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### Editorial.

THE surplus at Washington has grown so small that a microscope is necessary to find it.

PARNELL, the great Irish leader and the widow, Kitty O'Shea, were married last week. This puts an end to two interesting stories about the two interesting people.

WHAT has become of "Prince" Milliken and his pet silver scheme? Did he silence the men who advocate honest money, or did his article excite no comment? We think the latter was the result.

WHEN Gov. Pattison appointed thirty citizens to represent this state as a commission to the World's fair a colored citizen was one of the list. Colored men as a rule vote the republican ticket and seldom are recognized.

SINCE James Schofield has gone abroad some of the cowardly papers of this town have begun assailing his public record. No one but a coward strikes a man to his back—only cowards do such tricks—only cowards.

FARMERS desiring harvest hands can find, at any hour of the day, a half-dozen big, stalwart, lazy loafers around the front of the court house, at this season of the year. Give the loafers a chance; offer them work and see them drop.

IN another column will be found an article upon the expense of street lighting in Bellefonte. According to the public desire we did "Turn on the Light" and a bad contract for the taxpayers of this town appeared.

SEN. Quay is to be ruled out of the republican party. He no doubt objects to proceedings of that kind and a lively time is again in store for the republicans of this state. It may have the effect of the democrats carrying the state this Fall.

LAST week the 600,000th pension for disability was granted and there are still several hundred thousand like claims awaiting consideration. Where do all the claimants come from? Since July 1, 1861, the enormous sum of \$1,284,716,000 have been taken from the pockets of the people to pay this list.

As Gov. Pattison vetoed the judicial apportionment bill Centre and Huntingdon counties will have the same law judge. This is not what Centre county is entitled to, as the last census makes us a separate judicial district. The unfair apportionments in other sections of the state made it necessary for the Gov. to defeat the infamous apportionment of the republican legislators.

A little too much McKinley tariff is the explanation of one of the oldest Philadelphia woolen firms for its failure on Monday. They ran three mills, employed 1,800 hands, and paid out \$650,000 wages annually. They had stood the panics and booms of 33 years, but the McKinley bill was too much for them. Nine months of it closed shops. And so the process of education goes on.

OVER 20 per cent of the bills and appropriations of the last session at Harrisburg were vetoed by the governor. Surprising as it may be, yet it is a fact that over 500 new laws were made and many of them will only encumber our statute books. It seems to be the first impulse of every representative sent to Harrisburg to frame a half dozen new laws, no matter whether they are meritorious or not. The great evil of the times is too much legislation, and the non-enforcement of existing laws.

THE contest for Governor of Ohio will be fought between Campbell, the present democratic Governor, and high-tariff Major McKinley. It will be another interesting campaign in that state and the chances for another democratic victory in a republican stronghold are exceedingly bright. Campbell defeated loud-mouthed, fire-alarmer Foraker the last time and will make it very interesting for McKinley, the man who framed the infamous tariff bill that increased the cost of nearly all the articles of clothing and other necessities of life. The issue will likely be on the tariff question and the democratic forces are ready for the campaign to open.

## ELECTRIC LIGHT FACTS.

### INFORMATION FOR BELLEFONTE'S TAXPAYERS.

What it Costs to Light our Streets, as Compared with Neighboring Towns—An Explanation needed—Why our Boro Taxes Are High.

It is a common complaint from all quarters of our town that our boro taxes are entirely too high, and there is just cause for it. Who shall you censure? Extravagance is charged to all the various departments. Others claim there is bad management and some even think, and frequently assert, that impositions are practiced and fat jobs continually being worked that increase the load upon an overburdened and tax-ridden community.

Of late we have heard frequent complaints made in regard to the enormous price Bellefonte is compelled to pay for its street light service. Not being acquainted with the customary prices charged we addressed the following blank circular to the city clerks, of a dozen neighboring towns for information:

1. Name of town,
2. Do you use Arc lights,
3. Name of system,
4. Number of lights used,
5. Burn how many hours per night,
6. Cost of (1 light) 2000 candle power per year.

Nine replies were received to the above, which are as follows:

LOCK HAVEN—45 arc lights, Thompson & Houston system, burn all night, cost \$73 per light a year.

ALTOONA—96 arc lights, Edison system, burn all night, cost \$50 per light a year.

YORK—169 arc lights, American system, burn all night, cost \$90 per light a year. All lights not burning deducted.

HARRISBURG—250 arc lights, Thompson & Houston, burn all night, cost \$40 per light a year.

WILLIAMSPORT—170 arc lights, burn all night, Westinghouse system, cost \$50 per light a year.

MILTON—45 arc lights, Thompson & Houston system, burn from dark till 1 o'clock a. m., cost \$52 per light a year, when they burn all night—at rate of \$85 per year, lights on every night.

HUNTINGDON—41 arc lights, one of which is gratis, Thompson & Houston system, burn till midnight, cost \$50 per light a year.

SUNBURY—33 arc lights, Waterhouse system, burn all night, cost \$55.08 per light a year.

BELLEFONTE—17 arc lights and 55 incandescent, burn till midnight, ARC LIGHTS EACH COST \$96 PER YEAR and incandescent \$15 per light a year.

In speaking of an arc light the estimate is for 2000 candle power, the usual size.

According to the last boro statement we paid last year to the Electric Light Co. \$1,940.82 for street lights. In the beginning of '91 council contracted for five years with the same company for the arc lights. According to that agreement we are now paying \$1,632 per year for the 17 arc lights and \$990 for the incandescent, making \$2,622 a year for both. Mr. Mitchell, clerk of council, informs us that it costs only \$2,550.

#### THE COMPARISON.

For safe comparison we will take \$2,550 as the cost per year for lighting our streets. At the price paid by Huntingdon, \$60, that would give us 40 arc lights, or for our 17 arc lights at \$1,632 we should have 27 lights the same length of time. Milton gets its light for \$62, while Sunbury pays only \$55.08 and its lights burn all night, while we pay \$96 and ours burn only until midnight. There is quite a difference between \$96 and \$62, \$60, \$55.08. Does that not need an explanation?

Sunbury may be an exception but then Lock Haven lights are on all night and cost only \$73; and for the same time Williamsport pays \$80, Altoona \$80, and we pay more than any of them, \$96 per light for less time.

The present incandescent street lights are very poor affairs and for the entire amount paid, Bellefonte could be well lighted with no less than 35 or 40 arc lights. That is what we pay for, but don't get.

We don't know who the stockholders are of the Electric Light Co.; neither do we know who the councilmen were that made a five years contract, at such an outrageous price; and in this investigation we have only been prompted by a sense of duty which every newspaper owes to the public. The facts and figures are given by reliable authority, by the clerks of the various city and boro councils—and without a doubt are correct. We do not blame the company for getting as good a price as possible for their work, but the men elected by the taxpayers to manage the boro's finances and protect a tax burdened people from further impositions have evidently been negligent and indifferent in this matter, or were they influenced by mercenary motives?



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Another of Bellefonte's sons has won honor and distinction, and for that reason it affords us pleasure to present to our readers this week a portrait of Mr. Wm. Keller, who was graduated recently from Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, Pa., with high honors.

The young man, the subject of this sketch, is a son of Col. D. S. Keller, one of the leading attorneys of the Bellefonte bar. His early education was obtained in the public schools of our town. After graduating from the high school he took a three years-course in the Bellefonte Academy under the instruction of Prof. James Hughes. In the Fall of 1887 he entered the Freshman class of Franklin and Marshall college. When he entered college he took a front rank among his classmates and maintained it to the day of graduation. In the Junior year, on Feb. 22, 1890, he won the Glee Club gold medal in a prize debate, and on June 16, following, he was awarded another gold medal for having delivered the best oration at the Junior oratorical contest, the subject of which was, "Plea for the Czar."

At the close of the senior year Mr. Keller's grade was found to be the highest among a class of twenty-seven students, and further was the best average attained by any student graduated from that institution in many years. For this brilliant showing he was entitled the Marshall oration at commencement, and in addition was chosen by the Faculty to deliver the valedictory for his ability as a writer and public speaker.

In addition to the regular class work Mr. Keller found time to conduct the editorial department of the college paper, was a leader in athletics and college sports, and was one of the prominent members of the Glee Club that gave such an elegant entertainment here last Spring. This certainly is a brilliant record and which Mr. Keller can in after years recall with great satisfaction.

Mr. Keller is a young man, being in his twenty-second year, and we predict for him a bright future.

#### Sixteeners' Annual Reunion.

The Eleventh Annual Reunion of the Graduates of the different soldiers orphans' schools will take place at Reading, Pa., August 18, 19, 20, 1891. These reunions are very enjoyable affairs, and are looked forward to with delight by Sixteeners, both male and female, all over the State. The different committees are hard at work and have mapped out a very enjoyable program, having enlisted the services of the G. A. R. Posts, the Veteran Legion, Sons of Veterans' Camps, and some of the prominent citizens of the City of Reading. They expect to make this reunion the grandest of them all. Full information can be had of Jacob A. Gramm, box 547, Harrisburg, Pa., or of the local committee, Isaac W. Hull, Chairman, 217 Oley street, Reading, Pa.

#### Gen. Beaver Says "No."

On Monday Gen. Beaver passed through Harrisburg on his way to the seashore. To a Patriot reporter he said: "The talk about my being a candidate for commissioner of pensions is quite absurd—the pension commissionership is one of the hardest places to fill in the government service, being all work, little pay, and no glory. Besides I don't believe that General Raum will relinquish the post."

Col. McClure has declined the honor of being one of the thirty men, chosen by Gov. Pattison, to represent the Keystone State, at Chicago's World Fair. He claims that it would interfere with his editorial work on the Times.

#### A TEN-CENT ADMINISTRATION.

A solemn Cabinet council has succeeded in evolving a plan to replenish the United States Treasury. There are some silver bars on hand, made from old trade dollars, to the value of five millions, and these are to be coined into standard dollars. The half dollars in the Treasury also are to be coined into ten-cent pieces, which will be available in making small change. With this magnificent addition to his resources, Mr. Foster hopes to continue payments for a few days longer, and meanwhile he will think of some other way of raising the wind.

A grand financial policy like this will be universally recognized as most characteristic and typical of the present administration. It started in with a surplus of millions; it has got down now to figuring on ten cent pieces and odd bits of second-hand silver, while the Secretary, after several experiments, is still trying to devise a form of Treasury statement that will conceal the deficit expected at the close of the fiscal year.

It may be that Mr. Windom was taken away just in time to save his reputation; yet, whatever shifts he might have been driven to had he lived, it is not conceivable that he would ever have made the financial administration of the United States ridiculous.—Times.

#### A Dastardly Deed.

Some persons coming toward Clearfield from Clearfield creek on Monday morning, discovered a horse and buggy some few rods from the public road in the woods, on the side of Robert Wrigley's, in Lawrence township. The horse was dead, but his lifeless form was still hitched to the buggy, which was a fine new covered rig with all equipments. After considerable inquiry it was learned that the rig belonged to Alex. Dougan, liveryman at Woodland, whom it seems had hired it on Sunday evening, to one, George Wisor, with the distinct understanding that it was only to be driven one mile and a half, as the horse was tired, and Mr. Dougan was very reluctant about his going even the short distance mentioned. It is supposed that he was driven until he could not go farther, when he was pulled off the road and allowed to die. Wisor is among the missing at this writing. Here is a case for Comstock's agent in Clearfield that should be punished, if the offender can be captured.—Clearfield Raftman's Journal.

GLADSTONE, the great ex-premier of England and the leader of home rule for Ireland, is very ill and it is feared that he may be at death's door. His great age is against his recovery and therefore no surprise need be manifested should his decease be announced any day. Rev. Spurgeon, the great non-conformist preacher, is also ill and there is great anxiety felt throughout England as to his condition. Should both these cases prove fatal the blow will be felt by christianity and civilization throughout the world.

#### Why It Can't Live.

Billions (Ga.) Banner.  
A paper cannot live where the town council sticks a notice on a china tree and the merchants do all their advertising on paper sacks. Some of them say it does not pay to advertise. Why the devil did they not say so before we planted the Banner in this cursed one-horse town? Here we are with \$500 worth of fine printing material and not enough business to furnish grub for a grass hopper. Guess we will not settle at another water tank with a lot of ignorant people. Unless we get some new advertisements this week the paper goes up the spout and we will leave this Godforsaken, measly town and open a bar at Drunkard's Gulch and get rich.

## QUAY KICKED OUT

### BY GOOD REPUBLICANS OF PHILADELPHIA CITY.

His Record is too Black for Them—Practical Politics as Viewed by Honest Men—Dishonest Politicians Must Retire.

The long expected revolt against Senator Matthew S. Quay has come at last. On Monday 250 gentlemen of Philadelphia, men of high standing in business and professional circles, issued an address to the republican voters of the state, appealing to them, for shame's sake, to throw off allegiance to the man whose political methods have been so long held up to public scorn, and whose defense of himself was so weak as to alienate many of his most devoted followers. The address insists that if the party is not purified at once by the selection of good men to represent it, it is doomed to dissolution. It is addressed to the citizens of Pennsylvania, the introduction is as follows:

"As Pennsylvanians and as republicans, we, the undersigned, feel constrained to address our fellow-citizens throughout the state upon the present political situation—to point out what we believe to be the essential causes of the alarming degradation in public affairs from which we now suffer, and the necessary steps toward improvement.

#### A CORRUPT REPUBLICAN MACHINE.

The republican machine in this state, under the leadership of Senator Quay, and those lieutenants whom he has drawn about him, is corrupt, and in strong contrast to the rank and file of the party. That leadership is as absolute in its control as it is unscrupulous in its methods and disastrous in its results.

With Senator Quay's political record the public is so familiar that it is unnecessary at this time to give a detailed history of those more remote public acts by which its notoriety was acquired, while a brief reference to its more recent events is appropriate in order to depict clearly the present situation.

Mr. Quay is mainly responsible for the overwhelming disaster which befell the republican party in this state during the past autumn, whereby an accustomed republican majority of twenty to thirty thousand was changed to a democratic majority of seventeen thousand.

#### THE PEOPLE DID NOT VINDICATE HIM.

The single issue of the campaign, as determined by Mr. Quay himself, was the vindication of his own personal and political character. The adoption of the republican platform involved a declaration of confidence and respect for the junior senator, and in the election of the republican candidate the acceptance of a man who was nominated at the dictation of Mr. Quay. The state rejected both the plank and the candidate, and a political revolution ensued. The republican party was defeated in Pennsylvania, its most conspicuous stronghold.

The balance of the lengthy address scores Quay by reciting his many shortcomings; his political methods and corrupt practices are severely denounced and a strong plea is made to the better element of the republican party to cast aside Quay and his followers. This address is simply another warning that the republican machine in Pennsylvania must be smashed and that Matthew Stanley Quay will no longer be a prominent factor in state and national politics. All good citizens, irrespective of party, will hail the day.

#### A Horse With Much Sense.

Philip Haag, the house mover, of No. 40 West Fifth street, Williamsport, is the owner of a horse that is possessed of more than the ordinary amount of equine sense and intelligence. This horse, when he has a shoe loose, does not wait till his owner discovers the defect but just walks off to a blacksmith shop, raises up his foot and waits till the smith attends to his wants. Last summer the horse knocked a shoe off while in the stable, and then got out in some way and went to the blacksmith shop and had another put on, and only the other day the animal did the same trick again. It is a great horse, and has more sense than some people.

#### At Atlantic City.

Bellefonte is well represented this week at Atlantic city, as the following are there enjoying the cool ocean breeze: Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Haper, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dale, Dr. and Mrs. Robt. Hayes and little son, Mr. Daniel Garman and "Mart" his nephew, also Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Magee and Col. and Mrs. Teller all of Philadelphia, formerly of this place. Mr. Harper went down for the benefit of his health and it is said to be rapidly improving.

#### FORECASTS FOR JULY.

Rev. Ira Hick's Prognostications for Next Month's Weather.

New moon, central time, 5th, 9.58 p. m.; first quarter, 13th, 11.29 p. m.; full moon, 21st, 7.54 a. m.; last quarter, 27, 10.32 p. m.

As announced in June forecasts, storms starting in that month will spend the greater part of their force on July first and second. A natural result will be a shifting of air currents to westerly, with lower temperature on and about the 3rd and 4th. It will grow very warm and result in secondary storms on the 5th and 6th. New moon on afternoon of 5th will add to natural storm tendencies for at least 24 hours thereafter. Cooler air from west and north will follow about the 7th, 8th and 9th, giving partial respite from heat.

The 11th is the central day of a regular storm period. About the 10th it will grow very warm, increasing in heat during the 11th and into the 12th, or until gathering storm forces organize and move eastward. Storms at this time are almost sure to develop to the northwest, and move to southeast, attended by blacker clouds and greater bluster than the amount of rainfall. This will be true of all the disturbances of the month. The temperature may not change permanently, and the atmosphere may have repeated spasms of bluster and storminess, until after the moon's first quarter on the 14th. Expect about that time, though it may be of short duration, a gracious fall of temperature. About the 17th and 18th as much heat as we shall likely want will be restored to us, showing great tenacity of purpose to stay with us, although reactionary storm puffs may beat against it from the northwest about afternoons and evenings of the 17th and 18th. If any breathing spell at all it will follow immediately after these dates.

A storm period beginning about the 23rd insures an increase of heat for that and the days following. Equinox of Mercury falls on the 29th, with moon's last quarter on the 27th, which facts may cause us continuation of settled, unmitigated heat up to reactionary disturbances about the 29th. Storms, with some rainfall are likely about the 24th, 25th and 26th. The 29th and 30th ought to bring storm furries and cooler atmosphere for July's closing hours. Much heat, with very marked falling off in general rainfall, may be expected for the month. Be prepared for such.

#### Hecla Happenings.

Miss Lizzie Hind, of Williamsport, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Samuel Hind, Jr.

The click of the mower and reaper is heard in our valley. Farmers report better crops of both wheat and hay than was anticipated.

Mrs. Kate M. Robison (nee Miss Kate Zimmerman) and daughter, of Ridgeway, are visiting her parents and friends.

Mr. Moyer, the mill wright, has completed Gordons grist mill, and John Smith, the miller, is ready to give the farmers the highest grade of flour on short notice.

Those who did not attend the Hecla festival, Saturday evening, missed a rare treat. The Zion band played some of their new choice selections, which were well rendered and the entire band, with one exception, was present. They made the woods ring with harmonious sounds. Those needing the service of a band will do well in securing the Zion boys. In appearance and sociability and for excellent music, they have no equal in the county, and doubtless in the state.

Mr. Robert Seibert, of Greensburg, Pa., and Mr. David Lore, of Scottsdale, are visiting Mr. Lore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lore.

Miss Lula McMullen and Miss Ida Johnson took their departure for State College to visit relatives and take in the Commencement exercises.

—Joseph Cowher is employed as a sawyer in the mill of Chaney & Thompson, at Port Matilda. Last Wednesday while assisting to saw some logs, another employe went to place the "dog" or grab hook, in position, when in some accidental way Mr. Cowher got his right hand on the log where the "dog" grasped it and the consequence was the hook ran clear through the palm of his hand. The wound was dressed and he is now doing nicely.

—Mr. John S. Gray, of Philipsburg, traveling salesman for the Watsonstown, boot and shoe factory, was in town on Saturday and paid us a call. Mr. Gray reports that notwithstanding the present general depression of trade, he is booking as many orders as usual.