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EDITORIAL

VOLUME EIGHTEEN.

This issue of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT completes the year 1896, and rounds out the 18th volume. It is generally conceded that in news features and other lines, the paper has made rapid strides forward and to-day ranks among the best country weeklies. This has been due to the liberal patronage of the public, who seem to appreciate the efforts of the publisher to give one of the best papers for the least money. This fact is evident from the large increase of our subscription list—now larger than ever—and the desire of business firms to reach the reading public through the agency of its advertising columns.

We are gratified with the result of our year's work and during 1897 it is our hope to still do better.

In conclusion, we hereby acknowledge the kindly interest of our many patrons during the past, and hope that the same friendly relations may continue. Wishing one and all: "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR," we bid 1896 a final adieu.

In this issue we give another list of hungry office seekers in different parts of the county. The patriotism of these republicans is something remarkable.

SENATOR Cameron's final stroke in the United State senate may be one of great import—plunging the United States in a war with Spain for the freedom of Cuba.

WM. J. BRYAN is now getting as high as \$3500 for an evening's lecture, and has quite a number of engagements ahead. The champion of the people's money seems to be in public favor, now, more than ever.

The advance agent has been giving the people nothing but confidence, but that won't buy Christmas gifts or pay monthly grocery bills. We are still in a hopeful mood; but hope long deferred, makes your bones weary.

ON Monday several of the largest banks in the city of Chicago failed. It should be noted that Major McKinley, the "Advance Agent of Prosperity" paid a visit to that city several days previous—he must be delivering his goods. Bill should make a better job of it, such work went do.

WHEAT went up in price when farmers, who had anything, disposed of their crops and the speculators reaped the benefit. In manufacturing circles there is no demand for labor and industries are not resuming as predicted. Wages have not been advanced. How then has the condition of the laboring man been improved since the election? Not at all. Pledges must be kept—the advance agent should soon deliver goods.

It does not seem to be settled yet as to whom the republican board of Co. commissioners will choose as clerk. Thos. Mitchell, Esq., felt confident for some time of being the prize winner and has been trying to catch on the run of the office. Mr. Pontius has also put in a strong claim and thinks he will be in port safely at the finish. The above are said to be the leaders in the contest, although Joe. Barton and some of the others may surprise folks.

THE fate of Maceo, the Cuban general, gives much concern to the public. The details of his death have been repeatedly published. The event of his death has been the signal for celebrations among the Spanish population. Some reports declare that he was betrayed and poisoned by his physician, and the body then mutilated to show that he was killed in an engagement. The press, almost every day contains dispatches declaring that Maceo is not dead, but these seem only to be for a sensation. To all appearances Maceo certainly has been killed, or else he is longer than usual in placing himself in evidence. The death of Maceo does not conclude the insurrection. There are plenty of patriotic leaders left, among the Cuban forces.

The struggle for the U. S. Senatorship is growing fiercer as the time of the election grows near. Wasmaker and his friends are trying to defeat Quay and his men. It is another battle royal, and Quay must employ all his resources to maintain his supremacy as leader and dictator in his party. If he can elect Penrose, he will do anything to defeat the wily Sunday school teacher from Philadelphia. It now is intimated that Senator Cameron may have reconsidered his resignation and at the last moment may enter the contest for a re-election. The republicans have all the offices, at present and have the sport among themselves in dividing the spoils and if Wasmaker is not spending piles of hoedie, for him, John always was a political boodler even if he is a Sunday school teacher.

CENTRE COUNTY POST MASTERS

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longed fight for the office at that time. He thinks he is the best republican in the town, even if he was in favor of Bob Foster, as he pretended to be. He has a petition.

D. W. Pletcher thinks he ought to have it because he and all his family and relatives are republicans and always have been and always will be—with the exception of the Webers. He has no petition; thinks it is not necessary to have any, as everybody knows him. Alfred Rechel, (Liberty township's main republican) is trying to persuade him not to apply, as he is trying to get him appointed Inspector of Measures.

Hays Schenck wants it. Everybody you meet on the street and talk to about the office say he ought to have it. He does all the dirty work and never gets any pay (unless some one donates a little for expenses). Republicans and democrats will be disappointed if he should not get it. Some of his friends are trying to persuade him to get a better job—even if it should be Merchantile Appraiser. Don't know if he has a petition or not, as he says he thinks everybody ought to wait until McKinley is inaugurated before asking for the office. We think his claims are pretty good, as he has done enough work to get something.

D. E. Holter don't say he is an applicant, but says it is like running for an office you can start to run any time. He is waiting for a good place, to start from.

Another party, is waiting for something to turn up, or rather hopes the balance will get to fighting and that they may settle on him. He is a little bashful and does not want his name mentioned.

W. F. Hall will, of course, get the support of the M. E. church. He has not said much about it, but is laying low and watching the balance. He has no petition.

Theopolis Pletcher, of Howard township, thinks he can come to town and beat the whole crowd. He is friendly to all the big guns and was a great Womelsdorf man and says any republican who does not vote the ticket ought to be read out of the party. He and Hays Schenck have had several private talks—don't know what it was about, but it may be a compromise. He has no petition that we have heard of.

From this list you will see that our peaceful community is filled with patriotic citizens, anxious to serve their country.

Post Office at Woodward.

Term expires Aug. 18, 1897. Applicants are:—J. L. Kreamer, J. C. Motz and C. D. Motz.

J. L. Kreamer is an honorably discharged soldier, of company D, 148 Pennsylvania Volunteers. He is a highly respected citizen, of good standing in society and strictly religious. He therefore deserves the appointment of postmaster of this place, which he undoubtedly can fill with satisfaction, to all concerned. His petition has 80 some signers. Nearly all in this district. Of the other aspirants, our correspondent gives no further information.

Boalsburg Pa.

The contestants for the Boalsburg post office are: Col. J. T. Stuart and L. S. Bricker, both thriving merchants. Col. Stuart lases his claim on being a soldier of the late war, and had quite a bit of experience in keeping post office here, and at two other places, and got somewhat in the lead with petitions and therefore is expectant of soon being the lucky one.

Mr. Bricker bases his claim on being a staunch republican, and of keeping a very good office under Harrison's term. Mr. Bricker was slow about his petitions, and the Col. got in several ahead.

Both gentlemen are responsible men, and would make very good officials and have proven themselves such in the past. J. H. Weber, the present post master will resign shortly after the new administration takes hold of affairs.

Rebersburg Settled.

Name of applicant for postmaster is W. S. Miller. Claims: standing firm for sound money; also pet of Gov. Hastings, Mat. Quay, etc. Present occupation: barber and shoemaker. Was circulating petition until there was no opposition. The subject of this sketch is a fine man. The fact that he has no opposition proves everybody would be perfectly satisfied, to have him the next postmaster, of Rebersburg.

Present postmaster is J. C. Smull; Thos. Zeigler assistant, p. m. Term of four years expires in September 1897. This, I think, will voice the sentiment of the people here.

All Solid at Roland.

Regarding federal offices in this place, would say, locally considered, they are limited. The highest grade of local office is 4th class postmaster. This position seems to attach itself like the railroad agency and the Adams Express agency to the individual who runs the store. It is like the "corners" or the "cross roads" of the South, not so much due to population as to central location, position and occupation, all of which means fixity as it were, requiring all these perquisites to fix the individual in the possession of the Federal office.

John M. Parker unites all these attributes in his corporate business character, as general storekeeper and Agt. of the P. R. R. Co., as deputy for H. R. Curtin, late assemblyman, as well as being politically heeled for the dignity of a national office-holder, being chairman of the Rep. district convention and a thorough partizan in politics. No, John M. Parker is in it for good and all. If the Cleveland administration could stand him, there is no doubt about his chances now. It is thought, however, that one of the big plums from the tree on State Capitol grounds, will drop into this remote district and they say the Hon. Harry will take it on the fly. As an old-timer "back-stop" Harry was O. K. Of course Dan will shake the tree "all right."

Wolf's Store.

Mr. J. S. Emerick is the present post master here at Wolf's Store and has been there for, for the last eighteen or more years. You can never find out which party he supports until after the election. Of course he is now a "McKinley man." If Bryan had been elected, then he would now be a "Bryan man." Could not find out when his term expires.

Milesburg Husters.

This town is filled with ambitious republicans who would like to have a nibble in Uncle Sam's public crib, and the only thing available is the postoffice held by J. Martin, an old soldier and obliging and efficient official. Up to the present time no petitions for this purpose have been put in circulation, but there are a number quietly staking their pins and will pull with all their might later. Among the prominent ones are the following:

J. Irvin Morris thinks he will be in good shape when the proper time comes. Irvin expects much from Boss Quay.

Alfred Rager would like the position real well. He thinks he should be rewarded for his military and political record.

J. C. P. Jones is another. He has a good location and other strong claims. Mr. Jones always was a prominent factor here in city politics and can work a scheme with the rest of the boys.

The ex-postmaster has an eye on the job and casts a wistful glance in that direction. There are quite a lot think he may get it again.

There are a number of others on the anxious bench who will blossom later as candidates for the place.

Eagleville Postmasters.

Richard Runner is the present official. Among the republican applicants Henry Snyder is figuring for the place. He understands the business because he formerly held the position, and could nicely handle it in connection with his store.

D. B. Kunes, politician by profession, and a local political boss, with a big pull, will be after recognition, and banks on lawyer Reeder's influence. Daniel is a whole four-horse team. Lookout for him.

Sam. Spangler is another who will chase the prize for all it is worth. Service to the party will be his big claim. If he can't get it, his son Irvin will jump in and scratch with the rest.

Situation at State College.

The post office fight at State College is peculiar. Like the fires in old Mt Vesuvius they are not open to view but everything is brewing for a grand eruption. State College is in Dr. Atherton's domain and his wish in such matters are often regarded because he is quite a politician himself. To succeed the present postmaster, the following are on deck.

Philip D. Foster, proprietor of University Inn. He is a republican chairman of that district and quite active in the recent campaign. He was a delegate to the convention when Reeder and Arnold locked horns for congress. Phil went on record then as an Arnold man, in preference to Reeder. He considers that his leading card.

Wm. Foster, merchant, and who has held numerous local offices, thinks he should be in line for promotion.

John Stewart, an old time boss, coal dealer and grain merchant, soldier who never had a pension, who is a great friend of Gov. Hastings—bit—will shove his claim real hard.

James Stevenson, soldier and pensioner, retired, thinks the job will suit him—would destroy his present monotonous occupation.

Frank Weaver, an old soldier and local office holder, also wants the plum.

Mr. Hermans Stockman, an active republican, is also in the race.

The above are the active aspirants, but all are laying low and doing quiet work—Look out for an explosion later.

To Prohibit Foot Ball Playing.

The members of the Kansas Legislature are about to declare war on the foot ball players by the introduction of a bill to send to jail any person who may participate in a foot ball game. The fact that three persons were killed and one hundred and twenty-five others were seriously injured in the United States this season while playing foot ball prompted the Legislators to conclude that the game is barbarous. They go so far as to assert that foot ball is even more brutal than prize-fighting was in the days when men who professed to be pugilists had to fight or shut up.

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Reduced Rates to Washington.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3 and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates: From New York, \$8.00; Philadelphia, \$5.40; Baltimore, \$1.60; Harrisburg, \$5.06; Williamsport, \$8.79; Buffalo, \$11.20; Rochester, \$10.48; Altoona and Pittsburg, \$10.00; and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

The inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

Another Prophecy for Winter.

Prophet Hicks gives the following dismal prediction for the winter: The winter of 1896-'97 will be very long and cold, with much snow in all localities where snow is a factor. Blizzards will be numerous, railroads will be blockaded, all to be followed by much rain and high water most of the year. Do not be in haste to get in spring crops; plant large and late varieties of corn, provide good shelter for self and stock, and do not forget the suffering hungry and poor of our land.

DURING the past week there has been much talk of war with Spain. The action of the Senate in passing Cuban resolutions has brought matters to a high pitch and the Spanish government seems anxious to fight this country, even if they cannot suppress the insurrection in the Cuban territory. There are hungry dogs of war, always ready to welcome such a state of affairs. War at any cost is a great calamity to any people and something that this government should strenuously avoid to the last, so long as our dignity and honor as a great nation is not involved. It seems to be a question with many of our leading statesmen as to whether the government should interpose in the Cuban war and incur many perplexing controversies with Spain, and probably other European countries. In this situation President Cleveland is opposed apparently to any movement in that direction and will not be in sympathy with the sentiment recently expressed in the Senate Cuban resolutions. He has all along held a very conservative position in regard to Cuba and will not be swayed by those now eager for interference. We believe the president has taken the right course.

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The following extracts are from the Johnstown, Pa., Democrat, of Saturday, Dec. 19:

"St. John Gaulbert's Catholic church, the magnificent new edifice at the corner of Clinton and Locust streets, will be dedicated Sunday 20."

Architects and mechanical engineers all over this country have referred to it as a full and practical demonstration of the wonderful possibilities of structural steel as a constructive material in architecture.

It will stand as a worthy architectural model and a monument to the zeal and energy of Father John Boyle and his generous and good congregation as well as express in its structural glory and artistic resources, the skill and ability of the architects and builders, Louis and M. J. Beezer, composing the firm of Beezer Bros. of Altoona, Pa., two young men, 26 years of age, who have in this building realized the greatest ambition of their lives."

The Beezer Bros. are sons of Mr. Joseph Beezer, of Benner township, and are well known in this section. We are pleased to learn of their success.

A Shoe store!

"Of the people, by the people, for the people;" that's the kind of an establishment this is.

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