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## Editorial.

THE U. S. Treasury receipts are increasing which shows that confidence is returning.

GROVER CLEVELAND has again demonstrated that he is a man in the full sense of the word.

MATT. RIDDLE, republican nominee for commissioner, is confident that he will defeat St. John—he bases his claim on the prospect of getting the soldier vote.

THE NEXT DEMOCRATIC state convention will be held in Harrisburg on Tuesday, September 19th, and will nominate a candidate for Supreme Court Judge and State Treasurer.

THE advent of a second daughter, is the occasion of much rejoicing in the Cleveland household. It may be justly termed a "Daughter of the Democracy" but it will never be able to increase the democratic majorities.

THE friends of John Q. Miles are looming up in every section of the county in an amazing manner. From the appearance of the political field Comley will let the campaign go by default. In the words of the prophet—"He's not it."

GEN. HASTINGS recently received the endorsement of the Berks county republicans for governor. From the manner in which things are going in the republican camps it seems almost certain to predict the General's unanimous nomination.

CENTRE county had one republican sheriff and that should be enough for the next generation to think about. Vote for John P. Condo as he is a good citizen and gentlemen in the full sense of the word. He will be sure to make a very creditable official.

REPUBLICANS in every section of our county have expressed themselves as intending to give "Wash" Rumberger a complimentary vote for Register. They know he is well qualified for the position and would make an obliging and accommodating official.

OF the 154 failed banks up to date, sixty-one have resumed, fifty-eight are in the hands of receivers, thirty-four in the hands of examiners and one has gone into voluntary liquidation. That is an encouraging sign. Manufactures in all parts of country are starting again as confidence seems to prevail.

THE story that a part of Cleveland's jaw bone became diseased and had to be removed did not cause much uneasiness. As long as he has a strong arm and a steady nerve republican office holders will be in danger of receiving their walking papers. There is little consolation in the jaw-bone story for them.

PENNSYLVANIA crowned herself with glory at the World's Fair, last Thursday. The exercises were conducted upon a magnificent scale which was in true keeping with the dignity of the "Keystone State." None of her sister states can compete with her in the great variety and extent of her resources. She stands foremost in the galaxy of states and is fittingly termed the Keystone in the grand archway of statehood.

WHEN Centre county had a board of republican commissioners the different districts never could get their road and school funds paid promptly and when due. It always required several trips to the county seat where they were put off from time to time by Henderson's diplomacy—in order to avoid the exposure of a busted county treasury. That was the condition of affairs three years ago. Do you want to try another experiment of that kind? We think not.

## THE SILVER FIGHT.

There is to be no compromise in the Senatorial fight over silver. It is to be fought to a finish, President Cleveland having declared that he would accept nothing but the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman silver law without condition. This is a great disappointment to those who have hoped that some satisfactory arrangement would be made that would get the solid support of the democratic Senators and bring the rank and file of the party closer together than they have been since the extra session met. The end of the debate is not yet in sight, although some Senators believe that a vote can be reached in two weeks. That is the doubtful thing. The vote is no longer doubtful. When it is taken the Vorhees bill will be passed, but when that will be depends upon the endurance and disposition of the Senators opposed to it.

## Nothing strange.

The editor of the Millheim Journal can't understand how the poor editors of Bellefonte can afford to take a trip to the World's Fair. He says: "Chas. Kurtz, editor of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, was seeing the sights at the World's Fair last week. Conclusive evidence that city editors have more 'hoodle' at command than we poor country scribes."

Nothing strange about it; it is just in the "knowing how." For the purpose of enlightening our editorial brother at Millheim we will unfold the plan: A railroad pass takes you to Chicago and back. The World's Fair managers give free admission to all editors who apply in time. Paid for the lodging by advertising for a Chicago hotel. By a judicious expenditure of five cents you can get a meal at free lunch counters. There it is, brother Dummiller, and it is just as easy, when you know how.

Newspaper men may be poverty stricken, dead heads and such like, but by a little scheming they manage to get there.

## Teachers' Institutes.

The teachers institute for Blair county will meet at Hollidaysburg on Nov. 20; Bedford, at Bedford on Dec. 18; Cambria, at Ebensburg on Nov. 27; Centre, at Bellefonte on Dec. 18; Clinton, at Lock Haven on Dec. 18; Fulton, at McConnellburg on Dec. 18; Huntingdon, at Huntingdon on Nov. 13; Indiana, at Indiana on Dec. 25; Juniata, at Millintown on Nov. 27; Lycoming, at Muncy on Dec. 18; Mifflin, at Lewisport on Nov. 27; Perry, at New Bloomfield on Dec. 4; Somerset, at Somerset on Dec. 18; Westmoreland, at Greensburg on Dec. 18.

## Bellefonte a Suburb.

Tyrone people as a general rule are desperately jealous of Bellefonte and her people. The reason for that is we have effectually cleaned up their base ball team this season, and in most any other direction can excel them. The following, clipped from a Tyrone correspondent to the Patriot, illustrates the point: "John A. Vogt, of the firm of Wright & Vogt, spent Sunday in Bellefonte, a suburb on the branch of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, three miles from Milesburg."

## A Good Purchase.

It is not often that a preacher gets left but such was the lot of Rev. Noll, pastor of the Reformed church. His good wife sent him to market one morning last week and among his purchases was five quarts of elderberries for which he paid forty-five cents cash. The berries were to be delivered at the parsonage. The Rev. considers that he made a good purchase, but at this writing the berries have failed to turn up, and he still tells his wife that he made the purchase. He is looking for the chap who got his money.

## A Good Age.

Mr. Joseph Jordan died on Wednesday of last week, at his home in Aaronsburg, having attained the age of 88 years. He formerly resided near Tusseyville, in Potter township. His son-in-law, Rev. Shoemaker, was buried the week previous at Aaronsburg, but Mr. Jordan was too ill to attend the funeral.

REPUBLICAN papers that have been endeavoring to make political capital out of the recent suspension of pensions will now have to look elsewhere. No pension will be suspended unless absolute evidence of fraud appears upon the application. The present administration means to deal fairly with the old soldier, and the great howl made by republican papers was only done to mislead Democratic veterans and to cause them to forsake their party and thereby assist in bringing success to the republican ticket at the coming election.

## A LOT OF NONSENSE.

The Spook Stories are Ecdemonic and Utterly Silly.

For weeks past the people of Bellefonte have been reading columns of trash about "spooks," and imaginary stories of regular "Jack the Ripper" characters prowling about our principal streets for the purpose of frightening people, and especially women, and way-laying men to rob them. This is all a lot of silly prattle and baby talk. It reminds one of the silly little stories told by weakminded women to their children, or of the nonsense printed in little books intended for the nurseries, or often found in the average Sunday school library, to frighten young minds so that they will be "real nice and good."

This trash has been appearing in the Daily Gazette for some time, and we really are surprised that the management allows it to continue. It is childish to begin with, and causes annoyance and disturbs the mind of many who are of a superstitious inclination. If the writer penned the articles in good faith, his mental equilibrium needs the attention of his friends. If they are published for the purpose of merely causing a sensation and newspaper notoriety, the publisher justly merits the censure of every sensible person and parent.

There are, we are sorry to say, many people who cling to all forms of superstition. They believe in spooks, hobgoblins, all forms of green-eyed demons and unnatural creatures that a diseased imagination makes them think prow about, as soon as the mantle of night enshrouds the earth, for the purpose of overtaking people and doing them some horrible injury. Such persons are continually thinking of dreadful things when these spook stories are afloat; and these same stories have the effect of causing great mental anxiety and unrest, unpleasant dreams and many sleepless nights when, under ordinary circumstances, they would be thinking of more important matters, and at night could enjoy their peaceful slumbers which nature so positively demands in order to keep the body in a good health tone.

Another injurious effect of this nonsense is that the little boys and girls who hear this talk become so terribly frightened as soon as it becomes dusk that they become afraid of their own shadows and are wrought up with a terrible dread and fear of these imaginary horrors. Now this is all a mistake, and we believe in some cases causes undue nervousness and even mental afflictions. It is wrong to frighten children in this way and no good can result from it.

If there are any people in this community who believe in spooks they are deserving of sympathy for their weakness. If there is any one in Bellefonte or vicinity in the habit of prowling about our streets at night in a strange attire and mask, they would better stop and think. Playing spook is very dangerous business. You are liable, at any time, to have a chunk of cold lead put through you in a very unceremonious manner, which would finish the spook business. Don't be a spook; it is like monkeying with the buzz saw, you are liable to get hurt.

Our people are entirely to sensible to tolerate this spook nonsense and the "spook writer" should be called down severely.

## Special Term.

This week a special term of court is being held and but one case will likely be tried. Judge Metzger, of Lycoming county, is presiding. W. F. Reber is home from Harrisburg and is filling his former position as court stenographer. The first session was called at 2 p. m. Monday and the case begun, John Liggett and Jacob Long, vs. The Lehigh Valley Company. This is an ejectment case for a tract of about 1,800 acres of coal land in Snow Shoe township, which is of considerable value. Messrs. Love, Reeder and Peale, of Lock Haven, are counsel for the plaintiffs and the firm of Orvis, Bower & Orvis for the defendant.

As this is one of those long and tedious land cases it is not likely that it will be concluded before the latter part of the week.

## Almost Bled to Death.

While John Long, of Green Briar, this county, was cutting wood one day recently, his axe glanced off the log he was cutting, and hit him across the instep, cutting him badly. Mr. Long had almost bled to death when assistance arrived.

## Death of T. T. Abrahams.

On Saturday night T. T. Abrahams, Esq., a well known attorney died at his residence in Lock Haven. His ailment was dropsy from which he suffered for some time. His age was 66 years. He is survived by a wife and four children.

## TWO IMPORTANT RULINGS.

Judge First on Trout Fishing And The Killing of Dogs.

Judge First made rulings last week in the Centre county court, which will be of interest elsewhere. One case brought before the court was a young man who had been catching speckled trout with a rod and line with several hooks upon it. Counsel for the fisherman argued that as he had caught the trout with a rod and line, he had not violated the law. Judge First ruled that no species of fish was more protected by law than speckled trout, and that the intent of the law clearly is that not more than one hook should be used to catch them. The defendant was found guilty.

The other ruling was in a dog case. Mrs. Kate Brown brought suit against Wesley Straw for shooting her dog. The animal was a valuable one, as it protected her property and she always took him along with her when she was alone. The dog went away and strayed into Straw's barn yard, where he gave a flock of sheep some trouble. Straw shot the dog. The Judge ruled that while the dog was a valuable one to Mrs. Brown, he was trespassing on another man's property, and as the law gave every man the right to shoot a dog when annoying sheep, the defendant should be acquitted.

## Large Barn Burned.

On last Friday evening, at about 9 o'clock, the large new barn located on the Long farm, near Penns Cave, was destroyed by fire. The building was erected a few years ago and was a good structure. It contained the summer's crop of hay, grain, feed and etc., along with a lot of farm implements much of which was new. Four horses and several calves were burned, one horse only escaped when the door was opened and it was badly scorched about the head.

As only a few people reside in that vicinity there was no help at hand to save anything in the building. The building was owned by Samuel and Jessie Long.

The farm stock, implements, etc., were owned by George Hibel, a young man, the tenant farmer. There was \$1000 insurance on the building and \$1500 on the contents.

## Severe Storm.

On Thursday night, of last week, a very heavy hail and wind storm did considerable damage to crops in Clinton county. Fences, trees and several buildings were blown down. The tobacco crop suffered from the hail and many corn fields were leveled to the ground. In other sections of the state large quantities of hail fell which has in a measure caused the cool weather since.

## Hungarian Fight.

In a fight at Philipsburg Saturday night, between Hungarians, one man was shot, perhaps fatally. About 100 shots were fired. The Huns were celebrating some kind of a holiday.

## Large Premiums.

The Milton Driving Park and Fair association offers over two thousand dollars in premiums for trotting events at their fair, to be held the first week in October.

## Hastings Opera House.

The new opera house at Hastings is a handsome structure built at a cost of \$10,000. Its seating capacity is 800. The scenery and stage settings were furnished by W. F. Wise and Co., of Tyrone.

## Milton's Fair.

The fall meetings of the Milton Fair Association will be held on October 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. The races will be one of the main features of this year's fair.

## Removed to Philipsburg.

The office of the Passenger Department of the Beech Creek railroad was removed to Philipsburg, Centre county on Monday, and all correspondence for the general agent should be addressed to that point.

## Cool Weather.

The latter part of last week a spell of cool weather set in and a light overcoat was quite comfortable in the morning and evenings. This is the warning note that summer is about closing and autumn is at hand.

## For 20 Cents.

Send 20 cents to the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, and you will receive the paper until the close of the campaign.

## Died In Miles Township.

Jacob Shultz, an aged citizen of Miles township, died last week aged about 73 years.

## SEPTEMBER WEATHER.

What Hicks Predicts for the First Fall Month.

From the 10th to the 15th of September is always marked by abnormal electrical excitement. The new moon is on the 10, and a storm period is central on the 12th. We therefore advise that all storm developments about the 10th to 14 be carefully watched. It is apt to grow very warm, the barometer will fluctuate, finally falling to danger reading in many places, and black clouds with heavy storms will visit all parts.

On the 22nd our equator cuts the sun, making the day and night equal everywhere and introducing spring to southern and autumn to northern hemisphere.

These great forces cannot shift to opposite ends of our rushing, restless world without causing many conflicts of atmosphere and electricity. From the 21st to the 26th we sail past the centre of our autumnal equinox. The "Vulcan" period is central on the 25th, and the moon is full on the same date. These facts warrant us in warning of dangerous storm possibilities, say about 22d to 26th inclusive. A good sized polar wave will spread over our deck from the northwest after the storms, overtaking their northern western flanks and changing the rain, possibly, early sleet and snow. Very cool weather will follow, generally, up to the closing days of the month at which time it will grow warmer, and reactionary storms will be on as the month expires.

## Death of Mrs. Kinsloe.

Mrs. J. B. G. Kinsloe, wife of the editor and publisher of the Clinton Republican, died at their home in Lock Haven, on Saturday evening of last week. The interment occurred in Wildwood cemetery, Williamsport.

## A Serious Runaway.

As we go to press, the word reaches us that Mr. E. H. Carr, of Milesburg died on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of John Bilger, in Spring township, from injuries received in a runaway at that place on Tuesday evening. Mr. Carr was accompanied by another gentleman when the accident occurred. The team became unmanageable and ran into a ditch where they fell, and the buggy turned over them. Mr. Carr's injuries consisted of several ribs being dislocated and a stick piercing his lung. He was about 60 years of age and one of Milesburg's leading and most respected citizens.

THERE was a time when certain political agitators in Centre county argued for a McKinley tariff, and especially a tariff that would give the farmers protection on their wheat. They claimed that the farmer needed tariff duties also. Since 1890, when a tariff of 25 cents was placed on wheat, that product has been on a continual decline in price ever since. That simply proves one thing, tariff legislation can not advance the price of wheat because we import none, but export to foreign markets. That sop of 25 cents tariff on wheat was a fraud to humor the unsuspecting farmers. It never gave them a single advantage as the market prices of that product for several years will show.

THERE seems to be a general desire among our people to take a trip to the World's Fair before the exposition closes. Flattering accounts given by those who return is what arouses so much interest, and the fact that the real expenses of the trip are far beneath what most people imagined is what makes so many anxious to go. Every day the attendance is increasing and during the present month it will be at its highest point.

THE Harrisburg Patriot says. Senator Gerard C. Brown, of York; James McSparran, of Lancaster, who was defeated for the democratic nomination for auditor general two years ago by Robert E. Wright, of Allentown; "Farmer" Taggart, of Montgomery and Senator Noah B. Critchfield, of Somerset, are spoken of as possible successors to Grand Worthy Master Rhone, of the state Grange, whose term expires in December.

EVERY day the papers are filled with accounts of factories starting up again in every section of the country. The money scare is about over and the demand for all kinds of products is increasing. The wants of the people are large and the surplus is about exhausted.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT will be mailed to any address from this date to the close of the campaign for 20 cents.

—James A. Curry, the eldest son of John A. Curry, of this place, was killed at Buffalo on Tuesday. He was 35 years of age and was employed as foreman in a railroad yard where the accident occurred.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—R. G. Spigelmeier, the hustling Racket store man, has returned home after a vacation of one month.

—B. Strohm has been appointed pay-master for Company B. The soldier boys will be on hand to get their bootie.

—H. Y. Stitzer's new house, on High street is rapidly being completed. It promises to be an ornament to that street.

—The Huntingdon Presbytery will meet in Bellefonte October 3rd, a large attendance of ministers and elders is expected.

—The Bellefonte Board of Trade continues to hold meetings, but thus far no definite move has been made in any direction. There has been a great deal of red tape thus far.

—Montgomery & Co. are having the basement, beneath their store room, fixed up for a salesroom. Their present quarters don't seem to be large enough to accommodate trade.

—The spook craze has about died out in Bellefonte. For some time all young fellows who are in the habit of being out late, generally carried a "bull dog" in their hip pocket.

—Excursion tickets will be sold along the line of the Bellefonte Central railroad next week to Bellefonte and return, to accommodate those who wish to attend the Grange picnic.

—But one case was tried in court last week, the Armor will contest, which closed on Thursday and all jurors were discharged. A number of the cases placed on the trial list were compromised and others continued.

—Mr. John P. Odenkirk, proprietor of the Old Fort hotel, who has been in declining health for some months, is quite ill at present and fears are entertained for his recovery. His illness is due to an affection of the lungs.

—Many corn fields in the county were damaged by the storm last week. In most of the fields the stalks are lying on the ground, which will make it difficult to gather. The crop this season will be far below the average.

—The severe weather last winter not only had the effect of killing many trout in the mountain streams, but squirrels are reported very scarce and it seems that they too could not endure the winter's blasts. Very few quibrels have been killed thus far by our hunters.

—The board of trade held a meeting on Tuesday evening, at the court house, that was well attended. They have not as yet determined upon any definite course of work for the purpose of furthering the business interests of the town. A number of good schemes have been suggested.

—Last Saturday there was a fine exhibition of ball tossing when the printers and cigar makers defeated the painters and paper hangers in a sharply contested game on the glass works wendoor. The score was 14 to 8. The printers and cigar makers will very likely challenge the Bellefonte River League team.

## Eternal Vigilance.

Is the price of health. But with all our precaution there are enemies always lurking about our systems, only waiting a favorable opportunity to assault themselves. Impurities in the blood may be hidden for years or even generations and suddenly break forth, undermining health and hastening death. For all diseases arising from impure blood Hood's Sarsaparilla is the unequalled and unapproached remedy. It is king of them all, for it conquers diseases.

## A. C. MINGLE,

BROCKERTHOFF HOUSE BLOCK.

Handsome, Well Made

## Shoes For Everybody.

We give you more style and comfort than you'll expect to get and save you money in buying.

- \$1 buys the handsomest and best pair of Oxfords offered anywhere for less than 1.50.
- \$1.25 secures a selection from a grand assortment of beautiful Oxfords and Bluchers—really worth 1.75.
- \$2 buys a pair of patent tip button boots—the greatest bargain we have ever offered in Ladies' fine shoes.
- \$3 gives you a genuine hand-welt button boot—cheap at \$4. Don't miss seeing them.
- \$3 buys a pair of elegant patent leather bals—style as good as our best.
- \$5.50 buys the best the market affords in patent leather bluchers. We almost feel like guaranteeing them, but 'tis against the rule.

—There are people who have a household of children and it takes a great deal of money each year to keep so many little ones. We feel confident we can reduce the expense.

Mingle's Shoe Store.