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

Editorial.

"STOP TALKING."

The following interesting and highly appropriate editorial squib appeared in the last issue of the Gazette:

"Why don't they stop? Millions of our people are anxious to settle down and go to work, but until something is done with the tariff they feel that it is not safe to risk much in their commercial and industrial ventures.

Never silence was golden it is golden now in the United States Senate. Stop talking and do something. Anything is better than this terrible suspense."

The above states the position exactly, and if the writer would only have gone one step further and explained who is doing all this talking, he would have impressed an important fact upon his readers. The much talking going on in the United States Senate, for the past month, comes from the republican side of the chamber. The republicans are using every method at their command to bring about delay by delivering long speeches, made up chiefly from census statistics, department reports, etc. Senator Quay is surpassing himself in this direction by consuming several days by just such tactics. When he becomes exhausted he calls upon a colleague to continue reading extracts which are called a speech in which no one is interested and with which all are acquainted. Senator Cameron followed a similar course and other senators are indulging in a like practice. The object is delay, knowing that every day's suspense carries that much more anxiety, distrust, distress and poverty into the homes of the workingmen of this country. By continuing this course they hope to bring all censure upon the present administration.

It is the republican portion of the Senate that is doing the talking, to distress the wage-earners and thereby add more sorrow to their wretchedness. That is the modern type of republican statesmanship—they would sacrifice the industries of a whole nation to gain a political advantage. Elaborate tariff discussions, at this date, is simply threshing old straw. Nothing honest in it.

The democrats will pass the tariff bill in the U. S. Senate just as soon as the republican party puts an end to their useless talking.

In 1892 the country, in no uncertain tones, demanded a revision of the tariff, and if there is any virtue in popular government the will of the people should be recognized. The republicans, by continual talking, may delay tariff reform for awhile, they can add more distress to the present condition of the American wage-earners, but they can't prevent the democratic party from faithfully fulfilling their solemn pledges and bringing about a more equitable adjustment between manufacturers and the consumers and the establishment of great commercial freedom, the pride of any nation.

All this will transpire as soon as the republican senators "stop talking" and it is hoped that an intelligent public will administer the rebuke, at the coming election, they so richly deserve.

UNDER the head of announcements, in another column of this issue, the name of Wm. C. Heinle, Esq., of Bellefonte, appears who will ask the democrats of Centre county this year to give him their support for congress. Mr. Heinle is so well known to the democratic party of this section that mention is unnecessary. Just at this time we need men of ability, and who also possess the elements of strength and leadership in them, at Washington. We need men who are energetic and firm to see that the pledges of our party are fulfilled. Mr. Heinle's many years of devotion to the success of his party in this county commend him to the thoughtful consideration of every democrat.

—If in need of wall paper or window shades call on E. W. Mauck, Millheim, ap 19 4t.

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

IN THE JUDGESHIP RACE IN THE 49th DISTRICT.

Attorney Calvin M. Bower—He was Ex-Judge Orvis' Law Partner—Sketch of His Boyhood and Professional Career—Prominent Place Earned by Merit.

We present this week a portrait and sketch of Calvin M. Bower, Esq., of this place, who will be the democratic nominee in the approaching judicial contest in this district. The nomination will come to him without a contest. His eminent position at the bar in this section of the state makes him the natural candidate of his party and he is conceded by democrats and republicans alike to be the strongest democratic nominee that could be found in the district.

Calvin M. Bower was born in Haines township, Centre county, April 20, 1849. His father, Jacob Bower, was a prosperous and well-to-do farmer, living near the village of Woodward. The subject of this notice spent the early years of his life as a farmer's boy, working on the farm during the summer and attending the public schools during the winter months. In the fall of 1863 he entered the Aaronsburg academy to prepare for college. The following spring he went back to his father's farm and remained there until the fall of 1867, when he returned to the academy and spent the winter at his studies. In the spring of 1868 he again returned to the farm and remained at work (except five months spent in teaching a term of school in the neighborhood) until August, 1870, when he entered Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin. During the time spent on the farm he was a faithful student, making use of all his spare time in finishing his preparation for college. He remained at college until October, 1871, when he came to Bellefonte to begin the study of the law. He entered the law office of Orvis & Alexander, then one of the foremost law firms in Central Pennsylvania. Here he pursued his studies with the same earnestness that characterized his school work, and on Dec. 3, 1873, he was admitted to the bar of Centre county.

Immediately upon his admission to the bar he was offered, and accepted, an interest in the law firm with whom he had been reading, and on Jan. 1, 1874, he became a member of the firm Orvis, Alexander & Bower. When Judge Orvis, the senior member of the firm, was appointed to the bench, the remaining members of the firm continued the practice under the firm name of Alexander & Bower. This partnership continued for a period of 11 years, during which time they engaged in most of the important cases tried in this county. Mr. Bower was recognized as a careful and conscientious lawyer, and soon attained an influential position at the bar. He early acquired a large practice in the orphans' court and was looked upon as especially strong in this class of cases. The firm having a large general practice, he also took an active part in the trial of cases and soon became one of the leading lawyers in the county. One of the strongest evidences of Mr. Bower's ability as a lawyer is the fact that when Judge Orvis retired from the bench he chose him as his law partner. The firm of Orvis, Bower & Orvis, consisting of Judge Orvis, Mr. Bower and Judge Orvis' son, Ellis L. Orvis, was organized Jan. 1, 1885. This firm at once came into prominence, and was soon recognized as one of the leading law firms of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bower took an active and prominent part in their practice, and his success has placed him prominently among the leading attorneys of the state. During the last 10 or 12 years he was concerned in the trial of many of the important ejection cases tried in Centre county and he is recognized as a well equipped lawyer in this important branch of the law. The supreme court reports for years attest his prominence at the bar and show that he frequently appeared at that tribunal in the leading cases from the courts to which his practice extended.

Mr. Bower has always been a democrat, coming from a family which has always been faithfully devoted to the principles of the democratic party, he has never faltered in his party allegiance. He has never before been a candidate for office but has always been a faithful worker in the ranks. In 1875 he was chairman of the democratic county committee and by his untiring work succeeded in effecting an organization which brought out a full vote, resulting in a majority for Judge Pershing of 1,500 in the county and for the

balance of the ticket nearly as large as that for governor. He has frequently been a delegate to state conventions of his party and in 1880 was honored with a place upon the democratic electoral ticket. Mr. Bower is an active and prominent member of the Reformed church. Frequently he has been a delegate to the classes and synods and is now a member of the board of Home Missions, being one of the two lay members of that board. While Mr. Bower is devoted to his church, he is interested in the cause of religion without regard to denominational lines. He is noted for his liberality, and there are few churches in the county which have not received his contributions. No one representing a good cause has ever been refused aid by him, no matter what denomination or creed. He has also been an active worker in the cause of education. For years he has been a member of the Board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., and as a mark of appreciation that institution, some years ago, conferred upon Mr. Bower the degree of Master of Arts. He owns one of the finest private libraries in Bellefonte and is perfectly at home among his books. By earnest and careful study he has become as prominent in literary circles as he is in his profession. Judge Orvis, while on the bench, fittingly recognized Mr. Bower's legal and literary attainments by appointing him a member of the examining committee; and he is, in point of service, the oldest member of that committee, having been reappointed by Judge Hoy and Judge Furst. Socially Mr. Bower is of a retiring disposition, absorbed in his profession and his books; yet he has acquired a large circle of acquaintances and formed strong friendships. He is a representative of one of the oldest families in Centre county, his ancestors on both sides being some of the earliest settlers in the eastern end of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bower's nomination is assured, there being no opposition in either county, and, although the district is republican by a small majority, we confidently predict his election. If elected we feel justified in saying that he will make a faithful judge.



C. M. BOWER, ESQ.

A STRONG COMPANY.

On Monday Hon. J. H. Holt, of Moshannon, president of the "Salt Lick Gas and Oil Company," was in Bellefonte. He is busily engaged at present in perfecting arrangements for the new company. This company, as was mentioned in a recent issue, was organized last March, at Snow Shoe, for the purpose of sinking several wells in the vicinity of Salt Lick, Clearfield county, several miles from Karthaus. An old diary recently came into Mr. Holt's possession that is interesting. In sinking a deep shaft a gas belt was struck. The gas became ignited and the ropes were burned, the derrick also was consumed and the flames arose to the tree tops. This frightened the workmen and the shaft was abandoned. It is upon this intelligence that the company several deep wells in that vicinity.

Mr. Holt showed us the list of stock holders which embraces leading capitalists of this section of the state, among whom are several millionaires. Almost a thousand shares of stock at \$5.00 per share have been taken at this time. Application for a charter of incorporation will be made this week and in a short time operations will be begun on the ground. There is plenty of evidence from the past of oil and gas in that vicinity, but it remains to be shown whether there is sufficient for commercial purposes.

CLEVELAND TO HIS PARTY.

President Cleveland has sent to Chauncey F. Black, president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, a letter wherein he says:

"As we won our way to victory under the banner of tariff reform so our insistence upon that principle is the condition of our retention of the people's trust; and fealty to party organization demands the subordination of individual advantages and wishes and putting aside of petty and ignoble jealousies and bickerings when party principals, party integrity and party existence are at stake."

A Waste of Time.

During the past week D. F. Fortney, Esq., the recently appointed postmaster at Bellefonte, has been receiving a large number of communications from this place. All invariably recommend to his consideration the advisability of retaining old employees. It makes Mr. Fortney smile; he thinks people ought to know that he is a democrat. Correspondence of this nature is a waste of time.

Mr. Fortney filed his bond this week and it is likely that his commission will arrive so that he can take charge of the office about the first of May.

THE industrial armies are traveling under the wrong name. It should be the United Order of Never-sweats.

It looks as though the organization of Commonwealth armies was under the direction of the republican national committee. A campaign dodge.

ACCORDING to a communication in the last issue of the Bellefonte Republican, certain members of that party look upon C. M. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, as the Moses to lead them out of the judicial controversy.

SURE TO PASS.

WHY THE TARIFF BILL IS DELAYED.

Want an Increase in their Salaries—D. B. Hill's Peculiarities—By our Washington Correspondent.

SURE TO PASS.

This is the fourth week of debate in the senate on the pending tariff bill, and with it comes an era of uncertainty that is causing the senators in charge of the measure much uneasiness. The change from general debate to consideration by paragraphs, simply broadens the field of debate and enhances opportunity for the consumption of time. It is the impossibility of foreseeing just where the discussion will lead to that is causing the managers of the bill much worry. The attitude of the republicans during the past week has not been encouraging, for it has made conspicuous the fact that the republican minority considers any means justifiable to prevent final action on the tariff measure. Influenced by this situation the tariff leaders are almost certain to make an effort very soon to force their bill over the shoal water in the senate even if part of the cargo is sacrificed in doing so. The most optimistic assert confidently that some sort of a bill will go through both houses of congress and be signed by the president. They do not go into particulars as to what sort of a bill it will be but insist that the bill is sure to pass.

It is rather a bad time to be urging an increase in the salaries of congressmen, as is proposed in some quarters, for in the rough-and-ready judgment of the people at large, who do not cipher very closely on such matters, their representatives at the capitol are scarcely earning what they get now. It is not a question of whether or not even a congressman cannot live comfortably in Washington on \$417 a month, or whether the dignity of his position does not of itself warrant an increase of his pay, but until our lawmakers get a little more vigorous and expeditious than they have been for some months back, their unearned increment will hardly be increased. If they are unable to live on \$5,000 a year, how can they expect to live on \$41,700 a year? At any rate, they will undoubtedly be kept on probation until they show a stronger disposition to hurry up with some wholesome legislation in order that the general public may be prospered.

A PECULIAR MAN.

Probably in all the United States there is not to-day a man more talked about and less known than David B. Hill. As a lawyer and successful politician, his career is familiar to every newspaper-reading man and woman, but very little idea of the man himself is prevalent, aside from a knowledge of the fact that he is bald-headed, Mr. Hill's private life, his habits, and tastes form such a remarkable antithesis to his bold and aggressive political life, that it is highly interesting. During his stay in Washington he has made few social acquaintances, and his mode of living, although comfortable, is so plain as to be almost ascetic. Few men work harder or more diligently. He is methodical and systematic in his habits, and the regularity with which he rises, eats, works, and exercises is so pronounced as to be almost oppressive. During his stay in Washington this session Senator Hill has had apartments in a prominent hotel under the same roof with Vice President Stevenson and eleven other Senators. Together with his private secretary, he occupies a suite of three rooms. One he uses as a bedroom. His secretary has another, and the third enjoys the distinction of being his office, workshop, library, dining, and reception room, a combination that is almost feminine in ingenuity. But the most striking thing about the apartment is the conviction one feels on entering them that there are no women around. Everything distinctly indicates the bachelor. Yet the widespread report that he is a woman hater is not true. He says he likes women, but that he hasn't time to love them. He is a total abstainer from liquor and tobacco, no one knows whether from principle or preference. There never has been a trace of scandal connected with his name, his appearance is decidedly commonplace. He is of medium height, heavy, compact build, sallow complexion and a head so bald it looks as if hair might never have grown on it. He has a thick neck and a dreadful scar on one side that was given by an enemy. His eyes are light blue or gray, deep set and close together. He dresses well, but very plainly. In temperament he is forceful, but there is not a trace of excitability or nervousness.

TILLMAN LIQUOR LAW.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina (which consists of three justices) has decided that the State dispensary law, which has excited so much commotion, is unconstitutional. One of the justices dissented. It was held that the law creates a monopoly for the State, and is therefore vicious. Mr. McLaurin, a member of the House of Representatives from South Carolina, commenting on the decision, said: "The essential point in the case was whether the State had the right to engage in the whisky business as a means of profit and to raise State revenue. No one doubted the power to regulate the business for police purposes, but the legal point was made that the State could no more go into the whisky business for profit than it could go into the shoe or hat or any other business enterprise. It is probable that the decision hinged on this main point. The decision is not a personal reverse for Governor Tillman. He has simply been executing the law as he found it. He did not make the law, but the Legislature enacted it and it was his duty to execute it."

The Baker Murder Case.

The Pittsburgh Post of the 12th says: Mr. Ira C. Mitchell, an attorney of Bellefonte, Pa., who was associated with Mr. John R. Braddock in the famous Van B. Baker murder trial, is editing the case and will issue the story in book form. It will contain a sketch of Baker's life and also of the attorneys engaged in the case. It will also contain a digest of the testimony, the speeches of the attorneys and the charge of the court. The most interesting part of the work will be Baker's argument on the motion for a new trial after his first conviction. The condemned man's argument is clever and complete, and as an illustration of pure English diction is almost perfect. It will also refute some of the statements of the Pittsburgh detectives engaged in the case.

Dr. Krauskopf's Lecture.

Dr. Krauskopf, a Jewish Rabbi, of Philadelphia, and who is noted the world wide as being one of the greatest reformers of this country, will be in Bellefonte and lecture in German opera house on Wednesday, May 9th, 1894. This Doctor is a most able and profound scholar but he is a most able orator. His lecture will be one of the best that has ever been heard in Bellefonte.

The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the benevolent object of fixing up the Jewish cemetery.

New Bakery.

J. A. Whiteman, formerly of Bellefonte, has leased the Franklin House on East Bald Eagle street at Lock Haven and opened a bakery there. He will make a specialty of home made bread and Boston brown bread.

SINCE the time of holding county conventions has been changed the delegate elections are not very far ahead, Saturday, June 9th. Thus far no announcements have been made for the various offices. Persons desiring party nominations should make their formal announcements at once so that the party can have sufficient time to consider. This year we will have a hard fight and we want the very best timber on our ticket.

Political Announcements.

FOR CONGRESS.
We are authorized to announce the name of WM. C. HEINLE, Esq., of Bellefonte, Pa., as a candidate for the nomination for congress of this district, subject to the rules and regulations of the democratic party.

When Talking Through His HAT

a man is not likely to be convincing, but when we assure you that we are

Always Talking Through Our SHOES

you will recognize the value to us of having our goods so made that they will speak for themselves. That's what ours do—and they do not squeak, either.

Mingle's
SHOE STORE