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EDITORIAL.

GREAT GAIN.

scribers. There scarcely is a newspaper position, the harder he fought. 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. Fully realizing this and appreciating the known weakness of our newspaper brethren in this direction, the publisher of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, for the past four years, since 1895 has annually made a detailed sworn statement of every issue of this paper. Our average weekly circulation, sworn, has been as follows: '96-1733; '97-2052; '98-2342; 6 month of '99-2406.

This paper, when it came under the present management, several years ago had the most insignificant list in the county, it now has a larger list than any other democratic paper in the county by many hundred.

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.

The reason for our rapid growth is due to two things: hard work and close attention to business by which we have succeeded in printing a local paper that the people of Centre county like to read; and it will be our aim to merit in the future the same appreciation.

THE PUBLISHER.

MALICE TOWARDS NONE.

After a month's absence the editor the local papers to get an idea of the much surprise and displeasure that he read those unkind criticisms in the State College Times about the Centre Demo- check it. crat and its editor. To have a man's integrity questioned in public print is cruel, and then still worse that he "sold out." If the gentlemen could only realize the great injury these assaults have done and the mental anguish the writer has suffered in consequence they would be more considerate. Our character, was assailed real rudely, without cause or provocation, and had the editor not been far, far from home at the time on a vacation these rude Quay men would ly changed, have been chastised. Now it is preferable to forgive.

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. Monday the news came that Dr. John F. Harter, of State College, had been named for the place. At first Mr. Pontius was dumbfounded, but the report was correct; the deception was complete. Some chaps call that smart politics, we hardly think so.

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. The trouble is our republicans don't like Stone's course and are not blind followers of the Quay machine. It is wrong to persecute pious John Hamilton in this way.

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 terriffic 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 defeated wing is naturally dismayed, but bear up admiringly under the circumstances. To them there is little consolation in the result, or any future encouragement. Dismayed and dazed, expresses their unfortunate lot.

The Hastings people naturally are jubillant 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. They also feel secure, from the fact that in the future the county chairman and party organization will be entirely in their control and no opportunity will be lost to strongly entrench themselves for all future emergencies.

Everybody concedes that Gen. Hastings won a splendid victory. Opposed to him was the judge of the courts, the Commissioners { DANIEL HECKMAN. republican county chairman and party organization, a whole host of Quay-postorganization, 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 Our readers frequently notice that opposition. All these elements were armention is made of our increase in sub- rayed against him. The greater the op-

> 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. Both alike were guilty, only the one side was more abundantly supplied.

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. It has a degrading, degenerating, demoralizing influence on a community that is far reaching. Such practices continued from time to time means that scenes about our elections will be on a par with the Bowerv in New York or the slums of Philadelphia. Nothing is more degrading than for an American citizen to sell his vote. When he descends to that plane he barters his "birthright for a mess of pottage," he sacrifices all that is honorable-manliness, virtue and nobility-for the tempting, corrupting, filthy lucre. His self respect at once is gone, and when once on the toboggan slide of corruption there is no telling to what depths he may

Does not good citizenship demand that a check be put to such practices? Yes, profitably spent some time looking over truly it does. It is the duty of every sturdy patriotic man to openly condemn Hastings-Love squabble. It was with and denounce such scenes of debauchery and lend every effort to meet it in the future. Public sentiment alone can

> 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 one crowd buys as many as the other, so that results are not frequent-

> 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.

> The practice makes office getting expensive and dishonorable. It makes it unprofitable, unless the official can in some way find a proper method to recompense himself. To do that public funds, public trusts, public interest in some way invariable suffer and in the end the taxpayer is the one who pays the entire bill. Like chickens, corrupt election funds when tolerated by the people will come home in another form to distress the indifferent citizen.

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

What are you going to do about it.

COMMISSIONER Thos. W. Fisher is not exactly satisfied over the result of the republican primaries in Spring township and the like. So it would seem that it ing. About twenty-five hands in all are where he was frozen out, in Matt Rid- is safer to travel by rail than to go afoot. dles own district. Of course Matt had One passenger was killed for every 2,nothing whatever to do with it, and can | 267,270, carried, which is indeed a very 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. The slight advance in wages has been seized on as a pretext for a heavy advance in plate, which will take millions of dollars out of the pockets of the American people. It is within bounds to put the co-umption of tin plate in this country at a million of \$1.70 a box from the fair profit price two millions of dollars in the treasury of the trust. Formerly the treasury of the United States derived \$7,000,000 a year from the duty on tin plate, but this now goes to the trust, by its process of keeping out foreign and strangling home competition.

DABBLING IN THE UNKNOWABLE.

The death of Ingersoll has stirred up discussions as to the existence of a future life and as to whether belief in a future life does not lessen grief at parting with

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. And, whatever hopes it may cherish at other times, at that moment it fears.

As to the future life, the belief is manifestly spreading that it is not a matter of the slightest consequence to any man who bears himself bravely and honestly and truly in the life of which he knows. Such a man has the feeling of Socrates, who,

"For I believe that no harm can come to any good man either here or hereafter."-World.

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.

in this county, is the subject of much 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.

SINCE Secretary Alger has retired from the cabinet there promises to be some free criticism on his part in regard to McKinley, and who is responsible for some of the war-blunders. The country will be anxious to hear the gentleman make his defense.

THE dragging along of the Philippine war is causing much uneasiness among the republicans. The country is becom ing 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 Alas- of the influential republicans are thorkan border line, but it wont cause even a oughly identified with combines and flurry. The dispute will be submitted to arbitration.

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

Don'T fail to read the article in this issue relative to the governments finances and where the deficit comes in. It is worth careful study.

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

Gov. HASTINGS' rattrap caught some sleek old chaps this time, and Sam Miller was one of them.

Safer to Travel by Rail.

It is a curious fact that more people who were no passengers nor employes there were of those who were passenger public opinion. or employes. The record is as follows Employes killed, 1.957; passengers, 221; neither employes nor passengers, 4,860. small proportion.

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. A number of democrats who took part in organizing the Palmer and Buckner movement, have since acknowledged their mistake and their regret, and expressed their intention to stand by the regular nominations boxes per annum, and an advance of hereafter, because the democratic party as a whole stands for most of the things when the trust was formed puts nearly they believe in. Although republican money is likely to be freely used to bring about such a condition, there is absolutely nothing in sight at this time, to indicate the nomination of a gold democratic ticket next year. There is much shaking and quaking in

> the old Alger clique in the War Department, because of a rumor, which seems to have foundation, that Secretary Root, who is now in Washington, preparatory to being sworn in and taking charge intends to reorganize the War Department from bottom to top. Certainly no other department of the government needs a thorough reorganization more than the one over which Mr. Root has been chosen to preside, but the clique is powerful and Secretary Root may find himself unable to overthrow the Algerites. If he is wise, he will get Gen. Miles on his side, by restoring him the authority of which he was deprived by Alger.

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. These opinions take the ground that all such concessions were the crown property of Spain, and sums them all, and apparently all other public concessions on the island, up as follows: 'As crown property, they were, by the treaty of cession, transferred by Spain to the U. S. of America, and are now a part of the public domain of that nation. I do not know of any right or power which the Secretary of War or the President has to alienate in perpetuity, any of the public domain of the U.S., except in ac-The result of the republican primaries, cordance with acts of congress, duly passed with reference thereto." This is vigorous editorial comment throughout understood to be a hint to Alger of the the state papers, and some of our repub- power of the administration to make lican friends are being hauled over the trouble for him and his business friends, coals in a violent manner, for their con- who are heavily interested in some Cuban leals, if he attempts to antagonize the administration.

> 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 ascendency, for it represents better than any other political organization, the true interests of the people. The predominant issue in 1900 is very apt to be war upon the trusts, and upon this, the democrats will be in far better position than their opponents. The voters of the country cannot be deluded by anti-trust declarations of the republican convention; they understand that there is no real antagonism between the leading men of that party and the trusts, but that on the contrary, the closest intimacy exists, seeing that most monopolies. We had a great chance in 1896, and we came very near success, and we will have just as good a chance in 1900. I see nothing in the situation that is discouraging to democrats, but on the contrary much that betokens a winning campaign."

One of the conundrums of the hour is why the sending of a cablegram to Gen. Otis, conveying an expression of Mr. Mc-Kinley'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 supressed entirely. It was evidently kept back for some purpose. And it wouldn't have been the first time that official matters have been of the railroads of the country were made public or suppressed by this adkilled on the railroads last year than ministration in deference to the state of

More Men at Work.

More men were put to work in the These are classed as trespassers, tramps limestone quarries at Salona this mornnow employed. More are needed.

> -Do not ring back-"Talk Back" to the telephone.



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.

IT FLOATS.

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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 1870, 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 restdent 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. Willfam Cowdrick, of Niagara Falls; John, of the steamship St. Paul.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the residence of C. C. Shuey, on High street.

long resident of Canton, Ohio, died at girl of six years-was carried through a 4'40 o'clock Monday morning of tuber- very severe attack of the disease on it as culosis, aged 36 years. The end came her sole nourishment. Unable to eat at the residence of his mother, No. 608 solids on account of a sore mouth and South Cleveland avenue.

The deceased was a cousin of Mrs. Henry Harris, of Bellefonte, and was known to many of our readers.

He was married October 7, 1891, to Miss Pascaline Smith, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harxthall W. Smith, reside in Clearfield, Pa.

-Do not ring back-"Talk Back" to the telephone.

Mill Hail's Fire Apparatus.

The Silsby steamer, two hose carriages and 1000 feet of hose for the borough of Mill Hall arrived Saturday. The test of the steamer will be made soon.

-Do not ring back-"Talk Back" to the telephone.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Billousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

WHO ISS ID?

Who has a birt cage on his hedt? A bet tig on his hand? Who years a cotvish down in front, Pefore der bik grant stand

Der kedger. Who gifs der ball von tam bik twist, Und maigs id valse in air, So von der badder hits it hardt, Der sheebskin 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 fust baseban. Who taigs hot liners, kedges flies-Iss always oud of blace, Who blays left fieldt und centre fieldt, Right fieldt und second bose?

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.) Languoi, 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 luxurypure and simple, is really more than ROBERT THOMAS TONNER-A life that. A scarlet fever patient-a little 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

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 dru