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Editorial.

THE grip is again becoming an epidemic in many sections of the county.

CONGRESS convened in regular session on Monday. Action on the Wilson tariff bill, the democratic measure, will be the all absorbing topic.

It is perfectly natural that individuals could be found in Bellefonte who will oppose everything attempted by the Bellefonte Board of Trade to advance the interest of the town. Moss backs become a necessary evil and must be endured.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S message was a surprise to the many who expected to see it deal alone with tariff reform. He emphatically endorses the Wilson tariff bill as a consistent measure and urges its passage. Other public questions are given due and full attention.

THERE will be little change in business affairs for the present. The disposal of the tariff question will naturally hold certain industries in suspense until the conclusion is reached. There will be some important changes in the existing schedules and business men and manufacturers are awaiting the result. The change will naturally cause some disturbances but when that period has been passed we predict lasting benefits. Patience for a few months.

THE republican organs are playing their partisan music. The announcement of the Wilson tariff bill and Cleveland's message has set them in motion. Failures, distress in business, no employment for laboring men, starvation and kindred evils are their doleful tunes. That is all that can be expected from partisan papers. An endorsement of a democratic tariff policy in a republican sheet would naturally be a curiosity—a genuine freak worthy of a place in a dime museum.

THE London Standard offers the following criticism of the proposed Wilson tariff bill and Cleveland's message endorsing it:

"From our point of view, in spite of Mr. Cleveland's friendly attitude toward England, we might almost regard the proposed new tariff as the work of an enemy. Its natural consequence is to create a new competitor for our business abroad and we can only hope that experience and the benefit of cheap raw materials may lead to better things in other directions."

This is a frank admission that this country, with free raw materials, will be able to enter the foreign markets and be a strong rival of our English neighbors. This does not indicate the downfall of our manufacturing industries.

Commercial Triumph.

If a hint from an official source be founded on fact President Cleveland has succeeded in accomplishing something that will make his administration one of the most distinguished in American history and one of the most popular, in making a new treaty with China, under which the government of China agrees to purchase annually silver produced by American mines to the value of \$50,000,000—about our entire product—and to throw its markets open to our manufacturers. It has been the dream of European statesmen for many years to get the valuable Chinese trade for their respective countries, and if President Cleveland has succeeded he has gained the greatest international commercial triumph of the century, one worth untold wealth to the people of the United States, and one that will soon give us the commercial supremacy of the world.

Received His Piano.

Osborne M. Hanna drove from Cross Forks to Westport, a distance of twenty-three miles for the purpose of taking home with him a piano he had ordered from New York, evidently in answer to an advertisement stating that such an instrument would be sent for one dollar. The Renovo News says he was much disgusted when a five pound box was handed to him. The package was opened, and snugly tucked away in it was a toy piano.

THE BANNER DISTRICTS.

WHERE THE LARGEST VOTE WAS POLLED.

For Democratic Candidates in Centre County—Worth Township and Millheim Borough ahead.

After a hard fought battle is over it becomes a pleasant diversion to look over the field and study how the victory was won and who did the best work. In the last election there were some surprises in store for the democratic party. The depression in times was sorely felt by many and it was quite natural that the party in power, under most any circumstances, would suffer, whether it deserved it or not.

The democrats of Centre county did nobly. The party was well organized. It had a strong ticket. The candidates made a thorough canvass and the result was that handsome majorities were recorded.

A comparison was made of the vote cast in 1892 for Cleveland in each district. Also an average vote this year from which a per centage has been ascertained. The average vote of a district was obtained by making a sum of the votes cast in the district and then dividing it by the number of candidates voted for.

The following is the result for each polling place.

| BOROUGH AND TOWNSHIPS. | Cleveland 1892 | Average vote 1893 | Per Centage |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bellefonte, North Ward | 128 | 115 | 89.84 |
| Bellefonte, South Ward | 196 | 174 | 88.77 |
| Centre Hall borough | 54 | 51 | 94.44 |
| Howard borough | 83 | 82 | 97.71 |
| Millheim borough | 77 | 78 | 101.31 |
| Millheim borough | 115 | 109 | 94.78 |
| Phillipsburg, First Ward | 62 | 58 | 93.55 |
| Phillipsburg, Second Ward | 121 | 103 | 84.38 |
| Phillipsburg, Third Ward | 121 | 118 | 97.52 |
| South Phillipsburg | 121 | 118 | 97.52 |
| Unionville borough | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Benner township | 156 | 149 | 95.45 |
| Boggs twp., North precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Boggs twp., East precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Boggs twp., West precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Burnside township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| College twp., East precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| College twp., West precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Curtin township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Ferguson twp., East prec. | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Ferguson twp., West prec. | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Gregg twp., East precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Gregg twp., West precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Hains twp., East precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Hains twp., West precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Half Moon township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Harris township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Howard township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Houston township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Liberty township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Marion township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Miles twp., Middle precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Miles twp., West precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Patton township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Penn township, North precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Penn township, South precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Potter twp., North precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Potter twp., South precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Rush twp., North precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Rush twp., South precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Snow Shoe twp., East prec. | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Snow Shoe twp., West prec. | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Spring twp., North precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Spring twp., South precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Taylor twp., North precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Taylor twp., South precinct | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Walker township | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |
| Worth | 101 | 95 | 94.06 |

From the above it will be seen that there was a slight falling off in each district except worth township whose per centage is 107.24. Among the boroughs Millheim comes in for first honors as its percentage is the highest, 96.23, with Unionville close to it at 95.48.

In some townships there was a decided falling off and indicates that many votes were left at home.

Worth township and Millheim borough were in for first honors.

A Record Breaker.

S. C. Keissinger died recently in Toby township, Clarion county, aged 93 years. He was married at the age of 19. When he was 30 he was the father of eleven children. When the eleventh child was a few weeks old he and his wife went on a visit leaving the next younger with Mrs. Keissinger's sister and the nine others at home. In their absence the house took fire and the nine children were burned to death. During the next ten years eight more children were born to them, when his wife died at the age of 35 years, the mother of nineteen children. Soon after he married again and his second wife bore him fifteen, making him the father of thirty-four children at the age of 61 years.

An Impracticable Scheme.

An exchange says: For some time past an expert on forestry employed by a big land company, has been examining the barren hills of Cameron, Elk, Clinton and Clearfield counties as to the feasibility of reforesting them with pine from the seed. According to the expert it will take 100 years from the time the seed were planted before the timber would be of marketable size. Figuring on this basis the expert declares that the scheme would be profitable, but for one thing—forest fires. There is no way to prevent the latter and so the project is declared impracticable.

MONEY SAVERS.

So much has been said, not only by republicans but even by some democrats, about the enormous cost of the special examiners who have been employed for some months to investigate suspected frauds on the pension roll that Secretary Smith's statement on the subject, in his annual report, is decidedly interesting as well as timely. The much talked of special examiners have unearthed actual frauds in Iowa, New Mexico and Virginia alone which saved the government more than the entire cost of salary and maintenance of all the special examiners employed by the Pension Bureau, to say nothing of cases elsewhere. So the special examiners are money savers for the government instead of money wasters. Secretary Smith also calls attention to the fact that in making suspensions he has simply followed the policy that has guided the Pension Bureau in dealing with similar cases. The report endorses the application of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah for statehood.

A STATE COLLEGE SCANDAL.

Kiefer, a Junior, Taken From His Bed and Brutally Beaten.

Kiefer, a member of the junior class, was forcibly taken from his room in the main dormitory building early Wednesday morning by a crowd of ten masked students to a neighboring woods and beaten until he was insensible.

He lay where he was left by his assailants until he was found by some workmen at 6. They carried him, helpless and bleeding, back to the college building. His condition is serious.

The cause for the cowardly assault is said to be the reporting of two cadets to the commandant for disorderly conduct in their rooms. The college authorities are searching for the offenders, who will be dealt with according to law.

Constitutes a Farm.

The question, "what does a man buy when he purchases a title to a farm?" has often been asked but not satisfactorily determined. From the latest decisions on the subject, it is plain he buys the ground, of course, and all the building erected upon it, whether these were mentioned or not. He always buys all the fences, not material used, then taken down and laid aside, nor material for a new fence, unless they are specially mentioned. He also buys all adjuncts necessary to the farm, except implements and machinery. For instance, if there is a pile of bean poles cut and once used for the purpose, those go with the farm; but if cut and never used they are the seller's property unless specified as sold. Standing trees and those which have fallen or been blown down go with the ground, but if cut down and made into cord wood they become personal property, and to go with the land must be specified in the sale.

A Thrilling Experience.

Roland Stevenson, of Nittany Valley, had an experience while hunting for deer in the Baker Run valley a few days ago which he will not soon forget. He was accompanied by several friends and while passing through the woods Mr. Stevenson stepped into the jaws of a big bear trap. His foot touched the contrivance that held the jaws of the trap open, and quick as wink they closed upon his ankle. The jaws of the trap were fitted with long steel prongs which fortunately passed on either side of Mr. Stevenson's ankle. The strong springs of the trap held his foot and leg as firmly as if in a vice, and the efforts of two men with a big lever were required to extract him from his unpleasant predicament. The Lock Haven Express says: His ankle is considerably bruised by pressure of the jaws of the trap, but no bones were broken. The trap was so nicely covered over with leaves that had a man been looking for it he would not have been likely to find it.

Thanksgiving Assembly.

The Thanksgiving assembly, given at State College on last Friday evening, was a brilliant social affair. It was given by the members of the class of '93 who conducted it in an admirable manner. The armory was handsomely decorated and with Stopper & Fisk's full orchestra, and the many visitors from other adjacent towns completed the scene.

Holiday Opening.

The season for making your holiday purchases is at hand and in this direction there is no place in town where you can find a larger variety of articles, a finer selection of goods, or more appropriate for the season than at Ed. Garman's store. At this time a visit to his store is a treat. His formal opening for the holiday season will be next Saturday and Monday, Dec. 9th and 11th.

LIST OF DEATHS.

On Wednesday, of last week, Jacob Meese died at his home near Tusseyville, from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Meese was 63 years of age. He leaves a widow and four children. He was the father of six children, viz: Mary, wife of George Bitner; George, John dead, William in Illinois, Sally dead, and Jacob at Bellefonte.

On last Thursday afternoon William Swartz, a deaf inmate of the poor house, died suddenly. He had not been complaining previously and that afternoon Warren Burnside found his lifeless body in an out building. The deceased was about 77 years of age and was the only surviving brother of the late Dr. George Swartz. The funeral occurred on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Louise Peters, of Unionville, died at the home of her son, William Peters, near Milesburg, on last Thursday morning, where she had been visiting and took suddenly ill with pneumonia. She was in her 77th year. The funeral occurred on Saturday morning. Three brothers, Elijah, William and Ezra Fisher, and one sister, Mrs. Jacob Hoover, all of Union township, survive her; also the following children: William and Oscar, of Milesburg; Mrs. Charles Smith, of Bellefonte; Edward, of Union township; Alfred, of Reynoldsville; Joseph, who lives near Pleasant Gap.

Mrs. Geo. P. Hall died at her home in Unionville, on Tuesday, November 28th, after an extended illness from consumption, aged 57 years, 11 months and 10 days. Mrs. Hall's maiden name was Miller. She leaves a husband and six children, four of whom are married.

Mrs. Albina Hicklen died on Tuesday night at Toledo, Ohio, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tipple, where she had been living for several years past. The remains were brought to Unionville on Thursday and the interment occurred there the following day. Her age was about 89 years. She was a resident of Unionville for many years. The deceased was a grandmother of Charles Hicklen, clerk in the First National bank, Bellefonte.

Wilson I. Linn, Esq., a brother of Hon. John B. Linn of Bellefonte, died at his home in Philadelphia on Monday. Mr. Linn had been ill only a few days. He was aged about 64 years. The funeral occurred Friday at Great Valley, Chester county.

Admission to Entertainments.

During institute week, which will be held in the Garman opera house, the following rates will prevail for admission to the evening entertainments.

Single admission 25 cents, except Thursday evening, when a fee of 50 cents will be charged. Course ticket \$1.00. An additional small sum will be charged for reserved seats.

Officers of Institute—C. L. Gramley, President; W. P. Hosterman, Vice President; A. A. Pletcher, Secretary; J. C. Morris, Roll Clerk.

Committee on permanent certificates—Ira N. McCloskey, Miss Jennie Tallheim, Miss Ella Levy, F. A. Foreman, J. G. Anderson.

The Cantata.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, of next week, a beautiful cantata will be given in the opera house, "Jephthah and his Daughter," by purely local talent, under the direction of Prof. Kane. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Those who take principal parts are J. C. McEntire, as Jephthah; Mrs. John Bullock, Jephthah's Daughter; Miss Meek, Miss Lindy, Lee Woodcock and other soloists will be in the cast. Handsome costumes will be used and special scenery will be necessary. The price of admission will be fifty and thirty-five cents.

Hunting for Gold.

Mifflin county is all wrought up over the appearance of a man and woman who are busy digging for a pot of gold which they claim is hidden near the foundation of an old log tenement house, on the farm of Joseph Kyle, ten miles distant from Lewistown. The stranger says he dreamed, three consecutive nights, that a crime had been committed in that house and that the pot of gold which caused it is still there. Mr. Kyle has concluded to let him dig until he is tired, he is altogether unknown in that community.

—Merchant tailoring is one of the specialties at the Philadelphia Branch. If you can't buy a suit that will fit they can make one for you on short notice.

PROFITABLE FEEDING.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE BEST RESULT.

With Milch Cows—Result of an experiment at Pennsylvania State College—Of Interest to Farmers.

Bulletin No. 24 of the Station, just issued, gives the results of an experiment by Prof. Waters and Caldwell and Mr. Weld upon the question of the most profitable amount of food for a milch cow.

In these experiments, ten cows were fed a ration beginning with 8 lbs. of grain and 12 lbs. of hay and gradually increasing up to as high as 19 lbs. of grain and 27 lbs. of hay per day and head, and then gradually decreasing to the original amount. Throughout the experiment, accurate notes were taken of the amount and cost of the food, the amount of milk produced by each animal and its butter value as determined by the Babcock test.

Perhaps the most striking lesson of the experiment is the demonstration it gives of the profit there is in liberal feeding. The cheapest ration used cost 18.8 cts. per day and produced butter valued at 26.5 cents, making a net profit of 7.7 cents per pay per cow. An increase of 2.9 cents per day per cow in the cost of this ration made the daily value of the butter 31 cents and the net profit 9.3 cents per day or a difference of 1.6 cents per day per cow in favor of the more costly ration. In other words, the farmer who attempted to economize by feeding the cheaper ration would with a herd of 25 cows, save \$217.50 per year on his feed bills, but would lose \$337.50 worth of butter that he might have produced with the more costly ration, so that his illjudged attempt at economy would result in a net loss of \$120.00.

The cheaper ration, moreover, is what would ordinarily be considered a good ration, and the majority of dairymen would be likely to feed less rather than more, yet the result of this bulletin shows conclusively that with cows as these the more expensive ration was really the more economical.

A further increase of the cost of the ration, however, to 25.1 cents per day gave no further increase in the butter product, and the net profit was thereby cut down to 5.9 cents per day or 1.8 cents less than with the cheapest ration of the three. In other words, the experiments indicate that there is a certain medium ration for each cow which will give the greatest net profit and that any attempt to economize by feeding less than this will result in a loss, while, on the other hand, it is possible to feed a cow too much as well as too little. Generally, however, there is more danger of feeding too little than too much.

The experiment also brings out in a striking light the great individual differences in cows and the great importance of a careful study by the dairyman of each individual of his herd, both as regards the amount of milk and butter produced and the cost of feed consumed. The net profit yielded by each one of the ten cows used in this experiment was the greatest on the medium ration, but it varied in amount from 22 cents per day to 24 cents per day, equivalent, for a milking period of 300 days, to \$6.60 and \$7.20 respectively.

The increased profit coming from the better feeding, too, varied greatly with different animals, some responding promptly and freely to the increase, while on others it produced but little effect.

The figures of the bulletin show likewise what great differences in profit there may be between cows producing very nearly the same total amount of milk and butter per year. For example, the records show that last year Marguerite produced 5,459 lbs. of milk and 296 lbs. of butter.

Ramona produced 5,459 lbs. of milk and 279 lbs. of butter. By the customary standard of comparison, Marguerite would have been regarded as the superior animal, barring difference in breeding, etc., and would have commanded the higher price. On comparing the daily net profit returned by these animals, however, we find a remarkable difference not indicated or suggested by the butter and milk records.

Assuming that they remain fresh for 300 days and taking the average net profit per day of all periods, we have a yearly profit for

Marguerite of \$61.30
 Ramona of \$61.30

On this basis, at the end of six years, which, for this case, we assume to be the productive life of a cow, and disregarding the offspring, they would

have made a total net return of

Marguerite \$369.00
 Ramona 369.00

This means that Marguerite would have yielded ten per cent. compound interest on a purchase price of \$106, while Ramona would have paid the same dividend on a purchase price of \$208.

Again, in the case of Bianca producing 5,556 pounds of milk and 332 pounds of butter last year, we have the following exhibit:

Average daily profit for all periods 49 cents.
 Total net profit for one year \$14.79
 Total net profit for six years \$88.29

The reader may regard these as extreme cases, and yet they were selected from the ten animals used in this experiment and there is no reason to doubt that as great difference might be found in any ordinary herd.

The annual reports and quarterly bulletins of the station will be sent, free of charge, on application. Correspondence on agricultural subjects is desired. Address,

H. P. ARMSBY, Director,
 State College, Pa.

A Mistake.

Of late some of our exchanges have contained a news item as follows:

"Hon. D. L. Krebs, it is reported, will, when his term expires, take the place of the late Judge Orvis in the law office of Orvis, Bower & Orvis, at Bellefonte, and the office of Orvis & Snyder, at Clearfield."

The above is incorrect. No such arrangements have been made by any of the above parties.

Gathering Railroad Statistics.

The department of internal affairs is now engaged in preparing statistics regarding the railroads of the state. They will show the development of the consolidations and absorptions that have taken place, the leased lines and those that were financial failures, the number of employees on the road, the hours engaged and wages paid. An expert statistician has been placed in charge of the work.—Harrisburg Call.

Standing Reward.

The postmaster general, has authorized a standing reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any person who shall rob the mail while being conveyed in mail cars; \$500 for any one who shall rob the mail while passing over star routes, and \$250 for any one who shall attempt to rob the mail while in transit.

—If you are thinking of buying winter clothing be sure to call on Lewins and see his stock. His prices always suit.

—Pennsylvania has fifty-two of her sons in the national congress, six of them being in the senate. Two senators and twenty-eight representatives make up her own membership. Two of the others are representing Massachusetts districts, two Missouri, and ten other states and one territory send one each.

—The Philad. Branch makes a specialty of childrens clothing this season. Four brands—"The Little General," "The Little Car," "The Little Senator," "The Little King." All of them have double knees and double seats. You get double wear therefore the best value. This is positively the finest and best line in the market.

—"The Little Car" is a brand of clothing at Lewin's with double knees and double seats. You get double value.

We are Ready For the Winter.

Mens' Boys' and Youths' heavy boots of the best makes. We handle, principally, Dayton and Towanda's, and every boot wearer knows what they are.

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Don't forget our school shoes—we think we are ahead as to service, style and fit and for low prices we beat 'em all.

MINGLE'S... SHOE STORE.