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### Editorial.

The thought of spring bonnets makes the average man sad.

New democratic leaders are sadly needed in Pennsylvania.

WHAT has become of "Othello," of Boggs township? He has not been heard of since last Saturday.

THERE is a strong sentiment among democrats to call the Hon. James Kerr to the leadership of the democratic party in Pennsylvania.

THE Bellefonte board auditors are at work and many are anxious to see what disposition they will make of the poor account. Will they audit?

SPAIN has been called to time for a man-of-war firing upon an American vessel near Cuba. Nothing short of an apology and assurance that such conduct will not be repeated will be accepted.

IN case the supreme court should declare the income tax unconstitutional, an extra session of congress would be called. The case was argued last week and the result is anxiously awaited by the people.

THE legislature at Harrisburg is notorious for creating new offices, increasing salaries of public officials and passing corporation measures. Honest Robert E. Pattison makes a strong comparison with the present state of affairs.

THERE have been too many factional differences among the democrats of Pennsylvania. From the record of the past few years it might be well for our present leaders to take a back seat, their only use seems to have been constant quarrels and hankering after public patronage.

**The Land of Flowers.**  
The next and last of this season's series of tours to Jacksonville, Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia on March 26, and the rate, including round trip transportation and meals and Pullman berth on special train going, is \$50 from New York and \$45 from Philadelphia; proportionate rates from other points. Tickets for this tour will be good for return passage on regular trains until May 31.

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.

**Judicial Districts.**  
The house judicial apportionment committee has brought out a bill which practically leaves the judicial districts in their present shape, except that it creates six additional judgeships. Centre is detached from Huntingdon and made a separate district. Schuylkill is given a separate orphan's court and Delaware, Lancaster, Washington and Westmoreland are each given an additional law judge. The senate judicial apportionment committee is not expected to make any change in the bill.

**Glee Club Tour.**  
The Penna. State College Glee and Bango clubs have arranged for another tour, this time it will be through the western part of the state. On Wednesday evening March 27, they will be at the Academy of Music in Tyrone; Friday evening 29th at Greensburg; Saturday evening 30th at Butler and Monday April 1st at New Castle. Several other points will be visited on this trip.

**We Haven't Any Such.**  
The ideal school director lives in old Fayette county, Pa., and his name is Richter. At the meeting of a local teachers institute this week he advocated the plan of reducing teachers wages and compelling them to chop their own firewood. He ridiculed the idea that the world is round, claiming that it is square and supported by props.

**In Trouble Again.**  
The Lock Haven Democrat of Tuesday says: W. W. Pettingill, of this city, was arrested Monday on a serious charge of attempted abortion, preferred by a young woman named May Hilton, of near Williamsport. He furnished bail for his appearance at the Lycoming county court.

## M. E. CONFERENCE

### ADJOURNED AT TYRONE ON MONDAY.

List of Appointments for the Altoona District—A few important Statistics Showing the Standing of the Church.

During the last week the M. E. conference was in session at Tyrone, Pa., and that meant a great throng of people from all sections of the state. On Monday the closing session occurred and to many it was the most important of the week, as the announcement of ministerial assignments were made. The following is the list for the ALTOONA DISTRICT.

David S. Monroe, presiding elder. Altoona, Allegheny, George W. McIlenny (supply); Altoona, Asbury to be supplied; Altoona, Chestnut Avenue, John W. Rue; Altoona, Eighth Avenue, J. Ellis Bell; Altoona, Epworth mission, to be supplied; Altoona, Fifth Avenue, Samuel W. Sears; Altoona, First church, Martin L. Ganoe; Altoona, North, Crawford L. Benscoter; Altoona, Simpson church, George M. Hoke; Ansonville, David F. Kapp (supply); Bellefonte, G. Tarring Gray; Bellwood, Emory M. Stevens; Birmingham, John W. Glover; Centre to be supplied; Clearfield, William A. Stephens; Coalport and Irvona, Richard H. Warton; Curwensville, J. Patton Moore; Dumansville, George Warren; Glen Hope, Emmanuel W. Wanner; Half Moon, George A. Singer; Hastings, Harry W. Baker; Hollidaysburg, Charles V. Hartzell; Houtzdale, Herman H. Crotley; Howard, John W. Forrest; Karthaus, Bruce Hughes; Lumber City, Wilbert W. Cadle; Martinsburg and Woodbury, Jeremiah B. Brenneman; McKees Gap, George F. Boggs; Mehaffey, Charles W. Russell; Milesburg and Unionville, George E. King; Morrisdale, Walter R. Whitney; New Washington, Job Truax (supply); Osceola, William R. Picken; Patton, Charles W. Wasson; Pennsylvania, Ralph W. Hingsworth; Phillipsburg, Alexander R. Miller; Pleasant Gap, John C. Young; Port Matilda, Gideon P. Sarvis (supply); Ramey, Charles A. Biddle; Roaring Spring, Edwin H. Witman; Shawmut, David E. Phillips (supply); Snow Shoe, Henry N. Minnigh; State College, Asbury W. Guyer; Tyrone, First church, Richard H. Gilbert; Columbia avenue, Vaughn T. Rue; Utahville, Lemuel L. Logan (supply); Wallacetown, George Traub; Warriors Mark, Hugh Strain; West Clearfield, Lyons M. Brady; Williamsburg, Frank W. Leidy; Woodland and Bradford, Robert L. Armstrong; Samuel Blair, city missionary, member of First church quarterly conference, Altoona; supernumerary and superannuated teachers, John A. Woodcock, George B. Ague, John W. Olewine, James H. McGarrath, Lewis A. Rudistill.

To give an account of the various sessions would be too extensive but the following statistics may be of interest to most of our readers.

**A FEW STATISTICS.**  
From the statistical tables the following figures are taken: Probationers: Altoona district, 2,332; total of all districts, 8,833. Full members for all the districts, 56,526; Sunday school scholars, 69,909, an increase of 609. The value of church property is \$2,439,385, an increase of \$3,055. Parsonage property is valued at \$398,700 an increase of \$3,378. The indebtedness on church property is 162,567 a decrease of \$2,932.

The conversions in the Sunday schools number 3,537. The deficiencies in salary in them: Altoona district, \$2,817; For church extension the conference has given \$3,050. Sunday school union, \$439, tracts, \$413, Freedmen's Aid and Southern education, \$2,988. Education children's fund, 2,244; other educational objects, \$943; Bible society, \$51; Woman's Home Missionary society, \$3,940; Woman's Foreign Missionary society, \$3,887; general conference expenses, \$707; other collections, \$2,556; missions, \$42,671.

**Evangelical Appointments.**  
At the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical church at York, Pa., the following are some of the appointments announced, for this section: CENTRE DISTRICT.

A. Stapleton, presiding elder—Lewisburg, George Joseph; Patterson, J. D. Shortess; McClure, P. C. Weidmeyer; Middleburg, J. H. Hertz; Fort Trevorton, S. E. Davis; New Berlin, W. W. Rhodes; Millmont, E. W. Kooz; Centre, J. J. Lohr; Spring Mills, D. W. Miller; Brush Valley, D. L. Kepner; Sugar Valley, D. P. Shaemer; Nittany Valley, I. M. Pines; Howard, J. R. Sechrist; Centre Hall, C. H. Goodling; Bellefonte, G. E. Zehner; Buffalo, J. Shambach; Prof. A. E. Goble, D.

D. and J. G. M. Swengle, members of New Berlin quarterly conference; P. F. Jarrett and Noah Doshier, members of Middleburg quarterly conference.

**LEWISBURG DISTRICT.**  
Henry W. Buck, presiding elder—Lewisburg, C. W. Finkbinder; Milton, M. E. Fosselman; Milton circuit, F. H. Foss; Washingtonville, E. B. Dunn; Muncy Valley, W. J. Campbell; Dushore, D. A. Artman; Burnice and Lopes, I. E. Spangler; Danville, J. Womelsdorf; Bloomsburg, G. W. Curran; Light Street, H. Minkor; Waller, G. W. Helney; Columbia, C. D. Moore; Berwick, J. C. Reeser; Nescopeck, J. A. Dunlap; Nanticoke, S. S. Mummy; Ransom, E. E. Shaffer; Tunkhannock circuit, F. F. Mayer; Tunkhannock, C. W. Hipple; Scranton, Zion, G. L. Mace; Scranton, Trinity, J. G. Whitmire; Zion Grove, S. Aurnad; Luzerne, E. Fulcomer; West Clifford, A. W. Chamberlain; Nickleson, G. L. Burson, A. L. Reeser, G. Hunter and E. Swengel members of Lewisburg quarterly conference. C. J. Dick member of Columbia quarterly conference.

**WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.**  
W. E. Detweiler, presiding elder—Lock Haven, H. A. Benfer; Lock Haven circuit, J. D. Stover; Jersey Shore, G. M. King; Lycoming, J. B. Fox; Williamsport, First Church, J. A. Hollenbach; St. Pauls, M. I. Jamison; Newberry, W. H. Lilly; Williamsport, S. E. Kooz; Williamsport circuit, J. F. Shultz; Hughesville, C. F. Jones; Liberty, M. A. Kenney; East Point, W. H. Stover; Grover, W. E. Brillhart; Wayland, J. W. Thompson; Steuben circuit, I. E. Dayton; White Deer, H. A. Stover; Penedale, A. Williamson, R. Young, members of Jersey Shore quarterly conference.

**Mattern Reunion.**  
A meeting of representatives of the Mattern family occurred in Herald hall, Tyrone, Pa., on Friday afternoon. The time for holding the family reunion will be at Warriorsmark on the 13th of June next. The reunion will be in the form of a basket picnic and will be held in the beautiful grove adjacent to that town. All members of the family and the connection are privileged to invite their friends to be present. Reports were heard from some of the members of the historical committee who are progressing in the work assigned them, and it is expected that the preparation of the family history will be most complete. A programme of exercises will be arranged, and among the numbers upon it will be an address of welcome and other addresses by persons who will be selected by the committee.

**A Long Ride.**  
There has been in several exchanges an article about a cowboy and his wife riding all the way from Wyoming to this country on broncos, a distance of 5,000 miles. The cowboy is William Pearson whose parents live near Dysart, and the young western came all the way to Pennsylvania to see his father who was lying ill at Altoona hospital, and he arrived just a few days before his death. Mr. Pearson and his wife were four months making the trip to Cambria county. They carried with them a few cooking utensils, clothes and eatables.

**Large Walnut Trees.**  
Walnut trees are now being felled in this county and sent to England where they are being used for veneering purposes. Eight trees of this species of wood were taken from the land of George Crawford, in Pine Creek township, which are worthy of special mention, owing to their large size. From one of the trees a log was cut which was thirteen feet long and forty-four inches in diameter. This tree was believed to be as large if not larger than any tree in the state of Pennsylvania. —Lock Haven Democrat.

**The First Time Since Christ's Death.**  
Astronomers say that on Good Friday next, April 12, the heavenly bodies which gravitate round the sun will be in exactly the same position they occupied in the firmament the day Christ died on the cross. It will be the first time such a thing has occurred since that great day, 1,862 years ago. That was the thirty-third year of the Christian era, which dates from the birth of Jesus Christ. At 11:20 p. m. on April 11, New York time, the moon will pass before (Spica), and hide that constellation for over an hour.

**Department of Agriculture.**  
Governor Hastings has signed the bill creating a department of agriculture. He also announced his appointments for the offices in the new department. Thomas S. Eidge, of Harrisburg, is made secretary and R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, is made deputy secretary. By the approval of the bill Governor Hastings wiped out the dairy and food commissioners office, and that of forestry commissioner. The repealing clause disposed of all the separate acts.

**Gregg Top's Blizzard Bill.**  
At Gregg township's audit, the other day, the bills for shoveling snow to open the township roads, run up to \$500 and that there were still a few claims out and unsettled for. As this expenditure went to home hands most of whom were out of work it has one consoling feature. In other townships of the county the expense of clearing the roads will be equally as large.

## TO PENSIONERS.

### Information Relative to Vouchers for the Increase.

Captain Skinner, the United States pension agent at Pittsburg, Pa., under date of March 6, 1895, was advised by commissioner of pensions that it was not the intention of the interior department to issue increase certificates in any of the cases favorably affected by the act of March 2, 1895, which provides all pensioners now on the rolls pensioned at less than six dollars per month, shall have their pension increased to six dollars.

In order to facilitate the payment of the increase, Captain Skinner was instructed by the bureau to prepare and forward to each pensioner, the rate of whose pension had been increased by said act, a new voucher to take the place of that already sent out with the check for the January payment, to be executed by said pensioner on or after April 4, 1895, adding to the regular quarterly payment at the old rate, the additional amount due such pensioner from March 2, 1895, under the provision of said act, and requesting the pensioner to return the voucher already in his possession for cancellation.

This new voucher will be accompanied by a circular which should be attached firmly to the pension certificate in the possession of the pensioner, as the same must be exhibited to the officers before whom the vouchers shall be hereafter executed, in explanation of the difference in the rate expressed in future vouchers and that contained in the pension certificate.

All officers, including fourth class postmasters, who are authorized to administer oaths in the execution of pension vouchers, as well as the pensioners affected by said act, should note carefully these instructions.

### Does This Mean You?

"The Saunterer" in the Altoona Tribune gets off some good things and here is one of them: The man who spends not less than \$20 a year for tobacco complained yesterday that he could not afford to take a newspaper, or a monthly magazine. "They cost too much," he exclaimed. "I wouldn't mind paying 50 cents a year for a real good paper, but I draw the line at that. If I cashed in one for that sum I'll do without." And then he walked into a handy pool room, which had a bar attachment, and dropped two or three dollars. In the meantime his children are growing up with vacant minds, and since they find few attractions at home are rapidly learning the lesson of the street.

### John T. Johnson III.

On Tuesday evening a dispatch was received from Harrisburg stating that Mr. John T. Johnson, of Bellefonte, who holds a position in the department of internal affairs was suddenly taken ill that afternoon while at his desk. He became unconscious and was taken at once to the city hospital for treatment. Mrs. Johnson and son George, of this place left on the night train.

The latest from the bedside of the patient is that on Wednesday afternoon he was resting easier and not immediate danger and had regained consciousness. It is thought that he was stricken with paralysis and there is much concern felt for his recovery, as he had been in failing health for some time.

### Attempt to Kill.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Harry Thomas, who lives with his wife at Centre Hall, was arrested on a charge of aggravate assault and attempt to kill, by his wife. He was brought to Bellefonte by the officer and given a hearing before Justice Keichline who committed him for court. He is accused of brutal treatment of his wife during the past six months, and quite recently attempted to kill her with a razor.

Harry Thomas is a young man and formerly a resident of Ferguson township.

### Central City Items.

The Misses McKee, of Mahaffey, Pa., accompanied by Mr. Harry Meyer of Lloydsville, Pa., arrived in Central City March 9th, and were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Meyer; they were favored with many callers and on Monday evening our band tendered them a serenade. On Tuesday they visited friends in Bellefonte and were very much pleased with the city and its surroundings. They departed on Thursday much delighted with their visit.

### Special Train.

On Friday evening a special train will be run over the Central Railroad from Bellefonte to Mill Hall to accommodate all who want to attend the production of "County Fair in the opera house. A single fare rate for round trip will be charged. Train returns immediately after the performance.

## RELIGIOUS GARB BILL.

### EXCITING MUCH INTEREST IN THE STATE.

Strong Opposition to it—Characterized as Religious Persecution—The P. O. S. of A. Active.

The religious garb bill, to prevent instructors in the public schools of the state from wearing any religious insignia while in the performance of their duty, has caused much excitement. The house passed the bill by a decided majority last week. Representatives of the P. O. S. of A. were on hand taking an active part in the fight. Representative Spangler made a bitter attack upon the catholics that created a storm.

Bishop McGovern, recently published a long letter denouncing the measure as religious bigotry and persecution of catholics in particular, and he denounced in bitter terms the promoters and defenders of the measure.

The Patriot says: The fight against the religious garb bill, which proved ineffective in the house, will be renewed in the senate. The opponents of the measure admit they cannot prevent its passage, but they believe they have an even chance of eliminating the penalty clause. This provision of the bill was stricken out by the house general judiciary committee and then restored when it was under consideration on second reading. If this change is made the friends of the bill say it will be practically a dead letter on the statute books. A member of the legislative committee of the Junior Order of American Mechanics said yesterday that a canvass would be made of the senate this week in the interest of the bill. He was satisfied it would go through in the form it passed the house and would receive the approval of the governor.

The bill is agitating the Menonites of Lancaster county and efforts are being made by them to kill it. J. A. Resler, of Ronks, has written a letter to Governor Hastings on the subject.

"I am a Menonite and a teacher of eleven years experience. We believe it to be against the principles of Christianity to use the law on the aggressive but to be perfectly in harmony with those principles to defend ourselves by the law when we are persecuted for doing that which we believe to be right. It is therefore, probable, that if the religious garb bill should become a law its constitutionality would be tested. The absurdity of such a law must be apparent. The Menonites are republicans almost to a man. If this bill becomes a law it will be difficult to persuade them to vote the republican ticket. It may be that the bill will not reach your hand, but if it does please consider our side of the case."

### Snowed Under.

For some time to come the inhabitants of Boggs township can dwell together in peace. Last Saturday the voters of this township went to the polls to settle the question as to whether the township should have a good slice taken out of it for the purpose of forming a new township out of the Northern precinct and part of Snow Shoe township. A large vote was polled, and as was generally expected the scheme was completely snowed under. The following is the vote in the different precincts:

BOGGS TOWNSHIP.		
North Precinct	FOR	AGAINST.
West	69	12
East	149	31
	218	43
Totals	265	81
Majority	184	

This should settle the matter for some time. It no doubt was a surprise to our friend Irv. Walker whose fondest hopes have been again set aside.

### Hastings First Choice for '96.

Of the republicans in the Legislature a poll which is published in the Telegraph shows the following preferences for President to succeed President Cleveland.

Hastings, 39, Reed, 19, Allison, 2, Cameron, 1, Depew, 1, McKinley, 20, Harrison, 7, Quay, 1, Sherman, 1.

Many Senators and members declined to be quoted, but Governor Hastings is apparently a favorite as first choice.

### New Dress.

There are few papers that come to our table that are as neatly gotten up and well edited as the Altoona Tribune. Last week it was changed in form from a four to an eight-page paper, and has adopted an entirely new dress of type. The Tribune is prospering and merits it, as it is one of our best inland dailies.

## TO SINK ANOTHER WELL.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Salt Lick Gas and Oil Company was held Monday at Lock Haven. There was a large attendance and 504 shares of stock were represented at the meeting. The election for directors of company followed. A resolution was adopted authorizing the president and secretary to sell 400 more shares of stock. One hundred of the shares were at once taken by the stockholders present at the meeting.

The company decided to commence the work of putting down another well as soon as the weather permits. The new well will be drilled about one mile from the spot where the well was put down last fall. The snow in that section is from 3 to 4 feet deep and nothing can be done at present on that account. The drilling of the new well will be begun as soon as the snow disappears and the weather permits.

### The New Bridge to Be Built.

Commissioners Goodhart, Strohm, and Adams of Centre county, and Reed, Rosand Woolridge, of Clearfield county met in joint council at the Republican headquarters in Gray's building last week and decided to build a new bridge across the Moshannon at the foot of presqueisle street. A plan of a bridge prepared by Engineer A. E. Hess, of the Clearfield Traction company, was submitted by Mr. John G. Platt and was approved by the commissioners. The plan showed an iron truss bridge, single span, 120 feet long. The wagon roadway is eighteen feet wide, and is flanked on the up-stream side by the electric roadway, eleven feet wide, and on the down-stream side by a foot walk seven feet wide. As soon as plans and specifications can be prepared the letting will be advertised and work will begin as soon as possible. There were present yesterday two representatives of bridge building firms, viz: A. Nelson, of Chambersburg, and L. Brown, of Pittsburg.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

## THE GLOBE!

This is the name by which the new

### DRY GOODS & MILINERY

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