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Editorial.

PRESIDENT Harrison has completed his tour over the country and is now back at Washington pulling the necessary wires to start a boom for his reelection.

WHAT benefit has a republican administration, with a congress and senate at its back, been to the country? They gave us more tariff in the shape of a McKinley bill and there has not been such a general depression in business circles for years.

Ex-Senator H. J. McAtier, of Huntingdon county, has been appointed as one of the managers of the Huntingdon Reformatory in place of T. B. Patton, of Altoona, who is now superintendent of that institution.

The census bureau announces the per cent. of gain in population in Pennsylvania as 22.77 and of gain in public school enrollment 1.59. The acreage of tobacco in Pennsylvania in 1879 was 16,566 and the crop in pounds was 36,943,272. In 1889 the acreage was 26,956, and the crop 28,572,787 pounds.

ON all sides, amongst republicans and democrats, we hear the protests against the reckless expenditure of the public funds in granting undeserving pension claims. This is becoming the great evil of our day and our political leaders will soon have to face the demand of the people for a revision and reconstruction of the entire system.

Ex-Senator Wm. A. Wallace, of Clearfield was a recent visitor to Albany, N. Y., to see Governor Hill. As to what was the object of the conference there is much speculation, they, no doubt, were hatching a scheme to spring a presidential boom for David Bennett Hill, for 1892. Hill is a good man but the democracy of this section prefer Cleveland.

American Tinplate.

At present the entire output of the great Niedringhaus tinplate factory is handled by a single Welshman, who, with three boys and two other gentlemen, represents the American labor engaged in this great industry west of the Alleghenies. Mr. Niedringhaus is understood to be making arrangements to furnish sample American tin-cups to Republican clubs for 1892. The Democrats ought to show their willingness to encourage American industry by ordering twice as many as the Republicans take, stamping on each of them the cost of manufacture, the tariff tax, the selling profit, the amount of wages paid and the names, nationalities, ages and sex of the "American labor" employed. If the Democrats show a proper appreciation of their opportunities Mr. Niedringhaus will have to hire at least five Welshmen and as many as fifteen boys before his infant industry cuts its eye teeth.

One Industry.

There is many a city and town that will appreciate the following: One manufactory employing a hundred men will support an additional 500 people. Three hundred families will disburse annually, on the average, \$500, or \$75,000 in the aggregate. This sum will be drawn into the town from the outside, where the manufactured goods are consumed, and the interest of this \$75,000 at ten per cent. would be \$7,500. Three hundred families, too, would require a hundred houses, thousands of pounds of agricultural produce, and thousands of yards of cotton and woolen goods; thus giving health and impetus to every branch of industry.

—Mr. E. Graham is quite sick at his home on Allegheny street. He is a gripe victim and the disease seems to have a good hold upon him.

—Mr. A. Sternberg has started out as a "commercial tourist." He is selling goods for Lemon & Co., of Baltimore, dealers in tropical fruit, fresh fish, etc., and started out on his first trip on Monday of this week.

—Lewin keeps things a moving; they never rehand or repack goods. They sell off their stock before the close of the season and replace it again and again. They sell cheap and do a big business.

THAT MORAL REFORMER.

TRIES TO BRING SHERIFF ISHLER IN DISGRACE.

At His Dirty Work again of Vilification—Wants to Blacken the character of a Decent man.—A Poor specimen himself to Assail others.

When Sheriff Ishler was elected, no one expected that in the course of his official career would he receive any praise or credit through the columns of the Gazette, no matter how meritorious he might perform his duty as an officer of the county.

The low, malignant and abusive course of that sheet, which is the true index of the real instincts of its editor, after a brief silence, breaks out in a cowardly insinuation upon the character of a decent and respectable citizen, which, if true, would bring his family and children into disgrace and would turn the finger of scorn and contempt of the entire community towards them. The attack we speak of was made upon Sheriff Wm. A. Ishler, charging or intimating that he is guilty of gross immorality with inmates of the jail.

For some time articles have appeared in the Gazette of this nature. When it was considered that the public well knew the editor of that paper, now known Post Master Fiedler, to have been guilty of the most contemptible falsehoods, bold faced lies, and was even publicly denounced, and clearly proven a malicious forger, it was hardly deemed necessary to make a reply. But then as there always will be a few misguided individuals, and in order to effectually close the mouth of the Gazette's slanderous editor and his depraved imps and spit-kicks, who do his bidding, we make an investigation of the charges and give the public a clear statement.

THE ACCUSATION.

The following is the article that appeared in the last issue of the Gazette:

PAINT THE ANGEL BLACK.

"The Democratic papers of the county have as yet not explained the conduct in the jail. How is this? During Sheriff Cooke's administration these same newspapers were wonderfully solicitous concerning the morals (?) of the community. How strange that when there was no occasion to worry over such things so much ado should have been made, and now that there is abundant and fully substantiated evidence of moral rottenness which has existed in the jail since January of this year, these great moral reformers (?) have not a single word to say.

Start your reform machines and correct the crying evil, or change the color of the angel in front of the court house to the deepest black, so as to correspond with the 'color' of affairs on the other end of the county lot. Oh! consistency!"

The editor of the DEMOCRAT went, this week, to the sheriff's office and called Mr. Ishler's attention to the above article. He was not in the least concerned about it, saying that the source from which it emanated at once gave it the stamp of a falsehood in the minds of all sensible men, and he felt that his past life and reputation was a sufficient denial. He did not even think it necessary for him to make a denial, to accusations of that paper, as far as he was concerned.

Some months ago one of the prisoners opened his cell door by working the lock with a wire, then by cutting out a steeple in a wooden door gained an entrance to the female department. This occurred one night in February and when the sheriff discovered the trick the next day he had the prisoner removed to a new cell with a secure lock. That this happened, no one ever denied or tried to keep quiet. If the prison doors had good locks on them, as they should have, such a thing could not have occurred; and as it did happen it was not through any negligence of Sheriff Ishler. Now this is the substance upon which the Gazette bases these foul slanders and innuendoes against Ishler. It never had the courage or the manliness to give the exact facts of this little midnight escapade of a prisoner, but, by low, dirty, cowardly insinuations has attempted to wreck the character of Sheriff Ishler and bring his family into disgrace. He makes no direct accusation but attempts to accomplish his end by uncertain statements, intimations of indecencies, and of gross immoralities.

This fellow has been engaged in this business of defaming character ever since he engaged in journalism in our county and his career in that line is well known. Decency is unknown to him; the better instincts of manhood, if he ever possessed them, have long ago been obliterated, while honor and veracity have departed from him. Such only can be the mental and moral make up of a man who resorts to such methods—it is cowardly, even brutish.

A POINT.

Of this chap is so anxious to show up

character and play the part of a moral reformer, he can with much profit give an interesting sketch of a certain individual who years ago lived in Brush Valley and for various reasons found it convenient to skip.

No man should assail another man's private character unless his own will bear inspection. It is dangerous business to throw stones when you dwell in a glass house.

NEW TRAIN ON THE PENNA.

Quickest Route for Bellefonters to Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

On Monday, May 25th, a new passenger train will be placed in service by the Penna. Railroad Company. This train will leave Williamsport at 3:50 p. m., arriving at Sunbury at 5:20 p. m., Harrisburg, 7:05, making direct connections at Sunbury for all points in the coal region, arriving at Wilkes-Barre at 7:50 p. m., Scranton at 9 p. m., Hazleton 7:56 p. m., Pottsville 9:05 p. m., Shamokin 6:20 p. m., Mt. Carmel 6:55 p. m., and at Harrisburg for the east, south and west, arriving at Philadelphia at 10:15 p. m., Baltimore at 10:40 p. m., Chambersburg at 9:25 p. m., and Pittsburg at 9 a. m.

As will be seen by this, after Monday, May 25, people from Bellefonte and vicinity who desire to go to Harrisburg, Philadelphia or any other eastern point, will find the train leaving here at 2:45 p. m., over the Lemont railroad just the one to take. It makes a four and one half hours run to Harrisburg and only seven and one-half to Philadelphia, which is the shortest route and quickest time yet secured.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE.

We have no sympathy with the carping critics who speak with contempt about President Harrison's "junketing" around in various sections of the country. The theory urged by these foggy grumblers is that the President should remain at the Capital; that he should not mingle with the multitude and that it is undignified for the Chief Magistrate to invite the homage of the people by political journeys through the land. They forget that Washington set the example of mingling with the people. Considering the narrow limits of the Republic in his day and the rude methods of traveling, he journeyed more than any President of modern times.

We believe that the more the President mingles with the people in their home communities the better it will be for both President and people.

So far from criticizing the President for what distempered critics call "junketing" around the country, we regard it as unfortunate that Presidents do not more mingle with the people in their own communities. Had President Harrison taken his recent journey one year ago in the south we doubt whether he would have struck the pitfall of a Force Election policy; and had he journeyed through the West or New England one year ago, it is more than possible that that most suicidal of all modern party blunders, the McKinley tariff bill, would not have been enacted. It could not have failed to impress the President that nowhere in the South did he hear a word of commendation for the Force Election bill, and that nowhere in the West did he hear a word in favor of the McKinley tariff.

The people who have no individual ambition or speculations to promote are never heard in Washington. They do not go there. They have no taste for jostling the jobber and the placeman at every turn to pay their honest respects to power, and it is only by the President meeting the people in the midst of their own homes and interests that he can obtain even a glimpse of the truth. Let the President meet the people as often and as freely as he can and especially will the people welcome the Chief Magistrate when he can maintain the dignity and cleverness exhibited by President Harrison in his recent ten thousand mile journey.—Times.

Was it Fired?

On Monday morning when the janitor of the court house swept the stair-way leading to the court room he found a half burnt box lying on the matting on the second floor near the double doors. The matting had a hole burned in it about six inches in diameter. The supposition of some is that an attempt was made to burn the building, but that it was not a success. If any such attempt was made the fellow was a poor hand at the business or else he is trying to scare the people. It would not be healthy for a fire bug to be caught at work about Bellefonte.

—Dr. Rhone has not yet fully recovered from the injuries received two months ago by a fall on the pavement.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The Pennsylvania Grangers will observe June 6th as a Feast Day.

During the past week a proclamation was issued by the Master of the State Grange, appointing Saturday June 6th, as Children's Day, and a feast day for the Court of Fauna. The day will be made memorable by each grange gathering flowers and decorating their halls. Public meetings with addresses, songs and recitations and a banquet will be the principal features of such a day. This will not only be observed in Pennsylvania but in every state in the Union. It is a new feature in grange work and may become a fixed holiday for the organization.

The Bellefonte Republican and Keystone Gazette are rival republican organs at this place and there is apparently much bad blood between them, and a bitter little fight has sprung up between their daily papers, the News and the Gazette. The News recently criticized the inefficiency of the free delivery system. That made Post Master, and Editor, Feidler wrothy and the next day the following abusive personal, intended as a reflection upon Editor Gates, appeared in the Daily Gazette:

"The Daily News of Friday had a little insignificant, sneering article that a sensible man ought to entirely ignore; but to show about how much brains the printer's devil has who edits that sheet we will, in a very humble, meek and lowly way, try to show the true character of the 'something' that has caused us to diverge from the stereotyped rules of legitimate journalism.

He was born in Loveville in the dark of the moon, as every person well knows who ever read the sheet that it is set in railroad spikes. He is a graduate of the 'prep' department of the Loveville university—and then, no doubt he went in the front door and skipped out the back.

When he came to Bellefonte he forgot to wash his face or comb his hair, which, in its primitive, untrained and uncouth condition would be a passport to Buffalo Bill's wild west show, and now he looms up in a 'brainy' article to the Pittsburg Times about himself, which he unblushingly copies in his own 'rag' with flattering compliments, regardless of the finer sensibilities of those who are morally and mentally his superiors. Everybody knows that his supply of brains is becoming more limited every day, and in the local public mind anxious imagination points its index finger to the day, not far hence, when he will be installed in his proper sphere behind a plow, causing our beautiful valley to 'blossom as a rose.'

The Daily News replied on Monday with a column article in which it gives Post Master Feidler a stunning blow, and leaves him in a very ridiculous light before the people. The following are extracts from the Daily News of Monday:

"A number of years ago a publication known as the *Out* flourished in Bellefonte for a few weeks and was then suppressed. It has now been revived and a new edition is being printed daily up town. Its one principal characteristic is that it prints nothing but slush and vituperation based entirely on fabrication without the least semblance of facts.

The *Out* spoke of an item which appeared in the Pittsburg Times, and which it credited the News editor with writing. It did the same thing before and the fact was promptly contradicted and we challenge anyone to disprove our assertion. But can Feidler say the same thing? Well we guess not. Shortly after he took charge of the post office the News printed a number of complimentary articles about his administration, and now we consider it no violation of confidence to say that the articles in question were written by Feidler himself; and not only written by him but were paid for by him at our regular rates, and then marked copies were sent to the post-office department to show how he was running the office—in his own mind. Now these are facts which can be sustained in black and white."

Mr. Feidler no doubt likes a little newspaper flattery occasionally and in this case he displayed unusual good sense, which is worthy of the imitation of others—he paid for his newspaper flattery. Let others do likewise.

Fierce Mountain Fires.

During the past week the mountains north and west of town have been on fire and a dark cloud of smoke obscured the sky most of the time. The fire started on the mountains near Unionville and kept burning on both sides until it reached near Bellefonte by Monday. Many acres of valuable timberland, miles of fence and large quantities of cut timber, bark and cord wood have been destroyed. Mr. William Eckley is a heavy sufferer and estimates his loss at least one thousand dollars. Isaac Haupt had considerable property burned and at one time some of his farm buildings came near being destroyed. People in the vicinity of Coleville were compelled to turn out and fight the fire. The fire has killed most of the young trees that in a few years would have become valuable.

—Cabinet photos \$1.50 per dozen—Shaeffer, the photographer.

—If you intend to buy a new suit of clothes don't fail to call at the Philad. Branch.

—Associate Judge Riley and Ex-Sheriff Walker make frequent trips to Westmoreland county, where they are interested in coal lands.

EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To be Held in the Garman Opera House on Thursday Afternoon and Evening—Programme of Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the Bellefonte High School are always important occasions in this community. This year the eighth class completes its course of study and will close their work in the commencement exercises of to-day. The present class has six members consisting of Misses Edith Austin, Rosa B. Levy and Jennie Twitmore and Messrs Geo. N. Brandon, Chas. Garner and Kline Woodring. Under the careful instructions of Profs. Lieb, Johnstonbaugh and Wolf they no doubt have made good use of their time and have the foundation for a good education that will be of great value to them in after years. The programme of the exercises for the day is as follows:

AFTERNOON, 3 P. M.

Music by orchestra; Invocation; Greeting Song; by High School; Salutatory and Essay, "The Phoenix," Jennie Twitmore; Oration, "Poland and her Heroes," Kline Woodring; Music by Orchestra; Essay, "Night Brings Out the Stars," Edith Austin; Oration, "The Education Required for Business," George N. Brandon; Music by Orchestra; Oration, "Immigration and Labor," Charles Garner, Jr.; Essay and Valedictory, "Not Finished, but Begun," Rosa B. Levy; Vacation Song, High School; Benediction.

EVENING, 8 P. M.

Music by Orchestra; "Welcome," High School; Address by Gen. D. H. Hastings; Patriotic Song by High School; Address and Presentation of Diplomas, by D. F. Fortney, Esq., Pres. of School Board; Quartette, "The Angels," Misses Twitmore, DeSylvia, Moore and Luckenbach; Benediction; Music, "Assembly Exit," Orchestra.

THE THREATENING FIGURE.

Ex-President Cleveland is a watchful sentinel and a public monitor. At Buffalo he presented points for the serious and solemn consideration of the people, as follows:

"I believe the most threatening figure which to-day stands in the way of the safety of our government and the happiness of our people, is reckless and wicked extravagance in our public expenditures. It is the most fatal of all the deadly brood born of governmental perversion. It hides beneath its wings the betrayal of the people's trust and holds powerless in its fascinating glance the people's will and conscience. It brazenly exhibits to-day a Billion-Dollar congress. But lately, a large surplus remained in the people's public treasury after meeting all expenditures, then by no means economical. This condition was presented to the American people as positive proof that their burden of taxation was unjust because unnecessary; and yet while the popular protest is still heard, the party of public extravagance devours the surplus and impudently calls upon its struggling victims to bring still larger supplies within the reach of its insatiate appetite.

"A few short years ago a pension roll amounting to fifty-three millions of dollars was willingly maintained by our patriotic citizens. To-day public extravagance decrees that three times that sum shall be drawn from the people upon the pretext that its expenditure represents the popular love of the soldier. Not many years ago a river and harbor bill appropriating eleven million of dollars gave rise to a loud popular protest. Now public extravagance commands an appropriation of twenty-two millions for the same purposes and the people are silent. To-day millions are paid for bare-faced subsidy, and this is approved or condoned at the behest of public extravagance and thus a new marauder is turned loose, which, in company with its vicious tariff partner, bears pilfered benefits to the households of favored selfish interests.

"But the growth of public extravagance in these latter days, and its unconcealed and dreadful manifestations, force us to the contemplation of other crimes of which it is undoubtedly guilty, besides unjust exactions from the people.

"Our government is so ordained that its life blood flows from the virtue and patriotism of our people, and its health and strength depend upon the integrity and faithfulness of their public servants. If those are destroyed our government if it endures, will endure only in name, falling to bleed those for whom it was

created and falling in its mission as an example to mankind.

"Public extravagance in its relation to inequitable tariff laws, not only lays an unjust tribute upon the people, but is responsible for unfair advantages bestowed upon special and favored interests as the price of partisan support. Thus the exercise of the popular will for the benefit of the country at large is replaced by sordid and selfish motives directed to personal advantage, while the encouragement of such motives in public place for party ends deadens the official conscience.

"Public extravagance directly distributes gifts and gratuities among the people, whose toleration of waste is, thus secured or whose past party services are thus compensated, or who are thus bribed to future party support. This makes the continuance of partisan power a stronger motive among public servants than the faithful discharge of the people's trust, and sows the seeds of contagious corruption in the body politic.

"But to my mind, the saddest and most frightful result of public extravagance is seen in the readiness of the masses of our people, who are not dishonest but only heedless, to accustom themselves to that dereliction in public place which it involves. Evidence is thus furnished that our countrymen are in danger of losing the scrupulous insistence upon the faithful discharge of duty on the part of their public servants the regard for economy and frugality which belongs to sturdy Americanism, the independence which relies upon personal endeavor and the love of an honest and well regulated government, all of which lie at the foundation of our free institutions.

"Have I overstated the evils and dangers with which the tremendous growth of public extravagance threatens us? Every man who loves his country well enough to pause and think of these things must know that I have not.

"Let us, then, as we push on in our campaign of education especially impress upon our countrymen the lesson which teaches that public extravagance is a deadly, dangerous thing, that frugality and economy are honorable, that the virtue and watchfulness of the people are the surest safeguards against abuses in their government, and that those who profess to serve their fellow-citizens in public place must be faithful to their trust."

—Good stock in every pair of shoes sold at Mingle's store.

—Get a nobby suit made by Lewins. He has the best tailoring department in Central Pennsylvania. You get a good fit every time.

—A little son of Rev. Finkbinder, of Millheim, was badly scalded by a tinful of hot water last week being accidentally upset upon him. He is slowly improving under careful nursing.

—The biggest attraction on Tuesday was the fine display of clothing seen in front of the Philad. Branch. Nearly every person bought a new suit, then went to the show and was happy.

—Penn's State College is anxiously awaiting the fate of the \$257,000 appropriation asked for by them of the legislature. The committees were favorably impressed with what they saw at that institution and it is to be hoped that they will act accordingly.

—We notice that Olie Meek, brother of Senator P. Gray Meek, and who for many years was connected with the *Democratic Watchman*, has purchased an interest in a drug store in Washington city, and will make that place home in the future. Olie was a first class young man and his many friends wish him abundant success in his new venture.

—Bellefonte's base ball enthusiasts are booming an athletic association project and contemplate renting the glass works meadow for that purpose. It is a desirable location but the next problem is to scare up enough good ball players for a nine. When Bellefonte can show up a team that will play ball with teams of Altoona, Lock Haven, Williamsport or State College there will be plenty of backing to help them.

—A sensible lady of Jefferson county, Pa., is said to have effectually cured her fifteen-year-old boy of smoking cigarettes, by a method which she describes as the laying on of hands. Her plan is very simple. She held a slipper in one hand and the boy in the other and brought them violently together several times; The result was more satisfactory to all parties concerned than a prosecution under an anti-cigarette law could possibly have been. Suppose some Centre county mothers try a laying on of hands—or slippers.