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Editorial.

It is a caution how nicely business is improving under the new democratic tariff.

The opening session of congress, on Monday, was an interesting event. It was sort of a farewell meeting for many of the democratic leaders.

A Chicago Judge rules that a woman is entitled to all her wedding presents. Every time the poor woman gets the full benefit of the law, yet they clamor for woman's rights.

The Japs continue their excursion through China. The plucky little nation has startled everybody by their success. They ask no favors and furthermore want no outside interference.

BUT one marriage license was issued during the past week, that of Frank Tharp and Miss Reg'na Gettig, both of Harris township. Can this depression in the matrimonial market be due to Gen. Hastings big majority.

When Delamater was a candidate for governor republicans claimed it would be a great calamity to elect a democrat to fill the position. Pattison has about completed his term and these four years of democratic administration, in the history of Pennsylvania, will ever loom up as an oasis in a desert.

COAL trade on the Tyrone division was heavier on Saturday than on any previous day since the beginning of the great coal strike last May. That looks as though the democratic tariff was gradually putting the industries of the country into a perfectly substantial condition. Since the calamity howlers have turned their attention to the political spoils, the country is prospering.

THE Howard Hornet says a lot of republican bosses have selected Dr. John F. Harter, for the republican nomination for Prothonotary. It also serves notice on the Dr. that he lacks the necessary qualities of popularity to win and that he has had enough recognition from the party thus far. The Hornet verily has a stinger, and this time poor Dr. Harter got it right in the eye. Shady, how do you like it.

AMERICAN buyers of wool in London carried off a large quantity of the finest fleeces in that market last week. While the high duties existed the finest wools of Australia and Argentina were practically excluded from this country. It may be safely predicted that American manufacturers will never assent to a restoration of the wool duties. One of the pinions of the tariff bird at least have been plucked.

GEN. HASTINGS can make a good governor and carefully guard the public interests. But from the hungry horde that are dogging his foot-steps for favors, it is our opinion that he will have a hard road to hoe. His political garden patch is filled with too many bad weeds and troublesome thistles that must be practically uprooted and destroyed to obtain good results. It is a hard task.

THE republicans who expected a sensation when President Cleveland's message was announced were quite disappointed. It was a broad comprehensive statement of the condition of the various departments of the government. No radical reforms were recommended or suggested to unsettle finances. That is why our republican friends are not pleased with this, the most conservative of President Cleveland's state papers.

COMPLETE returns from the state departments of every one of the forty-four show that the republicans will have 245 members in the Fifty-fourth Congress, the democrats 106 and the populists 5, a clear majority of 134 over all. In the present Congress the republicans have 127, the democrats 218 and the populists 11. The democrats have but 13 congressmen in the States north of the Potomac and the Ohio, and the republicans return 32 from the south. They carry twenty-three states solid and control the delegations in 30 of the 44.

A CENTRE COUNTY INVENTOR.

The New York Voting Machine—Voting Made Easy.

Probably the greatest advantage New Yorkers will derive from their new constitution is that incidental to the authorizing the use of the Meyer voting machine in the general elections of the state. These marvels of mechanical ingenuity have been satisfactorily tested at township elections and are said to fully accomplish their objects. They save the enormous expense of the blank ballot sheets, and facilitate the exercise of voting, since the voter has nothing to do but "touch a button." They afford a most effective safeguard against frauds, provide for the secrecy of the ballot, and insure a correct and prompt count. Nothing seems to be left for those desirous of carrying elections by improper means under these auspices but fraudulent registry.

The inventor of the above voting machine is J. H. Meyer, formerly of this county, and known here as Hile Meyers. Mr. Meyer about twenty-five years ago kept an implement store at Bellefonte.

From Base Ball to Law.

John Montgomery Ward, well known in this city, has retired from base ball and the New York club loses a valuable second baseman, a captain and a manager. Ward has played ball for seventeen years. He was among the first of curve pitchers when he joined the old Philadelphia Athletics, an American association club in 1877. Ward educated himself for a lawyer with some of the money he made in base ball, and he will start in to practice with a snug fortune. Ward was one of the leaders in the Brotherhood warfare and Mike Kelly blamed him for its failure. John Montgomery is a good player and a tricky one, but he has never done half as much for the game as it has done for him.

When Ward was pitching for the Philadelphia Athletics his catcher was Harold M. McClure, who is now president-judge of the Twentieth district, Union, Snyder and Mifflin counties. McClure left the diamond for the law some years ago and resided in this city. In 1892 he was elected judge and moved to Lewisburg.

How He Caught Them.

A story was recently told of how a preacher tested the effect of the hard times upon his congregation. At the conclusion of one of his sermons he said: "Let everybody in the house who pay their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, arose to their feet. He seated the crowd and then said: "Let every man who is not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a care-worn, hungry looking individual, clothed in his last summer suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position and leaned upon the back of the seat in front of him. "How is it, my friend," inquired the minister, "that you are the only man in this large congregation who is unable to meet his obligations?" "I publish a newspaper," he meekly replied, "and my brethren here who have just stood up are all my subscribers, and"—"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

Young Man Killed.

Lock Haven Democrat, December 3: Another harrowing accident occurred at Farrandville to-day. About noon Reuben Hevner, who resides with his parents in this place, attempted to jump a moving freight train. In some manner he made a miscalculation and was thrown on the track. The wheels of several cars passed over his body, mangling it in a frightful manner. A few men who saw the sad occurrence hastened to the young man's assistance. When taken from the track he was still alive, but shortly after breathed his last. The young man was 21 years old.

Must Read English.

Judge Mayer last week issued an order to the effect that no person would be naturalized in his district who was unable to read the English language. This seems to fit the case very well. In some districts they are required to read the constitution of the United States and give an intelligent explanation of its provisions. Too many safeguards cannot be thrown about the average foreigner that comes to this country.

Burned in a Beer Cask.

William Retger, of St. Marys, came near being cremated inside a large beer keg used for storing the malt extract. He was varnishing the inside, when the lamp he had with him ignited the varnish and the whole interior was a mass of flames immediately. He escaped through a manhole, not, however, until he was severely burned.

CONVENTION OF GRANGERS.

The annual convention of the state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, which will be held in Harrisburg the beginning of next week, will be one of the most important gatherings in the history of the order. Besides the election of a worthy master and other officers to serve for two years, action will be taken on the oleomargarine, tuberculosis, milk, tax and other questions now agitating the agricultural and dairy interests of the state. The grange will undoubtedly take a firm stand against the repeal of the act prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine and other imitations of butter. Resolutions will be adopted recommending the passage of a bill by the next legislature for a more equitable distribution of state taxation.

Worthy Master Rhone, of Centre Hall, who has been at the head of the state grange the past fourteen years is a candidate for re-election. He claims to be friendly with Governor-elect Hastings and, as the grangers will want certain legislation at the coming session of the legislature, Rhone will probably be re-elected with the expectation that he will have enough influence with the incoming governor to secure his signature to such measures as the grange may approve. Robert H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, for twenty-two years secretary of the grange is opposed for re-election by Worthy Jerome T. Ailman, late the Populist candidate for governor, and S. S. Blyholder, of Armstrong, a member of the finance committee.

Crawford county, one of the grange strongholds of Pennsylvania, will present the name of W. S. Hill, of that county, for worthy lecture. Ex-Senator Niven, of Chester, will hardly have opposition for re-election as treasurer. He has filled this position for several terms.

Points Strongly to Murder.

From what he learned while investigating the mysterious death of his brother at Johnsonburg, W. R. Peoples, Esq., of Jersey Shore, is fully convinced that he did not meet death at his own hands, and states that the matter will be sifted down and an effort made to find the guilty parties. His belief is based on the fact that his health was good, that all was right in the bank, that he called on the young lady of his choice the evening before, presented her with a diamond engagement ring and seemed happy, and that the physicians are positive that either shot would cause instant death, therefore, he could not fire the second shot. It is certainly a mysterious and sad affair.

Some Important Facts.

The evenings are long enough now for every person to devote some time to reading. The best literature is the daily newspaper, and the best daily newspaper is the *Pittsburg Times*. It is complete in every department, gathering promptly the news from all parts of the world and presenting all sides of every public question fairly and intelligently. Its market reports are models of accuracy; its departments for woman readers and for the farmer are useful and entertaining, and its serial stories are by the most noted writers. The aim of its publishers is to make *The Times* a paper for the home above everything else, and they have succeeded admirably.

The Times is delivered by agents for one cent a day, or will be sent by mail for thirty cents for one month; fifty cents for two months; seventy-five cents for three months; \$1.50 for six months or \$3.00 for one year. If there is no agent for *The Times* in your locality write for sample copies, which are sent free, and terms to agents.

State Board Regulations.

The state board of health has wisely adopted the rule that all persons who suffer from typhoid fever or such contagious diseases are to be kept out of the public schools for a period of not less than six weeks after they have recovered from such disease, and all other members of the family residing where the same exists, cannot attend school until fourteen days after the attending physician shall have pronounced the patient well.

LENN HARTMANFT, of Norristown, the younger son of the ex-governor, is being strongly urged for the appointment of deputy secretary of the commonwealth under the incoming administration. Mr. Hartmanft is one of the most popular young republicans in the state and enjoys the personal friendship of Senator Quay and other potent republican leaders.

—The Pennsylvania Gas Globe company of Philadelphia put in a bid at the last meeting of council for lighting our streets. They have a new lamp that burns double-distilled naphtha, which they claim is cheaper than the arc system and cost less.

PENSION REPORT.

The annual report of the Commission of Pensions shows that the number pensioners on the roll on June 30 last was 969,544, and that the total amount pensions paid during the fiscal year ending was \$139,804,461.

It is gratifying to find that the pension roll has not yet reached a million. The increase during the last fiscal year was only 3,532. Compared with the increase of the three or four years preceding, this is almost a startling change in the situation:

Year	Increase	Year	Increase
1881	8,532	1892	199,903
1882	89,949	1891	138,216

The exact official figures of the pension roll during the past six years is exhibited in the subjoined table:

Year	Pensioners	Year	Pensioners
1894	969,544	1890	577,914
1893	966,012	1889	489,725
1892	876,063	1888	452,507
1891	872,531		

That is to say, during the period of six years between June 30, 1888, and June 30, 1894, a period beginning 23 years after the close of the civil war and ending 29 years thereafter, the number of pensioners more than doubled. During the same period the annual expenditure nearly doubled, rising from \$79,661,146 in 1888 to \$139,804,461 in 1894.

Twenty-two years ago, when the number of pensioners was only 232,229 and the annual expenditure only \$300,000, Gen. James A. Garfield announced in congress that the high-water mark had probably been reached. "We may reasonably expect," he said, "that the expenditures for pensions will hereafter steadily decrease, unless our legislation should be unwarrantably extravagant."

It seems now as though the high water mark had been reached. In case the new congress should extend the pension benefits, the problem of raising the necessary revenues will become more difficult.

A Family Reunion.

At the home of Register G. W. Rumberger, on Bishop street, there was an unusually happy gathering on Thanksgiving day, it being the occasion of a general family reunion. All of Mr. and Mrs. Rumberger's children were at home, including their daughter, Miss Edith, and Mrs. Edward Griest, with their families, of Unionville; John C. Rumberger, ticket agent at Salona; George, baggage master at Philipsburg; Harry, clerk with DeWinger & Co., of Philipsburg, and William, book-keeper with Platt, Barber & Co., at DuBois. They all spent the day at home eating Thanksgiving turkey and enjoying themselves as only persons can on such occasions, but departed for their respective homes in the evening. During the day Charles Moore went to the house and took a picture of the family group.

A Success.

The Undine ball held last week was one of the most successful in the history of that organization. The attendance was large, the best of order maintained, they had an excellent orchestra, the receipts were larger than ever and expenses less—that is why the ball is a success. The company turned out in their handsome new uniforms of blue with white braid and cord trimmings. The Undine fire company has made remarkable progress in the past year and the community can justly be proud of them.

Lock Haven's Railway.

The street railway through the principal streets of Lock Haven, and connecting with Mill Hill, is about completed. L. M. Patterson, the general manager of the construction expects to have the entire line in full operation the latter part of the week. On the opening day it is intended to have an excursion over the Central railroad from Bellefonte. Lock Haven people now expect to catch the bulk of Nittany Valley trade.

Clearfield Coal Company Miners.

The coal and coke plant of the Clearfield coal company at Tyler, near Penfield, is running prosperously now. One hundred and thirty-eight miners are working every day at forty-five cents gross. The superintendent says if the company had kept a large contract which they had for a half year's output there would be no wage reduction.

Another Loss.

The Second national bank of Altoona, which recently lost \$100,000 through the peculations of the cashier, has been victimized out of \$1,188 by a clever swindler on a raised draft.

"A trip to the mountains" was the subject of an exceedingly interesting article in the last issue of the *Hornet*. It attracted much attention and comment.

CURTIN MONUMENT.

Last week a meeting of the representatives of the Sixteeners—graduates of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools of Pennsylvania—had a meeting in Philadelphia. These schools were established when Gov. Curtin was in office, and due to his personal interests in their behalf. There now are 15,000 graduates of these institutions and a move has very properly been made by them to pay a fitting tribute to his memory by erecting a monument on the capitol grounds at Harrisburg.

This move will not interfere with the Grand Army men of Pennsylvania who contemplate erecting a monument to Gov. Curtin in the public square at Bellefonte. Governor Beaver has interested himself in the matter, and responses will soon be forthcoming. The home of Curtin should have a monument.

THE Philadelphia *Times* thinks it is rather early for the soft coal miners in Clearfield and Jefferson counties to reap the benefits of campaign orators who claimed that Democratic success this year meant no work and deprivation of wages. Republican speakers said to the miners at Du Bois and other points that Republican majorities would instantly cure all ills and the majorities were given. Ten days after the election the miners suffered a ten percent cut in wages, which brings the latter below the basis fought for in the recent great strike, and there is no redress for the reduction. The soft coal miners now have a fine and select opportunity for reflection. There is no change in the tariff on bituminous coal, which the operators pocket as a bounty as heretofore.

Hunting Rabbits Without Dogs.

Guns who cannot afford to keep hunting dogs have just found a new way in gunning for rabbits. Two men take a long rope and walk over the fields, one a hold of each end, and drag the rope between them, having their guns always cocked ready to shoot. They say the rope will scare up more rabbits in a day than half a dozen dogs.—Lock Haven Democrat.

The Gorman.

On Saturday evening December 6th, the famous Gorman Brothers, of minstrel fame, will appear at the Gorman opera house in their new production, the "Gihoolies Abroad." It is a taking musical comedy that has had a large run this season. They are accompanied by an excellent company of comedians, vocalists and pretty girls. They will entertain and amuse you.

Sent Boys to Mill.

The Philipsburg *Ledger* says: The State College football team, puffed with their victory of last Saturday, foolishly sent a team of "Preps" over here to play the home team Thanksgiving day. As a result our team lammed the "Preps" out of their boots by a score of 14 to 0, and didn't half try. State College must think that anybody can lick Philipsburg.

Bridge Approved.

The application for the proposed new iron bridge over the Moshannon creek leading to the Beech Creek station was approved by the grand jury at Bellefonte last week, and it is expected that it will meet like action with the Clearfield jury to-day or to-morrow. It looks very much as though this much needed and long talked of bridge will shortly become a reality.

Jury Commissioners.

Jury commissioners Bower and Aley, arrived in town on Monday for the purpose of drawing their last jury, for the coming January term of court. The next time Messrs. Joseph Hoy of Marion township and John D. Decker, of Potters Mills, will put in the new names and give the wheel a spin.

Death of Dr. W. F. Musser.

On last Friday morning Dr. W. F. Musser, a young and prominent physician, died at his home, at Tyrone, Pa., from a brief illness with consumption. The deceased was a son of Mr. Samuel Musser, Marengo, Centre county. His parents and several brothers and sisters survive him. His age was 34 years.

Thomas Hanley.

On Wednesday last week Mr. Thomas Hanley, died at the residence of his son, Elmer Hanley, near Roopsburg, Spring twp. The deceased was 69 years and 6 months old. The interment occurred on Saturday afternoon. Six sons survive him.

THE Japs have shown themselves as successful China smashers.

Expanding, Improving.

In almost every paper published in Centre county you will find large attractive advertisements setting forth the unusual bargains in many lines being offered by Lyon & Co., of Bellefonte. Many thousand circulars and dodgers have been sent out in every section of the county by them. What the effect of this work could be, induced the writer to take a look in that establishment last Saturday. The spacious room was thronged with purchasers from end to end; coming, buying and going, the rush never seemed to cease. About the store the following clerks were noticed: Jacob Marks, John Morgan, Wm. Kuhn, Frank Musser, Ed. Gillen, Evan Goodfellow, Thomas Greninger, Harry Gheret, Daniel Gallagher, H. C. Heylman, Wm. Smith, Geo. Gillen, Harry Styzer, Andrew Knisely, Miss Goodfellow and Miss McEntire. In addition to these are three cash boys and Lyman Beck and Edward Humes, two expert book keepers. The members of the firm oversee the various departments. Two men are kept busy in the main part of the store wrapping packages. Everything has been reduced to departments, and with a system over all that expedites business.

The reason of this increase of business at Lyon & Co.'s seems to be due to two facts. They advertised liberally of big reductions in prices, and when the people come to their store they find it to be true. The firm has adopted the policy of buying goods in wholesale quantities, as one instance they purchased 100 dozen pair of woolen pantaloons and retailed them at the prices other stores purchase from jobbers. Another purchase was 400 dozen pair of stockings. That is why they can sell so low, and is the keynote of their success.

Attention Ladies.

You are requested to call at Aiken's store and inspect the nicest fitting, smart looking, most fashionable line of coats for ladies and Misses ever opened in this town. Capes in cloth and fur. So pretty, you'll want them to wear. You will also see the latest in tailor made suits, just made for you. Miss Aiken has just returned from the east, and has a large stock of selections that will bring you right in style in cut and color. All new stock. No last year's goods in the store. Don't miss the place.

24 AIKEN'S STORE, Bellefonte.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

New wheat, per bushel	90
Red wheat, per bushel	80
Eye, per bushel	80
Corn, ears per bushel, new	22 1/2
Corn, shelled per bushel	30
Oats—new per bushel	30
Barley, per bushel	45
Buckwheat, per bushel	45
Ground plaster, per ton	4.50

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES & C. (as corrected weekly by Bajer & Co.)

Apples, dried, per pound	65
Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded	10
Beans, per quart	10
Onions, per bushel	22
Butter, per pound	22
Tallow, per pound	2
Country Shoulders	10
Hams	15
Hams, sugar cured	15
Breakfast Bacon	14
Lard, per pound	10
Eggs, per dozen	20
Potatoes, per bushel, new	20
Dried Sweet Corn per pound	10

Don't Scold

The Boy.

He's a good, lively all-around boy, and you wouldn't change him if you could.

Kicks out a lot of shoes, of course. The only thing to do is to get shoes that are hard to "kick out."

Get the school shoes here, and you'll save about one pair in four—possibly a little more.

All sizes for both boys and girls.

Mingle's SHOE STORE