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### Editorial.

THE republicans of New York State found Gov. Hill a man with a big lot of backbone.

THE indications are that the recent difficulties with Chile will be amicably settled and there will be no necessity of resorting to a war to adjust the affair.

GRIP has practically blocked the proceedings of congress by the serious illness of Speaker Crisp. His case is not dangerous but it keeps him from his duties.

NEW YORK state is now thoroughly democratic from Governor Flower down to the smallest state office. Having carried the Empire state last year by 50,000 majority there should be no doubt but that it will go the same way for a democratic president. The democracy is bracing up along the lines and we can see a victory in store for us.

SINCE the republicans lost control of the senate in New York state their members of that body are threatening to stay away to prevent a quorum and block business. It has since transpired that they don't have the strength to make such a cowardly move a success and will have to submit finally to the rule of the democratic majority.

THE Bellefonte *Republican* and the *Daily News* have been leased by Messrs. Cobo and Petit, two young men formerly employed on the Philadelphia *Record*. They took charge of the office on the first of January and are turning out a clean and newsy daily paper. We hope they may do well in their recent venture.

THE prospective democratic candidates for the coming year's election seem to cause the *Gazette* considerable trouble. Don't be alarmed, Centre county will roll up her accustomed democratic majority; but the *Gazette* man is in danger of losing his post office position; by the election of a democratic president this coming fall.

It seems from the Auditor's report that the estate of the late General John F. Hartranft falls far short. The assets are put down at \$9,182.10, and the liabilities are \$61,990.40. The General held fat offices for over a generation, but not like most of our public men, the General bled too easily, and political leeches got the money that belonged to the family of the deceased.

THE oddities of the make up the House is singular in many instances. Here is one illustration. New York has 23 Democratic members on the floor of the House, but they represent only 44 years of service, while Texas has but 11 members and are credited with 74 years, while the 14 from Ohio represent only 10 years, and the 14 from Missouri represent 68 years. The South educates her Senators and Congressmen, while the North "rotates them."

A bitter fight is brewing among the republican leaders of this state. Quay is at the head of one gang, and Harrison's friends are on the other side. Quay wants to capture the republican delegates from this state for Blaine as against Harrison and he is also anxious to secure a second term to the United States Senate and will have strong opposition for either move. The fight is growing interesting and furnishes amusement for outsiders.

"From the books and accounts in the treasurers office we find there is a balance due the Treasurer of \$7,663.09."

"There is also due the several districts for road, school and poor purposes, arising from unseated lands, the sum of \$20,173.17. Of this sum the commissioners drew out for county purposes the sum of \$7,663.09, which explains the above balance of \$7,663.09 as due the Treasurer."

The above is an extract from the report of the board of auditors last year and gives the taxpayers an idea how the republican commissioners run the county on a reduced millage for political purposes and misappropriated the road, school and poor funds to keep from borrowing money as they should have done. We pointed this matter out last year, yet it should not be forgotten.

## BIG BLANKET BALLOT.

### VOTERS WILL DEPOSIT A MAMMOTH SHEET.

A Multiplex Vote That Can Be Strung Out For Three Yards—Japanese Screen Booths.

The new blanket ballot which will be voted under the new law, at next November's election, will be about the size of a page of the DEMOCRAT.

As soon as the State Commission shall have determined on the exact size and details of the new ballot Secretary Harity will send a specimen copy of it to the County Commissioners and others interested in the printing of the official tickets.

This ballot will probably be as large as any that will ever be used in this or any other State. The names of the thirty-two Presidential electors for each party, the nominees for Congress, including the candidates-at-large, and for Senator, Representative and county offices, must all be printed on one ticket. If the names were printed one after the other on a ticket four inches wide the ballot would probably be three yards long.

#### MR. HARRITY'S PLAN.

If Secretary Harity's suggestion shall be adopted, the names of the Presidential electors will be grouped side by side, under the appropriate party appellation. The Commission has practically decided that the booths for the voting places must be of a substantial, reasonably permanent and of a convenient and portable character. This shuts out all the specimen makes submitted to the Commission which are fashioned wholly of wood, or of wood and canvas.

#### STEEL FOLDING BOOTHS.

One of the three booths from which a selection will be made is composed entirely of steel, which shuts up on the principle of the housewife's clothes-horse or a Japanese screen. This is built by a St. Louis firm. The rival bidders are from Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y.

There are 5000 election precincts in the State. With an average of five booths to each precinct, there will be about 25,000 booths required. The cost per booth will be about \$8, making a total expense of \$200,000. At least \$25,000 more may be added for guard rails and other apparatus.

It would take several long trains of cars to transport these booths and one good sized train to carry the blanket ballots.

#### A Correction.

In our last issue in commenting upon the watch contest in the Institute, a statement was made that "each day Supt. Etters appoints six teachers to go down and spend their time counting the vote." The fact is, after the address was made at the opening session, explaining the *Gazette's* contest, Prof. Gramley's motion that the president of the Institute, the County Supt., appoint a committee of six to go down each day to the *Gazette* office and count the vote, was carried and Prof. Etters only complied in this instance with the wish of the Institute. Further the teachers were to use only the time of intermission for this purpose. This correction is due Prof. Etters and we most cheerfully make it.

#### Information Wanted.

At a recent session of court a party living at Sandy Ridge was found guilty of violating the license laws by furnishing liquor to persons in that vicinity, without having the necessary license to engage in such business. As yet no sentence has been imposed and a citizen of that vicinity is anxious to know how the case has been settled. He informs us that the county is paying the costs of the case, when the man was found "guilty." If such is the case it must be strange proceedings. For the benefit of our readers in the vicinity of Sandy Ridge we will investigate the case and try and give an explanation why sentence was withheld by the court and the costs are placed upon the county. Everything may be alright—then it may not.

#### "Fire Patrol" Coming.

"The Fire Patrol," which will be presented at the opera house Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, is said to abound in realistic and thrilling situations and to have made a success. In the play there is a fire patrol wagon and a view is given of the interior of the Homestead stamp mill at Deadwood, South Dakota, with the big ore crushers in actual operation. The plot is said to be interesting and the scenery excellent.

—Centre Democrat and Philad Times one year for \$1 45

### TRIAL LIST.

For January Court, Commencing Monday, January 25, 1892.

Dr. S. F. Lytle—Hastings & Reeder, vs. Levi Munson's adm'r—Beaver, Gephart & Dale.

John Iddings—Hastings & Reeder, vs. J. Irvin Wagner—Orvis, Bower & Orvis.

E. P. Sweeny—Zeigler, vs. Moses Owen—Bryson.

James Duck—S. & H., vs. Huyett, Meyer & Co.—O. B. & O.

Ohio Provision Co.—Zeigler, vs. J. L. M'Lannen—Bryson.

Frank Reece—H. & R., vs. Thompson Reece—O. B. & O.

Thompson Reece—O. B. & O., vs. Frank Reece—H. & R.

W. T. Lingle—H. & R., vs. Stoner, Gettig & Co.—S. & H.

W. M. Walker—Potter, vs. Angeline Miller—H. & R.

E. A. Glenn & Co.—O. B. & O., vs. Mrs. L. Armstrong—B. G. & D.

David Hampton—H. & R., vs. J. S. Wagner—O. B. & O.

S. R. Pringle—H. & R., vs. Poor Overseers of Taylor twp.—Love.

E. A. Glenn & Co.—O. B. & O., vs. E. Williams—B. G. & D.

Wm. Grove—Fortney, vs. William Witmer.

W. E. Hendrixson, use of Keichline, vs. Geo. Robie and wife—H. & R.

John F. Potter vs. Wm. Spangler, H. & R.

O. C. Gates—O. B. & G., vs. W. R. Miller estate—Bryson and K. & K.

Wm. Wood & Co.—Zeigler, vs. S. F. Lytle—H. & R.

#### TRIAL LIST—2ND WEEK.

John Liggett—S. & H., vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Company—O. B. & O.

M. W. Cowdrick—H. & R., vs. Bellefonte Glass Company—O. B. & O.

D. W. Herring—O. B. & O., vs. A. W. Hoover, wife, et al.—B. G. & D.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—O. B. & O., vs. Henry Crosby, et al.—B. G. & D.

George Rennstone—O. B. & O., vs. Millheim Turnpike Co.—S. & H.

Agnes Shoemaker—O. B. & O., vs. Phillipsburg School District—B. G. & D.

E. J. Walker—Dale, vs. Jas. Stiker—O. B. & O.

W. F. Reynolds—H. & R., vs. Grenoble Store Co.—S. & H.

W. M. Cronister—Keller, vs. D. J. Meyer—O. B. & O.

Mattie E. Holt—Keller, vs. Robert Cooke, Jr.—H. & R.

James W. Sankey—B. G. & D., vs. Samuel Sankey's adm'r—S. & H.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—O. B. & O., vs. Patrick Ward, Sr., et al.—S. & H.

Leslie E. Markle, adm'r—O. B. & O., vs. Joseph Markle—Fortney and Williams.

J. C. Lance & Co.—O. B. & O., vs. Wm. R. Miller estate—Barnes.

George Watson—Henry Spanogle—Zeigler.

Walter Roswell—Keller, vs. M. Ward—H. & R.

Mary Royer's ex'rs—O. B. & O., vs. Henry Royer, et al.—S. & H.

James A. Storell & Co.—O. B. & O., vs. W. H. Wilkinson & Co.—H. & R.

Robert Valentine—O. B. & O., vs. B. G. & D., vs. James Milliken—Love and Daugherty.

Abraham S., George and Jacob D. Valentine, three cases, vs. same as above.

Wm. Colpetzer—Meyer, vs. H. J. Tressler—O. B. & O.

Gard. of Jas. R. Waltz, dec'd—O. B. & O., vs. Beech Creek R. R.—Peale.

Wm. Decker—O. B. & O., vs. Joseph Markle—Fortney.

John B. Hague, gard.—B. G. & D., vs. G. H. Lichtenthaler—Reeder.

Newport Deposit Bank—H. & R. vs. Harter Bros., et al.—O. B. & O.

Wm. Gainer & Co.—B. G. & D., vs. John Cottrell—Fortney.

Hattie and H. P. Haupt—Dale, vs. Martha Asewalt—H. & R.

Rebecca V. Leathers—O. B. & O., vs. H. H. Montgomery—Keller.

#### The New Post Office Room.

The post office muddle which caused considerable bad blood at Phillipsburg was effectually settled on last Wednesday by a telegraphic order from Washington to Postmaster Herd, ordering him to move the office to Barnes Block. Accordingly, on Wednesday, Mr. Barnes set a crew of carpenters to work putting up the fixtures which were in readiness, and by Thursday morning the office was so far ready that Mr. Herd was able to open up and rent the boxes.

#### Roof Burned.

On Monday morning the roof of the Henderson school house, near Jacksonville, caught fire and was so badly damaged that school was adjourned until the same could be repaired.

—Anything and everything kept by a first class shoe store—Mingle.

### INSTALLATION EXERCISES.

At Gregg Post No. 95 on Monday Evening—New Officials.

The comfortable G. A. R. rooms, at this place, were filled on Monday evening by members of Gregg Post, and other lodges and people of the community who assembled to witness the installation of the officers chosen for the ensuing year. W. H. Taylor, the retiring commander called the post to order. Gen. Beaver could not be present as was expected, and Col. D. S. Keller officiated as the installing officer. The new officials for 1892 are Commander, George B. Brandon; Senior Vice, Thomas Donahy; Junior Vice, Wm. Fitzgerald; Chaplain, S. H. Griffith; Sergeant, William Garret; Quarter Master, Wm. Jones, who has a life position; Officer of the day, J. I. Curtin; Ordinance Officer, C. A. Glenn; Officer of Guard, A. V. Hamilton; Trustee, Charles Eckenroth; Adjutant, T. R. Beemer; Sergeant Major, R. C. Irvin; Quartermaster Sergeant, S. H. Williams; Delegates to the National encampment, J. I. Curtin and S. B. Miller.

The occasion was enlivened by singing in which a choir consisting of A. Lukenbach, Jacob Smith, W. C. Hart, Wm. Cannon and his two little daughters, of Tyrone, with Miss Grace Lukenbach as organist, took part.

After the installation exercises were over the meeting was turned into a camp fire. D. F. Fortney made the opening speech and told several very humorous stories and interesting incidents. One after another responded when called upon, each in his turn giving some tale of the war or funny incident that made the meeting a most successful camp fire. The report of Quarter Master Jones showed that the post was on a good financial basis. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the meeting was adjourned. Many visitors were present from neighboring posts and taken in all it was a grand success.

### NEW YORK DEMOCRATS WIN.

The New York Court of Appeals decided the disputed election cases last week in favor of the democrats and in so doing blasted republican hopes and prospects in the Empire State for years to come. The Senate and Assembly are now democratic and this insures a re-enumeration and districting of the state into Legislative, Senatorial and Congressional districts in accordance with the equities of the case and will give the democrats the representation they are entitled to in the halls of legislation. The anomaly of the State Legislature being in the control of the republicans when there is a popular majority of from fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand against them will be wiped out and the party of the majority will assume the control to which it is entitled in the counsels of the State and the Nation.

#### Spring Mills.

Warren S. Krise, teacher of the East Branch grammar school, spent the holiday week with his friends at Spring Mills and vicinity.

Mrs. J. J. Arney, of Altoona formerly of Gregg township, spent a few days with friends at Spring Mills and vicinity.

Last Wednesday a number of landlord Ruhl's friends and neighbors invaded his premises carrying with them many fine presents, it being the anniversary of his birth. An oyster supper was provided by the guests of which all partook heartily.

Warren S. Krise, W. A. Krise and W. M. Musser attended installation of officers in Old Fort Lodge F. & A. M. at Centre Hall on the 24th inst., at which the following officers were inducted into office by the D. D. G. M., W. I. Fleming; W. M.—E. M. Huyett; S. W.—C. Denninger; J. W.—W. M. Musser; Sec.—W. A. Boal; Treas.—J. J. Arney.

#### Church Dedication.

The Presbyterian congregation at Milesburg have their new house of worship completed and the dedicatory services will take place next Sunday afternoon. The edifice is a handsome brick structure on the main street. It is of modern design and is complete, commodious and comfortable in its arrangements. Rev. Wright, the pastor, will be assisted by other ministers in the exercises. All are invited to attend on this occasion.

—Prof. Philip Meyer is conducting a singing class at Curtins works this week which will conclude with a grand concert on Saturday evening, Jan. 9th. Proceeds for the benefit of the Methodist Chapel.

### WHY HE GROWLS.

#### DON'T LIKE DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS.

Becomes Disgruntled on Account of no More County Printing—Must be Hard up for Cash—Attacks Sheriff Ishler.

The *Gazette* seems to be hard up for something to say about the present democratic county officials. During the past year nothing could be found that would reflect upon them in the discharge of their official work. Every office is filled by capable and obliging men who attend to their duties with care and fidelity, but then they are democrats and that don't suit this bigoted organ. Of course, since the sheriff and commissioners' offices are filled no more by men like Cooke and Henderson, Jim Fiedler can no longer work his disreputable schemes upon the people and the cash receipts of that same printing office are not as heavy by hundreds of dollars as formerly—that is where it rubs. It is no wonder that he becomes disgruntled at times and kicks out behind like a "Jass-ack" when he gets hard up. While laboring under such a fit of despondency last week he took occasion to abuse Sheriff Ishler because two of Sheriff Ishler's brothers, Samuel F., of Harris township, and John P., of Benner township, had been drawn as Traverse jurors for the next term of court.

As any sensible man knows, the jury wheel is filled each year by the jury commissioners and they select men whom they consider fit for the position, also they put new names on and take old jurors off, so that all have a chance. In this case it was fifteen years since John and five years since Samuel served as jurors and it so happened this year that both brother's names were drawn at the same time. Their names were originally placed on the list by responsible parties from Harris and Benner townships and selected by the jury commissioners. The *Gazette* simply lies when it accuses Sheriff Ishler of putting his brothers on this jury. If William Ishler is sheriff that does not disqualify the other members of the family from being jurymen—Messrs. Bower and Alley did not think so.

The *Gazette* insinuates that Sheriff Ishler is greedy and of a mean disposition. He bases his assertion upon the fact that Sheriff Ishler refused to buy coupons for a "particular worthy lady school teacher," so that she might win a cheap gold watch. The fact is this: Mr. Ishler is not easily duped and he objected to help contribute about \$400 to the *Gazette*, like other foolish democrats did, so that it could present to some lady a cheap gold watch and say she was the most popular school teacher, because her friends carried the most money to Jim Fiedler's pocket. Mr. Ishler, like the teachers of Centre county, looked upon this whole scheme as a fake and fraud—that is why he did not patronize it. Jim Fiedler don't get anything from the sheriff's office and that is why he kicks. Sheriff Ishler can stand it, if Fiedler can.

#### Presbyterians Considering.

The trustees of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte recently held a meeting for the purpose of considering the advisability of making certain improvements to their house of worship. The interior of the present building is not at all inviting and is very much in need of repairs. A change will be made but nothing definite has been determined upon. This congregation has the financial backing and they no doubt will make their church building a model for convenience and comfort, with art and taste combined in the finishing touches.

#### Family Reunion.

On Monday of last week there was an unusual gathering at the home of Mr. Philip Resides, Buffalo Run. It was a reunion of the family which consists of five daughters and six sons and all were present. They are Charles, of Ocoela; Henry, of Somerset county; John, of Powelton; Frank, of Lemont; William and Philip, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Barr, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Tressler and Mrs. Sowers, of Fillmore; Mrs. Sellers, of Oak Hall, and Mrs. Stone, who resides with her father.

Mr. Resides is in his 83th year and enjoys excellent health, and is remarkably active. It is not an infrequent thing for him to walk to Bellefonte and return the same day. He is hale and hearty, with the promise of many years more to live and enjoy life.

#### Convicted.

Joseph Howard Killoran, who robbed the Lewisburg National Bank of \$13,500, was convicted on Thursday last, fined \$500 and costs and sent to the penitentiary for three years.

### SEWING ON THE EARS.

'Squire Rosser's Nest of Wild Cats in Bald Eagle Township.

In Bald Eagle township, Clinton co., a certain man brought in so many wild cat skins to 'Squire Rosser that the latter finally began to think the woods were full of them. The 'Squire would clip the ears off and pigeon-hole them, return the hide to the fellow, and in a couple of days back he would come with another cat. Soon the 'Squire began to "smell a mice," as it were, and one day when the chappy came in with a cat skin he made a close examination and found that it was the same old skin and that the cute individual had been manufacturing ears out of other pieces of skin and sewing them on and that he (the Squire) had been clipping off the made ears and pigeon-holing them. One day last week when the fellow found that his trick had been discovered, he made a grab for the contents of the pigeon hole and after a scuffle with the Squire succeeded in getting off with them, thus hoping to destroy the evidence of his rascality. But the Squire can swear to the circumstances and it may go hard with the smart ear manufacturer yet.—L. H. Democrat.

#### TO THE CAPITAL.

A Series of Four Special Excursions to Washington, D. C.

A delightful opportunity of visiting the National Capital in its most attractive season while both houses of Congress are in session and all the departments open to visitors, is presented by a series of four special excursions of the Pennsylvania Railroad on January 21st, February 4th, 11th, and 25th 1892. Excursion tickets will be good for ten days from date of sale, admitting of a stop over in Baltimore in either direction within the proper limit, and tourists will travel in a special train of parlor cars and day coaches.

	Rate.	Train Leaves.
Pittsburg	\$9 00	9.00 a. m.
Altoona	7 25	12.55 p. m.
Bellefonte	7 25	10.25 a. m.
Clearfield	7 25	9.56 "
Phillipsburg	7 25	10.27 "
Ocoela	7 25	10.40 "
Tyrone	7 25	1.20 p. m.
Washington	8.45	arrive

The tickets will be good for use on any regular train of the dates above named except limited express trains. The return coupons will be valid for passage on any regular train within the return limit except the Pennsylvania Limited.

#### Zion Items.

Mr. Otis Garbrick, for several years past a resident of Illinois, returned home last Saturday to visit his parents and friends in this section. He brought with him what we would term a wife. Mr. Garbrick is a fine young man and we are glad to see him in our midst again.

Mrs. Emma Henderson, of Camden, N. J., was buried here on New Year's day. She formerly lived at Zion, and was a daughter of Francis Shamp, who now lives at Hecla. Mrs. Henderson died of congestion of the brain; she was aged 27 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Miss Puella Dornblazer, of Clinton-dale, gave a lecture here on last Saturday and Sunday evenings on mission work. She also organized a Women's Foreign and Home Missionary society. Miss Dornblazer is an able speaker and is well known over the county.

Miss Mary Struble is leaving for Lewisburg where she expects to attend college the rest of the winter.

What is the reason William Royer is visiting Pleasant Gap so often? Wonder if Miss B. could tell us anything about it? William, be careful, Mr. Weaver may have some very cross dogs.

Miss Laby is expected home this week from a visit with friends and relatives in Ohio. Miss Cole is an agreeable young lady and is much missed during her absence.

Prof. E. Johnson, of near Salona, has been teaching a class in instrumental music at this place during the past summer and fall. Mr. Johnson has now started in on a term with one of our young ladies to give special lessons. She is a fine young lady, Elory, but we do not like the idea of you trying to take her from us.

#### BLUE BILL.

—Ellis Hosterman died this morning while sitting on a chair, at the home of Alfred Hosterman, near Centre Hill. He was an invalid a number of years and a school teacher by profession. His age was about 43 years.

—Unclaimed letters: Rev. L. L. Heck, Geo. B. Kaine, Ada Kline, Wm. Kline, Frank Lee, Harry Rogers and George Sioey. Who called for say advertised.