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The office of the "Centre Democrat" has been removed from the Conrad House Building to the Opera House Block, on High street—one door above Garman's Hotel and opposite the Court House.

Editorial.

A BLACK LIST.

The prohibition people put their foot in it again. Last Monday a circular was sent out among the voters of Bellefonte that came under the head of a regular black list.

The democratic and republican tickets were printed side by side, and those candidates who were considered temperance people were in bold type, and the voter was asked to support them. The ones who were considered more in sympathy with the liquor interests, were printed in smaller type. There they were—black and white sheep listed.

The man who is temperate in all things, moderate in his views and charitable towards all, may have been classed as among drinking men, while some half-baked, rattle-brained, bellowing, howling prohibition crank, with little to commend him to the consideration of thoughtful people, was placed in preference.

Just such actions as these, coming from the lip-sided, abnormal, prohibition cranks, is what disgusts an intelligent community with the senseless actions of leaders in a cause that has much in it to attract the efforts of well thinking people.

Making a black list of all the political drunkards, in Bellefonte, will not win sympathy or influence. It antagonizes and embitters the very ones prohibition people should endeavor to attract to them.

The trouble with the prohibition movement so often is in the character of the people at its head. It so often happens that those effeminate monstrosities in every community who pass for a man, along with the flighty crank, are in control, to the great detriment of the cause and to the disgust of the public. That seems to be the trouble with the prohibitionists, in Bellefonte, at present.

SISTER BAILEY'S black list had a wonderful effect at the election on Tuesday. It had the opposite effect to what it was intended.

CANDIDATES for the coming fall elections are beginning to hustle around. For Congress, Senate, President Judge and Legislative candidates are in the field.

THE black list gotten out by the prohibitionists, on Tuesday, was almost entirely an endorsement of the republican nominees for borough officers. The circular was printed at the *Magot* office and we presume Sister Bailey is, in a large measure, responsible for it.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Pennsylvania State college which deals with the agricultural experiment station at that point, has been filed in the state department. The receipts from the treasurer of the United States were \$15,000, which amount has been expended to the cent, leaving expenditures and receipts exactly balanced. The principal items of expense were \$11,437.47 for salaries; for supplies, \$722.09; for printing, \$632.12; for live stock, \$485.68; for chemical laboratory, \$901.41. The board of trustees feels that the experiment is an undoubted success, although it also believes that with ampler funds the school could be advantageously improved in many respects.

"Bright Side of Libbey."

Chaplain McCabe's lecture on the "Bright side of Libbey" will be given in the Methodist church, in this place, on Saturday evening, March 3rd. A special train will be run over the Bellefonte Central railroad so that all persons from State College and intermediate points can attend the lecture if they desire to do so. Admission 50 cents, gallery 35 cents. The chaplain will deliver two sermons morning and evening, the following Sunday.

AT THE CAPITOL.

TARIFF DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

How Congressmen and Senators Make Great Speeches—Written By Other Men—The Fisheries.

The effort of President Cleveland to place Wheeler H. Peckham upon the supreme bench of the United States has failed, as did a similar endeavor as to William B. Hornblower. There is perhaps a trifle of comfort for Mr. Peckham's friends in the fact that Mr. Peckham's fitness is not involved, that Mr. Peckham is a mere incident, as it were, a trifling grain of corn, in the grinding of which the upper and nether party mill stones have become dangerously heated. This difficulty as to who shall fill the vacancy on the bench has gone far beyond a personal difference of opinion between the president and his arch enemy. It is over seven months since Justice Blatchford died, and in the mean time the business of the supreme court has so greatly augmented as to necessitate prompt action. Contingencies are rare when the Supreme Court justices are constrained to an alignment on party grounds. The memorable episode of 1877 is never likely to be repeated in the history of the government.

The Senate is busy preparing for the great tariff debate, with the prospect that the discussion will continue for at least two months. The best authorities on the tariff are not always the men who say most about it in public, and a great many of the cleverest speeches delivered on the floor of the senate are not written by the men who deliver them. There are indeed few ready tariff debaters in the senate and the running discussion of the Wilson bill will be confined to five or six men. The other senators will guard local interests and make set speeches. The senators who will be heard most frequently are Vest, Mills, Jones, of Arkansas, McPherson and Harris on the democratic side; Aldrich, Allison, Sherman, Teller and Lodge on the republican. Then there are Stewart on the republican side and Call on the democratic side, who will be on their feet as frequently as the rules of the senate permit, chiefly because they like to talk. Mr. Call is the hero of the famous jest: "The one thing more tiresome than a call of the House is the Call of the Senate." Senator Sherman is pre-eminently fitted to go into a tariff discussion. He has an "awkward" memory, which is of great value to the republican side in the tariff discussion. Great pressure will be brought to bear by the representatives of business interests to have the debate brought to a speedy termination, so that the country may know what business conditions it has to meet. But there is very little doubt in the minds of "those who know" that the debate will drag for several weeks through the deliberate and circuitous courtesy of the senate.

It is very well known that Hon. Jerry Simpson, the ambidextrous slugger of ravenous monopolies, was a sailor in his salad days and went down to the sea in ships. It is not generally known, however, that many of his salt-air accomplishments cling to him like the rose scent round the shattered vase. He has a slight roll in his walk, and the agility which he displays in hopping upon his bicycle and the magnificent equipage which he thereupon maintains are reminiscences of his early training. By nothing in his personality is his past life so strongly accentuated as by his trousers. They are tight in the waist, tight in the seat, and have the regular seaman's "spring" at the bottom. He has several pairs, and they vary. Some are very salty, indeed, and some only slightly saline, but they are all more or less suggestive of a wet sheet and a flowing sea and a wind that follows fast.

Partially concealed by diplomatic clouds is a most interesting situation in which Great Britain and the United States are deeply concerned. That friction exists between the two governments as to the Bering sea seal fishery regulations is no secret, but it was supposed that when the court of arbitration decided as to the legal rights and equities of the powers involved all real trouble was at an end. But it was at once evident that Great Britain was very much disgusted at the findings of the arbitrators. The arbitrators decided against this country in its claim to supreme jurisdiction over Bering Sea, but they gave to this nation a right to protect the seals from destruction. It seems to be understood around the State and Navy Departments that the policy of seal protection during the season just about to open will be of the aggressive variety. This will accord with the popular American idea.

A BOSS IN TROUBLE.

John Y. McKane, a political boss of Gravesend, N. Y., was recently convicted of violating the election laws and defying the authority of the courts, and on Monday was sentenced to six years in the Sing Sing penitentiary. His case was an exceptional one. For years he controlled and manipulated the elections and returns of that section as he and his followers desired. For years the ballot box in that section was a mockery and the returns were made out according to the necessities of the case.

Under ordinary circumstances, McKane was a democrat, but when sufficient money was offered the district would go accordingly. It is asserted that New York state was carried for Harrison when this man McKane, for a consideration of over \$30,000, brought in a heavy republican gain for the presidential ticket in 1888, from his district, that was sufficient to turn the electoral vote of New York state.

The conviction of John Y. McKane is a victory for honest elections in which the better element of both parties will rejoice. The purity of the ballot box is a safe guard to our institutions, and it should be sacredly guarded.

This conviction teaches another lesson. For years this man McKane pursued a lawless, open and defiant course. He felt safe from all approach of civil authority, but at last the strong arm of the law has fallen upon him and as he will languish for six long years in the penitentiary, he will have ample time to ponder and reflect over his misdeeds. Truly the way of the transgressor is hard.

While some of our republican friends find occasion to exult over the fact that John Y. McKane was a democrat, they need only to cross over to Philadelphia, which is under the control of a set of rotten republican officials who manipulate the ballot boxes, whenever the occasion demands, and bring in the enormous republican majorities that completely obliterate the vote in the balance of the state. It would be an excellent idea if a lot of the republican John Y. McKane-healers, of Philadelphia, were brought under the notice of the courts and treated to a like dose.

Musical Fete.

Arrangements are being made for another grand musical entertainment, in the Presbyterian church, at this place, on Tuesday evening, March 9th. It will be for the purpose of liquidating the debt resting upon the congregation. The entertainment will be of the same order as the one given at the reopening of the edifice last year and is being prepared by Mrs. J. A. Aikens and Hon. A. O. Forst.

The programme will contain a number of celebrities and persons who are favorites with Bellefonte audiences. Among those from a distance to take part will be Prof. T. Ador Straug, organist, of Philadelphia; Mr. Geo. Ford, the famous basso profundo, of the North Broad street church, of Philadelphia; Miss Maime Keim, soprano, of Philad.; Miss Gillan, violin soloist, Philad.; Miss Mary Derr, vocalist, of Lewisburg; Mr. White, xylophone, and others. A number of prominent local musicians will also assist. The complete program will be given out later. Special trains will be run from State College, and over the C. R. R. of Pa. for this entertainment.

The programme will be a rare treat, all lovers of music should not fail to attend.

Declared a Dividend.

For the first time in thirty-two years the Philadelphia and Erie road has declared a dividend of two per cent. This is the second dividend ever declared in the history of the company. The dividend is payable March 1, and it will give the city of Philadelphia \$50,000 on its 50,000 shares. The Pennsylvania railroad company, which owns the controlling interest in the Philadelphia and Erie, will similarly profit to the extent of about \$85,000. N. Parker Shortridge has been re-elected president of the company, and J. S. Vanzandt secretary and treasurer.

Upheld the Board.

Several weeks ago the Williamsport school board adopted a resolution that all children who failed to be vaccinated should be prohibited from attending school on and after February 19. Sixty petitioners applied to the court for an injunction to restrain the board from enforcing the order, alleging that the board had no authority to take such action. Judge Metzger Saturday refused to grant the injunction, stating that he believed the board had the right to frame and enforce such a resolution under existing circumstances in that city.

A Valuable Find of Coal.

The Phillipsburg *Ledger* says: When the workmen who were putting down the prospect shaft for Barnes & Atherton, at South Phillipsburg, had reached the coal vein at the depth of 31 feet, they were forced to abandon the work on account of the rush of water, the pumps being unable to cope with it. New pumps were procured and rigged, the water removed, and on Wednesday the work of drilling through the coal was resumed.

On Thursday morning the town was thrown into a fever of excitement by the news that after going through a foot of soft coal and a slate parting, the workmen found a vein of pure cannel coal 51 feet thick.

Samples of the coal were placed on exhibition in town and a quantity of it was burned. It is pronounced by expert coal operators and English coal miners to be equal to any cannel coal ever found, and they all agree that the indications show that it underlies the whole region about Phillipsburg. There is 1200 acres of it in the tract leased by Barnes & Atherton from the Steiner heirs.

Barnes & Atherton's permanent shaft will be located between the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad and the Beech Creek railroad near Wigton's Fire Brick works. The vein at that point is 70 feet below the surface. The coal is very black, very hard and glossy, and makes about 16 per cent. of light, fine ash of a pale grey color.

The discovery places the future of our town beyond cavil. The coal business is in its infancy.

JUDGE MAYER'S OPINION.

Decides a Contest in the Evangelical Church at Bethlehem.

An opinion rendered by Judge Mayer, of this city, was filed in the Northampton county court at Easton yesterday. The opinion affirms the report of the master who had taken testimony in the contest between the warring factions of the St. John's Evangelical church, at Bethlehem, and who had decided in favor of the Bowman-Esber factions, represented by Rev. J. C. Bion and others. The opinion of Judge Mayer dismisses the various motions that had been filed by the attorneys representing Rev. A. D. Shultz and others, and declares that it is a victory for the Rev. J. C. Bion faction. The church is now in possession of the Dubsites.

Crucial of Items.

The body of "Bud" Stone, the Indiana murderer, was buried on his father's farm at Washington, Ind., this forenoon.

Captain Merritt, of the Merritt Wrecking company, will visit Roncadore reef, and may make a proposal to save the wrecked *Kearsarge*.

By the bursting of a boiler on the German ironclad *Brandenburg* at Kiel on Friday last thirty-seven men were instantly killed and nine have since died from their wounds.

Monday, Feb. 19.

Bill Nye, the humorous writer and lecturer, is ill at Niagara Falls.

Steele Mackaye, the well known playwright, is believed to be dying in Chicago.

Near Potowamut, R. I., Farmer Smithers was beaten into unconsciousness and then robbed by highwaymen.

Richard P. Dana, the famous traveler and scholar, died of heart disease at his New York residence on Saturday, aged 82.

The boiler of a grist mill at Marquette, near Winnipeg, Manitoba, exploded, and John Reed, the engineer, had his head blown off.

Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Miss Nancy Cook, a cousin of Jefferson Davis, 60 years old, died in want at Chicago.

There was a general fall of snow over the northwest yesterday, accompanied by heavy winds.

It is authoritatively denied that Princess Colonna (Miss Mackay) will apply for a divorce in South Dakota.

Suits have been brought by forty heirs of Jean Baptiste Bequette for a slice of St. Louis valued at \$50,000,000.

George Bulger, a deserter from the regular army, was captured by the police of Brazil, Ind., after a desperate fight.

George Allen is under arrest at Hague, Fla., for ravishing the 9-year-old daughter of William Hague. Allen confessed.

Wednesday, Feb. 21.

John Y. McKane, the convicted boss of Gravesend, is seriously ill in the jail at Brooklyn.

Thomas W. Robinson was confirmed by the senate as collector of customs for the district of Alexandria, Va.

The chimpanzee "Pat Rooney," probably the most highly educated monkey in the world, died at Cincinnati's zoological garden.

The woman suffrage convention, which has been in session in Washington for several days, adjourned to meet in Atlanta, Ga., next year.

Secretary Hoke Smith is expected to leave Washington for his home in Atlanta, Ga., this evening. He will remain about two weeks. Assistant Secretary Sims will be acting secretary.

The jury in the case of Joseph Shultz, a Union veteran who knocked Frank Kreiger down for insulting the American flag, causing Kreiger's death, was unable to agree on a verdict.

A LANDSLIDE.

REPUBLICANS MAKE GREAT GAINS.

Pennsylvania Goes Republican by over 150,000—Centre County for Grow—The Result in the Borough.

The election on Tuesday was a sweeping victory for the republicans in the Keystone state. At this writing the indications are that Grow's plurality, for representative-at-large, is over 150,000 and may be considerable larger. The exact figures do not concern us at all, the fact is that one of the largest republican majorities for years was rolled up against the democracy on Tuesday.

To many, the republican victory was a great surprise, but to thoughtful and observing students of political causes and events the result was the only plausible outcome. The condition of the country at this time, is such as to discourage the masses. Hard times, no employment and poverty causes the average man to rebel. He wants to strike at some one—the socialist and anarchist spirit, in a sense, enters politics and the party in power is the one that must suffer the blow. At this time it is not necessary to argue the point as to responsibility of the present condition of the country. The fact is: The democratic party is in power and upon them the assault of the unemployed and disconcerted was directed. From this source the party suffered greatly.

The distribution of federal patronage during the past year was likewise the cause of muck dissatisfaction by the disappointment of the many aspirants for the few positions to be filled. They with their friends aided in the defeat on Tuesday.

The leaders of the democratic party in this state are causing more disturbance and strifes than ever was known heretofore. It seems as though the state democratic organization was more of a machine for grinding out political appointments than anything else. The democratic bosses and arrogant dictators, before whom applicants for political preferment must kneel as suppliants, have completely disgraced the party in Pennsylvania and to them can be attributed much of Tuesday's defeat.

The above are the causes that brought about Tuesday's result. Let us profit by this lesson in the future.

CENTRE COUNTY.

The latest calculation places the republican majority for Grow, in Centre county, at about 400. This was somewhat of a surprise. In looking over the returns we find that the democratic voters in the country districts, and where the party vote is chiefly located, did not turn out. In large townships like Gregg, Potter, Penn and others, hardly more than one-half the party vote was out. They did not consider it an important election and let things go by default. The bulk of the republican vote being located in the towns throughout the county a larger per cent. came to the polls. As far as it being a great republican victory our friends, the republicans, are entitled to all the consolation and encouragement they can find in the result.

BELLEVILLE BORO.

The only place that we know of in the county where the democrats made a determined fight was in Bellefonte. The boro has a sure republican majority of from 75 to 100.

This year their majority was considerably reduced. Grow having only 38 votes over Hancock. Gray only 36 over Lane, democrat for Burgess. John Kline, republican, was defeated for tax collector by Hugh S. Taylor by a majority of 84.

Pierce's Opera House

Mrs. R. L. Pierce has given the contract of repairing her opera house at Phillipsburg to Hoover, Hughes & Co.

Prof. Wise will introduce new scenery and decorate the entire interior with corrugated steel.

The Demorest manufacturing company will reseat the house and also hang 150 wall chairs.

The house will be ready for use Aug. 1, 1894.

Two Returns to be Made.

At the last election the return judge on each precinct made two returns, one of the vote of congress-man-at-large and the other vote for the local candidates. In the first instance the return was made to the prothonotary and in person; in the other instance the return can be made in the ordinary manner to the clerk of the courts.

The postoffice will be closed to day all day excepting from 9 to 10.30 a. m., and from 4 to 5.30 p. m.

A Successful Man.

Mr. Phil Armour, the great Chicago capitalist, has some ideas and methods which are in accord with those of the late George W. Childs.

The Chicago millionaire is the greatest trader in the world. He employs 12,000 persons, pays \$7,000,000 yearly in wages, owns 4,000 cars and 800 horses. He is not only a philanthropist but an optimist, and, speaking of the opportunities for our young men in the future, he says:

"Wealth, capital, can do nothing without brains to direct it. It will be as true in the future as it is in the present that brains make capital—capital does not make brains. The world does not stand still. Changes come quicker now than they ever did, and they will come quicker and quicker. New ideas, new inventions, new methods of manufacture, of transportation, new ways to do almost everything, will be found as the world grows older, and the men who anticipate them, and who are ready for them, will find advantages as great as any their fathers or grandfathers have had."

Mr. Armour believes in living in today, and not in yesterday. He frankly admits that he does not hold the same opinions that he held twenty years ago, and says he is willing to change his views to suit the times.

Business of the Railroads.

The annual reports of the steam railroad companies doing business in Pennsylvania for the year ended June 30, 1893, show that the total number of passengers carried during the year was 152,460,840, against 140,190,569 the preceding year. The number of passengers carried one mile was 2,895,112,855, an increase of 216,868,231 over the previous year. The five leading companies are the Pennsylvania, which carried 47,280,651; Philadelphia and Reading, 29,769,122; New York, Lake Erie and Western, 12,452,623; Phila. Wilmington and Baltimore, 12,392,873; Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, 6,501,321, making a total of 105,896,590. The total number of passengers carried by these companies the previous year was 96,238,291. The roads in Pennsylvania carried 27 per cent of the entire passenger traffic of the country.

Antietam Commission.

General Greenfield has furnished Governor Pattison with the names of 100 distinguished ex-soldiers who participated with the Pennsylvania troops in the battle of Antietam. The governor will select from the list fifteen or twenty to serve as a commission to act in conjunction with Colonel J. P. Stearns and General H. Heth, the Antietam board at Washington, in locating the positions held by the troops from this state at the battle. The commission will be announced in a few days and will serve without compensation.

Stationery

Without a doubt the CENTRE DEMOCRAT carries the largest stock of commercial stationery of any printing house in Centre county. We can supply business houses with anything they may need. We make a specialty of Note Heads, Letter Heads, Bill Heads, Statements, Receipts, Order Books, etc., all work being put up in tables or bound in the very best of style. Come and see our stock. Remember our prices are always reasonable.

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