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DANGEROUS BUSINESS

Local Quayites Are Monkeying With the Buzz Saw

INVITE ANOTHER LICKING

They Are Opening The Campaign For Quay Members To The Legislature, From This County—The State College Times Is Their Mouth-Piece.

Some people don't seem to know when they have enough. One would judge from the result of the republican primaries in this county last summer that it was about time for certain parties to make their peace in the republican fold. Notwithstanding, there is a disposition of some to be vindictive, to continue the warfare against the party's recognized leader and are liable to invite another humiliation. Prudent politicians keep an eye on the indicator; in other words "crawl on the band wagon" when it comes along.

The republican party in this county, last summer, clearly indicated by the vote given to the delegates for the state convention that they are strongly opposed to Quayism. In the face of this fact, the Quayites have started a crusade already to carry this county next year for Quay candidates to the legislature. An article in last week's State College Times very clearly indicates that Centre county will not send a man to that body who would vote for the Quay element or any of their measures. The defeat of John Daley and Eli Townsend, two years ago, showed that very plainly too. It is useless to try it in this county, and we don't think there is any change of sentiment among our people in that direction. The following, from the Times shows the inclinations of the handful of Quayites, in this section, who are bargaining for Gen. Hastings to give them another lesson in politics:

POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS.

The Times was pleased this week to receive information that the Centre County "Dictator" would hold an examination to take place at some convenient retreat to select such material for the next Legislature that will heed dictation of the "Great I Am." It seems a long time off and most of the Republicans will be onto the little scheme before that time, but the government must go on, and while we suppose the list of questions were confidential we were not so informed. To enable our Centre county boys to become posted we here print the questions to be submitted:

- When were you born and have you ever regretted it?
- Do you remember the days of my political prosperity?
- Do you ever expect to be a candidate for county auditor of this county?
- Do you know how the Republican county ticket was defeated?
- Would you be willing to trade a Republican ticket if it became necessary to further your individual interests?
- Do you think my scheme for the next Legislature a winning one?
- Would you do the county printing at one-fourth rate? If so why?
- If you had smallpox would you employ an osteopath?
- Do you think I would make a successful United States Senator?
- Are you a sore-head and a would-be reformer, and if so, what excuse can you offer?
- Describe the difference between the United States flag and a hired girl's dish-rag.
- If a cow is white, why are some cows brindled?
- Do you believe in fulfilling promises made during a campaign?
- If green oak wood is worth \$3.40 a cord, how much will a pair of fine boots cost with red tops?
- Are you troubled with corns? Which is the best variety—Yellow Dent or the other kind?
- Do you think that I can again convince the recently defeated Republican candidates that I am sincere, and that it was necessary to trade them off if I was to be United States Senator?
- Can you swear, lie and steal; if not, how do you expect to help me gain my desired political aspirations?
- Do you smoke, if so have a cigar?
- If roosters lay eggs in Kansas, why do they not do so in civilized countries?
- Why are pupils taught algebra and geometry instead of common sense?
- Suppose a man has thirteen small children, why hasn't he more? Has he any chance of getting to heaven?
- A man has three sons, the youngest being younger than the eldest. Is he a good mathematician?
- What harm is there in signing an oil bill when we have electric light plants?
- If Daniel can't elect the next Legislature, why was it necessary to defeat the Republican county ticket?
- A. and B. own two cows, respectively. They start from a given point and B's cow reaches home 8 minutes ahead of A's. With butter at 18 cents a pound, how much profit would B realize over A at the end of the month?
- The moon travels through space at the rate of a million miles a minute, being one-half the velocity of the sun. At the greatest speed it is sweltering hot in Key West. What would be considered a healthy temperature at Bellefonte, and do you think it necessary for a United States Senator to wear flannels.
- Give the reason why the verdict against Quay should not have been "guilty" although he was innocent? Would that

not have caused a vacant seat in the United States Senate?

Do you consider the following suitable for our motto:
Circumstances oft remind us,
We may office hold in time;
If we shout for our great Daniel,
Or Fling Martin and Billy Bryan.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY OF HUNT.

One Man Played With a Gun and Shot a Comrade.

Wm. Marks and Christ Jackson were brought to the hospital at Williamsport from Jersey Shore on a special train Monday both mortally wounded as the result of an accidental shooting affair in the woods. A party of seven men had been gunning. Shortly after noon they began shooting at a mark.

Peter Cook, a one-armed member of the party, pointed what he believed to be an empty gun at Marks. He pulled the trigger and a load of No. 4 bird shot entered Mark's hip and abdomen. Cook when he saw what he had done became so beside himself with excitement that his gun was taken from him. All the guns were given to Christopher Jackson, while the other men carried Marks.

A boy named Lentz volunteered to relieve Jackson of several of the guns, and while the transfer was being made one of the weapons fell to the ground and was discharged, the load taking effect under Jackson's arm.

A message from Jersey Shore states that Cook is so far beside himself over the deplorable affair that his friends have bound him to prevent him from doing himself harm.

LATER:—William M. Marks, the Jersey Shore young man, who was accidentally shot by a companion, while in the woods near his home Monday, died last evening at 6:45 o'clock.

Clifford Jackson, the other member of the party, who was also shot, is improving and it is believed he will recover.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Melvin C. Williams Loses a Foot By a Gun's Accidental Discharge.

The Phillipsburg Journal of Monday says: Melvin C. Williams, a butcher of Munson, was in town last evening on his way to his parents' home at Osceola. While here he met Harry Spanogle, also of Munson, a son of Capt. Spanogle. Spanogle had a gun with him, intending to go hunting to-day. Both got on the P. J. & E. R. R. train for Osceola, and on reaching the latter place, and while arising to leave the train the gun, which Spanogle held in his hands, was accidentally discharged, striking against the seat by the sudden stopping of the train jarring it, the contents entering Williams' foot at the ankle and completely shattering it. Drs. Reed and Myers, amputated the leg between the knee and ankle.

Hunter Mistaken for Deer and Shot.

While out hunting for deer, about fifteen miles from Lewisburg, Frank Blair, of Millinburg, was shot by his companion and will probably die of the effects. While Blair was walking through some brush his companion saw the brush shake and taking him for a deer, he fired a load of buckshot, most of which lodged in his liver.

THE DANGERS OF TEMPERANCE.

That one-half of the world does not know how the other half lives, as an old-time saying is very likely to lose its present standing in proverbial society, if the United States Senate committee on manufactures, now in session in New York, continues much further its investigations into food adulterations their extent and character.

In certain directions, as was expected, their discoveries merely corroborate general suspicion as to the manner in which coffee, mustard, pepper, olive oil and similar articles of the commonest usage are mixed with plaster of paris, charcoal, sawdust, salicylic acid, etc., and sold for the genuine. But the rudest shock given by anything they have brought to light is in connection with various beverages. Not as at first thought might be supposed with such drinks as are claimed to so cloud the reason that it becomes incapable of deciding between right and wrong, but those alleged innocent draughts sometimes classified under the head of temperance fluids, and as such entirely superior to any attempt to pass themselves off upon the world for other than they are.

To make a sample stand for a class when this line of liquids was under examination one of the scientific witnesses before the committee explained that in testing the dyes used in temperance drinks he had found that one glass of raspberry soda had in it sufficient aniline dye to color a piece of flannel five inches square. While the coat of the stomach is not made of flannel possibly, the mere difference of material does not necessarily preclude serious consequences, and it is not improbable that as between the bob-nailed liver of the confirmed alcoholic and the aniline-dyed interior works of the temperance drinker, heated discussion may arise as to which has got a shade the best of it.—Times.

FARMING MADE EASY

Another New Idea For Turning Up The Sod

PLOWING WITH AUTOMOBILES

Dr. Gatling The Famous Inventor Of The Deadly Gun To Turn His Genius Towards The Arts of Peace—Horses To Be Supplanted—May Happen, Some Day.

Dr. Gatling the inventor of the famous but somewhat out of date Gatling gun has determined to exercise his inventive powers in the arts of peace. While he does not propose to fulfill the ancient prophecy that swords shall be turned into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, he does propose to apply the same principle that made the Gatling gun an instrument for killing by wholesale to the construction of a plow that will make farming a pastime and emancipate the horse, mule and ox from any further slavery to the labor of tilling the soil. If Dr. Gatling makes good his promise the labor of five out of six the men required to do the plowing under present methods will be dispensed with, although he has so far failed to invent a plan by which the surplus farm laborers will get their living.

Briefly, Dr. Gatling proposes to use the automobile as the motive of his new multiple plow. A series of plows set in a frame one behind the other propelled by an automobile for which oil or gasoline will furnish the motive power and managed by one man, will do as much plowing in a day as has heretofore been done by twelve horses with half as many drivers. The motor is to be so constructed that it can be used to thresh grain, shell corn, saw the wood and haul the farm produce to market. In other words, it is to be an all round motor which can be adapted to about everything but hauling the family to church on Sunday, or to the quilting and husking bees on week-day evenings.

While the average farmer is fond of horses and likely to be a little shy of any labor-saving invention that will curtail the demand for oats, corn and hay, he will not be averse to an invention that will make plowing a pleasant relaxation from labor instead of the wearing, tiresome work it is now, and if Dr. Gatling will construct a machine that will enable one man to do the plowing for six and ride on an upholstered spring seat while he is doing it an entire plow-wearer generation will rise up to call him blessed. Poor Richard's much-quoted couplet to the effect "that he that by the plow would thrive must either hold himself or drive," can be laid away in the garret along with Dr. Gatling's outdated gun, the plowing for the spring crops can be done so quickly that the farmer and his family can go to the watering places along with the other summer seekers for a week to live on a cold snack while he gathers the harvest and gets ready to superintend the fall plowing.

Dr. Gatling's new invention may be yet a long way from the patent right stage, but it is at least a better conception than that of the invention for which he is best known at present. It is much better to make life easier for human beings than to kill them, and if Dr. Gatling's automobile plow will perform as well as he promises he will close his career as a benefactor of the human race if he did begin it as an arch destroyer. Dr. Gatling certainly means well with his proposed new device to save weary feet and aching backs, and those amiable souls who are willing to take the will for the deed may begin to shout his praises at once if they like.

Life Tenure in Office.

Commissioner Gembling has just been elected to his fourth term as county commissioner—a record that very few others can show. Union county officials are a fortunate lot anyhow. Prothonotary Shaffer has five terms to his credit, Register Shields three, Commissioner Harbeson has been elected for the second term and there is no telling where he will stop once he gets his second wind.—Lewisburg Journal.

Beech Creek Hunters.

Thomas Lingle, of Beech Creek, has killed three bears this fall near Monument. Charles and Frank Hunter, of Beech Creek, killed a fine deer near Big Run on Saturday. Charles Gunsallus and Frank Holt, of Beech Creek killed three deer near Slate Run last Tuesday.

Cressinger Gets a Respite.

Edward Cressinger, the convicted murderer of Daisy Smith, near Sunbury, who was to have been hanged on November 14, has been granted a respite by Governor Stone until December 5 in order to allow him to get his case before the board of pardons on November 15.

SENATOR THURSTON MARRIED.

The Bride was a Grand-daughter of the Late John Harter.

Senator John M. Thurston and Miss Lola Purman, of Washington D. C., were married at the residence of the bride's parents last Saturday. Former Congressman William J. Purman, of Florida whose daughter, wedded Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, was born in Millheim, Centre county, as was his wife who is a daughter of the late John Harter, of Millheim.

Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Purman, (who were then known as Poorman) moved to Sugar Valley, or rather on top of the mountain, as it is known, near the town of Loganville, now known by the postoffice name of Loganton. After the civil war was closed the Purmans moved to Florida and it wasn't very long until Mr. Purman was elected to congress from Florida and proved quite an efficient member of the lower house at Washington. At the expiration of his terms the family returned to their home in Sugar Valley where the prospective Mrs. Thurston was born twenty-five years ago.

The former congressman then engaged quite extensively in fruit growing. He cleared up nearly a hundred acres of suitable soil and planted the same in apple trees, requiring thousands upon thousands of trees to cover the space. It was Mr. Purman's intention when the trees began to bear to erect an extensive distillery and engage in the manufacture of apple jack on a large scale. The Purman farm and its surroundings were kept in the best possible condition and the owner pointed with pride to it, appropriately calling the same "New Florida." However, before Mr. Purman's ambition was reached and his thousands of apple trees were bearing fruit, some unexpected financial difficulty arose and the owner lost all his labor as well as the large amount of money he had invested in the enterprise, and was compelled to vacate the premises.

He next engaged in and for some years very successfully conducted a hotel at Espy, Columbia county. From thence the family moved to Washington, D. C., where they have lived ever since and have evidently been prospering, for they occupy quite a desirable residence, at No. 1428 Q street, one of the national capitol's principal and most fashionable thoroughfares.

THE NEW LAW.

Mercantile Tax to be Collected From Large and Small Dealers.

Merchants will find a great change in the mercantile tax next year, when the tax bill passed by the last legislature will be enforced for the first time. Under the old act of assembly, which has been in force for many years, only those whose annual sales amounted to \$1,000 or over were subjected to the payment of tax, but under the new bill, the one which will soon go into force, there will be no exemption whatever.

Every man or woman engaged in business, no matter how small their sales may be, will be compelled to pay tax on the same. The change will add largely to the work of the mercantile appraisers.

Blanks will be printed, a copy of which will be given to each individual, firm or corporation engaged in business in the county, and each will be required to state thereon the whole volume of business which has been transacted during the preceding year, that being the basis upon which license will be rated.

Battle With A Deer.

John Warzneck, the trackwalker at Parker's Glen, had a singular experience with a deer. He was walking along the railroad tracks near the station when he heard a commotion overhead and looking up saw a large doe on the edge of the precipice which is more than 100 feet high. The deer jumped and landed a few yards ahead of him on the ground. Its only apparent injury was a broken leg. Warzneck grappled with the animal as it struck the ground and a fierce battle ensued for half an hour before Warzneck succeeded in cutting its throat. He was severely injured.

Fall of a Bridge Structure.

Thursday afternoon, while at work constructing the new bridge between South Phillipsburg and Chester Hill, near the fire brick works, one of the stringers broke, precipitating six or seven of the workmen into the creek, and with the downfall there was a mingling of planks, timber and humanity. Fortunately, aside from the ducking, no one was injured. The work of completing the bridge will as a result of this misfortune be delayed somewhat.

Thanksgiving Supper.

The ladies of the M. E. church at Lamar, will serve a supper in the town hall on Thanksgiving evening.

HE DISLIKED GRAVEYARDS

Why Colonel Ingersoll Became An Agnostic

SUNDAY A DAY OF SORROW

The Effect of The Early Teachings Impressed Him Unfavorably Through Life—"Comfort Was a Sin"—Religious Practices That May Be Injurious to the Young.

Dr. John Lovejoy Elliott, a lifelong friend and co-worker of the late Robert Ingersoll, paid a glowing tribute to the life of the great agnostic in his address Sunday in Philadelphia. "The Character and Influence of Robert G. Ingersoll." He said in part:

"It may be asked how a man who loved all could so attack the clergy. The colonel's description to me of the observance of the Sabbath in those days can leave no doubt in the minds of thinking people as to why he ridiculed observances and doctrines. 'When I was a boy,' Ingersoll said, 'Sunday was considered altogether too holy to be happy in it. Sunday used to commence then when the sun went down on Saturday night. We commenced at that time for the purpose of getting good and ready. And when the sun sank below the horizon on Saturday eve a darkness fell upon the house ten thousand times deeper than that of night. Nobody said a pleasant word, nobody smiled. The child that looked the sickest was regarded as the most pious. That night you could not even crack hickory nuts. If you were caught chewing gum it was only another evidence of the total depravity of the human heart. On Sunday morn the solemnity increased. Then we went to church. The minister was in the pulpit about twenty feet high, and he commenced at "firstly" and went on at d on to about twenty-thirdly. Then he made a few remarks by way of application and then took a general view of the subject and in about two hours reached the last chapter of Revelations.

COMFORT WAS A SIN.

"In those days, no matter how cold the weather, there was no fire in the church. It was thought to be a kind of sin to be comfortable while you were thanking God. The first church that ever had a stove in it in New England divided on that account, as did the church in which they sang by note. After this sermon we had an intermission, and then came the catechism with the chief end of man. We went through with that sitting in a row, our feet coming within six inches of the floor. The minister asked us if we all knew we deserved to go to hell, and we all answered yes. Then we were asked if we would be willing to go to hell if it were God's will, and every little liar shouted "Yes." Then the sermon was preached once more, commencing on the other hand and going back. After that we started for home in terror, sad and solemn, overpowered with the wisdom displayed in the scheme of the atonement. When we got home if we had been real good boys and the weather permitted they would take us out to the graveyard to cheer us up a little."

"We must think of this influence on a child of keen imagination. His mind was so peculiarly vivid that in later years he could not bear to go to a graveyard.

CRYSTAL WEDDING.

On Saturday evening the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Showers, who reside about one mile southeast of Zion, assembled at the above mentioned place to join in celebrating their crystal wedding. A large number were present and the evening was a social event that will long be remembered by those who were in attendance. An elegant repast was served that was enjoyed by all. After that there was vocal and instrumental music and other entertainment including an address by J. P. Gephart, after which all returned to their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Showers were the recipients of many handsome presents that will long be treasured as tokens of friendship and esteem. The following is a list of those who were present:

Father and mother Gephart, mother H. D. Showers and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gephart, three sons and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCloskey, Beech Creek; Mrs. Herb Showers and two sons, Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Isaiah Struble, Mr. Howard Struble, Miss Mary Struble, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Royer, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Shearer, Mr. and Mrs. John Rocky, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stine, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Potter Shaup and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. George Varnell and child; 42 guests in all.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Mary had a little flea,
She got it off the dog,
She put it on a little pig,
And now it's on the hog.

SINCE MARY SOLD HER LAMB.

Since Mary sold her little lamb
(A high-gear bike to buy),
For company she takes along
Her pretty calves so shy.

They travel with her when she spins
Along the road so fast;
While steep's eyes, by the gay boys, at
The pretty calves are cast.

She dresses them in red and black—
Sometimes in golden brown—
Delighted are the boys to see
Those sportive calves in town.

What makes my calves so please you, boys?"
Said Mary, blushing red;
It is because, "the boys replied,
"You keep them so well fed."

MEN OF LETTERS.

There was a noted L. L. D.,
Belonging to the F. F. V.,
A member of the G. O. P.,
Whose son was in the U. S. V.

I'd sold the son things f. o. b.—
I wouldn't ship 'em c. o. d.,
But sent a letter, viz.:
A bill, a note, "R. S. V. P."

He hadn't paid a single sou—
I then decided what to do;
I wrote: "I hold your I. O. U.;
Will see your father p. d. q."

Full quickly then this U. S. V.,
For fear the irate L. L. D.,
Might dock his monthly M. O. B.,
Inclosed his check for twenty three.

On calling terms—the telephone.
Coined words—"In God we trust."
Ground for complaint—poor sausage.
Can the eye of a needle see the point?
The "cream of society" is not always rich.

A popular trio—wine, woman and song.
Gets used to being talked over—the pulpit.

The printer who never makes pi takes the cake.
Sometimes a kiss on the lips is considered cheeky.

A church without a spire may still aspire to a spire.
Let society buds beware how they turn into bloomers.

A widower need not give up tobacco when he quits the weed.
The policeman who's a "bad egg" doesn't deserve beating.

Dressmakers are often inclined to be biased in their opinions.
Even from a crowd of white people it is often easy to pick a niny.

Golf is generally conceded by physicians to be a hole-some game.
Ships always sink at sea, but many a "schooner" goes down on land.

Electric doorbells have done away with a great deal of wire-pulling.
The frieze on the wall does not prevent a room having a warm look.

When the drop curtain goes down men go out and put down another drop.
Many a man has lost a lot of money through the hole in the top of his pocket.

The sword-swallower cannot be in need of anything to sharpen his appetite.
No doubt a misplaced switch interferes with a woman's train of thought.

The puse-snatcher follows that business because he thinks there's money in it.
Hens are not easily downcast, but the most of them seem to be given to brooding.

The treckled man isn't likely to meet the person who can knock the spots off him.
People who live in the centre of the city do not always belong to the middle class.

There's one thing certain; the automobile cannot take the place of the night mare.
It requires a constable to take a man up and a stenographer to take him down.

Perhaps they called a played-out horse an "old plug" because he's a stopper.
Adam and Eve, to tell the truth, did not have very much to lay out on fall clothes.

Lovers, like lawyers, sometimes succeed in court only under trying circumstances.
"They get me all worked up," complained the elevator, "and then they call me down."

Where there's smoke there is fire; but with smokeless powder there is fire without smoke.
Some lovers do not seem to know much; they have only a "smacking" of knowledge.

The man who has a political "pull" is sure to make a "haul" of it before he gets through.
People are always sitting down on me," thought the chair. "They must think I'm easy."

Well, I'll be blowed!" thought the bellows, "that blacksmith expects me to assist him in forging!"