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Editorial.

IT IS time that James McClure gets out of the overseer of the poor business. That department should be thoroughly renovated.

REPRESENTATIVE Womelsdorf recently introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of $18000 for the Philipsburg state hospital.

LOCK HAVEN has an industrial department connected with their public schools for the girls. Sewing is one of the principal things taught.

IF Bellefonte had a board of auditors who would audit without fear or favor, there would be an end put to many of the jobs that are annually worked.

THE new state administration is moving along nicely. It is said that the rush of office seekers continues to absorb the attention of the Executive.

WILL the better element of the republican party in Bellefonte turn out on Saturday and make an effort to nominate a decent ticket. It remains to be seen.

GOV. PATTISON as a candidate for mayor of Philadelphia will make an unusually interesting, strong battle. Philadelphia wants a clean man for mayor, they need it.

ACCORDING to the last issue of the *Gazette*, W. F. Reeder, Esq., did it all with his little hatchet. The men who voted and did the actual work in campaigns, are not in it.

THE new building erected at Harrisburg as a patch to the capitol proves a failure. There now is talk of spending ten millions on a new capitol building. The state could stand it and it is badly needed.

THE violence of the street car strikers in Brooklyn has been sufficient to bring out the state troops. The men have made a just demand for decent pay but they are loosing the confidence of the public by their methods.

THE applicants for the Huntingdon post office are Editor S. E. Fleming, formerly post master, W. H. DeArmitt, J. P. Maclay, Philip Brown and Joseph Dewalt. Clearfield is also undecided with plenty after it.

There are many republicans, heavy tax payers, who positively say they will not support James McClure for overseer of the poor. If he is put on the ticket again the democrats can win by nominating some honest man in whom the public has confidence.

THE democratic county committee, appointed for the year 1895, by County Chairman N. B. Spangler, Esq., appears in this issue. Persons who accept these positions owe certain duties to the party which they should cheerfully perform. Active, energetic committeemen can do much towards achieving success.

THOSE who question Judge Love's right to preside in all the Courts of this district because his commission reads "Court of Common Pleas" only, forget that Section 92, Article 5 of the Constitution, provides that the Common Pleas Judge shall also be Judge of the Quarter Sessions and other Courts.

IN mid winter there is abundant time for reflection. At this time too, there is occasion for reflection. The spring elections are close at hand and tickets will be named in the various districts at the latter part of this week. Attend these meetings and see to it that only competent men are nominated.

IN accordance with a joint resolution unanimously passed by both branches of the legislature requesting A. K. McClure to deliver an address before that body on the life, character and public services of the late Governor Curtin, the legislative committee waited on Mr. McClure on Saturday, and Wednesday evening, January 30, was agreed upon as a time for delivering the address in the hall of the House of Representatives.

SPRING ELECTIONS.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR 1895.

As appointed by Chairman N. B. Spangler—Directions for holding Caucus Meetings—Nomination Papers and Other Information.

The time for holding the annual spring elections, for local offices, will be on Tuesday, February 19th, 1895. Under the operations of the new ballot law it is necessary for party caucus meetings, to nominate tickets, to be held earlier than formerly and the same to be filed with the county commissioners, duly certified, so that they can have the ballots prepared in time. N. B. Spangler, Esq., the democratic county chairman for 1895, has named his committeemen for the different sections of the county as follows:

Democratic County Committee for 1895.

DISTRICT:	COMMITTEEMAN:
Bellefonte, north ward	
" south ward	W J Howley
" west ward.	
Centre Hall	D J Meyer
Howard boro	W R Gardner
Milesburg	Jas B Noll
Millheim	Samuel Weiser
Unionville	W H Earon
South Philipsburg	J C Johnson
Philipsburg, 1st ward	J W Lukens
" 2nd ward	Paul Jones
" 3rd ward	S M Graham
Benner, north precinct	R M Henderson
" south precinct	Michael Hazel
Boggs, north precinct	Geo W Brown
" east precinct	G Hayes Lyman
" west precinct	James M Lucas
Burnside	Wm Hipple
College, east precinct	I J Dreese
" west precinct	John Corrigan
Curtin	N J McCloskey
Ferguson, east precinct	W H Fry
" west precinct	Jacob Harpster
Gregg, north precinct	Samuel Wise
" east precinct	James C. Condo
" west precinct	J O McCormick
Haines, west precinct	W. T. Winkleblech
" east precinct	Thomas E Smith
Halfmoon	J P Sebring
Harris	Chas A From
Howard twp	W P Woodward
Huston	Henry Hale
Liberty	W I Harter
Marion	J J Hoy
Miles, east precinct	Ira Brumgart
" middle precinct	J W Harter
" west precinct	U S Shaffer
Patton	D H Thomas
Penn	J W Kerstetter
Potter, north precinct	James W Runkle
" south precinct	James B Spangler
Rush, north precinct	John B Long
" south precinct	Patrick Heffran
Snow Show, east preect	Lawrence Redding
" west precinct	Austin Kerins
Spring north precinct	Thomas M Barnhart
" south precinct	W H Noll
" west precinct	E E Ardery
Taylor	Thomas Fink
Union	Samuel Emerick
Walker	Solomon Peck
Worth	A J Johnson

All of the above named gentlemen have signified their willingness to serve and upon them will rest the responsibility of looking after the interests of the party in their respective districts. They are all sterling democrats and upon them largely will depend the fate of the Democracy of Centre county for the year 1895.

In reference to the coming spring election Chairman Spangler has issued a letter containg instructions to committeemen from which we make the following extracts for the information of our readers:

"In order that the provisions of the Act of Assembly, requiring all nominations for township and borough offices, to be filed with the county commissioners at least eighteen days before the election, be fully complied with, it is necessary that the democratic caucuses be held not later than Saturday the 26th day of January. You will therefore arrange to hold your caucus on that day, say between the hours of 1 o'clock p. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. making the same known by putcing up posters in conspicuous places or by publication in your nearest newspaper

Where townships are divided into precincts, the nominations for each particular precinct must be returned to the county commissioners on a separate blank, and not on the sheet upon which the township nominations are returned. This is also true of the ward and borough nominations. Townships divided into precincts are entitled to a Registration Assessor for each precinct, in addition to election officers, etc. It is therefore necessary in addition to the caucus to be held for the purpose of nominating persons for precinct or ward offices, where townships or boroughs are so divided, that you arrange with the committeemen of the other precincts or wards for a joint caucus of the entire township or borough, to nominate township or borough officers. Among the nominations to be made for township officers, will be Assessor, School Directors, Auditor, Overseer of the Poor, Supervisor, Justices of the Peace, where their terms are about to expire, etc.

Boroughs are entitled to an Assessor for each ward, but not to a Registration Assessor. Townships not divided into precincts are likewise not entitled to Registration Assessors."

"The certificates of nomination must be signed by the presiding officer of the caucus and the secretaries of the same, and must be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public. Return all certificates of nomination to me not later than the 28th of January so that I may examine them before they are filed with the county commissioners. It is very important that this should be strictly complied with, so that any errors may be corrected in time for filing said certificates."

—Caucus meetings on Saturday evening.

FROM KANSAS.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

Since my last letter we have had 1894 pass by and with it went many whom we loved and respected. We welcome the weekly visits of your paper as it brings us the news from our former home, and the doings of many of our relatives and neighbors.

I see that a move is being made to erect a monument to the memory of ex-Gov. Curtin, Pennsylvania's Old War Governor. We hope it will be a success. There are many old Pennsylvania volunteers in Kansas and elsewhere, interested in this move.

Times are not very brisk in the western states and especially in Nebraska, where many farmers are in destitute circumstances. This, in a large measure, is due to a failure of the crops, also an overstocked market. For example, horses, unless they are in prime condition, perfectly sound and well broken, will command no price at all. There is no employment for labor at decent prices. This brings on privations and suffering. In many places men are driven to thieving to obtain the necessaries of life.

Some may ask, how does it come that there are no crops on those fine lands of Kansas and Nebraska with its deep, rich soil? This land is on an elevated plain and when there is a dry spell, the soil soon bakes under the burning rays of August suns. Then when the southwesterly winds come they burn up every vestige of vegetation left, and that is one reason farmers are suffering. You may ask again, why do people stay in such a droughty country? When one has his all invested in one of these farms and a mortgage on top of it, he simply has to stay or *walk* out of the country. On the other hand we notice that all sections of the country are suffering from depression. There seems to be a lack of confidence that affects all avenues of trade and industrial enterprises—there is stagnation, which produces Coxeyites and tramps. These things promise to continue until congress arrives at a satisfactory solution of producing sufficient revenues and a flexible currency.

When there is over production in one section and destitution and starvation in an adjoining district, it is evident that there is something radically wrong in our economic systems. Monopolies and corporations contribute largely to this distressing condition o the times. It is to be hoped that congress will furnish a speedy remedy.

Wishing all a prosperous and happy New Year, I remain

N. J. STOVER,
Jan. 8. '95. Bonaccord, Kan.

Man, Poor Man.

A bachelor says, "man that is married to a womon is of many days and full of trouble. In the morning he draws his salary, and in the evening behold it is gone; it goeth but he knoweth not where. He spendeth sheckels in the purchase of fine linens to cover the bosom of his family, yet he is seen at the gates of the city with but one suspender. He goeth forth as an ox or an ass and draweth the chariot of his offspring. He arises clad in the chilly garments of the night, and seeketh the somnambulent paregoric, which healeth the colicy stomach of his offspring. Yea, he is altogether wretched and full of misery. Wide is the road and broad is the way that leadeth to matrimony, and many there be that go in thereat."

Put Salt on Coal.

At this time of the year when the coal begins to develop such extraordinary possibilities in the way of rapid consumption, housekeepers are eagerly on the outlook for something that will at least prevent waste, if it cannot by any other means make a ton go further. There are several preparations for this purpose sold under fanciful names, but the basis of most of them is ordinary salt. If the later is sprinkled liberally over the coal, either in the bin or as it is put into the furnace, it will make it burn more evenly to a clean ash and will also prevent clinkers.

The Drummer's Blessing.

A commercial traveler who stopped over night with a friend in Massillon was asked to say the blessing at supper. the request rattled him, and he responded as follows: We acknowledge the receipt of your favor of this date. Allow us to express our gratitude for this expression of good will. Trusting that our house may merit your confidence, and that we shall have many good orders from you this winter, we are yours. Amen."

Democratic Caucus Meetings.

For the South ward of Bellefonte, in the recorder's office, on Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. Wm. Howley chairman.

For the South precinct of Spring, at Mulfinger's hotel, Pleasant Gap, on Friday evening, to nominate precinct ticket and delegates to the township convention.

Never too Old to Learn.

Among the pupils of one of the primary schools, at Lock Haven, is a woman 54 years of age who did not have the opportunities for obtaining an education in her childhood days which the boys and girls of to-day have. She is making rapid progress in her studies and her example and determination to acquire knowledge many other people might follow.

Getting his Sight Again.

We are glad to learn that Wash McWilliams, of Ferguson twp., of whose misfortune to his eyes, from a spall, we made mention a few weeks ago, is receiving a glimmer of sight to his remaining eye which was blinded for several weeks. He is still in Philadelphia under treatment.

SQUIBS.

During the present month the democrats in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania made way for the incoming republican administrations. In New York the democratic state government left a reserve fund of 12,000,000 dollars to their credit and a record for honesty in administration that is not attempted to be gainsayed by the most radical republican. In New Jersey they left a clean record; and in Pennsylvania the administration of Governor Pattison left the state practically free from debt, a revenue system that is ample for an economical administration of the government, and a record that has been unsurpassed for integrity and honesty of purpose in the history of the commonwealth. All this is in strong contrast with the defalcations of 320,000 dollars by the republican officials in South Dakota; the John Bardsley defalcations and the Porter and Martin steals in Philadelphia, and the many other republican pilferings in other places of which we hear almost daily. Democrats can well be proud of the records of their public men, when contrasted with the records of republican officials, noted only for their ability to squander the savings of democratic administrations.

The people of Philadelphia, irrespective of party, look to Gov. Pattison to save them from the clutches of the republican corruptionists, led by Porter and Martin. It was Robert E Pattison as controller, that first halted the republican ring in their schemes to rob and plunder the people of that great city. Before his term as controller was completed he was called by the people of Pennsylvania to save the state treasury from this same crowd, and now when his second term as chief magistrate of our grand commonwealth is just completed, the city of Philadelphia again appeals to him to stay the hand of the spoilsman. His nomination for Mayor of Philadelphia means his triumphant election, and his election means death to the republican ring that has so systematically robbed that city for years.

Great ado is made by the republican papers about the police corruption in New York City. They forget, however, to state that the police of New York city are under the control, not of the mayor, but of the Board of Police Commissioners, named in part by the great republican leader, Boss Platt; that the first police commissioner caught robbing and black-mailing is a republican, and that the first police captain sent to the penitentiary for misdemeanor in office is a republican. Brethren, tell the truth, and when you do that your own party men will be the sufferers and not the democrats.

BY "SQUIBBER."

Some old Timers.

The telegraph line of the Pennsylvania Railroad company was completed, says the Pittsburg Post between Pittsburg and Philadelphia in the spring of 1850. Of the operators who worked it then but three remain in the service of the company. Robert Pitcairn, now superintendent here, was then operator at Altoona; Wm. B. Wilson, now superintendent of Mantua transfer, then operator at Huntingdon, and J. W. Crouse, now chief clerk to auditor of passenger receipts, then operator at Lewistown. Andrew Carnegie was then operator at Outer depot Pittsburg, and although it is many years since he left the service of the company to "better" his condition, he continues to feel an interest in the "old boys of the wire."

Canada Thistles.

For some year past great efforts have been made to exterminate the farmers pest, Canada thistles, but without success. Mr. Philip Cryder, who owns the best farm in Centre county, utterly destroys them by plowing them under in the fall. In the spring he works the ground again and then sows it in buckwheat When the buckwheat gets in blossom he plows it under and in the fall he sows the spot in wheat and that puts to death the thistle.

Many Students Enrolled.

State College presents a better showing than ever. There are now enrolled 356 students, and the faculty has been increased from 45 to 48. There are now 54 students in the dairy school. At the experiment stations tests are being made in the Pasteurization of milk and on the culture of tobacco, and reports are being prepared for the Legislature, as having an important bearing on the bills.

Wanted.

20,000 No. 1 white and rock oak railroad ties along line of C. R. R. of Pa. For further particulars inquire of W. E. Shaffer, Nittany, Pa.

IMPORTANT STATISTICS

RELATING TO THE POOR HOUSE QUESTION.

The cost of Maintaining Paupers in Other Districts of the State—The Rate in Centre county and the Townships Compared.

At the coming spring election the poor house question will be the bone of contention. In some sections of the county sentiment is pronounced against it. In other sections people are very much in favor of such an institution. The poor house question is removed entirely from politics and should also be considered without prejudice. Some are for and against for the simple reason that they are—and that is about all.

If a poor house would be a saving of money for our taxpayers and the dependent classes were as well cared for in such a place, it would be advisable for every property owner to vote accordingly. We publish statistics from the last issue of the *Watchman*, showing the number of poor houses in the state and the cost of maintaining the same, and the expense by overseers:

		Pop.	Cost.	Per Cap
Adams	Poor house	33,486	$14,000 00	19
Armstrong	Overseer	46,747	27,453 51	59
Beaver	Poor house	50,077	17,615 00	35
Bedford	Poor house	38,641	10,000 00	26
Berks	Poor house	137,327	55,000 00	40
Blair	Poor house	70,856	16,449 69	23
Bradford	Poor house	59,223	22,097 06	37
Bucks	Poor house	76,615	10,500 00	15
Butler	Overseer	55,339	21,321 59	29
Cambria	Poor house	66,375	15,000 00	22
Cameron	Overseer	7,234	2,744 09	38
Centre	Overseer	43,369	32,429 40	77
Chester	Poor house	89,377	30,493 00	34
Clarion	Overseer	36,802	21,031 12	57
Clearfield	Overseer	69,565	46,759 75	67
Clinton	Overseer	28,695	16,466 44	57
Columbia	Overseer	36,832	33,495 71	91
Crawford	Poor house	65,324	34,799 68	53
Cumberland	Poor house	47,271	14,000 00	29
Dauphin	Poor house	96,977	37,258 00	38
Delaware	Poor house	74,988	28,900 00	38
Elk	Overseer	22,230	12,866 00	58
Erie	Poor house	86,074	18,500 00	21
Fayette	Poor house	80,006	25,000 00	31
Forest	Overseer	8,482	2,850 31	34
Franklin	Poor house	51,434	17,487 08	34
Fulton	Overseer	10,37	1,782 87	17
Green	Unknown	29,935	9,334 80	
Huntingdon	Poor house	35,754	12,000 00	34
Indiana	Overseer	42,175	25,546 18	61
Jefferson	Overseer	44,005	19,576 72	44
Juniata	Overseer	16,969	12,486 45	75
Lackawana	Poor house	142,988	105,753 85	74
Lancaster	Poor house	149,085	46,093 85	31
Lawrence	Overseer	37,517	16,411 83	44
Lebanon	Poor house	48,131	12,200 00	25
Lehigh	Poor house	76,634	23,000 00	30
Lycoming	Overseer	70,570	35,044 14	50
Mercer	Poor house	55,744	24,148 00	43
Mifflin	Poor house	18,267	4,317 00	23
McKean	Poor house	46,863	13,805 72	29
Monroe	Overseer	20,111	8,799 00	44
Montgomery	Poor house	123,671	29,471 00	24
Montour	Overseer	15,645	10,238 16	65
Northampton	Poor house	84,220	18,000 00	21
Northumberl'd	Overseer	74,098	55,916 92	75
Perry	Poor house	26,276	7,755 00	29
Pike	Overseer	9,412	3,794 00	40
Potter	Overseer	22,778	8,462 00	38
Somerset	Poor house	67,317	16,000 00	27
Susquehanna	Overseer	40,092	21,985 00	55
Union	Overseer	17,820	14,148 89	79
Venango	Poor house	46,640	17,009 00	36
Warren	Poor house	37,585	4,750 00	12
Washington	Poor house	71,155	21,976 00	31
Wayne	Overseer	21,010	16,551 00	79
Westmoreland	Poor house	112,819	26,000 00	23
Wyoming	Overseer	15,891	5,000 00	33
York	Poor house	93,489	20,000 00	20

Among the five counties adjoining, and Centre, three have poor houses and three have none. It will be seen from the table below that Centre, with only 7,508 more people than Huntingdon, pays nearly three times as much to keep her poor.

Pop.	County.	Poor tax.	Per. capita tax.	
66,375	Cambria	$15,000.00	22	Poor house
70,856	Blair	16,449.69	23	Poor house
35,731	Huntingkon	12,000.00	33	Poor house
43,369	Centre	33,429.00	77	no Poor house
28,695	Clinton	16,466.44	57	no Poor house
69,525	Clearfield	46,759.75	67	no Poor house

The following is the milleage levied in the various boroughs and townships in Centre county for poor purposes for the current year:

Bellefonte boro	5
Centre Hall boro	0
Howard boro	4
Milesburg	6
Millheim	3
Philipsburg	5
South Philipsburg	
Unionville	0
Benner	1
Boggs	6
Burnside	0
College	2
Curtin	4
Ferguson	1
Gregg	1
Haines	1½
Halfmoon	
Harris	1
Howard	6
Liberty	3
Marion	1
Miles	1
Patton	1½
Penn	1
Potter	2½
Rush	7
Snow Shoe	8
Spring	4
Taylor	2
Union	6
Walker	1
Worth	2

Turned the Joke on Them.

Several persons in Coalport circulated a petition and got the names of about thirty persons on it for the burgess to clean the snow off his walk. The burgess took the joke good naturedly, but noted the names of the signers and had them served with notices to clean the snow off their own walks, which was done in short order.

The following letters remain in the Bellefonte post-office uncalled for: Mitchel Apt, Mrs. A. W. Alexander, Dr. J. K. Bennisdarker Mrs. Leah Hoy 2, Joseph Hays, William Kyle, J. Kingsley E. C. Lont, Miss L. Mulohill, James Worrell. When called for please say advertised.

The Clergy and Half Fare.

Clergymen over the state have been guessing for three months whether they would ride on the Pennsylvania lines during the present year on half fare.

The lines are drawn somewhat tighter than heretofore however, only ordained ministers being extended the courtesy of half-fare orders. On some of the eastern roads the issue of the clerical order is to be abolished. The reason for this is that the managers have found the courtesy has been grossly abused. Unscrupulous persons have managed to obtain orders under false pretense and have afterward sold them to scalpers.

WHAT more beautiful, what more touching, what could have been said in sublimer or more thrilling language than the following quotation from Archbishop Ireland's sermon in reply to Colonel Ingersoll's so-called lecture on "The Bible," delivered in St Paul, Minn., on Saturday night last: "Scoff, then, you who dare, at Jesus and His Bible; scoff at all that is His, at Christendom and Christian civilization, scoff at family generated, at womanhood; scoff at sacramental marriage and Holy virginity; scoff at the charity that has peopled the nations with asylums and hospitals; scoff at the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; scoff at the enfranchised slave, at the most sacred principles of our own American constitution; scoff at Jesus and His bible. Unbelief would take from us our bible and our Jesus. What does it give us? Unbelief has been for once consistent—it has proclaimed suicide as the sole hope of its un-Christian world."

The Howard Church Case.

The Supreme court, on the 12th inst. discharged the rule to show cause why the proceedings to regain possession of the Disciple church at Howard, Centre county Pa., should not be stayed, etc. This order puts the case in the same position it was before the rule to show cause, etc., was granted by Justice Dean on the 18th of August last upon application of the respondents.

New Train.

A new old-fashioned train will be put on the Pennsylvania road commencing to morrow, which will run between New York and St. Louis. It is virtually another limited, and east of Pittsburg it will run as the second section of limited. The running time between New York and St Louis will be reduced more than one hour each day.

SALE REGISTER.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26, 1895—At the court house in Bellefonte, at 2 p. m., a tract of land in Boggs twp., containing 97 acres, thereon erected good buildings, etc.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co:

New wheat, per bushel	60
Red wheat, per bushel	60
Rye, per bushel	50
Corn, ears per bushel, new	22½
Corn, shelled per bushel	50
Oats—new per bushel	20
Barley, per bushel	45
Buckwheat, per bushel	40
Ground plaster, per ton	9 50

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

Apples, dried, per pound	05
Cherries dried per pound, seeded	10
Beans per quart	08
Onions, per bushel	70
Butter, per pound	20
Tallow, per pound	3
Country Shoulders	10
Sides	10
Hams	13
Hams sugar cured	13
Breakfast Bacon	12½
Lard, per pound	08
Eggs per dozen	20
Potatoes per bushel new	50
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

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