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Editorial.

The Grangers, in convention at Harrisburg, last week, indicated that Gen. Hastings was their choice for the republican gubernatorial honors.

The election of a Congressman at large, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Lilly, will take place on Tuesday, February 20th. That is the date for holding the regular Spring elections.

THE WILSON BILL.

There are several reasons for holding the consideration of the Wilson bill, until after Christmas recess. Many democrats have already gone home to spend Christmas and if the caucus had been held this week it would consequently have been slimly attended. Besides, those who spend their holiday at home will get an opportunity to learn just how the Wilson bill has been received by their constituents which will enable them to lay before the caucus any objections which may exist. It is in fact very fortunate that the bill has been delayed. It will enable the democrats to do what has never been done before—consult the people about the details of a tariff bill.

Important to Shippers.

Commencing Monday, December 18th, a Bellefonte car will be loaded each week day by the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. at their Willow and Noble streets Freight Station, Philadelphia. This car is to be run through to Newberry Junction (Williamsport) in a through Western express train, arriving at that point at an early hour the following morning and reaching Bellefonte at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, thus giving to our people a freight service that will in the matter of time be nearly equal to that of the Express companies.

Freight from New York is to be forwarded to Newberry in a solid car that insures prompt and quick movement of freight from that point. On Monday Dec. 18, the regular freight schedule goes into effect when freight trains will be moved at stated times. The local freight leaves Bellefonte at 6.25 a. m., on the return trip, departs from Mill Hall at 11.40 a. m. reaching this point at 2 p. m.

To Found a Home.

The members of the Brethren of the Dunkard church in Central Pennsylvania have decided to found a home for the aged any indigent of their denomination. They have purchased for this purpose the commodious buildings formerly used as a young ladies' seminary at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county. The buildings are picturesquely located and splendidly adapted for the purpose. The Dunkards are strongly numerically in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, and as it has been their custom not to allow the poor of their church to be sent to the public almshouses, they decided upon a denominational home for them.

A Queer Case.

A few days ago Henry Williams, of Williamsport, was walking along the Philadelphia & Erie railroad and saw a cask lying at the foot of an embankment. Out of curiosity he broke it open, and to his astonishment found a living man, half naked and tightly bound with ropes. The man was nearly dead, but was resuscitated. He gave his name as William Hummel and said he was kidnapped in the woods near his home at Monteville, Vernon county, Mo., and thinks he must have been drugged and then put into the cask.

Leasing Oil and Gas Lands

The Standard Oil Company is about to begin oil and gas operations in new territory. It has leased a three cornered strip, extending from Bradford, in McKean county, to Brooklyn, Susquehanna county. This will include Jefferson, Elk and Cameron counties, and a part of Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming and Potter, a strip of Sullivan and all of Bradford county lying south of Towanda.

All kinds of poster work done quickly and in the very best of style at the Centre Democrat office.

THE C. R. R. OF PENNA.

PASSENGER TRAINS MOVING REGULARLY.

The Formal Opening of the Road To-Day—Special Excursion—Distinguished Railroad Men Present—The Banquet.

The Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, of which so much has been read and spoken during the past summer, has materialized—it is here and in full operation. Mr. Gephart, the General Superintendent, predicted last spring that this new road from Bellefonte to Mill Hall would be built and in operation before the end of the year, and his forecast has come true. At that time many doubted the possibility of the undertaking being carried out; but doubts have long been dispelled by what has been done during the past summer. Every day the iron monster is seen rushing through Nittany valley drawing long trains of cars freighted with merchandise, or speeding palaces on wheels by which the traveler is swiftly conveyed to his destination in a brief lapse of time.

As so many railroads have been built about Bellefonte in the past few years—on paper—there was cause for doubt.

Now is the time for congratulation because this road will give Bellefonte's industries ample shipping facilities and open new markets for the development of our natural resources.

Last week freight trains ran regularly between Bellefonte and Mill Hall and considerable freight was handled. Last Friday the new passenger train made its first trip over the road. It was run as a pay train and a number of ladies and gentlemen were invited to accompany the officials to Mill Hall and return. They stopped at every station along the line and pay master L. T. Munson, by the time he got through, distributed over \$10,000 to the various employees. On Sunday another train was run to distribute the tickets at the various stations in order to be prepared for the opening for passenger traffic on Monday morning.

The first passenger train left, on schedule time, on Monday morning at 7.10 a. m. The crew consisted of Charles Gilmore, engineer; Ed. Brown, fireman; J. B. Hall, formerly of Phillipsburg, conductor; Harry Winton, of Bellefonte, brakeman; Harry Fritz, of Williamsport, American express messenger. The train was composed of a combination car and passenger coach. J. F. Mann, of this place, purchased the first ticket from Mr. Munson. A large number of people were at the station to see this train pull out.

The first train started out under favorable conditions, but a misfortune befell it later. When in the vicinity of Mackeyville, not far from Mill Hall, the engine left the track and went over an embankment of about six feet in height. The engine was running with the tender ahead, which likely left the track first on account of an obstruction. The engine plowed into the soft ground and toppled over. The coaches were derailed also but remained on the road bed. No one was injured fortunately, and in a very short time two engines and a wrecking crew, of the Beech Creek road, were on hand and by the afternoon the track was cleared and the afternoon train made its regular trip over the line. The engine may need some few repairs and is not seriously damaged.

FORMAL OPENING.

Just as we went to press, the announcement was received that the Formal Opening of the road had been postponed. This was deemed necessary at this late hour on account of the unforeseen delays in the completion of the construction work and the shortage of motive power. The excursion to the Board of Trade is also postponed to some future date.

Until Dec. 25th, the local accommodations will leave Bellefonte for Mill Hall at 7.10 a. m., and on and after that date at 6.30 a. m., and returning will leave Mill Hall at 9.30 a. m., and arrive at Bellefonte at 12 m.

The Banquet to be held at the Bush House, in the evening, promises to be a fine affair. Distinguished railroad men from Philadelphia and other points, with which the new railroad connects, have announced their intention of being here. The banquet hall will contain 106 chairs and every place will be occupied, and on account of limited space, many subscribers, who came late, were refused.

The committee have completed all arrangements for giving the distinguished guests proper attention while here. During the day they will be the guests

of some of our prominent citizens and in the afternoon will be shown about Bellefonte and vicinity. The banquet, in the evening, will be a collection of prominent business men and enterprising citizens to entertain our railroad guests in a manner becoming Bellefonte.

LABOR NOT PROTECTED.

Mr. J. R. Sovereign, the new head of the Knights of Labor, is in Washington, in attendance upon the conference of the Executive committee of the Bi-metallic League, with which he is in sympathy. Speaking of the tariff he said: "I am an out and out free trader. The so-called protection of American labor is a delusion. Labor is not protected. Invested capital receives a bonus in the form of protection, and it is then optional with the capitalist to give a share of the bonus to labor in the form of increased wages. But this option is seldom, if ever, exercised." There is food for reflection in these words of Mr. Sovereign, who is certainly in a position to speak from the point of view of the American wage-earner.

Raw Materials.

Raw materials on the free list means that manufacturers can start on a basis equal with their foreign competitors. That is the bed-rock logic of the Wilson bill and nothing more. Manufacturing industries working to the advantage of the consumer reap their greatest benefit in untaxed material, and competitive industrial positions are unquestionably gained through free conditions. That is perhaps the whole story of the Wilson bill now before Congress and which Congress will pass. The unqualified condemnation of the organs is no surprise to those aware of the tactics of the beneficiaries of the tariff tax. The organs claim everything, under orders, of course, but this time the people's claim is the only one that goes—Times.

Five Deer.

The luckiest hunting party from Centre county that we have heard from this season was the Spring township ninny: Benjamin Gentzle, John Horner, John Brown, David Moyer, and Sigmund Schindler. They were out for five days in the Green Woods, and returned with five large deer, one for each hunter. Mr. Gentzle shot two of them and Mr. Horner three. That was doing well and and puts them at the head of the list.

Wedding Anniversary.

Last Saturday, December 16th, was the fifteenth (crystal) anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Furst, and a number of their friends planned clever surprises by calling upon them. Glass ware, was the proper thing and, of course, it was the form for presents, among which were two monstrous diamonds. The Judge and Mrs. Furst enjoyed the surprise and appreciated this token of respect from their many friends.

High School Exercises.

At the literary exercises in the Bellefonte high school, last Friday afternoon, the graduating class through their spokesman, J. C. Meyer, Esq., gave their instructors the following expressions of appreciation: Miss Laura Wright, a bound volume of Shakespeare; Prof. Ammerman, a picture; Prof. D. O. Ethers, Lew Wallace's "Prince of India;" Prof. Johnstonbaugh, an easy chair.

Deserves the Reward.

Constable Alfred Lucas, of Snow Shoe, is entitled to a reward of \$300 for the detection and arrest of a Hungarian known as Lesko, who committed an outrage upon a little girl near Punxsutawney. Lucas captured the man soon after and lodged him in the Clearfield county jail. The county cons. offered the reward and Mr. Lucas went to Clearfield last week to look after his claim.

A Proacher Sentenced.

Rev. R. H. Singer, was tried in November in Somerset for an attempted criminal assault, on a charge preferred by Mrs. Alice Jeffreys. He was convicted of assault and battery. Judge Longenecker sentenced Singer to pay a fine of five dollars and to undergo an imprisonment of three months. The same gentleman is wanted in Clinton county upon a like charge. He must be a daisy.

—Fine job printing, at reasonable rates, at the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office.

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

TRUNK LINE.

If the Vanderbilts carry out their intention to convert the Beech Creek railroad into a trunk line connection with the west a new and very important outlet will be given to the vast bituminous coal fields of Clinton, Clearfield and Jefferson counties. This field has become one of active development in the past five years.

When this single factor is considered the 62 per cent. increase in population in Clearfield during the past ten years, and the 57 per cent. increase in Jefferson is fully accounted for. Both counties turned from exhausted lumber camps to soft coal mining and coke burning, and thriving towns now mark the country that had no name a decade ago.

The Beech Creek and its feeders were the means to productive ends, and now that it has been about decided to trunk this paying short line from Williamsport to DuBois and thence westward to Erie, an impetus will be given not alone to every interest represented, but also to a further investment of capital in very fertile and inviting territory.

Evidently the Vanderbilts take no stock in the fictitious distress charges founded on the Wilson bill. It is a plain business venture in which they are engaged, and the soft coal trade has a very bright future before it as the new year comes to time.—Times.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—If you have any member of your family in a distant state send him or her the CENTRE DEMOCRAT. News from home is always appreciated.

—The citizens of Lock Haven are scheming to have an electric railway built from Mill Hall to their town in order to catch Nittany Valley customers. They will come to Bellefonte in spite of such a project.

—Last week Lewis Miller, son of James Miller of this place, was coupling dump cars on the C. R. R. of Pa. in the vicinity of Ammor's Gap, he fell on the track and broke his collar bone. The wheels came near passing over his body.

—Mr. John Q. Miles, the treasurer elect of Centre county, is now a resident of Bellefonte, having moved his household goods here by rail last Friday. He will occupy Clement Dales former residence on Willow Bank street.

—Unclaimed letters: W. Edwards, S. Erickson, G. M. Frazier, Joseph Grumbine, Susan Koller, Mrs. Paul Kauffman, Dan Klinger, Mrs. Maria Mitchell, Miss Mary Miller, Miss Agnes Shulders. When called for please say advertised.

—The statement made to the effect that Rev. J. B. Blackburn, of the United Brethren church, at Bellefonte, had become a firm believer of the Seventh Day Advent doctrine is a mistake. The Rev. continues as a pastor of his flock.

—Rev. Ellingsworth of State College, Pa. exchanged pulpits with Rev. Houck on last Sabbath. Rev. Ellingsworth is a young minister and delivered two excellent sermons here. The congregations were highly pleased with his discourses.

—Prof. John Heston, of Seattle, Washington, was in Bellefonte on Monday. He was formerly a member of the State College faculty as Principal of the preparatory department, but now is President of Washington State Agricultural College.

—The hop in the skating rink, last Friday evening, was a grand social success. Colonel Calvin Pifer acquitted himself nobly in making the opening address. It was a masterly effort. Many people were surprised to hear our distinguished borough official display such great ability and rare learning. His colored friends are quite proud of him.

—The Philad. Branch makes a specialty of childrens clothing this season. Four brands—"The Little General," "The Little Czar," "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.

Tax on Theatrical Companies.

Judge Doty has decided, at Greensburg, that the theatrical companies must pay to the treasurer of the county a license of \$50 before a performance can be given therein, unless a state license of \$1,000 is first paid. This law applies to all counties in the state except Allegheny and Philadelphia.

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

DUNCAN AND SPANGLER.

AN IMPORTANT COAL OPERATION.

Sterling Coal Company changes Management—Col. J. L. Spangler and W. P. Duncan Operators.

In our last issue a statement was made that the Sterling Coal Company had been dissolved. The following from the Hastings Tribune will explain more fully:

"One of the largest deals in the history of the coal business in this region went into effect on December 1st, when Duncan & Spangler acquired possession of the entire operating department of the Sterling Coal Company, one of the largest concerns engaged in the mining and shipping of bituminous coal in the State of Pennsylvania. The new firm is composed of W. P. Duncan, President of the Phillipsburg National Bank, and Col. Jackson L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, General Manager of the Sterling Coal Company. Mr. Duncan is one of the principal stockholders of the Blubaker Coal Company, and has a wide knowledge of the coal business, as well as great wealth. Col. Spangler is too well known to the people of this section to need any introduction, as he has spent years among them, and done more, perhaps, than any other man to advance the wonderful development of the resources of Northern Cambria county. Both gentlemen are eminently fitted for the successful management of the enormous property they have acquired, and it is the opinion of people well informed on the subject that the change will be a great benefit to the operations affected by it.

The property affected by the new deal is of enormous value, embracing nine mines of large capacity, with all the expensive equipment necessary for their operation.

The Sterling Coal Company, by the change, becomes simply a great coal agency instead of an operating concern. It will still handle the greater portion of the coal mined by Duncan & Spangler, and increase the large volume of business it has done in this line for some time past. The headquarters of the new firm will be at Hastings, Pa."

DEATH RECORD.

Robert V. Glover, a well known merchant of Hartleton, Union county, Pa., died at his home on Dec. 8th, 1893. Age 72 years and 7 days.

Sunday, December 10th, Mr. William Ishler died at his home near Tusseyville. He was 78 years, 7 months and 23 days of age. He died suddenly from the effect of a spell of violent coughing.

Mrs. Mary L. Hasson died at her home, State College, last Thursday, December, 14th, 1893. She suffered from a complication of diseases and for the past few years was subject to periods of melancholy. Her age was about 53 years. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Rebecca McKibben, wife of W. L. McKibben, died Dec. 7th at her home in Cedar Springs, Clinton county, Pa. Her death was caused by pneumonia. Her age was 54 years, 7 months, 10 days. Being a devout christian she expressed herself "I do not fear to die." She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one daughter and two sons.

Michael Wolf died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marlen Gates, at Mt. Eagle, on Sunday morning at the advanced age of 81 years. The deceased is survived by three sons, Robert, of Mill Hall; Alexander, of Tennessee, and Gideon, of Dubois. His daughters are Mrs. John Smith, of Berwick; Mrs. Jane Bartley, of Mackeyville, and Mrs. Marlen Gates, of Mt. Eagle. The funeral occurred at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

No Paper.

This will be the last issue of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT for the year 1893, as we expect to take a brief respite during the holiday season, which is customary with the newspaper fraternity. During the week the office will be open to attend to business or deliver job work.

To one and all of our many readers and patrons, scattered far and wide, we wish A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

He was an "M. D."

W. B. Wigton, of the great coal firm of R. B. Wigton & Sons, began life by driving a mule in a mine at Morrisdale, and every time he comes up from Philadelphia he goes to see "Dick," who is still in the harness and is twenty years of age.

DISHONORABLE THEFT.

There is an old and trite saying to the effect that there is some honor among thieves; but there are exceptions to all things, and one has come to notice. M. L. Thal is the name of the young gentleman who conducts a confectionery and fruit store on Allegheny street. The young man is unfortunate in being a cripple in an arm and a foot and is almost disabled so that he moves about with some difficulty and is at a great disadvantage in attending to any form of business. Notwithstanding this distress, he always was industrious and frugal and by his own individual efforts has for years past supported himself and saved enough money to purchase this store and go into business for himself. The community always admired the young man's course and he soon began to pick up trade.

Last Sunday evening Mr. Thal went to his store to attend to some matters. When he opened the door he found the room in disorder and the rear window open. His entire stock had been ransacked and about \$100 worth of stock, such as cigars, candies, nuts, fruits, cash in the drawer, etc., was missing. The entrance was effected by forcing the rear window and a large quantity, in bulk, of goods were taken out through it. Who the offending parties could be there is no clue as yet to follow.

The person, or persons, who committed this deed must be some depraved, soulless wretch, who has neither fear of God or man in him, and of such low instincts that he is not fit to associate in a civilized community. He must be a brute in the disguise of a human being.

The loss to Mr. Thal is a serious one and he has the sympathy of the people in this community.

Married Through the Window.

Rev. James M. Runkle, pastor of the St. Paul's Reformed church at Mechanicsburg, Pa., performed a marriage ceremony the other day under difficulties which very rarely occurs when a wedding takes place.

Harry Reiff, of Mechanicsburg, who was confined to his home by small pox, and Miss Lizzie Baker, who has been his faithful attendant, were the contracting parties and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Runkle standing outside of the dwelling and marrying them through the window.

Rev. Runkle, is a Pennsylvania lad and recently taught several sessions of a summer school at Hublersburg Pa.

A Christmas Gift.

Many persons are in a study what to buy for a suitable gift. If you have some friend or relative formerly of this county living in some distant section, send him the CENTRE DEMOCRAT for one year. He will get fifty installments regularly, giving a complete and interesting resume of all the important happenings during that time. \$1 cash is all that is necessary to have a new name added to our list.

Important to Ladies

A general reduction has been made on ladies coats, wraps, etc., at J. A. Aikens store, south Allegheny st., Bellefonte. The prices are from \$5, \$6, \$8, \$10, \$12, on up to the finest at \$25 and \$30. The assortment embraces all grades of goods. This is a rare opportunity for the ladies to purchase a stylish and serviceable garment at the lowest price. These rates will prevail for one month only.

WE HAVE THEM!

Fancy Slippers for Christmas.

You cannot find anything more economical or more appreciated. Our stock is larger than ever—better selected and cheaper.

Ladies' and Gents' Shoes and Slippers and all the different warm lined goods.

We are the only party in Bellefonte selling the celebrated Alfred Dolge's Felt Shoes and Slippers and the Lambertville Duck Gum Boot.

MINGLE'S... SHOE STORE.