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Editorial.

The departments at Harrisburg are moving along nicely. Yes why shouldn't they; they were well lubricated recently.

Rev. HOUCK should go to Harrisburg at once and pray again for Divine guidance for our present executive. It is needed.

GEN HASTINGS did sign the great monopoly oil bill and it is amusing to hear the party organs furnish excuses for his course.

The house committee on education has accepted the invitation of President Atherton, of the State College to visit the institution next Thursday.

"Our Dan" is not quite as popular just now in the Western part of the state as some time ago. Six months ago they were holding immense receptions, now they are bitterly denouncing him at public indignation meetings.

The post office department has decided that the statute prohibiting the use of postal cards for dunning purposes covers case of poll tax collectors. They cannot legally notify delinquents by sending postal cards through the mail.

AMERICAN woolen goods are being sold in England; American wool is advancing in price and American sheep are selling higher to-day than formerly under the McKinley Act. So much in favor of the democratic tariff tinkers.

After an hour's courtship, George Whitney, a drummer, wedded Miss Grace Grant, an Indianapolis belle. That fellow was a diplomat, and a practical business man. He saved much in the line of ice cream, livery hire, bonbons etc. by bringing matters to a crisis on the first assault.

At the public sales held in our county this year farm stock and implements are bringing unusually good prices. Cows and live stock are selling higher than for many years. This is very encouraging news for our farmers, in the midst of all the calamity howl we have been having.

Two bills now before the legislature propose to create seven new superior judges—adding two to the supreme court and erecting a superior court with a membership of five—while a bill of Senator Gray wants to add three more common pleas judges. The passage of these several measures would—provided the constitution could stand the strain—supply ten honorable and comfortable positions to as many men learned in the law. Creating new offices, spending the surplus and favoring the Standard Oil Company, is the extent of the work at Harrisburg.

The bill to establish poor houses in each county is likely to come up for the third reading in the legislature this week. The *Patriot* says: Representative Gould, of Erie, will call up his bill this week changing the poor system of the state so as to abolish the practice among counties not having poor houses of "farming out" their poor. There is much objection to the bill from the rural members and Mr. Gould is anxious to amend it to meet their objections. He will have a conference on Thursday at Philadelphia with ex-Representative Morrison, Dr. James Walk and Superintendent Lawrence, of the Blockley almshouse, who assisted in the preparation of the bill, to get their views as to the changes necessary to meet these objections.

Solve This Problem.

A discussion is raging in Erie, says the *Dispatch*, over this question, propounded by a school teacher to her class: "If a tree located in a forest should fall and no one should see it, would it make a noise?" The question has created much discussion among the pupils to whom it was presented, and it has spread into older and wider circles. The debate turns upon the theory that sound exists only in the ear, and that there can be no sound where there is no ear to receive and respond to the atmospheric waves.

For fine job work call on the Democrat

MONOPOLY RULE.

FAVORABLE ADMINISTRATION AT HARRISBURG.

Hastings and the Standard Oil Company—Denounced in Every Section—Severe Criticism from The Press.

Last week, after this paper had gone to press, the word was received that Gov. Hastings had signed the famous Marshall Pipe Line bill which will allow the Standard Oil Company, one of the greatest monopolies in the country, to buy up all competing lines and thus become the master of the situation.

Almost every paper in Pennsylvania, regardless of politics, strongly protested against this measure passing. For years this same Standard Oil Company has besieged the legislative halls at Harrisburg, with its lobbyists and tools who come bearing gifts, and in this way purchased their influence. Robt. E. Pattison, while Governor, promptly vetoed a similar bill, but under a different name. He held out for the protection of the people from the hungry maw of this gigantic monopoly.

How different with Gov. Hastings. They parried with the executive for awhile, and then came the approval. He weakened; he yielded, and the balance of the story may never be correctly told. It is sufficient to note the great indignation with which his course is met. Throughout the boundaries of the state he has been universally denounced by democrats, many republicans, and in fact all fearless and fair thinking people. Of course there are the regulation partisan organs that must sing the song set before them, and they are now making their very best apologies for their Executive's humiliating course.

The following clippings will speak for themselves:

From *Phila. Inquirer*, Rep.
"The Marshall pipe line bill is a measure that ought to be spurned by every fair-minded man. Its purpose is clear. It is intended to permit the Standard Oil Company to buy up independent pipe lines and force them to a sale. It has crushed many an industry by the means of methods in its long and inglorious career, and now it would stop all pipe line competition in Pennsylvania. It cannot absorb competing lines under the law, and so the Marshall bill is thrust forward to permit it to do so. A man may vote for this contemptible bill and be as pure as an angel, but he will carry the brand of the Standard upon his brow, nevertheless, in the eyes of the public, and he can not shake off that brand, either."

From *Phila. Record*.
"Given a corporation swollen to bursting with ill-gotten gains; a legislature with a two-thirds partisan majority; and a complaisant executive—what security have the people? We regret to say that the quibble by which Governor Hastings justifies his action condemns him. The Marshall act repeals the Act of 1880, root and branch, makes the Standard Oil Company master of the situation, destroys competition and puts a brand upon every competing party to the transaction."

From the *Public Ledger*, Rep.
"When Governor Hastings found that, in order to sign the Marshall pipe line bill, he would have to explain and apologize to the legislature and people, he should instead have put upon it his veto. The small producers have been handed over to the monopoly and no explanation made by the Governor can relieve him of his share of the responsibility for the evils that may follow. He knew the risk or he would have signed the bill and said nothing more about it."

From the *Phila. Bulletin*, Rep.
"The enactment of the Marshall bill would add one more chapter to the long and unparalleled series of legislative, judicial and corporate outrages by which the oil industry has been concentrated in the hands of a few multimillionaires. It will not stand inspection."

PUBLICLY DENOUNCED.

At Butler, Pa., last Saturday, a public indignation meeting was held and the Governor was severely denounced. The following are extracts of resolutions passed:

"That we deplore the condition of affairs that leaves the rights and liberties of the citizens of our commonwealth to the tender mercies of the present executive, who, through weakness or avarice, has proven himself the servant, not of the people, but of corporate and money power of the land."
"That in our opinion the executive head of this commonwealth has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. And that he is no longer entitled to the confidence and support or respect of her people but on the contrary deserves the condemnation of her honest citizens everywhere and for all time."

Columns could be filled with similar extracts. Some of the foremost republican papers are silent while others offer the best apology that can be made under the circumstances.

It looks as though the monopolies were again in power at Harrisburg and had a strong advocate in the present republican administration. Democrats who voted last fall for republican legislators and governor can now see the fruits of their choice.

It is too late now to undo this work, but let them profit from this example in the future.

Jolly But Awful.

Onion socials are becoming popular in some parts of the country. Six young ladies stand in a row, one bites a piece out of an onion and the gentlemen pay 10 cents apiece to guess who bit it. The correct guessers kiss the other five girls, while the unsuccessful kiss the one that bit the onion. There are no blanks in this lottery.

WOOLENS IN ENGLAND.

Our Goods Beat the British Product on Its Own Ground.

The remarkable fact is reported by Consul Meeker, of Bradford, England, that American woolen manufactures are being sold at a profit in that place, which is the greatest woolen market in England.

The Consul finds that a representative of a New York mercantile establishment, now in England, is buying English cloth of a certain grade to sell in the United States, and is selling American cloth in Great Britain.

A Bradford merchant showed the Consul samples of American woolen cloth suitable for men's clothing, which were purchased for 50 and 60 cents a yard. The Bradford expert stated that the goods were at a superior grade, being made of short wool, and that he was astonished that they could be produced in America and sold at so low a figure.

The New York visitor stated that he had placed orders for the goods in Glasgow and Aberdeen, and expected to sell them in London.

Consul Meeker, who will continue his investigation of the matter, says that if the facts are as represented, the prediction made upon the passage of the Wilson bill that, owing to the advantage given American manufactures, by free wool, their goods would be selling in Bradford in six months, has been more than realized.

The Canal to be Abandoned.

The old Pennsylvania canal, the forerunner or the present magnificent system of steel rails, is to be abandoned by the Pennsylvania railroad company. The old water way once so serviceable has out lived its usefulness. The total deficiency of the company is \$169,216. From year to year for years the canal has been steadily diminished, until it finally shows a burdensome loss. Starting at Columbia on the Susquehanna the Pennsylvania canal branches out north and northeasterly, extending to Clark's Ferry, Newton Hamilton, Northumberland, Nanticoke and Lock Haven and penetrating the important Wyoming coal region.

Clearfield Attorneys.

Recently we made note of the fact that there were 47 attorneys practicing at the Clearfield bar, says the *Clearfield Republican*. By referring to the files of the *Republicans* of 1835, 60 years ago we find the number then to have been only 4, Josiah W. Smith, Lewis W. Smith, Daniel G. Fenton and Robert Wallace. The late George R. Barrett was a practicing attorney in 1836, thus giving the county 5 where to-day it has 47. The venerable Ellis Irwin, of Lick Run, was Prothonotary and James Ferguson Sheriff sixty years ago.

Evangelical Association Appointments.

The following appointments have been made by the Central Evangelical association in session at Williamsport: Williamsport District—J. Young, presiding elder; Williamsport Race street, J. E. Heberling; Liberty, J. Hammett; Waller, J. L. C'eaver; Lycoming, J. P. Freed; Sugar Valley, and Nittany Valley, Erdman and supply; Centre circuit, S. I. Shortis and F. W. Solver; White Deer and Buffalo, J. Fenstermaker.

Cheap Wines.

What a cheap thing good wine may be is shown by the report of a big sale at San Francisco a few days ago, the purchaser being the California wine association. The amount was 5,000,000 gallons at a uniform price of 12 cents a gallon, and the contract further provides for the purchase of the same amount a year for the next three years, the price to be determined by future markets. The use of California wine is steadily increasing and the price is cheapening to eastern consumers.

An Easter Ball.

The Undine Steam Fire Engine company is making arrangements for the holding of a grand Easter ball on Monday April 14th. The best of music will be provided and the best of order will be maintained at all times.

Passenger Traffic.

Last year the Pennsylvania carried 95,823,057 passengers over its various lines including the ferry service, an average of about 265,057 per day.

—Mr. Arthur Kitson, of Philadelphia, will give a concert in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, March 15th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Nowinski, the celebrated violinist, and Signor Spaghetti, a well known baritone, will also take part. Tickets, 50 cents.

MORE LICENSES.

At this session of license court fifty-three applications were presented for the various privileges. Last week the court disposed thirty-eight as follows: Grapd 18 tavern, 3 wholesale liquor, 2 wholesale beer and three distillery, and 12 licenses were refused, leaving 15 to be disposed later. Many of those held over were due to defect in their bonds.

On Tuesday argument court was held and His Honor John G. Love and associates Faulkner and Rich were present. Thirteen licenses were disposed of in the following manner:

LICENSES GRANTED.

Tavern:
James Reish.....Potters Mills
Lawrence Reading.....Snow Shoe
Geo. B. Uzzle.....Clarence
John G. Uzzle.....Snow Shoe
John A. Erb.....Phillipsburg
Michael McCabe.....Snow Shoe twp
Richard Bowen.....Phillipsburg
William Parker.....Phillipsburg
Richard Miller.....Phillipsburg

Wholesale Liquor:

Wm. Riley.....Phillipsburg

W. R. Haynes.....Snow Shoe

Wholesale Beer:

Samuel Rodgers.....Phillipsburg

REFUSED.

Tavern:
R. G. Askey.....Rush twp
Jacob Saucroft.....Rush twp

HELD OVER.

Dorsey Meyers, tavern.....Phillipsburg

WITHDRAWN.

Roston Veilderfer, tavern.....Snow Shoe

The decision on the one that was held over will be withheld until the regular session of April term of court. Up to date 38 licenses have been granted this season which is considerable of an increase on the former number.

Presidential Bee.

Gen. Hastings' name is frequently mentioned in presidential politics. His monster vote for governor attracted great attention and puts him in good shape. The following is an extract from a political article in the *Harrisburg Patriot*:

"The Governor has presidential aspirations and believes that with the party leaders working in harmony with him he can secure the solid Pennsylvania delegation to the next national convention, and this would make him a very formidable candidate for the nomination. With the bitter contest that is certain to be made for the honor between the friends of Harrison, McKinley and Cleveland the supporters of the governor think they see for him a splendid chance to secure the nomination as a compromise candidate."

As we said before, if a republican should be elected to the presidency we would be proud to have Bellefonte furnish the man.

The Hornet.

On the 22nd of February D. E. Holter, J. D. Thompson, W. H. Long and J. B. Wetzel, of Howard, filed in our court a bill in equity against D. S. Dunham, F. S. Dunham and Mrs. C. K. Dunham, issuing a preliminary injunction against them forbidding them from having anything to do with the printing plant of the *Hornet*. However the *Hornet* was published right along. Of the parties bringing these proceedings there were two who had any interest in the plant, D. E. Holter having but \$181.75 and Mr. Wetzel about \$310, the balance being owned by the Dunhams. Last Saturday the matter came up for a hearing, the injunction and other proceedings were withdrawn and dismissed, which leaves the Dunham's the sole owners of the *Hornet* printing plant, at Howard. (X)

He Could Spell.

Abraham Lincoln in his schoolboy days was a champion speller, and was, moreover, a most ready and obliging prompter, consequently when an unusually difficult spelling lesson was to be recited the future president was excused from the room. On one occasion the word "defied" had been around the class once and was on its second trip, the class being a unit in the opinion that it was spelled with a "y." As it neared a little favorite of Lincoln's he looked at her through a rear window, caught her attention, stuck his finger in one eye and winked with the other. The quick witted girl understood, spelled it correctly and Abe was never suspected of helping that spelling class.

A Question For Young Men.

Some one has said: "He who marries for love, gets a wife; who marries for position, gets a lady; who marries for fortune, gets a mistress." If you are sick your wife will nurse you; your lady will visit you and your mistress will inquire about your health. If you die, your wife will weep for you; your lady will lament and your mistress wear mourning. Which of these do you prefer.

THAT NEW TOWNSHIP.

AN ARGUMENT FOR THE CHANGE.

Some of the Advantages to be derived.—The Election on Saturday to settle the dispute.

The move to create a new township out of the North precinct of Boggs township and the southern end of Snow Shoe township, is attracting some interest in that community. The statement of the case in our last issue was an important one, but the opinions given by a Boggs township citizen were not approved by some living in the proposed new district. The following communication was sent us for publication giving some views on the other side:

Editor CENTRE DEMOCRAT:

Some of the county papers last week contained articles on the proposed new township in Centre county, but so far as we observed, they all dwelt on one side only, that being in opposition to said new township. In most questions there are two sides and this one is not an exception to the rule. The writer of said articles spoke of the neck containing Snow Shoe pike which would make an awkward appearance and be an inconvenience to the western part of Boggs township. Now, would not the citizens of the West precinct of Boggs be far better off in their pan with a handle to it, than the citizens in the new township would be in their pan with no handle to it? They are two separate communities, parted by a great dividing ridge, and to be independent of each other to use one handle to two pans. It was well understood before the new township was laid out that the citizens of Wallace Run, in the western part of Boggs township, did not want to be taken into the new township, and for reasons. They are an intelligent community, composing a school district, and their main outlet to market and place of voting is down the valley of Wallace Run. The Snow Shoe pike is the principal road they have to keep up, and who has a better right to keep up the road than those who use it?

The proposed new township will have fully as many roads to keep up as the balance of Boggs township has. It is claimed that the new township will get the advantage of some unseated land tax which would be stricken from Boggs township. That would not be a material loss to Boggs, for more than half of the unseated land in the new township would come off of Snow Shoe township. Why should not the citizens of the new township have some advantages or means of paying taxes, other than by depending entirely upon their farm products, located as they are, so far from market and all the conveniences which attend a community located near railroads, shops, stores, postoffices, etc.

Give them the means of self-government and they will be happy and Boggs township will feel the better of having done as they would be done by. We suggest a change in the western line of Boggs township, which would be an advantage to Boggs and not objected to by Union township. Thus beginning the dividing line at the present corner of Boggs and Union on Muncy mountain and bear more w.ward than the present dividing line so as to pass over the dividing ridge between Wallace Run and Bush Hollow, taking one school district from Union and adding to Boggs.

BY ONE WHO WAS ON THE GROUND

"OTHELLO" THE MOOR.

A communication appears in the *Daily News*, relative to this New Township, signed "Othello" and it may be "A Moor" for all we know, but from the long ears that crop out we think we discover the identity of the writer in Ivy Walker, the instigator and agitator of this move. Irv. is considerable of a statesman, and it is no wonder that he wants a little kingdom of his own up there in Boggs township.

We don't blame our friend Walker for wanting a new township, as it would give him a chance to get an office, something the republican party has unjustly denied him these many years.

Up to this date Walker has fared exceedingly well, in the project. In the bill of costs returned thus far there is an item of \$20 paid him as chairman, and \$20 paid to his son W. D. Walker, as axeman, \$40 in all. Then a bill of \$22.50 was refused by court for board of viewers, and we understand that they were entertained at the house of this same statesman who was the most interested party in this project. That in itself is sufficient to set aside the report of the viewers. This is an established legal principle. For our friend's sake we quote from: *No 8 County Court Reports*.

"Where road viewers are entertained at the private house of one of the petitioners, before proceeding to discharge their duties, their report will be set aside."

We publish the above to remind our friend Walker that we are editing our own paper, and to inform the people of Boggs township why Walker was so greatly interested. He got some pocket money, anyhow, for his trouble.

WAS IT BUTTER.

Editor Palm, of the Meadville "Messenger," comes to the front with the affidavits from the makers that the butterine exhibited by him at the February Meadville fair, and which took second prize as butter, was really butterine. He supplements this with his own affidavit that the butterine sent him was placed on exhibition. Unless disproof is offered Mr. Palm must be considered as having won his case, and to have fairly shown that butter experts cannot tell good factory-made butter from good cow's butter.

About State College.

The treasury department has reported, in response to the resolution of Representative Lawrence asking the total sums appropriated by the state to the Pennsylvania state college, near Bellefonte, that prior to 1857 the institution had been granted \$276,900 and since that date \$490,220, or a total \$767,120. From the United States the college has received \$450,000 in land scrip and \$85,000 in a continuing appropriation. The land scrip fund is held by the state which pays the college \$30,000 annual interest thereon.

To similar schools Iowa has appropriated \$409,000; Illinois \$500,000; Massachusetts \$700,000; Minnesota, \$600,000; Missouri, \$2,000,000; Wisconsin, 1,000,000 and an annual grant of \$300,000; Ohio, \$600,000 and Arkansas \$30,000. Not one of these States has the resources of Pennsylvania. The real objection is not that the State has done something to maintain the school in Centre county, but that it should hesitate to place this Commonwealth in the very first rank as to higher education.

Postmaster at Rote.

W. J. Burrel has been appointed postmaster at Rote, Clinton county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bathurst.

The following letters remain in the Bellefonte post office uncalled for March 11th, 1895: H. E. Beaver, Mrs. E. J. Deitz, Jas. P. Fleming, Miss Little Grove, Mary Jane Grindstone, Mr. W. H. Weaver, Mrs. F. W. Wilkison, Mrs. Ida White. When called for please say advertised. D. F. FORTNEY, P. M.

HALF HOLIDAY.

On and after April 1st the banks in Bellefonte will observe the Saturday half holiday by closing their doors at 12 o'clock noon. All persons should take notice of this fact so that business can be attended to in the mornings on Saturdays. March 14.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Red wheat, per bushel.....	35
Rye, per bushel.....	30
Corn, ears per bushel, new.....	25
Corn, shelled per bushel.....	30
Oats—new per bushel.....	20
Barley, per bushel.....	30
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	30
Ground plaster, per ton.....	5.00

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES & C. (as corrected weekly by Bauer & Co.)	
Apples, dried, per pound.....	10
Cherries, dried per pound, seeded.....	10
Beans, per quart.....	10
Onions, per bushel.....	70
Butter, per pound.....	20
Tallow, per pound.....	5
Country Shoulders.....	10
sides.....	10
Hams.....	15
Hams sugar cured.....	15
Breakfast Bacon.....	15
Lard, per pound.....	7
Eggs per dozen.....	75
Potatoes per bushel, new.....	60
Dried Sweet Corn per pound.....	20

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