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Editorial.

THE Gazette says "The country is safe." That settles it.

THE latest estimate of the popular vote is that Cleveland will have 623,000 more votes than Harrison. That is a decided expression of the people.

THE new congress will have 222 democrats, 125 republicans and seven people's party members. That makes a very decided majority for tariff reform measures.

THE democratic vote in Pennsylvania made large gains in every section of its state and the republican vote likewise fell off, except in Philadelphia; here the republicans run everything.

OHIO went for Harrison by a majority of about 1,000. That was quite a come down for the old Buckeye state. It seems certain that California will remain in the democratic column. The victory is large enough; there is no need for more.

"The Times" is the name of a new paper, to be issued at Williamsport, Pa., starting with the 1st of December. It will be an independent democratic daily and issued in connection with the Philadelphia Times, by using almost the same general news matter.

AFTER the 4th of March next the Judiciary will be the only branch of government in which the republicans will have a majority. By the close of Cleveland's term it is quite likely that that department will be changed somewhat and there will be little left for them.

LIEUTENANT PEARY, the famous Arctic explorer who penetrated farther into the ice bound territory in the north seas than any other known explorer, is to start out on a second expedition in search of the famous north pole. It is often said that the long-lost Charlie Ross is located up there.

JUDGE McMullen, of Lancaster, has instructed the grand jury of his court to find indictments against all persons known to them who bet money on the election. This chap is a republican and has not recovered from the disappointment of the recent election. Had the result gone as he wished, we doubt if he would have taken such a stand.

THE new comet that was recently discovered in the skies election, by some of our famous astronomers, is the latest sensation since the election. It is said to be coming in the direction of the earth. If it would only pass by Washington about the 4th day of next March, at 5 p. m., there would be no occasion for the democrats to expend their wealth on fire works.

THERE is little doubt but that Senator Quay will again be sent back to the U. S. Senate by the next legislature which is largely republican. Those democratic rainbow chasers who insisted that there was a good opportunity for us to capture the state legislature have not been heard from since the election. The opportunity was good indeed, but was so large that the democracy could not embrace it.

A RECENT convert to the Christian Scientist faith, in Oklahomo territory, was told by the leader of the society that if he possessed faith he could perform miracles—pick up the most venomous and deadly serpents without fear or danger. The other day the convert saw a large rattlesnake and his faith became strong, he picked the rattler up. The latest news in regard to the experiment is that the new convert lingered but a few days—now his toes are turned towards the daisies.

When you see a youth who will do any sort of work, no matter how menial it may be, rather than be idle, you can make up your mind that fellow amounts to something. The young man who would starve before he would do anything beneath what he conceives to be his dignity, is not made of the right kind of stuff to cut much of a figure in this life. "Any port in a storm" is a good maxim. Don't be afraid of any sort of work so long as it is honorable. That is the spirit that wins.

DON'T BE PREJUDICED.

It is the weakness of humanity to fall into error. Wrong conclusions are often entertained because small prejudices obtain full control of our better senses and reasoning faculties. It takes time and the most ample proof to persuade many to cast aside old theories and accept the new—all on account of prejudice.

This fact was clearly demonstrated in the adoption of the new form of voting. People denounced the new system before they knew what it was like—that was natural. Some were even so pronounced as to refuse to vote, when they knew nothing about it. Their prejudice was unusually strong.

Since last Tuesday, the general verdict is that the Baker Ballot system is a great improvement over former methods—yet it needs a few alterations. In this case, after a thorough trial, prejudice has been wiped out in most cases, and general approval is the result.

Let us apply this rule to another case that confronts us. By the verdict of the people, endorsing the plea of the democratic party for tariff reform, a decided change will be made in the policy of the country—protection for favored industries at the expense of the consumers will be stopped. The tariff duties will be reduced. The prospect of this change has aroused great prejudice among the rank and file of what is left of the republican party. The protection doctrine has been hammered into them, as it were, by their party leaders, and it seems impossible for them to think otherwise but that the country will go to the dogs, under Cleveland's administration.

To all who are in such a frame of mind we would say: Don't be uneasy. Give the democrats a fair chance and don't howl before you are hurt. If tariff reform accomplishes the good its advocates promise, we believe the patriotic sentiment, that lingers in the heart of every true American, will endorse the policy or measure that tends to better the condition of our people and bring prosperity to the entire country.

The democratic party will be put to test during the next four years. They have made pledges to the people that must be carried out. Give them a fair chance. Don't condemn them before the time.

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Big Gains.

The prohibitionists are rejoicing because they have almost doubled their vote in this county for president. In 1888 they had 173 votes and this year, 1892, they polled 316, a gain of 144. When their total vote in the county is but a fragment of the popular vote, a gain of a few votes makes a large percentage for them to boast of. It may be a mistake for us to grin a little about their success in politics, "great oaks from little acorns grow," but the process is so awfully slow that most of us will be old and feeble, some gray haired and toothless, even should they develop in speed with the acorn. We must admire the persistency of their efforts and the philosophical manner they assume in the regular defeat of their ticket.

For a significant gain look at the democratic side of the result. In 1888 Cleveland's majority in the county over Harrison was 138. In 1892, 926 over six times that of four years ago. The democrats of Centre county certainly have made gains of which they well can feel proud.

Pennsylvania's Vote.

The official count for Pennsylvania's vote this year has been completed and stands as follows for the different party's presidential electors:

Harrison, Rep.	516,911
Cleveland, Dem.	482,254
Bidwell, Proh.	23,129
Peoples Party	8,714
Socialist Party	805
Total	1,030,805

That gives Harrison a majority over Cleveland of 63,747. In nearly all the districts of the State Cleveland made gains and Harrison fell short of that of 1888, but the vote in Philadelphia made up considerable of the loss. The republicans in that city have the complete control and are well organized, while the democrats are in bad shape and always disorganized.

Badly Fooled.

The Phillipsburg Ledger tells the following: "Butcher Frank Flegal laid down and rolled over and laughed on Saturday morning when he came to open his shop and saw that some sneak thief had stolen a wooden ham that he kept hanging in front of his shop for a sign. It was neatly covered and 'hefted' exactly like a genuine ham. Frank says he would have given a dollar to have been where he could see that fellow's face when he cut the cover off his supposed prize."

HOW LONG CAN WE STAND IT?

For the first twelve years after the war was over, while there was grateful appreciation of the service done by Union soldiers and an anxious intent to properly care for all who were disabled, there was no organized raid upon the public treasury. The payments for pensions in 1871 had reached \$34,443,805. This was the apparent maximum. It was the opinion of General Grant that \$30,000,000 was a limit that ought not to be exceeded. Later, General Garfield placed the amount necessary to cover all needful expenditure at \$35,000,000. There was a natural yearly decrease in the payments for pensions from 1871 to 1878. In the latter year the whole pension appropriation was \$27,137,019; the number of veterans entitled to receive them having declined from 240,000 to 224,000.

After that time pension legislation took the form of a political propitiation of "the soldier vote." Neither political party had the courage to oppose it. The Arrears bill was passed. The business of hunting up claimants and prosecuting claims became an organized and profitable industry. The Disability bill followed, and hundreds of private pension bills which could not stand the scrutiny of the Pension Office were rushed through Congress. The House has a record of passing 113 private pension bills in ninety minutes. At this rate of procedure the number of pensioners was soon increased fourfold, and there was a dizzy advance in the amount of disbursements from \$37,137,019 in 1878 to \$118,548,959 in 1891. The estimated amount required to pay the pensions for the current fiscal year is \$186,000,000!

The staggering load laid upon the productive industry of the country by this outlay is hardly conceivable except by comparison with other forms of public expenditure. It is one-third of the whole sum of the cost of maintaining the Government even under the auspices of a Billion Dollar Congress. It is double the sum total of pensions paid by five of the great European Powers, as follows:

Great Britain (1891)	\$27,000,000
France (1892)	27,783,000
German Empire	13,283,000
Austria	12,245,000
Russia (1878)	18,000,000
Total	\$94,311,000

It is time that the people of the United States should seriously consider what may be done to check this frightful drain upon the public purse, which outruns all calculations for providing needed revenue and threatens the credit of the country. At the rate at which the Pension Office is now adding to the list of pensioners it will require \$250,000,000 to \$275,000,000 to make the pension payments for 1893. Where is the money to come from? It is not a party question. The task of reduction is a purely business affair, which must be met in a business way by a careful purgation of the pension lists and amendment of the pension laws—Record.

Quay and Hastings a Team.

The Philadelphia Record, of last Saturday, says:

Collector Thomas V. Cooper has caused something of a political sensation by coming out openly in his paper at Media, Pa., to favor strongly the reelection of Senator Quay. He says, as the vast majority of republicans in the state are for the Senator, there should not be any opposition to his re-election. At the same time, the Collector formally starts General Hastings' boom for Governor. He declares the republicans want Hastings and should have him.

This suits some of our hungry republican friends about Bellefonte all of whom would want an appointment in the event of the General's success. Bellefonte would feel highly honored by having another Governor chosen from our midst.

—Model Minstrels at the opera house next Wednesday evening.

—A fine entertainment at the opera house next Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th. Sweeney, Alvido & Goetz's Model minstrels.

—The only way to secure a good crayon portrait is to have them taken directly from the negative instead of the photo. It costs no more and is by far superior. Call at Finkbinder's gallery and see the work. 12-8

A Woman Senator.

It is probable that the populist party, of Kansas, which is in a majority in that state's legislature, may elect Mrs. Mary Lease as their representative for the U. S. Senate. Mrs. Lease is credited with being the founder and leader of that party. The presence of a woman in the U. S. Senate would be an innovation. Strange things happen.

A CHANGE WAS NEEDED.

Found a Hundred Million Surplus and Leave a Hundred Million Deficit. From the New York Herald.

When the Democrats went out of office in March, 1889, there was a surplus of a hundred million dollars in the Treasury. When they return to power in March, 1893, they will have to meet a deficit of a hundred millions.

In other words the Republicans found a hundred million surplus and will leave a hundred million deficit.

A prolific cause of this depletion of the national Treasury has been the notorious pension extravagance of Republican legislation. The headlong increase in the number of pensioners and the amount of pensions during ten years is shown by the following figures:

Year	Number Pensioners	Amount
1882	296,997	\$54,296,290
1883	303,658	60,431,972
1884	322,756	57,375,538
1885	345,125	65,685,706
1886	365,783	65,964,279
1887	406,007	74,815,486
1888	452,557	79,646,146
1889	499,725	89,131,969
1890	537,944	106,496,800
1891	676,169	118,548,959

This shows that in the first year of the present Republican Administration the amount paid in pensions was eighty nine million dollars. In the second year it leaped to a hundred and six millions, and in the third it rose to more than a hundred and eighteen and a half millions. In the fourth or last year of Republican rule the aggregate will be a hundred and fifty millions, and the next year it will reach two hundred millions unless the outflow is checked.

This is a serious outlook for the nation. Obviously there is but one of two courses to pursue—either to cut down the rapidly-growing expenditures or meet them either by oppressive taxation or by running into debt. That the first course is the only safe one to adopt must be obvious to all.

Will the Republicans join with the Democrats in cutting down expenditures or will they insist on plunging the country into debt at the risk of bankruptcy?

COMING DOWN.

Last week we published a sample editorial from the Gazette, notable for its small size. Editor Feidler, realizing that offensive partisan politics and abuse of the choice of the people—Grover Cleveland—was bad policy for a federal office-holder, concluded to come down a little in the hope of saving his post-officeship, at least, until the expiration of his full term, June 1894. For that purpose, apparently, the following was published in his paper last week:

Country Still Safe.

"Now since everything is over and the democrats of Centre county have had their ratification in Bellefonte, this community will settle down to solid business again, and the political lines will in a measure be obliterated. This is as it should be.

Mr. Cleveland is President elect of the United States and will be inaugurated March 4th next. After that he is the chief executive of republicans as well as democrats and as such will be honored by all irrespective of politics. Mr. Cleveland is not untried in the capacity he is to fill. He was there for four years and proved himself a safe man, therefore we have not much to fear from him. The most dangerous feature is if the democratic platform is carried out to the letter, such a policy would surely bring business stagnation. The industrial, agricultural and business elements of the country look to Mr. Cleveland to avoid all dangerous legislation, and we believe he will do it."

It is amusing indeed to see Bro. Feidler come down from his lofty (?) political perch and doff his hat to Grover and say the "country still safe." That is eating crow with a vengeance. We have an idea that Grover feels much better since Feidler stopped saying such nasty things about him.

28th District.

The Return Judges for the 28th Congressional district met in Clearfield on Tuesday of last week. The following is the vote in the district:

Kribbs, Anderson, Bigelow.			
Centre	4772	2634	383
Clarion	3794	2327	111
Clearfield	6195	4791	688
Elk	2198	1726	
Forest	685	949	100
Total	17,285	13,885	1,222

Kribbs' plurality over Anderson, 4,002.
" majority over all, 2,708.
Scattering: E. H. Luce had 1 vote in Clarion.

Boozing Again.

John L. Sullivan, the ex-champion slugger and the drunken man from Boston, was on a big tear at York, Pa., last week. He wanted to enter a cab to go to his hotel, but found an occupant there in the person of Detective Samuel Walliek. Sullivan wanted the cab all to himself and commanded the detective to vacate. To this Walliek objected, and the prize fighter got in and pulled him out, tore his coat and pulled the wearer about roughly. Walliek swore out a warrant for Sullivan's arrest, but the manager of the company settled the case before the beast was arrested.

Soon a Four Track Road.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has just given out contracts for increasing the number of tracks on the division between Harrisburg and Altoona. The work not only includes the increasing of the number of tracks but also the construction of new bridges between Philadelphia and Altoona. This work is to be completed not later than the 15th of February and everything is to be in running order by the 15th of March.

Chief Engineer Brown and his assistants of the Pennsylvania railroad company have during the last year been making a number of surveys along the line of this road between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. A number of sharp curves have been taken out and where ever it has been feasible the number of tracks have been increased so that when the above work has been completed the road will be a four track one from Jersey City to Pittsburg.

Along the line of the New York division the company is now busily engaged in laying the pneumatic system of automatic interlining signals. The power house is now being built at Holmesburg Junction, and a like one will be built close to the tracks of the main line division in Philadelphia. Besides this the company is also increasing the number of tracks from four to five and in some places six tracks are now laid and ready for business.

Thanksgiving Reflections.

What a world it is which when the great festival of Thanksgiving comes again on its yearly round, there is always something to be found thankful for, even, it would seem in the case of the most wretched?

Are we poor? We might be beggars. Are we beggars? We might be lepers. Are we lepers? Our sickness might be unto death. Is it unto death? We have yet a heaven beyond. For all let us give thanks. Thanks surely if we are in health of body and even in illness there is much reason and occasion to be found for a grateful heart. Has trouble come to you now? It might be much worse. Are we alone? There is a poorer company than ourselves to be had. Have we lost our dearest and best? They, at any rate, are not here to suffer. Has the year dealt crushing blows in business? It has not taken away also our power and will to work. Have we work? Then for that and all the rest give thanks again. Give thanks, thanks that we live and breathe and have our being in this world of wonder and light and beauty. For poor and sick and sad though we may be, though other hands may grasp the field and forest, Proud proprietors in pomp may shine, But with fervent love if thou adorest, Thou art wealthier—all the world is thine.

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Minstrels Coming.

Next Wednesday evening there will be a fine attraction at the opera house in the appearance of Sweeney, Alvido & Goetz's Model minstrels. This same company was at the opera house one year ago and gave the best of satisfaction. They will have new songs, new specialties, new music and will draw a large house. It will be an evening of wit, humor, fine music, with songs and dancing.

Another Failure.

The Huntington car works, owing to lack of orders, have closed down for an indefinite period. Some of our sorely disappointed republican friends attribute this, at once, to the election of Grover. Poor Grover now gets the blame for an establishment closing down that never was a success from the day it was built. Grover can stand it—his back is broad. Heap more onto him.

Had to Eat a Rat.

Some weeks ago two well known gentlemen of Dobbin, W. Va., made an agreement that should Harrison be elected the Democrats should eat a live rat in the town hall, and should Cleveland be elected vice-versa. The parties to this contract were Captain W. P. Mooney and James J. McCabe. With McCabe's consent, it was agreed that the rat should be cooked. Saturday night, at 7 o'clock, the town hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and the spectators witnessed the execution of one of the most novel bets of the campaign.

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