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Editorial.

The dilapidated appearance of the Court House yard and surroundings is a disgrace to Centre county.

The Republican Commissioners of this county are an expensive investment they are neither ornamental or useful.

The misuse of the Court House and the dilapidated condition of the surroundings is a good indication of the manner in which the Republican Commissioners conduct the offices of this County.

The reason why Decker and Henderson give every little side show full use of the Court House was that they got complimentary, and the tax-payers must bear the expense.

Up to this time the transportation department of adjutant general's office has sent out tickets to over 9,000 veterans who are entitled to free transportation to Gettysburg on Pennsylvania Day.

Another item of considerable expense to Centre county was reduced, through the action of J. C. Meyer our present District Attorney, in having the Grand Jury sworn in on Monday mornings of Court week.

The Citizens of Millsburg are becoming exceedingly impatient over the delay in the construction of County bridge at that place. Centre county elected the present board of Commissioners; they were the choice of the people, but the election was a misarrange and we must put up with it.

A man in Washington on whom the Brown-Seward humber had been ticed for eight hours, as usual. It is believed that he could have lived if he had not tried the "Elixir of life." The interesting question now rises—What should be done with the quack who killed him?

THE REPUBLICAN CIRCUS.

IN FULL BLAST UNDER HASTINGS' MANAGEMENT.

How the 'big show' is conducted and some of the difficulties—The Dale Bros Combine Still in existence.

That D. H. Hastings still finds time to direct the movements of his party is evident from the work of the convention on Tuesday. Hastings was in Bellefonte last week and set up the whole affair. Jim Coburn, by appointment with Hastings, got the Asso Judge plum for Mich. Musser, and Bellefonte, as a blind to the Dale brothers and family, was allowed to go by default. They treated the Dale combination very nicely on Saturday but mangled them on Monday in the convention.

Fleming was the slated candidate from the start. The whole pack of Bellefonte politicians backed him. It was not a contest between two men but by the Bellefonte-Hastings-Combine against one man and he was G. Guyer Mattern, a dozen dogs on one. When the convention met Mattern came up and took his "quinine" like a man.

The convention was nothing but a big circus in charge of the Hastings faction. It reminded one of the old song: As the elephant goes round the ring, the band begins to play—boys around the monkey cage had better keep away. Ah, boys quit poking sticks at the sick monkeys—"Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no lies."

This is most appropriate to our Republican friends of the county. They are having a circus and menagerie all among themselves and all is not serene and lovely. The boys who fool around the "monkey cage" (office seekers) generally get their fingers nipped badly and there is a constant kicking when ring master, "big Dan" cracks his whip and orders the performances to begin. All the actors are ambitious and want to be "stars" in each act and carry off the honors. Then there is the famous "Dale combine" who want come in under Hastings large canvas but are permitted to travel along with the concern as a side show.

The most recent disturbance in this concern is the contest between Abe Miller, an old tumbler, and Ed. Chambers one of the younger lights. Both are fooling around the monkey cage and want the same office and Hastings cannot accommodate both and is dreadfully afraid of having a strike among his attaches.

Early in the season Chambers made application for the position and was given to understand that the high mogul and the Sanhedrim had decided to award him the Deputy Revenue collectorship. Since then Abe Miller, of Pleasant Gap, who has been living off the government the last fifteen years put in a bid. His claims were that he had; bought mules and horses and sold them to the government during the war at a fat price; had been in the service a short time, was wounded was still compelled to serve, for many years since, his country in the capacity of whiskey gauger at Haag's distillery, at the miserable small pittance of from two to four dollars for about two hours work each day. Then to add to it, the Pension department thrust several thousand dollars in front of him which he was compelled to accept and invest profitably.

In fact, considering all things the government in the last ten or fifteen years have burdened (?) him to the tune of about eighteen thousand. In return for this service he wants to be appointed District Deputy Revenue collector, not for the meagre salary, that is no consideration, but from a patriotic motive, wishes to continue in the service of his country. To force his claim and beat Chambers, Gregg post and the regulars have endorsed his application and poor Dan Hastings finds himself in a big sweat, he promises; Chambers and Abe Miller wants it. They are having a "monkey and a parrot of a time." Abe Miller thinks Chambers nothing but a young squirt in the party, who never fought, bled, drew a large pension, gauged whiskey or died for his country. Chambers says he was never in the army or bought up mules at a handsome profit for the government and says he can't gauge whiskey, unless in a bottle, and does not have the entire Gregg Post to push his claim; but that he has worked hard for the success of the party never was recognized and is pushing his own claims, and wants favorable consideration from "ring-master Hastings" or there will be deal of a row, or in language of the parrot "a h— of a time" ahead.

Then there is the post office with about fifty applicants. All cussing and swearing what they will do if disappointed. Feldler says Hastings promised him the appointment, and the old party workers must stand back.

A Fine Piece of Workmanship.

On Tuesday evening had occasion to visit the Phila. Branch store and while there was shown a cabinet, made by Mr. Lewin's nephew, Louis Fabian. The cabinet is of solid walnut with the entire outside worked in most beautiful designs and ornamentations by use of a bracket saw, which requires a vast amount of careful work and an abundance of patience. The cabinet is about seven feet high and four wide and is divided into sections. From the top down on each side are a series of porches supported by pillars.

The cabinet has a number of drawers in the lower part which form suitable receptacles. Above is a door which opens from the top and forms a ladies writing desk, beautifully ornamented, on the inside and contains a mirror. The upper part of the cabinet has two large doors with panels beautifully ornamented. When open a large mirror appears. On either side of these doors four smaller ones will be found which form receptacles suitable for a ladies toilet.

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—The Military Band of Milton, Pa., distinguished itself at Atlantic City last week by entering a band tournament and carrying off the first prize of \$300. This is quite an honor for that town and can certainly feel very proud of their band boys. When Milton takes hold of any thing they do it with a vim that means success. Their fair, this year, promises to surpass any thing in this section or the state.

Three private individuals in the United States are allowed to send mail free of postage. They are the widows of Presidents Polk, Grant and Garfield. In 1836 Congress passed an act conferring this privilege on the widows of presidents.

Lord Beaconsfield's doctor says he died for want of exercise. Hundreds of people die annually from the same cause. Thousands more who now sit at desks in offices and take on fat year by year will also die from this cause in the future.

Men Who Kill Women.

The Boston Herald has noticed this: There is something strange about the propensity of men to murder women. It is almost always followed by a taking by suicide of the life of the murderer. If a man kills another man, his first impulse generally is to run away, or to deliver himself up to justice. Nine times in ten, if he kills a woman, he feels it necessary to kill himself.

How to Become a Pauper.

When generous hands poured money into the Ohio valley after the great floods of '83 and '84, it was found that a very difficult task was to adjust some of the sufferers to their places again after the flood had passed. Some who had been hard working men before the flood seemed quite willing to subsist on charity forever after. There were indeed those who could not be induced again to work for their living. They took all they could get and wanted more. There were those who actually drifted into tramping and the poorhouse.

The same thing has been noticed since the Johnstown disaster. Immediately following the calamity there were 32,000 persons on the lists as recipients of public relief. More than six weeks afterwards there were still 7,000 fed, clothed and lodged from the charity fund. Some of them had simply "slumped" down upon the public well content to live that way. Part seemed to have lost the wish to brace up like men and go out and hunt work and start afresh to conquer the world.

A few months or years of pauper living would almost take away from anybody the power of thus bracing up and working for a living. The tramp soon loses ability for steady endeavor, and this is what chiefly distinguishes him from his fellow men. The blooded horse will go on till he drops dead. Just so the human being with true blood in his veins will pull himself together and get his head above water after every disaster, no matter how great. He will keep on trying and succeeding till he dies, and this, in man and in quadruped, is the difference between the blue blood and the scrub the world over.

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GRAND JURY REPORT.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CENSURED BY THAT BODY.

The Carelessness of public officers—Rubbish in the jail—Court House not an Opera House and the surroundings in bad condition.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury and requires no comment. It is plain and to the point.

To the Honorable the Judges of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the county of Centre August Sessions, 1889.

The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, inquiring for county of Centre, in all matters relating to the same, do respectfully report:

That they have acted upon eighteen (18) Bills of indictment of which Fifteen (15) were found True Bills, Three were found not true Bills.

We beg leave further to report: That we have visited and inspected the County buildings and find the cells in the prison in cleanly condition; repairs are needed in cells No's. 5 and 8. The cellar under the Sheriff's residence should be rid of the large ash piles, and other rubbish, in same. The Grand Jury also find in the cellar under the east end of the jail a pond of water caused by a leak in the water pipes, which is injurious to the timbers and floors overhead besides tending to render the building unhealthy.

We further report, that in the jail yard, we find the following objects, which should be immediately removed, as any of them will facilitate the escape of prisoners, in affording conveniences for scaling the wall:

1. The locust tree growing close to the wall at east end of same, and which has attained a height already equal to the wall.
2. The iron rods and poles found in the yard.
3. The clothes lines used in the yard should not be allowed to remain there at night, and only on such days when used for drying clothes.
4. The shed roof at the west end of the yard on north side of wall extending half way up the wall, affords a ready means of escape over same.

The Grand Jury also advises the immediate removal of small piles of rubbish in the prison yard, and a replastering of such parts of the wall from which the coating has dropped away more especially around the entire top portion of the jail wall, in order that the balance be protected against the action of the elements.

In the Court House, the Grand Jury recommend an addition of cases, with suitable shelving, in the vaults of the Commissioners' and Prothonotary's office for the safe keeping of important papers, which are accumulating and cannot be filed for convenient reference for want of cases and shelving.

The Grand Jury room should be supplied with a water tank, and we urgently recommend the construction of a passage, from the said room, leading directly to the water closets. Valuable time is lost and the sessions of Court are continually disturbed by the going to and fro for want of proper accommodations in these two respects.

Decency requires an immediate removal and radical change in the urinals and privy vaults in the rear of the Court House. Any change in these should be coupled with a sewer leading to Spring Creek. The break in the wall on the south side of Court House should be repaired. The Grand Jury beg leave to remind the Commissioners that the yard in front of the Court House is in a shabby condition, and is being used as a play ground, disfigured by pitching quoits; and we are also informed that the Court House has been granted for holding of exhibitions, band meetings, etc., which we discountenance as this is misuse of the public buildings.

We respectfully tender our thanks to the Honorable Judges and District Attorney for their courtesy and assistance rendered us during our deliberations, and congratulate the Court for the prompt dispatch of business at this term.

FREDERICK KURTZ, Foreman.

—The dedication of the \$80,000 building recently erected as a part of the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg has been postponed until Sept. 11th, owing to the inability of the contractors to complete the extensive repairs now progressing on the College building proper. Governor Beaver Gen. Kirkpatrick and other distinguished personages will participate in the dedicatory ceremonies. The regular fall term will begin Sept. 19th with a prospective increase of scholars in every department of the popular institution

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