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Editorial.

THE electoral college will meet in Harrisburg on Monday, January 9, to cast its vote for president and vice-president.

CONGRESS convened on Tuesday of this week. It will be an interesting session as there are large deficiencies to be made up in the treasury.

JERE S. BLACK, of York, has resigned as assistant to the executive commissioner of the World's Fair board to resume the study of law and Col. John A. Woodward, of Centre county, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

THE Reporter, of last week, puts forward the name of D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, as a suitable and deserving man as well, for the position of 4th assistant postmaster general. That position is now held by Gen. Hazen, of Norristown, Pa.

IN Brockwayville, Pa., the selection of postmaster is to be by the vote of registered democrats of the town. The lowest candidate to be dropped and the balloting continue until a candidate receives a majority of all the votes cast. By such a system often the most popular man, instead of the most efficient and most deserving, would be selected.

THE editor of the Renovo News, M. J. Dillon, has been sued for libel, by two men who claim that their wife's characters were assailed through the columns of said paper. \$1,000 damages are asked for. It is foolish to sue a newspaper man for such a sum of money.

A PETITION has been received by Governor Pattison from the members of the Cambria, Centre, Huntingdon and Blair county bars, asking for the appointment of Augustus S. Landis, of Hollidaysburg, to fill the vacancy in the Fifty-ninth judicial district, caused by the election of Judge John Dean to the supreme bench. Judge Dean has not yet set in his resignation to the Governor.

THOSE who have not given the subject close attention will be startled to know that nearly 200,000 pensioners were added to the rolls June 30, last, being 876,068. To meet the demand of this list not less than \$165,000,000 will be required next year. Adding to those now on the rolls the claimants whose cases have not yet been adjusted we find nearly thirty years after the war is over 1,329,000 persons entitled to or seeking government support or bounty.

A CLOSE friend of President Harrison's, who seems to know something of the nation's chief executive's plans for the future, says that Mr. Harrison will make an extended visit to Europe next summer and spend several months in the large manufacturing cities in England, Germany and perhaps other continental countries. His purpose is to study the conditions of European countries and then write a book on American tariff when he returns. As for his business for the future he will form a law partnership with Attorney General Miller and two other prominent lawyers of Indianapolis.

THE president's message to congress, on Tuesday shows that Harrison fears the country will be ruined by future democratic legislation on the tariff. He doubts the intelligence of the people in their verdict of last November. He laments the dangers that will follow if the democrats fulfill all their pledges made during the campaign. His final message is the embodiment of grave doubts, fears and lamentations. Like David mourning for the loss of Absalom, Harrison mourns for his busted up "grand old party" and for his overwhelming defeat. "Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things?"

"Tales from Town Topics," No. 6, increased in size and contains an original novelette entitled "The Sale of a Soul," has made its appearance. The long story is interesting, and the select-matter the best the New York society journal has printed in the past years.—TOWN TOPICS, 21 West Twenty-third street, New York.

MEET THE DANGER AT ONCE.

Let considerate and patriotic Senators and Representatives of both parties soberly study the revolutionary political movements in Kansas, Wyoming, Montana and Oregon; the uncertainty as to the electoral vote in North Dakota and California, and the change of an electoral vote in Ohio and Kansas by technical errors of voters, and they must reach the conclusion that our cumbersome and arbitrary Electoral College is pregnant with fearful peril to the future safety of the Republic.

There would be no safety to the government now if the presidential contest of 1892 depended upon the change of a few electoral votes; and the nearly evenly divided popular strength of parties as shown since 1872, soberly admonishes our statesmen of the extreme danger to our free institutions in future national contests, if our present electoral system shall be continued. Let us not forget that in 1876 one electoral vote decided the presidency, and that against a popular majority of 250,000, after the nation had been brought to the very verge of anarchy.

What statesman is equal to the task of promptly presenting an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of president and vice president by a direct vote of the people, and making the presidential term six years hereafter with ineligibility for immediate re-election? The statesman who shall propose and press to success such an amendment to our fundamental law, must win the grateful homage of the whole people of the country.

The amendment should provide that the people will vote directly for president; that the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected; that all persons qualified to vote for members of the popular branch of Congress shall be qualified to vote for President, and a national tribunal, as free from partisan bias as possible, should be created to pass upon any contest of a national election.

Such an amendment would end the mastery of money in Presidential battles; it would end the vocation of the boodler and the ballot thief in a dozen or more debatable states and it would compel parties to appeal to the whole country on broad, patriotic issues instead of collecting millions to win particular states by debauchery. It would nationalize our Presidential conflicts and at once elevate and purify the political methods of all parties. The original purpose of the Electoral system perished a century ago, and it is now only a careless fountain of demoralization in national battles and a fearful menace to the perpetuity of the Republic.

The business and industrial interests of the country have become so vast and varied that a Presidential contest every four years, with the possible change of governmental policy, has become one of the gravest obstacles to business trust and tranquillity. No administration policy can be intelligently tested in the brief period of the Presidential term after its enactment, and uncertainty and unrest are ever hanging like a pall over the energies of the people. With a Presidential term of six years, and the President ineligible to election as his own immediate successor, every material interest of the country would be inspired by general confidence and the nation would be spared the often humiliating and lawless abuse of the power of the government to continue an administration in office.

These amendments to the national Constitution would mean tranquillity and confidence in all the varied channels of finance, commerce, industry and trade, and they would mean peace to the country and safety to the Republic. If proposed to the states by the present congress, they would be promptly ratified by the nearly unanimous vote of the states in their respective legislatures. The men who shall lead in this great reform will be the honored statesmen and patriots of the age. Who will win this homerage from the American people?—Times.

Promptness Desired.

An exchange remarks that if subscribers to newspapers generally knew how important it was to publishers to have each individual subscription paid at the proper time, they would set down in their memorandum book the date when a fresh new year begins and would be as prompt in the payment as a note in bank, in meeting it. It is true that so small a sum as a few dollars is not much in the eyes of ninety-nine in a hundred subscribers, but the aggregate of several hundred amount to considerable, and anyone can estimate and judge what it may be to any publisher engaged in active business.

FREE WOOL.

From the New York Evening Post. The folly of the American Government's course in regard to wool was strikingly shown by the *Dry Goods Economist* a few weeks ago, when, in denouncing the Political Shepherds for the harm they have been permitted to cause, it said of their avowed intention at that time to ask for still higher duties:

"In view of this brazen attempt at further oppression of manufacturer and consumer alike, it may be interesting to note what other nations do in regard to the admission of wool grown without their own borders.

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| Great Britain..... | Raw wool free |
| Austria..... | Raw wool free |
| Denmark..... | Raw wool free |
| Italy..... | Raw wool free |
| Sweden..... | Raw wool free |
| Roumania..... | Raw wool free |
| Turkey..... | Raw wool free |
| Spain..... | 1-10 cent per lb. |
| Germany..... | Raw wool free |
| Belgium..... | Raw wool free |
| Greece..... | Raw wool free |
| Norway..... | Raw wool free |
| Holland..... | Raw wool free |
| Servia..... | Raw wool free |
| Portugal..... | 2 per cent ad val |
| Switzerland..... | 3 to 5 per cent per lb. |

"These figures are taken from a report of the French Tariff Commission. All these countries have practically free wool, despite the fact that for the most part their hard-pressed Governments want every cent of revenue which they can possibly squeeze out of taxpayers. Are McKinley, Lawrence, Delano & Co. right and foreign nations all wrong? Or are we a nation of 'chumps' for tolerating these greedy parasites upon our woolen manufacturing industry?"

We shall surely be a "nation of chumps" if after the protest of the wool growers themselves we consent to the continuance of this oppression.

The Country Boy.

Boys who are fortunate enough to be born in the country have unmistakable advantage over city lads. The country is the place of all others to be born in. The associations of youth, of home, of school, winter, and the farm, work and play mixed together in a delightful tangle, are never rooted out, but grow deeper into the character and become dearer to the being while life passes and the revolving years hold out.

It is worth more than an university education to have been born and brought up on a farm, of well-to-do parents. That supplies what no learning from the book ever can. That is a resource that stands by. It is something to feed upon. And if the boy as a man engages in a business or profession he has a stock of health and a good sound constitution to draw upon that will be sure to carry him triumphantly through when the city boys are giving way all along the road. Morally and physically he has by far the best of it.

Damages Awarded.

October 17th, 1891, there was a collision, between the Snow Shoe combination and Day Express trains, at the mill works, near Bellefonte. The force of the collision did considerable damage to the train and some of the passengers were injured. O. Perry Kreamer, of Milesburg, was a passenger on the train and sustained a fracture or injury of the spine that rendered him almost helpless and he can scarcely move about.

Suit was brought for \$25,000 damages in our court, through his attorneys Orvis, Bower & Orvis.

At the recent special term of court, a compromise was affected by which Mr. Kreamer was given \$4,500 damages and each party to pay their costs. The railroad company was guilty of negligence and preferred to settle in this way, as they don't like to go before the average jury.

Old Soldiers Passing Away.

The old soldiers of the civil war are beginning to fall rapidly before the grim reaper. Their mortality, for a number of years succeeding the war, was less than of equal number of men of the same age who had not seen military service. The reason was that the soldiers were picked men, so to speak—men who had passed a medical examination. They were "first-class" to use phrase of the life insurance men. But the wear and tear of these years of conflict now begins to tell terrible. Over half of the union service are dead, and the remainder will speedily pass away. The pensioners are dying off as fast as new names are added to the rolls, and the death rate will go on increasing.

—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.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

During the sessions of court last week the following resolutions were offered and adopted. John G. Love, Esq., read the following:

Resolved, That the retirement of Honorable Daniel H. Rhoades from the bench as one of the associate justices of the court, at the expiration of his term of office, the court, members of the bar and the people of the county part with an official who discharged the duties of his high office with great impartiality, fairness and becoming dignity, and with the highest and most unimpeachable integrity, and we profoundly regret that severe illness prevents his being present in court during the last regular term of court during his official term.

Resolved, That we express our most hearty sympathy with him in his present illness and affection and sincerely sympathize with his family because of the severe illness, and earnestly hope he may be speedily restored to health, and again be able to resume his place among us as an active, honorable and public spirited citizen, such as his life heretofore amongst us has been.

By THE COURT—We direct a minute of the above resolutions to be entered upon the records of court and a certified copy thereof be furnished to Judge Rhoades and his family.

A. O. FURST, F. J. Wm. C. Heinle, Esq., offered the following which were adopted:

WHEREAS, This is the last regular term of court for the present incumbents in the office of the Prothonotary and District Attorney to serve in said position; and **WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this bar that they would be directed of an honest and agreeable duty if they failed to recognize the faithful services rendered to this bar and to the citizenry in their official duties, and that all citizens in this county, irrespective of political parties, have had an honest upright and capable official and representative in the office of District Attorney—one whose sole object has been a prompt, effective and conscientious discharge of his duty, and having in view the emoluments attached to office, and having in view always the power of the Commonwealth to prosecute as well as to recognize the right of a citizen in defence of his liberty, upon any accusation.

Resolved, That in J. C. Meyer, Esq., the people of this county, irrespective of political parties, have had an honest upright and capable official and representative in the office of District Attorney—one whose sole object has been a prompt, effective and conscientious discharge of his duty, and having in view the emoluments attached to office, and having in view always the power of the Commonwealth to prosecute as well as to recognize the right of a citizen in defence of his liberty, upon any accusation.

Resolved, That in L. A. Schaeffer, Esq., the court, the bar and the people have had an industrious, painstaking and capable official in the office of Prothonotary of the courts. The records in the office are in better condition than they have ever been—everything under the most complete system, making it comparatively easy for the attorneys and the people to inspect the records; and that all his acts have been in a direction, giving the best public service to the people.

Resolved, That the court and the bar tender to these gentlemen their sincere thanks for their fidelity to the court, as well as their courtesy to the bar in all their official acts.

Resolved, That a minute of these proceedings be made by the court.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Grandmother Decker died at her residence, in Walker township, near Hubbersburg, on Nov. 26th, at the advanced age of 88 years, 7 months and 29 days. The deceased had been quite feeble the past three years; the past six months she was unable to help herself. Her maiden name was Marguerite Bechtel. She was born in Berks county in the year 1804, and was united in marriage to Adam Decker 67 years ago, who preceded her to the grave fourteen years ago. There were born to them eleven children, seven sons and four daughters; one son and one daughter preceded them to the spirit world.

The children are as follows: John, Adam and William, living near Hubbersburg; Samuel, at Zion; Henry, in Holton, Kansas; George, in Versailles, Missouri; Mary, wife of Thos. Shantz, in Circleville, Kansas; Kate, wife of Jacob Gephart, in Millheim, and Sarah, wife of Samuel Stemm, in Logan, Clinton county. She had fifty grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place at 10 o'clock on Tuesday from her residence, where she lived more than 64 years. She was one of the first settlers in Nittany Valley. The remains were followed by the relatives and friends to the Reformed cemetery at Hubbersburg, where she was laid by the side of her husband. The services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Brown, of the Reformed church, of which she was a faithful member. May her ashes rest in peace.

A FRIEND.

Winter Excursion Book. A very valuable book for those contemplating either an extended winter trip or a short visit to the sunny South has just been issued by the Pennsylvania railroad company. Many useful suggestions and information are contained in the little volume, which is copiously illustrated and provided with a valuable map of all the territory under consideration. Copies may be obtained at the ticket offices of the company, or upon application to Geo. W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, 233 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia.

Sell a Railroad.

The county commissioners of Somerset county do not propose to allow the South Penn Railroad Company to evade the payment of taxes, even if it is not in real existence, if they can help it. Last year every foot of property belonging to the defunct corporation was assessed, the whole aggregating in value to \$175,000, on which were placed taxes to the amount of \$2,600. An attempt was made to collect the tax, but it was not successful. Now the commissioners propose to put the property up for sale with the list of unseated lands and collect the taxes in that way. It is to be hoped that the commissioners will be successful in their efforts.

COUGHING LEADS TO CONSUMPTION. Kemp's Balsam stops the cough at once.

Die Oldte Leeder.

(By CALVIN ZEIGLER.)

O, sing mer dach de oldte leeder,
Die ich so lieb hob, nuch amohl,
See fleese dorrich gamed un gleeder
So Heilich un so Sabbottvoll.
Der choir dare shined mere usht tsu blarra;
Ken Soondawg con mer heilich si
Won net ga-needlich g'sung warra
Fawr fun de oldta Melodee.

De oldta leeder luss uns hoita,
"Ein Feshter Barriek is unser Gott"
"Vare nur den Leebein Gott lust wolda."
Un "Si Gadri Bis on Dem Dote."
"Ich Wasse Des Mein Arlaser Leabt,"
"Mein Gott Des Hartze Bring Ich Dere"
So leeder, O, ehr singer, gaht—
De harliche oldte Melodee.

My Kindheit karrich is obgarissa,
De oldte shtimma sin farloht,
Duch dorrich my sael nuch immer fleese,
De lieve leeder—nee net oldt!
Schtimm ei, ehr schweshtera un ehr breeder,
Un oldter Sundawg nuch amohl.
'En singt de gooda oldte leeder—
So Heilig un so Sabbottvoll.

Bellefonte Booms

Shortly after the election of Grover Cleveland the calamity wailers had it reported that the Valentine Iron Furnace was going to close down its furnaces and works at Bellefonte. Not only has this proved to be false, but is now authoritatively reported that work will soon be commenced to put the plant of the Bellefonte Furnace Company in condition to resume operations early next year. This plant has been idle for two years, and its resumption means employment for over one thousand men. The well-known Collins Brothers are now the head men of the furnace company.

In addition to the above it now looks as if the glass works and nail works will be put in operation again, and business men in a position to know, say the Pennsylvania and Eastern railroad from Bellefonte to Watsonstown is assured within a year. So that all told the prospects for Bellefonte under a Democratic administration are not so blue after all, but rather more rosy-hued than they have been for a long time.—Cambria Freeman.

January 1st, 1893.

That day is but a little more than three weeks distant and is an important date in the business world. By that time every business man expects to have his books, containing all transactions for the year 1892, balanced; all bills paid and collections, if possible, made. That would be doing business on business principles.

It is our aim to follow the same plan. This week every patron of this paper, who is indebted for one year's subscription, will receive a statement of account and to it we most earnestly request attention and a response. The money is ours and should be promptly paid over in every case, and that will enable us to pay those to whom we are indebted for material, and other expenses incurred in the publication of this paper. We try to pay our debts, and our delinquents should do the same. Jan. 1st, 1893, is coming and everybody should try and start in the new year on a new basis.

If you get a notice from us it is not intended for a joke. We send it because we need, and want, the amount due us.

A Complicated Case.

The overseers of the poor, of Milton borough and their attorney left Saturday for Centre county taking with them Mrs. Mary Wycoff, better known in Milton as Mrs. Garling. Some years ago she married Theodore Garling, but never had been divorced from her former husband, Samuel Wycoff, whom she supposed dead for more than twenty years, the marriage is void. Mary made applications to the overseers to be supported by the borough. Upon investigating the matter they discovered that her lawful husband, Samuel Wycoff was a resident of Blanchard, Centre county, where he has another wife. Being the lawful wife of Wycoff she gains a residence and must be provided for by the overseers of the district where he resides.—Lewisburg News.

"Fazio Romano."

This play was produced in the opera house last season and was generally conceded to be one of the best dramas produced here. The company is made up of strong actors throughout and will be sure to again please our people. It promises to draw a large house.

Received its Charter.

The Times Publishing company, of Williamsport, received its charter at Harrisburg. It has a capital stock of \$25,000 and the directors are H. R. Rhoades, Garret D. Tinsman, John Lawshe, C. LaLue Munson, Thomas Lundy, John B. T. Ryan, Williamsport.

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In Earnest.

The very best thing out—500 Boys Suits at \$1.25. They are given away at that price.

Men's Winter Pants, strong and good, worth \$2 elsewhere, we half give them away at \$1 per pair.

The very place to buy Boys' Clothing is where you can find a big stock of good goods—no end to our line of Cheviots and Cassimere suits, double breasted, perfect fitting, well made and trimmed. Price, look! \$2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00 and \$8.00

Young man, come and see us when you want a stylish, nobby, elegant fitting suit. We have all the new things in clothing. Our stock is fresh and clean and we never before had such an attractive line. Price from \$5 to \$25 a suit.

The greatest line of Dress goods, Cheviots, Serges, etc. Send for samples.

We have over two hundred different styles of Ladies' and Children's winter coats. There is not such a stock outside of Philad. or New York, and we will ship same on approval, by express C. O. D., with the privilege of examining same before paying for them, by the purchaser paying expressage one way.

We have organized a Mail Order Department. Send for samples of new dress goods, we have an immense line.

Look at our line of low priced goods. Say you want something cheap for common wear, a man's suit at \$3.50—a winter coat for \$1.50 and \$1.75.

We have suits for little, wee toddlers. Ye fond mothers come and see our Jersey suits in navy blue, bottle green, brown, trimmed in braids, and embroidered—2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00 and \$6. All sizes, 3 years up.

Ladies, no matter how hard you may be to please in a coat, come and see our stock. We are sure to please you. There is not a style and price we do not have. Fur trimmed \$5, 5.50, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and \$15.00. Plain of any sort and at \$3 up. Bound in wide braid at all prices. Misses hoods in light colors, trimmed in light furs—fur loops, etc. Little girls refers and long coats from \$1.50

Chenille table covers from 1.25 to \$5. A beautiful line. Table scarfs by the hundreds.

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