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### Editorial.

GOV. HASTINGS is beginning to use his veto power.

ON Monday editor Samuel E. Fleming, of the *Huntingdon Journal* was appointed post master at that place. This is his second term.

THERE are about twenty newspaper publishers in the present legislature. They are liable to frame a bill at any time, making it legal for publishers to kill dead-beat subscribers all the year round.

A Clearfield man sent twenty-five cents to a New York party for information in regard to keeping hydrants from freezing and was advised to dig it up and take it into the house.

A race course sixty feet wide and half a mile long, on the Susquehanna river at Lock Haven, is the source of much amusement for the people of that section at present. Down there they often have an opportunity of speeding over that entire valley, from mountain to mountain in row boats. Yes, Lock Haven is a great place.

THE monster petition which the White Ribboners, in session at Washington, will present to Congress to urge that body to adopt Prohibition is five miles in length, and contains millions of names. As testimony to woman's zeal it is without doubt the most important bit of documentary evidence ever submitted to any government.

AN editorial article in last Friday's *New York World* shows what becomes of the money of women who are left large sums of money. It said: "Tomorrow morning there will be a notable funeral in New York—that of a young man who died at 36 after spending \$100,000 a year for pleasure. Such young men have become a marked feature of American life only within the last thirty years, but we have them now and are likely to have them permanently. One of the greatest American statesmen thought of them as an advantage to the country, under the operations of the principle by which it is "only three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves," where there is no government interference to prevent accumulated property from being naturally redistributed. But whatever his economic uses, the young man who spends a hundred thousand a year for his own selfish pleasure buys extinction for himself. All the laws of nature operate to crush him. There could be no life or death more miserable than his."

### A New Invention.

Stephen Philip Rush, one of Tyrone's most ingenious gentlemen, has just invented and put in rough model form a piece of furniture combining a couch, a cradle and a baby swing in one article. First it is arranged so that it looks like and answers the purpose of an ordinary couch; next, the top can be lifted off and the cradle is displayed, the rockers for which are produced by means of a lower movement which performs a transposing act, the rockers taking the place of the couch. By placing the top on the floor beside the cradle, tired mamma can lie down and rock baby in the cradle, or again, she can elevate another portion of the ingeniously arranged piece of furniture and form a swing to amuse and quiet the little one. It is an interesting invention, and if properly handled might become a very popular piece of furniture.

### Frozen to Death.

Dr. Perry Stover, a native of Aaronsburg this county, and a son of Major Isaac Stover, deceased, froze to death at Weymouth, Iowa, during the blizzard.

Young Stover went west over a dozen years ago, and graduated in medicine in the University of Michigan, after which he located at Weymouth, Iowa, and has lived there since as a successful practitioner. He was a grandson of Col. Jacob Stover, of Aaronsburg, and upwards of 36 years of age.

### "Charley's Aunt."

"Charley's Aunt" gets receptions that any woman might be proud of. The piece is uproariously funny and wital is absolutely from horse-play or anything offensive.

## SEPARATE DISTRICT.

### CENTRE COUNTY TO BE ALONE.

The Judicial Apportionment Bill that will likely pass—Some of the Important changes in this Section—Other legislation.

A new judicial apportionment bill has been prepared and has been introduced to the legislature. Under its provisions Cameron county is detached of Clinton Elk and Cameron, and is added to McKean and Potter counties, with two judges. The new bill, reduces the number of judicial districts from fifty-two to fifty, the change occurring in the eastern end of the state. Centre county is detached from Huntingdon and made a separate district; Huntingdon and Mifflin are joined. Clarion is added to Jefferson giving the latter precedence instead of the former. Washington and Westmoreland counties are given two judges, thus guaranteeing these counties an additional judge each, should the governor veto the separate bills creating the position. Fayette and Greene are made one district as under the present apportionment, although Chairman North claims Fayette has the population to entitle it to be a separate district. No other changes are made with the western counties.

### Road Legislation.

Governor Hastings favors road legislation and has urged the framers of the various measures before the legislature to get together and draft a bill carrying with it a small appropriation for the improvement of the public highways. He had an interview with Senator Brown, of Westmoreland, who has a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for this purpose. The governor thought this amount too extravagant and suggested that it be cut in two. He is pleased with the Brown bill which the senator has amended by eliminating the clause providing for a county supervisor. The idea of road conventions with some system to work on is retained. An expert or engineer may be employed by the convention to supervise the improvement of the roads.

### Mill Hall Brick Work.

The building of the Mill Hall brick works are all completed. The new machinery is all on the ground and will soon be placed in position. The bins and elevator will soon be constructed. The manufacture of brick will begin as soon as spring opens.

The demand for brick the coming season promises to be great, which is an indication that building operations will be brisk. The Mill Hall works are receiving inquiries from all sections for brick as manufactured by the company. Three of these inquiries were about orders numbering 600,000, 400,000 and 200,000. Besides these there have been inquiries about orders of smaller quantities.

### Legislative Extravagance.

Governor Hastings will call a halt on the extravagance of the legislature after the recess. There is a disposition on the part of the members to pass all appropriation bills and throw the responsibility of disposing of them on the executive. The bills now before the appropriations committee foot up in round numbers \$33,500,000, including the general appropriation bill of \$16,000,000, while the state revenues for the next two years will not exceed \$19,000,000. The governor has prepared a message which he will send to the legislature when it reconvenes, calling attention to these facts and urging economy in the expenditure of the people's money.

### On Registration.

The country members of the Legislature crossed swords with the city chaps this week on the bill amending the ballot law by abolishing the December registry of voters and changing the May registry to June and won by a decided majority. Objection was raised to this proposition by Representatives Fow and Riter, of Philadelphia, that a great many persons in the cities were away from home in June and would be put to much inconvenience if the bill became a law. The members from the rural districts held that two registries were useless and that one answers all practicable purposes.

### Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. Michael Rishel died at his home, two miles west of Madisonburg, on last Friday morning, Feb. 8. He had been in a semi-conscious state for almost six months prior to his death, the result of a paralytic stroke. His age was about 68 years. A wife and five children survive him.

## PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS.

At a recent banquet at Chicago, where the "Blue" and the "Gray" met around the social board, General Gordon, United States Senator from Georgia, was one of the speakers. He acquitted himself with great credit, as is always the case, but, on this occasion, his remarks were more noted, because of his emphasizing the fact that the war is actually over, and we are welded into an homogenous and happy people. In the course of his speech General Gordon said:

In a higher and nobler sense we mean, by our country that incomparable Government which has made this land the only real home of human freedom. We mean that ours is the only land where true liberty is the birthright of all, and laws in order to protect and regulate their own liberties. In a word, we mean that it is the one country where liberty and law, like the Siamese twins, are bound together by a ligament so strong that the death of either is the death of both. In its highest and noblest sense our country is its manhood and its womanhood—the heads that make and guide its policies, the hearts which keep clean and pure its administrations, and the hands which are ever ready to defend its liberties by enforcing its laws.

"If this be true, and it is true—if the real life and spirit and soul of our country is in the life and character of its people, how essential it becomes to the future of that country to build and enoble the life and character of its citizens. My fellow countrymen, it is true; who doubts that it is fundamentally and eternally true, that if our liberties live—if this republic lasts as the home and hope of the free—it will be because the people who own it and control it deserve to be free? And they will deserve to be free as long, and only as long, as elevated manhood and character are developed and maintained among them."

### Gas and Oil Directors.

Another meeting of the directors of Salt Lick gas and oil company was held at the Fallon house, Lock Haven, on Friday. Further arrangements were made for the drilling of the second well, which was decided upon at the former meeting and which will be begun as soon as the weather will permit. Additional tracts of land adjacent to that already secured by the company have been increased from time to time until now there are about twenty tracts more upon which the company can operate. The directors are very sanguine that they will meet with success, notwithstanding that the well already put down was a failure. Another meeting will be held in that city on March 18.

### Rev. Harvey Shaw.

Rev. Harvey Shaw died at his home in Huntingdon on the 12th inst. Deceased was born near Philadelphia December 2, 1846. Mr. Shaw's first charge was a Presbyterian mission at Monterey, Mexico. He located in Huntingdon last August, and has resided there since then with his wife and two children.

The funeral of Twila, infant daughter of Wilson Heaton and wife, of Milesburg, took place on the 12th inst., six days after her death, which occurred on the 6th. The delay was caused by the snow blockade.

### Hamlet.

On Washington's Birthday, next Friday, Mr. James Young will present his performance of Hamlet, which is pronounced by the press of the South and West as we clip from a southern journal: "A new Hamlet, a revelation."—*Dispatch Richmond*.

Another says: "Is a youthful tragedian who shows Hamlet as he was."—*Constitution, Atlanta*.

In fact this young actor has made such rapid strides in the past three years that he held a position second to none in the line of his chosen art.

### Heroic Deed.

During the blizzard one of the teachers of Howard township performed a very heroic deed. W. F. Leathers, the teacher, was afraid his little flock would perish in the snow, so he formed them in a chain, he taking the lead, and took his whole school to the home of Director W. T. Leathers in safety, where he was sheltered for the night. During the night the snow had obtained such a depth the teacher was obliged to take his school home by rail.

### He Found Out.

Henry Magnus, of Brooklyn, says the *New York Sun*, stuck a lighted candle in the bung hole of a coal oil barrel to see how much oil was in the barrel. He will never know exactly how much was in the barrel, but there was enough to blow him from the rear of his store out on the sidewalk. In his aerial flight he struck Dr. Chagnon, who was passing, and knocked him unconscious. The whole front of the store was blown out by the explosion.

## RIGHT THE VIEW OF LINCOLN.

Thousands of orators who glorify in the name of the Father of his Country on the 22nd of February in every year will ever make the celebration an occasion for partisan cries, and few of them tell to which of the political parties of his time GEORGE WASHINGTON belonged. In the American mind that man of the Revolution stands above partisanship and sectarianism. Reader of these words must be better informed than a good many other people if he can give a correct account of Washington's party convictions. There were unnumbered speeches delivered on Tuesday, when the birthday of ABRAHAM LINCOLN was celebrated. In looking at the reports of those of them which have come to us from various places we notice that many of them are speeches in glorification of the Republican party; and we are therefore led to say that it is time that there was an end to using Lincoln as a stalking horse for that party. Mr. Lincoln's agents and supporters were of all parties. In Congress, in the field, and over the country, many of his staunchest friends came from the Democratic party. He had Democrats among his advisers; there were many Democrats among the Union commanders who led through the war, and tens of thousands of Democrats obeyed his call for troops and fell under the flag which bore the name of the American people of all parties who are the proper custodians of the memory of Abraham Lincoln as they are of that of George Washington.

Therefore, let the celebration of Lincoln's birthday in coming years be as free from factional manifestations as the celebration of Washington's birthday has always been seen.

### Confagration on Wallace's Run.

On Monday there was quite a little confagration on Wallace's Run, in Boggs town. Warren Hanscom was driving in a sleigh to Bellefonte, when he thought he noticed smoke about the sled and soon found that his clothing were all afire about his right hip. There was a hustling for a while, and he succeeded in putting out the fire after it had consumed a large portion of his pantaloons in the rear, as it were, also a respectable portion of his coat tail. In this pitiable condition he arrived at Central City where Kohlbecker played the good Samaritan by furnishing another garment.

Mr. Hanscom had a number of valuable papers destroyed that were in his coat pocket.

### State College Athletics.

The fifth indoor meeting of the State College Athletic Association was held in the College Armory Friday evening. Four records were broken, including the pole vault, thirty yards dash, putting sixteen and twelve pound shot. Fisher not only broke the college record in the sixteen pound shot but eclipsed the present State Intercollegiate record of thirty seven feet, five inches. His best put was thirty-nine feet. Some good wrestling and sparring exhibitions were given. The score of points by classes was as follows: Seniors, 11; Juniors, 47; sophomores, 9; freshmen, 20.

### Juniata Valley Campmeeting.

There was a meeting of the stockholders of the Juniata Valley Campmeeting association in Huntingdon recently. They have arranged to open the hotel in the camp ground August 2 next. There will be a number of special days during camp, Epworth League day, missionary day, Woman's Christian Temperance Union day, and others. Chaplain C. C. McCabe is expected to be present on Saturday and Sunday. Every effort will be put forth to make it the greatest meeting in the history of the camp.

### Death of Aged People.

At Rote, Tuesday morning, Postmaster John Bathus died of heart disease. He had been complaining for some time. His age was 74 years. A wife and several children survive him.

Michael Gilbert, of Liviona, Centre county, died at that place Saturday last, aged almost 90 years. He is survived by five sons and six daughters.

## TOBACCO CRUSADE.

### HOW THE FAIR SEX SUC-CUMBED.

How a Crusade Against the Obnoxious Weed ended—They could Not Give up the Dear Men—Thus it Goes.

Some five months ago there was organized in an Iowa town a society of young women for the extermination of the tobacco habit. The idea was not by any means new and the ladies did not flatter themselves that it was. They had heard of similar societies in other towns and while ignorant of the fate which ultimately befell them had a sublime confidence in their power to achieve their end. Like their predecessors they bound themselves by a solemn vow not to marry any man who took snuff, smoked or chewed tobacco. The penalty was to be "posted" at the houses where they usually met and to be read out of the organization in disgrace.

The local papers, perceiving that the ladies had undertaken a commendable though illusive task, made notes of their organization and held it up to the notice of other communities. There was no doubt that the society meant well. Its constitution and by-laws breathed a most fervent spirit, denouncing in almost unmeasured terms the foul weed with which men polluted their breath. With hearts that had resolved to be daunted by no obstacle the great work was begun. It is at an end now. In five weeks and four days from the time of the organization the president of the society married a local cigar dealer; the secretary eloped with a Southern tobacco planter, and all but one of the other members had been married or become engaged to men between whose lips a pipe rests eight hours a day. The solitary survivor, who had not married, possibly because she had not had a chance, went the others one better and took to cigarettes herself.

In this fashion the public has again been taught how heroic women really are when, with grim resolve perched upon their fair brows, they engage in these crusades against the weed. It is not material what influences operated to change the spirit of their dreams, but it is in evidence that the change was complete. At frequent intervals in their respective honeymoons they sat at feet of their husbands, watching the smoke as it wreathed about their heads. The cigar dealer's wife now sells the weed across the Iowa counter, the planter's bride rides over the tobacco field and counsels with her lord on how to increase the yield, and in a corner of the market baskets carried by the other crusaders an observing eye could regularly discover a well-filled tobacco bag or a package of cigars.

### Change of Schedule.

On Monday, February 18th, a new time table went into effect on the Central R. R., of Penn'a. No changes are made in the early morning or late evening trains. Trains No. 3, that formerly left Bellefonte at 11.20 a. m., will now depart until 4.05 p. m., reaching Mill Hall at 5.20 p. m., making close connection with Beech Creek west bound train. Returning Train No. 4 is scheduled to leave Mill Hall at 5.40 p. m., reaching Bellefonte at 6.50 p. m.

### Encouraging Reports.

Reports from the iron and steel manufacturing districts convey the intelligence that a number of steel rail mills are enlarging their facilities for the manufacture of steel rails. The demand is growing, and from present indications it would appear that the street rail trade will constitute an important factor in the street rail business of 1895.

### In Charge of the Irvin House.

The Irvin House, Lock Haven, is once more in charge of its old manager, Hon. S. Woods Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell assumed control on Thursday, which will be agreeable news to its former patrons. Mr. Caldwell is a genial and an accommodating host and is up to the times in hotel management.

### Invitations are Out.

The invitations are out for the reception by Governor and Mrs. Hastings, on Tuesday evening, February 26, to the United States Senators, Congressmen and Congressmen-elect, State Judiciary and the personal friends of Governor and Mrs. Hastings in this and other states.

### Institute Postponed.

The teacher's local institute that was to have been held at Port Matilda last Saturday, was postponed until February 22nd and 23rd, Friday and Saturday of this week. The first session will be held on Friday evening.

## WHAT FOSTER SAYS.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from Feb. 12 to 16, and the next will reach the eastern states about the 24th.

The storm wave will initiate a most remarkable period of weather and the country will experience almost everything from the tornado to the blizzard. Extremes of weather in nearly every respect may be looked for, but more cold than heat, more rain and snow and sleet and hail than drought.

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about the 16th, great central valleys about 18th, and eastern states about the 20th. The cool wave will cross the western mountain country about the 19th, the great central valleys about the 21st, and the eastern states about the 23d, and will give the eastern states a blizzard.

The usual weather of the 1895 crop season will take farmers and others by surprise, especially those who do not carefully read and study these weather bulletins. Intelligent farmers and dealers will study the future of the weather, the former planting that which will best succeed in yield and price, and the latter arranging his stock in trade to correspond.

### To Florida.

The next of the series of Jacksonville tours by the Penna. R. R. allowing two weeks' stay in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia on February 26, and others will leave on March 12 and 26. The rate, including transportation, meals en route, and Pullman berth on special train, is \$50.00 from New York, and \$48.00 from Philadelphia; proportionate rates from other points.

For further information apply to Ticket Agents, or address Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Room 411, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, to whom application for space should also be made.

### Butter Experts Fooled.

A comical incident happened at the recent meeting of Pennsylvania state dairymen in Meadville. A. J. Palm, editor of the *Messenger*, who is opposed to the use of butter substitutes, had imitation butter, procured a one and a five-pound package of Chicago butterine and entered it for competition under the name of a "Farmer Friend." The jury of awards granted it prizes, not distinguishing the difference between it and the real goods. The one-pound package took second prize, and the five pound package third prize.

### James Young in Hamlet.

James Young who is pronounced by the press of the entire country as the worthy successor of the great Edwin Booth, will present his ideal performance of Hamlet, at the Opera House, next Friday, Feb. 22nd, and a more fitting attraction could not be had for this holiday, the birthday of Washington. Mr. Young is of a family of Virginians who trace the family tree back to Washington.

### A Great Success.

The musical convention held at Pleasant Gap last week was a decided success in every particular. The attendance was unusually large at the two concerts and the singing class was composed of some of the very best talent in the county. The financial part was a success as well. The convention was conducted by Prof. A. J. Swartz, assisted by Prof. P. H. Meyer, of Boalsburg.

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