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## Editorial.

### LATEST FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Special to the Centre Democrat.  
PHILADELPHIA, AUG. 21—WEDNESDAY 4:49, p. m.—At to-day's convention all delegates were not instructed. Fourteen conceded Quay; administration claims remaining fifty-six.  
Quay faction insists that they have twenty-one delegates. Two districts held rump conventions.

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### QUAY—HASTINGS.

At this time the fight between Gov. Hastings and Senator Quay, for supremacy and the leadership of the republican forces in Pennsylvania, is drawing to a close, and naturally is the leading topic of comment. It means practically the political death knell for the defeated contestant, and for that reason the struggle for the past month has been exceedingly spirited and bitter, and increasing in its intensity by the closeness of the battle which will conclude with the meeting of the republican state convention, at Harrisburg, next Wednesday, August 28th.

From the start, both factions gave out glowing estimates of their majority in the convention. Each side was too sanguine, and at this period of the canvass, there are many elements of uncertainty in the contest. Senator Quay, for the past week, made great gains at all the primaries, and on Tuesday made inroads on the Hastings combine at the Philadelphia primaries. They conceded before hand 9 delegates for Quay. Since then they give him 14, and he claims as high as 20. This, apparently, should give him control of the convention, as he has almost 145 delegates, without Philadelphia.

The Quay and Hastings factions, like claim they will win in convention. The conservative papers concede that Hastings's combine is defeated, and that appears to be the sentiment of his friends in Bellefonte, although they find a ray of sunshine in the hope that Martiny, Magee and others of the combine, by their customary questionable methods of hook and crook, by use of money or any device, may in the end steal a few delegates from Quay and gain control of the convention. At the same time they must remember they have an old political crook to fight, and for this reason may be checked in their game.

Trouble may arise in making up the roll of delegates. Chairman Gilkeson may attempt unfair methods towards Quay. In such an event a rival convention may be organized and two republican tickets placed in the field.

This is the situation of the Quay-Hastings fight, as we see it to day, and in which Gen. Hastings is very likely to meet his fate—political death. This he richly deserves. He was too ambitious. In this case he hunted trouble, and found it. His burning ambition gave him the "swelled head." To gratify this vain ambition he disgraced his high position—The Chief Executive of the State of Pennsylvania—by making his position the trading post where the representatives of the trusts and combines, the corrupt political heeleders from all sections of the state, gathered, and the public interests were dolled out for so much political preference.

The public moneys were shamefully squandered by creating useless offices, increasing salaries and for political jobs, all done to advance the Executive's hold upon the republican machine of Pennsylvania.

Gov. Hastings has besmirched himself and disgraced his office. He richly merits the disgrace and humiliation about to be heaped upon him.

It is equally unfortunate for the public interests that an old scamp, in sheep's clothing, like M. S. Quay, now crying for "Reform and Clean Politics" should again attain control of the dominant party and dictate public measures and legislation.

The democrats of Pennsylvania, notwithstanding their overwhelming defeat of last fall, have taken new courage. The punishment administered the party was too severe. The resumption of business and general prosperity now smiling over the land is a vindication. Then the average voter could not understand the situation, now he should fully appreciate the benefits he enjoys.

—Lyon & Co. are breaking records again in their summer clearance sale. See their ad.

## FARMING IN ILLINOIS.

### An Interesting Letter From a Centre Countian.

### RICH SOIL AND GOOD CROPS.

T. E. Nearhood, Formerly of Nittany, Gives his Observations—Large Farms—Description of the Country.

Stockton, Ill., Aug. 9, 1895.

### EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

If you can grant me the space, I would like this letter, addressed to the friends who have expressed an interest in my welfare, to appear in the columns of your paper. My transformation, from a Pennsylvania to an Illinois farmer began with my arrival early in March, at Stockton, where I was met by Dan Robb, a former Pennsylvania friend, who helped me to get my goods to the farm I had taken in Wards Grove, about a mile from Robb's. We have been here for five months, and during that time have enjoyed good health, except my wife who has suffered greatly from rheumatism but is now better.

I find quite a number of Pennsylvania friends scattered through the country. The country itself is all that I expected, and for the benefit of those who have never been this far west, I will try to describe it from a farmer's point of view. I am about ten miles from the Mississippi in a fertile, rolling, prairie country. Northwest of us the country is very hilly, the highest point in Illinois being in sight from the farm, while twenty or thirty miles south the country becomes a level prairie. Instead of a rough mountainous Pennsylvania surface, the country stretches away in every direction, dotted here and there with groups of farm buildings and groves of timber. The farms vary in size from 100 to 500 or 1000 acres, the average being about 250 acres. Six such farms near me are owned by brothers, all of them having fine houses and the regulation Pennsylvania barns.

The towns out here are not built up so solidly as in the East and occupy more ground. Stockton, a railroad town of 1200 inhabitants about two miles from us, has sprung up within three or four years and draws its business from ten miles around. Galena, about twenty miles from us, the town where Grant once worked as a tanner, was once a rival of Chicago when its lead mines were being worked, but such mushroom towns as Stockton have drawn the life out of it.

The soil here is very rich and deep, with a few clay hills. In a very dry season the corn in the black soil, gets its second wind, as it were, while that on the clay hills burns out. 6 to 8 acres is a day's work for a corn planter in the east, but here they plant from 18 to 25 acres, use two or four horses and ride. Oats is heavier here and more bushels are raised to the acre. A neighbor of mine got 42½ bushels to the acre this year, and that is considered only a fair crop. In a good year they run from 50 to 60 bushels. For every acre of corn farmed in Pennsylvania there are five acres in corn here.

The Germans have settled in this section in great numbers, and nearly all are successful farmers.

I notice a great many creameries over the country which I have been told have been built within five or six years. Nearly all the farmers sell their milk, sending the whole thing and receiving it back minus the cream.

Hogs and steers are raised in great numbers. A farmer with a 200 acre farm will raise from 50 to 100 hogs a year. An immense number of hogs and cattle are shipped through from Iowa to Chicago. The Chicago Great Western R. R. runs through the farm a short distance from the house and I have seen seven or eight stock trains go through in a day, each train made up of from 40 to 60 cars.

There are no deer or bear out here, but small game is fairly plentiful. We see an occasional flock of quail or prairie chickens, both of which are well protected by law. The Mississippi bottom lands are full of small sloughs and when the Mississippi opens up in the spring, before the Missouri, the ducks and geese come north in great numbers.

The winters here are cold and the summers hot, with cold nights in the latter part.

The people are very free and cordial and easy to become acquainted with. They call a great many things by different names than in Pennsylvania, and speak of Pennsylvania as "back east" and Kansas as "out west."

The roads are well worked, but in the spring they have no bottom. School houses are two miles apart.

The steam thrasher has done away with the horse power in this country. The farmers are all thrashing and can see the smoke of the engines rising

### BOUNDARY LOCATION.

### Survey of Line Between Centre and Huntingdon Counties.

For some time the boundary line between Centre and Huntingdon counties has been the cause of some trouble. From Penna. Furnace to the top of Tussey mountain eastward, to the corner of Centre, Mifflin and Huntingdon counties the boundary line is uncertain and not marked. In consequence there is considerable unseated land in that section, the owners of which refuse to pay tax thereon claiming always that they are not located in the proper county. To put an end to this trouble an act was passed by the recent Legislature to determine boundary lines, by the member from Huntingdon. According to its provisions, after a certain number of taxpayers of each county petition the courts for a survey, the same shall be made by a commission made. The president judge of each county appoints a member. The county commissioners of each county likewise select two more surveyors, who must reside outside of the district and not from the same county either. These four members then select a fifth member.

A petition for the survey of the line between these two counties, from Penna. Furnace to the corner of Centre, Huntingdon and Mifflin, was duly signed by citizens of the two counties. Huntingdon county has appointed the following members of this commission: By the Court, J. Simpson Africa; by the commissioners, Wm. P. Mitchell, Esq., of Lock Haven. Judge Love recently appointed Edward R. Chambers, Esq., of Bellefonte; and our commissioners will make their selection the latter part of the week.

The commission are to begin the survey at once. It covers a distance of twenty miles and may require at least a month's work to complete the same. A commission was appointed about three years ago for this same purpose, but they never acted. The expense of this survey will no doubt be about a \$1,000.

### FALSE PRETENSE AND FORGERY.

Boyd Stonerode Easily Identified as the right Man.

On Friday Boyd Stonerode, of Milesburg, was given a hearing before Justice Keichline on the charge of having forged a check for \$197 upon Enoch Hugg, of Milesburg, and presented the same at the Penna. Valley bank, at Centre Hall, for payment. Wm. B. Mingle, cashier, and Frank Crawford, merchant, both of Centre Hall, easily identified Mr. Stonerode as party who presented the forged check. Mr. Crawford at once noticed that Stonerode had shaved his moustache, but that did not deceive them.

Cashier Mingle also made information against Stonerode for false pretence. Justice Keichline held him in \$1000 for appearance at the next session of August court, in default of which he was placed in the county jail. The next day Landlord Kohlbecker, of Milesburg, became the young man's security.

### Seashore Excursion.

The last of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's select excursions to Atlantic City, Cape May, etc., will be run on August 29. The tickets will permit of a stay of nearly two weeks, and a choice of either of the seashore points named above will be allowed. A special train of Parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg on the above mentioned date at 8.50 a. m. and from Bellefonte at 10.09 a. m. arriving at Philadelphia at 6.46 p. m. The fare from Bellefonte is 8.65.

### Festival at Fairview.

A grand festival will be held at Fairview, on Saturday, September 7th, 1895, afternoon and evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, candy, etc., will be served in elegant style by the ladies. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Fairview churches. All are invited to come and have a good time and help a good cause along.

### Have Closed Down.

Tha Reporter says: The Centre Hall Implement works have closed the shops and have discontinued manufacturing implements, among which was the famous corn planter. All the employees have been discharged, and our most important industry will remain idle for the present at least.

### I. O. O. F. Festival.

A picnic will be held by the Blanchard lodge, I. O. O. F. in DeLonga grove near Eagleville station, on Saturday, August 31st. Prominent speakers will be present. The Milesburg band and orchestra will be present. The picnic will close with a festival in Kune's opera house in the evening.

### Bully of Potatoes.

From a quarter of an acre of ground landlord Musser, of Millheim, raised 78 bushels of potatoes, a few days ago. Even at 20 cents per bushel this is five times as profitable as wheat.

### Home Again.

Hon. John B. Linn is home again from his recent trip to Lewisburg, where he was taken ill at the home of his brother. He is able to be about and is attending to business.

—For a short time only, Shaffer's offer to give you 6 elegant Cabinet Photos for 99 cents. Dont miss it.

—Lyon & Co. have something important to say in their ad. this week.

### FIRST ANNUAL REUNION

### Lutherans of Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Union Counties.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1895.

At Hecla Park, Along the C. R. R. of Pa.—Excursion Rates From Other Points—Addresses by Prominent Speakers—Meals Served on the Ground.

It is becoming a custom among the Lutheran congregations of Penna. to hold annual reunions each summer, embracing several counties, as may be convenient. This practice has been in vogue in various sections and it always proves an enjoyable event.

The pastors of the Lutheran congregations in Central Penna. have concluded to hold their first reunion at Hecla Park, on Thursday of next week, Aug. 29. Excursion rates will prevail over the various railroads. The rate from Bellefonte will be 25 cents; from State College 75 and 40 cents; from Mill Hall 35 cents, and corresponding rates from intermediate points.

An elaborate programme has been prepared for this occasion. A number of interesting addresses will be made by prominent ministers of the church. An orchestra will be present to furnish music. It will be a basket picnic but ample provision will be made to serve meals at the park. Refreshments of all kinds will be served.

Everybody is cordially invited to join with them to make this, their first, Annual Reunion a memorable event.

At this gathering an effort will be made to form a permanent organization and to continue these reunions annually.

### Band Tournament

A band tournament will be given in Kleckner's grove, near Loganton, Saturday, August 31, under the auspices of the Loganton cornet band. The Good Templar band and possibly the Military band of Lock Haven, and the Green Burr and Booneville bands will be present. The Loganton band are putting forth every effort to make the tournament a success, and their laudable desires should meet with hearty support.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The CENTRE DEMOCRAT for 15 cents 3 months—Most News—Least Money.

—On Friday September 13th, the personal property of Aaron Williams, deceased, will be sold at public sale, at this place.

—R. M. Magee, Esq., is visiting friends in this section and attending to business. He is engaged in the insurance business in Philadelphia at present.

—Wm. Stewart, of State College, recently signed with the Pittsburg National League, and has become a professional ball tosser. He is doing good work in that team.

—The commissioners are out in Burnside township looking after a needed bridge over the Moshannon, that was carried away last winter by the ice gorge.

—We hear that Col. Spangler and Mr. Gephart have disposed of their "Brick Row" in the North Ward, to A. G. Morris of Tyrone, the proprietor of the large limestone operations in this vicinity.

—On Monday evening a party of Tyrone men arrived in town with a covered wagon bearing the inscription: "Coxey's Naval Reserves and Jolly Tars." They are traveling about for a bit of recreation and sport. While here they caused quite a flutter among the fair sex of our town.

—Last Friday evening the Undine band, accompanied by several members of the Undine Fire Co., took a drive to the beautiful home of Benjamin Gentzel, about three miles east of Bellefonte. Mr. Gentzel is the efficient tuba player in that band, and during the evening a number of fine selections were rendered. Mrs. Gentzel and daughter served an elaborate supper, and all greatly enjoyed the trip.

NEXT Wednesday the republican state convention will assemble at Harrisburg. It will be an unusual gathering, a political set-to between the most notorious heeleders and political jobbers this state ever produced—Quay vs. Magee, Martin and the combine. The victory of either faction brings no good tidings to the average citizen. When men like these, whose careers have been that of a dark trail, succeed, public interests invariably suffer.

Fire Officials.

The following officers were recently chosen for the Bellefonte fire department, chief marshal, Joseph Wise; first assistant, Thomas Shaughnessy; second assistant, Wm. Rhinesmith.

—See Shaffer's ad.

—You can get them from Shaffer, the Photographer, Bellefonte, 6 Cabinet Photos for 99 cents. See his ad.

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### A. Newton Bouse's Death.

About 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon 15th, A. Newton Bouse took his life with a revolver. The act was committed in a building in the rear of his brother William Bouse's home on Jefferson avenue, Tyrone.

The report of the exploding revolver attracted John Dunkle and J. Linden Henry, who were working in the vicinity. When they reached the man he was lying head down in the door way of the building and held in his right hand a thirty-two calibre revolver. He was breathing naturally when found. Dr. G. W. Burkett was summoned, who found that the ball had entered the head above the right ear and passed through the brain, lodging under the left ear. He never gained consciousness and died at 4.15 o'clock.

He was a practical druggist and up until March, 1893, he conducted a drug store at Saxton, Bedford county. After disposing of his store he came to Tyrone and has since resided at the homes of his brothers in this city.

He was unmarried and aged about 30 years. He leaves an aged mother and four brothers—Dr. John A. Bouse, of Chambersburg, Pa.; William A. Bouse, yardmaster, Tyrone division; George M. Bouse, flagman, Bald Eagle Valley local freight, and Harry I. Bouse, traveling agent, all of Tyrone. The funeral took place Saturday. The young man was a son of Rev. Bouse, dec'd., a prominent Methodist divine who filled a number of appointments in various parts of Centre county. The young man was well known here and his friends are grieved to hear of his untimely death.

Mr. Geo. Blackford, proprietor of Bellefonte's popular restaurant, has in his possession an old Centre Democrat, printed in Ang. 1860, just thirty-five years ago. On the ticket, publishes Abraham Lincoln, for President, and G. Curtin for Governor. It has two pages filled with advertisements, very few places still existing whose advertisement appear there. It is a valuable relic and worth keeping.

Grand Musical Festival.

The Bellefonte band will give a grand musical festival, with refreshments, on Friday and Saturday of this week, at the public school tennis grounds. Elegant refreshments will be served by pretty girls, while delightful music will be discoursed by the Bellefonte band on Friday evening and by the old favorite Zion band on Saturday evening. The whole town is invited.

### Musicians Picnic.

On Saturday, August 24th, of this week, the Musicians Picnic will occur at Pine Grove Mills, under the direction of Prof. Weaver. It will be largely attended by people from every section of the county. Remember it takes place on the 24th, instead of the 14th, as was stated in our last issue.

### Lewistown Centennial.

Lewistown has decided to celebrate its 100th anniversary, and will do it in two days. September 5 and 6 are to be the days. Among the attractions will be two grand balloon ascensions with parachute descent.

### In Trouble.

The electric railroad being built at Philipsburg is in financial straits. During the past week Sheriff Condo has made several trips across the mountains to that place. This litigation will likely delay the completion of the road.

### Heading this way.

Washburn's London circus is heading this way and will exhibit in Bellefonte on Thursday, September 5th.

## Notwithstanding

the enormous advance in price of hides and the consequent rise in prices of leather and shoes, we are selling all our goods at old prices.

We anticipated the advance last Spring and placed our orders in the nick of time—our storeroom and basement are filled with footwear, worth easily 20 per cent. more to-day than what we paid for it two months ago.

## They Go

at the old price, while they last, which in most of cases is less than we can now buy them for.

## Mingle's Store.