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## Editorial.

The members of the legislature are being flooded with petitions from their constituency, urging them to vote and work against the bill making it lawful to publish, sell and deliver newspapers on the Sabbath.

If the judicial bill now before the legislature passes, Centre county will be made a separate judicial district. We have the requisite population but a re-apportionment must be made before that can be done.

It seems to be practically settled that Hon. James Kerr, of Clearfield, will be re-elected Chief Clerk of the next house at Washington. Mr. Kerr filled the position with great satisfaction and his reappointment would be well deserved.

SENATOR Cameron says he will "stand fast for true morality and back up Quay in his fight for God" in the matter of closing the World's Fair on Sunday. Senator Quay must have turned a new leaf recently. Quay in his "fight for God" and Quay as depicted by the New York World are two very different personages.

Postmaster General Wanamaker has given notice that the color of the special delivery stamp will be light orange hereafter, instead of dark blue, the design being the same. The change is made necessary to distinguish it from the one cent Columbian stamp, which has puzzled post office clerks so much. The present supply must be exhausted before the new stamps are sent out.

## Monkeyed with Dynamite.

A gentleman of Shamokin has had a lively experience which again illustrates the unreliability of dynamite. He thought to put an end to the misery of a faithful but aged dog, and hit upon the use of dynamite as assuring the certain and quick decease of Towser. A bullet might fail to hit exactly upon a vital spot, drowning was too slow and distressing, but a dog blown up by dynamite might be considered to perish from sheer surprise. So Towser was tied to a tree in the yard and a dynamite cartridge was carefully made fast to him. Then this gentleman of Shamokin sadly started towards his house and the dog made a sudden effort to follow, which resulted in the breaking of his fastening, and a frantic race for life began. Just as pursuer and pursued dashed through the door together the dog went off and was blown to small fragments. His master was pulled unharmed from the ruins. He was also surprised.

## Montana Farmers Plowing.

The warm wave covers the whole country and in some parts the rise of temperature is as phenomenal as was the fall of the mercury during the cold spell. A special from Great Falls, Montana, says the farmers in that section of the state have been plowing for several days. The thermometer on Saturday registered 50 degrees above zero.

## GRANGERS ARE ACTIVE.

### LEGISLATION DEMANDED BY THEM.

Bill for the Equalization of Taxes—Other Bills Offered—Sale of Sunday Papers Strongly Opposed.

The grangers of Pennsylvania are anxious to have some changes made in the present laws, and will make a fight. The *Patriot* says: The legislative committee of the Pennsylvania state grange, which has established headquarters at the Lochiel and will be here during the session to look after the interests of the grangers, has two bills in preparation. The first repeals the mercantile license tax, and taxes dealers upon their actual sales for county instead of state purposes. The state at present only receives about \$400,000 annually from this tax, while \$200,000 is spent for advertising the lists. The grangers estimate that there is \$500,000 invested in the mercantile business, and the present tax is less than one mill on this valuation. Under these circumstances, and as the state does not need the money, it is now proposed to have them taxed solely for local purposes by the local assessors and at a mill rate not yet agreed upon. It is thought that by thus taking the different subjects and framing a separate bill for each, more satisfactory legislation can be had. The second is for the taxation of transportation and transmission companies for local purposes. It empowers the county commissioners to place a valuation upon each mile of railroad in the county and assess a four mill tax, for local purposes, upon this valuation. This is similar to the New York law. Telegraph, telephone and pipe lines are to be valued in the same manner and pay the same tax, and in appraising them, and railways as well, the value of the franchises is to be taken into consideration. The grangers are also opposed to the present method of electing members of the state board of agriculture. They are chosen by the county agricultural societies or fair associations. The state recognizes but one in each county, and where there are more they do not participate in the election. A bill will be presented providing for their election by a joint conference of all the agricultural and horticultural societies and granges of the county, and further requiring that the dates and places for holding all the farmers' institutes be fixed by this conference, instead of by the members of the state board.

### Sunday Legislation.

An organized effort will be made by the Pennsylvania Sabbath association to prevent the passage of the bill making it lawful to publish, sell and deliver newspapers on the Sabbath, which has passed the house on first reading. Rev. J. H. Leipzig, of Philadelphia, field secretary of the association, is in the city trying to have the bill recommitted to the house com. on judiciary general so that several Sabbatharians may be heard on it. The association will meet in the hall of the house of representatives on the evening of Feb. 14 and 15 to adopt such measures as will prevent the passage of bills amending the law of 1794 so far as it relates to the Sabbath.

### Rapid Growth of Whiskers.

An inquisitive critic of the new Columbian stamps has made the rare discovery that, while in the 1-cent stamp Columbus is depicted in the act of sighting land, and with a clean shaven face, in the 2-cent stamp he is represented on shore and in possession of a full beard. As the two events are recorded as having occurred within twelve hours of each other, the critic is at a loss to account for the luxuriant growth of whiskers. This, however, is not the only remarkable thing about the 1 cent stamp. The name of Columbus is spelled "Columbus"—a bit of carelessness that seems inexcusable.

### Bad Water is Responsible.

Scarlet fever has again broken out at Beech Creek, the children of two families having been stricken with the disease during the last few days. The many diseases which have afflicted the borough within the last few years has led many to believe that the stagnant water in the unused mill pond near the town and the swampy condition generally of the ground surrounding the place are responsible for the sickness. The attention of the state board of health will likely be directed to that section of the county.

### High-priced Bivalves.

Oysters are leaping upward in price and are very scarce, caused by the inability to scoop them from the frozen harbors and owing to many of them being killed by the cold weather.

## THE HAWAIIAN REVOLUTION.

The Hawaiian group of islands, which are now the object of international discussion, are located in the midst of the Pacific ocean and in the tropical belt. Being about midway between both continents, with thousands of miles of sea surrounding them, by virtue of their location would be a valuable acquisition to any leading nation that has any shipping interests or large expanse of seaboard. These islands are right in the path of ocean traffic between the continents and for that reason the fine ports they present would be valuable for relay stations, for receiving fresh supplies of coal, food, etc.

The Hawaiian government was recently overthrown by internal dissensions and the arrogant queen was deposed, and now a commission of five of its representative statesmen have just arrived at Washington to ask for the annexation of that country to the United States. It would be a valuable prize to this country to take in these islands, but then it is a question as to whether it is a good policy for our government to reach out and extend her rule over distant lands. We, in fact, have all the territory within our own borders to engage the most thoughtful attention of our statesmen. Another difficulty in the situation is that England vigorously protests against any such alliance and the attempt to consummate the alliance might eventually precipitate the two great nations in a fierce contest.

The question of annexation has given rise to much conflicting discussion at Washington and whatever course be adopted will be carefully considered.

### Price of Votes in Lancaster.

At the legislative committee investigation in the Franklin-Forrest contest, Franklin (Republican) who was defeated by 42 votes in Lancaster county offered to show that 250 votes in all had been bribed to vote for Forrest, and a number of "floaters" testified that they had received from one dollar and a pint of whiskey to two dollars for voting for the latter, while a Republican, Ellis Suidan, swore that he had been hired to buy voters for Forrest and had done so.

### How to Restore Steel Pens.

Joseph Gillott, a member of the well known firm of makers of steel pens, who is at present visiting this country, says that a steel pen will last for months with careful use. "If your pen gets scratchy and doesn't write well," he further asserts, "don't cast it aside for a new one. That is folly. The pen is not worn out, but simply tired. Give it a rest for a day or two; then hold it in a gaslight for perhaps fifteen seconds, not longer, and resume your writing. If you are not pleasantly surprised at the results, I'll set myself down as a poor prophet."

### Sore Throat.

The following is highly recommended by a Lock Haven parent as a certain cure for sore throat, and as the season of colds and croup is here, it is published for the benefit of our readers: Five cents worth of chloride of potash and five cents worth of tincture of iron. Dissolve a teaspoonful of the potash in a small cup of hot water and add a teaspoonful of the tincture. Taste, and if too strong, add more water. A little should be swallowed after each gargling of the throat.

### Almost Too Late to Reform.

An old lady in Scranton, one in her 99th year, began smoking seventy-nine years ago and is still addicted to the habit. Here is a case that demands the immediate attention of the Anti-Drinking and Anti-Tobacco Society. An effort should be made immediately to get the old lady to swear off. If this is too long delayed the pernicious habit may cause the woman's death.

### Loyd House Sold.

Mr. G. A. Walther, for some years past proprietor of the Loyd House, Phillipsburg, was a recent caller at this office. Mr. Walther recently sold his hotel to Richard Bower, of Altoona, who has taken charge of the same.

### Badly Mixed.

A school teacher had among her pupil a little boy Jakey who was always late in the morning. But one day he man, aged to get to the school house before the bell rang, whereupon he said to the teacher: "Well, to day I am before at last. I always was behind before."

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

President-elect Cleveland has long ago shown that he possesses the rare faculty of being able to see and to do the right thing at the right time and place. Therefore it was not surprising that his telegram of condolence should have been among the first received by the widow of James G. Blaine, the American statesman. Although differing widely in many of their ideas there was one bond of sympathy between them, one prominent trait in the character of each of them that the other could admire without forgetting their political differences, and that was the intense Americanism, which was the keynote of Mr. Blaine's great popularity and which makes Grover Cleveland the most popular living American, to-day. And therein lies a lesson that should not be lost upon men ambitious of popularity and power. There never was a period in the history of our country when sturdy, uncompromising Americanism was more highly appreciated by the masses than it is now.

Unless there is a great change in the present opinion of the democratic Senators nothing short of a cloture rule, which the Senate refuses to adopt when the Force bill was under consideration, will enable the republicans to confirm the nomination of the republican successor to the late Justice Lamar, whom Mr. Harrison is said to be determined to nominate. The democratic Senators are unanimous in the belief that this vacancy should be filled by a democrat and they will not allow a vote to be taken on the nomination of a republican unless compelled to do so by a cloture rule.

The House committee on Rules has set aside February 9 and 10 for the consideration of the Andrew's bill for the repeal of the Sherman Slaves law. The general impression seems to be that a vote will not be reached, although a number of the friends of the bill express confidence in its being passed.

If Postmaster General Wannamaker holds the reception to the employees of his department which was to have been held at his residence Monday night, the invitations to which were withdrawn on account of the death of Mr. Blaine, he will retire from office with the personal ill-will of nine-tenths of the white employees of the department. The reason is not difficult to locate. In sending out invitations for the reception he included negro laborers, watchmen, messengers, and scrub women on the department pay roll, and the white clerks, particularly the females, object to associating on terms of social equality with the negroes.

Considerable interest is felt as to what position the administration will take on the petition of the provisional Hawaiian government for annexation to the United States. Whatever view Mr. Harrison may take of the matter it is hardly probable that any action will be taken by the present Congress.

### Dandy Crowd.

The commissioners of Schuylkill county have been surcharged by the County Auditors with upwards of \$37,000 illegally paid out on contracts for the new Court House. It has been found, too, that while they traveled on free passes, they at the same time charged for railway tickets, and that included in their traveling expenses, which were not itemized, were several hundred dollars for drinks taken by themselves and friends both whilst at home and abroad. The drinks have been disallowed.

### Telephone Patents Expire.

A communication from a correspondent in Washington in which the question of patents is thoroughly discussed says: "All the essential features of the Blake transmitter and Bell earphone will be public property on and after January 20, 1893. To sum up, there is no patent on the earphone, the patent on the Blake transmitter will expire January 20, and the patent on the basic patent will expire on March 7. Therefore, on and after March 7 the great American Bell monopoly will have gone the way of all the earth."

### He Got Even.

A story comes from Catawissa of a young farmer who was just about to be married when the bride changed her mind, whereupon he deliberately set about persuading her to try it again, and then, during the ceremony, announced that he had changed his mind.

## COUNTY STATEMENT

### SHOWS A \$6,000 BALANCE THIS YEAR.

The County Treasury Not Depleted—All Public Funds Properly Disbursed—Extraordinary Expenses Paid—A Good Record.

The statement of the county commissioners, showing the receipts and expenditures of the county for the year 1892, appears this week. It is a credit to the commissioners and one which should give great satisfaction to the taxpayers. The county is out of debt and when all liabilities are paid there remains a balance of \$6,890.90. This, too, in the face of the fact that during the year the commissioners had many and extraordinary expenses in connection with the new election law.

The election expenses during the year 1892, including the pay of the election boards, the printing of the tickets, the double registration of voters, and consequently double duty and pay of assessors, the purchase of ballot boxes, the distribution and putting up of booths and guard rails, the publishing and posting of the election proclamation, must have, taken altogether, exceeded five thousand dollars. But by careful and judicious management all these expenses, with every other obligation, was met, and the large balance remains to testify to the efficiency and worth of the present board of commissioners.

The statement shows another item of which not only the commissioners, but all the people of the county, should feel great satisfaction in, and that is the item showing the outstanding taxes. There is practically no outstanding taxes back of 1891. The statement shows that for the year 1891 only \$1,061.15 of taxes due the county remain outstanding, and while it may be a little rough on the Bellefonte collector, fully one-half of this amount is charged to the borough collector for 1891.

There is still another thing in the statement which should be carefully noted. It is that part which relates to the taxes from unseated lands, collected by the county for the several school, poor and road districts. There is no balance of \$20,000 and over, remaining in the hands of the county treasurer, because this fund, as it came in, was properly distributed and set out to the districts to which it belonged, and when the proper authorities called for it, it was promptly paid. There was \$17,490.43 of unseated land tax collected during the year for the several districts in the county, and yet the statement shows that there only remained in the hands of the treasurer the sum of \$1,933.31 on the first Monday of January, 1893. The commissioners are to be commended because they promptly gave orders to the proper officers for their money, and Treasurer Gramley is to be congratulated because as soon as any of the taxes on unseated lands were paid in he set it out to the proper districts and faithfully paid it over.

With all, a fair amount was expended on improvements in and around the court house. The statement shows that the sum of \$4476.00 was expended on new furniture for the vaults. Enough for one year.

Taking it all together it is as clean, correct and satisfactory a statement as has ever come from any board of commissioners. We think the board is to be congratulated on its clean and efficient work, and the people are to be congratulated because they have an honest, careful and competent board of commissioners.

The commissioners of Bedford county were in Bellefonte last week for the purpose of inspecting the metallic vault furniture at the court house. Mr. A. L. Little, Com's. Attorney, of Bedford, accompanied them. A few years ago Mr. Little was principal of the Centre Hall public schools. He is one of the rising young attorneys of Bedford county.

In our last issue we stated that Col. Jas. Weaver, of Milesburg, was assisting Treasurer Gramley in making out his annual report. Mr. Weaver is employed as clerk of the board of County Auditors and his occasional appearance in the Treasurer's office led us to make that statement. In justice to Mr. Gramley, he is fully able to make his own report.

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## GOTLIEB BOONASTEL.

### LIEVER KERNAL HARDER.

Ich hob widdere accident g'hot, un desma mohl huts shier mi leya gakuht. Sidder os ich dahame bin muss ich olla morga uff shitz uns fire maucha, un ich do by chucks ois shier farfar era. Em ledshita Soondawg morga bin ich widdere uff fars fire in der kuch-uffa maucha, un wiles Soondawg wore hov ich gadenked ich date widdere tzurick ins bed ge un hob mich net aw-gadoo. Es wore gor shittaris kold, un wile mi kelshich hem net lenger is os de law ar-lawbt, hov ich gli gens-howd uff da bes g'hot we in ribe-eisa. Ich bin uff da tzee uff em ale-dooch room gadribbed bis ich de huvel-shape uns huls oil ready g'hot hob in uffa un dermo hov ich galonged far em match. De Polly hut so en wand match-bekly naiva on der wonf henka usht far shz gooka—so aney os runner folled won mer se usht aw-gooka—un im room footshia in doonkia far se finna bin ich wedder se g'htosa un se is runner g'folla. Ich bin awile uff liend un fees room gadrodied un g'sooched bis endlich hov ich de box g'funna, awer es wore ken gutische match mædrin. Now, Kernal, consider, em morga so kold os de worda em im mowl g'freera, un en oldter mon uff em budda room groddia un en match soocha far fire aw-maucha won ken match im house is! Ich hob der Polly garoofa, un se hut g'sawd ich set mer selver helfa, far onny fire kent se ken morga-essa maucha. Es is mere dermo ei-cooma we de Inching ois fire aw-gamaucht hen mit era flinta, un ich hob my oldte mooshgate fun der wond un awenich boofler ni g'shit. Demo hov ich der lawf in der uffa g'hova un gadricked. Es hut usht "footch" g'maucht awer hut ken fire g'fonga. Ich hobs widdere ga-broevered un es a widdere net awgonga. By dara tzett wore ich usht about farfroora un ich hobs boofler-harn uvva uff de flint g'hova uns usht ni lawfa ussa. We feel os ni gonga is con ich dere net sawg, awer we ich's loos gadricked hob huts ebbes gevva. Es hut gadoocort os won's g'widdere ins house g'seloga won. De uffa-deckel sin in der booft zom g'flogga we seewalma, es uffa rohr is runner g'folla, un de esh wore so deef os en hawsa-schna ivere de gons kich. De nuchtera hen der shoog g'hared un sin by cooma we de eema. De Polly hut era deer g'schlussa un dermo tzoom fensther nows gagrachia ich het mich g'shussa, un eb ich's g'wist hob wore der Koonstawbier on der deer far mich reshta un nuch em "Silem nemma. Se hen oll bahawbt ich bet de sowf-gichtera bis ich eena de match box g'wissa hob. Sell hut de bisniss g'settled. Oil de monsieit sin bletzlich uff my side comma un hen g'floggs os ansich weipmensch os so en fardienkert gagramonsel on de wond henka doot won mere en goode blechne match box kawfa con far dri cent, de het ken gooder farshont un set selver uff gawayked wara far's fire aw-maucha.

Se sawga mere os unshere-keeper het de woch shunt dri dutzent blechne match boxa farkawfed tsu da leit on barrick, un de monsieit kenna now aniche tzeit in der nocht uff shitz un en match os der box grega onny es gons house um schmissa.

Ois Widdere, BOONASTEL.

### A Rich Man's Generosity.

The Methodists of Curwensville, Clearfield county, are contemplating the erection of a new church at that place, to cost \$15,000. Hon. John Patton has guaranteed two-thirds of the funds from his own pocket. Plans of the new building are now being made.

FREE—Deed for land in California that will grow oranges, grapes, figs or fruit, when irrigated; we plant and care for the land for half we raise, if you help pay for the water. Big profits, quick returns, no taxes, no assessments. Address CALIFORNIA LAND AND WATER EXCHANGE, Dayton, Ohio. M-1.

GOOD MILLING PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The Centre Hall mill, one of the best locations in the county, is offered for sale. Always full of work and trade can be readily doubled by a competent party. Only reason for selling being to retire from business. Mill can be rented for a term of years if not sold.

### FOR RENT OR SALE.

Two houses situated in Boggs township, near Milesburg, occupied at present by Frank T. Wallace, are offered for rent or sale. Reasonable terms will be given. For further information address:

J. M. KEICHLINE, Bellefonte, Pa. Attorney for the heirs of John Wagner, dec'd. May 20

### ORPHANS COURT SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans Court of Centre county, there will be exposed to public sale, at Hubersburg, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1893,

at 1 o'clock p. m., the following real estate of Louisa Blevy, deceased, situated in Walker township, Centre county, Penna., bounded on all sides by lands of John F. Best, containing about 30 acres, thereon erected a good two story frame dwelling house, good stable and outbuildings. Terms of sale: One third of purchase money on day of sale; balance upon closing title, absolute of return of sale and delivery of deed. HENRY BROWN.