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Editorial.

LAST Saturday morning, before the *habeas corpus* hearing given Alfred Andrews was begun, His Honor, Judge Furst announced to the newspaper reporters that no evidence given there should go into the columns of the county papers. This was somewhat of a surprise yet they continued zealously to note everything that occurred and the evidence went into print as though nothing had been said. The reason given was that jurors drawn for the trial would likely form an opinion as to the guilt of the prisoner and that would inconvenience and delay the empanelling of a jury. At the time of this statement the room was packed from end to end with almost a thousand spectators and the proceedings were of a public nature which anyone might attend, and yet His Honor saw fit to caution the press not to publish any of the evidence—strange, indeed.

As the people throughout the county depend on their papers for an account of all public proceedings in court we consider it our duty to furnish the same, and will do so as often as anything of interest takes place. In this great big land of "liberty and freedom" the press cannot be silenced by royal or judicial edicts, while it confines itself to the publication of legitimate news. The press is fitly termed the "mouthpiece of the people" and its influence upon the masses is beyond that of the courts. The people have a right to learn of all public proceedings before court and look for it through this channel.

If jurors become prejudiced by reading accounts of such proceedings, they are not fit men to serve and especially in a murder trial. We think Judge Furst went beyond his jurisdiction in this case and can not sustain himself. We are not living under the tyranny of a Russian government, nor are we mere supplicants in the grasp of an English throne. The press in this country is not subject to the whims of local courts but has its freedom defined in the constitution and our statutes. Your Honor, this is the 19th century.

If Governor Beaver has been correctly reported in a Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, he doesn't want General Hastings to receive the Republican nomination for governor any more than he wants himself to be transformed into some hideous monster. He is quoted as saying:

"I was very much surprised at the development of the past few days in regard to the position of General Hastings. My understanding with him was that he did not propose to antagonize any plans which the dominant leaders in the state might have with respect to the selection of a nominee for the head of the Republican ticket next year. In the conversation, General Hastings said to me that he only intended to secure a few delegates here and there throughout the state in order to put himself in line as a candidate in the event of the nomination of Senator Delamater not being carried out. He then thought that he would come forward as his political residuary legatee. His movements of late, and what we hear of his alliance with persons who are regarded as a disturbing element in the republican party of the state, show that he has gone behind his original purpose, and has entered the contest as a full fledged candidate." The governor added: "I was very much surprised at General Hastings joining the Tariff club, at Pittsburgh, as that, under the circumstances, at once establishes his position."

This is very plain talk on the part of the governor and it is strange if it doesn't cause a breach between him and the adjutant general. It was to have been expected that the fight for the gubernatorial plum would become quite warm but it looks very much as if it were going to be a red hot affair.—*Patriot*.

The chaplain of the House of Representatives, Rev. W. H. Milburn, is a native of Philadelphia and was born in 1822. When quite young he lost the sight of one of his eyes, and in a short time the other became blind also. He mastered the blind alphabet and at the age of 22 was ordained a minister. Within the last thirty years he has preached in nearly every State in the Union and in some European countries. He has been chaplain of the House since 1882 and can, in all probability, hold the place indefinitely.

Leland T. Powers' entertainment in the Court House on Friday evening will be worth hearing.

HASTINGS AT WORK.

HASTINGS AND MONTTOOTH, STRONG COMBINATION.

The Pittsburgh Man Willing to Take a Second Place on the Ticket with Hastings.—They May Beat Delamater.

The following letter in the Philadelphia *Record* from Bellefonte will give our readers some idea what is being done by the Republican candidates for the gubernatorial nomination:

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Dec. 9.—It can be set down as a certainty that Adjutant General Daniel H. Hastings, of this city, will have the support of Christopher L. Magee, the Allegheny county leader, in his canvass for the Republican nomination for Governor.

A HASTINGS-MONTTOOTH COMBINATION.

General Hastings returned here the other day from a campaigning tour in Huntingdon, Blair and Indiana counties. He also spent two days at Pittsburgh. While there he was tendered a reception by the Young Men's Republican tariff Club, which is composed of several hundred of Mr. Magee's warmest followers and hustlers.

In addition it is learned from a close friend of the Adjutant General that he had several extended conferences with Mr. Magee and his lieutenants. The conclusion reached is said to be that Mr. Magee and the friends of Major E. A. Monttooth, of Pittsburgh, will turn in to land Hastings for Governor, while the General and his followers will lend their best endeavors to nominate Monttooth for Lieutenant Governor.

This is a combination that promises to give United States Senator Quay and his candidate, State Senator Delamater, considerable trouble. It will start out with the Allegheny and Centre county delegations solid.

The bolting Republican County convention of Berks and Carbon both elected delegations counted safe for Hastings. Lancaster will send several Hastings delegates, and Lebanon will probably do the same. So will Schuylkill. General Hastings' conduct of affairs at Johnstown has given him a grip among the Republicans of Cambria county that no bossism can shake. Then he will get some of the delegates from Blair, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Jefferson, Washington and Erie nobody seems to doubt. These will constitute a healthy leavening to start with, and they are counted upon for some pretty effectual work.

THE HASTINGS PLAN

It appears to be the plan of the Hastings people to conduct a quiet campaign and leave the opposition to do all the talking for the present. Though Mr. Delamater, Frank Willing Leach and several Quay leaders at Pittsburgh have rushed into print for their candidate, General Hastings has contented himself with "sawing wood." His followers claim that Mr. Quay already has a great deal of trouble on hands, all caused by the manner of exercising the dangerous power of distributing patronage, and they hope that as time passes these troubles will increase. Wherever there is dissatisfaction missionaries will be put to work.

WHAT ABOUT PHILADELPHIA

General Hastings' friends are not saying much about what they expect to accomplish in Philadelphia. In view of the manner in which State Treasurer-elect Boyer was cut in Allegheny county last month, it is not thought that Mr. Magee will care to attempt to do anything in Philadelphia himself but Mayor Fittler, who has declared himself for Hastings and Mr. McManes who has soured on Quay, and the Adjutant General's personal following in that city assure him of aid. In that event there are those who believe Delamater's chances of making the nomination are dubious.

—Next Sunday and several Sundays in succession thereafter, Rev. Miles O. Noll, the pastor elect of the Reformed congregation in this place, will preach in that church morning and evening. This announcement will certainly delight the members of the church as well as the hosts of friends he made in this town during his temporary residence here last summer.

—The CENTRE DEMOCRAT will be sent to any address for two months at 15 cts. per name.

—The Philadelphia Branch comes up with a smiling season with a brand new line of clothing. They sell nothing but reliable goods.

—If you attend the Institute next week don't fail to visit Mingle's Shoe Store for foot wear.

CENTRE COUNTY DISGRACED.

The reputation of Centre county, throughout the state, was always a commendable one. Our commonwealth was always considered to be composed of an industrious, intelligent, enterprising and liberal class of people. The reputation was due much to the many prominent men who came from our district and figured prominently in State and Nation. We have produced great men, and small men as well. For the latter class our county never did better than when they elected the present board of County Commissioners. Almost every act, every piece of business transacted, and even their individual conduct is a disgrace to the people.

Their last act to disgrace the reputation of our county comes in the shape of a miserly, mean, niggardly reward for the conviction of the murderer of Clara Price.

Think of it, citizens of Centre county, is a human life and the safety of the individual not worth more than \$150? These men even had the cheek to offer that amount for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Clara Price. When the citizens of Karthaus heard of the murder a purse of \$250 was subscribed by the father and his neighbors. Then the Commonwealth of Centre county about a week later, by its representatives Henderson and Decker, offered \$150. They had large posters printed with all their names signed thereto in bold type and scattered them broadcast. The sum of \$150 for the arrest of a murderer is a disgrace to the county, and the names attached to the bottom make it all the more infamous.

Clearfield county offers \$150 for the capture of a jail breaker, who is known and no conviction is required. Snyder county offers a reward of \$1000 for the arrest of a murderer and Old Centre in all her pride and glory can give but \$150 for the detection and prosecution of one of the foulest deeds known in our county. Our people condemn this action of the commissioners and is but another evidence of their inability to fill the position.

It is the custom of the Cabinet officers in Washington to lower their flags to half-mast and display the insignia of mourning when an ex-Cabinet officer dies; and the fact that it is done without regard to the character or merits of the dead ex-Minister, proves that it is no honest tribute of respect to the memory of the fallen.

Jefferson Davis was once Secretary of War, and Secretary Proctor was expected by many to lower the flag over the Department of War to half-mast when the death of Mr. Davis was announced; but the present Secretary escaped a serious embarrassment by the material fact that Mr. Davis had long since ceased to be a citizen of the Republic and died an alien to the country and its government. He was fully justified, therefore, in taking no official notice of the death of Mr. Davis.

The utter hollowness and mockery of this custom of lowering flags to half-mast when a Cabinet officer dies is pointedly illustrated by the fact that the death of Ackerman Key, Lamar, or Garland would promptly lower the flag of the department in which they served to half-mast. All of them heartily supported Jefferson Davis in armed rebellion; all of them served in the field against the Union armies, and all of them were as guilty as their chief; but they came back to enjoy the honors and emoluments of the government they fought to overthrow, and they will be mourned by half-masted flags while Davis dies unmoted.

Since the days of Jefferson Davis in the War Office, John B. Floyd and W. W. Belknap have filled the position. One was officially accused of fraud and the other was deposed and impeached for a like alleged offense, while Davis was confessedly clean and pure in all public trust; but the stain of public crime would not hinder the mockery of the half-masted flag. Surely the lesson taught by the death of Mr. Davis should stop the patent mockery of flags at half-mast when a retired and often forgotten Cabinet officer passes away.—*Times*.

—Another large lot of the latest improved roasters and bakers is expected at McFarlane's hardware store by Saturday next. They are selling like hot cakes. No one can roast a Christmas turkey so nicely as in one of these roasters. Price very low. And when you go to McFarlane's for a roaster don't forget to look at the beautiful Regulator Cook and the Apollo Range. Nothing in town to compete with them.

—Have you seen the beautiful display of neck wear at the Rochester Clothing House?

PENNSYLVANIA WOOL GROWERS

The Pennsylvania Wool-growers Association has just had a special meeting in Pittsburgh to protest against the reduction in the tariff taxes on wool. They protest against free wool; against "the modification of the tariff on wool;" against the frauds in classifying imported wool, and against the admission of "ring waste" (that is now "displacing much of our American product.")

Well, we have tried high tariff taxes to protect our wool-growers, who employ little labor in their industry. We have taxed wool, that is worn by every man, woman and child, from 40 to 125 per cent, and what is the result in Pennsylvania? In 1870 we had 1,794,301 sheep; in 1880 we had 1,649,300; in 1887 we had 1,094,323 and now (the number is estimated at 800,000 or less than one-half we had twenty years ago.

And what have the people of Pennsylvania paid ostensibly to protect our wool-growers? They have paid an average of 25 per cent. increase cost of all the woolen worn by our people; and what does that amount to? We now have 5,000,000 population. They consume \$15 of woollens per head, making an aggregate of \$75,000,000 a year. A reduction of 25 per cent. on that consumption would be \$18,750,000 annually. If we have 1,000,000 sheep the entire crop of wool would not exceed 1,500,000 and to protect an alleged industry that has a gross product not exceeding \$1,500,000 a year, we tax our people \$18,750,000 annually.

And with this enormous tax imposed upon every man, woman and child in the State our wool-growers are steadily lessening their flocks, and have reduced them over 50 per cent. in twenty years of the highest tariff protection. Was ever such wanton oppression of the people proposed in any other government in the world?

But free wool would not lessen the value of the wool crop in anything like the amount of the tariff taxes. Foreign wool would at once advance if it was admitted free in this country, because of the new market for it, and the reduction in the price of wool would not be 20 per cent. Indeed, the highest prices paid for wool in this country in time of peace was when wool was admitted free.

If the wool-growers don't study these figures the people do study them, and never were these astounding figures more studied than they are now. The people of Pennsylvania will demand free wool—first because the most oppressive tariff taxes can't protect wool on Pennsylvania farms as is shown by the reduction of our flocks; second, because a special tax of over \$18,000,000 to protect less than \$2,000,000 of gross product is simply atrocious and third, because even the wool-growers of the State, as well as all others, would greatly gain by cheapened woollens over all loss by free wool. Common sense will solve the problem by following every other protection country in the world in free materials for their industries.—*Philadelphia Times*.

Last year more than fourteen thousand horses were slaughtered for food in Paris. The consumption of horse meat has more than doubled since 1881. This food is eaten almost exclusively by the poorer classes, and sells at three or four cents per pound.

—Following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Bellefonte post office December 9, 1889: Maggie Frazier, E. R. Holmes, Laura C. Long, Charley McElroy, Miss Mary Murphy, Mrs. B. Peters, J. Chas. Ryan, Fred Stevens, Miss Clara Shickley, Henry Somers, persons inquiring for letters in the above list will please say advertised.

—Hopkins has an eye to business. He had cabinet photos taken and insists that every visitor should take one along at thirty-five cents.

—Small slippers, large slippers, ladies or gentleman's slippers, in fine leathers or embroidered silks and plush, the finest display to be found, at Mingles Shoe store.

—Camp & Naginny have a fine line of goods for the Xmas season.

—Auchenbach's bakery is filled with a bran new stock of pure candles and confectionery for the holiday season.

—On the inside pages of this issue will be found a number of interesting articles and illustrations. Among them is a good likeness of Jefferson Davis and sketch of his life.

—One of the finest displayed windows in Bellefonte is that of Zeller's drug store, which is tastefully arranged with Xmas goods. The new window urn, which is illuminated at night, attracts much attention.

A JOHNSTOWN HORROR.

TEN PERSONS TRAMPLED TO DEATH

And Many Injured.—An Alarm of fire causes a Stampede in a Crowded Opera House on Tuesday Evening.

During a performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin at the opera house in Johnstown on Tuesday evening, the cry of fire was raised, resulting in a terrific rush down the narrow stairs. Ten persons were instantly killed and many terribly injured. Among the killed are Mrs. Nestor and George Fishburn, the latter being a resident of Baltimore. It was found necessary to turn a stream of water on the crowd from the fire engine standing near, before the dead and wounded could be taken out. People rushed from the outside up the narrow stairs and were crushed by the crowd forcing its way to the street. In all seventy-five persons were injured.

There were five or six hundred men, women and children in the hall and to gain the street it was necessary to pass down the narrow, walled-up stairway and through a very narrow door. The people from the street rushed into the door from the outside and many were crushed before they could be forced out. It was necessary to turn the hose on the crowd at the door before the rescuers could get at the dead and wounded.

When the crowd was driven away, the following persons were found dead upon the stairs:

Miss Clara Burns, Mrs. Nester, George Horner, Charles Fiant, John Carr, Mrs. Lister, John Miller, A. Weiss, John Wyman, Richard Worthington, Isaac Tolar, and an unknown woman.

Among the seriously injured were Charles Vaughn, Albert Owens, and a man named Weimer. There are about thirty others injured, but their names cannot be ascertained. The alarm was false and there are many threats against the unknown man who started it.

A Word to Writers.

When you set out to write for newspapers, don't begin "Tradition tells us," or "History records." Don't do it. Or if you must start in that way, tell us what Sardanapalus and Tiglath Pileser did for about three pages; then, after you've got it all written, tear off those three pages, and you will find what is left will make an excellent beginning for your article.

Some people's brains seem lumbering and stiff in the joints, and they have to begin with "Tradition tells us," and go on that way till they get lumbered out and in training for the real fight with their subject. But they ought in no case to put this brain gymnastics off on the public for the genuine stuff.

Not Plunge directly into your subject. Tackle it, say plainly and in short words what you had in your mind to say, then stop. Probably half the essayists in our magazines and quarterlies have the execrable habit of consuming a third of their space before they get a good ready to say what they wanted to say. The editor who understands his business will cut all this preliminary flourish out, mercilessly. It weakens a really good article always.

For the rest, be sure you have a clear, sharp idea in your mind of what you want to say. Then say it in the fewest, simplest words that will fully express your thought. Then go over it and strike out every sentence and every word that can be spared. Then it is ready for the printer. As to style, that will take care of itself.

Mr. Charles Dudley Warner wants to know in Harper's Magazine whether woman is really a being of mystery. If she is, it is time this mystery was cleared up.

Gen. Hawley says he would rather be a United States senator than vice president. No wonder. Compared to the awful social rank of a senator in Washington the dignity of a vice president is nowhere.

Statistics of the drygoods importing trade for the past twenty years are interesting. They show that while our imports in other directions have largely increased, in textile fabrics, except those made from jute and flax, the growth has been very small. It is not that our ladies and dames are less gorgeous in their apparel than of old. On the contrary, they never before reveled in such luxury as they do at present. It is that our cotton, silk and woolen looms have become so skillful that we now make the most of what we want at home.

It is the strangest thing in life that the White Czar still fails to see what is plain to every other civilized human being, that attempts to blow him up with dynamite or otherwise destroy him will constantly be made until he gives his people a constitutional government. No purr despotism can stand in this age of the world.

A writer in the New York Evening Sun suggests a distinctive feature for the world's fair of 1892. We cannot have an Eiffel tower, for the French have had that already. The only thing left for us is therefore to dig a hole in the ground, the deepest that ever was dug. Then we can let the defeated candidate of '88 crawl into it to the music of brass bands.

How many rich and idle women are there that spend their time as the wife of Robert Kay Hamilton spends here, since she has been in prison? She smokes cigarettes and reads Ouida's novels. Unfortunately occupations like these measure the value of the time of too many women who are released from working for their living. So far as doing the world any good is concerned there are quite too many Eva Hamiltons among those whose wealth and leisure give them power to do the most good.

Brown, hanged in Minnesota, sold his body to physicians for dissection for \$10, and directed that the price be given to a young woman to whom he was attached. It would be interesting to know what sort of a keepsake she will purchase with the money.

At last there is a place where it is a disadvantage to have a white skin. At last the white man is going to get a little of his come-uppance for his impudent discriminations against other races. The Chickasaw Indian nation has resolved to disfranchise its white voters. Shall the Caucasian submit to this outrage?

In the trial of Henry S. Ives, it was probably the evidence against him of his confidential clerk, Woodruff, that reacted the other way, so that the jury disagreed instead of convicting him. When we undertake to give a friend away, we should be careful not to overdo the matter and tell too much, so as to create sympathy with the individual we are trying to injure.

A SALARY

With expenses paid will come handy to anyone who is now out of employment, especially where no experience is required to get the position. If you want a position, see advertisement headed, "A Chance to Make Money."

—Simon Loeb, the clothing man, has made a big cut in prices of clothing. See his new advertisement.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

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| White wheat, per bushel | 72 |
| Red wheat, per bushel | 70 |
| Rye, per bushel | 45 |
| Corn, ears per bushel | 35 |
| Corn, shelled per bushel | 40 |
| Oats—new per bushel | 35 |
| Barley, per bushel | 35 |
| Buckwheat, per bushel | 30 |
| Cloverseed, per bushel | \$1.00 to \$2.00 |
| Ground plaster, per ton | 9-00 |

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES &c., (as corrected weekly by E. L. Erhard)

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| Apples, dried, per pound | 5 |
| Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded | 10 |
| Dried Currants, per pound | 10 |
| New Raisins, per pound | 10-12 |
| Beans per quart | 10 |
| Turnips, per bushel | 10 |
| Onions, per bushel | 10 |
| Butter, per pound | 25 |
| Cheese per pound | 15 |
| Tallow, per pound | 20 |
| Country Shoulders | 10 |
| Sides | 10 |
| Hams | 10 |
| Hams sugar cured | 10-12 |
| Breakfast Bacon | 10-12 |
| Lard, per pound | 10-12 |
| Eggs per dozen | 10 |
| Potatoes per bushel | 10 |
| Dried Beef | 10 |
| Canned Beef per can | 10 |
| Canned Tomatoes per can | 10-12 |
| Canned Corn per can | 10-12 |
| Lemons per doz. | 10-12 |
| Dried Sweet Corn per pound | 10 |

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Salary and expenses paid, or commission if preferred. Salesmen wanted everywhere. No experience needed. Address, stating age, H. W. Foster & Co., Nurserymen, Geneva, N. Y.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

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

AUDITORS NOTICE

The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans Court of Centre county to pass upon any exceptions that may be filed to the account of the Administrators of the estate of David Youanda deceased, and to make distribution of the funds in the hands of said accountants to and among those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Bellefonte on Thursday, January 10th, 1890 at 10 o'clock a. m. when and where all persons interested may present their claims or be debarred from coming in on said fund. WILHELM F. REEDER, Auditor.

EXECUTORS NOTICE

Estate of Andrew Martin, late of Starke township deceased. Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to JAMES S. MARTIN, Esq., Walker P. O. Centre Co., Pa.