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EDITORIAL.

NO PAPER.

According to custom, next week no paper will be issued from this office. The employees desire to have a bit of recreation and rest, after six months of constant toil. They have richly deserved it. There is another good feature in this custom. By not publishing one week, our patrons appreciate the value of their weekly paper—only when they don't have it.

Standing at the close of another year it is fitting that we acknowledge the liberal patronage extended the CENTRE DEMOCRAT during these twelve months. While we may not be running monster web-perfecting presses, and writing strong editorials upon leading questions of state that pulsate and throb throughout the nation, it gives us pleasure to know that in Centre county it has a mission to fill, and that its efforts are not in vain. During the past year an occasional gleam of prosperity has illuminated our course, and whether merited or not, we leave that for others to judge. During 1895 we hope to be able to serve our readers and patrons better than heretofore, and solicit their kindly patronage. Wishing one and all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, we bid 1895 adieu.

Good sense: Senator Quay says—"I am not fit to be President."

The republican state convention will be held at Harrisburg on Thursday, April 23, 1896, to elect delegates to the National Convention.

A SILENT industry is a rare thing to be found. Prosperity has indeed been smiling over the land. It should bring a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to many a fire side and home.

Who can define "honest money?" The silver people are for such a currency and so are the single standard, only they differ in what it would be. A dollar worth only fifty cents would hardly cover the term of "honest money."

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S message seems to have met the requirements. His foreign policy is manly and vigorous and dignified and above all, conservative. There is no cheap jingo ring about it. On the money question he maintains a firm position.

In Philadelphia the traveling public must pay the street car companies eight cent fares instead of five. This is possible since Hastings signed a bill which allows them to consolidate and impose upon the public. Gov. Hastings also signed a bill that compels all people who use coal oil, to pay more for it than formerly. These are pointers for some of our doubting democracy to keep in mind.

This is what the Hon. Thomas P. Bayard said and for the saying of it republicans have threatened him with impeachment.

"In my own country I have witnessed the insatiable growth of that form of state socialism styled protection, which I believe, has done more to foster class legislation and create inequality of fortune, corrupt public life, banish men of independent mind and character from public councils, blunt public conscience, and place politics upon the low level of a mercenary scramble than any other single cause. Step by step, and largely owing to the confusion of civil strife, it has succeeded in obtaining control of the sovereign power of taxation, creating the revenue into an engine for selfish and private profit (its allied beneficiaries and combines are called trusts), and gradually the commercial marine of the United States has disappeared, the few vessels lately built being an exception and proving the rule, as they were only built by making a breach in the general tariff navigation laws."

Happenings Near Us.

It requires \$14,000 annually to run the Phillipsburg schools.

The late Henry Brown, of Hubersburg, bequeathed \$5,000 to missions.

The Semi Weekly Spirit will make its appearance in Jersey Shore in the near future.

For More Cars.

The Pennsylvania railroad company are advertising for bids for the manufacturing of 2,000 freight cars. If the contract is awarded this month yet, it will run the number of cars made this year by this company up to 7,000.

Fine Lounge.

The Pleasant Gap band are selling chances for a fine oak frame lounge, trimmed in raw silk. The chances are ten cents. The drawing will take place on Saturday, the 28th of December.

Lyon & Co. are doing a larger business than ever, prices is what counts.

DEFIANCE TO ENGLAND.

Cleveland's Bold Utterances on the Venezuela Affair.

UPHOLD THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The President Declares That Our Government Cannot Accept the British Claim to the Disputed Territory, and Urges an Independent Commission of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The message President Cleveland sent to congress yesterday in connection with the Venezuelan correspondence expressed in forcible terms his belief that the Monroe doctrine, as enunciated to Lord Salisbury in Secretary Olney's dispatch of July last, was "founded upon substantial considerations and involved our safety and welfare, and that it was fully applicable to our present condition, and was directly related to the pending controversy." The president says in part:

"If an European power, by an extension of its boundaries, takes possession of the territory of one of our neighboring republics against its will and in derogation of its rights, it is difficult to see why, to that extent, that European power does not thereby attempt to extend its system of government to that portion of this continent which is thus taken. This is the precise action which President Monroe declared to be dangerous to our peace and safety, and it can make no difference whether the European system is extended by an advance of frontier or otherwise.

"Practically, the principle for which we contend has peculiar, if not exclusive, relation to the United States. It may not have been admitted in so many words to the code of international law, but since in international counsels every nation is entitled to the rights belonging to it, if the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine is something we may justly claim it has place in the code of international law as certainly and as securely as if it were specifically mentioned, and when the United States is a suitor before the high tribunal that administers international law, the question to be determined is whether or not we present claims which the justice of that code of law can find to be right and valid.

"The Monroe doctrine finds its recognition in those principles of international law which are based upon the theory that every nation shall have its rights protected and its just claims enforced.

"Of course this government is entirely confident that under the sanction of this doctrine we have clear rights and undoubted claims. Nor is this ignored in the British reply. The prime minister, while not admitting that the Monroe doctrine is applicable to present conditions, states: "In declaring that the United States would resist any such enterprise if it was contemplated President Monroe adopted a policy which received the entire sympathy of the English government of that date."

"Assuming that the attitude of Venezuela will remain unchanged the dispute has reached such a stage as to make it now incumbent upon the United States to take measures to determine with sufficient certainty for its justification what is the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana. The inquiry to that end should, of course, be conducted carefully and judicially, and due weight should be given to all available evidence, records and facts in support of the claims of both parties.

"In order that such an examination should be prosecuted in a thorough and satisfactory manner, I suggest that the congress make an adequate appropriation for the expenses of a commission to be appointed by the executive, who shall make the necessary investigation and report upon the matter with the least possible delay. When such report is made and accepted it will, in my opinion, be the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power, as a willful aggression upon its rights and interests, the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or the exercise of governmental jurisdiction over any territory which after investigation we have determined to rightly belong to Venezuela.

"In making these recommendations I am fully alive to the responsibility incurred and keenly realize all the consequences that may follow. I am nevertheless firm in my conviction that, while it is a grievous thing to contemplate the two great English speaking people of the world as being otherwise than friendly competitors in the onward march of civilization and strenuous and worthy rivals in all the arts of peace, there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which equals that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self respect and honor beneath which is shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness."

Accompanying the president's message was Secretary Olney's note to Mr. Bayard and Lord Salisbury's reply thereto. Mr. Olney gives a firm indorsement of the Monroe doctrine, and in conclusion says that the duty of the president appears to him unmistakable and imperative. To ignore Great Britain's assertion of title and her refusal to have that title investigated and not protest and give warning against the substantial appropriation by Great Britain of the territory for her own use would be to ignore an established policy with which the honor and welfare of this country are closely identified. He therefore instructed Mr. Bayard to lay the views given before Lord Salisbury and demand a decision as to whether Great Britain would submit the dispute to arbitration.

Lord Salisbury's reply is addressed to Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador at Washington, under date of Nov. 26 last. The dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, avers Lord Salisbury, is a controversy with which the United States have no apparent practical concern, as the disputed territory "belonged to the throne of England long before the republic of Venezuela came into existence." As he proceeds in the discussion the language of Lord Salisbury becomes tart. He argues on the theory that the Monroe doctrine in itself is sound, but disclaims any intention of being understood as expressing any acceptance of it on the part of her majesty's government.

After being read in the senate the message and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on foreign relations, and then the senate adjourned.

The members of congress discuss the president's message very freely, and all, regardless of politics, agree that it is a vigorous, patriotic statement of the Monroe doctrine, and will receive the support of both bodies. In response to inquiries, Governor McKinley telegraphs his indorsement from Columbus, O.

Take Notice.
 All accounts due Samuel Lewins, recently sold out by the sheriff, are assigned to me, and those owing same are requested to call at store and make immediate settlement.
 LOUIS FABIAN,
 at Bellefonte, Pa.
 —Lewins's store was recently sold out by the sheriff and the entire stock must be disposed at any price.
 —Great Holiday reductions at Shaeffer's Studio, Allegheny street, Bellefonte.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
 The undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre county, to hear and pass upon the exceptions filed to the account of D. M. Butts, executor of etc., of Ruth B. Atmor, deceased, and restate the account in accordance with his findings, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may attend.
 WILBUR F. REEDER,
 Auditor.

Bellefonte Grain Market.
 Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

Red wheat, per bushel.....	60
Rye, per bushel.....	45
Corn, ears per bushel, new.....	45
Corn, shelled per bushel.....	35
Oats—new per bushel.....	25
Barley, per bushel.....	35
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	40
Ground plaster, per ton.....	2.50

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES & C. (as corrected weekly by Bauer & Co.)

Apples, dried, per pound.....	05
Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded.....	18
Beans, per quart.....	00
Onions, per bushel.....	60
Butter, per pound.....	23
Tallow, per pound.....	10
Country Shoulders.....	10
Hams.....	13
Hams sugar cured.....	13
Breakfast Bacon.....	12 1/2
Lard, per pound.....	25
Eggs per dozen.....	20
Potatoes per bushel new.....	20
Dried sweet Corn per pound.....	10

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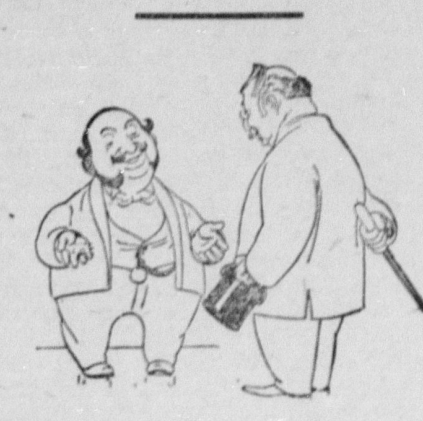
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Will be offered at Public Sale on the premises on **SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 1895,** the following described real estate, to wit:
 o—A FINE FARM—o
 located in Howard township, immediately north of the village of Mt. Eagle, containing
 o—32 ACRES—o
 Farm land in a high state of cultivation, and known of the Jacob B. Leathers farm; thereon erected a good two-story frame dwelling house Bank Barn, large Tobacco Shed and all necessary outbuildings in good repair. Good Orchard, Spring Water; conveniently located to churches and schools and is a desirable home.
 TERMS—Terms will be announced. Sale at 1 p. m.
 ELLIS L. GREYS,
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THE MILD WEATHER
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Backward. The Manufacturer has Felt this More than the Retailer.

Owing to the backwardness of the season we have been able to secure of two of the largest and best Overcoat makers of New York city a large lot of Men's, Boy's and Childrens' Overcoats for much less than their value. We give our customers the benefit of this purchase by selling these goods at much less than their value. We will convert this immense stock into money again.
 \$5.00 Men's Overcoat for \$2.50, \$6.00 Men's Overcoat for \$3.75, \$10.00 Men's Overcoat for \$5.00, \$12.00 Men's Overcoat for \$7.00. Better Overcoats up to those worth \$20.00 proportionately as cheap as the prices mentioned above. Boy's Overcoats from 98cts. upwards to the finest all wool Beaver Cloth Coats.

We have the best fitting all wool Cheviot Suits for men that can be found in the state at the very

THE GREAT NUMBER OF LADIES' COATS AND CAPES

we have already sold this season is an evidence that they are well made, handsomely lined and trimmed, that they fit well and that the prices are very low for the very good quality.
 A good cloth ladies' cape for \$3.50, a better cloth ladies' cape for \$4.50, an elegantly lined and trimmed cloth ladies' cape for \$6.00, ladies' plain cloth Fine Boucle and fine plush capes, from \$5.50 to \$15.00. All styles, weights and colors, infants and childrens' coats from 95 cts. up to the finest, with beautiful silk and silk velvet caps to match each coat.

LOW PRICE OF \$4.75 A SUIT.
 Better qualities all wool suits for men up to the finest clay worsteds at

PRICES THAT DEFY COMPETITION
 Good all wool pants for men at 1.25.
 Extra heavy all wool pants for men 1.50
 Boy's suits from 98c up to the finest all wool chevots. Boy's knee pants from 25c up to a dollar a pair.

SHOES, SHOES AND BOOTS

We can fit you in shoes, we can fit you in boots
 We have the widest and also the narrowest lasts.
 Ladies genuine leather insole fine dongola buttoned patent leather tipped shoes, at \$1.39
 Ladies genuine leather insole finer dongola buttoned patent leather tipped shoes, at \$1.99
 Ladies genuine leather insole finer dongola buttoned, patent leather tipped shoes, at \$2.40
 Ladies fine dongola buttoned common sense heel and toe from \$1.39 and upwards.
 Men's boots from \$1.45 up to the best.
 Children's shoes from 35cts a pair up to the best \$2.50.

ONLY A FEW MORE DRESS PATTERNS

left in the 42 inches wide, wool novelty dress goods at 20 cents a yard. All wool 1 1/2 yards wide camels hair dress serges, at 34 cents. Better serges for a little more money. Heavy all wool 1 1/2 yards wide cloth for dresses, all shades 50 cents per yard. Fine dress goods, Mohairs, silk and wool Henriettas, Boucle cloths, fancy silk and wool plaids from 34 cents up to \$1.25 per yard.

SPECIAL BARGAINS THIS SEASON IN GUM SHOES.

Children's gum shoes 14 cents, Ladies' gum shoes 35 cents, Men's gum shoes 45 cents.

We have been in business HERE 25 YEARS, but have never been able to sell blankets as cheap as this season, you want to know why? Because we never before bought blankets in such large quantities. You get them 75 cents a pair less than the regular price. Red blankets, gray blankets, white blankets, from 58 cents a pair up to the finest all wool blankets.

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