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### Editorial.

STANDING-CANDIDATE Harter wants another office. His head must be buzzing continually with the political bee. Next year we suppose he will be out for congress.

THE republicans of Juniata, Carbon, Berks and Wyoming counties have declared for Hastings for governor. The General is bagging all the game thus far. His nomination seems quite certain.

JOHN P. CONDO traveled over Centre county for several campaigns and after unusual perseverance and pluck he attained the honor he sought. He awaited his time like a man. That is one secret of success.

WALDO MESSAROS, famous minister and platform lecturer died recently in Philadelphia, caused by dissipation and drink. When such a prominent divine falters and draws an illustrious career to a disgraceful close the public is astounded. The life of this man has been a hindrance, rather than a benefit to christian effort.

THE Gazette in its last issue continues to distort facts by telling its readers that one year ago wheat was worth 90 cents a bushel and since Cleveland was elected it dropped to 60 cents. As proven in a former article our millers and grain merchants in Centre county one year ago, October 1892, paid but 65 cents for wheat. Such wilful distortion of facts is surprising. The farmers know better.

JOHN HARTER started out on Monday morning for a canvass through Bald Eagle Valley. As he travels through that section he should explain to the republicans how he made the nomination. How he came to convention with a few instructed delegates and defeated Cooke who had some forty. The primaries indicated that Cooke was the choice but the Bellefonte ring thought different. The bosses nominated Harter. It is now in order for Standing-candidate Harter to explain.

It will be no surprise to observing ones if the elections this fall should not be crowned with increased democratic majorities. The depression, caused by the disturbance of our currency due to the evils of the Sherman silver bill, by many unthinking ones will be attributed unjustly to the election of Cleveland. That will be the case and there need be no surprise about it. After the silver question will be out of the way a new tariff bill will be taken up and passed as soon as possible, and although some disturbances may follow, the country will have several years to observe whether tariff reform has any virtue or not. We do not fear the outcome. Be patient, after while we will be singing a new song.

COL. JAMES MILLIKEN recently expressed himself upon the silver question in which he heartily endorses Senator Cameron's position in opposition to the repeal of the Sherman silver bill. He says that the great majority of voters in Pennsylvania are of the same opinion. Brother Milliken is assuming entirely too much in that direction. If the Sherman bill were left to the vote of Pennsylvania it would be disposed of in very short order. Our people do not believe in a debased currency, nor are they in favor of giving the silver mine owners \$1 for 60 cents worth of silver. They have better sense than that. Some of our granger friends were deluded into endorsing such a policy but we doubt if they considered seriously before they acted.

## IMPORTANT DECISION.

### LINE FENCES MUST ALL BE BUILT.

Each Land Owner is Responsible for one-half—Fences Can be built and the Cost Assessed.

A recent decision was handed down from the supreme court in regard to the question of line fences that is of importance to every land owner. The following is the substance of the decision:

It has been held by many eminent lawyers that when the fence law of 1700 with regard to outside fences was repealed in 1889, that the act of 1842, which required the erection of line or partition fences, not being specified in the act, continued to remain a law. On the other hand lawyers of high standing claimed that the act of 1842 was repealed by implication when the act of 1700 was removed from the statute books. But Judge McClure held that the law of 1842 is valid and Judge Dean has sustained him in this view, the point of difference being where the Supreme Court held that in the case of Barber vs. Mensch, that the defendant should have seen that there was sufficient fencing to keep in his own cattle; notwithstanding the fact that there had existed between the litigants an agreement for each to keep up one-half of the fence. Hereafter then, according to Judge Dean's decision, a man who wishes to pasture cattle must see that the whole partition or line fence is sufficient to keep his cattle on his own premises, with the right to recover one-half of the costs of the fence from his adjoining. In other words, the Supreme Court holds that all agreements between parties for the maintenance of one-half by each will not stand, and that the man who wishes to pasture his cattle must see to it that they do not damage his adjoining. In cases where you have already built your half under an agreement your only remedy against your adjoining who refuses to build his half is to construct the fence and then put viewers on under the act of 1742 to recover the cost of your adjoining's half.

### Strike Ended.

Last week there was a bit of excitement about State College on account of a "cider racket" by which an offending member of the Freshman class was suspended. The class considered the punishment too severe and they went out on a strike. The class was then notified of its suspension. Other classes took the matter up and considerable trouble was apprehended. Since then a compromise was effected and all the boys are back again at their books like innocent little lambs. All is well that ends well.

### New Post Office Rating.

Unless your envelopes state the number of days you wish your letters held the postmaster, by a new ruling, will hold them thirty days instead of ten. This is important to business men who do not want their letters, when not delivered, detained over five or ten days.

### Fire in a Church.

On Sunday afternoon while the Catholic Sunday school was in session in their church building at Howard, Pa., the inside of the wall was discovered on fire. By hard work the flames were extinguished but not until some damage was done. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### The Best Record.

Willy Windle, of Springfield, broke the world's bicycle record. With flying start he covered 1/4 mile in 59.3 seconds, and 1/2 mile in 1:29.35 seconds, and the mile in 1:58.15.

FROM every section of the county comes the most encouraging reports for the success of the entire democratic county ticket. Shortly after the convention some disappointed aspirants felt somewhat sore, but their better judgment prevailed. They realize that but one out of the many could secure the prize, and they in most cases were men who had passed through frequent defeats but finally won. Patience is a virtue in a great many ways. If you don't succeed at first, you know the rest of that old saying. The only trouble this year will be to get the vote to the polls. Democratic committeemen remember you have a certain responsibility. Don't be negligent in the matter.

The Prohibition and republican factions are figuring on a defeat of a portion of the democratic ticket. As a rule our prohibition friends are always in League with the republican party. Democrats study the situation carefully before you pledge a complimentary vote for a prohibitionist. It means the election of a republican every time.

## OPINIONS AND DECREES

### Filed in the Prothonotary's Office by Judge Furst.

R. T. Comley vs. F. G. Ingram, an exception to auditor's report, overruled and report confirmed absolutely.

Com. ex. rel. Henry Royer vs. Rebecca Royer. Rule on Henry Royer to show cause why an attachment should not issue to compel the payment of committee money. Attachment refused.

In the matter of the inquest of Wentzel Icha, killed on Beech Creek railroad, July 26, 1893. Expense of the inquest, at the cost of the county was refused.

J. O. McCormick vs. W. Alexander; rule to show cause why judgment obtained by Alexander should not be an offset to judgment obtained by McCormick. Rule was discharged and offset not granted.

### Handsome Bibles.

Rev. Noll, secretary of the Bible Society of this county, recently called the attention of the writer to the work that organization is pursuing in this section. The society is composed of active ministers and christian workers whose aim is to have the Bible more generally circulated in this community. There are many homes where this book is not to be found, owing to the indifference of the heads of families, and of some who would not spend their money for such a purpose. The headquarters of the organization are in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at this place.

They now have a large stock of bibles from the cheaper editions to the finest and latest prints and best finish. Handsome leather covered bibles, flexible covers, gilt edges, good paper and clear print can be purchased from them as low as \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 which is the actual cost price, and below one-half regular retail prices. By calling at the Y. M. C. A. rooms you can see the same, at any time.

### Prize Article.

At a meeting of the board of trade on Tuesday evening it was decided to offer a prize of \$10 to the person who would contribute the best article, of about one thousand words, setting forth the resources of Bellefonte. The article is to be used for an advertising circular for general distribution, with the view of encouraging manufacturing industries to locate at this place.

The competition will close on Tuesday Oct. 24th when the articles will be given to a committee to make the award. The contest is open to all. For further information apply to C. M. Dale, Esq., secretary of the Bellefonte Board of Trade.

### Grist Mill Burned.

Mr. George F. Clement's feed mill at Centre Hall was discovered on fire last Wednesday night Oct. 4th about midnight, and was totally destroyed. The fire started on the outside of the building, hence it must have been set on fire.

In it were stored a new wind pump, a number of well hydrants, three-fourths of a car load of coal, and some other articles. In close proximity to the burning mill were several stables which were only saved by the free application of water.

The total loss is about \$2400, on which there is an insurance of about \$1200, in some cash company.

### Mrs. Rankin Dead.

Andrew Rankin, undergoing imprisonment in the Clearfield county jail, received a message on Thursday, Sept. 21, announcing the death of his wife at Wellsboro, this state. The court made an order directing the sheriff or deputy to convey him to his home to remain until after the funeral obsequies, which took place on Friday. Two of his boys have been lying very low with typhoid fever during the past month. Another example of the saying that "trouble never comes single."—Journal.

### Deaths at Millheim.

Miss Lizzie Sholl, a young lady about 20 years of age, died at the home of her father, David Sholl, at Millheim, on Monday morning. Her death was caused by consumption.

Mr. Harry Clapp died on Sunday morning at her home in Millheim, from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was a woman about 60 years of age.

### Vetoed the Ordinance.

Mayor Mayer, of Lock Haven, has vetoed the ordinance passed by council, which prohibited outside book agents and peddlers from making house to house sales.

—Mart Garman is now doing the elegant as assistant in Achenbach's jewelry store.

## Our Public Schools.

There were 24,612 public schools in Pennsylvania with 503,858 male and 490,549 female scholars at the close of the fiscal year ending the first Monday in June, 1893, according to the reports received at the department of public instruction from the authorities of the 2,387 school districts of the state. The whole number of scholars attending these schools during the year was 722,196. The average percentage of attendance was 84, and the average number of months taught by 8.10. This great army of scholars was taught by 8,245 male teachers who were paid an average monthly salary of \$43.94, and 17,718 females, whose average salary for the same period was \$33.04. The average cost per month for each scholar was \$2.28.

There was levied during the year 2.20 mills for school purposes and 2.74 mills for building purposes. The total amount of tax levied for both purposes was \$7,776,101.62. Other receipts were the state appropriation, \$3,901,115.80; taxes and all the other sources, except the state appropriation, \$10,289,298.07; a total of \$17,413,501.43. The cost of school houses, purchasing building, renting, &c., was \$3,569,103.12. In addition to this \$8,468,436.99, was paid to teachers in wages, and \$4,373,436.88 for fuel contingencies, fees of collectors and other expenses. The total expenditures of the districts was \$16,410,976.99; resources, \$749,141.87; liabilities, \$6,885,949.10.

### More Coal Discoveries.

The Karthus estate have had men prospecting here this summer hunting for the lower coal vein. They ran one drift at an expense of about \$800 and struck a fault and had to stop and open another place. They sunk a shaft and found four feet of good coal, which will be good news to the citizens of this community, as it runs under all the land for miles.

Spear & Cowar have opened another vein of splendid coal between the large vein and the four foot vein, which is about three feet thick. They have built a side down the mountain and intend to ship a car load or so to test it. It is said to be the best coal in the country, as Mr. Henry Reiter has the same coal on his farm and supplies the citizens of our town with coal, and he cannot supply the demand. He has not run it far enough for it to reach its full height. All Karthus needs is several new companies to come here and buy or lease coal land and ship coal, as there is any amount of the best coal land here.

### The New Marriage Law.

Persons about to marry will make note of the fact that the amendment to the marriage license law, passed at the last session of the Pennsylvania legislature, went into effect last Monday. Formerly a marriage license was void if presented to a minister or magistrate in a county other than the one in which the license was issued. Now, if either of the parties secures a license in any county, it can be used in any other Pennsylvania county. This was to remove an inconvenience which was developed by the old law.

### Three Years for Tax Collectors.

It may not be generally known, but all the tax collectors to be elected next February are to be elected for a term of three years, as per the act of the legislature passed last May, which says: "The qualified voters of boroughs and townships in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall, on the third Tuesday of February after the passage of this act and triennially thereafter, vote for and elect one qualified person for tax collector, who shall serve for three years."

### A Sad Accident.

Ardell Long, of Allport, while braking cars on the Beech Creek railroad Sunday night of last week, had his left hand crushed to a pulp. He is a son of Thomas Long, of Allport. His case is peculiarly sad because he aspired to become a physician and surgeon, and took a course last winter at the University of Pennsylvania, and expected to continue his studies there this winter.

—The Tyrone Times says: Miss Allie Holmes, of Tyrone, and Myrtle Smith, daughter of Charles Smith of Bellefonte, will soon open a millinery store in the room formerly occupied by Study Bess, as a china store in the Study building. Miss Smith is one of Bellefonte's most energetic young ladies, and all her friends desire to see the new enterprise become a great success. She had been in Philadelphia taking lessons in the finer points of the business and there is but little doubt but that she can cater to the best element in Tyrone.

## DUPED FORTUNE SEEKERS.

### A PHILIPSBURG MAN ARRESTED FOR SWINDLING.

Made Frequent trips to Europe at the Expense of the Spang Heirs—A forged will—How he was caught.

The following news item appeared in the Philadelphia Times on Tuesday:

Officers arrived at Reading Monday night, having in custody A. J. Dress of Phillipsburg, Centre county, whom they arrested at that place on a charge of false pretense in receiving about \$2,000 from the alleged heirs of the estate of John George Spang, who died over sixty years ago and is supposed to have left an estate which is now worth anywhere from \$40,000,000 to \$100,000,000. In default of bail Dress was committed.

He sent the Spang heirs what has since been proved as a forged copy of the will of John George Spang and his arrest is based on the declaration of the court officials of Schoenbeck, Germany, that the will is spurious and that there is no Spang estate awaiting American heirs there. Several hundred people of the Spang family have been deluded and Dress has made trips to Europe at their expense until the demands for money have been very frequent.

The Phillipsburg Journal has the following to say in reference to the affair: The charge, we understand, is misuse of money, but as Mr. Dress was roped into the affair in the first place by the Spang heirs, and was working under a power of attorney from them, and has squandered a big lot of his own money working up the fortune, it is believed by those who know something about the affair that they have no case against him. We believe that Mr. Dress has acted in the best of faith in this whole matter, and will be able to clear himself from the charges against him.

### "Williamsport Review."

A new illustrated weekly publication has made its appearance at Williamsport in the Saturday Evening Review. The aims of the journal are to give a review of the local societies and social organizations of that vicinity and personal news items; also to furnish a large amount of illustrated humorous matter of the order of "Puck" and "Judge." The first copy is a very creditable one and if kept up to that standard is bound to succeed. The editor, Wm. L. Showers, is a young man of considerable experience and ability. We wish him success.

### About the Odd Fellows.

The sixty-ninth annual meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows is being held in Milwaukee. The report of Grand Secretary Ross shows that there are 9,936 subordinate lodges of Odd Fellows, 2,483 subordinate encampments, 55 grand lodges and 60 grand encampments. The membership is 747,295 and of Rebekah members there are 180,860. The total revenue of the order for the year was \$8,809,130 and the relief granted amounting to \$3,350,456.

### Next to Murder.

The prompt conviction and sentence of young Smart for the crime of arson ought to be a warning sufficient to deter anyone from attempting to commit that crime in this county in the future. The man who deliberately applies the torch to buildings endangers life at the same time. Judge Mayer in sentencing Smart to 5 years in the penitentiary, said the crime of arson was next to murder.—L. H. Express.

### Tyrone Ahead Again.

The Tyrone Herald says: while crossing Brush Mountain nearly opposite Tyrone station last week, John R. Plummer discovered a honeysuckle bush in full bloom, the flowers being as sweet and fragrant as in early spring. To prove to some incredulous people that honeysuckles bloom in October, he gathered a fine bouquet and brought it to town.

### Mines Starting Up.

The Phillipsburg Ledger says: "It is gratifying to note an improvement in the coal business in our locality. Both Pardee collieries started to work a little. It makes a man feel good to hear the coal trains snorting and puffing again, and we hope it may continue."

—A fourteen year-old boy writing for the Galveston Tribune draws this parallel between a dog and a boy: "You have heard it said the more you whip a dog the better he will like you. This is a mistake. He only pretends to like you so that you will not beat him any more. Boys never like a parent who beats and bangs them, though they may pretend to. There is a great deal of boy in a dog."

## TO THE POINT.

The Philadelphia Record illustrates the subject after this fashion: If we have been buying gold and paying for it with 60 cent wheat, let not the farmer cry out against Democratic Administration. Democracy is not responsible for 60 cent wheat, nor 60 cent dollars, nor 12 cent wool. These things have come upon us as the legitimate offspring of thirty years of interference with legitimate trade and defiance of the rules of honest finance. Four times in the past twenty years the business of the country has been disturbed by panics for which Republican legislation was alone responsible. It has not been in the power of the Democrats at any time since 1861 to put in force remedial legislation until the present Congress was brought together in extra session.

### U. B. Conference.

At the United Brethren conference held at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pa., the following appointments were made:

- R. S. Woodward, Presiding Elder.
- Altoona, J. I. Ressler and I. B. Truxal.
- Bellefonte, D. W. Blackburn.
- East Salem, Rev. Kelley.
- East Freedom, George Novan.
- Huntingdon, A. W. Maxwell.
- Liverpool, D. R. Shaw.
- Millheim, C. C. Miller.
- Mt. Union, D. Strayer.
- New Paris, W. A. Jackson.
- Orbisona, B. J. Hummel.
- Phillipsburg, N. O. Patterson.
- Port Matilda, W. Cramer.
- Stonerstown, J. S. Dolheim.
- South Williamsport, D. Cramer.
- Three Springs, Rev. Ott.
- Tuscarora, D. A. Sparks.
- Tyrone, D. U. Hoenschel.
- Wallace Run, W. R. Dillen.
- Bellwood, E. N. Somers.

### World's Fair Excursions.

The excursion rate from Bellefonte and this section is now \$15.75 the lowest offered.

The remaining dates on which this remarkable rate will apply are October 11th, 17th, and 21st, from New York and Philadelphia, and 7th, and 14th, and 21st, from Baltimore and Washington, when trains will leave the several Eastern terminals fully and comfortably equipped with Pennsylvania standard coaches, and all taking advantages of these exceptional opportunities are assured of being amply cared for in transit. The arriving time in Chicago, early the next afternoon, is on equality with the fast express trains' schedule, and affords sufficient time for a selection of accommodations for the stay in Chicago.

### Completed Arrangements.

Adjutant General Greenland completed arrangements yesterday for the transportation of the Pennsylvania troops to Trenton on the 19th inst. to attend the unveiling of the Washington monument commemorating the battle at Trenton and Princeton during the revolutionary war.

### Another Wedding.

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Will H. Keller, son of D. S. Keller, Esq., of this place, to Miss Annie Dickey, of Lancaster. The wedding will occur at Lancaster Pa., Wednesday, Oct. 18th. Will is located at that place, as a practicing attorney.

## SCHOOL SHOES!

The Best Makes!  
The Best Styles!  
The Most Wear!  
The Lowest Prices!

Realizing the scarcity of money and hard times, we have made a special effort to procure good, solid serviceable SCHOOL SHOES especially adapted to withstand the kicks and thumps of a hearty boy and girl, and at prices usually paid for "Clap Trap" work.

A full line of Ladies' Cork Sole Button Shoes—thick sole but no extra weight—will keep the feet warm and dry.

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...SHOE STORE.