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Editorial.

THE election of township and borough officials will take place on Tuesday, the 16th of February. These elections for local offices affects more directly the interests of each district than the selection of a President. Local elections are of more importance than the all absorbing national issues.

THERE is a move on foot in New York state among the Hill democrats to get control of that delegation to the national democratic convention that would be against Cleveland for President. If the fight continues it will have the effect of placing the democratic presidential nomination upon some Western man.

THE proprietors of the Beaver Star, who were convicted of libeling M. S. Quay, were sentenced on Monday to a fine of \$600, costs of prosecution and six months imprisonment in the county jail. We hope Quay will find time to tackle the New York World next as they offer as an inducement to pay all his expenses. Why don't he accept?

THE Philad. Press is authoritatively informed, and requested to say that Judge Furst, of the Centre Huntingdon district, is not a candidate for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court and that he never has been a candidate. The announcement that he was in the field was due to the partiality of some of his friends, who thought he ought to run.

THE postal law forbidding lotteries from using the mails and making the same a criminal offence has been declared constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court. Any paper containing anything favoring or advertising such interests dare not be sent through the mails. This decision will not suit the famous Lottery Sheet (Gazette) of our town.

HAD President Harrison's desire been gratified this nation would have been plunged in a useless and expensive war with Chili. Fortunately for both countries the difficulty will be amicably adjusted by arbitration, which is more becoming the dignity of the United States which stands forth as the most peaceable and enlightened nation of the world. We are not a set of savage, bloodthirsty and war like people.

THIS week we publish the list of democratic committeemen for the various voting districts of Centre county. The men are appointed to serve for one year, 1892. As this is a presidential year each one appointed should cheerfully accept the same with the intention of devoting some of his time to the interests of the party. We are anxious to see Centre county roll up a full 1000 majority this year. Chairman Shaeffer has selected good men to assist him and we hope each and all will do what they can to wage a good fight in our county for the principles of the democracy.

THE SITUATION.

WILL IT BE CLEVELAND OR HILL.

The Fight for the Democratic Presidential Nomination—Where the two Conventions will be Held.

The presidential campaign is now fairly opened, and for the next ten or eleven months the air will be filled with assertions, details, rumors, roarbacks, the stirring strains of brass bands, the echoes of stump orators and the voice of the man who says, "I'll bet you five!" at any and every stage of the campaign, and many patriotic citizens will bring sorrow to the hearts of their wives by standing on the street corners to argue the merits of their favorite candidate while dinner waits. It may be that the presidential term will be lengthened in order to prevent the alleged damage to business caused by too frequent campaigns, with the possibility of a change in the national policy, but it will be a sad curtailment of the right of the free and independent voter to shout himself hoarse one year out of four.

The places for holding both conventions have been selected. The republicans will nominate their standard-bearer at Minneapolis on June 7, and two weeks later the democratic delegates will meet at Chicago and name the next president of the United States.

Just now it is difficult to guess the names of the nominees of either party. If the democratic nomination was decided by the great mass of voters, there is no doubt but Grover Cleveland would secure the prize. But other elements enter into the contest. Mr. Cleveland is very likely to lose the delegation from his own state, and as New York will undoubtedly be the pivotal state, as heretofore, notwithstanding the new states upon which the republicans are banking so heavily, it is not reasonable to expect that the national democratic convention will disregard the attitude of the delegation from the Empire state. The report has been spread that Mr. Cleveland is about to announce his withdrawal from the contest. The only thing that lends an air of probability to the statement is the deep disgust the ex-president must have felt when he heard for what base and undemocratic purposes his name had been used in Pennsylvania. Senator Hill is moving rapidly to the front as a factor in the fight, but it is not a foregone conclusion that he is working for the nomination, although it looks that way. Senator Carlisle is being talked of considerably in this connection and ex-Secretary Whitney has a number of strong friends. There are several dozen more gentlemen in the democratic party who would accept the nomination with becoming modesty and a strong confidence of election.

On the other side there seems to be but two candidates—President Harrison and his secretary of state, James G. Blaine. The latter says nothing on the subject, and by this method keeps all other competitors off the track while he greatly worries his worthy chief. Up to date it looks like Harrison, who has been inscrupulously using the power of the administration to strengthen his position.

The game is opened and you can bet your money while the ball is rolling.

Liquor and Tobacco Used.

The following is an illustration of the present magnitude of the tobacco and liquor traffic of the United States. The figures are not encouraging to the advocates of temperance. Last year the revenue from tobacco manufactories was \$33,000,000.

The manufacture of cigars has reached the enormous total of three billions annually. But a small portion of smokers will use a cigarette. What a number must then be consumed by each of the victims of this pernicious habit during his brief existence. As to spirits, there is no fear of a dry season. Enough whiskey was distilled in 1890 to furnish every man woman and child in the United States, not excepting the ex-indulgents who are sojourning in penitentiaries and insane asylums with two gallons each. The present average daily output from the stills is 160,000 gallons. More than 100,000 Internal Revenue stamps and licenses printed daily by the government is a fact worth the consideration of American citizens.

Wanted.

4,000 bushels of good, clean, white oats; market price—cash.

BELLEFONTE FUEL & SUPPLY CO. (Office at old Snow Shoe coal yard.)

The Philad. Branch, in order to dispose of their winter stock, will sell goods at cost.

INTELLIGENT CITIZENSHIP.

From the Philad. Times.
Judge Furst, of the Forty-ninth Judicial district, made a public statement on Wednesday when granting naturalization papers to an Englishman, that hereafter he should make it an inflexible rule to require of applicants for citizenship that they shall have read the Constitution of the United States and of Pennsylvania before he will grant naturalization papers. In other words, Judge Furst proposes to be responsible for the citizenship of no foreign born applicants who do not learn the fundamental principles of the government they propose to help administer.

In planting himself upon this principle Judge Furst is clearly right, and his example should be followed by every Judge, State or Federal, to whom applications for naturalization are made. While it is and always has been the policy of this government to extend an open welcome to those of whatever nation or clime who desire to become citizens of the United States, it is only fair to the native citizens that those who apply for naturalization shall before being invested with citizenship know something of the duties and responsibilities of citizens. This they cannot do while they remain ignorant of the fundamental principles upon which our Federal and State Governments are founded. No foreigner should ever have been naturalized upon any other condition, and the necessity has become all the more imperative now that emigration has swelled to such enormous figures, and that our later acquisitions of foreign population are being drawn from so many different sources.

But if Judge Furst's condition of citizenship is justly applicable to foreign born applicants, why no to native born as well? Sauce for the foreign goose should be sauce for the native gander. A foreign ignoramus is not likely to be more of a menace to American liberty than a native one. And in order that native born citizens may know something of their own government, should not the public schools be required to teach the fundamental principles of both our Federal and State Governments? Judge Furst has laid down a rule of wide application and one that cannot be to quickly applied. There are a great many native voters that know as little about the Constitution of the United States and of the State in which they live as they do about the form of government that exists in the planet Jupiter. It is too late to require of them common intelligence and these subjects, but the coming generations of voters should not be allowed to remain in ignorance.

Which are You?

The editor of the Pottsville Spirit has been moralizing, and gets off the following:

"Are you a knocker or a booster? This world is divided into the two classes. To which do you belong? The knocker goes through life giving everybody a knock or a punch in the ribs. Nothing is right. All men in the eyes of the knocker, are designing rascals, and ought to be hanged on general principles. Everything is going to the demmition bow-woos, and the world is only a den for disconsolate man to pace restlessly up and down in and snap and snarl. The booster is a different sort of an individual. He goes about with sunshine in his soul, and loves to impart it to his surroundings. He gives in man. It delights him to give a fellow mortal a lift, and to him life is a rhapsody, full of music and song and green fields and sweet flowers and sparkling brooks. He discriminates between the good and the bad, and loves the world for the good there is in it. He is not a carrion bird that can see only the putrid things in life. He holds his head aloft and in consequence sees the starlit dome of God instead of the mud. Again we would inquire, are you a knocker or a booster?"

Selling Out.

That is just what is taking place at Simon Loeb's clothing store, this place. As it is his intention to leave our town this coming spring, his entire stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods must be sold. All goods in the store have been reduced in price and are being sold far below cost. This is an excellent opportunity to save money and you should not miss it.

THE war with Chili is over at last and no one was hurt or even smelt gun powder. It made a first-class winter sensation and gave our people an idea of the weakness of our navy upon which many millions have been squandered in the past.

QUAY'S 'VINDICATION.'

Our distinguished contemporary, the Hon. M. S. Quay, appears to be hunting mighty small game this winter seeking vindication in the Pennsylvania courts because of insignificant charges against him by obscure persons while the New York World invites him to sue for damages on account of great and serious accusations. It is very much like skirting around a tiger to get at a rabbit. When the Senator gets his gun to go a hunting he ought to load it for bear not for sparrows. The Pittsburg and Beaver newspapers, which Mr. Quay is now suing for criminal libel, did not say anything particularly bad or amazing about him. They intimated that Mr. Quay was acquainted with Bardsley and once received a check from him in the course of some rather indefinite "business." The World charged him with nearly every crime in the calendar, and then besought him with tears in its eyes to sue for damages. If Mr. Quay is out for a vindication that will be of service, one that may amount to a certificate of character, why don't he skip the Beaver Star and Pittsburg Post and collar the New York World in earnest. "This thing of getting out a howitzer to shoot a chipmunk is not real sportsmanship."—Washington Post.

Spring Mills.

Mr. M. Snyder has put up his steam saw mill on the timber tract of Emanuel Shook, at the foot of Brush mountain.

Several of George Winkleblich's family are down with diphtheria.

Charles Henich is down with grippe. Charles E. Gramley has made sale of his household effects, and will leave for Illinois in a few days.

W. R. From has cut down all the trees of the beautiful grove back of the new Reformed church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Krise celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage on last Thursday evening. A large number of friends and neighbors responded to their ticket of invitation and all seemed to enjoy themselves. A great many presents were received. Supper was served between 8 and 9 o'clock, when over forty persons took their places around the tables that were loaded with good things to eat.

Since writing the above your correspondent heard that the remaining child of the family of Wm. Luse, near Penn's Cave, died. The mother is the only member of the family left. Father and three children have all been carried away with that dread scourge, diphtheria. X.

A Handsome Fortune.

About the first of January Catharine Brosius, a widow, living at Northumberland, died and left an immense estate to heirs. The estate embraces bonds and stocks that are exceedingly valuable also a large amount of real estate, the total of which it is said will amount to over a million dollars. Mrs. Wm. Brown, dec'd was a niece of Catharine Brosius and her children will receive one ninth of the estate, which will be divided among her seven children living in Centre and Clinton counties. They are Frank and Benjamin Brown, of Blanchard; David, George, Elizabeth, Mary and Francis of Clinton county. This will entitle each of the above to one-sixty third of the estate which will be a handsome fortune for each. We are glad to hear of our friend Frank Brown's good luck.

How They are Called.

A flock of girls is called a bevy, a bevy of wolves is called a pack, a pack of thieves is called a gang and a gang of angles is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a shoal, and a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a covey, and a covey of beauties is called a horde, and a horde of rubbish is called a heap, heap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whales is called a school, and a school of worshippers is called a congregation, and a congregation of engineers is called a corps, and a corps of robbers is called a band, and a band of locusts is called a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd.

The DeMoss Family, famous for their vocal and instrumental music, will give an entertainment in the Evangelical church at Bellefonte, on Monday evening, February 8th. The price of admission will be 25 and 15 cents. As they give a fine concert and the proceeds are for the benefit of the church it should receive liberal patronage.

You will not be disappointed by the "Midnight Alarm" next Friday evening.

HICK'S PREDICTION.

WEATHER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Read it Carefully and see if it Proves Correct—A Reliable Weather Prophet.

The first February storm period will center about the third. By this date warmer weather, low barometer, and well defined storm movements will be advancing from western regions. By the 6th, heavy storms of rain and snow will have visited in their eastward progress most of the country. The chances for dangerous blizzards are many to the northward about the 3rd, 4th and 5th. About the same dates the first battle between boreas and warm equatorial currents will take place around the southern flanks of storm movements. Sharp thunder storms with rain turning to hail and sleet will be the natural results. Cold days will follow until about the 9th and 10th, when the temperature will rise and secondary storms will again pass from west to east. At the winding up of every storm period, whether your section has been touched by actual storms or not, look for winds to shift to north and for the return of cold.

The 15th is the central day for the next regular period. This means that by that date it will be growing warmer in western parts of the country, storms will be organizing, winds shifting to east and south, and advancing low areas of atmospheric pressure will prepare the path for the storm king in his ride toward the Atlantic. By the evening of the 18th he will get there, leaving in his rear a fresh supply of polar air, with snow to the north, and gored streams overflowing narrow valleys in central and southern regions. The reactionary movements of temperatures and storms will center on the 21st and 22nd day touching it. Look for the different phases of all periods of disturbance from one to three days earlier in the west than in the Atlantic regions. Remember that the winds blow in the center of the disturbance, giving warmer winds from the east and south when the center is in the west, and colder winds from the west and north when the center of the storm is in the east.

About the 25th, all these indications will show to all observers that storm conditions are becoming well defined in the west. The 29th is the central day of the period. The new moon on the 27th, an equinox of Mercury on March 2nd, and the growing strength of our vernal equinoctial, will add to the disturbances which are sure to result from about the 29th to 29th. The storms will most likely exhibit all the characteristics of blizzards in the north, charging to rain and sleet, and finally to storms of tropical and cyclonic tendency in middle and southern sections. No one need be caught unawares, as the elements will give timely warning to him who will heed, indicating clearly the kind of phenomena to be expected locally. General cold will be on as February merges into March.

Those who remember our explanation of the Venus disturbances and will keep in mind the fact that the Equinox of Venus, falling on January 27th, will continue as a disturbing factor almost through February, will be prepared for all that may come—sudden and extreme changes and all. While we write these lines we feel personal distress at the report of suffering and death to man and beast as a result of the cold now prevailing. Many were thrown completely off their guard by moderate weather in December, but all who heeded our warning in January forecasts are safely weathering the greatest crisis of cold and storm known in our country for many winters. See that you understand and heed our warnings for February.

The Silver Spike Driven.

On Monday afternoon of last week, at fifty minutes past two, a silver spike was driven on the Chest Creek part of the new Cambria & Clearfield railroad. This was the last spike on the line, but considerable work in the way of ballasting, putting in switches, etc., remains to be done. The work of building the telegraph line has been begun. As soon as the road is taken off the hands of the contractors, traffic on it will commence, and Hastings will then have direct connections with Cresson.

THE course of the Democratic party in the present session of Congress will be to revise a number of the sections in the McKinley bill. No effort will be made to have a Democratic Tariff Reform measure passed, as it would be killed in the U. S. Senate by the Republican majority or vetoed by Benjamin H.

Excursion to Washington, D. C.

Gratifying was the success of the first tour in the Washington Pennsylvania Railroad series, which left the 21st instant. The tours afford a delightful opportunity of visiting the National Capitol in its most attractive season and while both houses of Congress are in session and all the departments open to visitors; three tours remain, 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 35	12.55 p. m.
Bellefonte	7 25	10.25 a. m.
Clearfield	7 25	9.36 "
Phillipsburg	7 25	10.27 "
Osceola	7 25	10.40 "
Tyone	7 25	1.20 p. m.
Washington	arrive	8.45 "

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.

The Growth of Christianity.

If we sum up the encouragements of hope, founded on the success of Christian work, the figures are as follows: Three centuries after Christ there were 5,000,000 Christians. Eight centuries after Christ there were 30,000,000 Christians. Ten centuries after Christ there were 50,000,000 Christians. Fifteen centuries after Christ there were 100,000,000 Christians. Eighteen centuries after Christ there were 174,000,000 Christians. Now there are 450,000,000 Christians. The followers of the three religions, Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism, all combined, are less in number than the Christians alone. Including the latest division of Africa among the European powers, about four-fifths of the land of the world is under Christian control.

Old Boatmen's Anniversary.

The old boatmen, Portage railroad and forwarding men are going to renew long ago associations and have a good time by a re-union at Newport, Perry county, on Thursday and Friday, the 18th and 19th. Rev. S. W. Seibert will deliver the address of welcome and there will be numerous other addresses, one of which will be delivered by Superintendent E. B. Westfall, of Williamsport, and one by Superintendent S. S. Blair, of Tyone. There will be plenty of good music and a grand parade, in which will be exhibited models of all sorts of canal boats in use from the year 1832 until the present time.

Auditors Statement.

The following is an extract from the County Auditors' statement for the past year:

"We find from the books and accounts in the Commissioners office that total expenditure of the county for the year ending Jan. 1st, 1892, was \$61,257.57, which includes \$11,579.39 of loans paid and \$13,255.43 of accounts of former years paid during 1891."

Girls Read This.

Somebody who pretends to know says: Nothing wears away a woman's good looks like cold water. It is worse than sickness and more ravaging than the hand of time. Get a young girl at fifteen to begin scrubbing herself with cold soap and water three times a day, and by the time she is thirty, she will be as gray skinned and rough as a potato grater and as shivered as a russet that has been out in the grass all winter.

On Tuesday Mr. Newton Spangler completed his legal studies and passed the necessary examinations to be admitted to the practice of law in the courts of Centre county. He appeared before court and took the oath and now is a full fledged attorney. My Spangler is a deserving young man and we know he will succeed. While reading law with Orvis, Bower & Orvis he studied stenography and to day he is quite proficient. He has the ability and pluck to make one of the future leading lights of this bar. He is a thoroughly reliable young man and any business entrusted to his care will be properly attended to.

Messrs. Orin Vale and Dr. Buckingham, of Phillipsburg, were in town on Wednesday. They report things in good shape in their community and especially the Democracy, in which they take much interest.

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