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REMOVED
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.

The trouble with the democratic administration is delay.

We are sorry that Coxe's army will not pass through Bellefonte on its way to Washington. We could furnish him with some excellent recruits.

The call of our County Chairman for a democratic mass meeting, at Bellefonte, April 24th, surprised some of our republican friends who imagined that since last February, democrats were about all dead.

Ex President Harrison, in a recent interview, has stated that he positively would not be a candidate for re-nomination. Annoyance of office seekers is his main objection. This part certainly must be very unpleasant.

JOHN G. LOVE, Esq., has formally announced himself through the republican papers of the district as a candidate for President Judge. Mr. Love is one of the prominent and leading legal lights of the Centre county Bar Association.

Chairman Wright of the Democratic State Committee has issued a call for a meeting of that body, in Harrisburg, on May 16th, a chairman and a secretary will be elected to succeed Mr. Wright and B. M. Nead, the present incumbents.

Now comes the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New York and allows that the corset is as big a curse to woman as rum is to man. They both frequently make their victims very tight.—Boston Herald.

JOHN KEICHLINE, Esq., has filed his petition with the governor for the appointment of Justice of the Peace for the South and West wards of Bellefonte, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel Foster on last Thursday. Mr. Keichline's petition was signed by a large number of our business men and citizens of the wards.

It is a pleasure to observe that the House of Representatives at Washington is pushing vigorously forward the necessary work of legislation. In the Senate the Democrats are handicapped by their slender majority, which puts them more or less at the mercy of three or four active and unscrupulous men who are apparently in politics for what they can make out of it.

THE Valentine Furnace Company will start on Tuesday. Linn & McCoy are preparing to operate their ore banks at Hublersburg and to put their charcoal furnace in blast at Milesburg. At the same time the Wilson tariff bill will be opened for debate in the senate. A striking coincidence, mentioned for the benefit of some of our local republican calamity shriekers.

FEEDING wheat to stock is one way the farmers employ in disposing of the surplus when prices are not profitable enough to entice them to market. The indicated stock of 1893 wheat now in the elevators is 114,000,000, or 28 per cent. of the volume of the crop. This is 21,000,000 bushels less than the estimate for March of last year, and is the computation of the department of agriculture, which gives the harvest of 1893 at 381,500,000 commercial bushels, the bushel rating at 56 pounds. Independent of this surplus there is a big proportion of the crops for 1891 and 1892 still held by large growers. With wheat commanding only 65 cents a bushel and the list of growers on the increase the prospects ahead are not at all flattering and the demand for foreign markets is anything but encouraging. Consumption in wheat is regulated by the laws of supply and demand, as is everything else, and the farmer who recognizes that fact is the farmer who directs his attention to other things.—Philadelphia Times

WHY DID THE GAZETTE ATTACK?

District Attorney Singer—Its weak Position Shown—The Proper Course Followed—The Court will decide.

In the last issue of the *Keystone Gazette* an article appeared that, in strong terms, denounced District Attorney Singer's course in the case of Prof. Clarence Davis and Mrs. Amos Redding, charged with adultery, etc. The particulars of this unfortunate episode were given in our last issue. At the hearing it was stated that Mrs. Redding would return to her husband again, but as she gave no positive assurance of this fact, herself, it was deemed advisable to hold both parties to answer in court for their flagrant, immoral conduct. Mr. Singer, at the time, was fully aware of his position and proceeded carefully. The *Gazette* among other things says:

"The action of District Attorney Singer in having the parties arrested on Tuesday afternoon calls for the most forcible denunciation and we know that public sentiment will agree with us after we explain."
"In this case the District Attorney has committed a very grave error, as his actions have a tendency to blight one life at least and perhaps drive one who is now a repentant convert into deeper degradation. Mr. Singer has not only lost the confidence of the best thinking people, but he has by his action brought more expense to the county."

It is not our intention to recite the details of this case, and argue it through our columns. Our courts are established for that purpose. Further, no public official is expected, or is required, to explain every preliminary move to the public; nor is official conduct to be regulated by newspaper scribbles, or the hasty judgment of public sentiment. All these matters are the province of our courts, and only when finally disposed of is it in place for comment or criticism through the press, or the expression of public sentiment. In this respect our contemporary seems to have the faculty of always being at fault.

But one instance will be cited to show that Mr. Singer followed the proper course. After Mrs. Redding and the Prof. were sent back to jail, last Tuesday, several members of her family and other prominent citizens of Howard came to Bellefonte and had the required bond prepared for her release.

When she learned that they would not also release her lover, the Prof., she turned her back to the entreaties of her friends, saying that she would rather stay in jail with the Prof. than be free. It was also at the urgent request of her friends that she was put where she was. That shows how much she was reconciled to her husband, and that she had no remorse for her former shameful conduct.

Does such a woman deserve sympathy? Was Mr. Singer wrong? can such a crime be allowed in a community, and then go unpunished?

In regard to the *Gazette*, it evidently did not know what it was talking about. Probably it thought here was an opportunity to flay a democratic official and, in its zeal, over-reached the facts, or they may have been trying to defend the course of some other parties connected in the case.

"What was the Motive," we ask?
This case will come up at the coming April term of quarter sessions, and then, after all the facts are presented to the court, the public will have an opportunity to judge whether or not Mr. Singer is deserving of censure.

Gov. Beaver Selected.

Ex-Gov. Beaver will present the name of Gen. D. H. Hastings to the Republican State Convention, and Charles Emory Smith of the Philadelphia Press, will follow in seconding the General's nomination for Governor. Others have indicated a desire to say complimentary things of Bellefontes' candidate, among them George B. Orady, of Huntingdon, who at the last Republican gubernatorial convention performed the duty that this year will devolve on Gen. Beaver.

SINCE the price of silver has depreciated and coining a dollar out of the genuine stuff only requires about 50 cents worth of the metal it has become a question whether it is technically counterfeiting. Of late a great many such silver dollars are being put in circulation and they are as good as the genuine, only individuals are reaping the profit instead of the government.

THE Breckinridge-Pollard case at Washington continues to attract attention. The public enjoys reading the details of the case and the daily press accordingly furnishes it.

COXEY'S ARMY.

The Coxe movement has taken front rank as a topic of discussion in Washington. By starting on what may prove to be a most distressful march to that city, the "peace army" has established a claim to more of serious consideration than has generally been given it, and if Coxe continues on his way, as he probably will, the amount of consideration will doubtless grow daily. The object of his raid on the National Capital is well known and does not need to be discussed—flat money is an ancient topic in the United States—but the probable results of his forward movement are legitimate subjects for debate. The information that comes from the now moving army indicates the presence in that body of a large proportion of professional loafers—"tramps" to use a generally understood term and persons who have a more than passing acquaintance with police courts and the workhouses. The growth of the march will be closely watched by those who are concerned in behalf of good order, and on the developments noted the local authorities will base their plan of campaign. To permit a multitude of penniless men to enter the Capital City and to indulge in demonstration and mendacity would be nothing less than folly, and the authorities are not likely to be guilty of that.

IN A NUTSHELL.

What is the fundamental doctrine of the protectionist? That the state, by constant interference in the way of tariff laws, shall make certain industries profitable. What is the doctrine of tariff reformers? That the state shall leave these things to the independent, self-reliant activities of the people. From whom, then, have the Populists and the Socialists learned their "wild theories"? From protectionist doctrines, and not from those of the tariff reformers. The real danger at present lies not in the Democratic policy in this respect, but in the uncertainty whether the democrats in congress will carry that policy into effect.—Harpers Weekly.

Counties with no Debt.

The counties in Pennsylvania with no debt are Bradford, Butler, Centre, Clarion, Erie, Franklin, Greene, Lawrence, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Venango, Washington and Wyoming. The total of all county debts increased last year from \$63,602,562 to \$63,892,537, an increase of \$290,035. In 1892 there was a decrease of over \$21,000,000 in the total county indebtedness. Twelve counties have increased their debt, the largest increases being Philadelphia, \$455,436; Schuylkill, \$194,100; Juniata, \$38,122; Perry, \$19,870; Huntingdon, \$11,129. Allegheny's indebtedness was decreased \$25,646 and Lackawanna's \$40,000.

Handsome Room.

For some time improvements have been going on about the State capitol. The Harrisburg *Patriot* says: The hall of the house of representatives when completed will be one of the most magnificent legislative halls in the country. It will be well lighted and ventilated and lavishly furnished. The board of public buildings and grounds has directed Architect Windrim to prepare a design for a desk and chair for the members. The desks, which were put in new two years ago, will be sold at public sale.

Every Day is Sunday.

It is a strange fact, but one said to be true, that every day in the week is, in one nation or other, a Sunday. Monday is the Greek Sunday; Tuesday is the day of rest among the Persians; Wednesday among the Assyrians; Thursday among the Egyptians; Friday is the Sabbath among the Turks and, of course, among the Jews, Saturday.

Fearless Auditors.

It is a good thing to have auditors who audit without fear. The auditors of Tioga county have discovered that the commissioners there visited the World's Fair last year at the expense of the county on the pretext of going to Chicago to look at the plans of steel cages needed in the Tioga county jail.

Squire Keichline.

On Tuesday evening our next door neighbor John M. Keichline, Esq., received a dispatch from Harrisburg saying that his application for Justice of the Peace of the South and West wards of Bellefonte had been received and acted upon favorably. His commission will arrive in a few days.

Mr. Keichline's appointment gives satisfaction. He will make a good official.

REPLY TO REV. MITCHELL.

BELLEVILLE, PA., MAR. 29, '94.

Dear Sir:—Being a regular reader of your paper, I saw in a recent issue an attack upon the teachings and the doctrines of the Adventist faith, to which I wish to make a brief reply: I am a member of no church, but have a tender regard for all believers in Christ and His noble cause. Further, I believe it is wrong to do evil that good may come from it. For that reason trying to tear down one church to uphold another does not meet with my approval.

I do not wish to get into a prolonged discussion with the writer of the article, or any other teacher of religious doctrines. While Elder Wheeler was in Bellefonte, an invitation was extended to anyone to discuss the Adventist doctrine with him, in the papers or from a public platform. Now if Rev. Mitchell were fair he would have accepted the opportunity to meet a worthy foe. He was ready to prove that he was not teaching a false doctrine in regard to the Sabbath. That would have been the opportunity for you, Mr. Mitchell, to come up like Goliath, in all your grand armor and slay this man Wheeler. Instead you make your attack after he is gone from the town. Your challenge comes rather late.

In your 7th point, in your zeal to break down the Adventist faith, you would thereby bring reproach upon other denominations. You state that the first day of the week, since the resurrection of Christ, has been observed in commemoration of that important event, and not as a Sabbath. You certainly must know that it is, at this time and for the last fourteen hundred years, held as the Christian Sabbath and by nearly all denominations.

Why are you so anxious to break up the custom of many who do keep a day as the Sabbath of the Lord's, and observe it as a day of sacred rest from all secular labor?

The 1st point in Rev. Mitchell's article is, the little God, when he intimates that the Divine Being did not find out that his people needed a day of rest to commemorate his work of creation, as brought to view in the Fourth Commandment and in Genesis 2 chapter, 1, 2 and 3 verses. God discovered after 2000 years that man needed a Sabbath? I think not, men in those days lived to be nearly one thousand years old.

The Christians of America are truly glad and thankful to have one day in seven for rest, and they enjoy it. Do you think, or believe, human nature was any different then from what it is at this day? Such teaching as yours, if followed out, would soon fill the land with infidelity and skepticism.

Can you read in Exodus 20 chapter 1 to 10 verses that the Sabbath is or was for Jews alone, or does it read that they, the Hebrews, observed the Sabbath in commemoration of their deliverance from bondage in Egypt? Your citation from Deuteronomy is wrong.

Your 4th point can easily be answered by the practices of the Apostles. Your 5th point is correct, but the application is wrong. There is considerable difference between observing the Sabbath of the Lord, and being circumcised and keeping the laws of Moses. In the 15th chapter of Acts, the Sabbath is before used, in the 22nd verse, and has no reference to the subject matter in discussion. The 23rd verse has it, and the Apostles did truly make a full statement of the question. Thus to Acts 15th chapter 17 to 20 vs. and you will see what, as settled by the Apostles.

Now Mr. Mitchell I think you had better be found doing as the Apostles advise in the 21st verse, as you claim to be a teacher, be found at your sacred every Sabbath day preaching to your hearers that Jesus is the Christ, who is God, and in His name there is forgiveness of sins. Be very careful that it may not be said of you as it is written by your traditions you have made the commandment of God of no effect.

In your sixth point you endeavor to make the Sabbath a type of death, it may prove such to many, but are you aware that the word of God is a savor of life unto life, or a savor of death unto death. Your reference to Hebrews, 3rd and 4th chapters, shows very plainly that you are somewhat confused. The word of God is as a two edged sword and those who handle it should be very careful, and should not fall in the cross. God's immutable laws, which he wrote with his finger on the tables of stone, which the apostles declared glorious, and again said it is just, holy and good; and Jesus came to magnify it and make it honorable. This is commonly believed by Christians. Yours is the hope of eternal life.

SUBSCRIBER.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Mitchell was a caller at our office. The above communication was referred to him, to which he replied: "You can state, I will pay no attention to it; I never recognize an anonymous disputant."

Judge Metzger's Opinion.

At Williamsport yesterday Judge Metzger handed down his opinion in the case of the anti-vaccination people against the school board. The case was brought a few weeks ago by A. J. Duffield, who asked for a mandamus to compel the school board to allow his unvaccinated child to attend school. The judge decides that under the existing condition of affairs in that city the pupils must be vaccinated in compliance with the order of the school board before they will be admitted to the school. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

An Editor in Heaven.

According to the latest chronological events, there is one editor in Heaven. How he got there is not positively known, but it is conjectured that he passed himself off for a minister and stepped in unsuspected. When the dodge was discovered, they searched the realms of felicity in all their length and breadth for a lawyer to draw up the papers for his ejection, but they failed to find one, and of course the editor is still holding the fort.

Examination.

The examination of teachers for Professional Certificates will be held in Bellefonte, Friday, April 13th. Applicants are requested to bring recommendations.

C. L. GRAMLEY, Co. Supl.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

GRESHAM'S TREATY WITH CHINA.

Cleveland and the Bland-Silver Bill—Coxey's Army and its rights—Impertinent Officials.

President Cleveland probably never did a harder or more wearing week's work than that which has just closed. Last Monday Vice President Stevens signed the Bland bill for the coinage of the seigniorage and it was at once placed in the hands of the President. Since that time he has devoted his entire time to the bill, and, although no announcement has been made to that effect, the opinion seems to be gaining ground here that he will veto the bill. If he neither vetoes nor signs the bill by Thursday of this week it will become a law without any action on the President's part. The veto of the bill will be a great disappointment to democrats from the south and west in Congress, but if it be vetoed no attempt will be made to pass it over the veto.

Secretary Gresham smashed some precedents when he made public the new treaty with China in advance of the action of the Senate upon it, but it was the sensible thing to do, even if garbled extracts from the treaty had not leaked out and been printed in papers unfriendly toward the administration. Of course Secretary Gresham would have preferred that the making public of this treaty should have been deferred until it could have been accompanied by the commercial treaty, to which it was the stepping stone, which has been negotiated and is now awaiting the approval of the Chinese government. The present treaty relates entirely to the rights of the citizens of the two countries when living in either, and contains several marked concessions concerning the coming of Chinese to America. For that reason it is objectionable to some of the Senators and Representatives from the Pacific coast, but in view of the advantages to be gained by the commercial treaty, to come later, it is not thought that the opposition will be strong enough to endanger the ratification of this treaty, but the Senate may decide, on account of the slipperiness of Chinese diplomacy, to withhold ratification until it is known that the commercial treaty has been approved by China.

General Wade Hampton knows as well how to snub impertinence as any man in public life. The other day he called on a Senator who has a private secretary who is a victim of the impertinent habit. As the General after leaving the Senator was passing through the room occupied by the private Secretary that individual stopped him and said: "You asked for half a minute and have stayed in half an hour; you ought to get a medal". Young man, "replied General Hampton without a moments hesitation, "you remind me of what Mrs. Partington told Ike when he said he was going to get a medal". "What was that?" asked the smart Aleck with a grin. "Well, Ike, you deserve a medal, for you are the most meddlesome cuss I ever saw". Good morning Mr. Secretary."

Representative Bland, of Mo., takes a sensible view of the Coxe army business, which is being talked about in Washington, more because of the space given it by newspapers than because anybody believes that it is actually coming. He says: "The Coxe army has as much right to come to Washington as the loobies, who come in behalf of protection and other private interests. As long as they pay their own expenses and commit no depredations they have a perfect right to come. But if they violate law and become a mob of pillagers they should be suppressed."

A State College Fire Up.

Last Thursday evening a member of the Freshman class of State College received notice of suspension for a year. He had torn a leaf from a magazine. The students held a mass meeting and passed resolutions asking that the case be reconsidered.

At the beginning of the college year several professors from New England were added to the faculty and they oppose reconsideration. As a result the students raised a red flag with "Boston Baked Beans" painted on it. It is thought the faculty will on Tuesday reconsider its action.—News.

—On Thursday of last week a very sad death occurred at the residence of Harrison Kline, in Spring township. It was that of a pet dog, "Tip," of whom each one of the family thought a great deal of. Had the dog lived until Easter Sunday he would have been fifteen years old, and the cause of his death was old age.

PLANT SHADE TREES.

By So Doing Farmers Can Secure a Bounty—Read the Law.

It is not generally known among the farmers of this state, that there is a bounty offered tax payers for the planting and cultivation of shade trees along the public highways. The law was passed in 1879, and says: "Any person liable to road tax, who shall transplant to the side of the public highway on his own premises any fruit, shade trees or forest trees of suitable size, shall be allowed by the supervisor of road, where roads run through or adjoin cultivated land in abatement of his road tax, \$1 for every four trees set out; but no row of elms shall be placed nearer than 70 feet, no row of maples or other forest trees nearer than 50 feet, except locusts which may be set 30 feet apart; and no allowance shall be made, unless such trees shall have been set out the year previous to the demand for such abatement of tax, and are living and well protected from animals at the time of such demand." No person shall be allowed an abatement on his highway tax more than one-quarter of his annual highway tax, and any person who shall cut down, kill or injure any tree, shall pay to the supervisor of roads 30 cents for each tree.

The Difference.

"Comparatively few understand why a person in charge of an estate is styled an Administrator in one case and an Executor in another, although their duties are precisely the same," said an old attorney. "An Executor is named in the will to administer the estate. An Executrix is a female. If there is no will the female who closes the estate is called the Administratrix. If the person named in the will as an Executor refuses to serve, the court appoints another person and he is styled the Administrator with the will annexed. If a person in charge of an estate dies or defaults and is removed, his successor is called an Administrator de bonis non, or an Administrator of the remaining assets.

Visiting Knights.

On Tuesday evening a large delegation of Knights of the Golden Eagle arrived in Bellefonte over the C. R. R. of Pa. They represented the Pleasant Valley castle of Mill Hall and the castle at Lamar, and were accompanied by the Mill Hall band.

A large delegation of the home castle met the visitors at the depot and escorted them through town.

Special exercises were held in their rooms in the evening. Grand Chief, Fred Harris, of Tyrone was present and delivered the address of the evening. The visiting delegations returned by special train after the exercises.

Undertaking and --:-- Embalming.

I am fully equipped with a handsome new hearse and all the latest and best appliances pertaining to the business of a Funeral Director.

The latest and most improved methods of embalming only are used. Having many years of experience in this line I solicit a portion of the public patronage.

F. E. NAGINEY, Bellefonte, Pa.

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