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EDITORIAL.

BLOODY SHIRT.

The following is from the Keystone Gazette, of March 24th:

"The editor of the Centre Democrat this week assumes the prerogatives of a court of justice and pronounces the war-investigating committee a fraud. And especially is the little editor severe on General Beaver, who is a member of the board, and whom he stigmatizes as being guilty of whitewashing the war department. This is terrible; and we hardly see how our townsman, who had his LEG SHOT OFF BY A DEMOCRAT, can survive this second attack."

HUNDREDS of brave, gallant American boys, during the past week, have been shot down in the Philippine Islands, where war with all its horrors exist. If we win, what do we gain? Continued expense, trouble and more similar uprisings. These first-fruits of expansion and "benevolent assimilation" are disappointing.

On page 3 you will find two articles telling of the efforts made to bribe democratic members of the legislature for Quay. It is only a fraction of what has been done. As long as the people vote and endorse corrupt politics, that long it will flourish. Down with bribery and Quayism. But the public should have exactly what they voted for last fall.

If one man commended our comments on Judge Beaver, last week, there were scores who came and volunteered their approval. It was surprising to see how close we were in touch with public sentiment. Judge Beaver's partisan feeling, in trying to whitewash a rotten War Department and censure a brave soldier, like Gen. Miles, has lowered him much in the estimation of our people.

ACCORDING to dispatches in the daily papers Col. J. L. Spangler and P. Gray Meek, both, are prominently mentioned for the position of Democratic State Chairman. The party seems to be dissatisfied with Chairman John M. Garman's political methods and factional feuds. Bellefonte can furnish capable men, in either Meek or Spangler.

ANOTHER REVELATION.

The investigation going on at Harrisburg, to catch the parties who are offering bribes to secure votes for Quay, has been meeting with success. On another page will be found the testimony of Hon. R. M. Foster, who was offered an appointment if he would violate his pledges; but he did not yield to their temptations. On Tuesday, Representative Brown, of Union, told of an offer of \$300 in cash if he would desert Jenks and vote for Quay. Other similar testimony was given, all of which shows the desperate methods of the Quay people to elect the "old man." These practices have been in vogue for years, and the average citizen simply smiles and winks the other eye. Corruption in high places is so common, and frequently exposed, that most people pay no attention to it. It seems that a premium is being placed on political corruption, as the people endorse it without a murmur. Such a condition of affairs is demoralizing, and will continue as long as public sentiment quietly acquiesces in it.

REPUBLICAN ASPIRANTS.

The following republicans have formally announced their candidacy for nominations on the republican county ticket this year:

For Sheriff:--David H. Rhule, landlord at Spring Mills; Jacob S. Herman, farmer, Lemont.

For County Commissioner:--Geo. W. Scholl, farmer, of Houserville; Thos. W. Fisher, farmer and present official, of Union township.

For Recorder:--John C. Miller, of Benner township.

There will be numerous other aspiring republicans in the race, as the campaign is only opening.

WHEN DEMOCRACY WILL DIE.

When the lion eats grass like an ox, And the fisherman swallows the whale; When the terrapin knits woolen socks, And the hare is out-run by the snail; When serpents walk upright like men, And the dodo bugs travel like frogs; When the grasshopper feeds on the hen, And feathers are found on hogs; When Thomas casts swim in the air, And elephants roost upon trees; When insects in summer are rare, And snuff never makes people sneeze; When fish creep over dry land, And mules on velocipedes ride; When foxes lay eggs in the sand, And women in dress take no pride; When Dutchmen no longer drink beer, And girls get to preaching on time; When Billy goat butts from the rear, And treason no longer is crime; When the humming bird brays like an ass, And lumberjacks like cologne; When plow shears are made out of glass, And hearts of Illinois are stone; When sense grows in republican heads, And wool on the hydraulic ram; Then the democratic party will be dead, And this country not worth a d--m. Silver Knight-Watchman.

COSTLY INVESTMENT.

The heavy price of American life and blood paid for our new victories over the Filipinos in the heavy fighting of the last three days, in consequence of the movement of Gen. Otis against Aguinaldo, adds interest to this plain talk from Senator Mason, who is now in Washington. "I find," said Senator Mason, "a pronounced change of sentiment among men with whom I talk. Substantial business men who three months ago were red-hot for expansion, now say they have had enough of it. I ask them how about the prestige of their country, and they say they care little about prestige derived from conquering such men, but that the taxes resulting are what they fear. The idea of calling those Filipinos rebels as some of our newspapers persist in doing is unjust. They have never taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. They wanted independence from the start and they said so. They will always hate us and nothing is to be gained by conquering them. Even if we do overcome them, they will turn around and poison our people. I have just learned from the Surgeon General's office that 21 per cent of our men out there are afflicted with a loathsome disease. This is a bad beginning for our army. I am not a high moralist, and not so much opposed to stealing in itself; but I do question the judgment of a man who steals a red-hot stove that he is in no position to carry off. Such a thief is a fool. The attempt of the United States to steal the liberty of the Filipinos is of the same sort. I believe the American people are waking up to this question."

CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, who never minces words when he expresses an opinion, said of Col. Bryan's refusal to attend the Belmont Jefferson banquet: "Bryan made the bit of his career when he refused to attend the Belmont \$10 dinner. Not one of the crowd would ever vote the democratic ticket anyhow. Bryan's position brings him closer to the people. Consorting with renegades would estrange them from him. He will certainly be renominated in 1900. The Chicago platform will be re-affirmed, and the democracy will win."

LATE NEWS.

The Philippine Insurgents are being driven back.

Representative W. C. Norton, of Wayne, yesterday testified that he was offered \$1000 to help save the McCarrel Bill. Evidence of plenty bribe money.

The Americans and British gunboats united in bombarding several towns in Samoa, where the natives are backed by the Germans. The outbreak may lead to a serious war.

EVERY day more testimony is piling up that now has conclusively satisfied the country that our army, during the war, was supplied with stringy, unpalatable, rotten, canned and embalmed beef. Judge Beaver and his committee should now whitewash themselves. They need it.

THAT "leg apology" covers a multitude of shortcomings, but all can't hide behind it.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

A Week of Special Services in the Lutheran Church of Bellefonte.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the special services to be held in the Lutheran church of Bellefonte, beginning with Sunday morning, Easter, April 20. The following order of services will be observed:

Easter: 9:30, Sunday school; 10:30, Holy Communion and reception of members by baptism and confirmation; 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30, p. m., Easter in recitation and song, in a joint service of congregation and Sunday school, and an offering for church extension.

Monday evening sermon by Rev. Levan Bickle, pastor of the Reformed church. Tuesday evening, sermon by Rev. Geo. W. Leisher, pastor of the Lutheran church Boalsburg. Wednesday evening, sermon by Rev. W. K. Diehl, pastor of the Lutheran church, Nittany. Thursday evening, sermon by Rev. Dr. W. A. Stephens, pastor of the M. E. church, Bellefonte. Friday evening, sermon by Rev. J. M. Rearick, pastor of the Lutheran church, Centre Hall. Sunday, April 9th: 9:30, Sunday school rally; 10:30 and 7:30 p. m. special sermons by the Rev. H. W. Weber, of York, Pa., secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the church of the general synod. Come and hear this distinguished divine. Special thank offering will be taken at both these services.

NOT HOBBON.

He never sunk a gullier To bottle up afeet, But the pretty maidens kiss him And exclaim: "Oh, ain't he sweet!" He never scooped at danger, Nor made a poet sing, He has never done a single Extraordinary thing, Still the women, when they see him, Utter words of wild delight, And at once begin to kiss him, Each of them, with all her might, But if he hasn't swelled his head up, Hasn't spoiled the little chap, He is three weeks old and doesn't Care a continental rap.

The people who are trying to elevate the stage, will confer a favor by raising it high enough to see over the theatre hat in front.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Need For Legislation That Will Increase the State's Revenue.

A SHORTAGE OF OVER \$3,000,000.

Governor Stone Reiterates His Position on the Revenue Question--Bill Legalizing the Sale of Uncolored Oleomargarine Passes the House, as Does the Multiple Store Bill.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 28.--Chairman Marshall, of the appropriations committee, made a statement in the house last Friday that the committee had reported all bills for state and semi-state institutions, amounting to \$5,739,000, and that the general appropriation bill, which would be reported by April 4, would carry about \$16,000,000 more. This would amount to more than the revenue in sight, and Mr. Marshall suggested that the committee be not required to report private appropriation bills until more revenue is provided.

A motion was made by Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, and adopted, rescinding that part of a resolution which required immediate report on private bills.

The appropriations favorably reported show an increase of more than \$800,000 over the aggregate for the same purposes two years ago. The biggest increases are for the indigent insane and the National Guard.

The nearly \$22,000,000 income assured for the next two years falls more than \$8,000,000 short of the aggregate demands on the state treasury. In making his calculations Mr. Marshall allows for Governor Stone's declaration that at least one-fourth of the \$2,500,000 deficiency caused by floating debts must be paid off within a year, and the remainder before the end of the term.

The legislature is confronted with the task of finding new revenues somewhere before any money will be in sight for the charities, such as hospitals, which do not come under the head of state or semi-state institutions. In addition to the crying needs of these charities, including the hospitals that took in soldiers of the war with Spain, there is nothing but anticipation of the passage of some of the pending bills upon which to make either a partial payment of the floating debt or an appropriation for the new capitol.

Leading legislators feel that either by additional revenue or slashing in the general appropriation bill, or both, the hospitals and homes should be saved from much, if any, cutting below the aggregate of about \$1,500,000 appropriated to them two years ago. Neither Chairman Marshall nor the chairman of the ways and means committee, Mr. Hosack, however, seems hopeful that this legislature can do enough cutting in governmental expenses or bring in sufficient new revenue to be as liberal to the charities as was its predecessor.

Governor Stone's Revenue Views. In a letter to J. B. Hershey, who asked for his views on the proposed reduction of the public school appropriation, Governor Stone said:

"We have reached a condition that is not an easy one. We have the floating debt of nearly \$4,000,000. Past legislatures have been appropriating more than the revenue anticipated. I am simply trying to do one of two things, and, of course, the legislature must elect which it will be. Either increase the revenue or reduce the appropriations. I find that cutting off appropriations to a few schools, and even to private charities, will not give us enough money to pay our debts, even in instalments of \$1,000,000 a year, and continue this large appropriation to the public schools and maintain the institutions of the state to which the state is beholden. "We cannot borrow money. There is no power under the constitution to do so. We cannot fund our floating debt. It must be paid. The state treasury now is nearly out of available cash. The treasurer of the state is compelled to request corporations to advance money on taxes that are not due until the next fiscal year in order to pay the necessary expenses of the state. This is a deplorable condition, and one for which there is no excuse. I am simply trying to preserve the credit of the state, which can only be done by paying the honest debts of the state. If the legislature refuses to provide additional revenue I think it better to reduce the appropriations to the public schools a little than to go on increasing our floating debt. We must be just before we can be charitable. This is my position. It is the only position I have ever taken."

Revenue Hunters Discouraged.

The reform axes will not get a chance at the general appropriation bill until April 4. Meanwhile the revenue hunters, although somewhat discouraged by the killing of the direct inheritance and manufacturing corporation tax bills, and by the prospect of an overwhelming majority against either reducing the \$11,000,000 appropriation to the public schools or keeping all the personal property tax from the counties, will do what they can to send to the governor the beer tax bill, the Baldwin mercantile tax measure, the Hosack corporation bills and other revenue schemes.

Mr. Hasson, of Venango, proposed to ask the house for special orders for his bill to have \$2,000,000 expended on the capitol by a new commission, but refrained on being reminded by Mr. Marshall that as this is an appropriation bill it will go on the special calendar of such bills, and, therefore, is in no danger of not being disposed of.

Earlier in the legislative term, when a new bill had some chance, an influential delegation of prominent grocers from Philadelphia and elsewhere might have been expected here in opposition to a bill which Elias Abrams, of Philadelphia, introduced in the house Friday to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors at places where groceries or food are sold. The new rules presented by Mr. Abrams' sixteenth district colleague, Mr. Stewart, and adopted to expedite revenue and appropriation bills, practically kill all related measures on the calendar except those of urgent importance.

Representative Fow, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill making liquor licenses, wholesale or retail, personal property and subject to levy and sale, and providing for the transfer thereof to the purchaser. Transfers would be under the usual restrictions.

The fact that one of Senator Martin's staunchest friends in the house, Elias Abrams, made a successful motion providing special orders on Monday and Wednesday for the senate bill increasing the number of legislative employees is additional evidence that enactment of the measure is expected, through Martin men's aid. Mr. Martin voted for it when it passed the senate finally. The Democratic representatives will be solid against the bill, but the Quinities hope for its success through Mr. Martin's support.

In the senate Mr. Brown, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill to repeal local option laws in the Fifteenth and Twenty-ninth wards of that city.

Legalizing the Sale of Oleo.

The Rice bill legalizing the sale of oleomargarine when it is not colored was the cause of an extensive debate, and the members proved to be anything but unanimous on the subject. Oleomargarine found a friend in Mr. Brown, of Lawrence, who asserted that it was better and purer than butter. He saw no good reason why it should not be colored. On the other hand Messrs. Morrick and Rice favored the bill, and in doing so said they voiced the sentiments of the farmers of the state. They charged that oleomargarine was colored for the purpose of deceiving the consumers. Senator Flinn favored the bill. The sale of oleo cannot be stopped and this bill will protect the farmer and public, he said. After further discussion the bill passed finally by a vote of 42 to 4. Those voting in the negative were Messrs. Brown of Lawrence, Gibson and Miller of Cumberland and Muehlbrunner.

General Koutz, of Somerset, introduced in the house, "by request," bills supplementary to the act of July 30, 1897, to provide that distillers shall pay 25 cents a barrel on every barrel of liquor distilled by them, the barrel to be estimated at 31 1/2 proof gallons, and that all new distilleries shall pay for the first year 25 cents a barrel that would be produced in case the distillery were run to its full capacity for the entire year.

The house defeated, on the question of final passage, by a vote of 72 yeas and 69 nays, the bill to pay Philadelphia constables a salary of \$1,200 a year, and require them to pay all their fees into the city treasury. Its success would have required 103 yeas. The opposition was mainly for the rural members, who considered the salary too high. On second reading the friends of the bill had successfully resisted efforts to reduce the amount.

A similar bill in the senate would pay the constables \$1,000, and on this efforts will be made to compromise, whether the defeat of the house bill shall be reconsidered or not. Mr. Voorhees voted against the bill, so he is able to move to reconsideration, and, with the view of aiding him, Messrs. Abrams and Ackerman changed their votes from the affirmative to the negative.

House Passed the Multiple Store Bill.

The house passed finally the Fow multiple store bill, which met little opposition. The bill is backed by the Retail Grocers' association, of Philadelphia, and is claimed to be intended as a protection to the proprietors of but one or two stores, and the comparatively small dealers generally, against individuals and companies that grasp a large amount of the business for themselves by controlling many stores. The bill would impose in addition to the mercantile tax now required by law a tax of \$500 on each store more than three which a person or company has in a county.

To a query from Mr. Hasson, of Venango, whether the bill would not burden the storekeepers of the state, Mr. Fow said it would if it applied to the proprietor of one or two stores, but it did not so apply. Mr. Fow argued that when it is understood that in Philadelphia one man has 53 stores and another 75, and that these stores advertise to sell butter at 20 cents a pound, for which farmers charge 30, and to sell three pounds of prunes for 10 cents, it can be seen that the object of these storekeepers is to drive the small retailer out of business and establish a monopoly in business to the public.

One firm that controlled over 100 retail stores was referred to by Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, who said that as a result of such monopolizing there are 1,400 stores less in that city than there were a year ago.

To a question from Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, Mr. Fow said the bill was constitutional, because it made proprietors of retail stores a class and taxed them uniformly.

An amendment offered by Mr. Robb, of Allegheny, confining the bill's application to Philadelphia, was overwhelmingly defeated, and the bill went through by a big vote.

Favoring New York's Voting Machine.

The New York voting machine seems to have many friends proportionately in the house as in the senate. Mr. Woodruff, of Philadelphia, reported favorably from the house judiciary general committee Senator Grady's proposed constitutional amendment, which would have to be passed upon by another legislature after this before permitting voting to be done by some other method than the present one, provided that secrecy should be insured.

That committee also reported favorably on Mr. Woodruff's bill directing judges when sitting to count popular votes in Philadelphia to draw lots for at least two ballot boxes in each ward, which shall be operated by them for the purpose of catching any ballot thieves who may have tried their hand. It is argued that the deterrent influence of such a law on scoundrels who could not guess where the lightning might strike would be a long forward step in ballot reform.

Representative Shaw, of Allegheny, introduced a bill regulating the fare to be charged by companies operating parlor cars, as follows: For a seat in a palace or chair car, not more than 25 cents for the first 125 miles, and an additional charge of 25 cents for distance in excess thereof up to 350 miles, and an additional charge of 25 cents for each additional 100 miles thereafter; for each berth in a sleeping car, 50 cents for a distance of 350 miles, and 50 cents for each additional 100 miles thereafter; for each seat in a sleeping car, 25 cents for the first 150 miles, and 25 cents additional for the next 250 miles.

The house took a recess last Friday and listened to an anti-expansion address from Senator William E. Mason, of Illinois. He said he was confident that American liberty would not be injected hypocritically into the people of other countries with 13-inch guns.



There's nothing in Ivory Soap but soap, good, pure vegetable oil soap. There's nothing to make the linens streaky, no alkali to injure the finest textures. The lather forms quickly and copiously, and wash-day is a pleasure instead of a drudgery. Try it in the next wash. The price places it within reach of every one. Look out for imitations.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following rates will be charged for announcements under this head, and none will be inserted unless paid in advance. Sheriff, \$7.00; Treasurer, \$6.00; Register, \$6.00; Recorder, \$5.00; Commissioners, \$5.00.

Nothing in derogation of any candidate will be published at any price, but notices of endorsement or articles setting forth the merits of candidates will be received at 10 cents per line each insertion. These rates will be rigidly adhered to and the cash must accompany every order. CHAS. R. KURTZ, Editor.

SHERIFF.

T. F. KENNEDY, of State College, requests us to announce that he will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Primaries and County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of CYRUS BREWSTER, of Millheim, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ELLIS SHAEFFER, of Madisonburg, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

SAMUEL HARPSTER, JR., of Ferguson twp., authorizes us to announce his candidacy for the office of Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primaries and County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of THOMAS W. KRISTER, of Haines township, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of GREEN DECKER, of Gregg twp., as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of PHILIP H. MEYER, of Harris twp., as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DANIEL HECKMAN, of Benner township, requests us to announce that he will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce W. H. FLY, of Ferguson township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ADAM HARTOGES, of Haines township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DEAR SIR:--Please announce my name as a candidate for the office of Register, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention. I am yours truly, W. J. CARLIN, Miles township.

G. F. Weaver, of Gregg twp., desires us to announce that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register. P. O. address, Penns Cave.

We are authorized to announce that A. G. ARCHER, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for the nomination of Register, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. CALVIN HARPER, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for Recorder, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

To the Democracy of Centre Co.--I am a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer, and would respectfully solicit your influence and support. Successful or not, I am yours, W. T. SPEER, Bellefonte, Pa.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. A. MOORE, of Howard, as a candidate for Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:--Please announce my name as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. Yours respectfully, Moshannon, Pa. J. TONER LUCAN.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN E. HOWER, of Phillipsburg borough, as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31--John Cummings will sell 141 head of live stock, consisting of 4 horses, 13 cows, 1 bull, 25 shoats, 2 sows, 94 sheep, potatoes, baked hay and straw, at his residence, 2 miles east of Linden Hill. Sale at 10 o'clock. Wm. Gibson, Auct.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1--At the late residence of Felix Fogleman, dec'd., in College twp., 1/2 mile south-west of Houserville, will sell 2 horses, 1 cow, 2 sows, 7 young cattle, 3 shoats, wagon, spring wagon, etc. Jacob Bittorf, Adm'r., Lemont, Pa.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8--Thomas A. Williams will sell 40 or 50 colonies of bees. They are in what is known as the A. I. Root patent hives together with a lot of empty hives, removable frames, crates and bee keepers supplies at his Apiary 1/2 mile south of Huston station, along turnpike leading to Madisonburg, at 1 o'clock. A. C. McChutek, Auct.

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WILKINS.

"I sometimes believe that if I were suddenly to drop through a hole in the earth nobody would care a cent." "Oh, brace up. Don't take such a dismal view of things. It surely isn't as bad as you think. Don't you owe anybody any money?"

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

The following accounts have been examined, passed and filed of record in the Register's office for the inspection of heirs and legatees, creditors and all others in anywise interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county for confirmation, on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, A. D. 1899.

The first and partial account of Emanuel Neese executor of &c of Samuel Neese, late of Penn township, deceased. GEO. W. HUMBERGER, Register.

Bellefonte, March 25, 1899.

Spring Opening TO-DAY!



New Goods in Men's, Youth's and Children's Clothing

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