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Editorial.

The talk of Cleveland for a third term is nonsense. Two terms are enough for any man, that is traditional from the time of Washington, and so let it be.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is to be admired for his pronounced views on the monetary question. He urges the gold standard and nothing else. Unlike other statesmen, his position is plain and clear.

The following is from Monday's report of the doings in the Legislature, as appeared in the *Pittsburg Post*:

"In the house a resolution by Mr. Womelsdorf, of Centre, called upon the United States government to use its influence to induce Spain to grant more independence to Cuba, did not receive the slightest consideration."

This is another brilliant representative sent to Harrisburg by democrats.

THE announcement of Wm. J. Singer, Esq., for re-election to the office of District Attorney appears in this issue. Mr. Singer has made an efficient official and we believe there will be no opposition to his nomination or uncertainty as to his re-election.

CUBA has an insurrection; Japan and Russia are likely to become involved over spoils of war; the British are making it hot for Nicaragua. Thus the world moves along. Truly the millennium is afar off.

On an inside page of this issue an article appears, "contest for a currency," that will prove interesting to many. The money question is the paramount issue and in the next presidential campaign may have the effect of obliterating old party lines. Everybody is discussing finance and it is well to keep abreast the times.

"COIN'S Financial School," the latest and best free coinage argument is being quite extensively read in this section and is making converts to the cause of free silver. It is an excellent production on the money question and contains much valuable information that most any reader can comprehend. It is well not to accept the conclusions as final until you have heard the other side of the question. A reply to this work, by Horace White, is worthy of careful study.

OLD John Bardsley, who was the treasurer of Philadelphia and stole a large portion of their funds, is anxious to get out of jail. A move is on foot to have his case considered by the next Board of Pardons. Bardsley was a republican and the Board of Pardons is also. It is safe to conclude that the old scoundrel will soon go free.

SENATOR QUAY is anxious to have the affairs of Philadelphia investigated and shown up. The republican leaders have fallen out among themselves and some exposures can be expected.

The salaries of the state officials last year as shown by the report of the auditor general were: Governor Pattison's was \$10,000; Secretary of the Commonwealth Hairy received a salary of \$4,000 fees for his own use, \$11,667 salary as member of the sinking fund commission, \$375; salary as a member of the board of pardons, \$500; salary as a member of the board of revenue commissioners, \$525; a total of \$17,967 for the year; Auditor General Gregg, salary, \$3,000, other boards, \$525, total \$3,525; State Treasurer Jackson, about the same; Attorney General Hensel, salary \$3,500, commissions for his own use, \$7,000; salary as member of the board of pardons, \$500; a total of \$11,000; Insurance Commissioner Luper, salary \$3,000, fees, \$4,370, total \$7,370. The total expenses of government for the year were \$2,058,512.19.

Wheat Advancing.
By glancing at our market quotations it will be noticed that wheat has advanced from 65 to 65 cents since last week. This is another encouraging sign of improvement in business. Other commodities have been increasing in the past month. At this rate the occupation of the calamity howler will soon be gone.

NEW APPORTIONMENTS.

THAT WILL AFFECT THIS DISTRICT.

Bills Introduced that will Considerably Change our Congressional and Senatorial Districts—May Pass Finally.

The congressional apportionment bill agreed upon by the house committee divides the state into thirty districts, an increase of two. One of these is given to Philadelphia and the other to Allegheny county. Their increase in population since the apportionment of 1887 entitles them to one congressman each. In the last congress the republicans had eighteen district congressmen and two at-large, or twenty in all, and the democrats ten. The Pennsylvania delegation in the fifty-fourth congress will stand, republicans, twenty-eight; democrats two.

The twenty-seventh district is changed, the counties of Clarion and Forest having been taken by the committee from the old twenty-eighth and attached to it. The district is republican, Clarion being the only democratic county. As Forest will offset it the new district will give about the same majority that Venango, Warren, McKean and Cameron, the old district, always rolled up. The Thirtieth district is composed of Elk, Clearfield and Clinton, the remains of the old Twenty-eighth. In 1892 these, with Clarion and Forest, gave a democratic majority of 4,001. Last Fall the same counties elected Arnold, republican, by 1,797. Elk, Clearfield and Centre are naturally democratic, although Hastings came within seventy-four votes last Fall of carrying Elk and won out in Clearfield and Centre by 1,027 and 821, respectively.

Proposed Senatorial District.

The senatorial reapportionment bill takes Clinton from Centre and Clearfield and places it with Tioga, Potter and Cameron, the four counties making the Twenty-fifth district. Other neighboring counties are assigned as follows: Twenty-sixth, Lycoming, Sullivan and Wyoming; Twenty-seventh, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Ferry; Thirty-first, Cambria and Blair; Thirty-third, Huntingdon and Franklin; Thirty-fourth, Clearfield and Centre.

73rd Anniversary.

The First Baptist church, at Milesburg, Pa., have decided to hold the 73rd anniversary of the church organization on the 18th of August, 1895. The services will be held eight days, beginning on Thursday evening, the 15th, and closing on Thursday evening the 22d. An invitation will be extended to all the old living pastors within reach, as well as to the neighboring Baptist ministers and the town clergy to take part in the festivities.

Our Centennial.

During the past week the various committees on centennial anniversary and firemen's convention have been actively engaged. From all directions come reports of a large gathering that will surpass all expectations. Bellefonte will celebrate in appropriate style their century mark, while the firemen will astonish the people by their demonstration. It will be a booming success.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia.

On the occasion of the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Temple, at Philadelphia, May 21, 1895, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell, on May 20 and 21, excursion tickets to Philadelphia and return, at a single fare for the round trip, with minimum rate of fifty cents. Tickets will be good for return passage until May 23 inclusive.

Rankin-Stott.

Edward Rankin, brother-in-law of Gov. Hastings, and Miss Annie Stott, of Bellefonte, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday evening of last week, Rev. J. W. Rue, of the Methodist church, officiating. Mr. Rankin has accepted a clerkship in the insurance department at Harrisburg.

Another Peach Orchard.

D. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall, a few days ago received a shipment of 400 peach trees which are being planted as a starter for a large peach orchard on his farm south of Linden Hall.

Decoration Day Orator.

Gregg Post, of this place, has secured Hon. S. F. Bowser, of Butler, to deliver the oration on Memorial day. Mr. Bowser is a prominent attorney and an orator of ability.

EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS.

In reply to a request to explain what is meant by the term "free and unlimited silver coinage," the *Detroit Journal* says the "free and unlimited silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 means that any owner of silver bullion may take it to the mint and have it coined, without charge for mintage, into silver dollars containing 371 grains of pure silver, or 412 grains of standard silver, the latter containing the coin alloy. At the present market price of silver bullion the amount of silver in a standard silver dollar is worth about 50 cents. If coinage were free and unlimited at the present ratio the owners of silver bullion could take their "merchandise" to the mint and get about twice as much for it in the open markets. This would be a good thing for the silver mine owners, who are at the head of the free silver movement.

The result would be the early disappearance of gold as coin. It would cease to be paid out of the till as money for it would be worth twice as much on the shelf as merchandise. It would go out of circulation and silver monometallism would be the result. Inflation of course would follow. Prices would go up because the purchasing power of the dollar would go down. A most serious "contraction of the currency," or of the volume of money, would be caused by the disappearance of gold and it would take the mint a very long time to make it up in the coinage of 50 cent silver dollars. But the silver mine owners would have a rich harvest all the time. They couldn't well ask for a better thing than the privilege of taking \$500 or even \$600 worth of silver bullion to the mint and getting 1,000 silver dollars for it. But the trouble is that most of us don't own silver mines or have silver bullion to sell. It would be a good thing for the farmers if they could have the government buy all their wheat, corn, cattle and hogs at double the market price, but no such crusade has yet been opened.

The ratio of 16 to 1 means that for coinage purposes 16 ounces of silver is equal to one ounce of gold. The actual commercial ratio, to-day, is about 32 to 1, that is, one ounce of gold in the open market is worth 32 ounces of silver. The free silverites are asking government to step in and buy the entire product at \$1.29 an ounce, the present market price of bar silver being a trifle more than 60 cents an ounce. This is what free and unlimited silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 means and it means much more than this in its results, which this country cannot afford to realize.

The explanation is so plain as to leave no room for doubting the conclusion reached.—*Vermillion Journal*.

Shortlidge to be Free.

Professor Swithin C. Shortlidge, of Media, who shot and killed his wife there a little more than a year ago was taken home. He will make application to the Delaware county court for an order for his release from the insane hospital. There is a diversity of opinion among the asylum trustees as to the regularity of this action, some of them holding that the hospital records show Professor Shortlidge to have been committed as an indigent patient, the court has no jurisdiction. Should the court hold that he was committed as a criminal patient, Mr. Elliot contends an order for the professor's release must be sanctioned by a unanimous vote of the trustees before it can become operative.

Examining Bridges.

On Tuesday the county commissioners board took a trip to Karthaus and Moshannon to examine bridges. It will be necessary to erect a new bridge at Moshannon as that one was taken away by the ice flood last winter. It was taken down the stream about a mile and one-half and is considerably broken. It may be necessary to purchase an entire new structure. The pier of the Karthaus bridge was also somewhat damaged by the ice flood.

Prohibition Convention.

The prohibitionists of Centre county are requested to meet in convention on Tuesday morning, May 21st, 1895, in the court house, in Bellefonte, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the state convention, to meet in Pittsburg June 5th, 1895, and transact such other business as may come before them.

J. Zeigler, of Wingate, Pa., is county chairman of the organization.

Fire in Hogs Township.

Thursday night the house owned by a Mr. McElwain, located near Wallace's brick works at Milesburg, was totally destroyed by fire. The family who had occupied the same had just moved out in the morning. The fire originated at the stove.

GOOD NEWS.

The following is a clipping of a general news item published in most of the leading dailies:

WENSTER, MASS., April 20.—The employees of the States Woolen Company were notified to-day that their wages would be increased on May 1. A notice was also posted in the canyonic mills, owned by the same company, in East Webster, that upon the same date a restoration of wages would be made to equal the cut made some months ago. One thousand five hundred persons are affected by the action.

For years the republican papers and campaign orators have been telling the public that if the tariff duty were reduced on the wool schedules it would do great injury to the wool growers and woolen manufacturers in this country. Free wool was the principal bone of contention and around it the bitterest warfare was waged.

In spite of all the direful predictions the democratic party succeeded in having the duties on wool reduced so that our manufacturers could purchase the grades of foreign wool at reduced prices. This has been a great stimulus to the woolen industries of this country. In the past few months certain American woolen products have been shipped abroad and undersold the English manufacturer in his own field at home—something that never occurred before. It means that with free raw material, American manufacturers can compete with the foreigner and undersell them.

It was claimed that to accomplish this it would be necessary to degrade the American workman by bringing him into competition with the foreign pauper. That was the cry of our republican friends and protectionists. What has been the result? We can compete successfully and wages are going up. The above news item is only one of the many that have appeared of late.

At the present time there is no exciting political campaign in progress, and it is an elegant opportunity for thoughtful persons in search of information, and the political student especially, to note these improvements in the woolen industries and the benefits that have come to this one important industry from the advantage of free raw materials.

Special Low Rates.

Excursion tickets to Bellefonte for the centennial anniversary and District Firemen's Convention, will be sold from Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, Beech Creek, and Central R. R. of Pa. points, on June 4th, 5th and 6th, good to return until June 8th, at one way rate for round trip. The Penna. R. R. Co. will probably give equally favorable rates from points on their lines.

Y. M. C. A. Picnic.

Arrangements are being completed for holding a monster picnic at Hecla Park on Thursday, June 20, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A., of Bellefonte and to which all kindred religious organizations in this part of the state will be invited. John Wannamaker is announced as one of the principal speakers on this occasion.

Something Special.

Fauble, the clothier, has something of special importance that he wishes to impress upon the minds of our readers, and in order that no one will miss it, his advertisement appears in red this week. He wants to tell the public something and it will be to their advantage to read his ad.

Will Construct Another Road.

George S. Good & Co., of Lock Haven, have closed a contract with the Coudersport and Allegheny railroad company to construct a railway line from Coudersport to Ulysess, the latter place being a terminus of the Fall Brook road. Work will be commenced within a few days.

Suicide at Houtzdale.

Robert McNamara, Esq., a well known justice of the peace and an honored citizen of Houtzdale, was found dead in his office Monday morning, having committed suicide by shooting himself. He had been missing since Saturday evening.

Lock Haven Man's big Contract.

Councilman Edward Gallagher has been awarded the largest contract for cement work ever let in Philadelphia. The contract is for the construction of 35 miles of sidewalk in the extreme west end of Philadelphia.

Oratorical Contest.

The Junior class of the Bellefonte High School will hold their annual oratorical contest for the Reynolds prize on Friday evening, May 17th, in Garman's opera house. There will be eight contestants on the list.

—A change has been made in the schedule of the Central R. R. of Penna. that goes into effect next Monday. See notice elsewhere in this issue.

ONLY IN NAME.

GOV. CURTIN ON CIVIL PENSIONS.

Strongly Opposed to any Such Policy as was Endorsed by a Diminutive Name-sake.

Bellefonte and Centre county is especially proud of the public record and achievements of her illustrious dead, Andrew G. Curtin, the honored War Governor and statesman. He was a man who, in all his public career, with jealous care, opposed every move or piece of legislation that in any way should savor of favoritism and be injurious to the public good.

Bold and fearless, he would oppose any measure that was obnoxious and detrimental to the interests of the common people.

Andrew G. Curtin in the debates in the constitutional convention on the pensioning of the judges said that it was contrary to all his policy to pension any man except one who had been in military service in the defence of the country and who had risked life and limb. In all his debates in the constitutional convention his opposition to the creation of a civil pension list was pronounced. And he never was known to compromise his belief.

Representative Harry Curtin, of this county, would profit by following the example of his illustrious uncle, who was so strongly opposed to the creation of a civil pension list. Instead, he has gone in the direct opposite course, supported what his wise and noble uncle so strongly opposed.

That is the difference between Andrew G. Curtin and his diminutive namesake, Harry Curtin. The latter is a Curtin—only in name.

The Decline of the Horse.

The decline in the value of "our colleague, the horse," as Prof. Tyndall calls him, is one of the remarkable facts of the period. In 1894, good horses which had been worth \$200 and \$300 began to sell at \$50 and \$60, and those of the hack variety at much lower figures. At the recent Madison Square Garden sale of blooded horses only those with first-class pedigrees and of perfect beauty and style, which would have sold a few years ago for \$1500 apiece, went for from \$150 to \$200; and one which had brought \$500 as a yearling sold for \$175. The explanation of this slump is to be found in the extension of the use of electricity as a motive power, and the growing popularity of the bicycle.

Inter-Collegiate Sports.

The inter-collegiate state athletic sports will be held at State College on Saturday, May 18th. The meet was to have been held in Harrisburg this year, but, owing to the bad condition of the grounds, it was deemed advisable to hold it somewhere else and State offering to contribute \$175 to the State association and furnish all the medals, secured the sports for that place. This will be an interesting event and one worth seeing by all who can.

Base Ball.

On Friday an interesting game of base ball was played at State College between Dickinson and the home team. The visitors were defeated by a score of 7 to 4.

On Saturday the Lock Haven Normal defeated the State College Preps by a score of 16 to 14. A large delegation from the Normal were up by special train and they celebrated the victory in fine style.

Quietly Wedded.

In the City hotel parlor at Sunbury, last Thursday, Mr. W. E. Detwiler and Miss Sarah McClellan were quietly married by Rev. Samuel G. Shannon, of Philadelphia. Both bride and groom are from Tusseyville, and the wedding was a quiet one. They will move to Reedsville where Mr. Detwiler will engage in the grocery business.

Wait for It.

Mr. Edward Garman, the hustling Allegheny street merchant, is in New York city this week circulating in the wholesale markets to select some of the very latest things for spring and summer. An announcement will be made later of some of the special drives of the season. New goods are arriving daily.

Goes to Turbotville.

Rev. G. W. Fortney, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., brother of D. F. Fortney, Esq., has decided to go to Turbotville, Northumberland county. Rev. Fortney, years ago, was principal of the Centre Hall schools and was graduated at Gettysburg.

THE GOLDEN EAGLES.

Notes of the Coming Meeting of the Grand Castle at Williamsport.

The Williamsport *Times* of Saturday last has the following:

Extensive preparations are being made by the castles and commanderies of the Knights of the Golden Eagle to entertain between 6,000 and 8,000 delegates who will attend the grand castle sessions to be held in Williamsport beginning May 14, and continuing three days. In the state of Pennsylvania there are 500 castles, 100 commanderies and 100 temples, the last composed of ladies. The membership aggregates almost 50,000. At the session held at Easton in 1894, 6,000 delegates were present at Lancaster in 1893 8,000.

At the conclusion of the parade, the first session of the grand castle will be held in the opera house, where the unwritten work will be exemplified and the degrees thoroughly explained by Grand Chief Wood.

Two hundred and fifty dollars in cash prizes will be awarded in a contest in drill to take place in Market square on Tuesday afternoon. The first prize, \$100, will be given for the best drilled commandery; the second prize \$50, to the commandery having the finest appearance; \$25 will be given to the castle coming the greatest distance, and a number of other cash prizes will be awarded for designated efficiency. A grand ball will be given at the Uptown Tuesday night.

Bellefonte Commandery and Bellefonte Castle K. G. E., will go to Williamsport on Tuesday, May 14, on a special train over the Central R. R. of Pa. Train leaves at 7.45 a. m. Fare \$1.52 for round trip.

Trolley Extension.

The Lock Haven trolley company have completed arrangements for the extension of their line from Mill Hall to Salona and everything is now in shape, as soon as the material arrives for operations. The plans for the pavilions and the laying out of the park will also soon be drawn. It is the intention to fit up the park and boating pond so that they will be attractive and comfortable resorts.

For a Mountain League.

A movement is on foot to organize a Mountain League of clubs to be formed in Phillipsburg, Bellefonte, Clearfield, Curwensville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Special Bargains.

Figured China silk 20 cents a yard, and striped wash silk 30 cents a yard, at LYON & Co.

B. C. Achenbach,

BAKER and CATERER.

Choicest confectionery,
Tropical fruits,
Finest ice creams
always in stock.

Our bakery and ice cream parlors have been removed to Allegheny street, next door to Crider's Exchange.

Your Shoe Bill

Is a big item of your expense. You can

Reduce It

By trading with us. From baby to grandpa can find suitable

Footwear

Here. We have all sizes, all styles, all prices—for all people. A very

Special Thing

Is our Ladies' Button and Lace.

Mingle's Store.