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Editorial.

It is said that about eighty employes of the Tyrone division are off duty on account of the grip.

NINE cities are in the field for the Democratic National Convention, with the chances in favor of Cincinnati.

SINCE David B. Hill has become a United States Senator the Republicans are watching him closely. They fear any move he may make.

At Plymouth, Luzerne county, any school child absent without excuse more than five days suffers suspension. The same rule should be adopted in this county.

DEMOCRATIC papers of the state are urging James Kerr to again accept the Democratic State Chairmanship. He is a good organizer and the party could not make a better selection.

ONE day last week Secretary Blaine was taken ill at his office, at the Capitol. This sent a thrill of joy through the Harrison camp as they consider it renders Blaine an impossible candidate for the presidency.

Dr. Pfeiffer, of Berlin, has discovered that the grippe bacillus is the smallest, most unanimous and insinuating little cuss alive. We have been aware of that fact for some time. How to kill him before he kills you, is the perplexing problem.

ANDREW Carnegie will give another \$1,000,000 for the Carnegie Library, in Pittsburgh. When Carnegie has a McKinley bill to back him he can afford to give money away by the millions. It is the people's money anyhow—wrung from them by unjust tariff laws.

The Canadian Government, for one dollar, issues a permit allowing a Chinaman to return to the country. The head tax on new arrivals is \$50. This arrangement is very convenient, inasmuch as a Chinese resident of Canada has only to take out a permit to return and mail it to a friend who desires to leave his native land.

The courts of Cuba have set us an example which we might find profitable to follow. They have just tried a defaulting public official and upon being found guilty he was sentenced to eighteen years in prison, three months and one day in the chain gang, to pay a fine of \$2,500 and finally to restore the \$100,000 he stole. That is a sentence that means something. It differs considerably from our own methods of dealing with similar offenses.

THE Bellefonte Republican and the Daily News passed into new hands this week. On Monday the Daily News announced that those two papers would be in the future published by Messrs. Berr & Dillon. We are not acquainted with these parties but understand that they come from Altoona and are live young men who understand the business and intend to boom the papers. Messrs. Cobo & Petty, who started in on the same papers did not remain long in our town, but returned to Philadelphia.

THE dismissal of Andy Cruse from the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, leaves a vacancy in this Congressional District. It is generally understood that the appointment is made upon the recommendation of the congressman representing the district, which, in this instance, is Hon. Geo. F. Kribbs, of Clarion. If there are any boys in Centre county between 16 and 18 years of age who desire a first class education at the expense of the government and feel that they can pass the examination, they should at once communicate the fact to the congressman of this district.

Singular Creature.

A fourteen year old boy at school wrote this sentence in an exercise: "Ten men and four woman." His teacher pointed to him the sentence with the remark: "Is it possible that you do not know, after all these years at school, that plural of woman is women?" The boy scratched his head in a somewhat disconcerted way. "Well," he said, "I've often heard my father say that woman is a singular creature, and I guess that he knows."

CLEARFIELD LICENSES.

156 APPLICATIONS TO SELL LIQUOR.

86 Licenses Granted while Centre county has But 22—A Vast Difference—Clearfield People must like their Booze.

There certainly must be a vast difference in the moral make up of Centre and Clearfield counties. They adjoin each other and the conditions of life, the occupations of the people are, about the same. The greater portion are either engaged in farming, mining or lumbering. The population of our county, according to the last census, 1890, was 43,269, that of Clearfield county 69,565.

At our last license court in March, 1891, twenty-two liquor licenses were granted by the court. Last week the Clearfield county papers gave a report of the proceedings in their license court and it furnishes a striking contrast with Centre county. The summary is as follows:

Hotel liquor licenses granted, -	70
" " " held over, -	36
" " " refused, -	2
Rest'nt liquor licenses granted, -	11
" " " held over, -	13
" " " refused, -	3
Wholesale liquor licenses granted, -	5
" " " held over, -	9
" " " refused, -	2
3 breweries were granted license and held over; one distillery granted.	

According to that there were 156 various applications made in Clearfield county for liquor licenses of which 90 were granted, 59 held over, 7 refused and 1 was withdrawn.

STARVING TO DEATH.

"Spare a morsel for the starving!" is the appeal printed in large letters upon placards hung in the eating houses and hotels of Warsaw, Russian Poland. The famine is a terrible reality. Death from hunger threatens the miserable Russian peasantry. Now, if ever, is the time for the autocratic government to prove its oft claimed advantage of vigorous united action, but instead there is the disheartening spectacle of extravagance and corruption, and a villainous stealing of the funds and supplies intended for the starving.

The government moves slowly, stupidly, clumsily, to meet an emergency which it was the last to appreciate. Russia is barbarous and the people are slaves to submit to such a travesty of government, but the all important matter now is that the Russian peasants are starving to death, and America certainly has more than a morsel to spare. A ship load of flour is soon going over the ocean to them, but we should send not one, but many cargoes. The Senate has already passed a bill appropriating money enough for the chartering of four big steamships if the charitable American people will buy flour enough to fill them.

Cases Postponed.

There were four cases placed on the trial list for the second term of January court that would have attracted more than ordinary interest: those of Robert, Abraham S., George and Jacob D. Valentine, all of Bellefonte, against James Milliken, to recover heavy damages claimed to have arisen from an article which appeared in the Philad. Times over a year ago and published also in this paper. It is alleged that James Milliken was the author of the same and that it caused the Centre Iron Co. to suspend. The Valentines retained Orvis, Bower & Orvis and Beaver, Gephart & Dale as counsel, while Mr. Milliken enlisted the services of John G. Love, Esq., and the famous Daniel Daugherty, Esq., of New York City, known as the "Silver Tongued Orator," to take care of his interests. The prominence of the litigants as well as the distinguished barristers, as counsel, would have aroused much interest and would have furnished a treat for the spectators—but the case has been postponed again, owing the illness of Mr. Milliken and previous engagements of Mr. Daugherty. We would like to see these cases tried as it would give the public a free entertainment to hear Daugherty at some one else's expense.

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IMPORTANT BANK DECISION.

It Concerns Every National Bank and the Man Who Borrows Money.

Judge Butler on Tuesday rendered a decision which concerns every National Bank in the country as well as every man who borrows money from such an institution. It has heretofore been held by the courts that a depositor in a bank if allowed to offset all claims which an insolvent bank may hold against him by his own claim against the bank would become a preferred creditor. That is, a depositor who owes a bank a thousand dollars, when it closed its doors, if allowed to offset that claim to the extent that he has money on deposit in the bank at the time, would be shown a preference over other creditors, giving him a standing which other creditors of the bank did not have. Judge Butler's decision is just the reverse of this. He holds that when a bank has gone into the hands of a receiver, and owes money to a depositor, and that depositor is indebted to the bank, he has the right to offset his own claim to that of the bank, and that there is no preference in such a case whatever. This decision is important from the fact that the debtors of a bank are commonly its creditors also. That is, men secure their accommodations from the institution where they keep their deposits. This decision will have the result of perhaps cutting down the assets of a bankrupt bank very considerably, and this will, of course, result in greater losses to those depositors who are not borrowers out of their bank. Although this decision, which was concurred in by Judge Acheson, runs counter to the generally accepted rule, yet it seems equitable as well as reasonable. It is allowing a depositor to pay his indebtedness to a bank with the very money he has placed in the bank for that purpose, instead of compelling him to find new money to lift his note, and giving what he already has there for distribution among all the creditors.

Interesting to County Commissioners.

The commission authorized to adopt a pattern of booth and guard rail under the Baker ballot act has performed its duty. Under its directions on Tuesday the county commissioners of the state will have to obtain a wooden booth, of a folding nature to cost not more than \$4.75 each additional division or annex. Plans and specifications will be sent to the county commissioners. Guard rails are to be of the chain pattern and cost not more than \$4.80. The ballot box which the commissioners recommend is the Hasdon pattern and is of wood to cost \$3 each. It is not compulsory that this style of box shall be adopted by the county commissioners, but they must conform to the plans and specifications adopted respecting the booth and guard rails. They may be obtained from manufacturers who can make them. The law goes into effect next November.

Small Balance.

Allen B. Rosekrans, postmaster at Penfield, Clearfield county, under Cleveland, at the close of one quarter, took credit for one-half a cent due the government in calculating commissions and on another quarter did the same. When his accounts were audited the treasury department notified Mr. Rosekrans that he owed the United States one cent. This amount he immediately remitted to Pittsburgh, the proper receipt was returned and the one cent draft forwarded to Washington. This distinguishes the experiences of the Ohio ex-postmaster who had a similar experience on a six cent basis.

Pennsylvania's Crops.

Pennsylvania's products of coal, iron and lumber are so great that her agricultural interests are generally overshadowed in the public mind. But Pennsylvania's agricultural products are considerable. Her product of oats in 1891 was of an estimated value of \$12,470,312, and she was the sixth state of the Union in the production of oats—measured by values. She was eleventh in production of wheat and corn, her wheat being valued at \$20,964,017 and her corn at \$26,520,462. In these three staples she produced \$60,000,000, and in nearly all cases with less acreage per dollar of product than the Western states.

Who Has Taken It?

Some time ago the Chester Iron Company, of Chester, Pa., prepared and shipped to Carnegie, Phipps & Co., at Pittsburgh, a casting in one piece weighing 17,500 pounds, which has been entirely lost sight of, and no trace has yet been discovered of its whereabouts.

—Have you seen the new stock of overcoats just received at the Philad. Store?

"DER OLD SCHKOOL HOUSE."

(From the Mauch Chunk Democrat.)

SCHLIFFELTOWN, Dec. der 29t, '91.
MISTER DROOKER.—Ich denk now yosht drau os des doh my lesther breef is im olta yohr, un now dink'ts mich is about de recht zeit for de leit amohl wissa lussa os ich aw ordlich goot bin im Englisha, un os ich de ea shproach about so goot maishter con os de onner. Ich con aw ivversetza, un for sell du mus ainer ordlich hoch galarnd si. For yohra tzurick but amohl der Porra Harbaugh 'n ivver ous goots shtick poetry g'shriva in Pennsylvania Deitsch, un sell will ich now ivver setza so os de onna karls os nix wissa fun Pennsylvania Deitsch aw amohl ebbas goots enjoya kenna. Doh is's now:

DER SCHOOL HOUSE ON DER CREEK.
Today it was just twenty years
Ven I did go in'd Veshtanous,
Un now I's back, so nice, un shlick,
Un here's der shkool house on der creek,
Un right up dere shtands our old house.
I've been in hundert houses dere,
Blinded nice mit stonens un brick,
But all dem houses, I choost say,
I'd shwapp 'm vay dis wery day
For dis old shkool house on der creek.
Ven one von't shtay at home no more,
Den choost you let him go:
I tells him vat, un he will find,
Dat all is humber dere, un mind,
He'll say himself, yes, dat ish so!
I was away in efty blas;
Un traffid vide un near;
But in no place it was so grand
As on der sshot veyr now I shtand
By dis old shkool house here.
Un now I feels I don't know vat-
I shtand, un tink, un look,
Un all old dings, it is so gwerr-
Is come vons more before me here
Un shtand up like a shpook.
Der leedle creek yet runs along
Veyr many times right here I blayed;
Un dere, I see, der leedle fish-
Oh! I dell you vat, I choost now vish
A shkool boy I had shtayed.
Der vite-oak dree he shtand yet dere
Un make der shade vay up der roof;
Der krape-vine too is all so green
As twenty years ago 'twas seen-
All choost der same, un here's der broof.
Un'd swallows fly about der field,
Der one ahead he beats der rest;
Un look, un dere, vat's dat I see?
A leedle dings up on der dree-
Doh ish der swallow's nest.
Der young ones all lie shillil yusht now
Un all are shleeping werry sound;
But wait, ven old ones bring der vorns
Den look out for big alarms
By'd leedle ones all around.
Ven! Here's der black I went to shkool-
Ven I was choost so peeg;
Dere vas der master, in his shtool,
Dere vas his vip, un dere his rule,
Un on his bet a nice black vig.
Der deks dey shtand along der vall
Un all der shkoolars set around;
Hereare der mids, un dere der poy-
(Vat always goes un makes der noise,
Un laffs un peeps all round.)
Der master vatch 'm gloose shoost now-
Dey better take goot care-
Der feller vas luff letters writes,
Un dat one vat so bat he fights,
Un he mit dem ret hair.
Un in dere all around der shtofe
Sets dem gwite leedle chaps,
Un all dey shtud hart you see,
Un ven he don't larn'd A B C
His ears, pe sure, he gets some rape.
His hand to set on dat high bench
Mit feet not on der floor,
Some can't shtand it un git sick
In dis old shkool house on der creek,
Un den he feels all off-ore.

Poor leedle fellers, how dey set,
In misery dere, choost now look-
No vunder dat in dis here shkool
Some act choost like a leedle fool
Un neffer larns der lesson pook!
But, mit all der trawbacks, anyhow,
It was a fust rate shkool;
You find no such master-go, look,
Vat eifers tru un tru der book
Mitout he shtkip one single rule.
He vas a leedle graws, dat ish so,
He vip't un vip't 'm all around;
Der rules he made 'm all obarsht
Un dem he vip't vas all desarrt-
Yes, effery one I will be bound.
At dinner time ven'd shkool vas out
Ve all did feel so werry well,
Some of dem der ball game choos'd
Un some mit odder vays amused,
Un some did leedle shtories tell.
Der beegest girls he shweep'd der floor,
Der poy's he hat no beensens dere,
But some, to help dey dit bredend
Der master den he made 'm vent
For dat's der rule, un dat vas fair.
Der leedle girls der ring game play'd
Here on dere grass fun set,
Ven'd peegist girls vent in der ring-
It was a verry funny ding-
Dere peeg poy's sure vas in der sshot.
Der peeg vons choost der peeg vons tag'd-
Der leedle vons dey all vas mist,
Un how dey round un round here run,
Un ven der fellers always von-
Der garis he sure vas much goot kiss't.
Op vere is all der shkoolers now,
Vat got his shkooling here,
Some dit go vay-so far avay,
Avay fun blas-avay to shtay
Un some I bleef ish died un det.
Goot-py, old shkool house, I mus go,
I hear der echo say, goot-py-
Goot-py, old shkool, goot-py, I say
Goot-py-I can't no longer shtay-
It go so hart, to say-goot-py!
Now you der beepies vat shtay here-
(To leaf dis blas it make me sick)
I vant you choost to take goot care,
Un always keep him nice un fair,
Der goot old shkool house on der creek!
FIT SCHWEPFLERENNER.

MANY FATALITIES.

Fearful Mine Disaster in the Indian Territory.

VICTIMS OF A BOILER EXPLOSION.

Two Killed at Bridgeport, Pa., and a Building Utterly Demolished—A Train Plunges Down a Fifty Foot Embankment in Indiana—Two Killed and Many Injured.

MCALLISTER, I. T., Jan. 9.—The report telegraphed from here of a terrible mine disaster is confirmed. It was an explosion in shaft No. 5 of the Osage Coal and Mining company, at Krebs.

Just before the day shift changed off and came out of the mine for supper a puff of smoke was seen to escape from the mouth of the single shaft to the mine, and immediately following this there was heard a terrific report, followed by a rumbling as if of rolling thunder.

At the time of the explosion 250 men were in the shaft, most of whom were waiting for the men to take them out. Eighty-five men came out by an old entry and forty-two were saved by the shaft, most of whom are more or less burned and bruised, and half will probably die.

Many of the men, some say nearly half employed in the mine, succeeded in effecting their escape by climbing up through the air shaft. One of the men who escaped in this way climbed fully 450 feet with a broken leg. Many of those who climbed to the top were badly burned, in some cases the flesh stripping from their hands as they grasped the ladder.

MCALLISTER, I. T., Jan. 11.—All the bodies have been taken out of the mines, and the list now stands 97 dead and 117 wounded, five of whom will surely die before night, and several men cannot live twenty-four hours. It was a sad sight to see the funeral procession which conveyed the unfortunate miners to their last resting place, most of whom were laid side by side, the largest funeral being that of George Lindsey and son, who were very popular. The Catholic and other two churches were scenes of a succession of services yesterday.

At Krebs twenty-five men have been digging graves since Friday, night and day, and it was necessary to hold eight of the bodies, the graves not being ready.

DEATH BY EXPLOSION.

A Building Completely Demolished and Two Lives Sacrificed.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 12.—The boiler at the pork packing establishment of A. H. March, in Bridgeport, exploded with terrific force. The whole building was completely wrecked. Bridgeport and Norristown were shaken to their very foundations by the terrific explosion. Before those in the vicinity had recovered from the shock of the first explosion another explosion, more terrific than the first, occurred, and in an instant the air was filled with flying debris from the building.

John Shaw, of Conshohocken, entered the employ of the establishment yesterday morning, and was to have taken charge of one of the delivery routes. His was one of the first bodies found. His head was blown off. Shaw's son was also injured, and was taken to the Charity hospital, where he now lies. Shortly afterward the dead body of George Meyers, horribly mutilated, was found near the dismantled engine and carried out.

The injured ones are Thomas Hendron, Bridgeport, hurt and head cut; Walter Whitman, slightly cut and bruised; William Hilderbrecht, arm broken; Jacob Reeme, slightly injured; William Custer, cut on right hand; Oliver Baker, cut about head; William Henwood, dangerous cuts on the head. The wreck is so complete that the walls that are still standing will have to be torn down.

The cause of the explosion is as yet a mystery. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

P. O. S. of A. Booming.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America is an organization that is gaining a strong foothold in the county. New lodges are being planted in the different sections of this county and during the past year it had a remarkable growth as some twelve new lodges were established. District President, Mr. A. E. Graham, of Blanchard, takes especial interest in the order and is a valuable man for the position he holds. He is making an effort to have a lodge established in Bellefonte, as the next annual District Convention will meet here next summer.

Now is Your Time.

A heavy reduction in winter goods, as you can see by the following:
\$7 all wool, double blankets, reduced to 4.75.
\$6.50 all wool, double blankets, reduced to \$3.50.
\$2.50 all wool, double blankets, reduced to 95 cents.
\$4 satine haps reduced to \$2.50.
\$3.50 haps reduced to \$2.
\$2.50 haps reduced to \$1.25.
\$1.50 haps reduced to 85c.
Ladies coats reduced from \$10 to \$5.
Ladies \$7 coats reduced to \$5.
Childrens' \$6 coats reduced to \$3.50.
M. NOLAN & BRO.

On Wednesday afternoon the Hungarians were given a hearing in the Sheriff's office before Squire Foster. The whole gang was fined \$5 each which was immediately paid. The Hungarian who furnished the whisky was held over for his appearance at next term of court.

NEW COMPANY.

The Pennsylvania Bank Transferred to new Stockholders.

On Jan. 1st, the Penns Valley Banking Company, at Centre Hall, was transferred to new hands and new stockholders took charge of affairs. Since the organization of the company the old officers were in charge and no changes were made. Messrs. Allison Bros., James A. Keller, Simon Harper and Wm. B. Mingle are the gentlemen who purchased the interests of Messrs. Wm. Wolf, of Centre Hall; Daniel Hess, of Linden Hall, and Gov. James A. Beaver, the retiring members from the company. At a meeting of the directors Simon Harper was elected president of the institution and Wm. B. Mingle cashier.—Reporter.

Leap Year Proposal.

Colin Shackelford said: "Some one asked me the other day what was the origin of woman proposing marriage during leap year. I looked it up, and while it may not be new to all I dare say it will interest many. In the year 1283 a statue was published by the Scotch Parliament, of which the following is a copy, and is, to my mind, the origin of the custom or idea. I do not know that it is a custom or ever was:

"It is ordained that during the reign of Her Maist Rlesstie Majestie Margaret, like maiden, lades of both high and low estate, shall have liberty to speak to the man she likes. Gif he refuses to take her to be his wyf, he shale mulct in the sum of an hundredty pounds, or less, as his estate may be, except and always gif he can make it appear that he is betrothit to another woman, then he shall be free."

After the dear old Margaret had passed away the woman became clamorous for their privileges, and to appease them another act of parliament allowed them the privilege every fourth year. This year is leap year, and no doubt the question will be asked of you what gave rise to the notion that woman may do their own courting.—Chicago Tribune.

Strong Drink not a Medicine.

Altoona Tribune.
It is bad enough to have regular physicians prescribe liquor for the patients, but the unprofessional practitioners who are swift to advise their friends who are ill to take doses of beer, brandy, wine, gin or whiskey, add a new terror to sickness. We do not try to put up our unprofessional ignorance against the wisdom of medical men, and if they will prescribe liquor the responsibility rests upon them. It is known however, that many of the most eminent physicians in the world say that liquor is not a medicine and seldom prescribe it. This being the case, non-professionals should hesitate about advising their friends to use intoxicants for medical purposes. They seldom do any good and have sent more than one unfortunate to a drunkard's grave.

Candidate for State Sec.

Nearly every democratic department at Harrisburg, says the Patriot, has a candidate for secretary of the state democratic committee. In the insurance department Deputy Commissioner J. Woods Brown, of Northumberland county, is a candidate; Major John D. Workman, of Philadelphia, will make a vigorous fight, as becomes a member of the adjutant general's force; Executive Clerk William F. Reber, of Centre county, will represent the executive department, and Corporation Clerk T. K. VanDyke, of the state department, has also been mentioned as a candidate for the position.

The Host of Lutherans.

The census bureau issued a bulletin on Tuesday of the returns for the entire Lutheran communion in the United States, which includes four general bodies, twelve independent synods and many independent congregations. The bulletin shows that the entire number of Lutheran organizations in the United States is 8,427, with 1,969,134 communicants, and holding property valued at \$34,218,234. The largest number of communicants embraced in any one state is found in Pennsylvania, which has 219,089.

Real Merit.

Is the characteristic of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it is manifested every day in the remarkable cures this medicine accomplishes. Druggists say: When we sell a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla to a new customer, we are sure to see him back in a few weeks after more—proving that the good results from a trial bottle warrant continuing its use. This positive merit Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses by virtue of the peculiar combination, proportion and process used in its preparation, and by which all the remedial value of the ingredients used is retained. Hood's Sarsaparilla is thus peculiar to itself and absolutely unequalled in its power as a blood purifier, and as a tonic for building up the weak and weary, and giving nerve strength.

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