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Editorial.

The good effects of the Wilson tariff bill is gradually beginning to dawn upon the people.

There has been an advance of wages among the coke workers in the western part of the state.

An interesting article appears in another column upon what constitutes true democracy. Don't miss it.

The determination of Cleveland to uphold the integrity of the nation to its obligations put a check to the gold flurry.

The condition of the national treasury is improving. The income tax, coming from those who are most abundantly able to pay, will be another great help.

JUDGE BAKER has decided that the scalp law is unconstitutional, therefore no bounty will be paid by the commissioners of Cambria county for fox scalps.

The bill to prohibit the killing of deer in the state under a penalty of \$300 for five years, after October 1 next, passed finally after much discussion. Many hunters do not approve of this measure. But at the rate deer are being slaughtered they are liable to become exterminated in a short time.

The following pointed remarks are said to have passed in high official circles recently. A citizen of Bellefonte recommended a certain legal friend for the appointment to the Appellate Judiciary. The Governor replied that the application would receive "careful attention" etc., in a return letter. This letter was sent back to the Executive with the following significant postscript: "Yes Dan! You will like it—!" Another gentleman, who recently interviewed the Executive says there is but one thing that will interfere in this appointment being made, as Dan had said "I'll be d— if I'll do it," and thereupon the appointment hinges. No names are mentioned in consideration of the persons interested.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph has some private advices covering the cost to this country of the second Cleveland administration, and the figures given are about as large as any organ could rightly be expected to print as a partisan authority in government finance. The cost is placed at \$10,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000, the mere matter of a few billions of dollars by way of margin not being worth the bother to explain. If the Pittsburgh paper is correct this country is a ruin, says the Philadelphia Times sarcastically. The census of 1890 gives the aggregate real and personal wealth of the states and territories at \$17,000,000,000. Here is only a trifle of \$2,000,000,000 left, and since this condition is so, or nearly so, or might be so, what became of the \$15,000,000,000 wiped out in the past two years? Of course the \$2,000,000,000 remaining must be represented in Pittsburgh, where the iron and steel industries are rushing along on big orders, and where the miners and coopers have just suffered from a fifteen per cent. increase in wages.

Sudden Death.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Michael Strohm died suddenly at her home at Centre Hill, from a stroke of paralysis. She was aged about 69 years; her husband and three children James B. Strohm county commissioner, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Wm. Kerr, of Centre Hill; and Mrs. W. W. Bayard of Pittsburgh, survive her. The interment occurred on Tuesday and was largely attended. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Barney Wagner dec'd, of Centre Hill.

The following is going the rounds of the papers: "Evidences of coal have been found in the mountains north of Millinburg and an effort to find a vein is now being made. The people living in that locality have raised a fund and have engaged prospectors and drilling apparatus." Bellefonte's Board of Trade should start a real estate boom here by starting a gold mine or silver quartz operation. Some of our adjoining communities are getting a slight lead on us.

DEMOCRACY DEFINED.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES DEFINED.

The Errors of its Agents and Servants will not kill it—Principles Never go wrong but Men Often do.

The few who believe, and more who pretended to believe, that the democratic party is rent in twain and destined to defeat in 1896 and thereafter, will do well to reflect that it survived the disastrous division of 1860 and the fatalities of the war, to again become the chosen instrumentality of the people in the executive and legislative branches of the government.

The errors by its servants and agents either by omission or commission, count nothing against the fundamental principles of free government upon which it is founded. Men go wrong and men die, but principles never. Mistakes in policies and dereliction of duty on the part of those temporarily clothed with authority may for the time being alienate the impetuous masses, clamoring for redress of grievances caused and placed upon them by thirty years of republican legislation and maladministration, yet they "go but to return."

All of the democratic statesmen could go radically wrong or die at once and still the democratic party would live and the prime ideas upon which it is built would remain in the hearts of a majority of the voters of the United States as immutable, indestructible and imperishable as the Declaration of Independence.

Once a thorough and sincere democrat, always a democrat by whatever name the voter passes through the ceaseless and changing conflicts of political parties.

It was the democratic idea that promoted Moses to seek liberty and ease his people from bondage; that planted the Jamestown colony and later on glorified Plymouth Rock and Bunker Hill; that gave prophetic vision to Thomas Jefferson and guided his pen to write the peerless instrument that stands first among the classics of political literature; that inspired the hearts of Brian the brave, Robert Emmet, Daniel O'Connell, Thomas Davis, Tom Moore and the illustrious and beloved Parnell; that armed the tongue and brain of Toussaint L'Ouverture in his work for freedom; that has given birth to republics in the old world and the new; that wrung from old King John the Magna Charta in the thirteenth century; that stamped out kingly royalty in America and placed in the constitution of the United States that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people." Summed up, it advocates and demands that "That government is best that governs least."

Therefore, let not those of little faith the faint-hearted and the backbonesless who have gone along with the flood tide of democratic success in 1892 think now that their backsliding imperils democratic success in the future or augurs democratic disintegration and defeat. The last sun that shines on this nation of free and independent people will pierce the mists of the Pacific slope to kiss the folds of the red stripes and bright stars of the democratic party.

National Guardsman Pensioned.

National Guardsmen will be interested in learning that Governor Hastings last week signed the bill giving William H. Snowden, of the fourteenth regiment, a pension of twelve dollars a month. Snowden contracted disease at Homestead while in service during the strike at the Carnegie steel mills in 1892. His lower limbs are now paralyzed. He will draw a back pension of twelve dollars a month from the time the trouble originated and will be continued on the pay roll of the state so long as he has the disability.

Clearfield Coal Operators Combine.

The demoralized condition of the bituminous coal trade in Pennsylvania is to be corrected by the operators. The leading operators of the Clearfield region met a few days ago and formed an organization to be known as the Operators Association of the Clearfield region. It was decided that the output should be lessened and that the association should pool the production of the entire region.

Married.

At the Lutheran parsonage Snyderstown, Pa., Mr. Frank Dunkle and Miss Bertha M. McClintock, both of Mingo, were united in holy matrimony, the 29th of March, by Rev. W. K. Diehl.

ONE JUDGE'S OPINION.

Reading of the Bible in Public Schools Practically Declared Illegal.

By a decision of Judge Gunster at Scranton, Pa., in the Waverly borough school case the reading of the Bible in the public schools of Pennsylvania was practically declared illegal. A preliminary injunction was granted by Judge Gunster against Professor Hanyon, the principal of the Waverly borough school, forbidding him to conduct religious exercises in the school. A demurrer was taken by Professor Hanyon to the injunction, in which it was held that the court had no jurisdiction in the case, but the school directors alone had the power to regulate the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Judge Gunster dismissed the demurrer and ruled that the only questions to be decided was one of law, and on that point there was no doubt. In his opinion the judge said:

"It is too plain for argument that denominational religious exercises and instruction in sectarian doctrines have no place in our system of common school education. They are not only not authorized by any law, common or statutory but are expressly prohibited and forbidden by our constitution. The fundamental law of the commonwealth."

Quoting from the constitution and acts of assembly which comment thereon, Judge Gunster concluded his ruling as follows: "If it be true, as charged in the bill, that Professor Hanyon is conducting sectarian or denominational religious exercises with the pupils under his charge, whether these exercises be according to the form of the Methodist Episcopal church or of any other church he ought to discontinue doing so and it is the duty of the directors, if the abuse exists, to see that it is eradicated at once."

Purchased a Paper.

On Thursday afternoon of last week, Mr. Wm. L. Kurtz, of Berlin, Somerset county, Pa., purchased the *Lewisburg Journal* office, at Lewisburg, Pa., and will take charge of the plant about May 1st. The *Journal* is the only democratic paper published at Lewisburg, and is in its 30th volume. The new proprietor is a son of Fred Kurtz, Sr., editor of the *Centre Hill Reporter* and a brother of the publisher of this paper. Wm. Kurtz some years ago was a local editor of the *Reporter*, after that became interested in the firm of Kurtz & Son, millers, Centre Hill, and during the past six years conducted a hardware store, at Berlin, Pa.

Poor House Bill.

The bill changing the method of taking care of the poor, came up for final passage last week, in the Senate, but failed to receive the constitutional majority and was therefore lost. It is generally supposed that an effort will be made to reconsider the vote by which it was defeated. If that should happen another attempt will be made to pass it. It seems certain now that the effort to pass this bill will fail. This will no doubt be good news to many of our Centre county readers who are, by a great majority against a poor house.

The Church Progressing.

The erection of the new United Evangelical church at Tusseyville is progressing nicely. The foundation is dug and filled with stone in readiness for the stone mason. The size of the church is 32x50 and 14x20, with tower 8x8. It will be a handsome structure. Likely the corner stone will be laid April 28th, and the church will be ready for dedication some time in July or beginning of August. So far all the hauling of stone and lumber and other work was done gratis.

The Blindfolding of Justice.

Three prisoners who were placed in the eastern penitentiary, of this state, recently, prove how unevenly the scales of justice sometimes swing. Walter Driver, a poor colored man, of Norris-town, convicted of stealing chickens, was sentenced four years. At New Bloomfield Ex-Bankers Sponser and Junkins, found guilty of embezzling about \$112,000 of depositors funds, were punished by a sentence of one year each.

What the Cow Gave.

A man over in Clay township, Huntingdon county, went into his cow stable the other night and by mistake mixed her up a nice mash in a box full of sawdust instead of bran. The cow merely supposed hard times had come and they were all going to economize, meekly ate her supper and that man never discovered his mistake until the next morning when he milked that cow, and she let down half a gallon of turpentine, a quart of shoepegs and a bundle of lath.

A REMARKABLE CAPTURE.

On a recent Sunday afternoon while Messrs. David Koegh and Andrew Yeckl, of Gallitzin, were crossing Luke mountain, near Lloydsville, they were attacked by a huge female bear. The two men, although taken by surprise, made a brave fight, well knowing their lives were at stake, and finally succeeding in gaining the mastery. It was a desperate struggle as the torn clothes and lacerated flesh well testified. The bear was of extraordinary size, and upon examination, it was found that the ears of the bear were marked in a peculiar manner, the one being branded with a V and the left having three holes punctured in it. They paid no particular attention to this, and, after binding up each others wounds as well as they could, were about to resume their interrupted journey, when they heard a muffled growling issuing from a neighboring thicket. They at once determined to investigate and proceeded with extreme caution toward the spot from which the subdued sounds emanated. A few steps more and lying on the ground all cuddled together, they saw four cubs. They were as playful as kittens, and at the risk of securing a few slight scratches were picked up and taken home.

Saturday a telegram came from Geneva, Ohio, from a representative of Walter L. Malin's show. He had heard of the capture, and the marks found on the ears of the mother bear were identical with those of the huge grizzly that escaped from the wreck at Vail, near Tyrone, in May, 1893. It will be remembered that at the time of this wreck, among the animals that escaped was this large bear.—Ebensburg Herald.

Telephone Reduction.

On the 1st of April the telephone service in Bellefonte was greatly reduced. Heretofore the price for phone rent one year was \$48. Of late certain patents on the device used expired and left a chance for competitors to enter the market. Some time ago leading business men of Bellefonte began to consider the propriety of adopting a cheaper system. The present company, the Standard, acted wisely by reducing the annual rental. A telephone can now be had for \$30 per year. If an individual wire is wanted the price will be \$36. At these prices the telephones in our town should increase largely, as it puts it within reach of many who formerly considered it beyond their means.

The revision will only affect towns of 10,000 population, or under, having exchanges of their own, and will only apply to subscribers within a radius of one mile of the central office. The Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company controls all the territory in sixteen counties in the central part of the state, running from Scranton on the northeast to Cambria county on the west. In this district there are about 4,500 subscribers, two-thirds of which number will probably be affected, and this will mean an annual net reduction in revenue to the company of \$35,000; but they expect to more than make up this amount in the increased number of subscribers.

"Would go to Pieces."

The Warren Democrat is responsible for the following: A little girl in this city in saying her prayers the other night, was told to pray for her father and mother, who are both very ill, and for one of the servants who had lost her husband; she did as instructed and concluded with these words: "And now, O God, take good care of yourself, for if anything should happen you, we would all go to pieces, Amen."

Glass Works.

The Huntingdon Improvement company at a meeting on Monday evening, accepted the proposition of G. W. McGraw, of Duquesne, to establish a glass factory in that place, the output of which will be 100 gross bottles per day. The plant will cost \$8000 and will give employment to thirty-five skilled workmen and seventy-five laborers.

New Coupler Device.

A number of passenger coaches of the Pennsylvania railroad have been equipped with a new device for uncoupling Janney couplers, which takes the place of the old vertical lever pivoted on the platform. This new device is a vertical shaft terminating at the top in a hinged lever. It is considered an improvement on the old style.

Married.

By Ira C. Mitchell, minister of the gospel, at Garmans hotel, Bellefonte, Pa. on Thursday, March 29, 1895, Mr. John W. Leathers, of Marion township, Centre Co. Pa., and Miss Rachel E. Bartram, of Philadelphia, Pa.

MARSHALL MONOPOLY.

EFFECTS OF AN INFAMOUS MEASURE.

The price of oil Advanced—Something for Hastings' Subsidized Organ to Explain—More Apologies Needed to hide this Infamy.

When Hastings signed, what was then denounced as the infamous Marshall Pipe Line bill there was a universal remonstrance from every free-spoken journal in the state. The democrats, and many independent, fearless republican journals strongly denounced the Executive's course. They characterized it as an imposition upon the rights of the people by placing them at the mercy of one of the greatest monopolies in the state.

The regulation party organs, the subservient tools of their party, at once became Hastings' apologists. Like the familiar organettes, they will play any kind of a tune desired, if fed from a proper roll. No sooner had the Executive besmirched himself than his subsidized organ, the *Gazette*, likewise besmirched itself in its effort to offer an apology for the infamy.

The following taken from the Philadelphia Times is interesting in this connection:

"The Marshall pipe line repealer swept through the Legislature just as neatly as any of its most ardent advocates could have desired. The Governor signed it after giving the very reasons for his action that these same advocates expected him to give. In ten days time oil jumps from 75 cents to \$1.12, and the Standard monopoly's harvest begins. This the consumer will find to be a lovely affair as the days go on. The condition is the very one the Standard has been laboring for since 1883, and now that they have it oil tolls will go up. An increase of thirty-seven cents in the market rates since the Marshall repealer came into force shows what the harvest will be and what the tolls will amount by and by."

It is in order now for these willing apologists of infamy to explain this also.

The Hygiene of Kissing.

Love's heavenly artillery, the kiss, has been sadly maligned by the craft of Esculapius. Wooing lads and lassies have been warned by wise and unscientific doctors to refrain from the old-fashioned sugary custom as dangerous to the health. All the horrors of infection have been held up to an affrighted world, and mothers have even been forbidden to caress their little ones, as though the microbes of death lurked upon the most honeyed lips. It is only a common justice to outraged humanity kissing and kissable, that one doctor should arise as a prophet to lead us back to our old Eden. Dr. A. E. Bridger, a British physician, champions the kiss from a medical point of view in an unsentimental manner as his fellow-practitioners have declaimed against it. According to this new benefactor of the human race: the time-honored art of kissing is a sure cure for dyspepsia.

"In the act of kissing," states this dear doctor, "we encounter only beneficent organisms. The advantages of kissing outweigh its infinitesimal risk, for it provides us with microbes useful for digestion." Truly, Dr. Bridger must have kissed and been kissed by many sweet maids to render such an undyspeptic verdict; and without ungratefully quarreling with his Materia Medica, all of us will cheerfully accept his prescription—to be taken as often as deemed necessary. "These kiss-microbes," useful for digestion," can reasonably be taken both before and after meals without limiting one's self to a homeopathic dose. And, indeed, if there were more kissing there would certainly be less spiritual dyspepsia.

5th Anniversary.

On Wednesday evening 27th, the 5th anniversary of Millheim Castle K. G. E. was duly observed by a gathering of members at the residence of John Keen west of that town. A handsome new banner was presented to the castle by Messrs. J. H. B. Hartman and C. H. Breon. The castle has prospered in the past five years and was called upon for but six benefits.

A New Industry.

During the past few weeks some of the boys about Bellefonte have been making considerable spending money by gathering water cress and shipping it in barrel lots to the cities. Water cress grows quite abundantly in our fresh water streams and commands a good price. Water cress is considered a rare delicacy by many.

THE PROPOSED APPELLATE COURT.

It is generally assumed that the bill creating a new Appellate Court, having final jurisdiction in all cases where a limited amount under \$1,000 is involved will become a law and on all sides candidates for the new judicial positions are coming to the front.

The court will be in the nature of an experiment. The salary will be a temptation to the Common Pleas judges of the interior to accept the appointment if it comes their way. The proposed court will have five stopping places already provided for at Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Scranton and Williamsport, and with Erie possessing better claims than some of the other cities named.

It is said that many friends of the Hon. A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte, Pa., have pressed his name before the Gov. for consideration for one of these positions. Judge Furst is eminently qualified; possesses the legal training and experience for the place. Judge Furst is not an applicant for such an honor, but we have no hesitancy in saying that he no doubt would accept the position if tendered him.

Justice of Peace Appointed.

About a year ago by the death of James Duncan, Esq., a vacancy of Justice of the Peace was caused in Rush township. Owing to a fight for the place, the appointment of a successor was held over by Gov. Pattison, and the vacancy was to be chosen at the last election in February. Two candidates in the field were J. M. Claar, democrat, and T. R. Dubbs, republican. Strasser both received a vote in the two precincts.

This week a commission arrived from the department at Harrisburg appointing T. R. Dubbs, the republican candidate.

By the death of James C. Boal, Esq., at Centre Hill, there is a vacancy to be filled. There are a number of democratic applicants in the field, but as the appointment is in Gen. Hastings' hands it is conceded that A. J. Rossman, republican will get the commission.

New Cummings House.

On Monday morning Landlord Keller took full possession of the Cummings House, formerly kept by Gottlieb Haug, who still retains the license until the court orders a transfer. Mr. Keller has supplied the house throughout with new furniture and carpets, and has made many improvements. He will prove a genial landlord.

Artist Arrested.

H. A. Gripp, a German artist of Tyrone, who has been carrying on an extensive business of teaching crayon portrait work by mail, was notified by the postal authorities to suspend business and all mail delivery to him is stopped. He has been under bail for his appearance at the United States court in May.

Another License Granted.

On Tuesday at argument court application of Dorsey Meyers, of 1750 Lipsburg for tavern license, which was held over, was granted. Gottlieb Haug's license was transferred to D. C. Keller. A petition to reconsider R. G. Askey's application, of Rush township, which had been refused at last court, was also refused.

—Do you wear a truss? See ad. at Zeller & Son in another column.

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