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## Editorial.

THESE good times bring out democrats. This country, under democratic tariff, shipping iron to foreign countries. This is the first time in the history of the country. It used to be the direct opposite.

THE Hornet observes that there are fourteen democratic candidates for the sheriff's office in Centre county. If that is correct it is an indication that there is an unusual amount of confidence in democratic victory in 1896.

THE candidates in Centre county are not rushing about madly and desperate. Everybody seems to be enjoying a mid-summer political vacation, except the fastidious republicans about town, who are on the run, hunting their holes. They know they won't be in it.

THE summer resorts along the Atlantic coast never experienced such a rush of people as this past season. The people seem to have money to spend, despite the cry of hard times. The calamity powers made things appear worse than they really existed.

## PROMPT ACTION.

FOR months the village of Coleville, a suburb of Bellefonte, has been direfully afflicted with a contagious disease that is carried away quite a number of inhabitants. In some manner typhoid fever germs have infected either their food, water, or atmosphere, and those people have been unable to eradicate it from their homes. A number of deaths occurred recently, and at present there are no less than twelve cases.

THE time has come for action in this matter. This is on the border limits of a town. The disease is spreading, and timely precautions may be valuable. It is necessary for us to prevent the spread of contagion from reaching us.

MANY leading citizens insist that the town council should take immediate action. Appropriate a certain amount for disinfectants and have a thorough cleaning up of this district. McCalmont & Co., very generously, have offered all the lime needed and will deliver it.

WE join in, with many citizens of the town, in insisting that the town council act promptly in this matter, by appropriating a certain fund to be used by the Board of Health, which should wait until contagion enters our midst, and should take every precaution to ward it off.

ABOVE all, the people in this afflicted village are in need of such assistance. It is our duty to humanity to cheerfully lend it.

## Annual Report.

THIS week a comprehensive volume report of Penna., State College for the year 1894 was received. It is an elaborate and exceedingly interesting work. From beginning to end the work is profusely illustrated, showing the general view of the buildings and grounds. Then each department is taken up and a detailed illustrated description is given by the instructor in charge. The best and most interesting document ever issued from that institution.

FEW people realize what opportunities afforded at this institution of taking complete course in any of the scientific, mechanical, agricultural, mechanical, literary and other departments. The liberal appropriations are placing Penna., State College in the front rank, and a school which our people can well feel proud of. Atherton's labors are now bearing

## A Jolly Party.

DURING the past week a jolly party of young people pitched their tents along the shady banks of Spring Creek in a beautiful spot of the stream known as the Nest. They have ample provisions and delicacies, etc., to make them comfortable and happy.

THE following constitutes the party: Nailon, of Renova, Miss Hazel, Gross, Miss McLaughlin and Missy, of Bellefonte. The gentlemen are Messrs. William T. Hillish, Harry T. Yankie Gross, Walter Garrity and H. Eckson.

Mrs. Chester Munson Dead.  
Mrs. Letitia Munson, wife of ex-associate judge Chester Munson, died at her home in Philipsburg, on Monday evening 28th. She had been in poor health long time. Mrs. Munson was born in Philipsburg, March 14th, 1826, and as Mrs. McClellan, was married just fifty years ago.

## QUAY DEFEATS THE COMBINE.

### The Battle Royal Among Republican Politicians.

#### EXCITEMENT AT HARRISBURG

The Greatest Contest Among Republican Politicians at Harrisburg ever known—A Fight to a Finish—No Compromise and No Quarter—Some of the Scenes Enacted—The Result.

#### QUAY WINS.

By Latest Dispatch from Harrisburg—Quay Contended the Convention.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 28, 4:30 p. m.—First test vote on temporary chairman, Hastings people nominated Henry Hall; Quay men named Jack Robinson. Robinson won by 163 1/2 to 133 1/2 for Hall. Currency plank of national convention of 1892 adopted. State chairman to be elected by convention hereafter. Quay nominated unanimously on motion of Gilkeson, who said he did it in interest of party harmony. Hastings' candidates for Superior Court Judges also nominated unanimously. Quay had convention in complete control.

#### AM. PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Never in the history of Pennsylvania politics was there as fierce a contest waged by the factions of any party as that drawing to a close at Harrisburg. The Quay people and the Hastings crowd, styled as the Hog Combine, towards the close, appeared quite evenly matched and every passing event seemed to sway the chances of success to and fro like a weather-vane. This has aroused unusual interest among the people of the state who are eagerly watching the battle while the contestants are growing more bitter with every sally made or thrust received. They are battling like Roman gladiators—for the

Harrisburg, the capitol city, where the convention was called to meet Wednesday 28, was early thronged with prominent politicians from over the state. Delegates were not slow in arriving and by Monday evening every available room in the hotels was crowded. The streets were packed about the various headquarters with an excited, jostling mob, wearing all forms of streamers and badges, signifying their position in the contest. The following extracts from Tuesday's Patriot give some idea of what transpired:

#### GREAT CROWD IN THE CITY.

The city is already crowded with delegates, country leaders, miscellaneous politicians and newspaper correspondents. Many of the visitors go about with their breasts adorned with badges indicating their choice for state chairman. Many of the Quay men wear a bright red badge with the device of skull and cross bones and a fat porker underneath which is printed, "Hog killing time is at hand." A yellow badge with the words, "What did he do with it?" is also a favorite among the anti-combine shouters. The combine people wear badges with a portrait of Governor Hastings underneath which is printed "Hastings and Gilkeson." The Quay badges are overwhelmingly predominant.

David Martin, Christ Magee, of Pittsburg, and other combine leaders have their headquarters at the Commonwealth but most of the time is spent at the executive mansion in conference with Governor Hastings. The mansion has been made a sort of a branch headquarters for the combine. Here the Governor receives the delegates and politicians friendly to him.

#### BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

The outcome of the fight for state chairman is uncertain. Both factions claim victory and each apparently is serene and confident. Senator Quay has his headquarters at the Lochiel and is busy night and day directing his fight against the combine. Chairman Gilkeson is at the Commonwealth marshalling his forces with the aid of Attorney General McCormick, Christ L. Magee, Dave Martin and other combine leaders.

For the first time in the history of the republican party in Pennsylvania two state committee headquarters are in operation, each being in control of one of the factions. The city has been shingled with large placards announcing the location of the rival headquarters and requesting the delegates to present their credentials. Chairman Gilkeson declines to give out any figures. Mr. Martin says he knows of 150 delegates who will vote against Senator Quay for state chairman. This is fifteen more than necessary to win. Senator Quay reiterates his previous declarations that

he has not less than 160 delegates.

Ex-Collector Thomas V. Cooper and Judge Samuel H. Miller, of Mercer, called on Governor Hastings at the executive department yesterday morning with suggestions of a compromise. They then asked that he urge Chairman Gilkeson to attend the meeting of the state committee. This the governor refused to do.

Judge Miller then told the governor that he, the governor, could not afford to take part in the contest. The governor replied that if the judge could afford to leave the bench in Mercer county to take part in it he was unable to see why he should not. And then the delegation returned to report their unsuccessful quest to Senator Quay. Ex-Collector Cooper and Judge Miller returned to the executive mansion later in the morning and renewed their suggestions to compromise. Again Governor Hastings refused and they left disappointed with their attempt to restore harmony in the party ranks. Mr. Cooper admitted last night that he had called on the governor and insisted that it was purely a social call. Governor Hastings and his friends refused to talk about the conference.

#### STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Quay people have completely ignored Chairman Gilkeson and are going ahead arranging the preliminaries of the convention. They called the state committee together Monday and elected Thomas V. Cooper, of Delaware, temporary state chairman. Committees were also appointed to hear and determine all contests and prepare the roll of delegates to the state convention. They have captured the rooms at the Lochiel engaged by Chairman Gilkeson. Jere B. Rex, of Huntingdon, one of the secretaries of the state committee, is in charge, and is receiving the credentials of the delegates as they report.

Chairman Gilkeson did not know what had been done by the opposition until he went to headquarters yesterday morning and found Secretary Rex in charge with a corps of assistants. The chairman immediately left and went down to the Commonwealth and opened rival headquarters in the twin dining rooms.

This has put Chairman Gilkeson to the annoyance of posting pickets at the railroad stations to capture the delegates as they step off the train and escorting them to the Commonwealth.

The meeting of the state committee Monday was held at the Lochiel. Seventy-three of the 171 members were present.

At this convention a committee was appointed to wait on Chairman Gilkeson and notify him that the state committee was in session.

#### TUESDAY'S EVENTS.

The crowd kept increasing at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, with every incoming train. Notable among them were delegations of roughs and toughs from Philadelphia, intended for desperate work if necessary.

The various headquarters were besieged by constant throngs. Delegations and brass bands were constantly parading the streets. It was a scene of turmoil and excitement.

The sensation of the day was the news that Chairman Gilkeson had secured positive control of the opera house by paying a theatrical company not to fill their engagement. A hundred policemen from Pittsburg and Philadelphia were placed inside and about the entrance to make sure that the Quay people could not obtain possession of the building by force.

The result of Quay's committee meeting, at 9 p. m., was that 159 delegates answered to the roll call. This made them jubilant as that was evidence of a majority of 17 in convention, making all allowances. The Quay people then grew noisy and declared their victory certain in the convention. The Hastings-Gilkeson committee met and appointed committees to prepare the order of business in convention on Wednesday and roll of delegates. They gave out no list but continued the same confident claims of victory in the coming convention.

Quay sentiment predominated everywhere. All night Tuesday the city was alive with excitement, such as it had never before known.

#### Postal Card Duns.

The postoffice department has decided that a request to pay a bill can be sent on a postal card, but that it must contain no threat or intimation as to what will be done if the debt is not paid.

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

#### Prof. Davis in Trouble

On Tuesday evening, Prof. J. C. Davis, who recently was released from jail, where he served a 14-month sentence for undue intimacy with Mrs. Amos Redding, was again arrested. The charge was drawing a revolver upon Chas. and Wm. Gunsallus and shooting three times at John Strunk. The affair occurred near the nail works, along the railroad, on Monday evening. Davis and Mrs. Redding were strolling down that way for what purpose there can be little doubt. He imagined that he was being followed by some one, which angered him and he fired three shots at John Strunk and came back and meeting the Gunsallus boys pointed the revolver in their face and declared he would shoot if he was followed by them. He also said he shot after Strunk to hit him, and made threats about our policeman.

These young men made information before Justice Keichline. At the hearing on Wednesday, Davis made a poor statement and was committed for court. Mrs. Redding was summoned but refused to testify and was crying. Davis will likely be tried at this court.

#### Old Paper.

Last week reference was made to an old copy of this paper printed in 1860. On Saturday, while in the law office of Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., he called our attention to a copy of "The Whig" published in 1856, by Jno. T. Johnson. In that paper Mr. Mitchell's law card appears as a practicing attorney at the Bellefonte bar. That is about forty years ago. When Mr. Mitchell's attention was called to this fact, he remarked that it was correct. Among the entire list of attorneys, when he was admitted, not a single one is left. The death of Gov. Curtin took the last.

Mr. Mitchell says he scarcely realizes that it has been that long and to day feels like a young man, full of life and vigor, and in the active pursuit of his profession, keeping pace with the best of them.

#### Bridge Awarded.

On Friday the commissioners of Centre and Clearfield counties met for the purpose of awarding the bridge and piers across the Moshannon creek, near Lucas mill, in Birdsboro township. The structure was swept away last winter by the ice flood and so badly damaged that it was decided to erect an entirely new bridge. It will be 130 feet in length, iron and steel high truss. The contract was awarded the Nelson, Buchanan Co., of Chambersburg, Pa., who were one of the three firms competing.

The commissioners also decided to erect a new bridge at Peale, but it will not be erected during the present year.

#### Texas Rangers.

A party of young men, from Tyrone, traveling in an elaborately decorated hack, tarried in Bellefonte on Monday night. They called themselves "Texas Rangers" and are attired in cow boy style and act accordingly. The party consists of Ed. Toner, Harry Gardner, John Gates, William Kephart, Bert Trout, Charles Herlt, Robert Wilson, Charles Case, Jr., Samuel Ross, Guy Walker, Tony Laird and Harry Van Scoyoc. Their trip will be to Eaglesmere and return. They appear to be enjoying themselves.

#### The Veterans Picnic.

On account of the Centre County Veteran Club picnic at Hunters Park, Saturday September 7th, the Pennsylvania railroad company will run a special train from Bellefonte to Coburn, leaving Bellefonte at 6:30 p. m., stopping at intermediate points. Agents at Coburn and intermediate points will sell excursion tickets to Bellefonte and return, limited to day of issue, at single fare for the round trip.

#### Another Death.

Mrs. Mary Flack died at Coleville, Pa., on Friday having been ill for several weeks with typhoid fever. A husband and three children survive her. The interment occurred on Sunday.

This adds another fatality to this community that has been afflicted with this contagious ailment.

#### Washburn's Show.

Probably the last show for the season will be in Bellefonte on September 5th. It is a large concern, travels by special train and is wide and favorably known. Washburn's is an old show and gives a good programme.

#### Death of a Child.

A three year old child of Samuel Bowman, of Coleville, died to-day of dysentery. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon.

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

## ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.

### Isaiah Struble Killed at Zion, Monday Evening.

#### WAS RUN OVER BY A TEAM.

The Accident happened in his Barnyard. A Four horse plow-team runs away—Attempted to stop them—Expires in a half hour.

The peaceful community of Zion, Pa., was greatly shocked on Monday evening, of this week, by the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Isaiah Struble who, with his family, lived on one of the finest farms in that valley, about one-half mile south of that village. On Monday Mr. Struble's son Howard was plowing in the field, back of the barn. He drove a team of four horses in a gang-plow, on which he rode and turned two furrows. The farm hand worked in the same field, with a team and ordinary plow. In the evening, at about 7 o'clock, they quit work. The hired man unhitched his two horses and had them at the water trough, in front of the barn. Mr. Struble was in the barnyard. At the same time Howard had driven his four horses with gang-plow back of the barn and was unhitching. The team started before the one horse was loose and they ran around the barn dragging the plow after them. Mr. Struble made an attempt to stop the team, but was knocked down or fell under the horses feet and they ran over him with the heavy plow. The hired man was at the water trough and saw the accident. He ran to Mr. Struble and found him unconscious.

The injured man lingered about a half hour and then death followed. He was partly conscious at times afterwards. He seemed to have suffered an injury to the skull, and his breast was bruised and likely some of the bones and ribs were broken by the horses tramping upon him.

Mr. Struble spoke several times after the injury. He asked them to turn him from one side to another and to fan him.

Mr. Struble leaves to survive him a widow Catharine, two sons, Jacob an electrician at Boston, and Howard at home, and one daughter Miss Mary at home, all of whom are grown. He was a representative citizen of that community, being an industrious and prosperous farmer. In him the Reformed church had a strong support and a man who led a consistent life. In that community and in fact wherever known he was highly respected.

The interment occurs at Zion, Pa., cemetery on Friday morning. His age was about 63 years.

#### He is a Fake.

An item has been going the rounds of the press about one Adam Ruhl, of Sunbury, inventing a rail splice, for which he received \$50,000 from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad.

It is said that Ruhl borrowed \$45 from a man named Leisher at Watsonstown on the strength of getting this \$50,000. On Wednesday Leisher went before Justice James Brunnings, of Watsonstown, and swore out a warrant for Ruhl's arrest. When the time came for him to show up at the hearing he was nowhere to be found.

#### Another Railroad.

Work was commenced this week on the new railroad extending from Altoona to Philipsburg, which is to be known as the Altoona and Philipsburg railroad. The new line intersects at Philipsburg with the Beech Creek railroad, which extends by connection with the Reading roads to Philadelphia. The road, when completed, opens valuable bituminous coal, timber and farm lands for that section of Pennsylvania.

#### In the Races.

At the bicycle races in Tyrone, on last Saturday, Lester Shaeffer of Bellefonte captured three prizes. He was second in the two-mile open race and third in the five-mile event. There were seven entries in the latter race. Geo. Bush, acted as referee.

#### Show Coming.

Washburn's famous circus and menagerie are coming to Bellefonte on Thursday, September 5th. This is a large aggregation traveling by special trains and is first class in every respect.

#### Death of Mrs. James Fleck.

On Tuesday of last week, Mrs. John Fleck died at Mauch Chunk, Pa. She was a mother of Mrs. James Schofield of this place.

—Washburn's colossal railroad show will be in Bellefonte on Thursday, September 5th. See their advertisement in another column of this paper.

#### Marriage Licenses.

J. M. Dooley,	Bellefonte
M. E. Bauer,	"
John P. Saunders,	Minneapolis
Kate E. Dale,	Centre Hall
William E. Weiser,	Worth
Hannah M. Fisher,	Halfmoon
Oscar Laconte,	Hawk Run
Pauline Lacue,	"
Harry E. Rote,	Coleville
Minnie Miller,	"
James P. Heverly,	Howard
Resie E. Beck,	Walker
Oliver T. Corman,	Spring Mills
Tillie E. Keller,	Madisonburg
David H. Miss,	Patton
Sadie A. Harbridge,	Huston
Ira P. Confer,	Boggs
Torence E. Yarnell,	"

#### Going to Williamsport.

Arrangements, we understand have been made with the Central Railroad for excursion rates to Williamsport to attend the Democratic State Convention September 11th, at the rate of \$1 for the round trip from any point between Bellefonte and Mill Hall.

This is an exceedingly low rate and should attract many democrats from all over Centre county. It will give them an opportunity to attend a State Convention for a nominal sum.

A special return train will be run through from Williamsport in the evening. Persons desiring to join the Bowler club on this trip should make application early to W. Galer Morrison.

#### Scarf Drill.

An entertainment given in the opera house on Wednesday evening by the colored people was a very creditable affair. The programme contained some choice music that was well rendered.

The scarf drill was quite a novel feature and much appreciated. The entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Reilly, Miss Nellie Grant, pianist, and Edward Ross stage manager.

#### Dog Catches a Fish.

While a gentleman of Lock Haven was bathing in the creek at Sanderson's island he saw Jacob Bixler's dog, which animal was also in the water, suddenly seize a large fish. The dog reappeared he had in his mouth a large pike. The animal after a vigorous shake threw the fish away, but as it was disabled it floated on the surface of the water. Several gentlemen in a boat came along and picked up the fish. It measured nineteen inches.

#### Gladstone for Free Trade.

Mr. Gladstone has again been talking free trade. In conversation with a prominent American, Mr. Gladstone remarked that he used to prophesy that if the United States adopted free trade they would attain the highest position in the world. Nevertheless, they would not injure England; on the contrary they would improve her position.

Gladstone is recognized as a statesman of the highest rank. It is well to give due consideration to such an opinion.

—Mr. David Kelly is home from Philadelphia, on a short vacation.

—James Bayard, the jolly printer from Howard, tarried in Bellefonte, over Sunday.

—A clothing store in the new Pruner block is spoken of. It will be by a merchant from Tyrone.

—One of the most successful farmers in Buffalo Run valley is Mr. Geo. Musser, who lives a short distance above Filmore. Mr. Musser makes a specialty of truck growing and stock raising and every market morning he can be found with a wagon load of nice vegetables, backed up to the curb, for sale, and of which he has no trouble disposing of. Give him a call.

## 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.