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### Editorial.

AGAIN we implore: "God save the Commonwealth."

At last Debbs, the labor agitator, is shut up—in jail.

BELLEVILLE was well represented at Harrisburg on Tuesday. They furnished the material for the circus.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT William C. Arnold is suffering from physical and mental prostration at his home in Dubois.

It looks very much as though ex-Gov. Pattison might be chosen mayor of Philadelphia. The democrats and independent republicans would be apt to support him again.

The Gazette did not like our comments of last week on Hastings' appointments. There are plenty of republicans who think we hold the truth, and that is what always hurts.

THERE is a noticeable increase in the number of applicants for liquor license in our county this year. Many of the chaps, no doubt presume, the Court is under obligations for past favors.

HAS Bob Burdette reformed or not? is agitating some Philadelphians. Bob is a royal good fellow when on a lecturing tour. His only trouble is that he too often over-estimates his capacity.

HILL and Quay have joined hands to defeat the appropriation for the enforcement of the income tax. Here are two pretty birds. Neither of them command the highest respect in their parties, or are beyond suspicion.

GOV. HASTINGS' coat tails are covered with parasites anxious to be carried into political prominence at Harrisburg. There is nothing more admirable in a man than individuality and independence.

SOME pointed comments have been made upon Rev. Houck's elaborate 15 minute prayer at the inauguration ceremonies, it being almost as long as Gov. Hastings' address. Under the circumstances, it was very much needed and perfectly proper.

EUSTACE B. GRIMES, formerly of Belleville, private secretary to Secretary HARRY, retired from office Tuesday with his chief and goes to Philadelphia with him to accept a similar position. Joseph F. Desmond, of Philadelphia, has been selected by General Frank Reeder, the secretary of the commonwealth, as his private secretary.

### Killed in Missouri.

On Saturday 5th, a telegram was received at Madisonburg stating that Wash. Shaffer, while hauling his household effects to the station, the horses ran away and he was thrown out and killed. He intended to move back to Madisonburg, which place he left 16 years ago to take care of his aged father Geo. Shaffer, now in poor health. The deceased was about 45 years of age.

### Frozen in the Mountains.

Mary Geesey, a demented woman, who was formerly an inmate of the Blair county almshouse, but who had lately made her home with Seth Campbell, a farmer at the foot of Brush mountain, about four miles from Altoona, wandered away from her home Saturday during the storm, and, when found on the mountain that evening, was frozen to death.

### Fire at Centre Hall.

On Saturday the 5th, a house occupied by James Stover, a short distance east of the Centre Hall railroad station took fire and the roof was burned off before it was checked.

### Hotel Opened.

The old hotel stand at Potter's Mills has been opened up again, after being closed for a number of years, by Mr. James Reish. He will make application for liquor license this year.

### Horses for Sale.

Two good draft horses about 11 years old, for sale by Phoebe Page, one mile east of Pleasant Gap, Pa. Inquire of Wm. Noll, Pleasant Gap.

## HASTINGS INAUGURATED.

### IMPOSING CEREMONIES AT HARRISBURG.

A Large Gathering and Magnificent Display of Military and Civic Organizations—A Brief Account.

Daniel Hartman Hastings, the humble school teacher of twenty years ago, on Tuesday was formally installed in the highest office in the second greatest state in the Union, with the most imposing ceremonies ever seen at our state capital on a similar occasion. With Governor-elect Hastings' induction into office all the departments of the state government are again in control of the republicans after four years partial loss of power.

Governor Hastings and family left Belleville on Saturday morning for Harrisburg, and were the guests over Sunday of Mrs. Richard J. Haideman at the historic old Cameron mansion at Front and Washington streets.

General and Mrs. Hastings dined at the executive mansion with Governor and Miss Pattison from two to four Monday afternoon. At the close of the dinner the retiring governor and daughter left the mansion.

With the installation of Governor Hastings and family in their new home a small army of decorators and workmen took possession of the building and put it into shape for the inaugural reception Tuesday evening. The floors were covered with heavy cloths to protect the carpets. The large reception and dining rooms were converted into veritable conservatories by gorgeous decorations of choice tropical plants, cut flowers and exotics from the Capitol park conservatory.

Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock the incoming cabinet and ladies received Governor Pattison's cabinet and their ladies. On account of a severe attack of rheumatism, with which she has been afflicted the past month, Mrs. Pattison could not leave her home at Overbrook to attend the reception. Her place was taken by Miss Pattison. At the close of the reception Governor Hastings and cabinet, justices of the supreme court and other state dignitaries were escorted by the State College cadets, the Governor's Troop, the retiring governor's staff and Chief Marshal Olmstead and staff to the executive department. Here they were met by Governor Pattison, and together they retired to the east portico of the capitol, where the inaugural ceremonies took place.

The ladies of the incoming and retiring cabinet and those of the justices of the supreme court, witnessed the ceremonies from a platform in front of the senate chamber west of the portico of the capitol. The ceremonies were brief and did not occupy more than forty minutes. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Sterret, of the state supreme court. Prayer was offered at the conclusion of the address by Rev. Dr. W. A. Houck, of Hazleton, for five years pastor of the Methodist church at Belleville, of which General Hastings is a member.

At the close of the ceremonies at the capitol the ladies of the cabinet and their guests were driven to the executive mansion under escort of Private Secretary Beiler to review the inaugural parade. The carriages with the governor and others headed the procession as far as the reviewing stand. The first social function of the new administration occurred when Governor and Mrs. Hastings entertained at dinner the members of the governor's cabinet and ladies who assisted them to receive at the public reception from eight to ten o'clock. The inaugural ceremonies concluded with a grand military ball at the City Grays' armory and a magnificent display of fire works along the river front at the foot of State street.

The inauguration in many respects was the most attractive ever seen in Pennsylvania. The city was crowded with political clubs, National Guardsmen and civic societies, who began pouring in Tuesday morning before the break of day to do honor to the new executive. The crowded thoroughfares, gaily decorated buildings and great gathering of politicians and other visitors attests the popularity of Governor Hastings.

The ladies' dresses were en train. Mrs. Hastings wore white satin striped moire with crepe lisse bodice and duchess lace, and diamonds and pearls. Miss Helen Hastings, daughter of the governor, wore an attractive gown of white silk crepon trimmed with pink rose buds. There is considerable gossip about the

military appointments of the governor. It is given out by persons who claim to know, that Col. J. L. Spangler, of Belleville, is to be quartermaster general.

W. I. Swope, Esq., of Clearfield, formerly of Belleville, has been appointed clerk to the house ways and means committee.

State College made a fine appearance in the parade with nearly 300 uniformed men in line.

There were about forty bands in the parade, among them being the State College band and the Undine band of Belleville. It took the procession one hour and a half to pass a given point.

### THE TEXT BOOK TRUST.

The profits of the text book trust have been handsomely enhanced by the operations of the new free school book law. Those who have made a study of the subject are convinced that the state paid out during the year perhaps a million dollars more than was necessary in the shape of trust profits and it is likely that an investigation will be ordered by the legislature.

A number of the districts have not reported the amount expended to the state authorities. The total as far as heard from for the school year ending June 4, 1891, for books and supplies is \$1,844,714.15. This, it is stated at the department of the public instruction, is considerably more than was anticipated. The amount per capita ranges from as low as 83 cents in one county to as much as \$5 in others. There is an entire absence of uniformity. Some districts expended more than the state appropriation, and others turn the new law into a money making scheme.

Pittsburg pays 95 cents for an algebra which costs McKeesport \$1. Belleville buys the same book for 95 cents. Belleville also secures for 65 cents a geometry which costs \$1.05 in Pittsburg and Allegheny and for which McKeesport is charged \$1.13. Brownsville gets this book for 65 cents. Homestead is assessed 56 cents for an arithmetic which costs Allegheny 52 cents, but has a rate lower than Allegheny. The First ward of Carnegie pays \$1.50 for a geography which costs Oil City \$1 and Pittsburg 95 cents. It pays \$1.10 for a history which Belleville gets for 80 cents and Belle Vernon for 95 cents. A grammar which costs Pittsburg and Williamsport 48 cents appears to be worth 55 cents in Carnegie. The second ward of the same town puts up 95 cents for an arithmetic sold in Pittsburg for 52 cents, and many of the other figures are in proportion.

### Amusing Mistakes.

Several amusing mistakes appear on the registry list as returned to the Clinton county commissioners a few days ago by the assessors. One assessor returned the "oriental" for the original list; another reports the occupation of a man as being an "infidel" for invalid, and a third wanted pay for setting up the "cow-booses" for the election booths. In Lycoming county some of the assessors reported several persons as dying with "ammonia," instead of pneumonia. —Clinton Democrat

### Senator McQuown's Appointment.

Hon. L. M. McQuown, State Senator, from this district has been handsomely recognized in the way of appointments on committees. He is made chairman of the committee on public printing and is a member of the following committees: Congressional appointment, legislative appointment, judicial appointment, judiciary general, games and fisheries, educational.

### Getting Rather Strict.

The higher authorities of the Roman Catholic church are getting rather strict. Not long ago an order was issued forbidding Catholics from joining the societies of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias or Sons of Temperance. Now comes another order forbidding Catholic priests from attending base ball games, theatres or any form of amusement.

### Created a Sensation.

Two young and very prettily dressed women created a sensation in a hotel at Greensburg last week. "I have 23 children," said the queenly blonde, "That's nothing, I expect to have 40 next year," said the other beauty, "with a resigned look. It was all right after they explained to the landlord that they were school teachers and were there attending the institute.

### Nether Gas or Oil.

The prospect for finding oil or gas at Salt Lick are not so flattering as was anticipated. The trial well was sunk to a depth of 2000 feet without finding anything. It is not determined by the company whether they will sink another well or not.

### HASTINGS FOR PRESIDENT.

The republicans in Philadelphia are having a big time. Dave Martin the big boss, defeated Senator Penrose for the mayoralty nomination. That made Quay angry and he denounced Martin recently in the U. S. Senate in very strong language. The bearing of this fight is important. It means either the supremacy of Quay in the State or of Dave Martin in Philadelphia. It goes still farther, it may ultimately result in ex-Gov. Pattison being nominated upon a citizens ticket and elected over Warwick, nominated by the Martin-republican machine.

A dispatch to the New York Sun, contains the following significant paragraph:

To-day the eyes of the nation are upon Philadelphia, watching to see whether in the wrestling contest Jacob or the Angel will be the victor. It is a wrestling match of great importance, for to the victor will belong great spoils. If Senator Quay tosses the Republican National Committee man Martin, it may make Gov. Hastings the next President of the United States and Cameron Secretary of the Treasury; while if Martin floors Quay, Peter A. B. Widener would be Pennsylvania's choice for Secretary of the Treasury, and David Martin would be our next United States Senator.

Very much depends upon Gov. Hastings. If he favors Quay the dethronement of Martin would be simplified; but Gov. Hastings will lend himself to no scheme to defeat the Republican candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia; hence it is quite likely that he will keep on looking neither to the right nor the left, Quayward, nor Martinward, until after the election a month hence.

### A Remarkable Family.

Clearfield has among her residents a most remarkable family. It is remarkable from the fact of its wonderful longevity. Patrick and Elizabeth Porter, who came to this country from Ireland 45 years ago, were the parents of six living children, all but one of them are residents of this place. Their ages average over 82 years, and each is almost as healthy and spry as when their parents first settled here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, the eldest daughter, will be 90 years of age next month. She had a son who died for his country in the civil war, and she now draws a pension as a reward for his services. Wm. Porter who can be seen on our streets almost any day, is the eldest son, having now passed his 88th year, and his second sister, Mrs. Jane Ralston, is 84. Robert, who resides near Curwensville, and John, of this place, are 82 and 79 years respectively, while Sarah, the youngest living daughter, is 72, Patrick, the father, died at 75 and his wife at 85. We doubt if there is another family in the State that can present such a record for longevity as this. —Raftsmen's Journal.

### Marriage.

It was Max O'Rell who said: "The French woman gains her liberty, the English woman loses hers, and the American woman continues to do as she pleases," as a result of the wedding ceremony. In whatever country people marry it depends upon the two individuals who are high contracting parties whether their union is a thing of blessing or cursing. If they are wise, self contained, unselfish and devoted enough to resolve and endeavor to be happy together they can make married life as nearly a perfect existence as it falls to the lot of mortals to enjoy; but neither one or the other can bring about this happiness alone. The desire and the effort, like the obligation, are mutual.

### Give G. A. R. Adjutants Power.

State Senator J. P. S. Gobin has introduced into the senate a bill which empowers the adjutants of the various Grand Army posts throughout the state to administer the necessary oaths or affirmations to pensioners of the United States, on the vouchers required from them for the purpose of drawing the pension. The adjutants are authorized to charge the pensioner fifteen cents for each voucher.

### Froze Up.

On Monday morning there was a surprise in store at the opera house. During the cold spell one of the water pipes broke and a strong stream began running in the basement under the stage. When Mr. Garman discovered the trouble, there was about two feet of water in the basement and it had to be bailed out. The next surprise was to find many of the steam pipes frozen and broken.

### Was Dissatisfied.

The Selingsgrove Times is authority for the following clipping: "A young lady up in Middleburg, who sings and plays well, and who is a belle in society, hung up her stocking on Christmas eve. In the morning she found a bushel of walnuts, a sheaf of corn fodder, two hams and a wheelbarrow in it. Then she found fault because her stocking was not full."

## THEY WANT RELIEF.

### A NEW JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL NEEDED.

To Relieve the Supreme Court—A Move being made by the State Bar Association in that direction.

For a year or more various projects have been broached for the relief of the supreme court of the state from the large accumulation of business imposed upon it. It is well known in professional circles that the members of the court themselves are unanimously of the opinion that some such relief should be afforded. With a view of providing for this by proper legislation, a number of the most eminent judges and several leading lawyers of the commonwealth have been conferring with each other during the past few months with the result that a bill has been drafted in anticipation of the meeting of lawyers in Harrisburg this week to form a state bar association.

The bill drawn is presented simply with a view of bringing the subject to the attention of the bar. The main purpose is to provide relief for the supreme court without increasing the present number of law judges, the leading idea of the bill being to group the common pleas judges of the state into circuit courts; to whom appeals will lie from the lower courts and with whose judgment it is believed many litigants will be contented. The bill also provides for an increased salary for the judges, the amount to be determined by the legislature.

In each of these circuits is established an intermediate appellate court to be called respectively the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth circuit court.

Seven judges constitute a full bench but five is considered a quorum and may conduct the business. The judges of the respective circuits are to meet once a year in June at which the choice of persons and the time of hearing appeals shall be made by the presiding judge, who is to be chosen by the governor, and the two president judges of the common pleas who may be chosen in continuous service or by a majority of these three. There is to be no state tax on appeals to the court or any process thereof. These courts are not to have original jurisdiction, but they will have exclusive and final appellate jurisdiction of all other appeals which are now allowed to the supreme court.

### Young Man Remember.

Remember this, young men, be careful how you speak of a woman's character. Think how many years she has been building it, of the toils and privations endured, of the wounds received, let no suspicion follow her actions. The purity of women is the salvation of the race, the hope of future greatness, the redemption of man. Wipe out her purity and she sinks beneath wave of despair, with not a star to guide his life into a channel of safety. Think then, before you speak, and remember that any hog can root up the fairest flower that ever grew, so the vilest man may ruin the purest woman's character.

### An Old Pension Fraud.

Joseph Conrad, aged 70 was arrested a few days ago and sent to Sunbury jail for impersonating his dead cousin of the same name and drawing a pension on false papers. The prisoner was never in the army, but swore that he was the Joseph Conrad who served three years in Company C, 13th Pennsylvania volunteers. He was granted a pension a year ago of \$18 a month, with \$100 back pay and has illegally drawn over \$300 from the United States treasury. He resides on a farm in Lower Augusta township, a few miles below Sunbury.

### That's Easy.

The mathematical editor of a Mississippi paper propounded the following query: A boy ten years has a little sister who weighs 16 pounds, and he gets tired holding her in five minutes. When he is twice as old, how long will it take him to get tired holding some one else's sister who weighs 125 pounds.

Solving this problem by proportion shows a young man when twenty years of age is capable of holding some one else's sister one hour, 18 minutes and 7 1/2 seconds. Give us something hard.

### Hastings in Ohio.

The Ohio Republican League will have a great banquet on Lincoln's birthday, at Cincinnati, O., and among the speakers will be Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, ex-speaker J. Warren Keifer.

### TAXING UNMARRIED MEN.

A Correspondent at Seaford, Delaware, sends to *The Record* the following suggestion:

If such a law would not be unconstitutional, please suggest to Congress the propriety of taxing every unmarried man between the years of 30 and 60 (widowers with one or more children excepted) \$10 to \$15 a year. Such a tax would net the Government as much as the income tax; it would be much easier and less expensive to collect, and would save the public from having their private business paid into by the collectors, as in the income tax law.

Doubtless some very excellent reasons could be urged for the taxation of unmarried persons because of the pecuniary inducement to matrimony. Celibacy is indirectly disapproved by Scripture, and the rapid increase of population has always been regarded as a proof of national virility and the diffusion of those elements which contribute to strength and prosperity.

But whether or not people shall marry has always been considered a matter as to which there should be no constraint upon the part of others. To single out unmarried men of the class named for taxation, and leave free from like compulsion other men, not to mention maids and widows, would seem to be an invasion of personal liberty hardly to be condoned because of the good ends to be attained.

And there are constitutional objections. There is no question that such a tax would be a direct tax, and that it would have to be equitably adjusted to the whole population of the States. Such a tax would also lack the desirable quality of uniformity. A bachelor worth a million dollars would not have to pay more than a bachelor who might be obliged to run into debt for his breakfast. A homely man who might find it difficult to get any woman to marry him would be obliged to contribute as much to the Federal Treasury as a handsome fellow whom all the girls would accept on sight.

Badly off as Uncle Sam is at present for ready cash, we do not think our Seaford correspondent has hit upon a proper way to help him out of his difficulties. The suggestion, however, should be forwarded to Senator Peffer, of Kansas, who is the one who would be most likely to propose a temptation to Peffer. —Record.

### SALE REGISTER.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 1891—Four tracts of land in Walker township and Ziebersburg, the estate of Hon. John Divens and Sophia Divens. Sale at Hagersburg at 10 a. m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 1891—A fine farm in Ferguson twp., 104 acres; assigned estate of W. Miles Walker. Sale at 10 a. m. on premises, E. L. Orvis, Esq., Assignee.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1891—At the court house in Belleville, at 2 p. m., a tract of land in Boggs twp., containing 97 acres, thereon erected good buildings, &c.

### Belleville Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.  
New wheat, per bushel..... 90  
Red wheat, per bushel..... 86  
Rye, per bushel..... 70  
Corn, ears per bushel, new..... 25 1/2  
Corn, shelled per bushel..... 36  
Oats—new per bushel..... 37  
Barley, per bushel..... 40  
Buckwheat, per bushel..... 48  
Groundplaster, per ton..... 4 50

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

Apples, dried, per pound..... 8  
Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded..... 9  
Beans per quart..... 7  
Onions, per bushel..... 7  
Butter, per pound..... 23  
Tallow, per pound..... 3  
Country Shoulders..... 12  
Sides..... 15  
Hams..... 18  
Hams sugar cured..... 12  
Breakfast Bacon..... 12 1/2  
Lard, per pound..... 9  
Eggs, per dozen..... 30  
Potatoes per bushel, new..... 30  
Dried sweet Corn per pound..... 10

## Breaking In.

Many a man has  
**BROKEN OUT,**  
In a passion, and felt all  
**BROKEN UP,**  
Trying to get a new pair of shoes  
**BROKEN IN.**  
He has had to  
**BREAK OFF**  
Many an engagement on account  
of crippled feet, and has gone  
**BROKE**  
Many a time trying to get relief  
for his corns—the direct cause of ill-fitting shoes.  
You will find all this obviated by  
purchasing your footwear at

**Mingle's**  
SHOE STORE.