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Editorial.

GIVE THANKS.

To-day there is much for which the nation can feel thankful. The past year has been one of great prosperity. Bountiful crops of everykind were grown in every section of the country. The barns and graneries of the nation are overstocked and groaning with a rich harvest. The industrial and commercial centers of the country indicate a healthy growth of business and greater activity than in former years. During the past year no great calamity or scourge has afflicted the people, and all seem happy, industrious and prosperous—excepting the poor, and these we have with us always. For all these blessings we can truly feel thankful. With the festivities of the day should be coupled a tender consideration for those who are in need and in distress: before any should indulge the customary repast of the day, he should be sure to have rendered some assistance, or contribution, if only a mite, to lighten the hearts and throw a ray of sunshine upon the lives of those who are sad and in distress, thus for once brighten up the humble homes in which they dwell. That would be true thanksgiving.

The next Republican National convention will be held at Minneapolis.

The outlook for democratic success in 1892 is very encouraging. The situation is given in another column.

The latest indications are that both branches of the legislature in New York are democratic by a safe majority.

We are thankful to day that our obligations are not heavier; that we live in hope to have them liquidated soon—if not later. That is why we observe the day.

Congressman Mills, of Texas, will likely be elected speaker of next Congress. The clerkship of the same body will likely be awarded to Jas. Kerr, of Clearfield.

The grand jury this week recommended an addition to the court house. There is no doubt but that some improvements are needed but many object to such a move and would prefer a new building to patchwork. Any such move means considerable expense.

The death of Silas M. Clark makes a vacancy in the Judiciary of the state which will be hard to supply. In looking over the field we think no one could more ably fill that position than Judge Bucher, of Lewisburg. His experience of twenty years as Judge in his district along with his many eminent qualifications, make him a most available man. Let Judge Bucher be the man.

We can fully endorse the following, which we cut from the columns of an exchange: "Every man ought to have sufficient local patriotism about him to want to do something for his town. It is to his advantage as well as to the advantage of every other citizen of this place to do it, and the man who has not the spirit of helpfulness and sympathy for the business of his own town is not fit to live in it. He should inhabit some dark hemlock hollow where the bats come out of their caves by night and the owls hoot at noon. Never send away for anything you can get just as good and as cheap at home. Help your neighbor. The man who comes to a town for the sole purpose of making money out of its inhabitants, and spends his money somewhere else, is a mean, little-souled ingrate. Spend your money with the people of your town. Patronize your own merchants and mechanics, and don't get the idea in your head that a thing is better because it comes from a distance."

The new water closets and drain pipe at the court house are being rapidly pushed to completion. John Noll had a strong force of masons at work who put up the wall in a hurry. The Bellefonte Supply Co. are putting in the plumbing at a lively rate.

WALLACE'S AMBITION.

HE WOULD RETURN TO THE LEGISLATURE

And Start Anew on a Political Career to Secure Many Reforms for the People—Would be a Leader in the House.

Ex-United States Senator William A. Wallace, of Clearfield, for many years one of the most picturesque figures in Pennsylvania politics, is desirous of becoming a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature. Ballot reform and compulsory education are the two issues he wishes to force to a successful termination.

To a representative of the Dispatch of Pittsburg the ex-Senator said, a day or so ago, that while he was anxious to be elected an Assemblyman, it was not for the purpose, in any manner, of leading the democratic party of the State, or of shaping the issue of that party. He said:

"I have no hesitancy in saying that I would like very much to go back to the Lower House of the Pennsylvania Legislature during the next term. Understand me, I do not want to go there to shape the policy of my party, nor to endeavor in any way or under any circumstances to lead my party, but I would like to be there to secure for the voters of the state a satisfactory ballot system and to provide some system that would act as a screen between the illiterate and the ballot.

Pennsylvania is absolutely suffering from the flood of illiteracy that is coming in upon it from other countries.

READY TO TAKE THE STUMP.

"I would not hesitate," he continued, "a moment to take the stump in advocacy of compulsory education, not the compulsory education that is sometimes agitated, but for a qualification that would compel foreigners to read and write before they are allowed to vote. I would favor the enactment of a law that would enable the authorities to say to this foreigner, when he is 16 or 18 years old, 'You must learn to read and write, else you cannot exercise the right of the ballot.'"

THE EX-SENATOR'S FINANCES.

This humble request coming from so prominent a man as ex-Senator Wallace will doubtless be granted by the Clearfield democrats. He declares he is out of politics just now, as he is devoting his entire time to getting his finances into proper shape again. Although his bank in Clearfield failed, the derbis is rapidly clearing away, and when it has disappeared, and all the creditors have been fully satisfied, the ex-Senator says he will have a snug fortune remaining.

His opinion of the coming Presidential battle is similar to that recently expressed by Governor-elect Flower, of New York.

"The next Congress will make the democratic candidate," said Mr. Wallace. "The course and policy of the democratic party they will determine who our candidate will be. However, we have several available men. No, I do not think Governor Boies, of Iowa, is one of them. He won merely on a State issue—local temperance.

NO NEW FIELD.

"I contend that there is absolutely no new field for the democratic party. The fight must be made just where it has been for the past twenty years. New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana are the States where we must make the battle, and our candidate must be able to carry these States if he hopes to win. We must not go wandering after strange gods."

The ex-Senator is looking sleek and healthy. Before leaving for Philadelphia he had a long private conversation with some of the local democratic leaders.

Lewisburg's Bank Robber Caught.

Brown McLaughlin, cashier of the Lewisburg bank, has identified Joseph Killoron, whom Captain Linden, of the Pinkerton detective, brought from New York charged with robbing the bank last May. While McLaughlin was talking to one of Killoron's partners in front of the bank at the noon hour, there being no one in the bank at that time, Killoron slipped in and took \$13,000. On his way out Killoron met McLaughlin and asked him the way to the other bank. McLaughlin went back to the bank and to work and the robbery was not discovered until after 3 o'clock. In the meantime Killoron and his partners had taken the train and were miles away. The prisoner was taken to the Sunbury jail for safe keeping.

The large stock and elegant assortment of goods always kept on hand by Mingle, the shoe dealer, is the reason so many people patronize that store.

THAT DESIGN.

Judge Furst's Design for a New Court House.

When His Honor, Judge Furst, addressed the Grand Jury on Monday morning he emphatically denied the report, scattered abroad by these pesky, naughty, troublesome democratic papers of Centre county, who seem to take delight in continually annoying him, that he wanted a new court house.

This paper recently published a small paragraph stating that the learned Judge had submitted plans to the county commissioners for the erection of a new court house. It seems that he did not like it and authorized his mouthpiece, the Gazette, to pronounce it "as absurd"—that he does not want a new building. Now we may be wrong in making such an accusation but the following is our foundation:

On about Tuesday, the 15th, the Judge had occasion to call upon the county commissioners and while there talked about the inconvenience of the present state of affairs. He also produced a pencil and upon a sheet of note paper, with the office heading on it, made the following drawing (as near as we can reproduce the lines), of what he considered a complete court room:



JUDGE FURST'S DESIGN.

This outline was explained, and we have inserted the names of the rooms as intended. This little sheet was left in that office and by a peculiar course landed on our table. It was on this ground and upon this drawing that we made the statement. If the court did not make this drawing we were deceived; if he did, it is an indication that he knows exactly how a court house should be—that is all.

We think the design a good one; it would give all the conveniences to be desired. To accomplish this it would be necessary to build an addition to the front of the present building of at least 40 feet. The old roof and interior need repairs badly and it is only a difference of opinion as to whether the old structure should be repaired, as suggested, or an entirely new building erected in its place.

Some think we can get along with the present building for a while; others think not.

Foot Ball at Altoona.

This Thursday afternoon an interesting game of foot ball will be played at Altoona by teams from Dickenson and Penna. State College. Dickenson and Bucknell played a tie game last Saturday and neither party was able to score a point. As the State College team claims to be stronger than Bucknell, to whom they lost their last game, they will make an effort to prove their superiority by giving Dickenson a good trouncing to-day. A large number went up from Bellefonte who had boodle to stake on the result.

Should be Repeated.

On last Sunday evening Rev. Noll, pastor of the Reformed congregation, delivered a special sermon for the benefit of young men. Owing to the bad weather on Sunday few people attended church anywhere that evening but those who heard Rev. Noll's sermon went away well rewarded. It was a noble sermon and should be repeated frequently for the benefit of the young men of our community.

Grange Meeting.

Centre county Pomona Grange will meet in the hall of Progress Grange, on Friday, Nov. 27, at 10 a. m. sharp. Election of officers for '91-92 will be held. Report of the picnic committee and other important business will be transacted.

—Going lively—the new stock of overcoats at the Philad. Branch.

WOULDN'T DOFF HIS HAT.

So the Czar Had Him Banished From Russia.

Ex-Gov. Andrew G. Curtin tells none of his many anecdotes so well as one illustrating the undemocratic insistence for ceremony upon the part of monarchs and monarchical functionaries. While Minister to Russia Mr. Curtin had an American visitor, a New Yorker, with all the sangfroid of the average American, relates the Philad. Record.

The New Yorker desired to be presented to the Czar, but as no civilians are accorded that distinguished privilege all that Minister Curtin could do was to offer his compatriot a chance to see his august Majesty pass a certain point on his morning ride.

The New Yorker was promptly on hand, waiting by the side of the Minister next morning, and the kingly sleigh, with all pomp and ceremony, came gliding by. The Czar inclined his head slightly as he noticed the United States Minister, who promptly doffed his hat, as all persons are required to do in Russia as the Czar passes. The New Yorker remained rigidly covered.

"Why did you not remove your hat?" I asked.

"Well, I am as good as the Czar, and I never take off my hat at any one in token of his superiority," replied the American.

"You'll hear of this before you are much older," I said.

"Next day I received a very polite personal note from Prince Gortschakoff asking me to call at the foreign office at my earliest convenience," continued Mr. Curtin. "When I called the Prince said: Mr. Curtin, you were on the street yesterday when the Czar passed, and it was noticed that Mr. —, who was with you, did not remove his hat. An unintentional mistake on the part of Mr. — I suppose."

"I answered: Prince, I might, I suppose, tell you a diplomatic lie and say that it was a mistake; but I will not. Mr. — kept his hat on from choice." The Prince knew as well as I did why my friend had not removed his hat.

"The day following my New York friend rushed into my office with an official letter written in French, and asked me to read it for him. I looked it over and said: 'Well, you have my permission to leave this Empire at once, and you had better go.' 'Not much,' he answered. 'I am an American citizen, and will stay here as long as I like.' 'That very afternoon a sleigh pulled up in front of the quarters of Mr. — and two gendarmes, without saying a word, bundled all his traps into the sleigh, and, taking Mr. —, of New York, American citizen, etc., in custody, saw him across the frontier and out of Russia."

Night Street Walkers.

Too much cannot be said of the dangers girls incur in walking the streets after dark. It would seem that parents would more generally know of these dangers and insist on keeping not only their girls but also the boys at home after dark. But at almost any time in the evening you can see girls on the street who by their actions show they are not out on errands or with any particular object in view. Girls of a tender age who expose themselves to the insults that are freely bandied about by the unscrupulous, may think they are not injured by the foul whispers that assail their ears, but their lives would be much better if kept clear of such contagion. The lessons to be learned by the inexperienced, on the streets after dark, are neither elevating or edifying for girls or boys, and the proper place for the young at such a time is in the shelter of the home. If life records were looked into it would be found that in very nearly every case of a woman's downfall her career was started by street walking at night. With such facts in view, will not the parents be more careful of their cherished daughters. Be more careful that the one bad habit is not formed and the others will not follow so readily, for we all know that one bad habit leads easily on to another. Our reputation is reasonably good in this respect yet there are a few girls in town who make a practice of roaming on the streets after dark and it is these few whom we would like to warn of the danger before it is too late.

Logan Hall.

The members of the Logan fire company are making preparations for holding a grand ball on New Year's eve, in the Bush Arcade. The Logan company are always well patronized as their public gatherings are always conducted in a first class manner. The proceeds of the hop will be used to pay the balance still due on the steamer.

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1892.

The preliminary political skirmishes for 1892 have accomplished their mission, and the lines are now formed for the next national battle as clearly as it is possible to indicate them a year in advance of the election. Looking dispassionately at the present political attitude of the States, as indicated in 1890 and as materially modified by the popular expressions of 1891, the Electoral table for '92 may be fairly made up as follows:

DEMOCRATIC.	REPUBLICAN.
Alabama..... 11	California..... 9
Arkansas..... 5	Colorado..... 4
Connecticut..... 5	Idaho..... 3
Delaware..... 3	Kansas..... 13
Florida..... 4	Maine..... 4
Georgia..... 7	Michigan..... 7
Kentucky..... 13	Nebraska..... 7
Louisiana..... 12	Nevada..... 4
Massachusetts..... 15	North Dakota..... 3
Mississippi..... 9	Ohio..... 23
Missouri..... 17	Oregon..... 4
Montana..... 3	Pennsylvania..... 32
New Jersey..... 16	Rhode Island..... 4
New York..... 36	South Dakota..... 4
North Carolina..... 9	Vermont..... 4
South Carolina..... 9	Washington..... 4
Tennessee..... 12	Wyoming..... 3
Texas..... 12	Total..... 123
Virginia..... 12	
Total..... 204	

DOUBTFUL.

Illinois..... 11	North Carolina..... 11
Indiana..... 13	Rhode Island..... 4
Iowa..... 6	West Virginia..... 6
Massachusetts..... 15	Wisconsin..... 12
New Hampshire..... 4	Total..... 113

The total number of electoral votes is 444, and 222 are necessary to elect. Of the doubtful States, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota and New Hampshire may be set down as most likely to be republican, with North Carolina and West Virginia as most likely to be democratic. Michigan chooses electors by Congressional districts, except the two at large, which will about evenly divide the vote. This assignment of the doubtful States would add 41 electoral votes to the republican column and 17 to the democratic column, giving the democrats 214 or 9 less than a majority; and the republicans 168, being 55 less than a majority. Illinois and Indiana will both be fairly debatable in the next contest, and more likely to vote democratic than Iowa or Massachusetts, both of which will doubtless be contested desperately. Rhode Island has voted uniformly democratic since the last Presidential election. The enlargement of suffrage did not apply in 1888, and the republicans have not carried the popular vote since that year. Wisconsin elected the entire democratic ticket in 1890 by a majority of 28,000. It is known that local questions influenced the result to some extent, but it is evident that national issues had much to do with the revolution, and the State is doubtful, with the chances apparently in favor of the democrats. Giving all the doubtful States to the republicans they would have 240 electoral votes and a majority of 17 in Electoral College; giving the democrats all the doubtful votes they would have 317, or 94 majority in the Electoral College.

Some of the states in the doubtful column may be very materially affected if not entirely controlled, by the candidates of the representative parties. Blaine's candidacy would likely bring every doubtful republican state of the west into the party line, while it would endanger Massachusetts. On the other hand, a contest between Cleveland and Harrison would be likely to give four of the New England states to Cleveland, and from our present indications it would make both Illinois and Indiana democratic, and Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin doubtful, with chances in favor of Cleveland. New York seems to be so securely anchored in the democratic column that only a sweeping revolution could make it doubtful. The organization of the republican party there wholly in the hands of Harrison, while Blaine is the only man in the party who might make the state doubtful for a favorable political tide.

We believe now, as has been frequently expressed in these columns, that the next presidential election will not be a close one, nor will it be decided by the state of New York. The issues are clearly defined. The question of tariff taxes will be paramount in every state of the Union—north and south, east and west, and it is quite likely that the decision of the nation will be decisive and emphatic. The present outlook seems to point strongly to a democratic victory, but in the swift mutations of political tides of this country, it is impossible to calculate any election one year in advance. The situation may be summed up by saying that the country is soon to enter upon one of the most earnest political conflicts of its history and all indications of the present may prove to have been at fault when the final judgment is to be rendered.

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HOLT WINS.

He Testifies and Breaks Down the Evidence of Carpenter.

The case of certain insurance companies against D. W. Holt, in the United States circuit court at Pittsburg, concluded on last Saturday. The trial excited considerable interest, owing to its length and importance, as it was a test case. The important feature was the testimony of the defendant.

A. V. Carpenter repeated the story of how he had prepared the boxes of shavings, saturating them with oil and placed in them a lighted piece of a candle. He told it in the same straight forward manner that he did previously. James S. Meyers, an employee of Holt, corroborated Carpenter's testimony. Affidavits of Bonapart Gardner, O. S. Woomer and Thaddeus Myers were read, showing the fallacy of the theory set up by the defense that the lumber yard fires had originated from the forest fires.

Holt, the defendant, was put on the stand in the afternoon. His examination lasted fully three hours. He denied in toto every allegation made by Carpenter, taking one at a time. He displayed great coolness and gave testimony clearly. The surprise of the day was caused when Holt's cross-examination commenced. He was asked whether or not he had taken Carpenter from Phillipsburg to Snow Shoe, and in a room in the Mountain House hotel had endeavored to get him to make an affidavit retracting all he had said which implicated witness in the burning of the yards. He replied very positively in the negative.

DECIDED IN HOLT'S FAVOR.

The case occupied the attention of the court during the week and was concluded Saturday, and resulted in a verdict in Mr. Holt's favor.

FORTNEY COMPLIMENTED.

In speaking of the trial the Pittsburg Press says: Perhaps the best argument in the whole case was that of D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte. It was clear strong and forcible, yet mixed with wit and humor enough to make it interesting and entertaining.

A SHOCKING DEATH.

Weaver Adams Instantly Killed by his Head Coming in Contact with a Bridge.

The Phillipsburg Journal of last Saturday says: Weaver Adams, a brakeman on the local freight, T. & C. R. R., met his death under very sad circumstances at noon Saturday. He was standing on a box car, and evidently not noticing the close proximity of the bridge, above Steiner's, was struck on the head by the cross beam of the bridge breaking his neck and bruising his head resulting in almost instant death. He was not thrown from the car, but one of the brakemen is said to have seen him fall, and had the train stopped as soon as possible. The discovery was made vital spark had fled, and his body was then taken to Phillipsburg and properly cared for by Haworth Bros., undertakers, who got the remains ready for burial. The body was taken to Milesburg, the unfortunate young man's home, on the 4.55 train that evening.

The deceased was a son of Thomas M. Adams, of Milesburg, and a brother of Richard Adams, of Phillipsburg, and is a brother of commissioner T. Frank Adams, of Milesburg. He was a single man, aged about 25 years, a faithful employe and a young man who had a large circle of friends.

The funeral took place on Monday at Milesburg; interment in the Union cemetery at Bellefonte.

Class Reception.

Invitations have been issued by members of the Senior class of State College for a Fall Assembly at that place on Friday evening Nov. 27. The reception as usual, will be held in the new armory building and music will be furnished by Stopper & Fisks famous orchestra of Williamsport.

The patronesses are: Mrs. Daniel H. Hastings, Mrs. C. W. Roberts, Mrs. Josiah Jackson, Mrs. John H. Orvin, Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, Mrs. E. E. Sparks and Mr. Catharine Holt. The committee are: F. J. Pond, N. McCa. Loyd, H. P. Rumberger, Willis McKee, E. W. Bush. There will be a large attendance from Bellefonte.

—The minstrel troupe arrived in town this morning and are a fine body of men. They come highly recommended. Popular prices.

—Charles M. Nau has leased the newly fitted opera house or James F. Riddle, Esq., at Tyrone, and will manage the house for the remainder of the season. It has been rechristened Nau's opera house and the new manager is already preparing to bring attractions to the town.