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EDITORIAL

THE republicans are just realizing the very narrow escape they had from defeat.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature will soon be in session. Truly there is occasion for alarm.

THE vote of Bryan in Minnesota exceeds that given Grover Cleveland in 1892 by 38,557.

THE official vote of Indiana shows that William J. Bryan received 303,845 votes in the state, or 42,832 more than Grover Cleveland received in 1892.

THE shaping of McKinley's cabinet is giving a great deal of concern to the politicians. The point is not worth the worry and we presume the Major does not care for advice on this point.

NEXT week everybody will be giving thanks for various privileges. The democrats rejoice that they can stay on the earth and wait and watch for the McKinley prosperity. It is coming—but when.

It makes a man real tired and weary to hear republicans boast that McKinley's election caused the rise in wheat. It was the failure of the crop in India—that and nothing else. The supply was cut down and prices consequently went up.

TEXAS, on a vote 115,000 larger than ever before cast in the state, gives Bryan about 150,000 majority. Mr. Hanna at one time professed to consider the vote of Texas doubtful. Texas boasts a matter of 246 counties.

PHIL. WOMELSDORF, of Philipsburg, seems to be smarting severely over his defeat for the legislature. Little Phil. became entirely too patriotic—bit off more than he could chew—monkeyed with the administration buzz saw and got mangled badly. Poor little Phil.

THE great activity in our navy yards and the preparation of our fleet for service indicates that trouble between this country and Spain is seriously anticipated. President Cleveland is doing the right thing, by preparing for such an emergency.

THE fight for U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania to succeed Cameron is becoming quite interesting. The leading aspirants are Gov. Hastings, John Wanamaker and Senator Penrose. All have some support. It is said that Quay would prefer Hastings and will assist him providing the Gov. can develop enough strength to be a strong candidate.

In 1892 the cold water adherents in this State numbered 25,123. In 1894, at the election for Governor, in a smaller total vote, they cast 23,433 ballots. At the late election the Prohibition vote decreased to 19,274. The Prohibition party has lost its rights to certificates of nominations and their candidates must be placed on the State ticket next year by nomination papers.

THE advance in the price of wheat to almost a dollar will be a great benefit to the farmers of the country. The sight of \$1.00 for wheat was almost forgotten—but now unexpectedly will soon be realized. It will help the farmer to reap some profit for his toil, and in many instances help to reduce the mortgage on the farm. Now, if McKinley can furnish employment for our idle workmen and increase wages, there will be a season of rejoicing, prosperity and plenty. We hope it may come.

THE Democrats of Ohio did remarkably well at the late election and cast a total vote of 475,000, which is 70,000 votes more than were given Cleveland in 1892 and exceeds by 140,000 votes that received by Governor Campbell in 1895, running upon a gold standard platform. Bryan received in the state 47,000 more votes than any Republican candidate ever received in Ohio prior to the election of November this year. The Democratic party of Ohio is stronger to-day than at any previous time in its history.

There is no likelihood of the republicans having a contest on sheriff in this county. In the first place, they have no definite information of illegal voting. They would only have a faint hope to follow. The result would likely make the democratic majority much larger. A contest would certainly bring to light some of the corrupt methods employed at the last election, where money purchased votes by the wholesale and in which some very prominent and would-be-respectable citizens of this town could be implicated. The expenses of a contest would be no less than \$10,000 and the county would have to foot the greater portion. It would be an unpopular move. These are reasons why we consider that there will be no contest. In the event of such proceedings the democrats will be on deck to defend their candidates and some lively times can be expected.

NO CONTEST.

A rumor is afloat about the county that Mr. A. V. Miller, the republican candidate for Sheriff, and beaten by only 16 votes, would contest the election. There was groundwork for such a report. For several days, we understand, Mr. Miller was in consultation with several republican lawyers, who are anxious for a fee at the county's expense. They seemed to be in possession of wonderful information. They could not find enough illegal votes cast in Howard, Snow Shoe and Gregg to wipe out Cronister's majority and thus capture that office. That was their program. They seemed to forget that the democrats would be awake while this was going on. That a contest would unearth wholesale bribery and the shameful purchase of votes, in which some of Bellefonte's leading republicans were involved. The legislative fight made certain republicans desperate and Womelsdorf had to be defeated at any price.

This brought republican boodle into the field to purchase republican votes straight, except for Womelsdorf. The Womelsdorf crowd adopted the same plan and omitted Curtin. An investigation would bring much to light. Republican politicians don't want an investigation. While it would be in progress, the democrats would not be asleep. A contest would mean an expense of about \$5,000, on taxpayers of Centre county. It would be a prolonged and bitter contest. Both sides could uncover irregularities and illegal voting. In the end Cronister's majority would certainly be larger, and some of our republican heeblers would be sorry that it happened.

We think Mr. Miller knows he is defeated. After all his hard work, and many disappointments, he should be taken care of. If the leaders in Centre county are honest in their claims, they will see to it that Abraham Miller gets a good appointment under the McKinley administration, as they always pointed him out as deserving.

Mr. Miller has made two hard fights for his party and went down in sight of victory each time. We claim that it now is the duty of that party to take care of Mr. Miller when they will be in position to do so. They will have a number of good appointments at their command. If they are honest, they will do so.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

Table with columns for States, McKinley, and Bryan. Lists electoral votes for various states and totals.

AMNESTY TO SILVER DEMOCRATS.

(Palmer and Buckner having offered amnesty to silver Democrats, the grand farce caused the production of the following lines by ex-Senator T. W. Tipton, of Nebraska.)

An eagle was cleaving the air with delight When a sparrow of insects in search, Inflated its bosom and twittered a strain. "You may rest with me here on this perch." An elephant moving in ponderous style, Met a mouse, in the park, at its play. And from it received the magnificent grant, "I concede you the clear right of way."

A goldbug was met on rail of the road, As a silver car speeded along, But the clatter of cars and the thunder of steam, Extinguished the syren and Song.

Let the fate of the sparrow, the mouse and the bug, Be an objective lesson in hand, With that offer, as made, by satan of old, When he owned not an acre of land.

The Official Returns for Congress. The return judges for the 28th Congressional district met in Clearfield, on the 10th, and summed up the vote polled for the various candidates in the district at the last election. It will be seen that Mr. Arnold carried three of the five counties in the district and that his majority over Col. Spangler is 1205.

A Woman Shoots a Deer. A party of Philadelphians were hunting last week at Wallis Run. With them were several ladies, one of whom was Mrs. Palmer, nee Miss Alice Smithgall, wife of T. B. Palmer, superintendent of the Philadelphia and Boston steamship lines. Mrs. Palmer shot a deer and shot a big raccoon not a half hour after she had shot the deer. In addition she filled up her game bag with a rabbit and two pheasants. It was a remarkable day's catch for any hunter, and particularly a woman. The party returned to Philadelphia Saturday night.

SELECTING A SENATOR.

The next political event of importance to the people of Pennsylvania will be the selection of a senator to succeed United States Senator James Donald Cameron. The actual contest will in reality begin with the organization of the Legislature on the first Tuesday of next January. The selection of officers for senate and house will reveal the strength of the rival candidates. The selection of a senator is conducted as follows: Each house votes separately on the third Tuesday of January at 3 p. m. On the day following at noon the two houses meet in joint convention and the Journals of the two houses are then read and certificates signed. If, however, the same candidate shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall fail to take proceedings as required by law, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a viva voce vote of each member present, a person for the office, and the person having a majority of all the votes of the joint assembly—a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting—shall be declared elected. In case of no election on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at noon on each succeeding day during the session of the legislature and take at least one vote until a senator shall be elected. Nominations must be made, tellers appointed and at least two days prior to the joint meeting the names of the persons so appointed and nominated be communicated by one house to the other.

A Big Bluff.

"A Washington dispatch says the President and the officials at Washington are in possession of the names of all their subordinates who were defiantly offensive in their support of the Bryaneseque aggregation, and no one would be surprised if the work of making changes in their cases should be inaugurated during the present week.

The policy of the Washington authorities is understood to be not to disturb any Federal officer who merely exercised the right of franchise in favor of Bryan and Sewall, but to 'strike and spare not' those who were blatantly in evidence for the Chicago ticket, and more particularly those who went out of their way to denounce and abuse President Cleveland and his administration."

The above is being circulated by republican papers to frighten and intimidate democratic office holders. It won't work.

He'll Stick to his Bet.

The Philadelphia Record gives the following account of an election bet made by a Williamsport man: One of the most jubilant men in town is George Ledithe the well known contractor. Several days before the election he made an odd bet with Mr. Kelley, of Williamsport, and the result has even exceeded his fond expectations. It seems rash, but Mr. Ledithe bet Mr. Kelly \$100 to \$1 that McKinley would carry New York and Pennsylvania by 400,000 plurality, provided that Mr. Kelley would be willing to pay 1 cent for every vote exceeding that figure. The bet was made Mr. Ledithe putting up his hundred and placing his dollar in the hands of the stakeholder. At 5 o'clock last Wednesday morning Mr. Ledithe's door bell rang and a messenger boy appeared with a telegram from Mr. Kelley, which read: "Will give you \$250 to call the bet off." Mr. Ledithe hastily scribbled a reply which merely said: "Not on your life." There is every probability that the plurality in the states will reach 600,000 in which event Mr. Kelley stands to lose 200,000 votes or \$2,000.

Trusts and Their Profits.

The liquidating trustees of the Standard oil trust met a few days ago and declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 per share and \$5 per share additional, payable December 15. The total original issue of Standard oil trusts' certificates was \$97,250,000. During the fiscal year just closing there have been 3 per cent dividends declared, making a total distribution of earnings amounting to \$20,149,500. During the same period the American sugar refining company, known as the sugar trust, has paid \$7,023,920 in dividends. In addition to these payments of earning to stockholders, the trust is said to have a surplus in raw sugar, bills receivable and cash amounting to about \$30,000,000.

Congratulations.

Major McKinley has written the following to Governor Hastings in reply to a letter congratulating him on his election to the presidency: My Dear Governor—Many thanks for your generous letter. You ought to be proud to be chief executive of a state that can roll up such a magnificent majority as Pennsylvania has done. With best wishes, believe me, very truly yours, WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Give it the Banner.

The Sunbury Daily says that the Ninth ward of that city is the banner ward of Northumberland county, and perhaps of the state. The judge has only one eye, one inspector has only one arm and the other one has part of his hand off, and the two clerks are left handed. There were 105 votes registered and they polled 110. Who can beat this? —Subscribe for the Centre Democrat.

SOBRIETY THAT PAID.

A son of one of the bonanza kings of California and Nevada has just come into a fortune of \$4,490,000 by remaining sober for five years. This is Mr. George Crocker, son of the late Charles Crocker. When his father died, in 1888, he was 32 years old, the second son of the millionaire, and the prodigal of the family. The conditions of the will were that if "the said George Crocker shall at any time after the 22d of April, 1887 for the space of five years continuously, abstain from the use of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors to the extent that he shall not during such period have been intoxicated," then the whole of the estate in trust, with the interest and income, shall become his property. This amounted to a one-eighth interest of the vast Crocker estate, and gave him an equal share with his brothers and sisters. The public supposed him to have been disinherited, as the provisions of the trust were kept secret. For three years the prodigal made no attempt to win the fortune, but on the 22d of September, 1891, he made a start for five years of total abstinence. The time expired on the 22d of September, 1896. The courts decided he had complied with the conditions, and his brothers and sisters welcomed him to the great wealth he had won.

The late Thaddeus Stevens, the renowned Pennsylvania statesman, in his will made a similar provision in regard to a favorite nephew, addicted to the flowing bowl, by providing that if he remained sober for a specified time he would inherit the bulk of the Stevens estate. Unfortunately the young man's appetite overcame the love of inheritance, and he fell from grace, forfeiting all interest in the bequest. Mr. Stevens provided that in case of the failure of his nephew to comply with the conditions the estate would be divided into three equal parts, one for a school or hospital, and it took that direction. We believe the nephew, from the results of dissipation, against which the uncle endeavored to guard him, died a few years ago.

The Twenty-Fifth President.

William McKinley will be the twenty-fifth president of the United States. On the 26th of February, six days before the inauguration, he will be 52 years old, the same age that Abraham Lincoln was when inaugurated in 1861. Mr. Lincoln like McKinley was born in February. Like Lincoln, McKinley served in congress before his election to the presidency. He will be the fourth president furnished by Ohio, the others being William Henry Harrison, Rutherford B. Hayes and James A. Garfield, Virginia, "the mother of presidents," has furnished five. As Benjamin Harrison and U. S. Grant were born in Ohio, it is about a standoff between the Buckeye state and the Old Dominion.

Believed to be a Cave.

From Centre Hall Reporter: While drilling a well last summer at Kauffman's, in Nitany valley, Krape & Lee, the contractors, reached a depth of 60 feet, when suddenly the drill struck a cavern and plunged down a distance of 50 feet. The pump was let down to the bottom and a little water was found. The sample of water brought up by the pump contained bits of twigs from huckleberry and other bushes. There is every indication of a large cave being there. The drilling was abandoned.

A Handsome War Relic.

Mrs. John Salmon, of Lock Haven, has a quilt that is certainly an ancient relic, it being over 84 years old. The quilt was made by Mrs. Kane, the grandmother of Mrs. Salmon, and contains over 4,000 pieces of cloth. Nearly all of the pieces of cloth of which the quilt is composed were pieces left of the British soldiers clothing in the war of 1812. It is wonderfully bright and pretty, considering the time since it was made.

Has a Blossoming Freak.

Frank Greenleaf, of Huntingdon, has an apple tree in his yard that has blossomed every month since last May. Tuesday, November 10, a bunch of blossoms was taken from the tree, and it may be this will be the last that this remarkable tree will bear this year. On election day Mr. Greenleaf had a pear tree that also bloomed.

Caught by a Belt.

On Tuesday Mr. George Stine, of Buffalo Run, was seriously injured while working at Scotia. He was working about machinery where his coat was caught by a belt and he was carried around a pulley several times and seriously injured.

Merit Hood's Sarsaparilla advertisement with logo and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

BRYAN'S HEAVY MAIL.

Gets 3,000 Letters a Day and the Number Steadily Grows.

Mr. Bryan will have no difficulty in keeping alive the agitation for the coinage of silver, if one may judge anything of the strength of the sentiment still existing throughout the country by the number and character of the letters he is receiving. Their number has steadily increased since the result of the election became known. Three thousand are received daily.

They came from representatives of all grades and conditions of society, and from every state in the Union, and the great majority congratulate Mr. Bryan on the splendid fight he made, and assure him of the writers' undying devotion to the cause he represents and their desire to at once re-enlist under his banner.

These assurances are gratifying to Mr. Bryan, and he tries to answer personally as much of the correspondence as possible. Letters are attended to by two secretaries, who are now about two days behind in their work.

Sunlight Soap advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and text describing the soap's benefits.

THE LEADING GROCERS Groceries Going At a lively pace. Ours keep step with the time's demands. Price—Quality—Full Measure—all please. SECHLER & CO BUSH HOUSE BLOCK, BELLEFONTE, PA.

GOOD CLOTHES! Overcoats! Then we fit them properly and they are satisfied. All the newest, nattiest things are here, from \$5 to 12 and \$15, with all the between qualities. OUR Merchant Tailoring DEPARTMENT. MONTGOMERY & CO., BELLEFONTE, PENNA.