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Editorial.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

ACCORDING to the predictions of the *Gazette* and other prejudiced party organs, after this coming Saturday the country will go to the devil in short order. Business will become stagnant, manufacturing enterprises will be paralyzed, working men will be begging for something to do and their wives and little ones at home will be suffering and in want. All these things were predicted last October by the republican papers in this part of the state, and by republican stump orators over the entire country, in the event the republican party and President Harrison were defeated and the Protection policy rejected. All these events have taken place, and up to this time there are no indications of alarm, in any quarter; financial circles are not disturbed and business men report an unusual active season, and that confidence in trade is remarkable, considering that a change in the management of the affairs of the government is about to take place.

We know our republican friends are feeling sore enough over the great tidal wave of democratic sentiment that swept over the nation and engulfed them in the last presidential contest, and from which they may never be able to recover. To call their attention to incidents of the last presidential campaign may appear to some like imposing upon their good nature, but such is not our aim.

The campaign of 1892 was a memorable one as it was plainly and distinctively fought upon one issue—Tariff Reform as against the provisions of the present McKinley bill, and the record of the republican party upon the tariff question.

The inauguration of President Cleveland, on Saturday, at Washington, will be a memorable event in the economic history of this country. It means that during the coming four years President Cleveland, with a democratic senate and democratic congress—the first time the party had full sway since 1860—will endeavor to redeem the pledges made to the people in regard to the correction of grave abuses in our present tariff laws, which place grievous burdens on one class to benefit another. The party is also pledged to correct the present iniquitous pension legislation, which is gradually absorbing the revenues of the government. Having pledged to right these wrongs it naturally will necessitate some grave changes which will, to some extent, effect business and financial circles. Knowing that President Cleveland is determined to fulfill his pledges it is surprising that there is no alarm felt and that the wheels of industry are moving along with increased activity.

This fact at once disproves the unwarranted assertions of the politicians who were attempting to play upon the fears of the workmen of the country last fall. It also indicates the confidence placed in the leadership of the man who will be the chief executive for the coming four years; and while changes will be made they will be accomplished with that element of prudence and fairness which so prominently mark his entire public career.

While the party is just entering upon the threshold of its greatest responsibility it may be bad taste to boast of what she will accomplish. Four years from now her record will have been made and then the public will again be called upon to frame its verdict. It is pleasing to note the great confidence placed in the new administration, and the revival of business in all the avenues of trade upon its advent into power, and that the evils predicted during the last campaign, have not befallen us. For these auspicious signs all should feel thankful.

It will soon be ex-President Harrison.

The democrats are making a grand charge on Washington, D. C., this week. They had to skedaddle from that city four years ago.

SPEAKING of pension reform, says the *Butler Herald*, what would be wrong with looking after a case where a man hale and hearty gets \$24 a month, who is worth \$10,000, when a neighbor who is shot full of holes hobbles around not able to earn a decent living, and getting only \$6 a month? Yet such things are.



OUR NEXT PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Large Timber Deal.

Probably the largest purchase of timber made for some time was that closed last week in Lock Haven, when the Clearfield Lumber Company bought of the Hon. A. C. Hopkins, of Lock Haven, all the timber owned by him in Ferguson and Chest townships, Clinton county. It is also an important purchase because it gives one concern practically the key to the future of hemlock in that county, or this part of the state. There being closely allied with this company that of A. W. Lee & Co., of Belsena, Pa., who have large holdings on Pine Run and Beaver Dams, in Cambria county, as also the former holdings of the Clearfield Lumber Company, known as the "Chase Lands," on Clearfield creek, from which nothing has yet been cut.

This last named company will erect at once a large mill on Wilson run, at a point near LaJose, and begin the manufacture of this last purchase. The company is composed of the following Clearfield gentlemen: Chairman, W. B. Townsend; Secretary and Treasurer, J. W. Wrigley; Managers, A. W. Lee, Capt. McGaughey, J. W. Wrigley, W. B. Townsend.

THESE are queer days in the political world. A republican president appoints a democratic Justice of the Supreme court; a democratic president-elect selects a republican Secretary of State; a republican legislature sends a democrat to the United States Senate and a democratic governor appoints a republican Judge. These events have enraged the gentlemen who imagine the cultivation of partisan animosities a public necessity, but they all happen for the promotion of the public good, since it is admitted that the appointees are well qualified to adorn the stations for which they have been named. After a while all public offices, save the highest, will be filled in the same way. Merit will be sought out and the people will get as efficient and careful service as is now secured by private employers.—*Tribune*.

Kerr Loses His Suit.

The legal war between James Kerr, clerk of the national house of representatives, and Samuel P. Langdon, of Philadelphia, for the control of the Altoona, Clearfield and Northern railroad, came up for review in the Blair county court on Tuesday. After the hearing the court dissolved the injunction retaining a transfer of 60 per cent. of the capital stock of the company to Langdon and directed that Kerr pay the costs.

COLONEL A. K. McCLURE, William M. Singler, Clayton M. McMichael, Charles Emory Smith, Colonel James H. Lambert and other well-known Philadelphia and Pittsburg editors addressed the house general judiciary committee on Tuesday evening in the interest of the bill making it lawful to publish and sell newspapers on the Sabbath.

Farms Sell Low.

Centre county farms are not selling at encouraging figures by any means—in fact it is almost impossible to sell real estate. Farming being so unremunerative in the past decade, accounts for this. The agriculturist is a double sufferer in this, viz: he does not get a paying price for his wheat, and his acres have lost 60 per cent. in value if he wants to sell. The double blow is what knocks farming and gives our farmers the blues. His farm that he paid \$100 per acre for, he now gets \$40, at best \$50. Wheat that commonly brought him \$1 to \$1.15 only brings 70 to 85 on an average.

There is no other pursuit that presents so discouraging an outlook as farming, it is by far the most depressed of all interests.—*Reporter*.

If anything could create a genuine surprise in these days it would, perhaps, be the announcement that a movement is on foot in Asia or the purpose of sending missionaries to this country to make converts to Islamism. Already subscriptions amounting to nearly thirty thousand dollars have been raised for this purpose and the contemplated work will not long be delayed. Strangest of all, the man at the head of this movement is not a person born in the faith of Islam, but an American citizen, formerly the United States Consul at Manila, who has become a convert to the doctrines of Mahomet, and like all new converts is more enthusiastic in propagating his newly-acquired belief than those born in the faith. But the idea is starting, at all events. For more than a thousand years Christianity has been sending her emissaries into the east to convert the followers of Mahomet to the true faith; and now, after these many centuries, the followers of the prophet are returning the compliment and pagan Asia seeks to convert christianized America.

—B. A. Noll & Co., of Zion Pa., pay the highest prices for all kinds of country produce. They sell also at prices that make it an inducement for you to deal with them.

—Miss Ellen Harris died at her residence, on Spring street, on Tuesday morning, at the advanced age of 89 years. She spent most of her life in Bellefonte. The interment will take place on Thursday afternoon.

—Mrs. Gilmour will move her millinery store to the Brockerhoff house block the latter part of this month. Cook's "Bon Marche" will occupy the room vacated by them in the Aikens block. Cook's store is now located in the Ammerman block on Bishop street, and has succeeded in establishing a nice trade.

Death at Milesburg.

Joseph S. Murray died February 17, 1893, at his home in Milesburg; age 59 years, 5 months and 9 days. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss, as well as many other friends.

Centre County Complimented.

The Clearfield *Public Spirit* had the following interesting little editorial in its columns last week:

There are more Centre county men happily placed in public positions than any other inland county in the State and yet she does not seem puffed up about it. The reason for this is not far to seek because when one man gets himself squarely located he looks about him for a hole in which to stick another peg and thus the active workers in both parties are rewarded for their services and encouraged to keep up the good fight. Factional differences seem always to be buried when there is an opportunity to help a Centre county man into position and all applaud when the man is placed. Other counties might well emulate the county that has the distinction of having within her borders the only two living ex-governors in the state.

SEVERAL years ago Allentown Councils imposed a tax of \$1 per year on every pole used by telegraph, telephone, and electric light companies in the city. The Western Union Telegraph company refused to pay. Suit for the recovery of the tax was brought by the City Solicitor, and the verdict was in favor of the city. The company took the case to the Supreme Court, which sustained the verdict of the lower court. The tax adjudged to be due the city not being paid the City Solicitor has entered an execution for \$300 against the company.

The Di-No-Mores.

According to current reports, the good people of Bellefonte have a great treat in store for them during Methodist Conference week. Rev. W. A. Houck has succeeded in securing Dr. A. J. Palmer, of New York, to deliver his thrilling lecture on "Company D. or the Di-No-Mores," in the opera house, on Friday night, March 17th.

Among the numerous testimonials to the power of this lecture is that of Chaplain McCabe who has heard it several times and says it ought to be heard if it cost a journey of fifty miles.

Farmers' Institute at Lamar.

A farmers' institute, under the auspices of the state board of agriculture and the Clinton county agricultural society, will be held in Watson's hall, Lamar, Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3. The exercises will be open to the public. A number of papers on topics of interest to the farmer will be read and subjects will be discussed. The exercises will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Wedding Announcement.

The wedding announcement of the nuptials of Mr. John L. Kurtz, of Bellefonte, and Miss Harriette L. Thomas, of Lewistown, which occurred at Philadelphia on the 21st of February, was received by us. From the enclosed card Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz will be "at home" at the Bush House, Bellefonte, Tuesday, March 14 and 21st, from 4 to 6.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT and the New York Weekly *World* one year for \$1.75.

Of Interest to the Ladies.

For the coming spring and summer season there will be some very pretty and new ideas in the line of coats and light wraps for ladies wear. Mrs. Aikens has arranged for a handsome line of these goods which will be here soon, and open for the inspection of all who appreciate fine garments. You will need some new wraps for Spring wear so don't be in a rush about purchasing, but be sure and call at Aikens music store where you will see the very latest ideas and most attractive styles. Mrs. Aikens makes a specialty of this line of goods and for that reason, can please you as to style, quality, make and price.

Good Showing.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania State College, a report was presented showing that in ten years the number of instructors increased from 17 to 30, and instead of 92 students there now 249. Forty two counties and fourteen other States and countries are represented. The total income during the year was \$290,000 of which about \$78,000 was expended upon the art and mechanical building, which was dedicated last week.

Clinton County's Finances.

The annual statement of the finances of Clinton county for the year ending January 1, 1893, according to the auditors' report, shows the total expenditures for the year to have been \$66,696.37, in which was included the cost of elections and the expenditures for bridges. The item of bridge expenses, including the cost of the trial of the Lock Haven bridge case, is \$20,287.91.

Water Works.

Millburg voters decided by a majority of 76, to bond the borough for \$35,000 to secure much needed water works.

Centre Hall borough also decided to purchase the water works at that place, owned by the Centre Hall Water Company.

Bituminous Coal Famine.

Owing to the heavy snow fall and the drifts it has been almost impossible to get coal to the cars so that the places far removed from the coal regions are suffering with coal famines. Bituminous coal can not be gotten in many places and great inconvenience has been caused.

—B. A. Noll & Co., at Zion, are putting in a much larger stock for their spring and summer trade. They have established a good business at that place and carry a large line to accommodate their customers.

—The *Tyrone Times* says: About March first Jack Ewing will open a drug store in the Odd Fellows building. Mr. Ewing formerly was engaged in the drug business, at Snow Shoe, this county.

—According to the Lock Haven papers, P. B. Crider, of Bellefonte, is interested in a project for establishing a line of electric street cars in Lock Haven. Mr. Crider knows a good thing when he sees it and there is no doubt but that such an improvement in that city would pay.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

"President Cleveland," said a democratic Senator who was opposed to Mr. Cleveland's nomination, and who is for that reason called by those who know no better an anti-Cleveland man, "never did a wiser thing than when he smashed precedent, which at times binds us all too closely, and announced his cabinet in advance of his inauguration. That must now be evident to even the most careless observer of things political, as reflected in Congress. The opposition which invariably follows the announcement of a new cabinet has been given time to work itself out, and the result will be that the new administration will start out with the party which placed it in power in an unusually harmonious condition, and although there will be quite a number of individual disappointments as the distribution of patronage proceeds, I see nothing ahead that leads me to believe that this harmony will be seriously disturbed during Mr. Cleveland's administration." This Senator declined to allow the use of his name, because he has no desire to be accused of giving President Cleveland "taffy," or of having his words construed into a bid for public pap.

The ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty is now considered doubtful, so doubtful that Mr. Harrison's friends in the Senate are afraid to have it voted upon, lest it be rejected. The democrats, while not all opposed to annexation, are almost to a man opposed to ratifying this treaty at this time. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, is the only democratic Senator who has made a speech in favor of immediate annexation, and his duties as one of the Behring Sea arbitrators have called him to Paris. It is the general belief that no vote will be taken upon the treaty at this session. In that case President Cleveland may withdraw the treaty and direct that a new one be negotiated, if he favors annexation, or he may send a message to the Senate recommending the ratification of the present treaty, if it meets his approval. If Mr. Cleveland wishes the treaty will be acted upon by the Senate when it meets in extra session to act upon his nominations, etc.

A fight is now on in the House, the result of which may be to force an early extra session of Congress. It is being waged by the silver men against the Sherman bond amendment to the Sundry Civil bill, which the silver men are determined to defeat by filibustering or any other means at their disposal. If they succeed an extra session will have to be called.

Secretary Foster admitted to the House Ways and Means committee, before which he appeared Saturday, that his recent estimates of Treasury receipts for the coming fiscal year were already proven to have been too high, and that his estimates of expenditures were at least \$8,000,000 too low, and that he now regards a deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1894, as a certainty, unless means are devised to raise additional money, either by taxation of the issue of bonds. His estimates are, of course, based upon the present tariff laws, which it is needless to say will be considerably changed before July 1, 1894, unless the democratic administration and Congress undergo a great change of mind on the subject, which is not probable.

Occupants of houses along the line of the inaugural parade and builders of the street stands are all figuring on making a pile of money out of those who wish choice positions from which to view the great parade. Rooms are held as high as \$300 each, single windows at which four people may be comfortably seated may be had from \$15 to \$25, according to location. Front seats in the street stands are held at \$5 each, and no sort of a back seat on them can be engaged at less than one dollar each. Rooms in hotels cannot be had at any price and cois in private residences are rated at \$1 each. Everybody is wishing for a "Cleveland day," which means a clear, pleasant day, but no sort of a day can effect the enthusiasm of the occasion.

Mr. Harrison is now willing that bonds shall be issued to increase the gold balance in the Treasury, provided that Secretary Carlisle will assume the responsibility by requesting Secretary Foster to issue them. The bonds have been engraved and can be issued at a day's notice, but there is no probability that Secretary Carlisle will take any such responsibility before he becomes Secretary of the Treasury, and the making of such a suggestion by Mr. Harrison was nothing more nor less than pleading the baby act.

Prominent among the bills that will remain unacted upon at the close of the session will be the Niagara Canal bill.