads are conservatively managed and are not engaged in "wars" and other like ruinous proceedings. The Southern railroads are in good condition and have a big future. The mineral, agricultural and manufacturing development of that section will be the wonder of the next generation, as the Dakotas and Kansas are of this.

THE manner in which the commonwealth cases were disposed of by District Attorney J. C. Meyer, at the present term of court, is a sufficient recommendation to the vote of the county for his reelection. Every case was carefully prepared and disposed of with dispatch. Another example of the benefits of having efficient men elected.

AN UNFORTUNATE FELLOW.

A MAN WHO MET WITH MANY SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

But he Succeeded in Getting Money Enough From them to Live Comfortably the Remainder of his Life.

The hero of a checkered career in which a remarkable train of misfortunes have brought to him a snug little fortune is Jacob Hennis, who has just returned from the West. Jacob lives at 18 Hendee street, Somerville, Mass. He is on the shady side of fifty and his story as he personally related it reads like a romance.

"Twenty years ago," said Mr. Hennis "I was no different from other men. I had a good constitution, was called green, and as my parents were poor I had to get out in the cold world and hustle for a living. A friend in New York got me a chance in a street gang. I lived in Jersey City and used to go back and forth on the ferry. One night going home from work the gate tender opened the gate too soon and I fell between the boat and the slip and had my leg crushed so that it had to be taken off. Of course that gave me a great set-back, but I recovered, got a good wooden leg and had such a clear case that there was no difficulty in getting \$5,000 damages from the ferry company.

RUN OVER BY AN ENGINE.

"My leg worked so well that I determined to get another job. I secured a place in a round-house on a western railroad. One night the fireman started up his engine and my right arm was cut almost off. Well, the company gave me \$2,500 and paid my doctor bills. I now had quite a little sum laid by and thought I would get into some business where my crippled condition wouldn't bother me much. I bought a small cigar store in Syracuse and did first rate for two years, but my ill luck or luck, as you please still followed.

"One morning I was going down to the store, when without any warning, a blast went off in an open lot near the street and when they picked me up I was minus an eye and almost all my teeth. That little circus cost the contractor who did the blasting just \$2,500 and I invested \$75 of it in crockery and new chawers I kept on at the cigar business, and before a year was over I'll be hanged if I didn't fall into a man-hole in the side walk one evening and break my other leg so badly that they had to take it off too. Good luck again, and I stuck them for \$5,000 and got it.

BAD LUCK THIS TIME.

"I concluded that I had enough of Syracuse and I sold out and came here. I had enough cash saved to keep me comfortably and didn't worry much about making a living. One day two years ago last March, I went over to the city to get a little job done in a machine shop. 'Twas a little piece of turning and waited while they did it. Turned to go out I stumbled and fell against the shafting. In two seconds my scalp was revolving around like a pin wheel. I sued 'em but the miserable roundies allowed me only \$115 and I had to pay away \$25 of it for this wig."

Mr. J. A. Drexel proposes establishing an industrial institute in Philadelphia, and will expend \$1,500,000 in erecting the same. One thousand girls will be accommodated in the daytime and one thousand boys at night. This school joined to the great Industrial Institute the wealth of the late Mr. Williamson will establish, Philadelphia far ahead in matters pertaining to popular and practical education. It is gratifying to see rich men like Mr. Drexel start their enterprises and public benefactions while they live. The propensity to decay wealth and consider riches an evil should be modified in a very large measure, when we readily see that the grand monuments we have to art culture, justice, science, literature and education come from those who had the genius to make money.

THE floods of this Summer have shown how great a protection against the inroads of water a row of willow trees may be. The engineer in charge of the Potomac river improvements says that where willows were planted the land was protected from washing, and practically no damage was done, while in the improved land not so protected there was great loss.

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