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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Sheriff—JNO. P. CONDO.
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Editorial.

HARTER thinks democrats are ignorant, but wants them to elect him sheriff of Centre county.

The fact that a subscriber who is in arrears cannot pay all he owes at once need not keep him from paying part.

"The intelligence of this country is in the republican party."—John F. Harter, republican candidate for sheriff.

This year ever democrat should turn out and cast a straight vote. It is an endorsement of the administration.

DR. HARTER is confident that he will be elected sheriff. If that would so happen, complimentary democratic votes would be the cause.

DENTIST-ex-Recorder-cigar manufacturer, copper-miner, standing candidate John F. Harter was in Bellefonte on Tuesday soliciting democrats to vote for him.

REWARD faithful and competent officials by voting for Goodhart and Adams. They have done all that could be expected. They are entitled to a re-election.

The latest news from Washington, D. C., gives the encouraging information that the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase act is in sight. Cleveland will sign the same at once and confidence in financial circles will follow.

WHAT has Dr. John F. Harter ever done that democrats should vote for him. He has been a pronounced republican all his life and always worked to defeat democratic tickets. The democratic party is under no obligations to Mr. Harter whatever.

EDITOR Alexander K. McClure of the Philadelphia Times has been a very sick man for several weeks past and is still in a critical condition. His ailment is disease of the kidneys which is liable to cause blood poisoning. His recovery is considered very doubtful.

DEMOCRATS should not concern themselves at all about the success of either of the candidates for county commissioner on the republican ticket. By working for either Strohm or Riddle, they are liable to endanger the success of their own ticket. We don't want another republican Lord in Centre county.

JOHN P. CONDO never held a position as a county official and always was an enthusiastic party worker. No democratic voter should desert such a worthy nominee to give a complimentary vote to a republican who has held one county office. The democrats elected Harter recorder six years ago. That should be enough.

On Saturday, October 21st, a new paper was issued at Phillipsburg, Pa., called *The Bituminous Record*, to be a continuation of the *Wage Earners Journal*, and is issued from the same office. The publishers of the new paper are Messrs. Willis Clarke and W. A. Kipsloe, with Willis Clarke as editor. The paper will be independent democratic and has the full state and county ticket at its head, and its editorial columns are brim full of spicy democratic editorials. The first copy is a very creditable one and will be sure to win favor in that community.

THE SILVER TROUBLE.

HOW IT AFFECTS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

A Republican Measure—It was Opposed by Democrats—The tax Rules in the U. S. Senate.

The present depression in business circles is generally attributed to the effect of the Sherman silver purchasing act of 1890. It was passed by the republicans then in power, against the strong protests of the democratic party. After it was in operation for a short period the evil effects of the bill became apparent; there came disturbances in financial circles; business men and bankers became uneasy because it was bringing a crisis upon the country.

During the presidential campaign of 1892 the Democratic National Platform denounced the Sherman act in the most positive terms. Even before he was nominated for president, Grover Cleveland publicly announced that he was opposed to the Sherman silver act and thought it should be repealed. President Harrison held similar views and realized that a calamity was approaching on account of this measure. As his term was drawing to a close he took no steps toward a speedy remedy of the evil but left it for his successors to grapple with, later on.

As all know president Cleveland, true to his pledges to the people and his party, summoned congress in extra session to act upon this important question at once. The House quickly passed a bill for the unconditional repeal of the Sherman silver act, and by a pronounced majority. From there it went to the senate and has been hanging there for days, nights, weeks and months and nothing has been done.

THE EFFECT OF DELAY. The effect of the long delay in the senate has caused universal depression throughout the country. The money of the country is withheld from the avenues of trade on account of this uncertainty. It has caused stagnation in business, the closing of mills and furnaces, and thousands of laboring men are thrown out of employment—all due to the uncertainty of the Senate's action and the continual delay.

CAUSE OF DELAY. The United States Senate is governed by certain rules of procedure. That body is generally credited with being the most dignified and patriotic assemblage in which no filibustering or obstructive measures would be used for the purpose of thwarting the will of the people, or to prevent the majority of senators from transacting business. When the bill for the repeal of the Sherman Silver act came up, the enemies began to pursue obstructive tactics. By what is known as the "courtesy of the senate" any senator can speak as long as he wishes upon any bill. At this time the silver senators from the Western states have taken advantage of the "courtesy of the senate" and propose to keep the U. S. senate in continuous session, by continually talking against the repeal until they force the democrats to give up the fight.

As all legislative bodies must be governed in strict accordance with their fixed rules, in this case no end can be put to the debate as long as the silver men can talk. It is simply a matter of physical endurance. Senator Voorhees the democratic leader in the Senate, will not yield or surrender to the long winded minority, and insists that the demands of the President and the public in general must triumph before they submit.

President Cleveland remains firm and will not accept a compromise measure with the silver people. He stands firm for unconditional repeal. A vote may be reached by changing the rules of the senate or enforcing a cessation of debate by the cloture rule. That is the situation of the present silver difficulty in the United States Senate.

The democratic party has been true to its pledges in this case and had it not been for the laxness of the rules in the U. S. Senate the Sherman silver bill would have been repealed long ago.

For a generation past the U. S. Senate has been in the hands of the republican party. The lax rules for governing that body are the creation of the republican party. They were formulated by them, adopted by them and today the entire country is suffering on account of them. While the republican party, to-day, may not be causing this delay, the rules of the senate left by them, when they went out of power, is the cause of all.

Why then should the democratic party be responsible for the present depression in business and the unsettled condition of the money market?

This year when there is much misunderstanding in regard to these facts it is the duty of every democrat to come out and poll his vote for the entire democratic ticket. It will be an endorsement of President Cleveland and the administration.

Schools Should Remain Open.

On the 23rd of May, 1893, the Governor approved an Act of Assembly providing that the Tuesday following the first Monday of November and the third Tuesday of February shall be holidays from noon to midnight; that is half holidays.

School boards are now inquiring whether they should close the schools on election day or for any part of the day. On this question we quote the opinion of the superintendent of public instruction and by it the schools should remain open.

"The purposes mentioned in this act have special reference to the maturity of commercial paper, the acceptance and payment of bank checks, drafts, promissory notes, etc., as expressly set forth in the act itself. I am clearly of the opinion that the several boards of school directors and controllers are not required to close the public schools on their respective districts on the days designated as election days, but on the contrary I would urge the directors and controllers to keep their schools in session on these days for the purpose of preventing too many breaks in the regular school year."

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Three Deaths Near Huntingdon.

Three deaths on the railroad occurred near Huntingdon on Monday and Tuesday of last week. On Monday William Doyle a 16-year-old lad of Lucy Furnace, had his left leg mangled while attempting to board a freight train at Mount Union. He was taken to the Altoona hospital where he died that night. On Tuesday morning Augustus Raymond, of Huntingdon, a prominent Grand Army Man, was struck on the head by Pacific express and his brains spilled over the track. His head was a sickening sight. Both legs and one arm were broken. J. C. Egloff, a brakeman, of Harrisburg, formerly of Huntingdon fell from his train below Huntingdon, on Tuesday morning, and his body was cut in two at the stomach.

A Large Verdict.

The trial of the action brought by S. Morris Wain and Howard Conrow, administrators of Thornton Conrow deceased, in the Philadelphia Courts this week against ex-Governor James A. Beaver and his law partner, J. W. Gephart, ended Tuesday in a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$6,498.

The action was brought to recover the value of eight bonds of \$500 each with interest, and the verdict represents the full amount claimed. The case arose from a transaction in timber lands in Centre county. It was contended that Beaver and Gephart, as counsel, negligently permitted property represented by the bonds to be sold for taxes, thus rendering the bonds worthless.

Election Proclamation.

This year no election proclamation appears in any of the county papers as the Sheriff will send teams around to put up notices of election in the various districts. By putting the proclamation in the papers it reaches almost every business place and home in the county. This year most voters will have to look for a poster, stuck up on the side of a barn or school house, and probably be compelled to drive several miles from their homes to find one. It deprives many from seeing such an important document as only a few are posted in a district, while if placed in the newspapers it would have put it within reach of thousands and in a more desirable form.

Good Streets.

Tyrone has voted for good streets. Pennsylvania avenue, from the bridge to 10th street, is to be paved with vitrified brick at \$2.18 per square yard and 70 cents per lineal foot for curbing. Reed & Eitla's brick, from Clearfield, will be used. It will take about 65,000 brick for this improvement. A well made street is always a good investment.

House Burned.

On Thursday, October 12th, the dwelling house on Jacob Sankey's farm, in Penn township, was completely destroyed by fire. The family of Robert Hackenberg who lived in it, barely escaped with their lives. The building was insured. Fire started from a defective flue.

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AN I. O. O. F. TABLE.

Remarkable Piece of Work Done by Mr. D. F. Luse.

This week we were shown a remarkable piece of work by Mr. D. F. Luse, which for dexterity and skill displayed by the artisan, it is a specimen of rare handiwork. It is a table of pretty design and finish, and is constructed entirely of woods contributed by members of the Centre Hall and other lodges of Odd Fellows.

Each state and territory is represented including the District of Columbia, in the table by the contribution of a distinct piece of wood, as is also every foreign country and island where there is an Odd Fellows' order. The top of the table is inlaid with the contributions and is of a handsome design, while the skeleton is also constructed in the same manner. Each piece is labeled, giving the name of place and number of lodge donating. Twenty-two foreign countries and islands are represented. The table was begun by Mr. Luse in October 1890, and was not completed until a few days ago, and the work upon it can scarcely be realized except by a close examination.

In securing material for building up the table, Mr. Luse wrote 353 letters and postals, and some of the contributions could only be secured through the aid of foreign consuls and congressmen. There are 686 pieces of wood in the table, 62 different kinds. Among the notable pieces of wood of historic renown in the table is one contributed by the Odd Fellows of District of Columbia; a piece from a hickory tree planted by "Old Hickory" Jackson; Iowa sent a block from a frontier house, one of the oldest buildings in the state. A piece of maple from the yard of President Singer, of Singer sewing machine fame, represents the state of Connecticut. Georgia has a piece of yellow pine, which was a part of a paper weight used by a confederate official during the recent rebellion. Many of the woods are of the rarest and finest the country produces. The table is heavy and massive and throughout is carved and inlaid. It is an Odd Fellows' table, as all the contributions were from members of the order.

The table has attracted a great deal of attention and since finished will be placed on exhibition in the I. O. O. F. room where for an insignificant sum, for the benefit of the Lodge, this rare specimen of art can be inspected.—*Lieporter.*

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The Greatest Book Ever Written.

Charles A. Dana, in a lecture on "The Press and Journalism" delivered before the students of Union college last Friday, in speaking of the preparation necessary to a journalistic career pays this tribute to the Bible: "What books ought you to read? Almost all books have their use, but some are indispensable to the kind of an education. But of all these, the most useful, the most indispensable, the one whose knowledge is the most effective, is the Bible.

I am considering it now not as a religious book, but as a manual of utility, of professional use for a Journalist. There is perhaps no book whose style is more suggestive and more instructive, from which you learn more directly that sublime simplicity which never exaggerates, which recounts the greatest event with solemnity of course, but without sentimentality or affection, none which you open with such confidence and lay down with such reverence, there is no book like the Bible."

Booth Curtains.

The county commissioners recently received the curtains for the election booths. According to the amended Baker Ballot law each election booth must be provided with a curtain to insure absolute privacy in marking the ballot. Under the former arrangement persons standing in the election room could easily tell how ballots were being made out. The curtains are of a brown canton flannel. It requires 250 to fit out the election districts in Centre county.

Quite a number of our people have endorsed the DEMOCRAT'S views in regard to the contract of \$17,000 about to be given for street lighting. Most of them think a five year contract entirely too long, and that the price is not necessarily so very low. Councilmen, if they want to be of any benefit to the public, should investigate what other towns are paying. Don't be in a rush in this matter—go slow. This body recently purchased a road machine—no more need be said.

DESERVES A REBUKE.

HARTER'S INSULT TO DEMOCRATS.

Considers Them Without Intelligence—His Republican Egotism Crops Out—One of His Bitter Remarks About Democrats.

The following expression made by Dr. John F. Harter, of Millheim, the republican candidate for sheriff, gives an idea of what this man thinks of the average democrat:

"The intelligence of this country is in the republican party."

From that we would naturally have the right to infer that he considers the men who vote democratic tickets and believe in democratic principles are not the equal of republicans; that they are generally ignorant, not fit to hold public office or should be intrusted with the government of this country.

It is an insult to every democratic voter. Yet he is traveling Centre county over and begging democratic voters to support him for office. No democrat in Centre county, after such an utterance from Harter, should think of giving him a vote.

Mr. Harter will likely deny that he ever made such an assertion. He may say that it is only a campaign dodge, sprung at the last moment to injure him. This statement was made at Millheim, during the past month, in the presence of a number of democrats and others. If he denies the assertion, he can do so this week. Then we will give the names of several prominent, reliable citizens of Millheim, in our next issue, who were present when it occurred.

The intelligence of the democratic voters in Centre county needs no defense, nor have they any apology to make. This insult deserves a rebuke at the polls.

A Good One on Judge Metzger.

When Judge Metzger of Williamsport, was at Sunbury last week he figured in a funny little incident that is now going the rounds. The judge is afflicted with a nervous trouble that causes an incessant twitching of the muscles of his eye lids. To those who do not know this it looks as if his honor was continually winking. Among the criminals who came before him last week was Mrs. Ellen Waldorf, who rejoices in the name of "Snowball." She is a lady with a reputation. She was before the court about a year ago and Judge Savidge sentenced her to 6 months. Last week she was sentenced again and when she was called up for sentence before Judge Metzger she noticed this peculiar nervous trouble and imagined the Court was winking at her. She said: "I saw him winking at me and thinks I'll wink at him. So I winks once or twice and he winks back again, and he only gave me three months, and my second offence too." She went back to prison firm on her belief that the Court winked at her and was lenient on account of her personal charms.—*Ashland Telegram.*

Pennsylvania Sabbath Schools.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath school association, now in session at Pittsburg, reports Pennsylvania as the strongest Sunday school state in the union in numbers of scholars and teachers. There are 9962 schools, 136,256 teachers and officers, and 1,247,320 scholars, making a grand total of 1,386,276 interested in Sunday school work.

Horse Stolen.

On Monday evening a bay mare was stolen from Titus Gramley's stable at Spring Mills, this county. The horse and bridle were all that was missed and no trace has been found of the animal or the thief.

—Mrs. Harriet Sayres died on Tuesday, at Scranton. The body was brought to Bellefonte, her home, for interment Thursday.

—The enforcement of the ordinance, for boys under sixteen to be off the streets by 8 p. m., is working beautifully. Some few try to defy the police-men but after one or two get in the lock-up that trouble will be settled. The next ordinance should be declaring "chippies" a nuisance, and make it the duty of the High Constable to catch all such strays and pen them up in the boro pound for the night.

—On Tuesday evening a hunting party from Bellefonte left for the Green woods, in Clearfield county, where they will put in a week hunting deer. They were Al. Dale, Simeon Haupt, Clyde Blackford, Mich Weaver, S. M. McMurtrie and his son. They left town with great expectations and plenty of provisions and other articles, positively necessary for such a trip. The result of their hunt will be given later.

TRIAL LIST.

First Week—Commencing Monday, November 28th, 1893.

Daniel Butler vs. Henry Underpool.
James Higgins vs. Meek & Nagle.
Thomas Lauer vs. David Harter.
T. T. Callaghan Packing Co. vs. Brinton, Duncan & Barnes.
John W. Lesky vs. C. C. Cooke.
Susan Ertle vs. Howard twp. Supervisors.
Sam. and Jessie Long vs. Daniel Long.
Geo. W. Campbell vs. Mary Campbell.
Amos Gartrick vs. John Gartrick.
Wm. C. Heine vs. John Swartz et al.
M. S. Adams & Co. vs. I. L. McLaren.
Wm. Wolf vs. I. L. McLaren.
Susan Nolan vs. Sam. Swabb, et al.
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Philip Tressler vs. L. E. Essington.

Who Can Attend.

The law pass at the last session of the legislature giving the children of soldiers of the late war the privilege of attending the public schools in the district outside of their own homes is not generally understood and frequent inquiries are received at the department of public instruction for an interpretation of it. Deputy Superintendent Stewart says the law does not give to the children the right to go to the schools of adjoining districts from their own homes the same as to the schools in the districts in which they reside. He interprets the act to mean that such children must at least have a temporary residence in the district where they attend school. Mr. Stewart says an arrangement made by these children or their parents by which they would temporarily reside in the district in which they desire to attend school would entitle them to school privileges therein, but without such arrangement they cannot claim admission under the terms of the act.

Opium Cigarettes.

It is a known fact that cigarettes invariably contain narcotic poisons, each brand containing a percentage of the same or different variety of narcotics. Opium is the one most generally used, while Indian hemp, atropia and others are frequently used. After becoming habituated to the narcotic in their favorite brand, the "cigarette fiend" will use no other. Cigarette smoking is in fact but another term of "biting the pipe," as opium smoking is termed the universal desire for some stimulant or narcotic by the human race is illustrated by the remarkable increase in the sale of opium in its various forms in prohibition States.

He Took a Tumble.

Michael McGonigal, at one time worth \$100,000 and once a prominent coal operator and an active candidate in Cambria county for the Legislature, was convicted of robbing a freight car in the Blair county court Wednesday. He belonged to a gang of tramps who had committed many larcenies in Blair county.

Election Days Not Holidays.

One opinion has been given by the superintendent of public instruction on the acts of May 23 and 31, 1893, designating the days to be observed as holidays. He holds that the school boards throughout the state are not required to close the school on the days designated as election days. On the contrary, he urges them to keep their school in session on these days.

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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.

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