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## Editorial.

BELLEFONTE republicans are not very loud in their praise of Gov. Hastings' late course as a candidate for chairman of the coming republican convention. It is hardly becoming the dignity of the high position he occupies.

By way of a joke, the last crop reports state that we will only have about one-half a peach crop. This we presume must certainly be due to the Wilson tariff. How is it Brother Harter? You won't claim the credit for this, will you?

It now is Dr. D. H. Hastings since the degree of doctor of laws has been conferred upon Governor Hastings by the Western University of Pennsylvania, at Allegheny City; Dickinson College, at Carlisle, and Ursinus College at Collegeville.

In another column we give a brief summary of the present condition of trade and bright prospects ahead. That there is an unusual restoration will not be denied, but it is amusing to hear our republican friends claim credit for the same.

Gov. HASTINGS is a candidate again, this time for the important position of a delegate to the state republican convention from Centre county. This is somewhat of a ridiculous position for the executive of the Keystone state—in petty politics. But then it is necessary to defeat Quay.

THOSE rumors, peddled from mouth to mouth, in regard to Gen. Hastings' career at Johnstown, and the misappropriation of flood funds failed to materialize at the libel prosecution in the Cambria county courts. It is in place for all gossipers now to hold their peace. That much is due Gen. Hastings.

It is not all "peaches and cream" among the republicans. Six months ago there was general rejoicing, but now they have fallen out among themselves. Quay is making the fight of his life to retain his supremacy. Hastings, Magee of Pittsburg, Martin of Philadelphia, and some of the younger fry are united against their leader. It means a fight to the finish and a disruption of other organizations. This, along with the record of the recent legislature, is what makes our republican friends look so blue.

THE National League of Republican Clubs met at Cleveland last week and had a love feast, but on the silver question they shied clear. As to what position they would take on this important issue everybody was anxious. To the surprise of all they dodged the question clean and clear. They are afraid to take a stand on the question. This is an indication that this gathering was more an assemblage of pot-house politicians after office than the statesmen they pretend to be.

## Died at Bellwood.

Sunday night 16, J. T. Weaver of Bellwood, passed peacefully and conscientiously away. He was born at Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, and was a young man 22 years, 10 months, and 16 days. With his parents he came to Bellwood about eight years ago. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Weaver, who survive him.

The deceased's mother was a daughter of Thomas Wolf, dec'd of Miles township, and both his father and mother are well known in Brush Valley and in Ferguson township.

## THE BAND TOURNAMENT

At Philipsburg, last Thursday and Friday, a Grand Success.

The fourth annual tournament of the Northern Pennsylvania and Western New York Band Association, which was held at Philipsburg last week, was a success in every particular. All the trains Thursday morning were crowded, many drove there, bands were arriving and by noon the streets of that beautiful mountain city were packed. During the afternoon there were a number of good races in the driving park: Horse races, sack races, bicycle and dog races, etc. The business meeting of the band association was also held during the afternoon in the public hall. Although it rained the greater part of Friday, the crowd was larger than the previous day. Promptly at noon the bands, nine in all being present, formed on Front street to contest for the Passmore special prize of ten dollars for the band playing the best quickstep. This prize was won by the Philipsburg International band. The bands then proceeded to the park where the contest for the five prizes, ranging from 150 dollars down to 10, took place. The bands played from an open stand, amid the pouring rain, and won prizes in the following order: 1st prize, Volunteer band of Dubois; 2nd, Houtzdale; 3d, Excelsior band of Dubois; 4th, Military band of Osceola; 5th, Clearfield. The unlucky bands were: Reynoldsville, Hawk Run, P. O. S. of A. of Osceola, and Philipsburg. Each band played an overture of their own choice, and all were of a high grade and well rendered. The judge was a professional musician from New York city. The next annual tournament will be held in Clearfield. On account of the rain many of the races for Friday were dropped, among them several bicycle races in which Geo. Williams and Lester Shaffer, of Bellefonte, were entered as contestants. Had the weather been favorable Bellefonte undoubtedly would have gotten two prizes.

Many Bellefonters, some interested in the band music, some in the races and other sports, some in the pretty girls and some just to have a good time, took advantage of the low rate offered by the Central Railroad of Pa., \$1.52 for the round trip. Our town was represented by about fifty persons, and all seem much pleased with the treatment they received from the Philipsburg people.

## Pawnee Bill's Show.

What the Pawnee Bill show is, and what it has been for the past 12 years is so patent to everybody, that it is like gliding refined gold and painting the lily to descend on its well known superiority. We would call attention to Major Gordon W. Lillie (Pawnee Bill), the white chief of the Pawnees, and late hero of Oklahoma; with 100 genuine Indians, brave cow boys, noted scouts and trappers. Spotted Tail and several squaws and papooses; also bands of Mohave and Digger Indians. Special attention is called to Miss May Lillie, champion horseback rifle shot of the world; wonderful feats of horsemanship by Senor Jose Valsagues, riding and driving 36 flying horses at one time; a herd of buffaloes and wild Texas steers; thrilling hippodrome races. 40 first class performers, 10 beautiful senoritas, and a host of others. Come early, and see the grand street parade; bands of music, wild beast cavalcade; also a grand, free performance, worth coming miles to see—it costs you nothing. The price of admission has been placed within the reach of all. Making it the cheapest and best show on earth. Remember, the price has been reduced. One 25 cent ticket admits to all departments of the big show. At Bellefonte Wednesday, July 10th.

## Was Offered Him.

Ex-deputy sheriff R. K. Wilson, of Marion township, was in Bellefonte on Tuesday and rumor has it he is nursing a prothonotary bee in his bonnet. Robert is said to have been consulting some of his friends as to whether he should accept the republican nomination this year. He claims that it has been offered him by parties who usually have some say in such matters. The other candidates for the same office, Messrs. Miller, Deininger and Hoover, may not be on to this scheme and still imagine that their party will settle the matter at their primaries.

## Burglars at Mill Hall.

An attempt was made Friday night to blow open the safe in the office of W. H. Mann, lower axe factory, at Mill Hall. They succeeded in blowing off the outer door of the safe, but the inner door they could not open. The marks of the tools were plainly visible, but the hardened iron resisted all efforts. Had they succeeded in opening this door the burglars would have secured about sixty dollars. There is no clue to the thieves.

—Pawnee Bill's show will be at Bellefonte, July 10th. See announcement in another column.

## WAGES OF 250,000 RAISED.

The Great Industrial Revival over the Country.

## AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT.

The Boom first began in the Iron Industries, and Then Followed to Fabric Makers and Garment Workers—A Review.

The wages of not fewer than 250,000 men in the United States have been advanced materially within the last 90 days. Careful inquiry throughout the country indicate an advance averaging nearly 12 per cent.

A notable feature of this great industrial improvement is that the wages of these 250,000 men have, with hardly an exception, been advanced voluntarily by the employers. The season has been remarkably free from strikes, as employers have shown a spirit of willingness to share the result of the era of general prosperity.

## THE BAROMETER OF TRADE.

The great iron industry, has indicated more than any other line of business the general improvement which has set in. Nearly four-fifths of the workmen whose wages have been advanced in the last two months are employed in lines more or less directly connected with the iron industry.

The thousands of coke workers of Pennsylvania were the first to feel the quickening industrial life. When Carnegie announced a voluntary advance of 10 per cent in the wages of 24,000 men, to take effect June 14, that action was taken as one of the most significant indications of genuine and permanent business improvement.

There are now not less than 100,000 men in the Pittsburgh district who have practically felt the improvement in business which is so sharply reflected throughout the iron trade.

FABRIC WORKERS AND GARMENT MAKERS. Among the New England cotton and woolen mills the advances in wages have been general. The increase there has, as a rule, been at the rate of 10 per cent, and has affected 50,000 or more employees.

The makers of clothing have also come in for their share of the improvement.

The advance in the wages of all kinds of industry seems inevitable, if the present developments are allowed to go on. It would be hard to cite a period when employers have so generally met employees in the division of increasing profits. The temper both of capital and labor seems unusually good, and the outlook full of great promise.

The experience which the country is now going through greatly resembles that of 1878, and it is to be hoped the indications which are now present in the world of industry will materialize as bright but more lasting than did those of that year.

In 1878, after the panic of '73 had spent its force; there was a revival of business during the fall and summer. The resumption of specie payment, which had been suspended since 1862, had been promised for January 1, 1870. This and an advance in wages gave a start to trade and industry which while not lasting, was exceedingly active.

In commenting on the increase of trade and wages, the Philadelphia Times says: Since January Bessemer pig iron in Pittsburgh has advanced from \$10.06 per ton to \$12.50; steel billets commanded then \$4.75 and to-day they market at \$18.60; gray forge pig bar is now worth \$10.85 and the best refined bar iron has increased to \$28, an advance of \$3.25. The wages of labor have improved in like degree and all this under the new tariff.

The record of advancing wages goes on, however, growing larger each week, and the spectacle of voluntary increase is rapidly becoming so general as to have no parallel in industrial history.

The tide in all channels of business, trade and manufacturers has indeed turned and it is running briskly, so much so that the recapitulation shows that since April more than 300 manufacturing establishments have voluntarily increased the wages of fully 500,000 workmen. There is time for even the calamity-howler to get in the swim. The new tariff schedule is effecting a revolution that has closed no occupation save that of the howler.—Times.

## Barn Burned.

On Monday T. B. Buddinger's barn at Snow Shoe, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. It was a frame building 40x60 and contained several tons of hay and other feed. It was insured for \$400.

—We are sorry to learn that Samuel Foust, once one of Miles township's most energetic business men, has become a paralytic.

## Snow Shoe.

County Supt. Gramley held teachers' examination here on Monday. Ten certificates were issued.

A number of our people attended the Christian rally at Hecla on Thursday, and are much elated over the different addresses they heard.

Rev. M. L. Jackson was visiting in Nittany Valley during part of last week.

Our township auditors had a meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The new president and secretary of our school board are Harry Kelley and L. P. Mapes, respectively. Mr. Kelley has also been elected treasurer.

Work at the mines remains very poor and those miners only who occupy the company houses are given employment. Extensive repairs are being made on the large trestle spanning the Beech Creek, about three miles from town.

If you want to see the results of good practical farming, just look over the Reese brothers' farm, on the Switches.

Doc. Creamer, of Moshannon, left his business long enough to visit our town on Friday. He is employed by Mr. Bunnell, the piano dealer of Philipsburg.

Our town was well represented at the tournament at Philipsburg last week. Low excursion rates were offered on the Beech Creek railroad.

Joe Smith has made some needed improvements to his property, which he lately acquired.

David Steele is visiting friends here, as was also Miss Esther Leathers, of Eagleville, during part of the week.

## Boalsburg.

Boalsburg at present is having a number of visitors, among whom is a Mrs. Carr, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is past 80 years and is visiting her acquaintances in and around the town. She relates many instances which happened before the writer was born. One interesting circumstance she relates is, when her mother was a girl her parents removed from North Carolina to Virginia. As they camped out in a beautiful pine grove, George Washington and his aides happened to pass by, and there being several children Washington halted and took a fancy to one girl, which he wanted to adopt, she being the mother of the

Miss Nora Stover, of Bellefonte, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. L. T. Bricker.

Maud Campbell and sister, of Bellefonte, are visiting at the home of Isaac Womer's, their grand parents.

Miles Omer, also of Bellefonte, made a short call at the home of his cousin, Mrs. R. B. Harrison.

Rev. Robb, pastor of the Mission Reformed church, Altoona, preached morning and evening for Rev. Black, pastor of the Reformed church here. Mr. Robb is an excellent preacher; he gave the people a feast of good things.

Mick & Laurel moved their steam saw mill to Logue Run, and have the same in full operation, employing about thirty men.

The Wycoff Pipe Company, located at Shingletown, are shipping immense quantities of pipe, lumber and bark.

## T. O. C.

## Linden Hall.

A. E. Meyer is building a new stable. Reuben Page is about to begin building a new house.

Mr. Rankin, insurance agent, was seen in town during this week.

Many farmers are beginning to make hay, and report the crop poor.

Daniel Tressler is drilling for water on his upper farm.

Clyde Stam was seen about town on Saturday evening.

Frank McClintic, of Rebersburg, was home on a visit over Sunday.

Ross & Meyer have finished their lumber job in the gap.

Children's day service will be held in the R. H. church next Sunday at 10 a. m.

The K. L. C. E. convention, which was to have been held on the 29th, has been postponed for the present.

Eugene Heimes, of Osceola Mills, who has been spending a few days here, has returned home.

The selection of Charles B. Moore, of Boalsburg, for school teacher in this district, is approved by the citizens in general.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT is read with interest by its many readers here, and considered one of the best papers in the county.

## Prospering.

John W. Cooke, formerly of Bellefonte, but now of Philadelphia, is building twenty-seven three-story brick dwellings in the thirty-fourth ward of that city. Mr. Cooke seems to have become an extensive real estate dealer in Philadelphia.

## All Want to be Steward.

There are over one hundred applications on file with the commissioners of Clearfield county for the position of steward of the new poor house they are building.

## A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Jones-Armor Nuptials, on Wednesday Evening.

## A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

A handsome bride and bridesmaids—Private ceremony—Reception largely attended. Will live at Tyrone—Beautiful presents.

On Wednesday evening, at the hour of 6, another of Bellefonte's fairest jewels was taken. The ceremony was that which united Miss Stella Armor, daughter of Monroe Armor, and Mr. Claud Jones, of Tyrone, in the holy state of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Armor, of the Catholic church, an elder brother of the bride. The bride, whom nature has endowed with exquisite grace and rare beauty, never appeared handsomer than on this joyous nuptial occasion. Attired in a gown of white mulle over silk, trimmed with ribbons and lace and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses she appeared the picture of loveliness and grace. The bridesmaid was Miss Grace Armor, sister, wearing white mulle with pink ribbons and flowers. Mr. Clem Hiltner, of Tyrone, was Mr. Jones' groomsman. The ceremony was witnessed by only the near relatives and friends of the young couple.

From 7 to 9 a reception was given at the home of the bride, on East Linn street, which was attended by a large gathering of people among whom there were many young people from Bellefonte and Tyrone with whom the bride and groom were favorites and always intimately associated in the leading social events. The house was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and roses and was a bower of fragrance. The bride was assisted in receiving by Miss Elizabeth Reilly, of Lancaster; Misses Hiltner and Caldwell, of Tyrone; and Miss Rose Fox, of Bellefonte. They wore exquisite gowns of white swiss, trimmed with colored ribbons.

The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents. They took their departure on the 8.45 train to be gone on a two-week's trip to the seashore and other points. About July 15th they will return to Tyrone and be at home at their newly furnished residence on Lincoln avenue.

Mr. Claude Jones is editor of the Tyrone Herald, one of the spiciest and leading daily papers published in Central Pennsylvania. He is a young man of considerable journalistic ability and will be abundantly able to provide a cheerful home and be a model husband for one of Eve's fairest daughters.

We join in extending congratulations.

## Nittany Notes.

The Union Sunday school, of Hublersburg, observed children's day last Sabbath. All present were pleased with the exercises. Mrs. James Carner's infant class are complimented for the interest taken and the manner in which they delivered verses appropriate for the occasion. The speaking and singing was good, far beyond the average. Miss Minnie Miller presided at the organ.

## TWO RECENT DEATHS.

The first occurred on the 19th, Eugene, son of Zac Truckenmiller, of kidney trouble. He had been ill for months. Interment on the 21st in the Union cemetery at Hublersburg. Rev. Pines conducted the services.

The other was Mrs. Kline Neff, of consumption; funeral on Thursday of this week at Zion.

The Odd Fellows picnic, July 20th, is all the talk now. All look forward with great anticipation, for they say the Odd Fellows always have a good time in store for them. One of the laughable things will be the fat man and a lean man in a tub race; look for the goat in the parade. You will miss the largest and best picnic at the Park this season if you don't attend; you will be there, for everybody is going, we are told. No fakirs will be allowed at the picnic.

C. B. McCormick, of State College, spent a few days last week in the valley selling washing machines. He has sold several hundred in the county in the last year, and has been very successful in the valley. Charlie is a good salesman and beside that is a lover of a good horse, and knows one when he sees it. He now has a dandy bay mare, admired by everybody.

The recent rain made vegetation look fresh. Corn is stretching, and the farmers are laughing; we hope it may continue.

## Going to Boston.

Bert Bayard has been elected by the Christian Endeavor Society of Bellefonte a delegate to the national convention which meets in Boston in July. Bert will depart for that city about the 8th proximo. Miss Millie Smith and Miss Clara Strickland have also concluded to attend the same convention. It will be a large gathering.

## Death of an Aged Citizen.

Peter Keichline, Sr., died at his residence, Pine Grove Mills, on Thursday June 20, at the advanced age of about 81 years. There survive him a widow and the following children: Mrs. Mary McWilliams, Ferguson; Mrs. Maggie Meek, Altoona; G. W. Keichline, Rock Springs; Mrs. Sallie Gardner, Rock Springs; Mrs. Susan Goss, Pine Grove Mills; Peter, Jr., and John M. Keichline, Esq., both of Bellefonte. The interment occurred on Saturday forenoon at Pine Hall. Mr. Keichline was one of Ferguson township's oldest and most respected citizens.

The subject of this sketch was a descendant from John Peter Keichline, who emigrated from Germany and settled in Bucks county as early as about 1742. He had three sons, Peter, Andrew and Charles, all of whom entered the Revolutionary army. Peter, who lived at Easton as early as 1749, raised a company of riflemen in Northampton and Bucks counties for Col. Miles' regiment, and was in command of it at the battle of Long Island in 1776, where he was taken prisoner. Lord Sterling wrote to Washington that the English General, Grant, was killed by some of Keichline's riflemen. Andrew was promoted to a Major on the field of Manmouth. Chas., who entered the army later than his brother, took the oath of allegiance in June, 1778. Three brothers of John Peter Keichline donated a tract of land to the Lutheran and German Reformed congregations at Bedminster, Bucks county, soon after the Revolutionary war. Three churches were built on the land; one of the churches was called the Keichline church for many years. The history of the Keichlines of Bucks county and Easton, and elsewhere, is that they always have been great believers in the Lutheran and German Reformed religion, and they maintain and hold to that religion to this day. Peter Keichline was born in Forks township, Northampton county, on the 17th day of September, 1814. He left his home in boyhood and walked from Easton to Aaronsburg, Centre county, and there he served an apprenticeship of three years at blacksmithing. He was there married to Sarah Long on the 15th day of August, 1838. From Aaronsburg he moved to Boalsburg where he lived over twenty years and worked at his trade, and from Boalsburg he moved to Pine Grove; from Pine Grove he moved to Rock Springs on a farm, where he raised his family of seven children. He moved back to Pine Grove, and by his assistance and other members of the Reformed church, they built a neat church, just opposite home where he died. Rev. Black is the pastor and is building up a large congregation. His grandsons, John McWilliams, Samuel McWilliams, Robert Gardner, Geo. Gardner, William and Samuel Goss, laid him to rest in the Pine Hall cemetery. Rev. Black preached the funeral sermon in the Pine Hall church. He took the same text that our Saviour preached from when he was upon earth: "Come unto Me all ye that are weary laden and I will give you rest."

## Robbery at Curtins.

Last Tuesday morning at about 3:30 o'clock, two burglars entered Parkers store at Curtins and ransacked it thoroughly. They pried open the front door and then opened all the doors and windows. Up stairs they found Wm. Swartz, who sleeps over the store; and after tying him one of them held him quiet at the point of a revolver. The other man proceeded to pick up what he could find. They took \$38.75 in stamps and pennies in the post office department, and \$8 in one drawer and \$4 in another. Mr. Swartz was robbed of all he had, \$2.35, making a total of \$53.10. It is evident that they intended to burn the store as they had piled a lot of paper and stuff over the lamp ready to light, but somehow they failed to light it. Some peculiar opinions are expressed about this robbery.

—It is reported that Major Wm. H. Hastings, brother of Governor Hastings, has lost his reason which was precipitated by his failure in business in Philadelphia.

## 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.