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

### Editorial.

Soup houses were very plentiful in 1872; that panic continued for several years and right in the midst of republican rule, and after twelve years of protection.

THE private life of Representative Breckenridge is no reflection upon his political career. As a democrat he is a dandy; in other respects he was a rooster.

AT present we hear of no democratic aspirant for the democratic nomination for Governor, in the coming campaign. Democrats seem to be a little shy since the February storm.

IN 1872 soup houses were established all over the country. Starvation and misery were everywhere. That occurred after the republican party had been in absolute power from 1860 to 1872, a period of twelve years. That is a fact worth remembering these days.

IT is amusing to note how loudly republicans are calling upon Furst to be a candidate for reelection to the bench. Some are calling upon him to be a candidate—then there are others who are mum. These other fellows expect to have a say when the proper time comes.

LOCK HAVEN people are all a stir at present over a scheme to build an electric railroad to Mill Hall. Most of the capital is subscribed for its erection and when in operation they imagine they will have the bulge on Bellefonte. Poor Lock Haven.

PHILIPSBURG is excited at present and wants a board of trade. All the business men of that town have signed a petition. As lumber is cheap in that section they ought to get one made at a low figure. A board of trade is a nice piece of furniture.

JOHN Y. MCKANE, the political ex-boss of Gravesend, who was recently sent to Sing Sing prison for obstructing justice, and whose trial created a great sensation, is an embezzler of a sum of money estimated at from \$225,000 to \$500,000. This chap should have had his wings clipped some time ago. He was a bad democrat—and they are few.

JAMES W. SWEELY, editor and publisher of the Sun and Banner was recently appointed post-master of Williamsport. This was a deserving appointment and again illustrates that the present administration is not arrayed against newspaper men, as was announced some time ago. As a rule, we think the profession is being duly recognized. Of course it is not the lot for all of them to hold office.

### The Road to Wealth

A young man wrote to an editor to know how to become rich. The reply was full of truth. The formula is simple, certain and we give it. Save all your income, don't invest your savings in anything that will build up the country, but lend it at the highest rate of interest you can obtain; grind the needy whenever the occasion offers; never be hospitable; always remember that a fat kitchen makes a lean purse; never have any politics or religion.

Observe these rules strictly, and if you approach anything like the allotted time for man to live you will be a rich man, and whenever you die everybody including your heirs, will be glad of it.

### Supreme Court Decision.

The supreme court has just handed down an important opinion dealing with a question of mercantile taxes. In brief, the issue raised was whether a manufacturing company could be assessed for mercantile taxes when it was in evidence that they sold their goods as well as manufactured them. The decision is that they can be so assessed when the company maintains a store separate from the manufacturing establishment where the goods are sold.

## A YEAR OF POWER.

### WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE.

Several Bad Laws Repealed—A Trying Situation—Pledges Fulfilled—An Excellent showing.

One year ago to-day, says the New York World of March 4, the Democrats assumed control of the national government after a total or partial exclusion from power for over thirty years.

They found the tariff taxes higher than any previous period in the history of the government. They found a treasury deficiency impending where they had left a surplus. They found the free gold excess of nearly \$100,000,000, turned over by President Cleveland four years before, scattered in foreign lands. They found the country on the verge of a monetary panic owing to the operations of a Republican silver-purchase law. They found on the statute book the skeleton of an election force law which the Republicans had desperately endeavored to strengthen with federal bayonets at the polls.

What is the record of the year? In spite of blunders and delinquencies it is true and it deserves to be said that not in half a century before has the first year of a new administration and a new congress been so rich in important public services as has the year which ended recently.

The Sherman silver purchase act has been repealed. So mischievous had this law, passed solely by Republican votes, become that business men of all parties united in demanding its repeal. The firm attitude of the Democratic administration secured an unconditional stoppage of silver purchases, and for the first time since the passage of the Bland act, in 1878, the currency of the country was relieved of the danger of debasement.

The election law has been repealed. With it disappeared the last vestige of centralized coercion, the fruit of the war. Elections are hereafter to be free. The threat of a bayonet behind every ballot—of the party in power doing, as Speaker Reed said the Republican party intended to do, its own registration, its own counting and its own certification—is removed. This achievement alone is enough to have made the first year of the Democratic restoration memorable.

A genuine tariff reform bill has passed the house. The Wilson bill is the most scientific and just tariff measure that has passed either house of congress in thirty years. If enacted into law it will free the great body of the people from needlessly burdensome taxes, it will relieve our manufacturers from a humiliating handicap, it will enlarge the activities and increase the rewards of labor. It executes the mandate of the people. It fulfills the oft-repeated pledge of the Democratic party.

There has been a promising start in pension reform. The greatest source of extravagance and fraud in the entire federal system has been boldly and honestly attacked. The pension appropriation bill reported to the house is nearly \$12,000,000 less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year.

This is a record which the Democratic party has a right to be proud of, despite the shortcomings and wrongdoings in other directions.

As to the reverse side of the picture there is this to be said: Every mill that is closed was shut up under the operation of the McKinley 20 per cent. tariff. Every workman that is unemployed is idle under the law that was framed ostensibly to "protect" him. Every dollar of increase in the public debt represents a dollar of the Republican deficiency. Every lack in the treasury is due to the Republican law which cut revenue by raising taxes. Every expedient to obtain gold to maintain the public credit is a necessary result of the net loss of gold to the country during the Republican administration of over \$55,000,000. Every deficiency increasing payment from the public treasury bears the sign manual of a Republican president.

That there are dangers ahead of the Democratic party none will deny. But the record of its first year in power challenges comparison with any similar period in the history of the country.

### Half Barrel of Beer for Each.

Thirty one million four hundred and seventy-five thousand five hundred and nineteen barrels of domestic beer were consumed in the United States last year—about half a barrel for each inhabitant if it had been equally divided and all had been "drunk fair." The only fault we have to find is that we did not get our equal share.

### Gazette Sold Again.

On Tuesday the Keystone Gazette office, consisting of the entire outfit, presses, type, subscription list, etc., was sold by Messrs. Beaver & Dale, attorneys, to T. H. Harter, editor and publisher of The Post, Middleburg, Pa. The possession of the Gazette was given to Mr. Harter from March 2nd, the time of the sheriff's sale. Next week he expects to take editorial direction of the same. He will move to this place about the 1st of April.

Mr. Harter is a former Centre county boy, being a son of Wm. Harter, decd., He was born in Haines township and spent his boyhood on the farm. Later he served three years in the Centre Reporter office, at Centre Hall, where he received his first lessons in the art preservative. From there he went to Ohio and for several years edited and published the Nevada Enterprise. About 1881 he returned to his native state and purchased The Post, at Middleburg, Snyder county, where he remained until the present time. Under his management the circulation of that paper was more than doubled and its influence was recognized throughout the state. So that he comes into our midst an experienced newspaper man. Mr. Harter has attained distinction as a writer in the Penna. Dutch dialect, under the nom de plume of "Gottlieb Boonstiel." A number of his articles have appeared in the DEMOCRAT in the past and were greatly appreciated by our readers. His writings are also published in book form.

Although Mr. Harter comes from an old, democratic, Pennsylvania German family, is an uncle to the writer and brother-in-law of the editor of the Centre Reporter, he has wandered into the republican fold—an unaccountable fact. Being the baby-boy among a family of twelve children we often imagined that when his time came his early training was neglected and he fell in the hands of the Philistines. Such nevertheless is his misfortune; and if our editorial brother and uncle will only remain within our sight we will endeavor to correct the political affiliations of his youth, and point out the error of his ways.

### A Distressing Accident.

The Phillipsburg Journal says: A very distressing affair happened Monday morning, which has greatly aroused the sympathy of our people. Miss Matt Morris and her little daughter Winifred, aged about 9 years, came here Friday from Brimbin to spend a couple days with the family of Mine Inspector D. H. Thomas. The little girl in company with Cyrus, a little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, went out in the back yard to play. It seems they had got hold of some matches, and without the knowledge of their parents secreted themselves in an out building, and as children usually do, unconscious of the danger they were in, set fire to a bundle of straw. They were unable, it seems, to extricate themselves from the building, and before they were discovered had been so nearly suffocated and badly burned as to show little evidence of life, requiring the efforts of several physicians to restore them to consciousness. The life of the little girl may possibly be spared, but the boy's condition is such as to give little or no hope.

### Thieves Steal a House.

Chicago thieves have long held a place in the front ranks of crime, and their latest exploit will not detract from that questionable fame. Jesse M. Furst used to own a nice white two-story cottage at 611 Elston avenue. The other day he went around to gloat over his assets, but when he neared the scene he was disgusted on finding nothing but a hole in the ground.

He looked at the signboard on the lamp-post to see if he was mistaken in the locality, but there was Elston ave., as plain as day. He could find no clue until the neighbors told him that they had seen the house going a spring moving act not long ago.

He reported his loss to the police, and the officers in that part of the town were instructed to look out for a recreant white house which had left without just cause or provocation. Yesterday two officers found a loose shingle on Dudley avenue, and following up the trail discovered the house over a mile from its home on what had been a vacant lot.

The officers found Joseph Piszczek and wife inside with a carefully prepared bill of sale in the top drawer of the bureau, showing that they had purchased the house of one Frank Lubouski. Lubouski was arrested.

—The English artists, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, and their London company, under the direction of Daniel Frohman, will appear in Williamsport next Tuesday evening, in "The Ironmaster." The Central Railroad of Pa., will likely run a special train for the occasion.

### "SOUP HOUSES."

Many of our republican friends delight in speaking of the number of "soup houses" to be found in the manufacturing districts at present. Some carry sample coupons, or tickets, issued for the relief of the unemployed, which entitles the holder to a scant meal. These things are usually said and shown in the presence of democrats with the remark: "that's Grover Cleveland times." "How do you like your free trade?" and other similar taunting remarks.

We admit that the condition of the country is serious, and that a panic is upon us, but how the democratic party, in less than a year's administration and without affecting any decided change in the policy of the government and with former republican legislation still in full operation, can be held responsible, is what we cannot understand. Of course, political bigots can see things to suit themselves.

It was in 1873, after the republican party had dictated all forms of legislation, for over a period of twelve years, that a most direful panic swept over the land. Factories closed, destitution, poverty and even starvation were to be found among the laboring classes. It was at that time that James Gordon Bennett, editor and publisher of the New York Herald, subscribed himself over \$75,000 to establish "soup houses" in that city alone. Other wealthy men followed his example. All this occurred after an uninterrupted period of twelve years of a protective tariff.

The above facts are mentioned for the benefit of some of our loud-mouthed republicans, in Bellefonte, who delight to stand on the street corners in the evenings and talk to laboring men about the democratic "soup houses" and the democratic free trade times. They never mention the panic of 1873 which lasted for five years. They fear historical facts. They forget that during Harrison's term the national treasury was depleted and actually bankrupt, that our currency was disturbed by infamous legislation and at the close of Harrison's term the President saw and frankly admitted that it was upon the eve of a monetary crisis.

In the face of all these facts these men have the audacity—no, the impudence to say the democratic party brought on the panic and the "soup houses". No intelligent democrat should let the fling pass by. Always call the above facts to their attention, and especially the famous "soup house" period of 1873.

### TARIFF IN THE SENATE.

The Wilson bill, as amended in the Senate, is not so greatly changed from the document as it came originally from the House. It still contains the income tax provision. It does not, to be sure, meet all the wishes of all the "conservatives" or "decemvirates." Perhaps no measure possible to human ingenuity could satisfy all factions upon this question. But it gives the coal and iron men 40 instead of the 50 cents protection they demanded, and it concedes to sugar 1-10 cents instead of the 1-10 which the friends of sugar fixed as the minimum of their requirements.

There is every indication that the debate on the bill in the Senate will far outlast that in the House, and perhaps the country will be reading tariff speeches away along in June or July. The tariff is to be kept before the country just as long as they are able to hold it there. They believe that the end justifies the means, holding that the existing law is the right law, and that a postponement of the proposed new law is therefore justifiable. Meanwhile the country may be deluged with statistics and dinnaed with noise until the locusts are drooping and the ice cream men are planning their vacations.

### Cured in a Minute.

After suffering a deformity for nine years, John Ulrich, of Hummelstown, Pa., was cured in an instant several days ago. Ulrich is a stonecutter, and nine years ago he had a serious fall. From that he was never able to stand erect or to walk as he had formerly done. His strange affliction was known to all his friends. A few days ago he was shoveling snow. Taking a big shovelful he attempted to throw it over the fence, when he experienced a sharp pain in the side. It was so sudden and painful that he fainted. When he recovered he could stand erect and walk as he did before his fall nine years ago. It is supposed that some joint that had been dislocated was jerked into place by the effort to throw the snow over the fence.

—On Tuesday the Arlington hotel, Walter Butts, of this place, proprietor, was destroyed by fire.

## EXPERIENCE AT COURT.

### ANOTHER SPICY PENNA DUTCH LETTER.

From old Boonstiel—He Meets Politicians, Lawyers and takes his First Ride on a Passenger Train.

### LEVER KERNEL HARDER.

Ich un der Dad un de grose-mommy woona in Globber dawl, un der Dad hut mere shunt em ledshita shpote-vohr far-shprucha os won ich recht fleisich welschkarn bashta daid don daid are mich mit nuh der Harning court nemma in Schwineford shettle. Em ledshita Dinshdang sin mere ob-g'shtart. Ich bin now nintze yohr oldt un wore in meim lewa net weider fun hame os de middle fense. Ich bin shier sex foos long, hob en tzaw-look un war shunt wullich un der bawrd room; hob en gliener browner hoot ga-wora os gooked we en drechter, un my hussa hen uff sex tzoll net nunner on my Monroe shoe galongt.

Mer sin nuff on der Hawsa Barrick riggel-wake, un we de train rei comma is hut se ga-blosa os ich uff de knee g'folla bin, so huts mich farshruca. De kaer wore full leit. Lots fun shena maid un de ben shier oil nuh mere galocht. Ich hob bully g'feeld. We der conductor room cooma is hut der Dad eme en ticket gevva far mich, un mer sin druff nei ga-yawked os es ga-doonert hut. We mere ins shettle cooma sin hov ich grawd g'froggt woe de court is. Der Jeck Hetzel hut mere g'sawt g'hot es ware bugda-deer so grose os en shire, bet awga hinna un forna, en harn uff em kup so grose os en bind shtrara un het en bell aw. Uff ame-ek fun der shtrorse hov ich en lot leit senu shite un dishbadawda. Ich bin ona far se frogga woe de court ware, awver se hen so arnshtlich g'schwetzed os ich ken wardt nei greera hob kenna. Ich hob so en dicker, fetter mon, os der bouch shier uff em bugda shlaift, g'froggt ware seller sent karl ware woo so en fuss maucha daid. Are hut g'sawt are ware en politicianer.

"Un wos is en politicianer?" hov ich g'froggt.

"En politicianer is aner os boll en kondadawt gevva will."

"Un wos is en kondadawt?"

"En kondadawt is en mon os room gait hands shaika un licker kawfa far de leit so os se eme en office gevva."

"Un wos is en office?"

"En office is en blotz woo mer goot batzawit wertt far nix do."

"Oh!" hov ich g'sawt un bin ivver de shtrorse ga-luffa woo de leit in en house nei sin. Ich bin noach un gli bin ich in en grose shoop cooma woo en lot leit g'hucked hen. Im feddera end fun der shoop wore ebbes os ga-gooked hut we en kelver fense. Es wora tswa dish inside fun dara kelver fense un doh wora en lot leit droom g'hucked un in biecher ga-lasa. Gli is so en dinner, longer mon mit ma schwartzta bawrd uff en boacher shool ga-groddled un hut a pawr mohi g'sawt, "Oh yea, O yea," grawd we de grose-mommy ols sawgt wons era farleis is. Derno hut are nuch en lot onery socha g'sawt in english os ich net ferlatonna hob. Derno is en shaner, uff-g'schmutzler yunger gentlemonei cooma un sich uff en grosser shool g'hucked on der fire-hard, un usht ivver dem is widder seller fet mon woo ich uff der shtrorse aw-ga-druffa hob nei cooma un sich navich mich g'hucked.

"Ware is seller mon os dart on fire-hard hucked?" hov ich ene g'froggt.

"Sell isken fire-hard," but are g'sawd.

"Sell is der bar un der mon is der Judge."

"Doot der bar bisa?" hov ich g'froggt.

Der fet mon hut awfonga locha os si bouch g'shiddled hut foottze minutta noach dem os are g'shtupped hut g'hot, un ivver dem sin nuch tswa mon nei cooma un sich uff yader side fum Judge g'sitzed.

"Ware sin selly karls?" hov ich g'froggt.

"Sell sin aw Judges," hut are g'sawt.

"Wos doona se?"

"Se neesa won der Judge schnoop nembt, un nooka der kup won are 'yaw' sawgt."

Ivver dem hen de leit in der kelver ben awfonga fechta, un ich hob farhofflich ga-glawbed es daid gevva.

"Ware sin selly karls woo so tzarrifa?"

"Sell sin lawyer."

"Far wos sin se goot?"

"Ich hobs nuch net os g'funna."

"We maucha se era lewa?"

"Mit uxa fechta maucha."

"Huts feel fun eena?"

"Yaw, numma tsu feel."

Un ivver dem hut anes fun denna karls der onner nows g'fuddered un ich noach far der fecht senu. Se sin ivver de shtrorse niver un in en shoop nei

woo en longer boacher dish wore. Hinna on der wondt wore en roy budda, un dart wora se g'shtozna un koffee-wasser mit anonner ga-drunka os won se de besht fun freind wara.

Ich bin derno nows un hob em Dad g'sawt ich kent de bisniss net ferstite un ware redder far hame, un we mer on der riggel-wake cooms sin hut der giebber mon g'sawt unser train ware dri shtoon shpote, os der "cow-ketcher" het en koo g'schlooked doh der wake druva un de harner wara eme im hols shteeka biwva. Ich hob nix tsu esna g'hot sidder morga. Der Dad is gongga far en doot full esna, un we are cooma is ben mere uns onna g'hucked un crackers g'fressa os uns der shtabw tsu da ora rous g'foga is.

Un so hoy ich duch om end der fun hame missa ooty de court senu, awver ich will goot derfore si os ich se sane es naixt mohi os se on Schwineford shettle coomed un wons howd kushit.

JECKEY LEBESHTICKEL,  
By EM GOTTLIEB BOONSTIEL.

### Excursions to Washington.

The two remaining excursions to the capital will be run on March 22nd and April 19th, and judging from the extensive patronage accorded previous trips there is every likelihood of there being even a greater number of people who will avail themselves of the extremely low rate in effect for this popular series. A stop-off at Baltimore will be allowed within the limit, which is ten days, and return trip may be made on any regular train within the prescribed time.

The following rates will apply from the various points quoted, and the special train will be run on the following schedule:

Point	Rate	Train	Lvs
Pittsburg	\$9.00	8.05 a m	
Altoona	7.35	12.05 p m	
Bellwood	7.35	12.17 "	
Bellefonte	7.25	10.34 a m	
Clearfield	7.25	9.58 "	
Philipsburg	7.25	10.41 "	
Osceola	7.25	10.50 "	
Tyrone	7.25	12.27 p m	
Huntingdon	6.65	12.55 "	
Washington, arrive	7.45		

### Our Timber Lands.

Out of 58,452,000 acres which composed the entire area of Pennsylvania, the latest assessors' lists of the different countries report only 8,322,000 acres, or 32 1/2 per cent as timber land. From this total probably 52 per cent can be deducted for land which is now in sprouts, has been burnt over, etc., leaving as the total area upon which merchantable timber is found about 6,500,000 acres, or between 55 and 57 per cent of the total. This is certainly a great falling off from the original condition of the state.

### Mifflin County Licenses.

All licenses applied for in Mifflin county this year, were granted by the court, and the county will have three more licensed houses than they had last year. Two new hotels were granted in Lewistown.

## Envelopes.

Every business man has his card printed on his envelopes. It is an insurance against being delayed or lost. We carry in stock all sizes and grades.

## 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—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

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