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EDITORIAL. GREAT GAIN.

Our readers frequently notice that mention is made of our increase in subscribers. There scarcely is a newspaper in the country that does not continually crack that same chestnut at its readers, and as there are so many newspaper publishers and editors who are entire strangers to fact and truth, it is no wonder that statements of circulation are discredited, and often justly.

The records in the Bellefonte postoffice, of papers mailed by us since 1893, show that our circulation in Centre county has increased threefold since 1893 and a certified statement to that effect is in our possession to prove the same and we invite inspection.

After a month's absence the editor profitably spent some time looking over the local papers to get an idea of the Hastings-Love squabble. It was with much surprise and displeasure that he read those unkind criticisms in the State College Times about the Centre Democrat and its editor.

MALICE TOWARDS NONE.

Does not good citizenship demand that a check be put to such practices? Yes, truly it does. It is the duty of every sturdy patriotic man to openly condemn and denounce such scenes of debauchery and lend every effort to meet it in the future. Public sentiment alone can check it.

COMPLETE DECEPTION.

It is well known among our people that H. B. Pontius, of our town, was the victim of shameful betrayal recently. The story goes that he was given a positive pledge by the Quay men to receive the Deputy Revenue Collectorship of this district, and on that promise he did some good hard work at the primaries on Saturday.

The news comes from Harrisburg that John Hamilton will likely be dismissed from the Agricultural department by Gov. Stone, because Centre county gave Stone and Quay a black eye. Hamilton was not to blame, he did the best he could.

HASTINGS ought to explain what that rattrap story means. Many persons can't understand.

PRIMARY REFLECTIONS.

Like the calm that follows the most violent storm there is a decided lull in local republican circles. The smoke has hardly cleared from the scene of the terrific conflict waged by the Hastings and Love elements of the republican party. While the battle is fought and the results too well known to relate, the condition of the survivors is a subject of comment at this time.

The Hastings people naturally are jubilant over their splendid victory. Theirs it is to rejoice and be glad. Their praises have been heralded far and wide and is the subject of favorable comment in the leading papers of the State.

Everybody concedes that Gen. Hastings won a splendid victory. Opposed to him was the judge of the courts, the republican county chairman and party organization, a whole host of Quay-postmasters in the county, most of the liquor licensed houses, all aspirants for census enumerators, the President and faculty of State College who depend on Quay for future patronage, and most of the acknowledged active leaders and politicians in Bellefonte, and Senators Quay and Penrose's as well as Gov. Stone's opposition.

Money was a great factor in the contest. Such lavish, reckless, open use of money at primaries was never known in our county. How many thousands were spent is a problem over which there is much speculation. It was used by both factions, with the same shameful, corrupt intent—to purchase votes.

Since the contest is over there is much serious comment on the part of thoughtful people. They are not willing to quietly acquiesce to such infamy at the polls. They realize that when officials high in public life, and men who solicit public approval, stoop to such degrading methods they not only injure themselves but tend to pollute and corrupt public life and private citizenship.

At this point an objector arises and says "you democrats use money too; you are no better!" True it is. Scarcely does an election take place in this county but what democrats and republicans alike stand about the polls ready to buy votes at from 50 cents to \$5 per head. Both parties are alike in this respect, and so are crowd buys as many as the other, so that results are not frequently changed.

This evil has been growing with an alarming pace in recent years. It has become a habit with a large element to sell their vote regularly each election and a poor man can not accept a nomination in either party owing to the corruption drain he must face.

It was only intended to write a short article at the outset, but one idea suggested another and the seriousness of our political methods in this county only becomes apparent when thoughtfully considered. Is it not alarming?

COMMISSIONER THOS. W. FISHER is not exactly satisfied over the result of the republican primaries in Sprigg township where he was from out, in Matt Riddle's own district. Of course Matt had nothing whatever to do with it, and can prove that he was straight.

TIN PLATE TRUST.

The tin plate trust is doing its best to arouse public indignation and reprisal. The price is now up to \$4.60 a box of hundred pounds or higher. The New York "Commercial," which has been looking pretty closely after the matter, says that the advance has been from \$2.80 to \$4.50 per box since the tin plate combine was formed, and that it is wholly unwarranted by the advance in raw materials, although that is answerable for some part of the rise.

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As to the latter point, it may be said that no belief, however firm, has ever been able to mitigate that crushing anguish which fills those who stand about the coffin of their beloved dead. The mind trained by its environment of matter to think in terms physical looks at the cruel physical facts of death.

ONE of the strongest articles on expansion, yet printed, appeared in a recent issue of the N. Y. Independent from W. J. Bryan, the substance of which appears on the front page of this issue. It is a rare thing to see any republican paper attempt a sensible refutation of his utterances, they only retaliate by abuse and ridicule—the only recourse left.

THE result of the republican primaries, in this county, is the subject of much vigorous editorial comment throughout the state papers, and some of our republican friends are being hauled over the coals in a violent manner, for their conduct. They must grin and bear it.

It is to be hoped that the new secretary of war will be an improvement on Algerism. Secretary Root has the well wishes of the country in his trying situation. By removing politics entirely from that department a great reform will be accomplished.

THE dragging along of the Philippine war is causing much uneasiness among the republicans. The country is becoming impatient and dissatisfied. Imperialism is growing rapidly in disfavor.

THE peace conference at the Hague was adjourned. While nothing absolute was accomplished, yet the idea of arbitration was given more favorable consideration than was expected.

CANADA is trying to stir up a little rumpus with this country over the Alaskan border line, but it wont cause even a flurry. The dispute will be submitted to arbitration.

THE Republican primaries in Centre county Gen. Hastings' name is more prominent in State politics. There are some surprises in store.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Republican wishes father the story sent out from Washington, several days ago, that a movement was on foot to put another gold democratic presidential ticket in the field, next year. No such movement is known among democrats and no such action is expected to get the support of any considerable number of democrats, because they all know that it is not being instigated by democrats, but by republicans, whose only object is to draw support away from the regular democratic ticket.

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Attorney General Griggs, before going off on his summer vacation, shattered the hopes of numerous persons who thought they had everything fixed to secure valuable Porto Rican concessions from the War Department, by rendering opinions upon three specific concessions—the right to use the water power of the river Plata, the right to build and operate a tramway, and the right to build and control, for all time, piers and wharves at Ponce.

Representative Griffith, who represents the Indiana district which sent the late Judge Holman to congress for so many years, said of politics in his state, and he knows: "Indiana will send to the Democratic National convention a solid Bryan delegation. The men who were for Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform, in 1896, have not weakened in their faith regarding either. I am one of those who believe in the indestructibility of the principles of democracy, and though the party may suffer temporary defeat, it is sure to regain ascendancy, for it represents better than any other political organization, the true interests of the people.

One of the conundrums of the hour is why the sending of a cablegram to Gen. Otis, conveying an expression of Mr. McKinley's confidence in him, and satisfaction with all he has done, including his press censoring, should have been kept secret for ten days after it was sent? Some say that Mr. McKinley wanted to ascertain how far public sentiment would go in supporting the demand for the recall of Otis, and that if that demand had been a little stronger, the cablegram would have been suppressed entirely.

THE democratic campaign in this state will be formally opened next Wednesday at Williamsport, by the assemblage of the party leaders at that place.

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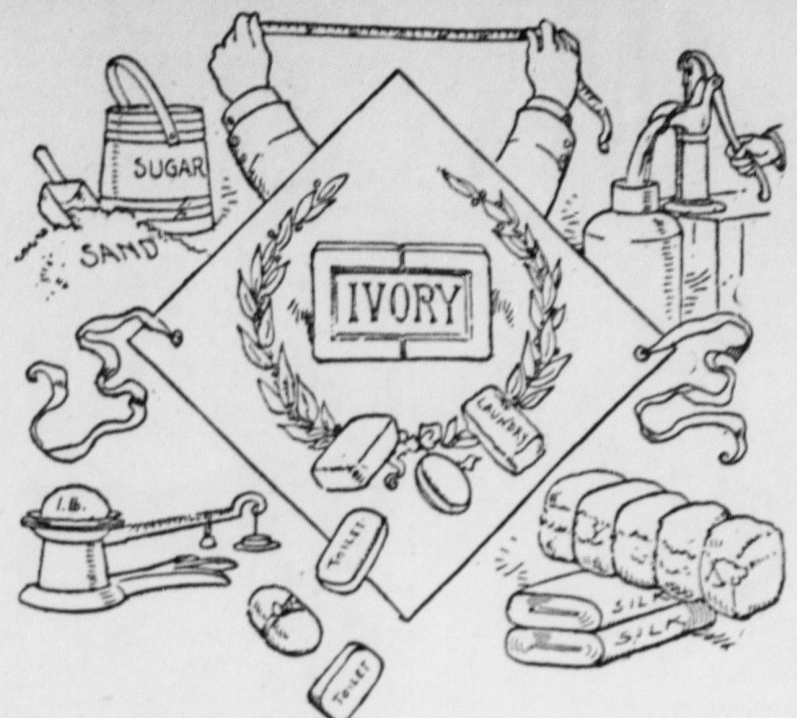
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When sand's as good as sugar, and chalk's as good as milk; When thirty inches make a yard, and cotton equals silk; When fourteen ounces make a pound (and that you'll not allow)— Then common soaps may be as good as Ivory Soap is now.

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RECENT DEATHS.

DANIEL FLEISHER:—Centre Hall lost another of its aged and respected citizens in the death of Daniel Fleisher, which occurred last Saturday morning, from an illness incident to his great age. Mr. Fleisher was in his 89th year. During all the period of his life, he always enjoyed the best of health until less than a year ago, in September, 1898, he went on a trip to visit relatives in Ohio. He returned home earlier than expected, owing to becoming ill. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. The remains were taken to Tusseyville where they were interred in the family plot in the cemetery. Rev. Eisenberg, pastor of the Reformed church, officiated in the services.

Mr. Fleisher was born at Lower Paxton, Dauphin county, on June 12, 1811. When he was about twelve years old, with his mother, brothers and sisters, he came to Centre county, and settled upon a small tract of land near Tusseyville. For several years he followed the shoe making trade along with farming. Before he attained his majority, he was married to Miss Polly Boone, of Spring Mills, and they became parents of seven children, namely, William, who died at the age of 23 years; Jared, a resident of Jamestown, N. Y.; Mrs. William Jordan, of Adams county, Ohio; Isaiah, a traveling salesman of Philadelphia; Miss Catharine, residing with her father, Uriah S., in Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. Julian Fleming, who died several years ago. The wife and mother died in 1876. In 1879, Mr. Fleisher was again married to Miss Mary A. Shirk, and her death occurred only about eleven months ago in August 1898.

JACOB SHROM—One of Bellefonte's oldest citizens, died Thursday evening in his rooms in the McClain block. Mr. Shrom had been ailing for some time and his death was due to a general breaking down of the whole system. He was 73 years, 10 months and 2 days old at time of death. For the past fifty years he has been a resident of Bellefonte following the business of a saddler. His wife preceded him to the grave about five years ago but the following children survive: David, of Butler, Pa.; Mrs. Sarah Watson, Osceola, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram, of near State College; Mrs. Samuel Skean, of Pottstown; Edward, of Pittsburg; Mrs. Diadem Gilbert, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clara, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Martin Haines, of Philipsburg; Mrs. William Cowdrick, of Niagara Falls; John, of the steamship St. Paul.

ROBERT THOMAS TONNER—A life long resident of Canton, Ohio, died at 4:40 o'clock Monday morning of tuberculosis, aged 36 years. The end came at the residence of his mother, No. 608 South Cleveland avenue.

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WHO ISS ID?

Who has a birt cage on his head? A bet tig on his hand? Who wears a cotvish down in front, before der bik grant stand? Der kedger. Who gifer der ball von tam bik twist, Und maigs id valse in air, So von der badder hits it hardt, Der sheeksin ish nod dere? Der pidger. Who ven der badder bangs ber ball, Unt on his bosom schlides, Comes down on him mit Trilby feet Und puts him oudt pesides? Der fast baseban. Who taigs hot liners, kedges flies— Iss always oudt of blace, Who plays left fieldt und centre fieldt, Right fieldt und second base? Der shord stob. Who iss id ven der game ish tie, Don't know vat he's apoud? Und ven der home team maigs a hit, Teclares der striker oudt? Der umbire. Who vants ter preag dot umbire's neg, Und kig his lung off too, Who neffer blays, but kigs und tells, Der blayers vat ter do? Der rooter.

IS IT MALARIA OR ALUM?

(Popular Science Monthly.)

Languor, loss of appetite, indigestion and often feverishness are the common symptoms of a physiological condition termed "malaria." All these symptoms may be and frequently are the effect of the use of alum baking powders in food making. There is no question about the poisonous effect of alum upon the system. It obstructs digestion, prostrates the nerves, coagulates and devitalizes the blood. All this has been made clear, thanks to physicians, boards of health, and food commissions. So "highly injurious to the health of the community" does the eminent head of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Barker, consider the alum baking powders, that he says "their sale should be prohibited by law."

Under these circumstances it is worth the while of every housewife to employ the very little care that is necessary to keep so dangerous an element from the food of her family. A pure cream of tartar baking powder, which is the only kind that should be used, ought to cost about forty-five to fifty cents a pound. Therefore, if you are paying much less, something is wrong; if you are paying twenty-five cents or less per pound, the powder is certainly made from alum.

Always bear these simple facts in mind when purchasing baking powder.

This is Palatable Reading.

It has been proven at Sharon, Pa., that ice cream, usually regarded as a luxury-pure and simple, is really more than that. A scarlet fever patient—a little girl of six years—was carried through a very severe attack of the disease on it as her sole nourishment. Unable to eat solids on account of a sore mouth and unable to retain liquids on her stomach, ice cream was tried as the only means of preventing starvation, and proved entirely satisfactory in every particular. It is very seldom that ice cream is found to be harmful, but it is in many instances beneficial.

Summer Colds are noted for hanging on. They weaken your throat and lungs, and lead to serious trouble. Don't trifle with them. Take Scott's Emulsion at once. It soothes, heals, and cures. 50c and \$1. All druggists.