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EDITORIAL.

FARMER'S PROSPERITY

The other day a prominent farmer came to our office, and naturally the conversation drifted to the crops and the general era of prosperity that is prevailing over the entire country. The farmer admitted that business was booming along certain lines, and there was demand for labor; but he claimed that the farmer, in this section, had little to chuckle about. Then he began to illustrate his position by pointing out a few facts that are generally overlooked by most people when talking of prosperity, among the farmers. The wheat crop in this section was not one-half yield and the price is only from 65 to 70 cents per bushel, and that makes a very slim income on that line. The past season has been a failure in regards to fruit. The extreme dry weather of the past few weeks has practically destroyed prospects for a full yield of corn, and some tell us that there will not be more than half a crop. According to these reports, the farmer's income in Centre county this year will be greatly reduced. He will have his usual taxes to pay, and probably more in many instances.

Then another view of the situation was taken up: the formation of trusts during the past year has made the farmer pay a great deal more for every article purchased by him. For instance, all forms of hardware used on a farm have greatly advanced in price since the formation of the various iron trusts. The same thing can be said of tinware, woodware, lumber, all kinds of groceries, clothing, leather, etc.—trusts have been formed on almost every commodity of life. The expense of living by this means has been increased almost 25 per cent. for the farmer, while with short crops he is doubly distressed and some people declare he is prospering immensely. We have distinct legislation to prevent such combinations of capital to control production, increase prices and crush out competition; but the present administration has done nothing towards its enforcement. That party always was identified with monopolies, combines and especially trusts.

The truth is, that the Centre county farmer is not having so much prosperity as some people seem to think, when you come right down to the actual condition of things. We do not pretend to censure the republican party for the short wheat crop in this section, neither are they to be held to account for the severe drought that is prevailing and destroying the fall crops of corn and other products; but they must bear the blame that trusts are allowed to flourish that compel the people to pay almost double prices for most of the necessities of life.

There are some farmers who will hardly accept some of these statements, but when they market their years crops and buy the supplies they will realize more fully their import, and then they will know how much the McKinley administration has benefited their condition.

ACCORDING to the New York Journal a majority of the states are committed, or as well as promised, in case W. J. Bryan desires them to secure the next democratic presidential nomination. That does not say that he will be the nominee, but it points out clearly the man's remarkable popularity with the people, and their confidence in his leadership. During the past four years, by voice and pen, he has constantly been before the people discussing public measures. Despite all the predictions of his political enemies he to-day is more widely and favorably known than ever before. There is sense and reason in him, something which his critics hesitated long in conceding.

FOREST FIRE LEGISLATION.

J. T. Rothrock, Coms. of Forestry, says: "Evidently public sentiment has had something to do with making men more careful not to start a conflagration in the woods. The railroads are also very busy becoming more careful with their ashes and their sparks. It is, however, very remarkable that the one year, 1898, in which these laws of 1897 were in force the loss by forest fires fell from \$394,327 to \$53,345—an unprecedented saving of \$40,981 in the year 1898.

"The fire laws passed in 1897 are two. First, the act of March 30, 'making Constables of townships ex-officio fire wardens for the extinction of forest fires.'

"The second act was approved July 15. This act makes it the duty of the County Commissioners to appoint persons, under oath, whose duty it shall be to ferret out and bring to punishment all persons or corporations who either willfully or otherwise cause the burning of timber lands within their respective counties, and to take measures to have such fires extinguished where it can be done," and it provides a penalty for failure on part of the County Commissioners to attend to this duty.

"Judge Lindsey, in the case of Baker vs. the County of Warren, decided that first of these acts—which made Constables ex-officio fire wardens—was unconstitutional because it did not specify in the title how they were to be paid. The Superior Court has recently handed down an opinion which sustains the constitutionality of the act and declares that it is still in full force and effect.

"While there was doubt as to the constitutionality of the law, the Commissioner of Forestry made no effort to enforce it, lest the State should be called upon to pay a debt for which there was no warrant. Now that the law is declared to be constitutional, he desires to call attention to the fact and to say that he will, to the best of his ability, endeavor to have it enforced.

"The second law is of even more importance than the first, because its object is to prevent the creation of, rather than the suppression of, forest fires. So far as we are informed its constitutionality has never been assailed in court."

THE latest thing in presidential politics is that a boom has been launched by the friends of ex-Gov. Robert Pattison. He thinks the money question should be dropped, favors expansion, the retention of the Philippine islands, control over Cuba—all of which is not in very high favor with the rank and file of the democratic party. Where he expects to gather strength on those issues, is hard for us to figure out.

THE only sensation in the papers at present is the trial of Dryfus in France, which is in progress at present. The attention of the whole civilized world is turned towards France and her methods of Army trials. It looks as though the entire army was a corrupt, polluted combination of men who are now on the verge of exposure before the world, and for that reason the conviction of Dryfus, though innocent, will be a necessity with them. No matter what the result of the trial may be, the temper of the French people is so violent that riots, bloodshed, and violence, of the most serious order, are liable to break out at any hour. France is in a critical condition at present; the worst may soon transpire.

THE next republican state ticket has been determined upon by Quay and his followers. It is admitted that the next state convention will be absolutely in his control, as he now has a large majority of the delegates and is not hunting for more. This again fully illustrates the complete control of the Quay machine in this state, in spite of all that Wannamaker and his professed independent followers can do. It seems that the more they fight the boss the more aggressive he becomes. The people in this state approve of boss politics, and that is about all that can be said for its success. The people are entitled to have exactly what they vote for, every time, and they have been getting it in this state right along, only it proves rather expensive.

A FEW weeks ago Edwin Gould ceased to fight the diamond match trust and sold out his continental works at Passaic, N. J., for \$1,000,000. The price was more than the plant was worth, but the trust was willing to pay it in order to shut off competition. It has now closed the plant and throws 500 men and girls out of employment. Will the public gain anything by this transaction? Will matches be cheaper or better? Certainly not. The match trust secures a more complete monopoly, and is able to put into its own pocket the money that formerly went to feed and clothe the 500 working people in the Passaic factory. If its managers cannot become millionaires fast enough this way they will raise the price of matches, people must have matches, whatever the price. The question for the American people to settle is whether these unscrupulous monopolies are to be allowed to repeat this Passaic episode until there is no competition left.

THE republican hosts are in session at Harrisburg, at present, and the formation of their ticket will be whatever the Quay people insist on having.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, August 21, 1899.
 If the administration follows its present method of showing its confidence in General Otis its logical conclusion there will be a new commander in the Philippines before the fighting campaign opens. It began, to show its confidence in General Otis, who had continually declared that 30,000 men were all he needed, by issuing the necessary orders to make the full strength of the army in the Philippines 40,000 men; then it was decided to make it 50,000, and the orders under which the ten new regiments are being recruited will raise the number to 63,000. To be logical the next order should name a new commander for this large army. The proceedings in connection with the order to recruit these last ten regiments which, by the way, will almost bring the volunteer army up to the limit set by Congress, were an object lesson in the wily policy which this administration has so often adopted. At first it was positively denied that the order would be issued at all; then it was said that the regiments would be raised, but merely be held as a reserve, and at last, when it could no longer be hidden, it was acknowledged that arrangements had been made to land the last of them at Manila about the first of December, which means that they will leave San Francisco early in October.

The sending of a big army to the Philippines is a political play on the part of the administration. This is recognized by all close political observers. The opinion of Colonel W. E. McLean, of Indiana, who was Deputy Commissioner of pensions under the Cleveland administration, and who is now in Washington, on his way to the G. A. R. encampment, to which he is a delegate-at-large, is that of thousands, regardless of politics. He said: "One thing is certain; if the Philippine war is not ended before the presidential campaign comes on, it is good-bye to President McKinley. The war over there is fast growing in unpopularity. The policy of expansion is opposed by a great many western republicans, and the democrats are nearly a unit against it." Speaking of politics in his own state, Colonel McLean says: "The Indiana democrat who is not for Bryan and the Chicago platform is a man without a party, and his position is so lonesome that he almost feels as though he had no country." The Colonel knows, as he was that sort of a democrat himself in 1896.

There is a paragraph in an official report just received by Surgeon General Sternberg from Major John R. Hoff, Chief Surgeon of the Military district of Porto Rico, which is not calculated to make new shouters for imperialism among the thoughtful. In considering this very serious matter, it should not be forgotten that Porto Rico is the healthiest of our new island possessions. The paragraph is almost too plain spoken to be quoted in a family paper. Suffice it to say that in it Major Hoff speaks of the alarming prevalence of private diseases among our soldiers over there and says the indications are that it will not be long before a large percentage of them will be as thoroughly infected as the native population. He also points out the danger of returning soldiers spreading the contamination at their homes, a danger which Great Britain has found to be of the gravest proportions in her experience with her tropical possessions. Something like this has been said before, but it was hooted down as the talk of an alarmist. It begins to look as though the man who said, "the more you know about the tropics the less desire you have to live there," was about right.

According to high republican authority, Alger never was a real candidate for the Senate and his announcement to that effect was made after a full understanding with Mr. McKinley, solely for the purpose of preparing a reason for his resignation from the cabinet. This may or may not be true, but the announcement several days ago by Mr. Alger that he was entirely out of politics, seems to bear out the story. There has been so much republican trickiness in Washington that one is never surprised to discover something new in that line. The Hanna-McKinley crowd seem to prefer doing even the most simple things in a mysterious way. According to the above mentioned republican authority, "The real truth is, probably, that the change finally in the War Department was compelled, not so much by the bitter opposition to General Alger personally as to the necessity confronting the administration of infusing new vigor into the war in the Philippines, which was languishing beyond the period set for its successful conclusion."

Curwensville Tannery Burned.
 Alley Brothers & Co's tannery, at Curwensville, one of the largest independent tanneries in the state, was completely destroyed by fire Friday night. The loss is estimated at \$400,000, which is partly covered by insurance. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Will Go to Loganston.
 A Lewisburg exchange says that the Kulp Brothers have finally decided to extend the Buffalo Valley railroad into Loganston. The men are now at work on the extension and are working towards that borough.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. ROSE DELLA KREAMER:—Friday evening Rose Della Kreamer, wife of Charles Kreamer, of this place, who had been ailing for the past eight years with dropsy died at her home. The deceased was the daughter of Jesse Kreamer, of Aaronsburg. She is survived by her husband and the following brothers and sisters: Robert Kreamer, of Williamsport; T. W. Kreamer, of Bellefonte; Mrs. George Rumbarger, of Williamsport; Mrs. Harvey Hock, of Madisonburg; and Mrs. Annie Seids, of Sunbury. The remains were taken Monday morning to Aaronsburg where interment took place Tuesday morning.

MISS ANNA R. GREENE.—Sunday Anna R. Greene, daughter of F. Peebles Greene, of this place, died at her home on South Water street, of heart failure. She had always been a delicate person but had only been seriously ill since last Wednesday. Age about 35 years, 10 months and 4 days. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and one sister, namely, Edgar B. Greene, of Altoona; Elmer C. Greene, of Erie, Pa.; and Miss Ida M. Greene, of Bellefonte. Interment Tuesday afternoon; services being held in the Methodist church.

GEORGE FLECK.—Died on Saturday at the residence of Thos. Whitton, of Phillipsburg, with whose family he has been making his home during much of his illness, extending over a period of twelve months or more. He was aged about 33 years, and is survived by four brothers and two sisters, viz: John, near Phillipsburg; Howard, Altoona; James, residing in the West; Charley, Bolten, N. J.; Mrs. Ellen Schofield, Bellefonte; and Mrs. Mary Rapsler, Philadelphia.

G. BOYD QUIGGLE.—The oldest inhabitant of Beech Creek, died in that borough Tuesday morning after two week's illness from a complication of diseases. He was 78 years old. He is survived by his wife, one sister and one brother. The funeral will take place Thursday.

A New Colonel.

The election for colonel of the Twelfth regiment was held in the armory at Williamsport last week. Colonel Corvill, of Philadelphia, and Lieutenant Colonel Clement, of Sunbury, were the candidates. Only one ballot was taken, but it resulted in the defeat of Colonel Corvill by a vote of 17 to 12.

The election of Colonel Clement means the transfer of regimental headquarters from Williamsport to Sunbury.

SAW BURN.

Wednesday of last week a lot of men in Colyer's stove factory at Centre Hall station, had a narrow escape from an accident. A large walnut log was being cut in the saw mill and when half way through the log, the large 60-inch saw broke and went to pieces. There was a crashing and screeching of the machinery, and a general rush of employes from the building to safety. Pieces of the saw flew around but fortunately did not strike any one.

On the Altoona Hospital Staff.

Dr. Mary I. Thompson is on the medical staff of the Altoona hospital. She will be made pathologist of the hospital and the new laboratory just completed will be given into her charge, as the Altoona physicians recognize in her one of the best bacteriologists in that section.

Dr. Thompson is a daughter of John I. Thompson, of Lemont, and was graduated from the Woman's medical college in Philadelphia a year ago.

Married.

Andrew Curtin Thompson, Principal of the Snow Shoe Public Schools and brother of John K. Thompson, republican candidate for County Treasurer, was married Tuesday afternoon to Miss Bertha Denny, of Phillipsburg. The ceremony occurred at the Presbyterian parsonage at Milesburg. Rev. W. O. Wright performing the marriage rite.

Found Lead Ore.

Considerable interest has been aroused in the vicinity of Mt. Eagle, Bald Eagle Valley, by the discovery of lead ore. William Leathers, of that place, while digging a well struck a vein eight inches thick. The find is of excellent quality, being nearly the pure stuff. The lead is only a few feet under ground. Mr. Leathers will prospect the find.

Good Precaution.

Dogs and cats are being killed by the tens in Altoona. The health officer in that city believes in the theory that domestic animals carry diseases and he is a terror to the pets belonging to the households where small-pox is concerned.

About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. Boggs, Stumptown, Gilmer Co., W. Va. For sale by P. Potts Green, druggist, Bellefonte, Pa.

INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION.

Philadelphia is eminently fitted to be the scene of a National Exposition. The metropolis of the greatest manufacturing State in the Union, covering an area of 130 square miles and with a population of about 1,500,000, it is but proper that there should be shown to the world the triumphs of American progress in the commercial and mechanical arts. Founded in 1682 by William Penn, Philadelphia has grown to be the first city in manufactures and the second city in commercial importance in the country.

EXCURSION RATES.
 For this occasion the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line, to Philadelphia and return, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, plus price of admission. These tickets will be sold during the continuance of the Exposition and will be good for return passage until November 30.

PROF. HAMILTON'S FARMING.

The Grangers Don't Like His Culture of Politics.

At a meeting of the Centre County Pomono Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, held at Milesburg, a couple of days ago, the Grangers disapproved decidedly of the Professor's methods. They adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The Department of Agriculture was established by the united effort of the Patrons of Pennsylvania for the purpose of affording recognition and protection to the great agricultural class, and giving to our people a representative voice in the affairs of State; and

Whereas, The present head of the Department has unfairly discriminated against the members of our order by the removal of Patrons, and to a great extent filled the several divisions with political beavers, who are not in sympathy with and do not understand the agricultural class. We, therefore, arraign the present head of the Department for the following specific reasons: His action is ungrateful to the Patrons of the State, who were alone instrumental in establishing the department of which he is chief.

His dismissal of Patrons, to make room for partisan favorites of other classes, entirely unacquainted with the wants of our class, is a direct insult to the intelligent farmers of the State.

In his blind zeal to punish Patrons and destroy the influence of the only live agricultural organization of farmers in the State he has burdened the Department with incompetent officials.

He has increased the necessary working force of the Department by employing, without warrant of law, assistants to perform the labor of incompetent appointees.

He is providing for the payment of assistants from the contingent fund, without authority of law.

WEATHER OUTLOOK.

What Prophet Foster Says About the Coming Weather.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 21st, great central valleys 23rd, eastern states 25th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 24th, great central valleys 26th, eastern states 28th.

Temperature for the week ending 8 a. m. Aug. 28 will average above normal in the northern states and on the Pacific coast and in the southern states below. Rainfall for the same period will be below normal in the northern states and on the Pacific coast and above in the southern states.

The greater portion of the corn crop is made. Late corn has yet to pass the danger point of a September frost. In bulletin of Aug. 26 will be published a general forecast for September weather, including frost forecasts for that month.

Prospecting for Iron Ore.

Prospectors have been searching for iron ore in the vicinity of Lamar recently. It is thought that the starting of the furnaces at Bellefonte will lead to the opening up of the ore beds in Nitany Valley.

Gone to Altoona.

Mrs. Robert Hayes, of Snow Shoe, has moved to Altoona where she intends to keep a boarding house.

IN OTHER COUNTIES.

The mine and fixtures of the United Collieries company, near Houtzdale, were sold at sheriff's sale on Tuesday to D. K. Ramey.

Lock Haven Democrat: Over 300 fattle-snakes have been killed since June 1, on the Emery lumber tract, near Hills Grove. One man, who narrowly escaped being bitten on two occasions, refused to work any longer on the job.

William Hoover, who is serving a year's sentence in the Williamsport jail, attempted suicide Friday by cutting his throat. The windpipe was severed. The jail physician stitched the wound together, but states that Hoover's chances for recovery are slim. Hoover and John Ayers, while intoxicated, entered Butcher Thompson's meat market Jersey Shore, last winter and assaulted him with a cleaver.

A short time ago, William H. Harter, of Hartleton, while driving along at Pardee, says the Times, saw a large black snake in the road, and getting out of his wagon killed it. After the snake was killed, William Libby approached, having an axe on his shoulder. A large hump was noticed on the body of the snake, so the axe was put in play and the snake cut open, when they found one of Joe Pursley's young turkeys. The snake measured five feet eight inches in length.

Another Furnace in Blast.

Wednesday evening 16th, the large charcoal iron furnace at Roland, was put in blast after being idle for ten years. It is being operated by the Empire Steel and Iron company, composed of Philadelphia and Pittsburg capitalists. A large number of men find employment at this plant and there is a strong demand for this quality of iron.

Granted a Charter.

The Clinton County Furniture company was granted its charter by the state department yesterday. The capital stock is \$25,000.

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