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**EDITORIAL.**

**POSITIVE ENDORSEMENT.**

In the coming fall campaign this year nothing but a firm endorsement of the Chicago Platform will be acceptable to the democracy. That is an opinion given after considerable inquiry and investigation among the rank and file of the party. There should be no halting, hesitating or double dealing on this point. Either endorse the Chicago Platform, or repudiate it,—no half-and-half policy, no milk-and-water politics, no favors to disgruntled democracy,—but a consistent, firm and aggressive campaign, lead by a man whose democracy needs no apology. The democracy can not afford to compromise itself for the benefit of the few goldites who have estranged themselves.

**FOR PATTISON.**

A STRONG sentiment prevails among democrats about the state for the re-nomination of Robert E. Pattison, for Governor, on the ticket this year. There is some hope of democratic success this time. It is likely that Quay will nominate one man and the Independents will nominate another for the republican ticket this year. If the democrats can't get a stronger man than Pattison, let him lead the fight. He still retains the confidence of the people, only we object to some of those political barnacles in Philadelphia who cling to his skirts and caused so much disruption last term. If Pattison can stand clear of McClure, Harrity and that class, who have done more injury than good, he would be an acceptable candidate. If Pattison is the strongest man, let him be nominated. He formerly carried this county by 1700.

**A LESSON ON HIDES.**

The Dingley bill took hides from the free list and restored the duty, which had been taken off many years ago. As soon as hides were placed on the free list and the leather and shoe industries given free raw materials manufacturers of this character flourished, and large amounts of this class of goods were annually exported. Besides this boots and shoes became one-third to one-half cheaper, and the wages paid to the employees were regular and adequate. The leather and boot and shoe industries were some of the most prosperous in the country, especially in New England. We have had less than one year under the operations of the Dingley bill, with a tariff on hides, and the New England shoe industries are almost ruined. Only a few days ago the manufacturers had a meeting in Boston, at which they took steps to have raw hides restored to the free list, in order to save them from ultimate ruin. This is not the only effect that a tariff on this raw material has had. The wages of the workmen have been reduced, many entirely thrown out of employment and the price of shoes to the consumer has been materially increased. Here we have a great industry crippled, wages reduced and men thrown out of employment, and the common people burdened with an increased price on one of the necessities of life. As is usually the result, wages cut down, the earning power of the poor man decreased, and the costs of the necessities of life increased. This is always the result where a tariff is imposed for protection. Some one must be benefited by all this. Who is it? Armor, the Chicago millionaire butcher, contributed a million dollars to the republican campaign fund in 1896 and induced his friends also to subscribe liberally, and in return he and his friends were permitted to write a tariff on raw hides into the Dingley bill. They do not pay any more for cattle than formerly, but the hides after the cattle are killed will bring a great deal more than they did when hides were on the free list. Here is where the profits are made, a few men are benefited, and the laboring man and the consumer must suffer. What a blessing the tariff must be to the millionaire who helps to elect a president and a congress and then reaps in the profits of a tariff which he can dictate.

**SPLENDID SHOWING.**

The financial statement given out by council last week makes a very creditable showing of the careful manner local affairs have been managed in the past year. Bonds to the amount of over ten thousand were canceled and there still is a balance in the hands of the treasurer of over five thousand dollars. This is quite different from the usual statement. The credit for this can not be given to any single individual. Our council has



UNCLE SAM FEELING QUITE COMFORTABLE.

Congress has passed the following resolution without a dissenting vote: "That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the national defense, and for each and every purpose connected therewith, to be expended at the discretion of the president and to remain available until June 30, 1899, \$50,000,000."

been careful in the expenditures of public monies. Business principles have been applied to various departments.

The public has realized one thing—it pays to have, above all. A tax collector who will collect. Hugh S. Taylor has been a marked success in this direction. During the past few years much distress prevailed owing to local industries suspending. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions, Mr. Taylor's prompt methods succeeded in bringing in more taxes than his predecessors secured under more favorable circumstances. For doing this the boro treasurer, at council meeting, complimented Mr. Taylor in the highest terms.

Our Overseers of the Poor, Mr. John Trafford, democrat and Isaac Miller, republican, conducted that office in a sensible manner. No relief was given to undeserving parties. Able-bodied men who asked for relief were compelled to work on the streets, or at the water department. In this manner some value was received for money expended and the two overseers conducted the department in harmony. When the republican politicians turned Isaac Miller down for re-election, they made a mistake. But he would not spend money for political effect and that is why he was of no use to them.

The election of Daniel Eberhart we believe will prove satisfactory. He has enough good sense to distinguish between the poor and professional paupers. The loafers who expect to live off of the boro, by his favors, have miscalculated. The taxpayers in Bellefonte occasionally drop politics and vote for their best interests and they now are reaping the benefits for adopting such a liberal course.

**AS TO THAT SURPLUS.**

The republican papers, says the Post, are intent on making out a brilliant showing for the Dingley tariff as a revenue measure because the books show a surplus in the treasury over expenditures for the month of February of \$1,973,103. But it may be the other way next month. One month doesn't make a year any more than one swallow makes a summer. Suppose we try the yearly test. The deficiencies in the treasury in the last four years and eight months have been as follows:

1894	.....	\$69,803,260
1895	.....	42,805,223
1896	.....	25,203,245
1897	.....	18,052,254
1898 (eight months)	.....	49,928,720

The receipts and expenditures for February were as follows:

Receipts	.....	\$28,572,358
Expenditures	.....	26,599,256

Surplus.....\$1,973,103  
In the eight months of the fiscal year ending with February the deficiency as stated above is \$49,928,720. There has been an increase in the revenues compared with last year, but the expenditures have also gone up, and there has been a loss of net cash in the treasury during the same months of \$14,500,000. It looks like "doctoring the books" or withholding appropriations that there was a reduction of expenditures last month of \$2,200,000 compared with February, 1897. For the seven months ending with February, since the new tariff went into effect, there has been an increase compared with last year of \$1,552,000 in customs receipts and of \$11,583,000 in internal revenues. The careful Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce estimates for the full twelve months ending with next June a total deficit of \$45,000,000 to \$50,000,000 which would be the largest shortage of any fiscal year since the civil war ended, with the exception of the record breaking deficit of \$69,000,000 for the twelve months beginning July, 1893, which was the last year of the McKinley law.

Notwithstanding the deficiency of \$49,928,000 under the Dingley law since July 1, the treasury is in funds. The net cash balance is now \$225,564,204, including the gold and greenback reserve of \$100,000,000, although the yearly deficiencies up to March 1 since 1894 have aggregated \$202,000,000. How comes the surplus

of 225,000,000 in the treasury at this time? Because of a very simple reason. By his four bond issues to reinforce the gold reserve President Cleveland added to the funds in the treasury \$290,000,000 including loans and premiums. With a succession of deficits for the last four years and eight months—the highest under the McKinley and Dingley tariffs—it is because of these bond issues the McKinley administration is in funds instead of grappling with the problem of a bankrupt and empty treasury. The McKinley administration would have had to start out with bond issues had not Cleveland anticipated and provided for its wants.

WAR with Spain is growing more improbable. Our decisive action has caused them to tremble. Any demand made by this nation will be conceded.

We have no "hot stuff" for our readers this week. As the county finances have been quite thoroughly ventilated in former issues, it is well to lay that subject aside. It may be necessary to comment on it later.

The \$50,000,000 recently appropriated by congress for war purposes actually is money placed in the treasury by the last democratic administration. For that act the republicans heaped much abuse on the democrats.

THE Daily News in the past few issues has been giving editor Harter, of the Gazette, some complimentary notices. They are the kind that are not sought after, or paid for. Owing to his extreme modesty, Harter hesitates about making a reply, although he feels like it.

THE Commonwealth, Dr. Swallow's daily, shows by conclusive evidence that \$23,144 of the people's money in this State was squandered for work about the Soldier's Orphan Schools such as "grading, arranging walks etc.," which only \$3,000 would have settled amply.

DURING the past week numerous politicians of large and small capacity, personal candidates, and others of some influence, made pilgrimages to Washington, D. C., to assist congressman Arnold in making a selection for a postmaster at Bellefonte. From reports, all came home delighted with prospects. Thus far no definite information is given as to the probable outcome. One thing seems settled, that the child will be named soon after the Republican State Convention, next June.

ACCORDING to a recent dispatch to the Philadelphia Times, Centre county has some congressional material. It considers Col. Spangler the possible candidate—who has not announced his intention yet as to entering the contest this year. We think the Col. will make his position known to his friends. In case Col. Spangler withdraws C. M. Bower, Esq., will seek the endorsement of the county and make an effort to secure the nomination in the district. Either Mr. Spangler or Bower would make fit representatives in congress.

**OVERSEERS DISPUTE.**

On Wednesday afternoon an important hearing took place before Justices Keichline and Shaffer. Frank Toner moved about a year ago from Porter township, Clinton county, to Walker township. Mr. Toner has a family and is industrious, but the overseers of the poor were of the opinion that he soon would become a charge, on Walker twp., and in order to avoid this took steps to have him return to Porter township, where he formerly resided, and had been dependent at times for public aid. A large number of witnesses were heard. Messrs Fortney & Walker appeared for Walker twp., and J. C. Meyer for Porter twp. An order for removal will likely be granted.

**Arbor Days Designated.**

Governor Hastings has issued a proclamation designating April 8 and 22 to be observed as Arbor days in Pennsylvania.

**THE ISLAND OF CUBA.**

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dered, notwithstanding it nominally belongs to Spain. The fixed policy of our government has always been that under certain contingencies we were justified in taking forcible possession of Cuba, and for this reason we have at all times refused to concede to Spain the right of the possession of Cuba, and insisted that it should never pass into the hands of any other foreign power. A contingency that would justify the United States in taking forcible possession of Cuba has arisen now, if it can ever arise, and it seems strange that the administration is so slow in asserting our rights and performing a duty which is solely ours to perform. This hesitating policy is said to be in the interest of peace. But peace at any price is not peace founded upon right. It is not enduring peace. Peace that is enduring must be founded upon justice and equity. It must bring calm at home and respect from abroad.

**The Soldiers Will Celebrate.**

On the 9th of April it will be thirty-three years since General Robert E. Lee surrendered to U. S. Grant, at Appomattox Court House.

Addresses will be made by three of our best and most eloquent speakers. The speakers of the evening will be Comrades James A. Beaver, John G. Love, A. O. Furst.

**Recent Pensions Granted.**

The following pensions have lately been granted through the agency of W. H. Musser, of Bellefonte, Pa:  
Widows pensions—Sarah L. Confer, of Bellefonte, Pa., and Mary A. Rhue, of Runville, Pa.

Increase—Samuel H. Orris, of Milesburg Pa., Henry P. Sankey, of Potters Mills Pa.

**An Interesting Case.**

Arthur Walker, who operates a saw mill at Curtis Works and turns the saw dust in the Bald Eagle Creek, has been returned for same by local fishermen, as it is claimed to be a nuisance and kills the fish. The outcome of this prosecution will be closely watched by anglers.

**Eggs For Hatching.**

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M. B. GARMAN, Bellefonte, Pa.

**Oyster Supper.**

The K. L. C. E. of the United Evangelical church of Howard will hold an oyster supper in the Brickley homestead, on Main street, on Saturday evening, March 19th, 1898. Ice cream, cake and other refreshments will be served also. All are very cordially invited to attend.

**A Grand Organ Recital.**

Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes has secured Miss Winifred Newbaker, of Philadelphia, to come here and give a grand organ recital in the Presbyterian church on April 14th. Miss Newbaker will be assisted by some of the best musical talent in Bellefonte.

The money made of this entertainment will go toward the Ladies Mite Society fund.

**License Application Withdrawn.**

Landlord Gramley, of Rebersburg, came to town on Tuesday and withdrew his application for license, thus leaving Mr. Nearhood, the only applicant for Rebersburg. Mr. Gramley expects to engage in hotel business, at Lock Haven, where he has rented the Eagle hotel.

**Save The Children.**

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**STEADY GROWTH OF INSURANCE.**

The following taken from the Secretary's books, shows the steady growth of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre county, since 1890:

Risks, 1890	.....	\$1,116,484 72
" 1891	.....	1,134,914 38
" 1892	.....	1,183,959 61
" 1893	.....	1,188,068 71
" 1894	.....	1,248,022 59
" 1895	.....	1,320,124 39
" 1896	.....	1,410,088 23
" 1897	.....	1,488,640 44

By order of the Board. D. F. LEBE, Centre Hall, No. 11 Sec'y.

Important to Subscribers.  
Those of our subscribers who expect to change their postoffice address, this spring, should notify us of the same. Be especially careful to give your old address and the new one. Also send in your name exactly as you find it printed on the label of your paper. By observing these points you will be sure to get your paper regularly and avoid confusion.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

LEGISLATURE.

We are authorized to announce John Q. Miles, of Huston township, a candidate for the nomination for Legislature, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

**ASSEMBLY.**

We are authorized to announce R. M. Foster, of State College, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce A. C. Thompson, of Half Moon township, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY.**

We are authorized to announce William G. Runkle, Esq., of Bellefonte, Pa., a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce N. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, Pa., a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce Robert F. Hunter, of the North Ward of Bellefonte, a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce A. A. Fletcher, of Walker township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

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