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Editorial.

THE weather bureau at Washington must have sprung a leak—they have been sending us three weeks of continuous rainy weather.

GROVER CLEVELAND was paid a high compliment recently—Coxey pronounces the president a Judas Iscariot. The source is what makes the distinction.

It seems almost incredible that while thousands of men are idle, the farmers in the vicinity of New York are begging for help. This must be due to the division of labor, which has reached an extreme never arrived at before.

ROBT. M. FOSTER, of State College, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for Assembly this year. He is a young man of considerable ability and as a legislator could represent the interests of the county in a creditable manner.

THERE is too much foolish talk for partisan purposes about honorable and deserving soldiers being robbed of their pensions by the Cleveland administration. We do not believe a single case can be shown in which the Cleveland administration has taken away a pension legally acquired and lawfully paid.

At the coming county convention an effort should be made to change the tangled system of selecting conferees. There is entirely too much red tape about the system. It always creates confusion and much useless trouble. Let the voters cast his ballot only for the candidates and then at the county convention let the delegates from each district select their conferee. If that is not satisfactory let the conferees be elected by the county convention. The present method is very unsatisfactory.

At this writing there is no democratic aspirant for the head of the state ticket. Adjutant General Greenland was mentioned for the place but has declined. Congressman Sibley, from the northwestern portion of the state may be a candidate for the place but his position on the silver question and his populist tendencies are not in accord with our party. The state convention meets June 27 and it is soon time for some desirable man to come forward. The campaign is quite young yet and Hastings will not be elected until the votes are all counted.

EVERY nation must pass through commercial barbarism to commercial civilization, from protection to free trade. The desire to get rich at the expense of others is well-nigh universal. It is easy to persuade most people that to "protect" their own artisans from the competition of "foreign pauper labor" is an act of patriotism. This admitted, it is easily narrowed down to our own state, our own county, our own city, our own village, or even our own street. In the last century the farmers of Middlesex, the county in which London is situated, petitioned parliament against improving the abominable roads to England. They frankly claimed that so long as the roads were bad they had a monopoly of the London markets for the sale of their vegetables, fruit and grain; that if the roads were improved the farmers of other counties would be able to bring their produce to the London markets which would be very disastrous to the "industry" of Middlesex. This looks very foolish on the face of it, and yet in principle it is the doctrine of American protectionists to-day.—*Trumbull's Free Trade.*

Adelphi Reception.

The Adelphi club, a social organization at State College, will hold a reception at the new University Inn, at that place on Tuesday evening, June 12th, 1894. Stopper & Fisks orchestra will furnish the music for this occasion. The reception will be an important social event and will be largely attended.

Shaeffer, the Photographer has an important announcement in another column. He is making a special offer for crayon and cabinets.

AMONG REPUBLICANS.

A FEW VERY INTERESTING CONTESTS.

Judge Furst and John G. Love, Esq., having a warm time—Prospective candidates for Legislature.

The republicans of Centre county will hold their primary election on Saturday afternoon, June 16th, next week, and their convention the following Tuesday. As the time is close at hand movements among politicians of that party are more active the past week.

The principal contest and all absorbing topic has been the judicial fight between Hon. A. O. Furst and John G. Love, Esq., both of this place. Mr. Furst wants a re-nomination and Mr. Love would like to be the successor. Sentiment in Bellefonte is divided and quite pronounced in many cases, and especially among members of the bar.

In Huntingdon county there will be no candidates but the war is being bitterly waged. The Huntingdon *Journal*, republican, strongly advocates Furst's renomination and accuses the Love faction of resorting to undignified methods. The Mount Union *Times*, republican, has been asking Judge Furst some very pointed questions, and openly accuses him of practices, that if true, would disqualify him. It says Furst will be defeated if nominated and endorses Love. This fight is growing exceedingly bitter and a good many damaging things said. The result is a great uncertainty.

For legislature several candidates are looming up. Mr. Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg, wants to be on the ticket and has been canvassing for the past year. A. A. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, who was a candidate two years ago would like to try his luck again and would like to have the nomination.

Prof. John Hamilton's name is also heard in this connection. Geo. M. Doal, of Potter twp., has been mentioned also. It is not known whether Irvin Walker, the political leader, of Boggs township, has given up all ambition to get to Harrisburg; he could have the honor this year by simply presenting his name before the party. Harry Curtin, of Roland, may enter the legislative race. Ex-postmaster James A. Fiedler, will move back to Centre county and is at present seeing political friends for the purpose of getting on the legislative ticket this year. That makes a nice crop of candidates who are of the opinion that like barnacles they can float into office by hooking on to the mythical Hastings boom.

For Associate Judge but one name has come to the surface, Benj. Rich, Esq., of Unionville. We don't know whether he will straddle the prohibition hobby-horse or not.

For Congress and Senate there seem to be no applicants in Centre county

An Interesting Case.

A case of interest to farmers and township officers was tried in the Blair county court last week. The plaintiff was Wm. Weyant, the supervisor of Blair township, and the defendant was Thomas Patterson, a taxpayer in the same township. The suit was brought to recover two years back road taxes amounting to \$10. The defence was that Mr. Patterson had erected and maintained in good repair a public watering trough along the township road, having pure, clean water running into the same, and was easy of access, suitable for watering horses and cattle. The defendant claimed that, under the provisions of the Act of April 28, 1876, he was entitled to the annual compensation of \$5 for the use of the trough and the failure of the township to pay the sum for two years squared the claim for taxes. Supervisor Weyant insisted that the trough had been maintained without his sanction and authority, and the law made the matter wholly discretionary with the supervisors. Judge Bell also took this view of the case and directed a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Coxey's Lament.

In his letter of acceptance addressed to the People's Party's congressional committee of the 18th district of Ohio, Jacob S. Coxey charges the Industrial depression to British influence; accuses Cleveland, Sherman, Voorhees, Crisp and all other "congressional Judas Iscariots" with having wrought his personal humiliation and complains that they are succeeding in heading off the material support of the "Commonwealth movement."

Poor Coxey is suffering for his folly.

—See Shaeffer's advertisement in another column—it will pay you to cut the coupon out.



AARON WILLIAMS, ESQ.

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This week we present to our readers the portrait of Aaron Williams, Esq., of Bellefonte, who is a prominent democratic candidate for congressional honors in the district composed of Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Forest and Clarion counties. He was born in Worth township, Centre county, January 21, 1838. He is a descendant of a line of worthy and patriotic ancestors; his great grand father having served in the revolutionary war, and his grand father having commanded a company during the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was a member of the Eighteenth regiment, Pennsylvania cavalry, in the late civil war. His early life was spent upon the farm, the nursery that has produced many of our best and most useful public men. His education was acquired in the common schools, and one term at the Pine Grove Academy, where he prepared himself for teaching, which occupation he successfully followed several years. Being a man of studious habits he came to Bellefonte and read law under the instructions of the late Judge Orris. He was admitted to the bar in 1869. In 1872 he was elected prothonotary of Centre county by a majority of 54, and in 1875 he was re-elected by a majority of 1459, which was an evidence of his growing popularity among the people. For a number of years he has been engaged in the practice of law, but the greater part of his time has been taken up with attention to other business interests.

Mr. Williams is a man who is in strong sympathy with the people. He is what may be truly termed a self made man. Although his early opportunities for acquiring an education were limited, by careful study and an extended course of reading he has acquired a fund of general information possessed by few. His acquaintance with the political history of this country is thorough and accurate. His business habits are methodical and correct. His sense of honor and regard for his promises have his word as good as his bond among the people. His experience in affairs, both political and in a business way, eminently qualify him for the position to which he aspires. If elected to congress his constituents could feel assured that their interests would be carefully guarded.

He has a great many warm friends among republicans, and if he should be so fortunate as to secure the nomination, he would doubtless receive considerable support outside of his own party. His party would make no mistake by selecting him as their candidate.

Married in Philadelphia.

On Wednesday evening May 30th, Mr. Joseph Undercoffer, the assistant baggage master at the Pennsylvania railroad station in this place, was united in marriage with Miss Sallie F. VanZant, of Philadelphia. The couple returned to Bellefonte on Tuesday.

Tournament and Race Meet.

Preparations are being made for a large attendance at the band tournament and race meet at DuBois on June 20th and 21st. It is expected to have 25 bands and 300 wheelmen in the parade. Excursions on all roads.

Mountain Seminary.

The annual Commencement exercised by the students of the Mountain Seminary, at Berks, Pa., occurred on Wednesday of this week.

—Hayler's specialties, the finest confectioneries, at Achenbach's bakery.

BEAVER FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The Harrisburg *Patriot* says: Ex-Governor Beaver, of Bellefonte, is to be strongly urged by his friends for a place in the cabinet of his fellow-townsman, General Hastings, if he is elected governor next November. Hastings owes much of his political success to General Beaver, which should entitle him to recognition in the distribution of the offices in his control. The ex-governor's appointment would hardly meet with approbation of those in control of the republican machine in Pennsylvania and the horde of place hunters, but it would be regarded by many others as a graceful compliment to one deserving of the honor.

General Hastings was comparatively unknown outside of Centre county when ex-Governor Beaver appointed him adjutant general nearly eight years ago. This was Hastings' first stepping stone to political prosperity and probably higher official honor. He has ever since been steadily forging to the front in Pennsylvania until his friends are now talking of him as a probable presidential nominee. On the other hand, misfortune has followed General Beaver since his induction into the office of governor. His official cares forced him to neglect his private business interests with the result that at the close of his term he found nearly all his possessions swept away. General Beaver's law practice is estimated to be worth \$5,000 a year, yet he is comparatively poor and his friends will make an effort to secure him the appointment of attorney general. He is a splendid lawyer, and would doubtless fill the office as creditably as he did that of governor.

Graduating Exercises.

Wednesday afternoon the opera house was thronged by a large audience, the occasion being the 11th annual commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High School. The stage was handsomely arranged. Large mounds of flowers and ferns were placed on the sides. The class colors, white and purple, were hung about the pillars of the stage and suspended in festoons from the border of the stage curtain. A large class design specially painted for the occasion extended across the entire edge of the curtain. It was "94—Mens Agitat Molem—94". This with the stage settings and the class in their very best made a very pretty picture.

Prof. Meyers orchestra enlivened the exercises with choice renditions. The essays and orations were unusually interesting. The subjects being of an interesting character, the attention of the audience was held throughout and not only evinced care and thought in their preparation but force and vigor in their delivery.

The class of '94 did nobly. It is composed of bright young ladies and gentlemen who will develop into useful citizens ere long. To the success of their exercises much credit is due to the instructors of our public schools.

Road Machine.

The road supervisors of Ferguson township recently purchased a machine for ditching and scraping their roads. Their next investment will be to buy a stone crusher. The purchase of such machinery means an outlay of money but the result will be less road tax and better roads in the future.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' association will be held at Media, Delaware county, Pa., July 3d, 4th and 5th, 1894.

A PUZZLER.

FOR GENERAL HASTINGS TO ANSWER.

What Does the Republican Party Mean by Its Money Plank—A Hocus Focus Process—Populistic Idea of Inflation.

At the recent Republican State convention, Gen. Hastings in his speech accepting the nomination for Governor very emphatically expressed himself as pleased with every plank in the platform adopted by his party. It was natural that he should do so, but then it puts a man in a position where he must defend himself. In referring to a portion of the platform the Philadelphia *Record* puts the following puzzler for Gen. Hastings to explain:

"We don't like to embarrass Gen. Hastings, but if he hasn't made up his mind on second sober thought to repudiate the '\$40 per capita' plank in the Harrisburg platform we should like to have him give the people of Pennsylvania a little light on the subject. There is already in circulation in the United States a various currency amounting to about \$25 per head. It is more than we ever had before in the most prosperous times. The people would like to know how the Government will add \$15 to the present amount of per capita circulation and what kind of money it will be. Another point of still greater interest is, after the Government shall make the \$15 per head, how it is to be distributed. Will Gen. Hastings tell by what process of hocus pocus the money is to get out of the hands of the maker into the hands of his constituents who don't pay a dollar for every dollar's worth they get? Probably Gen. Hastings, who is a frank man, will have to admit that the \$40 per head business is a scheme of pure inflation—a Populist notion intended to tickle the ears of ignorance. The matter must be explained."

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Mr. W. M. Stover, for several years past an efficient employee at the scale works at this place, this week moved with his family to Aaronsburg, his former home.

—There is plenty of good cow pasture growing along the sides of some of our streets. We don't mean by that that grass grows on the business thoroughfares of our town.

—The fourth annual inter-class Athletic meet of Pennsylvania State College will take place on Beaver Field on Monday of next week, June 11th, rain or shine. The contest is for the championship cup of 1892. All manner of athletic sports will be on the entries.

—Yesterday afternoon the graduating exercises of the Bellefonte High school took place in Garman's opera house. As this paper goes to press at 5 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, it is impossible to give an elaborate account of the proceedings.

—Last Friday evening both the Milesburg and Coleville bands came to Bellefonte and rendered some choice music. This along with the large attendance at the opera house made our streets quite lively. The Milesburg band paid especial attention to candidates while here.

—G. Washington Reese retired from the position of assistant postmaster on Monday, his place being filled by Mr. Thomas Howley. It is due Mr. Reese to say that he made an efficient assistant and always was courteous and obliging. His politics was the only thing that prevented him from holding his job. Such is the fate of politics.

—McCalmont & Co., of Bellefonte, have a new advertisement in this issue. This enterprising firm is alert in the line of keeping all the latest improved farm machinery and farm supplies on hand that assist in tilling the soil or increasing its productivity. It is a matter of interest and instruction to pay their large salesroom a visit.

—Local sports have been interested in rooster fights the past week. A contest came off some time ago in which the decision of the referee is much disputed. Hereafter all matches will be regulated by the established rules. In the absence of base ball a good rooster fight is about as interesting and exciting as anything we know of. It is also quite sporty.

—The Daily *News* says: A few days ago a woman representing herself as Mrs. Bottorf, of Benore, was in Bellefonte soliciting money to help erect a house alleged to have burned down a few weeks ago. An investigation revealed the fact that no house had been burned down and that this same woman has worked Bellefonte on this same racket. She seems to be an adept at the begging business.

WOMEN

There are women who are comely,
There are women who are homely;
But be careful how the latter thing you say;
There are women who are healthy,
There are women who are wealthy,
There are women who will always have their way.

There are women who are truthful,
There are women who are youthful,
Was there ever any woman that was old?
There are women who are sainted,
There are women who are painted,
There are women who are worth their weight in gold.

There are women who are tender,
There are women who are slender,
There are women very large and fat and red;
There are women who are married,
There are women who have tarried,
There are women who are talkies—but they're dead.

—By a Bachelor in *Detroit Free Press.*

A Determined Woman.

The observance of Memorial Day at Meyerstown, Lebanon county, took on a war-like appearance by reason of the determined opposition of Mrs. Eliza J. Spangler to the decoration of her husband's grave by the local Grand Army post. Mrs. Spangler was opposed to the local Grand Army men on personal grounds and for several years past has entered her objections against the decoration of her husband's grave by them. This year again she notified them of her objection and added a warning that if they did not heed the notice they might know what they had to expect. Wednesday morning Mrs. Spangler went to the cemetery, and with a body-guard of four stalwart men stationed at each corner of the lot, she took up a position at the foot of her husband's grave with a loaded revolver in her hand and an expressed determination to pour its bullets into the first man that attempted to put a flower on the grave. The G. A. R. men considered disarmed Spangler's grave by undecorated. Mrs. Spangler's animosity against the local post was aroused because, she says, they opposed her application for a pension.

Political Announcements.

FOR CONGRESS.
We are authorized to announce the name of WM. C. HEINLE, Esq., of Centre county, a candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress, subject to the decision of the district conference.

We are authorized to announce the name of AARON WILLIAMS, of Centre county, a candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress, subject to the decision of the district conference.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.
We are authorized to announce the name of THOS. F. HILEY, of Harris township, as a candidate for the office of Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

ASSEMBLY.
We are authorized to announce the name of W. K. ALEXANDER, of Millheim borough, as a candidate for the office of Assembly, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Robt. M. FOSTER, of State College, as a candidate for the office of Assembly, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

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 tablets or bound in the very best of style. Come and see our stock. Remember our prices are always reasonable.

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