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EDITORIAL.

THE beef trust is causing most people to eat fish, and in the cities fish has almost doubled in value by reason of the great demand.

SPANISH testimony is not usually worth very much, but when the Spanish general at Manila predicted that the Americans would win every fight and yet fail in the campaign, he seems to have come very near the truth.

SENATOR CARTER, of Montana, formerly chairman of the Republican National Committee, says that an income tax will soon be enacted for the United States, and then the republicans will claim the idea as their own.

EVERY indication points to the fact that the Eastern democrats who left the party in 1896 are coming to feel that duty demands that they re-unite with the party in consideration of newer issues that they consider of great importance.

A FEW years ago Ex-speaker Reed, Senator Hale, Senator Hoar, and others of like character and ability did the thinking and planning for the republican party. To-day these great leaders are repudiated by the Hanna-McKinley administration and called "traitors and copper-heads," all because they refuse to endorse the McKinley policy of imperialism and militarism.

THE German-Americans flee to this country to escape German imperialism. They know fully what it means and that is the reason they are in open revolt against the imperialistic policy of the McKinley administration. They showed what they propose to do, at the special election in the Eighth Missouri district last week, where they almost solidly voted the democratic ticket, and against one of their own number, who advocated the President's policy.

Gov. Hastings claims great credit for his action exposing and destroying the padded pay roles of the Quay machine, during his administration as Governor of Pennsylvania. Will he and his followers stultify themselves this fall by voting the ticket nominated by the very men who are responsible for these padded pay roles, and whose tools compose what by courtesy, is called the Republican Ticket. If he and his friends wish to be consistent they will repudiate these men and their methods by voting against this padded-pay-role ticket.

It is often asked what the democrats would do with the trusts if they had the power. In the words of the Nebraska platform "We demand the enforcement of the present Federal law, the enactment of such new legislation as may be necessary, and a constitutional amendment, if the present constitution is construed to protect trusts, to the end that the monopoly of industry by private corporations may be prevented." This clear-cut declaration is in refreshing contrast to the republican meaningless platitudes.

FROM the Philipsburg papers we notice that another very prominent politician has forsaken our county in the person of Hon. Eli F. Townsend, of that place, who with his family has gone to near Punksutawney, Pa. Eli is the gentleman who so fondly expected to represent Centre county at Harrisburg, last winter, as a Quayite, but some of our people thought that he had better stay at home. He stayed. Democrats, as well as republicans, thought that a Centre county Quayite is of more use at home than anywhere else. Eli will also be missed at the republican county conventions where his burning eloquence usually was employed to fire up the audience.

AN UNANSWERED INDICTMENT.

The North American, Philadelphia, of last Saturday says:

In accordance with their annual custom, the farmers assembled at Williams Grove invited leading men in politics to discuss State issues before them. It is an admirable custom, for it ought to result in supplying the agriculturists, sitting as a jury, with information upon which to vote intelligently.

This year William T. Creasy spoke for the Democrats. He is their candidate for State Treasurer. In his address on Wednesday he recited the history of the Treasury under machine rule, showing in detail how it had been mismanaged, how its funds had been used for the private and political profit of the chiefs of the machine, and pledged himself, if elected, to prevent these and like abuses—to safeguard the people's money and honestly discharge the duties of the office. He also went into the subject of taxation, showing how unequally it is imposed, upon the farmers especially, and enumerated instances of highway robbery by the machine under the forms of machine-made laws, among them the notorious "Bird Book" steal.

On Thursday the machine had the misfortune to be represented by Lieutenant Governor Gobin and Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton. We say misfortune, for if the machine has anything to say in reply to Mr. Creasy's specific indictment of it for its crimes, neither Gobin nor Hamilton said it. The former began by professing his willingness to meet the Democratic accuser in debate and crush him with "facts and figures," but made no attempt to do it. He confined his speech to an effort to justify his own course last winter, when, presiding at the joint session of the houses of the Legislature, he sought to aid by outrageous rulings the re-election to the United States Senate of his and the machine's owner. Then Gobin defended Elkin—indemnity bond Elkin—and likewise Stone, the Constitution-defying Governor. This perfunctory double duty done, he gave the precious advantage of his praise to the National Administration, and grew eloquent over its war policy.

Hamilton followed Gobin's example in coupling the machine's car to the presidential train, and pointed with pride to the country's prosperity. But he, like Gobin, left Creasy unanswered.

Either the machine is without men of sufficient ability to make a plausible showing for it, or the task is impossible, or it has decided that it is no longer worth while to try to give the people reasons for voting the machine ticket. Its confidence in the power of organization and money renders it contemptuous of the citizen who thinks he has a right to think. So Mr. Creasy has been left to have it all his own way before the farmers, for his address still stands practically unchallenged.

The Republican party has not been represented by speakers at Williams Grove this year.

OHIO DEMOCRATS.

The Ohio democrats nominated John R. McLean, the editor and proprietor of the "Cincinnati Enquirer," for governor. The convention was composed of representative men and the ticket nominated means a strong fight for success. The resolutions reaffirm the National Democratic Platform of 1896, declares against trusts and combines, and strongly condemns the imperialistic policy of the Hanna-McKinley administration. The proceedings throughout were harmonious and attended with an enthusiasm and earnestness which portends victory in November.

The candidate for governor is a strong man with the people, and being well supported by the other candidates, and the leading democrats from every section of the state, he will make a campaign that will tax the energy and resources of Boss Hanna and the McKinley administration. While the republicans have the prestige of President McKinley being an Ohio man, yet they fully realize that the success of their ticket is seriously endangered. Were it not that the election of McLean would mean the defeat of McKinley for renomination in 1900, there would be little doubt of the result in November. Notwithstanding the fact that McKinley must elect the republican ticket this fall, in order to maintain himself, and secure his renomination in 1900, the democrats are sanguine of success, and will make a strong fight.

SAME OLD STORY.

The following was received on Tuesday without any information as to the writer:

EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—Hearing of the great wave of prosperity that was sweeping over the country, as a result of high tariff, I started out to find employment. I had formerly worked in a certain northern Pa. town, noted for its lumber mills. Incidentally I found myself again in that town. Here I found that lumber sold for 25 per cent. more than it did a year ago, but it is the same old pitiful story. The lumber kings are the only people who have been benefitted, the poor workman's wages have not been raised one cent.

"A CENTRE CO. DEMOCRAT."

An exchange has the following to say: "A fact concerning the three candidates named by the Republican state convention which is probably not generally known, is that all of them are the sons of ministers; all of them are also lawyers."

This may be another demonstration of the old saying that "the Parsons children are the worst in the Parrish."

VICTORY AGAINST IMPERIALISM.

The election in the 8th Congressional District of Missouri, held August 30th, for the selection of a successor to the late Richard P. Bland, resulted in a sweeping victory for Judge Shachelford, the democratic candidate. Last year Mr. Bland's majority was about 2800. The majority for Judge Shachelford is over 3000. Considering the unbounded popularity of Mr. Bland in his district from which he had been returned to congress for many years, this is a remarkable gain for the democracy. This result is of great political significance, as it was the first appeal to the people on the direct issue of imperialism and militarism as presented by President McKinley. The leading republican organ in the State, the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," on the day before the election laid down the questions involved in the contest clearly and emphatically in the following terse language:

"The Democratic platform in the eight district, on which judgment will be rendered to-morrow by more than 40,000 voters, declares that "we are unreservedly opposed to the militarism and imperialism of President McKinley." Is this a true charge? Does the President deserve a rebuke for his Philippine policy? Should he reverse it? Shall the first command for American soldiers reach the President from Missouri? To-morrow's election will tell, and the country will study the judgment of the ballot-box with profound interest."

The fight was made almost exclusively upon this issue. Mr. Voshell, the republican candidate, challenging the democratic candidate to fight it out on these lines. Judge Shachelford accepted the challenge and vigorously denounced the imperialistic policy of the national administration in every county of the district, and his opponent warmly supporting it. Consequently the result is especially gratifying to the democracy. This gratification is materially increased when we call to mind the fact that in two of the counties of the district, Cole and Osage, there is a large German Republican vote, and that in these counties the democratic gains were especially large, showing a decided opposition to imperialism and militarism among this class of voters.

This result is a fair indication of the feeling upon these questions throughout the country, and democracy will be sustained in the contest against the encroachments of the administration upon the same rights of the people. This is a government, of the people, by the people and for the people, and they will not allow their liberties to be frittered away by the imperialistic policy of the administration, even though it is hid under the guise of territorial expansion and commercial enlargement.

Sheriff Condo Liable.

Last week the court handed down an opinion in the suit to recover from ex-Sheriff Condo the value of the Ettlinger building destroyed by fire, at Woodward, to dislodge the famous desperado, Wm. Ettlinger, and it finds Mr. Condo liable for the same, about \$900. At the trial of the case the question was submitted to the jury as to whether the sheriff had exhausted all possible means to arrest the man, without destroying the building, and they found he had. The court's opinion, on reserved points, now finds him liable. Mr. Condo's attorneys will appeal the case to the Superior Court, as they are of the opinion that the ruling in this case is not good law. He is represented by Messrs. J. C. Meyer and J. M. Dale, while Orris, Bower & Orris represent the county.

We do not wish to pass upon the legal status of this appeal, but if Mr. Condo should be compelled to pay this loss it would be a great injustice to him. The public approved of his course and urged him to take that step. It was the only plausible thing to do.

Recruiting Station Opened.

Lieut. George L. Jackson left for Harrisburg Thursday of last week, where he will take charge of a recruiting station. He has been assigned to the 47th Inf. Reg. which will be commanded by Col. Howe of the 4th Artillery, who was once commandant at the Pennsylvania State College.

On Monday Lieut. Geo. L. Jackson returned from Harrisburg for the purpose of opening a recruiting station at this place for the 47th Regiment U. S. Infantry. He will be here until Sept. 14th, with headquarters at the Bush House. Parties desiring to enlist in the service should call on him at that place anytime between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. After that date the Lieut. will return to Camp Mead, near Harrisburg, where the regiment will be formed, and about Nov. 1st is expected to start for Manila.

Barn Burned.

A barn belonging to H. C. Campbell, at Fairbrook, Centre County, was burned to the ground about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon last. It was filled to the roof with grain, hay, etc., all of which were destroyed with the building, but no live stock was burned. The barn and contents were fully insured in the Centre Hall company. The wife of a tenant was fumigating the chicken house adjoining the barn by burning tar, and during her temporary absence the building took fire the result as stated.

—THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT will be sent to any new address until January 1, 1900, for 20 cents.

PATENT LAND RIGHTS.

Much of the real estate and farm lands in this section are held by the owners under the original grant made by the commonwealth, or what is called a state patent. Much of this is, of course, still in the hands of the families of the original holders while other portions have been sold and resold many times.

There is not a little, however, for which the state never received the purchase money and others where the interest and even the fees of the patent were never paid. By an act of May 26, 1897, the secretary of internal affairs was instructed by the legislature to enter liens against such lands and enforce the collection of the amounts due by scire facias sur liens directed to the sheriff of the county.

Now the legislature by an act approved last May has made it impossible to clear up the titles to all such lands at a minimum expense to the owners. On paying \$15, the fees for the patent, all other claims will be released. This will amount to a good deal in many cases.

It behooves people whose lands are burdened in this way to take prompt steps to clear the title. It is presumed that the act was passed for the benefit of somebody who wanted to get a clear title and it is more than possible, even probable, that the next legislature may repeal it.

Among the Sick.

Hon. J. P. Gephart, who has been ill the past two weeks from paralysis, is improving and on Wednesday was able to sit up for awhile, and his condition is encouraging. Daniel Garman, who is suffering with rheumatism, has not improved any in the past week, and he is quite weak from his long affliction. Mrs. Dr. Dorworth, who was quite sick with fever, is much improved; and so are Miss Emma Holliday and Mrs. Geo. VanTries, who were similarly afflicted. Mrs. Chas. Heverly is among the sick, during the past week, from coming in contact with some poisonous weed while in the cemetery. She has been confined to her room the past few days.

Nominated for Commissioner.

At the meeting of the democratic county committee at Altoona Saturday, James C. Hughes, of Altoona, was named to take the place on the democratic ticket for county commissioner made vacant by the death of James Funk; then B. J. Murphy, the candidate, resigned and John A. Dunkle of Tyrone was named to take his place. The only other important item of business was the adoption of a resolution to appoint a committee to prepare a complete new set of rules to govern the Democratic party in Blair county.

Mr. Dunkle is a former resident of Bellefonte, and is a brother of ex-sheriff Thos. A. Dunkle, formerly of this county.

When to Plow an Orchard.

The best time to plow an orchard is in the fall, as a heavy application of stable manure can be applied on the land and left as a mulch to remain during the winter. The frosts will disintegrate the manure and the soluble matter will be carried down to the roots by the time spring opens. If preferred, the manure may be harrowed in and rye sowed, which may be turned under in the spring and the land then limed as a partial protection against disease and insects, and also to neutralize the effects of an excess of acid generated by the decomposition of the green material.

Hoyt's "A Bunch of Keys."

This popular production has been on the road several years and its success has been remarkable, and now in its bright new clothes, it is destined to another long life while a few new ones and the old Bunch of Keys is scarcely recognizable. The musical features are all new, and with a new company and everything brightened up, Manager Bothner has made it one of the best attractions travelling. "A Bunch of Keys" will be presented on Tuesday evening Sept. 19, at Garman's Opera House.

Get Registered.

The election will be held Tuesday, November 7, next. The law requires that all citizens should be registered sixty days and have their taxes paid thirty days before that date in order to make them eligible to vote. Therefore voters must be registered not later than September 8th and pay their taxes on or before October 7th, the 8th falling on Sunday. This gives the voters seven days from this date to examine the registration and see that their names are thereon.

Excursion Rates.

For the Centre county Veteran Club picnic at Grange Park, Centre Hall, Pa., Saturday, Sept. 16, 1899; the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will sell excursion tickets to Centre Hall and return between Bellefonte and Coburn, at rate of single fare for the round trip. (minimum rate 25 cents) Special train will leave Bellefonte at 10:10 a. m. and return at 7:45 in the evening. Special for Coburn will also leave the park at 5:30 p. m.

It is when a fellow tries to tell a girl how much he thinks she is worth that he himself feels cheap.

—Read the Centre Democrat, \$1 a year.

RECENT DEATHS.

ANNIE YONADA—The bright eight-year old daughter of Robert F. and Emma J. Vonada, of Coburn, died on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, after a very brief illness, the cause of her premature demise being diphtheria. The little sufferer began to complain on Wednesday evening and gradually grew worse, until Saturday afternoon, when the Death Angel came and took her spirit, to the "bourn whence no traveler ever returns." All that remained mortal of her was conveyed to the silent tomb at night and now peacefully rests in the cemetery at Rebersburg. 'Tis sad to think that one so young should be called away to her everlasting home, almost in the twinkling of an eye. Annie was the pet of the family and her untimely death, has cast a gloom upon the hearts not only of her bereaved parents, brother and sisters, but upon the hearts of the inhabitants of the entire community. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in this their sad affliction. J.F.G.

MRS. JAMES E. SCOTT: Died at her home, this place, Sunday morning, after an extended illness of more than a year. Mrs. Anna McCormick Scott was born at Sprucetown this county, April 10th, 1862 making her age 37 years 3 months and 25 days. She was married on the 6th of March 1887, to James E. Scott, who with one child, Albert, survive. Her surviving brothers and sisters names are: Thomas, of Chicago, Ill.; James, of Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel, of Joliet, Ill.; Vance, of Montandon, Pa.; Sarah Messenger, of Joliet, Ill.; and Maggie Dawson, of Missoula, Montana. The body was taken on Tuesday morning to Sprucetown for interment.

WM. CORMAN: Died on Thursday of last week at the home of Abram Switzer, at Coleville, and was buried on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His age was 23 years. The cause of the young man's death was spinal trouble which was aggravated by a fall from a wagon. The young man was a cripple from infancy. Several years ago this paper furnished the young man with a scholarship to the Lock Haven State Normal.

MISS KATHARINE MUSSER: Daughter of postmaster Michael M. Musser, of Aaronsburg, died Wednesday of last week, after an illness of several years, from heart trouble. Her age was about 31 years, and is survived by her father, two brothers and a sister.

It ought to be "give and take" with the photographer—give satisfaction when he takes pictures.

Like the tea kettle, some vocalists cannot sing their best until they get well warmed up to it.

MATRIMONIAL SUGGESTIONS.

Select the girl. Agree with the girl's father in politics and the mother in religion. If you have a rival keep one eye on him; if a widower keep two eyes on him. Don't swear to the girl that you have no bad habits. It will be enough for you to say that you never heard yourself snore in your sleep. Don't put too much soft stuff on paper. If you do, you will hear it in after years, when your wife has some especial purpose in inflicting upon you the severest punishment known to married men. Go home at a reasonable hour in the evening. Don't wait till the girl has to throw her whole soul into a yawn that she can't cover with both hands. A little thing like that may cause coolness at the very beginning of the game.

If on the occasion of your first call the girl upon whom you have placed your young affections looks like an iceberg and acts like a cold wave, take your leave early and stay away. Woman in her hour of freeze is uncertain, coy and hard to please.

In cold weather finish saying good night in the house. Don't stretch it all the way to the front gate, and thus lay the foundation for future bronchitis, asthma, neuralgia and catarrh, to help you to worry the girl to death after she has married you.

Don't lie about your financial condition. It is very annoying to a bride who has pictured for herself a life of luxury in her ancestral halls to learn too late that you expect her to ask a bald headed parent who has been uniformly kind to her to take you in out of the cold.

Don't be too soft. Don't say: These little hands shall never do a stroke of work when they are mine, and "you will have nothing to do in our home but to sit all day long and chirp to the canaries," as if any sensible woman could be happy fooling away time in that sort of style; and a girl has a fine retentive memory for the soft thing and silly promises of courtship, and occasionally, in after years, when she is washing the dinner dishes or patching her best end of your trousers, she will remind you of them in a cold, sarcastic tone of voice.

Dr. Fernald Out of Office.

Dr. H. T. Fernald, State Zoologist, who resigned a few weeks ago, will soon assume the duties of entomologist at Amherst College, Massachusetts, a position said to be worth \$1,000 a year more than the one he is obliged to give up. Dr. Fernald was appointed by Governor Hastings in April of last year, succeeding Dr. Warren. The salary is \$2,500 a year.

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