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### Editorial.

In every section of the country the news comes of mills resuming and large orders ahead. An overstocked market has been exhausted and new supplies of all products is bringing about this resumption. It is a natural result.

The cash receipts at many of the bars have experienced a decided falling off this week. Many a patron begins the new year with some sort of a resolution to refrain from indulging. By the close of the first month things are usually flourishing. The many never stick to their new year pledges, it is only the very few. The same old story, and the world moves on.

A CANVAS recently made among the republican papers of Pennsylvania as to their choice for governor shows a decided preference for the Bellefonte favorite. Thirty-four counties were heard from in which twenty-two were for General Hastings; and Hon. U. W. Stone second. Gen. Hastings was the second choice in the other districts. This looks as though lightning might again strike in this territory.

If commercial depression existed only at home the cause might, with some consistency, be attributed to the effect of legislation or political evolutions. At this time all foreign countries are having the same experience. Trade and commerce in every business centre of the world has been affected and in this case the cause for concern is Europe there is a business depression. There is

great discontent in England, France, Germany and elsewhere among the laboring classes which is accompanied by want and destitution of which we have little knowledge. While this country, in a commercial way, may not be blooming with prosperity there are others that have suffered more grievously.

### THE WILSON BILL.

The democratic managers are preparing for the opening of the tariff fight in the House as soon as Congress reconvenes, the 3rd of January. Their design is to hasten the passage of the bill as much as possible and to force it through the house in its present form. They believe they are going to have but little difficulty either in expediting the passage of the bill or in preventing amendments. If they can help themselves, it is understood the democratic leaders will not devote more than two weeks to the consideration of the tariff bill in the house. The republicans expect to follow a uniform policy in both houses of congress with relation to the tariff. Those leaders who decide policies propose not to give any assistance to democrats who, on account of their local interests, will attempt to put protective duties on particular articles. Therefore the republicans will not vote with those democrats who want particular protection, unless those democrats are in turn ready to make a general rule of the proposition they present and vote with the republicans to restore protection practically throughout the bill.

### Free Veterinary Service.

Dr. Leonard Pierson, Professor of Practical Veterinary Science in the University of Penna., will again give the instruction in Veterinary Science to the classes in Agriculture, at the Penna. State College, during the winter term, beginning January 3rd, 1894.

A free clinic will be held at the Experiment Station barn at State College once every two weeks, when a limited number of horses, cattle, etc., will be treated free of charge, to give the students a better opportunity of becoming familiar with the diseases and ailments of live stock.

Any one leaving an animal which they wish treated, will kindly communicate with the undersigned, at the earliest possible moment, giving a description and history of the case. To the owners of such animals as are accepted, ample notice will be given of the date on which such animals will be operated upon. Address all orders concerning the matter to H. J. Waters, Department of Agriculture, State College, Pa.

## THE OLD AND NEW.

### CHANGE OF COUNTY OFFICIALS.

The New County Officials Qualified on Monday—Sheriff Ishler, Treasurer Gramley and Register Rupp Retire.

On Monday morning the newly elected county officials presented themselves for the various positions they are to fill. They were John P. Condo, sheriff; Geo. W. Rumberger, register; and John Q. Miles, county treasurer. They qualified before Recorder Morrison. Mr. Morrison, who was re-elected, was sworn before Prothonotary Smith.

On Monday Sheriff Condo flitted by rail to Bellefonte and a number of his friends came with him to assist in the frolic. Calvin S. Weaver, the new Deputy Sheriff, also moved his household goods from Aaronsburg and with his family will occupy a portion of the jail residence. Ex-Sheriff T. J. Dunkle has consented to assist the new officials until they understand the routine of the office. A turkey dinner in the afternoon was one of the principal events. The inmates of the jail and visitors were all treated to a royal repast.

Treasurer John Q. Miles moved to Bellefonte several weeks ago and by this time is thoroughly established. Mr. O. D. Eberts, a son-in-law of Mr. Miles, will assist in the treasurer's office and will prove equal for the position.

Mr. Rumberger, the register, is at his post and has taken up the work of the office with very little difficulty. His family is still at Philipsburg and will not move here until Spring. It seems natural for "Wash," as he is familiarly known, to be back at a desk in the court house and his many friends are constantly dropping in upon him with good wishes, etc.

Ex-Sheriff Ishler has moved to the Graham residence on Linn street and will take a rest for some time. The three years he occupied the county jail he was always careful that the responsibilities imposed upon him should be

discharged with fidelity. Mr. Ishler made a good sheriff and leaves the position with a clean and unblemished record.

Treasurer Gramley is always busy. Having stepped out of office he is now a full fledged merchant. His grocery store is right in the business centre of our town and as usual Jim is blooming and more than holding his own. Gramley was one of the favorites of the court house who knew how to play a joke and appreciate it as well when it fell in his direction. During the past three years the public funds were carefully guarded and no moneys, as before, were illegally misapplied and the public deceived and disappointed. Mr. Gramley more than fulfilled all the pledges made.

The one democrat who emerged from the republican sweep in Centre county six years ago was Register John A. Rupp. Owing to his personal popularity he managed to pull through, and during the time that he had been in Bellefonte he has won hosts of friends on every side. He has been faithful and conscientious in the discharge of all duties.

Thus the world goes. The old officials, before they are really aware of the inevitable fact, must vacate these cherished places and make room for some deserving successor.

### Auditors in Session.

The recently elected board of county auditors—Messrs. H. W. Bickle, of Bellefonte, and W. W. Royer, of Centre Hill, democrats, and J. D. Wagner, of Gregg township, the republican and minority member—met on Monday for the purpose of their appointments. S. D. Gettig, Esq., is assisting them as clerk and is equal for the position. Their duty is to go over the accounts of the various county officials and see that everything is rendered according to the laws laid down for these public servants. This involves considerable time and labor, and care as well. The statement this year, we are informed, will have a good showing for the tax payers.

### Brick Works Shut Down.

The large fire brick works of R. B. Wigton & Sons, at Philipsburg, shut down on Monday. The shutting down of the plant throws out of employment about 125 men and boys, including the fire clay miners.

### Business Booming.

The Little Bonanza Fanning Mill Co. report business booming. Of late they have been unable to get machines made fast enough to supply the demand. It is a first class article and the farmers want it.

### JANUARY TRIAL LIST.

During January there will be three weeks of court and the trial list for that time is as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH.  
Philip Collins vs. Bellefonte Central R. R. Co.  
Alfred Jones use of vs. Pa. State College.  
Carrie V. Wilson vs. Harry McCauley.  
Bird Coal and Iron Co. vs. E. C. Humes.  
Mary Fravel vs. Sarah Crissman.  
Munson Glass Co. vs. McCalmont & Co.  
W. Y. Peters vs. Willis Weaver.  
Wm. C. Sheeley vs. J. R. Wolfe.  
Sarah M. Richards vs. Mattern Bros.  
B. E. V. & N. V. Turnpike Co. vs. Centre county.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND.  
Matilda D Spotts vs O P St Clair.  
Thomas Lauer vs Howard twp.  
Susan Ertle vs Howard twp.  
Arthur Hewlitt vs E S Woomeer.  
Geo W Campbell vs Mary Campbell.  
W C Heinle vs John Swartz et al.  
John W Cooke vs I F Huff & Co.  
Emma Messmer vs N W Ream.  
Jesse Long & Son vs T F Brumgart, adm'r.

A Baum, agt. vs E J Swavely.  
E S Dorworth vs James McMullen.  
Jacob Garbrick vs David Harter.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH.  
Mary V Hale et al vs Bellefonte Central R R Co.  
Conrad Immel vs Beecher & Sober.  
B F Nearhood vs Jonathan Auman.  
Elizabeth D Kunes vs John B Shaw et al.  
J M Ward vs Walter Boswell.  
James E Solt vs Boro of Bellefonte.  
Isaac W Raven vs Millheim Turnpike Co.  
Isaac Stover vs Central R R Co of Pa.  
John P Rockey vs Central R R Co of Pa.

H J Garbrick vs Central R R Co of Pa.  
M C Gephart vs Union Central Life Insurance Co.

Thomas L Wap's vs Philipsburg boro.  
James Leitzel, Jr vs George Shoemaker et al.

A W Brown vs A H Alport.  
Kate Mulholland vs Henry W Hoover, agt.

John I Thompson vs Graysdale Mining Co.

### Another Imposter.

Last week a man canvassed portions of Potter township pretending to collect money for a family by the name of Wolf, who he represented were burned out of house and home at Boalsburg and were destitute and in want. He managed to gain the sympathies of many and gathered up some money. He next went to Harris township and there tried to raise money in the same style but for some family who should have lost their home and all by a fire, in Potter township. In both instances he imposed upon the public and Mr. Oscar Stover detected him in his game. He had a warrant issued and constable Alfred Osman soon arrested the offender and in default of bail for his appearance at court he was hustled to the Bellefonte jail on Wednesday of last week.

The prisoner gave his name as Harry Kintzer, of Port Royal, Perry county Pa.

### Hungarian Disturbance.

On Monday evening a lot of drunken Hungarians, on Halfmoon hill, attacked Mr. and Mrs. Philip Garbrick as they were passing by their boarding house. Mr. Garbrick ran for assistance but there were too many of the foreigners and word was at once sent for Sheriff Condo and the policemen. When they arrived at the scene of the struggle all Hungary was peacefully quiet. Mr. Garbrick received some rough handling, but no one was injured. The Hungs had been indulging in too much beer during the day which accounts for their actions.

### C. R. R. of Penna.

At present a strong force of men and a construction train are at work ballasting and putting the new road bed in first class condition. But one train is run over the road each day for passenger and freight accommodation. It is expected that by about the 22nd of January the road will be thoroughly equipped and regular schedule trains, passenger and freight, will be put on. Until formal notice is given the present accommodation train will only be run.

### A Good Reward.

Chief of police Kellar of Lock Haven has received from the National Board of Underwriters \$400.00 as a reward for the arrest of an incendiary.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Bargain seekers are now going to Meyer's great reduction sale.

—"The Little General," the finest and best make of childrens clothing at Philad. Brauch.

—On Tuesday a blast at Morris' lime quarries threw a large rock over a thousand feet into the side of Erastus Robb's residence. It crashed through the porch roof and broke the floor. Mrs. Robb had passed by the spot but a few moments before.

—The Bellefonte wheelmen indulged in a banquet at Cedars' on Monday evening, with nearly all of the members present. The organization has a large membership and is composed chiefly of young men of this place. Their banquets are always an enjoyable affair.

—Miss Mary Bradley spent the holidays visiting friends at this place, her former home. She is at present one of the instructors in music at the stroudsburg State Normal, of which Prof. Geo. P. Bible, at one time assistant editor of this paper, is now the principal.

—The New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. was a great success. It was largely attended. Speeches, recitations, music and a lunch were the attractive features. The association is again building up and becoming a source of much good among the young men of the town.

—Cashier John P. Harris, of this place, had a bad fall last Thursday at Tyrone. He was inspecting the new building being erected at that place for the Blair County Bank when he fell through a trap door, a distance of about nine feet, to the cellar floor, striking on his face and breast. He was considerably bruised and cut.

—There is a bit of stir among borough politicians at present. The next chief burgess will be elected for a term of three years, and the office of tax collector is not a bad position. The democrats always manage to pull portions of their ticket through and there will be some hustling this year to repeat the same old story.

—Judge Folk and his drum corps were out and gave the people a serenade upon the birth of the new year. If the music was not appreciated it had the effect of awakening the community and informing them that 1893 was no more. A rattle box, or some sort of an infernal machine, operated by some young men at the same time, made enough noise to awaken the dead. It was horribly awful, and everybody heard it.

### New Year's Serenade.

The Zion band came to town on Monday afternoon in full uniform and played some of their choice music in different parts of the town. The boys halted in front of our office and favored us with two beautiful selections. Sheriff Condo and his fitting party, at the jail, were also serenaded. In the evening they played on the streets for the benefit of the public and then marched to the Arcade where they played the grand march for the Logan ball.

There are very few bands that have maintained their organization as long and as well as this one. They always are in the best of trim and when they come to town everybody turns out to hear them. Zion can well feel proud of this musical organization.

### Hobbed in Haines Township.

On last Monday night Dec. 18th, a bold and dastardly robbery was committed at the home of Mr. Emanuel Musser, near Fiedler. Two watches a new overcoat and two vests were taken. The overcoat, coat and vest belonged to a young gentleman by the name of Geo. Walkison who is visiting at Mr. Musser's place. On the same night some one was in the chapel at Wolf's and destroyed an elegant organ spread and left other traces of their night's work. Two tramps are suspected. They were at J. D. Stover's for supper and were met by different persons on their way to the chapel. They were also seen coming from there headed for Musser's place about one o'clock at night.

### County Surveyor's Election Void.

A letter from Thomas J. Stewart, Secretary of Internal Affairs, to J. H. Reifsnnyder, Esq., of Millheim, says: "An election for County Surveyor this year is simply void and the person elected cannot serve. In the regular sequence of three year terms under the act of April 9th, 1850, the year 1893 will be the proper year for the election."

—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.

## THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

### OUR MERCHANTS UNUSUALLY BUSY.

There Appeared to be Plenty of Money for Xmas Goods—Trade not as Bad as Generally Reported—Chronic Complaining.

To the surprise of all our merchants the past holiday season surpassed all expectations. Bellefonte never was as busy as the week before Christmas. From every section of the county there came great numbers of purchasers, while in this vicinity it seemed that everybody had money and was bent upon investing it for holiday goods. Our merchants say they never remember of having such a good season, and their sales were far in advance of last year. The confectioners and bakers almost sold out their entire stock.

Such an unexpected state of trade was a surprise, considering the great wall going up in every section of the county in regard to hard times, no money and people actually in want. In Bellefonte we have not felt the effect of hard times. During the past summer a large number of our industries have been in operation. The building of the new Central railroad to Mill Hall gave work to hundreds of laboringmen and teamsters. The past summer was also favorable for the farmer. The crops, taken as a whole, were exceedingly large. The apple market was a source of revenue. Many of our farmers realized two and three hundred dollars from their orchards and some as high as five and six hundred.

When the calamity howlers began shrieking and the silver scare was at its height everybody became scared and began to store up their earnings. No money, except what was positively necessary, was put in circulation. This had the effect of loading up the average citizen with a nice little surplus, and when Christmas came the purse strings were relaxed and the merchants were made happy by a flood of purchasers who seemed to have plenty of the circulating medium at their disposal. That is about the practical solution of the phenomenal holiday season.

Our merchants say that they did more business during the past year than formerly. The banks say the deposits from these sources will prove this statement—more business during 1893 than 1892.

The trouble with many business men is that they become chronic growlers in their effort to grow rich quick. An avaricious disposition never leaves one in a contented frame of mind when doing well. They think the shining silver and glittering eagles should pour over their counters like rain from the heavens, thick, fast and in a constant and never ceasing stream. It is in only a few and very rare cases that such things are realized. In these days of close and sharp competition, every profession and avenue of trade is provided with many who are eager to cater to your wants. The days of enormous profits and quickly acquired fortunes are past. The man, who by his efforts can support a family and by reasonable economy can lay by each year, even a small surplus, has occasion to rejoice. There are plenty of business men doing even more than this and are continually fretting, growling and complaining because they are not doing still more. Don't be avaricious, that breeds discontent and then life is not worth living.

### Officers of the Veteran Legion.

The following officers of Encampment No. 59, Union Veteran Legion of Centre county, were elected last Wednesday evening: Colonel, Christian Dale; lieutenant, W. H. Musser; treasurer, John W. Stewart; chaplain, Rev. Geo. Zehner; surgeon, Dr. H. R. Hensyl; quartermaster, W. H. Taylor; officer of day, Col. Amos Mullen; officer of guard, James Krebs; color bearer, James Whittaker; sentinel, Andrew Lucas.

### Robbery at Clearfield.

The safe in the P. R. R. station at Clearfield was robbed of \$150 Christmas while the employes were temporarily absent. The agent, when he left the station, closed the door of the safe, but did not lock it. He locked the door of the room in which the safe was, and when he returned the room door was broken open and the money gone.

### Public Installation.

On Saturday evening, January 20th, 1894, Post 261, G. A. R., at Milesburg, will install the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. The exercises will be public. A programme with recitations and music will follow to conclude with an old time camp fire.

### JANUARY WEATHER.

The Famous Prophet, Rev. Hicks, Tells Us What we may expect.

By about the 3rd, the colder weather with clearing conditions will have reached the regions of the Atlantic. At the same time the temperature will begin to rise and the barometer will be falling in the west. The 4th is the center of a regular storm period, with the new moon on the 6th, calling for the crisis of the period about the 5th, 6th and 7th. Expect rain and snow during the passage eastward of the higher temperature and falling barometer, but be on the watch for the cold wave that is certain to follow.

A partial relaxation from cold will center on the 10th and 11th and reactionary squalls of rain and snow will appear at many points along the progressive line of change from west to east. Renewed cold will follow promptly and severely, filling the time with sharp wintry weather up to the advent of the next storm period.

The 16th is the central day of the next period, with the moon's first quarter on the evening of the 14th. It will turn warmer in westerly regions by the 14th and during the 15th to 18th, the warm wave will grow in extent and degree, causing storms of rain and snow in its regular advance eastward. Much surface thawing, especially southward, is probable during this period, but as the area of rain works eastward its western flanks will turn to snow and the inevitable cold wave will wind up the disturbances of the period and bring freezing weather generally lasting until the reactionary changes on and touching the 21st and 23d. About these dates it will grow warmer and more storms of rain and snow will appear, the crisis of the disturbances being reached about the time of the full moon on the 21st. Look for the cold wave to bring up the rear promptly and severely, remembering that the "rear" in the far westerly parts is always two to four days before even the front of the storm movements have fairly reached the more easterly and southerly extremes of our continent. It will be frosty and cool generally for several days after the named reaction.

The last storm period of the month begins about the 26th, and ends about the 30th. During its existence the regular changes in temperature, barometric pressure, wind currents and all phenomena belonging to a regular storm period, will show themselves, in regular progressive order. January is apt to end fair and frosty.

### "The Valley Chief."

The first issue of the new paper published at Mill Hall, Pa., *The Valley Chief* is on our table. It is an eight page, monthly publication with D. Scott Currin as editor and publisher. The publication is in fact a continuation of the *Sugar Valley Journal*, formerly issued at Loganton, which point did not furnish the patronage necessary to support it. Mill Hall has developed into quite a thriving little business centre. New industries are springing up and with the new C. R. R. of Pa., to that point more can be expected. *The Valley Chief* makes a good start and it has our best wishes for success.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the account of W. H. Gorman, assignee of Samuel K. Faust, has been filed in the Prothonotary's office, of Centre county, and that unless exceptions thereto be filed on or before January 23, 1894, the same will be confirmed. W. F. SMYTH, Prothonotary. Jan 4

## HOW MANY CHILDREN

### HAVE YOU?

How many times a month do you visit the shoe store? Of course your children are just like other people's—always wanting new shoes. You can't let them go to school with their toes sticking out. We have on hand a line of Boy's School Shoes on which you can

SAVE 50 PER CENT. IN SHOE LEATHER.

They are not the rough, cheap-looking kind—commonly called School Shoes. They are neat, strong and durable, and only cost

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