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Editorial.

A SENSIBLE TALK.

Some Remarks Made by Senator Hill to Farmers.

The utterance of any public man usually attracts attention, and especially the addresses of Senator David B. Hill, of New York. While he is no farmer, yet in making an address at a county fair, Chemung county, New York, he said many practical things that will interest the farmers everywhere. He characterized this as an age of invention, and spoke of the improvements in agriculture, and the progress made in the arts, sciences, manufactures, and in every department of learning and activity. He then said:

"It is to be regretted that greater improvement has not manifested itself in the enactment of legislation. The necessity for general legislation and the desirability of avoiding special laws is apparent to every thoughtful citizen. The average legislator appears to have a mania for the making of laws, to which, like the making of books, there seems to be no end. In the multiplicity of laws there is no safety; there is confusion, a tendency to corruption, a waste of valuable time, unlikelihood of their enforcement, and general demoralization. It encourages the people to seek for real or imaginary evils of society a remedy through legislation which it is usually impossible to furnish."

In conclusion he said: "To you farmers, who have gathered to-day, I have no special suggestions to make concerning your husbandry. You know more about your own occupation than I do, and I hesitate to offer even anything in the shape of advice. I realize that during recent years the prices of agricultural products have been extremely low, the supply larger than the demand, and the competition very great, and that you have experienced much difficulty in making both ends meet. I have no chance to present anything that you can do to cure or change these conditions."

"Although this is an age of progress, there has been invented or discovered no remedy for those things. Legislation cannot change the course of nature or much affect the natural laws of trade. Good laws may aid us, and bad laws may retard us in the great struggle of life, but good, bad, or indifferent laws do not control the seasons or shape the dispositions and habits of men or regulate the incidents, the fortunes, or the misfortunes of life."

"Class legislation alone will not bring prosperity; in the end it will defeat itself. Direct attempts by legislation to put prices up or to put them down are usually futile. It may be laid down as a safe and general rule that the less the Government, State or Nation, interferes with private business, occupation, and affairs of men, the better it will be for the classes and for all the people. What the farmers want is what all others profess to desire—good government, honestly and economically administered, fair play, and an open field in the race of life."

Friendly Note.

The following friendly note from a former citizen and Reverend gentleman will no doubt interest many of our readers at this place:

SYLVAN HEIGHTS, }
Harrisburg, Aug. 17, 1895. }
Editor of the Centre Reporter:

KIND SIR—I was flattered by the notice you gave me in the issue of your paper of the 15th inst. In the abundance of your heart you spoke of my administration of this diocese above my deserts; but of our early friendship which I am happy to say has not been forgotten, your words are sweet like music of other days. It is a joy to recall in the evening of life's pilgrimage the pleasant memories of over thirty years ago, when on youth's fleet limbs—

"We two have run about the braes,
And pu' on the gowans fine;
But we've wandered money weary foot,
Sin' and lang syne"

Yours Gratefully,
THOMAS MCGOVERN,
Bishop of Harrisburg.

Jumped From Brooklyn Bridge.

Clara McArthur a married woman, who on August 30, tried to jump from the Brooklyn bridge, but who was prevented by the police, on Sunday morning carried out her plans. Shortly after o'clock she dropped from the bridge, and was picked up apparently fatally injured, by two men who were cruising about in a boat in anticipation of her making the leap.

She is now in Hudson street hospital, where she is held as a prisoner on the charge of suicide, but bears the unique distinction of being the only woman who has jumped from the bridge. She will recover.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

In Session at Williamsport On Wednesday.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

A Large Enthusiastic Gathering—Platform Adopted—Centre County well Represented. A Brief Account of the Doings of the Convention.

The Democratic State Convention, that assembled at Williamsport Wednesday of this week, attracted a large gathering. The nominations made are one for State Treasurer and six candidates for Superior Court. For State Treasurer there was no contest; no one wanted the honor and the position went a begging.

On the other hand there is a certainty of one of the Superior Court nominees being elected and a possibility of more. No one can tell how the campaign will terminate.

From almost every section of the state there came a candidate for the Superior Court. There were little booms, big booms and boomlets. Some went in person, others sent heelers and delegations.

Centre county was well represented at Williamsport from the start. On Tuesday evening a large delegation, headed by the Undine band started down and on Wednesday morning the Centre county contingent wearing C. M. Bower badges, made a splendid showing—there being almost two hundred in line. The city was thronged with politicians from every part of the State. It was a gala day for Williamsport.

She Succeeded.

There is a rule at Smith College that no girl can go out driving with a young man unless he is her brother, her fiancé or a near relation. Now, once upon a time, not many years ago, a young man went there to see a girl with whom he stood in none of these relations, although he wished to be in one of them. And like any sensible young fellow in such a pretty town he wished to take a drive, having no knowledge of the bothersome rule.

The girl said that she would just love to go, but she would have to ask the president. "Is the young man your brother?" inquired the functionary. No, said the girl. "Is he your cousin?" No, said the girl. "Are you engaged?" "Not yet," the blushing maiden answered, "but I think we will be when come back, if you will only let me go!" And tradition says that the couple came home engaged.

A Woman With Some Courage.

Ridgway has a "new woman" whose courage should be eulogized in song and story. Some women scream and flee at the sight of a mouse but Ridgway's new woman actually went to the chicken coop the other night, caught a skunk by the hind legs, pulled it out of the coop and held it until her daughter brought the hatchet and then deliberately chopped the polecat's head off. Talk about courage that would face a canon's mouth, but where is there a man who could pick up a skunk when its mouth was turned from him and execute it with a hatchet. This is positively a true story, and we defy any town in the state to equal Ridgway's new woman.

Garman—Cruse.

On next Wednesday, September 18th, Miss Rebie, youngest daughter of Mr. Daniel Garman, and Mr. Charles Cruse will be married in the Episcopal church. The ceremony will be private. Mr. Cruse is the oldest son of And. J. Cruse, dec'd., and has charge of the Cruse cigar factory, at this place. He is an energetic young business man. The many friends of the young couple extend congratulations.

The young couple expect to take up residence in the house on Linn street occupied for a number of years by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Garman, who are moving into the Daniel Garman residence, on High street.

Will Meet at Butler.

The Presbyterian synod, of Pennsylvania, which met in Tyrone last year, will meet in annual session this year in the Butler Presbyterian church on Thursday, October 17, and the present indications are for a week's session. The synod is one of the largest of the church, and will be attended by probably 300 ministers and elders.

—Hon. Volney B. Cushing will lecture in the court house on Saturday evening, September 21st. Mr. Cushing is one of the most celebrated temperance orators of the times, and everybody who can should go to hear him.

—At the home of Mrs. Fasic on Tuesday evening, her daughter, Miss Edith, was united in marriage to Mr. David McNiel.

INTERESTING BIOGRAPHY.

Death of the Venerable John Alexander of Unionville.

On Wednesday of last week, the remains of John Alexander were laid in their last resting place, in the Union cemetery at Dix Run, where already reposes his wife Martha who preceded him.

The life of the subject of this sketch is so closely related to the life of the late Ex-Sheriff George Alexander, that it is impossible, as well as incomplete, to write of one, without mention of the other, they being twins. Although there were other boys in the Alexander family, the twins were known and spoken of as "The Alexander boys," at all times and under all circumstances during their lives.

George who died Sept. 7th 1892, and John who died Sept. 2, 1895, were the most noted set of twins in Penna., history, same height, same build, same weight, frequently balancing the scales and never varied over from three to five pounds, dressed alike, shaved alike and spoke alike. In appearance they were so near alike, that it took our most shrewdest observers about ten years to distinguish them, and the majority of the people never could. While George was sheriff—1861-4, a great many people who met John would pull out their pocket-books and offer to pay official fees, and were surprised when he would not take it. While in Philadelphia during the Centennial, John went into a barber shop and got shaved; within an hour George entered the same shop and took the chair, the barber laid down his razor in astonishment, saying "I've barbed for twenty years, but I never shaved a man twice in one hour before in my life."

The Alexander boys were born at the old home-stead where John H. Stover now resides, past eighty-three years ago and their whole lives have been spent in the vicinity of their birth, attending such schools as existing circumstances then afforded, and when they became young men they learned the trade of cabinet making and carpentry with their brother William in Bellefonte. Being expert mechanics, they took contracts for churches and school houses, the school house that used to stand on the hill near the jail in Bellefonte was built by them as well as others in the valley.

In 1838 John was married to Martha Blair by the Rev. James Lynn, of Bellefonte. About this time they each bought a farm in Bush Hollow, now known as the Resides and Wm. Spotts farms, and for a number of years they farmed to a great extent, while at the same time did a great deal of lumbering at home and rafting in Clearfield Co. After George's term as sheriff ended, they disposed of their farms and entered the mercantile business in Unionville, and continued this business till 1874 when they sold out to Leathers and Buck. In 1880 they again opened up a Grange store in their own room which they operated a few years, selling out to R. L. Scholl, they retiring to private life.

In June 1888, John and his wife gave a "Golden Wedding," something unusual in this section. They had two daughters and one son Willie B. who was an exceptionally bright young man, and died suddenly, having attained his majority and had just entered on a course of law having decided to become an attorney. Since the death of his wife he made his home with his daughter Mrs. Dr. Vanvalin, who did all in her power to make his last hours as pleasant as possible. Religious service was conducted at the house by Rev. King of Milesburg, and he was borne to the grave by the following persons who were schoolmates and associates in early life, as pall bearers, William Boggs, Peter H. Bush, Thomas Watson, Henry Spotts, David Spotts and William Spotts. (x)

Important Decision.

County Superintendent Rudy, of Huntingdon county, refused to grant E. E. Kell, a Shade Gap school teacher, a professional certificate because he could not certify to the fact that the applicant was of a good moral character. It was admitted that Kell was competent from an educational standpoint, but he was charged with being habitually addicted to the use of intoxicating beverages, and on this ground the County Superintendent felt that he could not legally issue the certificate. Kell could get the school had the certificate been forthcoming. He therefore petitioned the court for a rule on County Superintendent Rudy to show cause why a mandamus should not issue compelling him to grant the certificate. The case was heard at a special term of court before Judge John G. Love and in a decree filed the rule was made absolute and a peremptory mandamus awarded commanding Rudy to issue a proper legal certificate within five days and pay the costs of the proceedings. The case will likely be appealed to the Supreme Court.

AMERICA'S CUP.

The contests between Defender and Valkyrie III, for this famous trophy take place in September, the first race was held on September 7th. This series will make the eighteenth time the cup has been challenged for since it was won by the America, owned by George L. Scharf and other patriotic Americans on Aug. 22, 1851. The cup was originally the property of the Royal Yacht Squadron, of Great Britain, which resolved May 9, 1851, to give a cup worth £100, to be open to yachts of all nations. British and Canadian yachtsmen have been the challengers for the cup, now the property of the New York Yacht Club, to whom it was deeded by the original winners, the challengers on the part of the British yachtsmen having been frequent since 1855. The contests have been triumphs for the naval designers of the United States.

On Saturday the first contest took place between the Defender and the British yacht Valkyrie. The race occurred off Sandy Hook, the start being made at noon. At first the British yacht took the lead and maintained it for some time to the great dismay of the thousand excursionists who were so anxious to see the cup remain on this side of the water. A stiff breeze soon came up and the American boat began to gain and gradually went ahead and finished 8 minutes and 20 seconds ahead.

There was a monstrous shout, thousands of steam whistles let forth a joyous note, the national color everywhere laughed in the breeze over the first victory in the series, which seemed to demonstrate that the American sailors would defeat their British visitor in the remaining races.

DEFENDER WAS FOULED.

The second race between the yachts took place on Tuesday over a triangular course. At the start the British boat ran into the Defender and disabled part of the rigging. The Defender completed the race, but under a protest, coming in only 47 seconds behind. The committee will not likely award this race to the Valkyrie.

Reduced Rates.

For the twenty-second annual picnic and exhibition of the Patrons of Husbandry, at Grange Park Centre Hall, Pa., September 14 to 21, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Centre Hall and return from Johnstown, Harrisburg, and intermediate stations; Tyrone, Clearfield and Bald Eagle Valley branches; Renovo, Dauphin, and intermediate stations; stations on L. and T. Branch, Shamokin Division, Summit Branch, and from Catawissa and intermediate stations, September 14 to 21, good to return until September 21, inclusive at a single fare for the round trip.

On September 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, special trains will be run between Bellefonte, Sunbury and intermediate stations.

For specific rates and time of trains consult small bills, or apply to ticket agents.

The following schedule has been arranged for the accommodation of those who desire to attend the Patrons Picnic, Centre Hall, Pa., September 14 to 21. The schedule is good for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 14, 15 and 16 when tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip.

	EASTWARD.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.
Bellefonte	5:15	10:15	7:50	
Alexandria	5:22	10:22	7:57	
Pleasant Gap	5:30	10:30	8:05	
Dale Summit	5:38	10:38	8:13	
Lemont	5:41	10:41	8:22	
Oak Hill	5:45	10:45	8:28	
Linden Hall	5:51	10:51	8:42	
Centre Hall (Grange Park)	6:05	11:05	8:55	
WESTWARD.				
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Centre Hall	9:10	3:30	6:20	9:00
Linden Hall	9:25	3:47	6:48	9:18
Oak Hill	9:30	3:53	6:55	9:25
Lemont	9:35	3:59	7:03	9:30
Dale Summit	9:40	4:03	7:08	9:36
Pleasant Gap	9:50	4:15	7:18	9:48
Alexandria	9:54	4:19	7:22	9:54
Bellefonte	10:00	4:25	7:30	10:00

The special train leaving Bellefonte at 10:15 a. m. will also be run on September 16 and 17.

	WESTWARD.	EASTWARD.
8:55	Leave Sunbury Arrive	9:55
9:05	Northumberland	9:45
9:18	Montandon	9:30
9:28	Lewisburg	9:22
9:37	Biel	9:12
9:42	Vicksburg	9:07
9:52	Millmont	8:57
9:57	Barber	8:51
10:02	Swengel	8:45
10:06	Millmont	8:42
10:14	Glen Iron	8:33
10:25	Fairview	8:22
10:37	Cherry Run	8:10
10:46	Paddy Mountain	8:00
10:57	Igley	7:55
11:02	Coburn	7:48
11:05	Zerby	7:40
11:15	Rising Springs	7:30
11:25	Penn Cave	7:23
11:30	Arrive Centre Hall	7:15

The special west-bound train will also be run on September 17.

In speaking of President Cleveland's administration the Philadelphia Times pays the following glowing tribute to distinguished citizen:

"Mr. Cleveland will go into history as one of the greatest of American Presidents. Lincoln attached the people to him by his closeness to them and his ever expressed sympathy for them. These qualities, added to his great achievements in statesmanship, make him the central figure among our Presidents since the administration of Washington. But Mr. Cleveland, without effort to win popular applause, will be crystallized in history as one of the boldest and most patriotic of all our Chief Magistrates."

VETERANS AT HUNTERS PARK.

Annual Reunion Very Largely Attended.

A CURTIN MONUMENT FUND.

A large Subscription given, and Active measure taken.—Addresses made and other events.

Last Saturday the Veteran Club of Centre county held their annual picnic at Hunter's Park, and it was the most successful of any such gathering in recent years. The attendance from all sections of Centre county was unusually large. By noon there were several thousand persons on the ground. After dinner a business meeting was held, at which the following officers for the ensuing year were chosen.

For President, Gen. James A. Beaver; Vice Presidents, Geo. M. Boal and W. C. Patterson; Secretary, W. H. Musser; Treasurer, John Hamilton. They were all unanimously elected. The committee on place of meeting next year reported in favor of Hecla Park, and it was so voted.

Then came the speech making, and very interesting addresses were made by Gen. D. M. Gregg, Dr. George W. Atherton, Prof. Hamilton, R. A. Cassidy, George T. Michaels, of Lock Haven and others. After the speech making Gen. Beaver presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"The Veteran Club of Centre county in annual meeting assembled, in view of the death of Hon. A. G. Curtin, an honorable member of the Club, on the 7th of October last, and in view of the action of the Club at its last meeting in reference to an effort to secure a soldier's monument in Centre county, and in view of the changed conditions which now confront us, in reference thereto, by reason of the death of Gov. Curtin, and of late legislation in reference to soldier's monuments, hereby in reference to its deliberate judgment in reference to the erection of a statue to perpetuate the memory of Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, the war Governor of Pennsylvania, in Bellefonte."

"We appeal to every old soldier in Pennsylvania to aid in the erection of such a monument. We invoke the co-operation and assistance of Grand Army posts and other Veteran Organizations. We pledge ourselves to an immediate and determined effort to a successful result in reference thereto, and in order to contribute our share towards the erection thereof, we do hereby appropriate out of funds in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, and direct the officers of the Club to subscribe toward the Curtin Monument Fund."

A Sad Death.

On last Friday Mrs. J. M. Stam, of Millheim, had an attack of apoplexy and died before any assistance could be rendered. She was at home alone with her two children when she took ill. Several days previous Dr. Stam, her husband, decided to drive to Mercer county, where he expected to locate. The friends have been unable to locate his whereabouts to inform him of the death of his wife. A daughter also lives in Mercer county and they were unable to hear from her. The interment takes place at Boalsburg.

On Monday night, Dr. Stam passed through Bellefonte on his way to Millheim.

Death of Samuel Davis.

Last Monday, 2nd, Samuel Davis died at his home at Linden Hall, after a long illness. Several years ago he was seriously injured by jumping from a rapidly moving passenger train near Linden Hall, and sustained injuries to the brain which unsettled his mind. For some time past he was closely confined to a room, and never recovered. The funeral took place Thursday forenoon, interment being made in the Centre Hill cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Bennisson.

On Monday morning Mrs. Bennisson, mother of Mr. S. H. Bennisson, died at her residence in Howard borough. Deceased was aged about 85 years, and was a woman well known in the community in which she lived. She is survived by two sons and three daughters. The funeral will take place on Thursday, services to be held at her late home in Howard at 10 o'clock, after which the remains will be taken to the cemetery below Jacksonville, where interment will be made.

A Sad Death.

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Kate Gross died at the home of her mother, after a brief illness of a few weeks. The interment occurred on Saturday, services being held in the Catholic church. Five sisters and two brothers survive her.

It is cruel for democratic editors to keep poking their taunts at "Our Dan"—he is quite sick without it.

Weather Predictions.

The safest policy is to be on the lookout everywhere from the 14th to the 20th and take no unnecessary risk on land or water. Within this period telegraphic reports will indicate where the storm will probably spend the greatest force. Shipping on the lakes and near the Atlantic coast can save serious destruction of property by keeping near a safe harbor from 14th to 20th, and pleasure boating excursions should be entirely abandoned.

The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 13th, great central valley 17th, eastern states 19th.

The cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 16th, great central valley 18th, eastern states 20th.

A Good Opportunity.

Mr. A. A. Fletcher, at the recent sheriff sales, purchased the J. B. Crawford, mill site and 109 acres of farm land at the gap near Nittany, Pa. He offers this property at private sale. It will be sold separately. The mill site and tenant buildings will be offered in one part and the land in another. This is a splendid location for a grist and flouring mill; good water power. As there is no mill between Clintondale and Bellefonte, a distance of 17 miles, and being in the best grain belt in the state, as a mill location it can not be surpassed.

For further information address

A. A. FLETCHER,
Nittany Pa.

A Household Treasure.

Within the reach of all. No home in America should be without a Goodwin Washer, and if you are wise, don't be persuaded to buy any other until you have seen the Goodwin. It commends itself on sight as the simplest, most efficient and durable washer manufactured. It will wash perfectly the finest as well as the coarsest material without turning the clothes yellow or tearing off the buttons.

A leading feature of this valuable invention requires special notice, namely: That it will wash perfectly clean, wrists, bands, neckbands, collars and cuffs, which no other machine will do.

It will be on exhibition at the Grange picnic next week.

Here's a Nice Egg Problem.

Some mighty intellects in Germantown; says the Philadelphia Record, are now wrestling with the following problem. It is not very difficult of solution, but has already been the cause of considerable profanity these warm days out in that peaceful suburb: A woman took a basket of eggs to the city for sale. Upon being asked how many she had she replied: "If I take the eggs out of the basket two at a time I have one left. If I take them out three at a time I have one left. If I take them out four at a time I have one left. If I take them out five at a time I have one left. If I take them out six at a time I have one left; but if I take them out seven at a time I have none left in the basket." How many eggs had she in the basket?

Received His Commission.

On last Thursday morning H. C. Quigley, Esq., received his commission from Governor Hastings as Captain of Company B, 5th Reg. N. G. P. As Captain Quigley was only elected on the 2nd of August, his commission arriving so soon is the best testimonial. Company B appears to be getting along nicely under his management.

WE'RE NEVER BEHIND.

When you think you see a big bargain some place, better wait and see what we have—We're never behind.

One place where we are way ahead of all competition is in

SCHOOL SHOES.

The children know where they get the best looking, best fitting, best wearing shoes as well as you do. Nine out of ten of them will come to us if they have their way.

We are selling Mundell's Genuine Solar Tips, 5 to 8 at \$1.00; 8 to 10 1-2, \$1.25; 11 to 13 1-2, \$1.50—25 cents per pair cheaper than regular price. (See City Papers.) These goods are the Most Economical School Shoes Made. Buy them long, or your child will out-grow them.

MINGLES SHOE STORE.