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### Editorial.

THE Williamsport Republican suspended publication this week. It was a losing venture.

QUAY made a speech in the Senate this week on the tariff question. The joke was he had another member read it for him.

SINCE the Breckenridge-Pollard case is settled the scandal mongers will have to hunt up a new source for the Sunday papers.

THE indications are growing brighter for the passage of the Wilson tariff bill. The Senate is moving slowly but the end will be reached ere long.

THE Democratic State Committee, better known as the machine for dealing out federal patronage, met in Harrisburg on Monday. James B. Stranahan, of Mercer, was selected to succeed J. Marshall Wright, as state chairman.

FROM latest reports the CENTRE DEMOCRAT is still edited and published by the person whose name appears at the head of this column. Advice and direction from jealous contemporaries, therefore, is not needed.

GEO. S. LENHART, editor of the Williamsport Breakfast Table, was in town last Saturday. He is an enthusiastic republican, of some prominence in state politics and a great admirer of Gen. Hastings. He predicts wonders at the coming election for their ticket.

ON Monday the U. S. Senate confirmed the appointment of D. F. Fortney, Esq., as the postmaster for Bellefonte. The next step will be to file his bond and the commission will be forthcoming in a short time. Mr. Fortney will likely be ready to take charge of the office by the first of May.

ALL the daily papers in Williamsport failed to come out last Friday on account of a strike instituted by the Typographical Union of that place. A car load of printers from Philadelphia and New York arrived later and filled their places. The papers are appearing regular now.

SOME think that Coxe's movement is an advertising scheme; others are of the opinion that he will be a candidate for President on the Populist ticket. There are persons who assert that his expenses are being met by the republican national committee as a campaign movement to create sentiment. One thing is certain—he has attained considerable notoriety and the movement does not have the approval of sensible people.

COLLECTOR John M. Clark, of Chicago, has just transmitted to the secretary of the treasury his report on the customs administration of the World's Fair. The document is a complete history of the foreign exhibits, and is the first authentic information regarding the displays from foreign countries.

THE exhibits arrived through twenty-four frontier ports in the following proportion: New York, 65 per cent.; Baltimore, 18; San Francisco 5; Port Huron 3; Detroit 2; Larado, El Paso, Tacoma, 1 each; Philadelphia one-third; other ports three and two-thirds per cent.

EXHIBITS came from sixty foreign nations, states and colonies, consisting of 162,609 packages, valued in the statements of the exhibitors at \$64,797,693, and requiring 8,000 cars to transport them. About 25 per cent. of these goods remained in the country.

FRANCE led all nations in the amount of goods brought to the fair and sold during its progress, while Germany was a close second. These two countries sold two-fifths of all foreign goods disposed of during the fair. The aggregate of all foreign goods entered for consumption was \$2,566,522, and a net duty of \$218,320 was collected on these. The government received a profit of \$602,152 out of customs at the fair, after deducting \$224,634 for expenses.

## THE JUDICIARY.

### BIOGRAPHY OF HON. A. O. FURST.

President Judge of the 49th Judicial District—Candidate for Re-election—Biography and Portrait.

During the past week nothing of any particular importance has transpired in the judiciary contest that is worthy of mention. The friends of the two candidates, for the republican nomination are at work in every section of the district.

This week we are enabled to furnish our readers with a double column portrait and brief sketch of the Hon. A. O. Furst, president judge of this district. This we consider a bit of enterprise that will be appreciated by our readers, and at this time will be an interesting item of news.

The following brief biography is taken from the Williamsport Grit, of last week.

#### HON. A. O. FURST.

"A. O. Furst is now in his 59th year. He was born in Lamar township, Clinton county, in the east end of the beautiful Nittany valley—the garden spot of Central Pennsylvania, and the birthplace of half a dozen men who attained professional prominence in Pennsylvania. The father of A. O. Furst was a farmer, who settled in Lamar township during early life, dying there in 1859, at the age of 73 years. The mother of the subject of this sketch was a native of Perry county and died in Clinton county in 1878, at the advanced age of 87 years. Judge Furst's early education was acquired in the schools of Lamar township, after which he entered Dickinson seminary, at Williamsport. From this institution he graduated two years subsequently with the honors of his class.

In the fall of 1853 he entered the junior class of Dickinson college, at Carlisle. Five years later he commenced the study of the law in the office of Kline G. Furst, at Lock Haven, and in September, 1859, was admitted to the bar of Clinton county. Soon afterward he located in Bellefonte, and it was upon motion made by the late Hon. H. N. McCallister that he was admitted to practice law in the several courts of Centre county on January 28, 1861. He proved himself a lawyer of ability and readily acquired an extensive practice attaining a position in his profession among the leaders.

During the rebellion he took an active part in the country's defense.

In the summer of 1884 he was nominated for the judgeship by the Republicans of this district and in November of that year was elected with the handsome majority of 600. He was commissioned Jan. 1, 1885, and has held the office since that time.

Judge Furst is a member of the Presbyterian church in Bellefonte. He is president of the Dickinson Seminary Alumni which includes in its membership some of the brightest and cleverest lawyers, ministers and professional men the state has ever known. As toastmaster at the annual alumni banquet given during the commencement exercises in Williamsport, Judge Furst has won encomiums of praise for the excellent manner in which he conducts the duties attendant upon the position. He possesses a keen mother wit, which serves him well in this capacity and his well-put sallies provoke unlimited merriment at these famous gatherings. At the last annual alumni election Judge Furst wanted to resign the presidency of the association but the membership would not accept it.

Judge Furst is a home man and his beautiful residence on one of the hills of this town is an ideal one. His taste for agriculture is pronounced, as is his liking for the sport of Isaac Walton. In the latter the judge is a pronounced success and can cast a trout fly or wield a bass rod with agility.

#### Charter Granted.

The Lock Haven Express says: Saturday afternoon the state department at Harrisburg granted the charter to the Lock Haven electric railway company. The committee appointed Friday night for the purpose will now either interview or correspond with the various construction companies that have made offers to the local company with a view of seeing which company makes the best offer.

#### Will Celebrate.

We see it stated in another paper that the present farm on which Hon. Leonard Rhone resides has been in possession of the Rhone family one hundred years by this summer. Consequently in May or June of the present year there will be a centennial celebration of the family, to take place on this patrimonial possession.



HON. A. O. FURST.

#### Odd Fellows Day.

Extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of the thousands who will throng Lewisburg's streets on Odd Fellows Day, Thursday, April 26th, the 75th anniversary of the order. An unusually interesting program has been arranged, and the event promises to far surpass the centennial anniversary in 1855 and Grand Army Day held at Lewisburg a few years ago. The grand parade of Odd Fellows, in bright regalia and bands of music, will be an attractive feature, as Lewisburg, with its broad, level streets laid out at right angles, affords unequalled advantages for parading. In the morning the address of welcome will be delivered in Odd Fellows hall by Hon. Benjamin K. Focht; later the opera house will be thrown open when addresses will be delivered by Rev. David Craft, and other prominent members of the order, including officers of the Grand Lodge. The general parade will take place at 2 o'clock; the dress parade of Patriarchs Militant will occur on the Bucknell University athletic grounds, at 4:30, commanded by Col. Frank A. Deans. Special trains will be run on all roads entering Lewisburg, and the round trip rate will be low. The several cases of small-pox reported in Lewisburg a month ago have entirely recovered and there is not the remotest possibility of contagion. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Central Pennsylvania to join in this celebration.

#### Congressional Honors.

The Harrisburg Patriot, of a recent issue says: "Adjutant General Greenland will probably enter the race for the democratic nomination for congress in the twenty-eighth district, which is now represented by Hon. George F. Kribbs, of Clarion."

Hon. Geo. F. Kribbs will in all probability be a candidate for renomination and re-election.

#### Lost and Found.

Monday's Lock Haven Democrat says: Yesterday Michael Cunningham, of Sugar Run, missed \$710 in gold from his residence. He notified Chief Keller of the missing money, which official at once sent the city policemen in different directions for a nephew named Michael Cross, whom Mr. Cunningham suspected. Special policeman Cummings found the man wanted near the Cunningham residence and lodged him in jail. The young man indignantly denied the charge, alleging that he knew nothing about the money. Last evening a search was instituted for the money and the box containing the gold was found under Mr. Cunningham's barn. The money was undisturbed in the pieces of paper in which it had been wrapped by the owner. This morning young Cross was taken before Alderman Anthony, but no testimony could be presented fastening the guilt on the accused. He was discharged, but was told to leave his uncle's place, with whom he had been working about a year.

—You will save money by getting your wall paper and window shades from E. W. Mauck, the wall paper man, Millheim, Pa. ap 19 4t

## WASHINGTON TOPICS.

### DOINGS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

The Democrats will put an End to Filibustering—Preparations for Coxe—The Breckenridge Suit Over.

There was not much surprise here when the jury brought in a verdict for \$15,000 in favor of Miss Pollard in her breach of promise case against Representative Breckenridge, of Kentucky. It was generally expected. Col. Breckenridge says the verdict will have no effect upon his candidacy for congress and that he intends returning to Kentucky and making a personal canvass of his entire district. There is a general feeling of relief here that the trial is at last over.

The general debate on the tariff bill will by agreement close next Monday. Then the senate will begin the consideration of the bill by items, a process which promises to be long and tedious. Senator Smith, of New Jersey, delivered a tariff speech somewhat in line with that of Senator Hill a week ago, but not so radical. The fear of the defeat of the bill is only in the opposition papers; it does not exist among the democratic senators who are managing the bill; nor do they believe that a single democratic vote will be cast against it when the final vote is taken. The newspaper talk which has grown out of a "fake" interview with Senator Murphy of New York, about the bill not being voted upon before the congressional election is simply rot. The bill is going to be pushed to a vote at this session of congress, and it is going to be passed. These two things can be relied upon.

Senator Vance, of North Carolina, whose health has been bad for a long time died suddenly from a stroke of apoplexy, Saturday night, at his residence in this city. Senator Vance was a universal favorite and regrets are heard on all sides.

Senator Pugh, of Alabama, thinks in view of late European news that President Cleveland is not a bad sort of a prophet. He says: President Cleveland told me the other day that he believed silver would be remonetized in 1895, and that this country and England will be on a basis of bimetalism. It has been no secret among the President's friends that he believes England will soon have to get down from the high horse she has been sitting upon in dealing with silver. It is because of that belief that he has advised a policy of delay on the part of this country.

With an unexpected disregard for the quips and jests of those who protested against following the example of Thomas B. Reed, when he was Speaker of the House, the dominant party has at last resolved that quorum-counting shall be indulged in whenever such arithmetic is necessary. The democrats of the House or representatives are subjects for congratulation on their arrival at such a conclusion. For the entire weight of logic and common sense is opposed to the contention that a member can at the same time be present for obstructive purposes and absent as a legislator. When it was first suggested that the Fifty-third Congress would do wisely if it adopted in general the rules and methods of the Fifty-first, there was practical unanimity of democratic dissent, but every day's experience was testimony to the reasonable character of the suggestion. The democratic quorum counter differs somewhat from the rule which worked so successfully in the Fifty-first Congress, in that the counting will be done by some other member or officer than the Speaker. But this is merely a distinction without a difference and will be useful only because it may reconcile some of those who are stubbornly opposed to anything that savors of what has been termed "Czarism". Yet the matter is regarded as somewhat of a personal victory for Reed, and the democrats have joined in good-natured congratulations, Bourke Cockran remarking that Mr. Reed was no longer the original and only czar, as the democrats had decided to be czars. The importance of the remedy is, however, above partisanship.

The people of the United States desire that the House or Representatives, being elected to legislate, shall be able to do business for which it is chosen; and shall not be confined by a few obstructionists to a pitiful exhibition of "How not to do it."

The advent of Coxe and his army is sufficiently near for prudent men to take cognizance of the fact that a disturbance may occur. The Capitol grounds are under the direct control of the Congressional Committees on Rules, Committees have been quietly discussing the situation for some days. Steps have

been taken to see that a sufficient force is present to maintain the dignity of the statutes of the United States. Section 6 of the present law says "that it is forbidden to parade, stand or move in procession in the capitol grounds or display any flag, banner or device design to bring into public notice any party, organization, or movement." Quietly, but with the firm determination of enforcing this law, the two Committees on Rules have gone to work, and Mr. Coxe will be the recipient of a surprise if he attempts to carry out his programme.

The silver-tongued Breckenridge takes the verdict against him in the famous case, which so polluted the columns of the press of the whole country for several weeks, very calmly. His debonaire indifference may be assumed, but it is very pronounced. When he left the court room immediately after the quickly-rendered verdict he was met by Mrs. Breckenridge, who was in waiting, and husband and wife entered an open carriage and were driven along F street, one of the principal business streets in Washington, where department clerks and shoppers were eagerly buying papers containing the verdict. The barouche stopped at a big store, where Mrs. Breckenridge gave some orders. Col. Breckenridge stood in the doorway calmly surveying the crowds" of passersby, and laughed as a little newsboy pushed an extra in his face. He bought the paper and re-entering the carriage with his wife drove to their home.

#### Outwitted the "Penny."

Catching the Pennsylvania railroad people napping Saturday night, a gang of workmen succeeded in laying rails across the track of the Pennsylvania railroad at Mapleton Junction and ran an engine and two cars across and on Monday morning began to run trains to Osceola Mills, transferring passengers at Mapleton until an overhead crossing is constructed. The arrival of the first train over the new road at Osceola caused the wildest enthusiasm and notwithstanding the day the people insisted on the train being run back to Mapleton which was done.

#### May Be Paid in Full.

Depositors of the Houtzdale bank received a 5 per cent. payment Monday, making in all 35 per cent. which they have received since the bank failed about three years ago. The construction of the Clearfield and Conemaugh railroad, a charter for which was recently granted, will open up coal lands in which President A. H. Dill had a controlling interest, which was transferred to the bank. By the sale of this land it is expected that depositors may yet be paid in full.

#### Fast Mail.

A complete freight train of fourteen cars, illuminated caboose and practical working engine, a magnificent scene of Niagara Falls by moonlight, with real mist, as seen from suspension bridge. The flight of the Fast Mail which crosses the stage at the rate of seventy miles an hour, and a realistic steamboat race and explosion on the Mississippi, are among the most novel scenes and mechanical effects shown in Lincoln J. Carter's scenic production, "The Fast Mail," which appears at Garman's opera house next Monday evening.

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