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EDITORIAL.

RARE COMMERCIAL HONESTY.

"A case of rather remarkable commercial honesty has just come to light. In 1875 one of Springfield's well-known shoe dealers found himself so embarrassed by depreciation in value of stock and the difficulty in collecting accounts that he failed, and made a compromise with his creditors of 50 cents on the dollar. After twenty-two years the merchant, now considerably over 70 years old, has settled all these old claims in full, paying the balance unpaid at that time, amounting to several thousand dollars. There was no claim on him other than that of his conscience. All his creditors had signed a paper acknowledging their satisfaction, and, in fact, a large number of the original papers had been destroyed, so that the merchant had to settle in accordance with the figures he had in his possession, paying over the money in some cases to heirs, or to surviving partners who knew nothing or had nothing to show of the original transaction. The conscientious shoe dealer is very anxious not to have his name appear—his act would lose its merit through advertising, he says. A good deal of the money that he has thus paid back has been pouched out on the shoemaker's bench."—Boston Transcript. This is a rare case of "commercial honesty" sure enough—rare because seldom met with. It is refreshing to read of such transactions, and gives evidence the business integrity of our fathers has not died out. It is questionable whether there be enough left to level the whole lump, but we hope there may be.

It now looks as though this country and Germany might have a slight difficulty for awhile, about some small islands. That would give Spain a great relief.

If McKinley's Prosperity Band Waggon would only get to Bellefonte by the Holiday season, even the democrats would overlook the campaign pledges and long delay. Won't it soon come? We hope so.

THE latest sensation is that Fitzsimmons and Corbett are to have another prize fight for the world's championship. In fact it is only another bit of wind sent out to advertise these two big sluggers. More talk than fight.

CANDIDATES for Prothonotary, and District Attorney have been buzzing about quite lively of late. There will be an abundance of them in both parties. The anxious office seeker is abroad in the land and he merits everyone's serious consideration.

CONGRESS will assemble on December 6th, next Monday. The principal topic will be monetary legislation. Secretary Gage was to see the Wall street financiers—the gold bugs—to find out what they want. They stood by McKinley and he must stand by them. The masses can look out for themselves.

THE treasury deficit for the fiscal year has reached \$43,244,762, the receipts having been \$116,144,518 and the expenditures \$159,389,280. The indications are that the receipts for November will be smaller than those for October. Sugar imports are expected to add four or five millions of dollars a month to the revenue next spring, but the amount may be much less. The total deficit for the year is likely to be nearer \$100,000,000 than \$50,000,000.

A Few Facts.

An exchange gives what is called "a few facts" as follows: "As long as there is life there is trouble and taxes. A widow is never satisfied with her own name. It is not necessary to have four legs to be a hog. Office seeks a man with about as much energy as a rogue seeks the police."

Collar Button a Good Pill.

A Huntingdon man bought two pills and put them in his vest pocket. He also bought a pearl collar button and put it in the same pocket. When it came time to take a pill he just shut his eyes, opened his mouth, and gulped it down. He was relieved of his headache and went on his way rejoicing. Afterward, having use for the collar button, he felt in his pocket and found two pills and no collar button.

She Must Have Been a Printer.

Only one, he pleaded. She looked at him in surprise. One little kiss, he persisted. Oh, alright, she replied carelessly. If you're fool enough to start the press for a single impression, go ahead, but it doesn't seem to me it pays.

Second Week of November Court.

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failed to visit and support his wife, save what was provided for by a decree of the court.

This suit is therefore brought to recover damages from the defendant, a brother of Moyer Lyons, for alienating the affections of Moyer Lyons by inducements, persuasion and intimidation from his wife and turning him against her, for as the plaintiff alleges everything went smoothly until the defendant came from Philadelphia, when he began to neglect his wife, though sick, and on the 7th day of January took him along to Philadelphia, since which time she has not had the pleasure of his company, nor has she been able to see him to speak to him and has written him but received no reply.

On the contrary, the defendant alleges he came home on the 30th day of December, 1893, pursuant to a written request by his sister Tillie, and after coming here did all in his power to persuade Moyer to live with his wife, and treat her as a wife ought to be treated, but that Moyer repeatedly said that he did not love her and that he would never live with her. And further that Moyer's health was bad and that he did take him to Philadelphia to take treatment from Dr. Pepper, for nervous dyspepsia and insomnia, and that in Philadelphia he tried to induce Moyer to live with his wife but was met with the same stiff refusal. The defendant denied in toto that he ever persuaded Moyer not to live with his wife, but that on the contrary, that he at all times tried to induce his brother to live with his wife and treat her as such. There were a large number of witnesses on both sides and the testimony closed on Wednesday evening and on Thursday morning counsel will argue the legal points to the court and the facts to the jury.

Free Entertainment.

The Methodist congregation, of Pleasant Gap, will give a free entertainment in their church Saturday evening Dec. 5, 1897. After the conclusion of these exercises they will serve oysters, ice cream, cake and other refreshments that go to make up a first class supper. The proceeds of the supper will go for the completion of the new parsonage. All are invited to be present and spend a pleasant evening together.

Lemont Porkers.

We award the belt to Mr. Jacob Shuey, of near Lemont, for champion porkers. This gentleman slaughtered, on Thursday the 25 inst., three which dressed in the aggregate 1620 pounds. Their respective weight was 558, 618 and 553 pounds. Can you find some one to beat it? "K"

Our Schools.

There are 2,500 school districts in Centre county, and the State appropriation coming to it is \$48,088.80 as soon as the County Superintendent and Directors make their reports according to law. Any district not fully complying with the law will not receive any appropriation.

That Loaded Gun Again.

Last week at Granville, near Lewisburg, two sons of George Cherry, aged 7 and 9, in the absence of their parents procured a loaded gun, and in the struggle for its possession, the weapon was discharged, the contents entering the younger boy's abdomen, injuring him so severely that he died two hours later.

Changes.

In a week or so Charles A. Morris will remove from Tyrone to Pittsburg and will be in charge of the Morris business interests in that section. Thomas K. Morris will come to Tyrone from Bellefonte and Robert Morris will remain at Bellefonte where he will continue to look after business interests in that section.

Large Deer Brought Down.

An eight pronged buck was brought down by a party of hunters composed of Scott Parker, John Cafish and others, of Lock Haven, Wednesday near the headwaters of McElhattan run. The deer weighed 240 pounds when dressed.

Death at Millheim.

Rachael, widow of Wm. Reifsnyder, and mother of J. H. Reifsnyder, Esq., died at her home in Millheim Sunday, November 28th. She was in her 90th year. The funeral took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Millheim.

Jones, a poor man, was quite unperurbed. The day his twins were christened: His face was pale and on his cheek A tear drop plainly glistened; For when the rite had been performed, In mockery so hollow, The choir struck up that grand old hymn, "Still There's More to Follow."

Change of Firm.

On and after Nov. 15, 1897, the Phoenix flouring mill, of this place, now operated by Geo. W. Jackson & Co., will be operated by the Phoenix Milling Co., composed of W. Fred Reynolds, J. L. Montgomery, and Curtis V. Wagner. Mr. Wagner, who for several years has conducted Rock Mills, will have charge of the manufacturing and a high class of flour and feed is assured. The new company solicits a continuance of the present patronage, which the mill enjoys, and will endeavor to give entire satisfaction to the trade.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

State Leaders in Conference at Philadelphia.

M'CORMICK'S BOOM FOR GOVERNOR

Guesses as to Whether He Will Remain in the Fight—Many Candidates For the Democratic Nomination—Interest in Philadelphia's Contest.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Dec. 1.—State officials spend much of their time in Philadelphia nowadays, and one might well imagine that the state capital had been transferred to the state's metropolis. When political leaders desire a conference it is always called to meet in the Quaker City. Such a conference was held on Friday last in the governor's room of the Union League club, in Philadelphia, and it is not unlikely that this conference may have an important bearing on the next Republican gubernatorial nomination. The conferees were Governor Hastings, his attorney general, Mr. McCormick; Senator Magee, of Pittsburg, and Secretary of State Martin.

An intimation that the conference was to discuss the advisability of Attorney General McCormick's candidacy for governor seems likely, in view of the fact that he has been in the field as the successor to Governor Hastings, and presumably with the promised support of the latter. But, on the other hand, conditions have greatly changed since Mr. McCormick announced himself, and equally likely is the theory that the conference was to convince him and his political sponsor, the governor, of the futility of his making a fight. The compact said to exist between Senator Quay, Chris Magee and David Martin, and which is said to contemplate the election of a governor agreeable to all three and the return of Quay to the senate, lends color to this story.

Another matter that was no doubt a subject of conversation was the Philadelphia fight for tax receiver. The friendship between the governor and his secretary of state would seem ground sufficient for the former to lend what assistance he can to secure the election of William J. Roney, the regular Republican candidate, to the office of receiver of taxes. There are among the supporters of Mr. Newitt, the candidate of the Leaders' league, those who owe their present influence—such as it is—to the friendship of Governor Hastings. A request from the latter, then, in a purely personal way, might put an entirely new aspect on the conditions as they now exist.

Another Important Conference.

On Saturday another conference was held at the same place. In this second conference Messrs. Martin and Magee were not participants, but with the governor and attorney general were Thomas Dolan and General Agent William J. Latta, of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Whether in Saturday's meeting consideration of the McCormick boom was continued or not the fact remains that Secretary Martin is regarded by the supporters of Tax Receiver Candidate Newitt as endeavoring to divert Senator Quay's attention from St. Lucie rapion to the work of weakening Mr. Newitt in the Ward Leaders' league. It is assumed that the governor naturally desires to see the results of his secretary of the commonwealth maintained through the re-election of Mr. Roney. The sympathies of Messrs. Dolan and Latta are also with Secretary Martin. The chief question asked after the Union League conferences related to the extent of Mr. Quay's influence against Mr. Newitt, should he choose to exercise it.

From the Newitt point of view Mr. Martin and his fellow conferees looked ahead to the contest for United States senator, although perhaps not mentioning that matter and confining their attention to the present to his secretaryship. It is argued that by their taking a determined gubernatorial stand immediately Senator Quay may become impressed with the possibility of their so dominating the state convention as to give impetus to the election of state legislators who could be turned against him for United States senator if necessary. Once made apprehensive by this prospect it is felt that Mr. Quay, from motives of self preservation, might be induced to interfere in the campaign for tax receiver.

Many Ambitious Democrats.

There was a revival of the rumor that ex-Governor Pattison would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor next year, and that ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Harry and a number of other friends were preparing a plan to recapture the Democratic organization in time to use the machinery in the interests of the ex-governor's boom for a third term. There are those who believe, however, that Colonel Guffey, of Pittsburg, and ex-Congressman Sibley, of Crawford county, cherish the hope that their loyalty to the cause of free silver is of a more pronounced type than that of Mr. Pattison, and that one or the other of them is entitled to be named for governor by the Democratic convention next year.

Senator Cochran, of Williamsport, is not, it is understood, a candidate for the place, but he has many friends in various sections of the state who think he would make a strong head for next year's ticket. Colonel Garman, the present chairman of the Democratic committee, is also of the opinion, it is understood, that lightning might appropriately come this way, but in any event his friends say he will continue as chairman of the organization, and that he will insist that the man nominated by the Democratic convention must have no record that will justify a suspicion that he was not and is not for both Bryan and all that he has or may stand for.

Architects Will Not Be Paid.

The specifications for the new capitol, as far as complete, were laid before the commission last week by the architect, Henry Ives Cobb, of Chicago, who expects to have the working plans in shape to award the contract by Jan. 1. Governor Hastings continues to resent the action of the commission in rejecting, against his protest, the report of the board of experts, and did

not attend the session. The executive has turned a deaf ear to the commission's repeated efforts to have him resume his place on the commission, and he will probably not have anything to do with the construction of the new capitol.

The commission adopted a resolution refusing compensation to the six specially invited architects who were to be given \$1,000 for expenses of preparing their drawings under the original competition. It is contended that according to the report of the board of experts the plans were not prepared in accordance with the mandatory provisions of the program, and that therefore the commission cannot recognize any claim for compensation, therefore unless it be proven that the report of the board of experts is incorrect.

The architects who are likely to lose \$1,000 each are Alden & Harlow, Pittsburg; Cope & Stewardson, Philadelphia; Furness & Co., Philadelphia; George Edward Harding & Goeh, New York; Peabody & Stearns, Boston, and James H. Warner, Lancaster.

The commission has decided to raise the ground floor of the capitol about three feet to give plenty of light and air for the rooms beneath, which will be utilized for offices in the future. Beneath this basement story will be a sub-basement, which will be utilized for storage purposes. The house and senate chambers will be on the right and left of the dome, as they were in the old building. There has been no change in the design of the new building, but simply a change in the assignment of the space. By transferring the legislative chambers to the locations of the old building the front of the capitol can be set back 20 or 25 feet to conform to the present site and make unnecessary any change in the present walks or drives. Under this arrangement the corridors leading to the department buildings will be beneath the house and senate, and the elevation will be vastly improved.

Allen B. Korke, the Philadelphia builder, is trying to secure the contract, and the chances are that he will succeed.

Burglars Make a Good Haul.

A robbery yielding the perpetrators nearly \$4,000 in cash and merchandise was committed the other night at the store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart. Manager William Bennethum, who made an inventory of the booty, says the burglars got away with over \$2,500 in cash, \$2,000 of which was in silver. The balance mostly currency; six bolts of fine silk, two handbags, the pay envelopes of several clerks, the carpenter's pay for the week and \$14 postal notes.

The thieves gained an entrance through a window on the side of a store of an old warehouse, to which access was easy. Shielded from observation, they cut away the plastering about the window until they had secured an aperture large enough to admit their bodies. Through this hole they crawled into the store, and were for the time masters of all they surveyed. The plunder was removed by way of the hole through which the burglars entered.

The bolts to the doors of the warehouse were on the inside and were removed with a jimmy. A large bar, fastened with a heavy lock, was forced away, and, instead, the robbers provided a spring lock, so as to secure the door and at the same time give them a quick and easy way to escape if surprised at their work. The watchman on the outside in trying the door would also find it apparently as secure as usual. This spring lock was removed after the robbery, but none of the Harrisburg hardware merchants recognized it as having come from the store. The robbery was apparently not the work of novices.

This robbery and others throughout the state has led to much discussion regarding the tramp nuisance, and it is quite likely that some ambitious legislator will introduce a bill at the next session to modify if not obliterate the evil. A popular plan is that recently adopted by the board of freeholders of Camden county, N. J. There it is proposed to provide a workhouse for the imprisonment of tramps and vagrants, and constables will be designated to patrol the country roads to gather in the nomads. They will probably be put to work in improving the highways. One freeholder thinks it would be a good idea to put them in striped suits and hire them out to contractors for work. He says the idea is to scare the tramps away from the country, and thinks the fact that they will have to work if they are caught in Camden will be sufficient to keep them away for all time.

Thompson Opposes Swallow.

A forerunner of opposition to Dr. Swallow as a candidate for governor on an independent or fusion ticket next year is furnished in a recent interview at Pittsburg with William R. Thompson, who after a canvass of 30 days polled 18,000 votes on an independent Republican platform in his recent candidacy for state treasurer. Mr. Thompson says Dr. Swallow should not run for governor next year, and adds: "The independent political forces in the state will undoubtedly get together before the holidays and prepare for an early launching of their campaign. It is true that fusion seems difficult and the reformers of the Republican ranks will not accept Pattison or any Democrat who has the free silver taint. Dearly as we Republicans would welcome a straight business administration in Pennsylvania we will not buy it at a cost of a free silver governor. That leaves Pattison out of it."

Captain Alex. R. Paxton, Fifteenth Infantry, U. S. A., attached to the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has forwarded to Secretary of War Alger a statement showing the condition of the guard. The captain states that the officers have reached out to a character of exercises which demand annual divisional encampments.

Captain Paxton thinks Pennsylvania is rich enough to own a military reservation large enough and of sufficient topographical features, adapted to formation, for marches of large bodies of troops, to maneuver for taking up a position for battle and to the development and following up of an attack by the whole division.

He reports that the department of instruction in rifle practice has undergone great improvement in the last few years, and that Colonel Asher Miner, of Wilkesbarre, inspector general of rifle practice, has established a standard of honest work which is looked up to with respect by the guard in general. WILKINS.

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