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HOW PROSPERITY HAS ARRIVED.

An Interesting Letter From a Mechanic.

SUSPENDED WAGE EARNERS.

The Condition of Mechanics and Laboringmen, As Depicted by One of Them—The Gold Standard is a Delusion—A Truly Sad Condition for Many.

The following letter was received this week and we publish it to show what is the actual condition of affairs in industrial centres. The following needs no further comment:

MR. EDITOR:—I see in your last edition a clipping from the Altoona Tribune, stating that the Pennsylvania railroad had suspended out of the shops a few men indefinitely. Making it very mild indeed, stating for retrenchment. I have been employed at the Juniata shops for the past six years and I find the longer we wait for better times and higher wages the worse. Workmen at the Juniata shops have had a hard time during the past winter, working week about, making hardly enough to keep the wolf from the door. If this is what you call getting back to former days of prosperity, I for my part don't wish it. I voted for Wm. McKinley, as the corporation I worked for wished the men to do so; and besides all that gave the men a strong impetus. The many men who have been suspended of late, is equivalent to stay out for good. They are making the men they have to do more work in less time and less cost. Is this getting down to a Gold Basis? When I voted last Fall for a gold dollar, I never dreamed that my fellow workmen and I would be suffering this way. But this is the way we poor mortals are fooled. I bet you the poor fellows at Juniata, who voted for the Gold Standard with the honest convictions of following the old maxim that "self preservation is the first law of nature," will hereafter make no self abnegations. They will not feel like eulogizing Mark Hanna and his camp followers. Would you?

You have no idea of the poverty in this great railroad city. Time, time and time again the company has cut, cut. It has been suspended, suspended, until they have less employees and exactly the same amount of labor. Yea, I would be just in saying more. What becomes of these men, where do they go? I say for my part: "God help us," for who will? I have lived long enough to know there is no help from political parties. It is only jingoism they give the poor peasants. The law of supply and demand is the safest criterion to be guided by. It is old and reliable. Before the election the republicans said, "Only elect McKinley and that will give stimulus to all branches of mechanical industries; his mere election would be equivalent to better times, and confidence would be a dead certainty." Well has that proved to be true or false? I would say that facts are not in accord with the great question they propounded to the people on the rostrum. It has never materialized yet, and it looks as though it never will. What next to fool the people? All I can say is, hereafter let the masses be on the quiver, and don't go to sleep while on duty, for the enemy is always on the watch and very subtle and ready at all times to use subterfuges of any nature to beguile the unwary. When the Band Wagon of Prosperity does come this way, providing we are not dead, we will reciprocate it with all the ardor we have. Everything comes to him who waits.

TINE AMMERMAN, Altoona, Pa.

The Man Died.

Just before the election last fall a man and his wife in Milwaukee made a bet, the conditions of which were that in case of the election of McKinley the husband was to get up every morning for nine months and build the fire, but if Bryan was successful the woman was to do it, as she had always done since her marriage. The saddest part of the story is that the husband died a few days ago. It is difficult to get some men to live up to their agreement.

Colored People's Convention

The colored people of Williamsport, Altoona, Jersey Shore, Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Tyrone, Muncy, Reading, Lewisburg, Elmira, Harrisburg and other points are arranging to hold a big convention in Williamsport in July in celebration of the 34th anniversary of the signing of the emancipation proclamation.

Telephone Line to Loganton.

A number of Loganton citizens have formed a stock company for the purpose of constructing a telephone line between Lock Haven and that place. The County Journal says that the route has already been looked over, and that it will likely go by way of Salona.

A WHIRLWIND'S FREAK.

Picks a Raftsman up and Drops Him Into the River.

As the rafts were going over Loyalsock riffles last week, a column of air, revolving with great rapidity, approached the fleet and picked up J. L. Eckert, who was standing at the rear of one of the rafts, carried him about twenty feet in the air and dropped him into the river several feet away from the raft. The water was about fifteen feet deep where he fell in, but a long oar was shoved to him by the men on the raft, by which means he was again safely landed on the raft. Barring the uncomfortable feeling which he experienced by reason of his wet clothing he felt none the worse for his experience. The force of the wind also knocked E. Haslett, another raftsman, from one raft to the other, but he managed to keep himself from being blown into the water.

New Odd Fellows' Home Opened.

The Odd Fellows' orphan home, at Sunbury, was opened last week, and twenty-two orphans were admitted to the institution. Children of deceased Odd Fellows, who at the time of their decease were members of the order of Pennsylvania, whose mothers or guardians are unable to support and educate them, may be received in guardianship by the home for the purpose of providing suitable homes or occupations for them. Odd Fellows lodges from seven counties represented in the home and each organization is assessed annually \$1 per member. It is the intention of the Odd Fellows within a few years to erect a handsome and costly building upon the site for the comfort of the orphans who are received into the home.

Furniture for the Sultan.

A trades journal, in alluding to a table recently made for the sultan by a furniture company of Williamsport, says: "The table is not so very ornate, and it would be interesting to know just what feature about this particular style of table it was that appealed to the Turkish leader's taste." The journal considers it "quite a distinction, not only for the national company, but for Williamsport (and presumably for Pennsylvania and also for the United States), to have furnished an article for the sultan's palace," about which point there may be difference of opinion."

One of the Successful Four.

Druggist J. D. Murray, of Centre Hall, was notified last week that he was one of the four successful ones to win a cash prize from the Pabst Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., in a competition inaugurated by that firm. The firm notified all the druggists in the United States that they would award \$400 prizes for the best articles submitted to them on how to abolish cut rates in the sale of patent medicines and proprietary articles. The articles will be published in all the leading drug trade journals, and the portrait of Mr. Murray will accompany his article.

Buy Up Coal Lands.

Judging from the amount of coal right that is being purchased in this section of the county by large operators the coal industry in Cambria county is going to be greater than ever, notwithstanding the many stories circulated to the effect that Pennsylvania bituminous coal is being supplanted in the eastern market by the product of the Cumberland valley and regions. Within the past two months many thousands of acres have been secured in Adams, Croyle, Summerhill and Washington township—South Fork Record.

Inhuman Act.

L. A. Whitmire, a Muncy shoemaker, has been engaged by a Williamsport physician to make three pairs of slippers from human hide. The leather is from the leg of an unidentified tramp, who was killed on the railroad at Williamsport six months ago. The leather was prepared by a tanner in Williamsport, and the strip when completed was over three feet long. If this is correct, the physician who will resort to such despicable conduct should have his skin peeled off in patches and fed to the dogs.

Watch Their Enterprises.

Williamsport recently lost an industry by the wire buckle suspender factory removing from that city, but the business men of that place, having an eye to the future, set to work and organized the Williamsport suspender company, which will begin operations about June 1. About fifty hands will be employed.

Shoe Factory Assured.

The citizens of Tyrone have subscribed \$1500 for the purpose of establishing a shoe factory at that place. It is the same party that visited Bellefonte but our Board of Trade did not take much interest in the move.

—The best bargain of the season—the \$1.35 pants at the Philadelphia Branch.

LEADING TOPICS AT WASHINGTON

What is Transpiring Among National Lawmakers.

McKINLEY'S OFFICE-SEEKERS

Democrats on the War Path—The Boundary Treaty Under Consideration—The Tariff Bill Continues to be the Principal Contention—McKinley Rewards a Favorite.

There were probably few democrats present at the last session of the House who didn't feel a little bit ashamed of the proceedings. Representative Bailey, of Texas, rose to a question of personal privilege, and after having read an editorial from a Washington paper, that claims to be democratic, calling him in effect a tool of Mr. Reed, he denounced the writer as an infamous and malicious liar. Later Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, arose also to a question of personal privilege, and made a speech explaining his attitude towards the republican policy of semi-weekly adjournments, and disclaiming that he and the democrats who thought as he did, had rebelled against the democratic leadership established in caucus, and virtually charging that it was the other democrats who were acting in opposition to the caucus. As if that were not enough for one short sitting, Representative Burke, of Texas, also made a personal explanation, calling the meetings of the House a "great national farce" and saying that so far as his own action was concerned, he had consulted no one. All of this was nuts for the republicans and Mr. Reed took good pains to allow the democrats to do as much talking as they wanted to do, so long as they talked against other democrats. The majority voted for the three day adjournment just the same, and carried it.

The treaty negotiated by the last administration, with Great Britain, defining a portion of the boundary line between Alaska and Canada, will never be ratified in its present shape. By a pretense of liberality in giving the U. S. about fourteen square miles of territory (which we already had a legal claim to) the wily English diplomats made a trap which was intended to cost the U. S. all the territory worth having in that section, by shutting out our claims within what is known as our "thirty mile strip" and its intersection with the 141st meridian, and it came very near to succeeding too, as the treaty would have been ratified sometime ago had not Senator Stewart objected. Mr. Stewart objected on the general principle that the matter was too important to be hastily disposed of, and now that the contents of the treaty is understood, he is being congratulated for having prevented the Senate making a blunder.

According to current gossip, ex-Representative Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, must be a queer sort of a duck. The story goes that he took advantage of Mr. McKinley's financial obligations to him to force a promise that he should be appointed Assistant Secretary of State. When the promise was made, Mr. McKinley did not know that Storer was not on speaking terms with Senator Foraker, or with either of the Republican Congressmen from Cincinnati, and now Storer insists on that appointment being made, although he cannot get the indorsement of either Senator, or any one of the Congressional delegation. He has refused to accept a foreign appointment, because his rich wife wishes to figure in the official society of Washington. It is said that Mr. McKinley has told Senator Foraker that there was nothing left for him to do but nominate Storer for the place, and that he added that any fight made on the nomination in the Senate would not be regarded by him as a fight on the administration. The nomination will almost certainly be rejected, and Storer must know it, yet he insists on being nominated.

Certain republican Senators, among them Mantle, Carter, Shoup, Warren and Burrows, have demanded of the republicans of the Senate Finance Committee that a duty of not less than two cents a pound shall be placed on hides and that the duty on wool shall be raised to meet a schedule submitted by them, and the demand is accompanied by a threat to defeat the tariff bill, but it is not the opinion of those best informed that they will make use of that power to such an extent. They are simply exercising their right to make a big bluff in the interest of the products of their states, in order to get as much of the protection swag for their constituents, as possible, but in the end they will take what is given them and vote for the bill.

Having satisfied themselves that democratic Senators would make no further concessions, the republicans accepted the last proposition made by the democratic steering committee, and the vacancies in

the Senate Committees will all be filled in a few days. Politically speaking the committees will stand substantially as they did at the close of the last session. An agreement might have been reached before, but the republicans wished to punish the silver republicans for supporting Bryan, and the democrats insisted that it should not be done, and it was not done.

War Jumping Wheat Up.

A Chicago dispatch says: Wheat has been legitimately soaring for some time. A general shortage in the crops of Argentine, Australia and several European countries and the famine in India were the causes for the advance of several weeks ago.

Just four weeks ago May wheat closed at 74½ cents, and a week ago last Friday it sold at 64½ cents. Saturday it closed at 73¾, gaining nearly as much in one week as it lost in three.

With over 21,000,000 bushels less in the visible supply—over 50 per cent—and a material shortage in the invisible, with consumption a full average an increase in the exports in the last nine months of about 23,000,000 bushels, with three ordinary exporting countries out of the list of exporters, with reduced European stocks and on the top of this a war which may spread over Europe, there are the best of legitimate reasons existing why wheat prices should average higher the world over than last year, because supplies are very much reduced, while consumption is about as usual.

New Bank Organized.

The Moshannon National Bank is the name of a new financial institution recently established at Philipsburg. Thomas Barnes, Sr., was elected president, J. N. Schoonover, vice president, with the following board of directors: Joseph J. Jermy, C. H. Schadt, Scranton; James Passmore, Dr. L. C. Harmon, W. C. Andrews and Adam Mayer, that city, and E. E. Jameson, Morrisdale.

The new institution will likely be known as the Moshannon National Bank, with a capital stock at \$50,000. The stockholders embrace sixty-five different people, fourteen of whom are Scranton capitalists representing a large amount of money, and the remainder made up of residents of Philipsburg and surrounding territory. The bank will be located in the Barnes building and will be ready to do business in a short time.

The Harness Broke.

Tuesday afternoon 13th, the wife of James Smetzler, of Centre Hall, was driving alone from across the valley with a horse and buggy, and in coming down the very steep hill at A. C. Ripka's, on the other side of Centre Hill, the harness broke, and the buggy ran forward on the horse. The horse began kicking and running down the hill, and at the bottom Mrs. Smetzler was thrown out, badly bruising her and sustaining a fracture of the collar bone. The buggy was almost a complete wreck. The horse broke loose from the buggy and ran to Centre Hill where it was caught. Mrs. Smetzler was brought to her home and suffers considerably from bruises she received.—Reporter.

Howard Menonite Church.

The Howard Menonite church building was one of the first meeting houses erected. Most of the members of that denomination having died or joined other churches, the building and the land surrounding it were sold. Some of the members who remained true to their religious tenets claimed that the proceeds from the sale should be equally divided among them, but it was decided that could not be legally done. Messrs. Jacob Holter, Balser Weber and Capt. Henry Holter, were in town last week, when it was decided that the money derived from the sale of the church property should go to the Menonite cemetery commonly known as Schenk's cemetery.

New Style Postal Cards.

On the first day of July next the bill permitting the printing and use of private mailing cards, with a one cent stamp affixed will go into effect. The progressive business man will have his own advertisement conspicuously displayed, and printing of millions of cards will make work for the printer. The bill is approved by the postoffice department, as it tends to popularize postal cards besides affecting a saving to the government of the difference between the cost of the cards and the stamp.

Death of a Child.

Helen, the 8 year-old daughter of James B. and Lilly Noll, died at the home of her parents in Milesburg, Friday morning after a brief illness. On Tuesday last she suffered a severe hemorrhage when the blood gushed from her mouth, nose and ears. Friday morning she suffered another hemorrhage, which caused her death. The case is a peculiar one. The funeral took place at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon; interment at Emerick's cemetery near Unionville.

ANOTHER FREE SCHOLARSHIP

For One Term in the Lock Haven State Normal.

AWARDED BY OUR READERS.

The Centre Democrat Will Pay all Expenses for Tuition, Boarding, Room Rent, etc., for the Winter Term 1898—Given Away to Some Deserving Lady or Gentleman in Centre County.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT will pay all expenses—tuition, board, light, heat, washing and furnished room—for the Winter Term of 12 weeks in the Central State Normal, at Lock Haven, Pa., for some deserving young lady or gentleman, in Centre County. This will entitle the recipient to all the privileges of that institution.

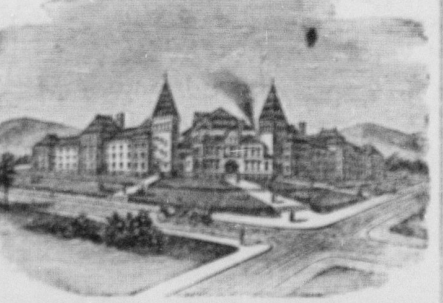
This scholarship will be furnished free of cost, and the readers and patrons of the paper will be asked to award the same, by a popular vote.

Newspaper coupons printed in each issue, cut and properly addressed, will be used. They can be mailed or sent to this office, where they will be placed in a sealed ballot box, and counted by the judges, each week. These will not be counted if held more than 30 days.

PREMIUM COUPONS: Persons paying their subscriptions in advance can secure a premium coupon, at this office, which will entitle them to one vote for each month paid in advance, or 12 votes for one year. Any person sending in a NEW YEARLY cash subscription will be entitled to a Premium Coupon, equal to 18 votes; 6 months, 9 votes; 3 months, 4 votes. Premium coupons can be held until close of the contest. The premium coupon will only be issued at the time subscriptions are paid—if asked for afterwards same will be refused. Contestants will please note this.

The Centre Democrat.

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SCHOLARSHIP COUPON

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cut this out, fill in name of some deserving young lady or gentleman and send it to this office, where it will be counted.

No extra copies of this paper will be sold to any parties desiring to secure the coupons.

The coupons must be taken from our regular edition only. If extra editions are published during time of contest, the coupon will appear only in those sent to regular subscribers. On Wednesday evening of each week, the ballot box will be opened by Messrs. Wm. T. Royer, the present Deputy Treasurer, of Centre county and W. Harrison Walker, Esq., and their count will be announced regularly in each issue. These two gentlemen are thoroughly reliable and will carefully count every vote cast. They also will be the only ones holding keys to the ballot box.

The first count will be made in our issue of May 6th, '97.

The above information is given in detail so that all may easily understand the rules observed in the count. It now remains for the patrons of the paper to make the award.

Seibert-Thompson.

Tuesday morning, at the home of Mrs. Harpster, in Benner township, Miss Nora Thompson, her daughter, and Mr. George E. Seibert, of Johnstown, Pa., were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. L. Jones, of Bellefonte. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

The bride for some time held the position of clerk in B. C. Achenback's bakery. The groom is a Centre county man, a graduate of State College, and now holds a responsible position as mechanical engineer with the Cambria Iron company.

—Have you seen the new style in summer suits. The Philad. Branch has 'em in great variety.

OBITUARY.

Of such is the kingdom of Heaven. It has pleased our all-wise Heavenly Father to take one of the dear little lambs of his flock, from the earthly to the Heavenly fold, Helena Arlie Noll, the little daughter of James and Lillie Noll, of Milesburg, who after a brief illness, died on Friday morning April 16, aged 7 years 9 months and 14 days. Death was caused by hemorrhage of the throat. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. W. O. Wright conducting the services. And so on the beautiful Easter morning her little body was laid away to wait that glorious Easter dawn when Christ shall come again to claim his own. She was a bright, lovable child. Truly it can be said of her none knew her but to love her. She was a bright and happy child and seemed to scatter sunshine wherever she went. In the school-room, in the Sabbath school where her bright face was seldom missed, in the Junior Endeavor in which she was as earnest and active worker, everywhere she will be missed. Rarely is a child mourned by everyone as is Helen. Truly her parents have the heartfelt sympathy of all Her little mission on earth is fulfilled, and now she has gone to be with Him, who when He was on earth, said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

BESSIE STROUP, ROSIE LEVY.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Noll, of Milesburg, Pa., hereby tender their most sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors generally for their kindness during the illness of their daughter Helen, and who so kindly took part in her burial April 18, 1897.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Result of Monday evening's deliberations:

The street committee reported streets being cleaned and numerous sidewalks in need of repairs. All property owners will receive ten days notice to make repairs and thirty to lay new walks, where needed.

Mr. Shortlidge urged council to compel the telephone and electric light companies to paint all poles erected, according to agreement.

It was reported that the Logans have 950 and the Undines 850 feet of fire hose of which some was in need of repairs and an inspection and test of same should be made at once.

The petition to retain Wm. Garis on the police force, was presented, but no action taken.

Steps were also taken for securing money for the erection of a borough building.

Mr. Wm. Musser was appointed a special policeman, in the pay of Col. W. Fred Reynolds.

In case of fire the whistle at the water works will be blown.

The Potter House Changes Hands.

The change in the proprietorship of the Potter house, at Philipsburg, has at last taken place, the transfer having been made on Saturday. The new proprietor is G. W. Mapledoram, of Johnstown, who takes charge at once, Mrs. Leister, who has conducted the house since the death of her husband, intending to return to Philadelphia. He contemplates making some noted improvements about the house, and leaving nothing undone to add to the comfort of the numerous guests who make this hotel their stopping place.

Peter Hoffer Ill.

Mr. Peter Hoffer, one of Centre Halls, oldest citizens, has not improved any, and his condition at present is such that he will not likely recover. He has been confined to his bed for weeks, and his strength is gradually failing, and the end may not be so far distant. Mr. Hoffer was taken ill several months ago, and being aged close on to eighty years, his great age will not allow him to withstand the ailments with which he is afflicted.

Wedded at Williamsport.

Wednesday afternoon, April 14th, Mr. Maines T. Bowes, of Blanchard, and Miss Nannie Fleming, of Gillsintown, were married at Williamsport by Rev. Shaver. The happy couple will begin housekeeping at Gillsintown in a few days. The groom is a locomotive fireman on the Beech Creek railroad.

Grant Monument Dedication.

The Penna. R. R. will sell excursion tickets on April 26th to New York and return at a single fare for the round trip ticket good to return until April 29th. Rate via Lock Haven, and L. T. branch \$7.91.

New Proprietor.

Mr. C. H. Bressler, of Lock Haven, recently purchased the Mill Hall Times and will conduct it in the future. Mill Hall is a brisk town and should give the paper proper encouragement.

—The Gotham Hat in five shades, guaranteed to keep the color for five years, if not the money refunded. S. LEWIS.

—Truth, proof and conviction—all-wool Men's suits at \$5.00. S. LEWIS.