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Editorial.

RAILROAD surveyors are still engaged along the canal. They were at work near Lock Haven on Saturday.

JOHN HENDERSON is highly delighted over the epistle of Bro. Decker. He will not likely write any letters himself.

SHERIFF COOKE must refund and will be prosecuted by a number of parties if he does not disgorge those illegal fees.

OUR county Detective accompanied by Abe Baum actually made a trip to Milesburg to investigate the Karthaus murder.

\$150 REWARD is often offered for the arrest of a horse thief. That is the value of a human life, according to our Coms.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN is spoiling for a fight, and he is likely to be gratified. The San Jose Athletic Association has offered a \$15,000 purse for a match between him and Jackson. The amount of the purse solved the race problem as far as Sullivan was concerned.

FARMING would be a good enough business anywhere in the United States if farmers should be fairly taxed by the Government and the corporations. That they are not fairly treated is largely their own fault. As are the men they send to Congress and Legislatures, so are the laws which create discriminations and breed monopolies.

DOM PEDRO promptly accepted \$2,500,000 in cash and \$450,000 a year to vacate the position of Emperor. He has made a good bargain. To a man of his tastes his remaining years can be spent with more enjoyment in Southern Europe than in Rio and a different kind of a revolution might have hurled him from the throne without compensation.

FROM Canada to Australia the air is full of rumors of impending changes in forms of government. The Brazilians evidently build better than they knew when they threw off the yoke of imperialism. It is now reported that a revolution is in progress in Cuba, which has for some time been abnormally quiet. Undoubtedly the Brazilian upheaval has had an effect in stirring up in Cuba a Republican element which was only "scotched" not killed.

GENERAL MAHONE, of Virginia, accompanied by his son, is now in New York, on his way to meet his wife and family, who are returning from Europe. Regarding his recent defeat he says he is too old a soldier to let it worry him much, especially as he had been "cheated" out of 30,000 votes by the purging of the registration books and 10,000 votes on election day. The General is nothing if not a philosopher.

SNYDER COUNTY offers a reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of a murderer. Centre county, the largest and one of the most prosperous districts in the state, is so miserably mean that it can give only the insignificant sum of \$150 for the arrest of the murderer of Clara Price. The small potatoes in the commissioners office are responsible for this and not the people. Benelient for one year, then they will be freed.

A NEW YORK paper says that Edison draws his inspiration from tobacco. He smokes about twenty cigars a day when not very busy but when rushed with work he usually consumes about half a box, which holds 100. The doctors and tobacco-haters would say that he is rapidly killing himself but probably he can smoke fifty cigars a day without doing himself the slightest harm. If he hasn't he is not the inventor people take him for.

WHAT benefit is the office of county detective to the people of Centre county? We have been studying that question for some time. When a foul murder is committed no effort was made to investigate the matter, except standing about the corridors of the Court House and in the hotels, all wise and wonderfully important. But when witnesses are to be summoned for which there is an extra fee he is always on hand. Such a county detective at \$240 is a useless ornament to this county.

HOPKINS SENTENCED

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BY JUDGE FURST.

The Doomed Man Hears the Sentence without a Tremor.—Has Nothing to say.—Will Take his dose like a man.

On Thursday evening when the jury returned a verdict of guilty, Hopkins was somewhat affected but said he was not surprised and would walk to the gallows on the day of his execution and take his dose like a man. He has expressed a desire to have but a day's liberty that he might finish Eddy Hughes and the Meyers', of Phillipsburg. When taken to the jail that evening he was quite nervous and frequently during the night would suddenly awake from his sleep and stare about the room. Since then he has been resting quite easy.

HIS SENTENCE.

On Saturday afternoon the prisoner was brought into court. The room was packed to its utmost, and a breathless silence prevailed. The Court then asked Mr. Reeder if he had any reasons to file for a new trial, and responded that he had none. Dist. Atty. Meyer then moved that judgment be passed upon the verdict.

By the Court:

Mr. Hopkins, stand up; have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced upon you according to law?

Prisoner: No sir.

By the Court:

Mr. Hopkins you have been convicted by the jury of your country of the highest crime known to the law—the crime of murder. The murder of a member of your own family. You had a fair and impartial trial; your counsel was zealous in the discharge of every duty to protect you and saw that you had a fair and just trial. You had a conscientious jury, sworn to try the issue between you and the Commonwealth and a true deliverance make. That jury under the evidence found you guilty of murder in the first degree. There can not be a question, there cannot be a shadow of doubt but that the verdict is the exact truth in your case. You committed this crime in cold blood; you committed it with malice in your heart; premeditated it before you resolved to commit it and you lay in wait in your own house at midnight watching for that purpose. We have but little else to say to you but this, that you need expect no clemency from the governor of this Commonwealth or the board of pardons; you must make your address for pardon and forgiveness to a higher power and we commend you to a prayerful consideration of your own condition; we say to you kindly and with the best feeling of our heart to repent of your sins and seek pardon from God whose law you have offended. The penalty of your crime is death; it is the consequences of your own life; it is the consequence of your own crime; by your crime you have forfeited your life and we say to you in conclusion to make your peace with God seek his pardon and it may be that you may be forgiven if you repent in sincerity and in truth. (The judges arose.)

The sentence of the law is, von William S. Hopkins, prisoner at the bar, be taken to the jail of Centre county from whence you came and from thence to the place of execution and that you be there hanged by the neck until you be dead and may God Almighty have mercy on your soul.

Before the Judge began the last paragraph the three Judges arose to their feet to show due respect for the great solemnity of the occasion, as it meant the sentence of death. As the last clause was uttered the Judge's voice faltered and the fast words could scarcely be heard. The awful moment affected him much, while the prisoner stood before him unmoved, although somewhat nervous. As he was taken from the building he smiled occasionally and remarked to the Sheriff that he "stood it better than the Judge."

He says he is satisfied with the verdict and has no fault to find with any one concerned in his trial. He has stopped swearing and ordered all cards to be taken from his room. He requested Rev. Laurie, of the Presbyterian church, to call on him for spiritual advice that he may die a Christian. Hopkins says his mother taught him to pray when a child and still repeats those simple and childlike utterances, before retiring, with a firm faith that pardon and forgiveness will be granted by his God and Maker. On Wednesday morning Hopkins requested that Robt., son of Esther Wigaman, come and see him. The boy went up that morning and stayed with Hopkins some time.

HE KNOWS CAPT. CLARK.

When the county commissioner decided to offer a reward of \$150. for the arrest of the murderer of Clara Price, Capt. Clark, the detective was at Snow Shoe, and heard of it. Clark had one of the merchants of that place telephone to the Com's. office for information. Henderson answered the call and said if that was Clark they would have nothing to do with him and would not give any information so that Clark might start to hunt the scoundrel.

Henderson hates Capt. Clark because Clark kept a keen eye on Henderson while he lived at Osceola and in that section. Henderson knows, by his own experience, that the Capt. hounds a man down when on his track. That is the reason Henderson would rather see a murderer go scott free than have Capt. Clark's reward. According to Henderson public office is not a public trust but a place to gratify personal animosities at the expense of the public. Only one year more of this kind of "Cracker statesmanship." Even that is too long.

COMING TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

The 43rd Session Opens in the Court House on Monday, December 16.

The 43rd annual session of the teachers' annual institute of Centre county opens in the Court House, Bellefonte, beginning with Monday, December 16, and continuing until Friday of the same week.

LIST OF INSTRUCTORS.

Dr. G. M. Phillips, principal of the West Chester normal school.

Dr. E. O. Lytle, principal of Millersville normal school.

Dr. A. E. Maltby, an instructor in the same school.

William Noetling, A. B., professor in Bloomsburg normal school.

F. V. Irish, A. M., Lima, Ohio.

L. W. Miller, principal of the Philadelphia School of Industrial Art.

J. B. Rickey, A. B., principal of the Phillipsburg school.

Prof. W. A. Buckhout, State College, Dr. G. G. Groff, acting president of the Bucknell University, and Dr. A. R. Horne, will likely spend one day each during the session.

The evening entertainments will be especially fine. Dr. G. M. Phillips, on Monday evening, will lecture on "A Journey to the Golden Gate." C. F. Underhill, the famous elocutionist and impersonator, will appear on Tuesday evening.

Frank Beard, the artist of "Chautauqua" and "Judge" will give rapid "crayon" sketching and chalk talks, "Wednesday evening."

Robert J. Burdette on Thursday evening will show how the "Moustache Rises and Falls."

Thursday, Dec. 19, will be Directors' Day. They will meet in special session at 10.30 a. m. in the Bellefonte High school rooms, to discuss many topics of special interest to them. Orders for excursion tickets can be had by writing to Supt. D. M. Wolf, at Spring Mills, enclosing a two cent stamp.

Spring Mills.

John Hoover, running on the Panhandle R. R., from Pittsburgh to Denison, O., has returned home for a couple of months rest, after several weeks sojourn at the hospital. He was laid off duty by being injured on the railroad.

Richard G. G. Eisenhart, formerly of this place, but now living at Horsehead, N. Y., paid us a pop visit this week. Mr. Eisenhart is engaged in the celery business at Horsehead, but still retains an interest in our creamery, which occasions his frequent return to our place. He is always a very welcome visitor.

David Bible, our new merchant, opened up for business on Wednesday of this week. Everybody predicts for him a good business. He clerked some time ago for Mr. Bartholomew, at Centre Hall, and everybody at that place speaks very highly of him.

Charles Long, merchant also, received a new invoice of goods in the shape of twins a few days ago. He is so happy now that he almost gave his goods away to his customers. Wait Charley till they need new bennets, sealskins, silk dresses etc and that smile will give place to a different smile.

A Good Excuse.

In Carbon county last week Judge Drecher excused a juror on a case because he was engaged to be married. He had to travel forty miles and the wedding couldn't come off if he staid in court. The clients in the case consented to the decision of the remaining eleven jurors.

—Don't forget the "Racket" when in town.

THAT HOWARD BRIDGE.

Another Piece of Republican Jobbery and Rascality.

The bridge swept away at Howard, by the June flood, at last will be replaced, but the contract smatters of the customary Republican jobbery.

The contract for the mason work was given by Messrs. Jacob Pletcher and Reuben Wagner, the Republican supervisors of that twp., to Mr. William Lyons, at the rate of \$4 per yard, and at that rate would have amounted to about \$300. Mr. Lyons began work, but some time after another party started on the same job. Mr. Lyons then found that the supervisors awarded the same contract later to R. C. Leathers and E. T. Gallagher, Sheriff Cooke's famous labor agitator and henchman. The price they receive is \$500, or \$200 more than Mr. Lyons agreed to do the same work, and suppose that amount will be a "divvy" between the supervisors and contractors. Mr. Lyons prosecuted the Howard twp. bosses for \$20 damages and won the suit and could have recovered the entire amount had he forced the provisions of his contract.

The County commissioners gave \$200, we are told, to help build the abutments and it is likely that it was through their means that Gallagher got another slice of the people's money.

In this case the taxpayers of Centre county, and Howard township especially, will be fleeced out of \$200 by the rascality of the Republican commissioners and the treachery of the Howard township supervisors.

The treatment shown Mr. Lyons was contemptible and was becoming only to such small potatoes like Pletcher and Wagner who evidently are devoid of all manhood or honor.

RIGHT ABOUT FACE

Now that the sentiment of the country in favor of tariff reduction has been shown most emphatically by the recent elections, the Republican party, with a cool impudence that fairly takes the breath away, hoist the banner of revenue reform, a banner that it trampled under foot and spat upon a few months ago.

In their last national convention the Republican declared against any tampering whatever with the tariff and even went so far as to say that free whiskey should come before free commerce. To-day many of the most influential party organs are urging upon the new congress the necessity of immediate tariff revision, and the Philadelphia Inquirer is especially emphatic in insisting that action be not delayed. It tells us that "the last national platform of the Republican party pledges a revision of the tariff;" that "there are glaring inequalities in some of the custom duties as now imposed which demands revision;" that "Republican legislation in former years put a great many articles on the free list; it can now safely enlarge the list in many respects," and that "it would be a great misfortune both to the country and the party if the coming session of congress should be permitted to go by without this work being done."

As before remarked, this is cool impudence of the sort that fairly takes the breath away. It is like a burglar caught in the act of committing a crime and then endeavoring to prove an alibi. Republican statesmen will gain one advantage from this change of base. They can again make use of their old speeches—the arguments advances when they advocated free coal free salt, free iron ore, free lumber. But they will be obliged to make a bon-fire of the speeches of 1888. For instance, Mr. Tom Reed's oration in favor of building a wall around the United States will be regarded now as orthodox. There will be a good deal of wriggling and dodging to be sure, but the Republican party has got used to that. It is the greatest dodger in history.—E.

A Paying Investment.

Williamsport is the handsomest and liveliest city in Central Pennsylvania. It is booming in all directions. No better or safer investment can be made anywhere than to buy real estate there. S. Q. Mingle has over 200 of the best located and finest building lots for sale on the most reasonable terms at "Cottage Place," near the Park Hotel. They are high, dry and healthy. Bound to grow in value enormously, and now pay 25 per cent. per annum. For full particulars and terms call on, or write to S. Q. Mingle's Piano and Organ House, 315 Pine St., Williamsport, Pa.

A MAN who will plead the "limitation act" on an account at Hoffer's store would offer \$150 for the arrest of a murderer.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

TWO MEN KILLED INSTANTLY AT BELLEFONTE.

While Working in the Lime Stone Quarries of A. G. Morris.—A Fall of Rock.—Both Men Were Married.

On last Friday forenoon at about 10 o'clock this community was startled by the announcement of the terrible death of Frank Gallagher and Joseph Mayes in Morris' stone quarries. These operations are about a quarter of a mile north of Bellefonte, along the pike leading to Milesburg. The excavation extends into the hill a considerable distance. The limestone strata has a dip or downward inclination of almost 45 degrees, and the excavation has a slanting surface on one side, an overhanging wall of rock over 200 feet in height on the opposite side. The men at work were known as the drill gang and were working in the extreme end of the quarry, up about a hundred feet under and against the overhanging mass of rocks. They were Frank Gallagher, Joseph Mayes and James Noon. At the time they were engaged in drilling a blast hole and were nearly done. Mayes was sitting down holding a drill and the two men were beside him. They heard the rocks breaking above them and before they moved a foot the mass came down on the unfortunate men. Joseph Mayes' head was almost severed from his body, but a strip of skin held it. The cut was near the shoulders and portions of the breast bone protruded.

Frank Gallagher was killed instantly also, his skull was horribly mashed and many bones in his body were broken and came through the skin. John Noons was very fortunate in receiving no serious wounds. He was caught by the falling mass of stone and was hurled to the bottom of the quarry and is generally bruised and sore.

The rock that fell were from a strata of slate like limestone, under which they were at work. A large strip about six inches in thickness, broke loose and fell in pieces upon the men. The amount that fell was small, not more than several car loads, but its fatality was terrible. The strata can be seen to be in a dangerous condition, as it is constantly breaking loose and splitting. We are told that the foreman of the quarries warned the men of the dangerous rock, but we know nothing of that matter. The freezing and thawing no doubt was the cause of the accident.

Gallagher was aged about 37 years and lived at Howard. He was married and leaves a wife and seven children. Joseph Mayes was about 34 years of age and leaves a wife and four children. This was the first fatal accident that occurred in these quarries in many years and indicates that great care and prudence was always exercised. It was an accident which no one could foretell and for that reason be slow to censure.

Found It Correct

A certain school teacher not a thousand miles away and whose eyesight is not very good, had an incident with his grammar class recently. He had sent the class to the board to diagram some sentences, whereupon one of the funny ones wrote the following: "O Lord of love look down from above and pity us poor scholars: we've hired a fool to teach our school and pay him thirty dollars." Then the boy asked the teacher if it was correct and the latter turned to the board and said it was.

Died at One Hundred

On Thursday there died in South Williamsport a man by the name of Michael McDonough, who had reached the remarkable age of one hundred years last August. Mr. McDonough was once quite a wealthy man and kept hotel, but became poor through his generosity in helping others and died a pauper, being buried by the South Williamsport Poor Board. He was interred at Rocktown.

Mr. DOLLIVER was last year elected to Congress by the Republicans in Iowa because he had a fluent tongue and could say smart thing on the stump. Before the election one of his epigrams was, "Iowa will go Democratic when hell goes Methodist." The returns from Iowa are in, but Dolliver has not given out further information from the other district.

When Not to Say "Please."

In remitting for a subscription do not say, "Please find enclosed," etc. Leave off the "please." It is unnecessary to plead with an editor in that way. If there is any money in the letter he will find it, and don't you think he won't. If he doesn't, he is a bogus member of the profession and you are well rid of the paper.

A Husband's Novel Cure.

A good story is being told about the wife of a prominent gentleman of Scranton who has long been a confirmed invalid. A few weeks ago she took to her bed and bid fair to lie there helpless the rest of her life, and there seemed to be but little the matter with her. Her husband, who believed that her illness was more imaginary than real, prepared a novel test for her. He took their pretty colored servant into his confidence, and by a pre-arranged plan the two met in the invalid's bed chamber. As they passed, the man reached out, and, embracing the girl, planted a fervent kiss on her black skin. The wife's lost power returned to her at once, and she jumped out of her bed and drove the girl from the house. She now does all the household work herself with ease.

While passing McFarlane's hardware store the other day, we noticed a great stack of the celebrated roasters in their window. This firm is selling lots of them, because they are the best in market and much cheaper than elsewhere, only \$1.00 to \$1.50 and guaranteed at that. The Apollo Range and Regulator cook stoves are ahead of all the rest in point of operation, and number of sales. Go to McFarlane's and take a look at them.

—Mr. J. L. Thomas, of Milesburg was in town on Monday and had his name placed on our roll of honor. Mr. Thomas sells a novel "Electric Galvanic Battery," prepared by himself, which he guarantees will cure headache, catarrh, neuralgia and other complaints. A great many are used in this place and is considered the best thing known for such affections.

—A swindler sold a Clinton county farmer a receipt for making his wheat weigh twice as much as it ought to and signed a contract to divide the money gained by the extra weight with the scientific swindler. The "contract" eventually turned up as a promissory note and the farmer paid \$300 for it and didn't advertise the matter with a brass band, either.

—The Phillipsburg Ledger says that Osborn Tate, of Chester Hill, choked on a piece of tongue beef the other day and in his attempt to dislodge it, coughed his false teeth into the stove, and when he got them out they were warped so they wouldn't fit any more. He declares he's going to make the butcher pay for a new set, and he's dead right about it.

—A farmers' Institute is to be held under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture, at State College on January 7 and 8. It is the intention of the Committee on Entertainment to arrange for an extra train from Bellefonte if there is prospect of sufficient attendance to warrant it. This committee requests that all who would patronize such a train communicate at once with the Secretary of the Committee, Henry Hartwick State College.

Daniel Webster was a great man, but if he could spend a day with the living now, he would be rather astounded at the appearance of the four new North-western States in the Union as he once declared that the territory which they occupied was "so far off that it could never be governed by the United States" and that a member of Congress from that territory "could not reach Congress until a year after the expiration of his term." The world has moved since Daniel Webster's day.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.
White wheat, per bushel..... 82
Red wheat, per bushel..... 80
Rye, per bushel..... 65
Corn, ears per bushel..... 55
Corn, shelled per bushel..... 55
Oats—new per bushel..... 45
Barley, per bushel..... 45
Buckwheat, per bushel..... 45
Cloverseed, per bushel..... \$4.00 to \$5.00
Ground plaster, per ton..... 9.50

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES &c., (as corrected weekly by H. L. Eshard.)
Apples, dried, per pound..... 3 5
Cherries dried per pound, seeded..... 30
Dried Currants, per pound..... 10 25
New Raisins, per pound..... 10 25
Beans per quart..... 20
Turnips, per bushel..... 25
Onions, per bushel..... 25
Butter, per pound..... 25
Cheese per pound..... 25
Tallow, per pound..... 25
Country shoulders..... 25
Sides..... 25
Hams..... 15
Hams sugar cured..... 15
Breakfast Bacon..... 15 25
Lard, per pound..... 15 25
Eggs per dozen..... 25
Potatoes per bushel..... 25
Dried Beef..... 25
Canned Beef per can..... 10 25
Canned Tomatoes per can..... 10 25
Canned Corn per can..... 10 25
Lemons per doz..... 25
Dried sweet Corn per pound..... 25

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

A Letters of administration on the estate of Samuel C. Brickley, late of Curtin township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.
ALLEN A. BRICKLEY,
Administrator.