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EDITORIAL.

THE excitement over the Klondike gold fields continues the same as ever. Reports of rich finds continue and more expeditions are planned daily.

HARRITY is trying to prove that he is still and was a democrat during the last presidential campaign. That kind of Democracy is too thin to be satisfactory.

THE price of wheat has been fluctuating considerably during the past week, on the stock exchanges. That is the work of speculators. Many conservative men predict \$1.25 wheat and our farmers should not be in a great hurry to sell.

THE democrats of Pennsylvania do more fighting among themselves, than work for the party at a general election. It is to be hoped that a leader will come forth some day who can put in the background the political jobbers who seem to control and manipulate the party machinery entirely for personal ends.

LAST week Col. Wm. Shortlidge, of Bellefonte, attended the republican state convention and created quite a sensation on the floor by introducing a resolution denouncing some of Quay's pet measures, introduced in the last legislature and vetoed by Gov. Hastings. The machine controlled the convention and, of course, Mr. Shortlidge's resolution died an early death. The Colonel naturally knew that would happen but had the fun of stirring up the animals. His resolution was like a bombshell—it caused consternation. The position taken was absolutely proper, only out of place in a Quay convention.

Academy Opening.

The Bellefonte Academy will reopen in all its departments on Wednesday, September 8th.

The mathematical department will be in charge of Rev. J. P. Hughes, principal. The department of Ancient and Modern Languages will be conducted by J. R. Hughes, associate principal.

The English department will be in charge of Miss Julia L. Reed, lady principal.

The Primary and Intermediate departments will be in charge of Miss Helen E. Overton and her assistant Miss Ethel T. Cook, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Two More Students.

Last Friday Messrs John Bower, of this place, and John Meyer, of Centre Hall, successfully passed the preliminary examination as students to read law. Mr. Bower is a son of C. M. Bower, Esq., one of our foremost attorneys and will be in his father's office upon the completion of his studies as a member of the Senior class of Franklin & Marshall college. Mr. Meyer is a recent graduate of that institution and has accepted a position as principal of the Alexandria, Pa., public schools this year.

Harvest Home Picnic.

The harvest home and annual picnic of Warriorsmark valley will be held near the old town which bears that banner name, in Funk's grove, on Saturday, September 4, 1897, next. Hon. John P. Elkin, attorney general; Rev. Ralph Illingsworth, of Pine Grove Mills, and Captain Robert Stewart Seeds, of near Birmingham, will orate on that day. Aside from these there will be a game of base ball and other sports. All are cordially invited.

Niagara Falls Excursion.

The last low rate summer excursion of the season will occur on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, to Niagara Falls via the Central R. R. of Pa. Train will leave Bellefonte at 7:20 a. m., stopping at intermediate points. Fare for round trip \$5.50. Tickets good for return passage within five days exclusive of going date.

A Good Fence.

Mr. W. E. Shaffer, of Nittany, is selling an article that should interest most farmers. It consists of a novel contrivance to build a wire cable fence that is strong, durable and cheap. The machine retails for \$10. A sample of the fence and machine will be on exhibition at the Grange picnic.

K. G. E. At Lock Haven.

On Monday the K. G. E. of the Susquehanna Valley will hold their district convention at Lock Haven. The Bellefonte castle will go down on the Central. Fare 70 cents.

Grand Success.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Patrons Insurance Co. held at the Brant House, Bellefonte, Aug. 21st, 1897, they approved \$97,000 in risks, all of which had been taken in twenty-four days.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

How Treasurer Haywood Was Secured From Possible Loss.

THE HARMONIOUS CONVENTION.

The Only Disagreeable Resolution Was Killed in Committee--The Junketers May Be Sued--To Enforce the Cheese Law--Pennsylvania's Wheat Crop. (Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Aug. 31.—Somewhat of a sensation was created by the publication in several leading newspapers of the state of a story to the effect that Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder, Deputy Attorney General Elkin, Senators Quay and Penrose, and others equally well known, had signed a bond for \$20,000 to indemnify State Treasurer Haywood for advancing money on account of salaries to certain employees of the legislature. This fact had been known for several months, but was not regarded here as anything unusual. Owing to the embarrassment that was caused the state treasurer two years ago by the adverse action of the governor on the appropriation to pay the expenses of the Heller-Laubach election contest the treasurer this year positively refused to advance any money. Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder and others on the bond do not make any secret of the fact that such a bond is in existence. They regard it as a private transaction, with which the public has nothing to do, inasmuch as the bond was suggested merely as a protection for the state treasurer in the event of any vetoing of salary bills. It appears that the bond was the outcome of a conference of Republican party leaders in this city before the close of the last session of the legislature. There has been some gossip about the governor requesting the resignations of several state officials involved in the matter, who were appointed by him, but there is not believed to be any ground for such stories. Governor Hastings and the other state officials seem to be on the best possible terms.

The Harmonious Convention. The chief feature of the Republican state convention was the all pervading harmony which characterized the proceedings. In the convention hall there was not the slightest disturbance, the encounters between representatives of the Philadelphia factions of the party taking place at the meeting of the state committee and at the session of the committee on credentials. United States Senator Penrose made an attack upon the methods of David Martin and Frank Willing Leach, which they resented in red hot speeches. It was all about rival delegations from one of the districts in Philadelphia, and the leaders were unable to keep down the pugnacious tendencies of the two factions. In the end one of the factions abandoned its claims and went home.

The convention had little trouble in observing the program mapped out by the leaders. John P. Elkin, the chairman of the state committee, was made temporary chairman of the convention, in order that he might, in his speech, outline the issues of the campaign and explain the efforts of the party managers to make good the pledges of two years regarding reform measures. He told how he labored with the lawmakers, and how difficult it was to make any headway in the consideration of civil service reform. He declared that the party as represented in the legislature was nearly against civil service reform as interpreted by President Cleveland. He had found the sentiment so overwhelmingly against the bill that the party leaders were almost compelled to abandon it. It was defeated by a large vote. Chairman Elkin referred to the successful legislation along reform lines, and hoped for better things in the future. He said the party pointed with pride to the businesslike administration of the fiscal affairs of the commonwealth, and gave some statistics to show that, notwithstanding the millions of dollars handled by the state treasurer, there had been no loss to the state. The platform adopted does not censure the legislature, but thanks it for what it did in the way of reform legislation, and commends it for some enactments favorable to the laboring classes. The administration of Governor Hastings was endorsed, and he was praised for his fidelity to the interests of the people. Major Levi G. McCauley had no opposition for the nomination for auditor general, and James S. Beacom was easily nominated for state treasurer.

Disagreeable Resolution Killed. There was a little breeze in the convention when William Shortlidge, of Centre county, offered a resolution unequivocally endorsing the action of the governor in vetoing the Becker bill, the mercantile tax and Simon bills and the appropriations for legislative investigating committees, and condemning the legislature for passing "these dishonest measures and for ignoring or making a farce of the various reform measures urged and promised by the last two state conventions." This resolution was sent to the committee on resolutions without much ceremony, and was not heard from thereafter.

There was considerable interest shown by those who attended the convention in the various gubernatorial booms which jostled each other at the Lochiel hotel, which was the Republican headquarters. Among those who were here to confer with the delegates and get an inkling of the sentiment in the different parts of the state regarding the successor of Governor Hastings were Congressmen Charles W. Stone of Warren, William A. Stone of Allegheny, William Connel of Scranton and Peter A. B. Widener of Philadelphia. As it looks now the contest next year will be one of the most exciting that the state has ever seen. So many elements promise to enter into the fight that it is a difficult matter now to foreshadow the result. The usual reports will be sent out about this or that leader favoring this or that candidate, but it is pretty safe to predict that the leaders of the party will go very slow in making any declaration before the canvass has proceeded far enough to develop the strength of the several aspirants for the office of governor. Those

politicians who look far into the future are of the opinion that the candidates will be permitted to make their own fight without the interference of any of the potent forces of the Republican party. As to the Democratic nomination it is believed that the success or failure of the nominees will depend upon the harmonizing of the silver and gold factions of the party. As it looks now Attorney General McCormick will probably be the choice of the purely anti-Quay element for governor.

That Junketing Bill. A day or two ago several senators and members of the house who are connected with the committees which arranged for the junketing trips of the legislature to New York and Philadelphia on the occasions of the unveiling of the Grant and Washington monuments had a meeting on a bench in Capitol park. They wanted room for a free expression of their views regarding the governor's veto of these expense bills. What they said about those vetoes would not look well in print. Owing to the importunate demands of the caterer, who furnished over \$3,000 worth of liquid refreshments, and others who provided for the comfort of the solons, the committee members decided to address a communication to each person who participated in these junkets to make a voluntary contribution toward the liquidation of the bills. It is not expected that the responses will be either prompt or large. Meanwhile the anxious caterer who furnished the liquids threatens to get his money through legal process.

Harrisburg was visited last week by thousands of grangers from all parts of Pennsylvania. They came to attend the big picnic at Williams Grove, where for 20 years or more the farmers, their wives and sweethearts, have been wont to gather. This exposition, for such it is called, brings from far and near thousands who are not farmers, but who make use of the opportunity to introduce to the notice of the tillers of the soil their new fangled farming implements and prize seeds and windmills and pumps, and, incidentally, gold bricks. There have been as many as 30,000 people at this picnic in one day, but the attendance was not so large this year as heretofore owing to the sudden rise of wheat and the anxiety of the farmer to get his cereals to the market.

Governor Hastings is spending the summer at his home in Bellefonte, and only comes to Harrisburg a day or two each week to transact such official business as requires his attention. Under a recent act of assembly he is empowered to appoint a state board of dental examiners and also a superintendent of the new bureau of mines and mining. These appointments will be announced in the near future.

The New Cheese Law. The new cheese law passed by the late legislature went into effect last week. It requires the name and manufacturer of the cheese to be branded or stenciled upon both the box and cheese. Some wholesale dealers object to this provision because it gives retailers all the information that is necessary to deal directly with the manufacturers. The object of the provision is to protect the purchaser and prevent imposition by unscrupulous manufacturers. Under the old system the milk producer and the cheese manufacturer could skim the milk and make butter, turning the remainder into cheese and selling it in the market as "full cream" cheese. The present law does not forbid skimming, but it compels the manufacturer to sell the skimmed cheese for just what it is. The department of agriculture will strictly enforce the law.

Arrangements are being made at the attorney general's department to test the constitutionality of the direct inheritance tax law. It is the purpose of the department to object to the report of some auditor for an estate who has failed to allow this tax, and then appeal to the higher court in order to get a decision as soon as possible. Attorney General McCormick and others believe that the law will stand. Two important acts passed by the late legislature have already been declared unconstitutional—the alien tax law and the direct inheritance tax law. Should these opinions be sustained by the higher courts those who favor a legislative commission to revise and report on all important measures introduced in the legislature will have a strong argument in the future. Any one who has had experience in the legislature cannot fail to have been impressed with the carelessness and inaccuracy which characterize the preparation of bills. At the state department much could be told of the bungling work of the legislature.

Pennsylvania's Big Wheat Crop. Colonel Thomas J. Edge, the state secretary of agriculture, says the area devoted to wheat in Pennsylvania this year is from 1,275,000 to 1,350,000 acres, and he conservatively estimates the yield of wheat at 29,000,000 bushels. He says the advance in price came at a time when very little wheat had been sold by the farmer, so that he gets the benefits of the big jump in values. With the present figures as a basis, he says, the net gain in values to the farmers of Pennsylvania by reason of the great advance in the price of wheat is simply enormous. He thinks the effect will be felt in all channels of trade for a long time to come.

Senator E. B. Hardenbergh having been set aside as a candidate for auditor general this year by the Republican state convention, it is understood that he will bob up serenely as the candidate of the party for secretary of internal affairs a year hence. Hardenbergh hasn't much faith in postponed political promises, but the belief is entertained in Republican circles that he will be given a place on the ticket next year. He was endorsed for the nomination for auditor general by the labor organizations, and they will insist that he be recognized.

John Q. Stewart, deputy state superintendent of public instruction, has decided in a case submitted by the McKeesport school board that the law makes no provision for the election of a vice president in cities of the third class, but it gives to school directors full authority to appoint a president pro tem. In the absence of the regularly elected president. His signature and acts are just as binding upon the district as the official acts of the president himself.

HUBLERSBURG ITEMS.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity are sowing.

Wm. G. Carner was to State College on business, on Monday and Tuesday.

The show on Friday evening was not very well attended, but they gave a good entertainment.

The United Evangelicals improved the appearance of their church by putting in a new carpet.

Mr. Ammon Miller, who had been away for some time, is again behind the counter in Hoy's store.

Mrs. Whitman, who was reported on the sick list last week, is not any better. Typhoid fever is her ailment.

The W. M. S. of the Evangelical church will hold a sociable in the church yard on Saturday evening. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

DEATH: The three-month-old child of Harry Shilling, died at Clintondale, on Saturday. Interment in the Union cemetery of this place, on Monday afternoon. This makes three deaths in this family since Spring. Mrs. Shilling and a two-year-old child preceded them.

OAK HALL.

Miss Carrie Carson, one of Nigh Bank's, pleasant young ladies visited at Miss Bertha Armstrongs lately, also Mr. Speerly.

Mr. Wm. Dougherty and family, and Chas. Douglass visited at Penn Hall Sunday.

Ed Kerlin and friend visited at Tho's Gramley's, Tuesday.

M. C. Gephart, of Millheim, transacted business in this place, last week.

Daniel Dunkle, one of the hustling agents for the Union Tea & Spice Co., tarried in this place Monday eve. Give him a trial.

Henry Homan and wife, visited at E. B. Peters Sunday, also Jas. Peters and wife, of Shingletown.

Jacob Kamp, of Bellefonte, visited at the home of his parent, last week.

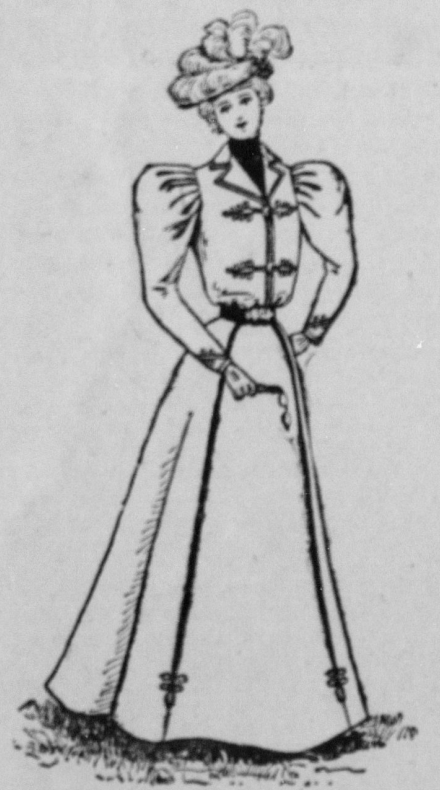
Miss Florence Smith, a pleasant young lady of Potters Bank, circulated among friends of this place.

Wm. Wetzel and Dora Gramly, of Bellefonte, visited at T. F. Gramly.

The Johnston family, who have been visiting at J. G. Jrvins, for sometime past, departed for their home Monday.

—Hi Henry's big minstrels will be the opening attraction, at Garman's Opera House, on September 3rd.

A TAILOR-MADE TOILETTE OF CLOTH AND VELVET, TRIMMED WITH BRAID AND FROG ORNAMENTS. A fashion which prevails to some extent now and bids fair to grow in favor as the season advances, is the blouse with chemisette worn with a handsomely-shaped skirt. In the illustration is shown an excellent mode of this kind made of gobelin-blue cloth with red velvet for the chemisette and braid and frog ornaments for decoration. The blouse is in the correct pouch style and may be worn like a jacket over a shirt-waist or vest, but when it is



be worn as a complete bodice it is made with a fitted lining and chemisette. The drape at the waist is continued all round and a fancy belt is worn. The lapels and rolling collar are correct in shape and the sleeves are fitted with great accuracy. The skirt is up-to-date in cut and effect, being of the four-gored variety with fan back. The side gores are dart-fitted at the top and fall in circular effect and in very slight ripples. The Buttrick patterns are blouse No. 9285, 7 sizes, bust measures, 30 to 42 inches, skirt size, 25 cents, and skirt No. 9294, 10 sizes, waist measures, 20 to 28 inches, any size 34 cents.

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Appendicitis.

In view of the many unsuccessful operations and the extravagant tendencies of the late fad for opening the abdominal cavity for every pretext in the case of so called appendicitis, the following well stated, if not timely enough, from the renowned Dr. Pepper, of Philadelphia, will be satisfactory, if not cheerful reading to many people who have been led to believe in the almost certain fatality of appendix troubles. He says in the Medical Agriculture: "In appendicitis twenty cases to one are cured without an operation."

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