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**EDITORIAL.**

ADJUTANT GENERAL CORBIN announces that the war will be over by January. This announcement has been made so often that it bears all the marks of a serial story in a monthly magazine.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY is now engaged in preparing his annual platitudes for the delectation of his imperialistic admirers. No doubt the message will explain why the United States has adopted as a perpetual pensioner the Sultan of Sulu with his plurality of wives and slaves.

THE farmers of the United States are contributing to the overwhelming prosperity of trusts. Note the following, among other, increase in prices:

- Salt, 100 per cent; barbed wire, 115 per cent; lumber, 33 1/2 per cent; nails, 100 per cent; iron pipe, 115 per cent; iron castings, 100 per cent; rolled oats, 33 per cent; carpet tacks, 60 per cent.

HERE is another object lesson for the American farmer:

- Barbed wire in 1898, \$1.95.
- Barbed wire in 1899, \$4.25.
- Increase in cost of production, 10 per cent.
- Increase in trust profits, 102 1/2 per cent.
- Increase in cost to consumer, 112 1/2 per cent.

It is possible to hear quite a little grumbling nowadays with reference to the war taxes which are still in operation. While this country was at war with Spain there was no complaint whatever, for every business man realized that the honor of the country and the cause of justice and humanity to the oppressed were concerned. Now that it is self evident that the war will end whenever the Philippine insurgents can secure the promise of the liberty which Americans themselves enjoy, a good many Americans see less reason why they should be compelled to shoulder the burdens and annoyances of the new internal revenue taxes indefinitely. It is for that reason that the hope is expressed everywhere that some way will be found to end the war speedily, and that then the internal revenue taxes may be repealed.

**ONE OF SPEER'S REPLYS.**

A story is told of a successful democratic candidate in the late election, whose republican neighbors at Bellefonte, willing to straighten out matters for him in his declining years by boistering him into a fat office, had cut their party with their "leader" and done successful work in the cause of the democrat before mentioned. The gentleman is a pillar in the church, but during the canvass has neglected religion for politics, or at least he has devoted his Wednesday evenings to politics instead of prayers. Wednesday morning, when the returns showed that he had made the landing, a good brother in the church, one of the republicans who had done yeoman service in his behalf, called around to congratulate him. "And now, Mr. —, said he, 'don't you think you ought to come around to prayer meeting this evening and thank the Lord for your success.'" "Why, yes," agreed the happy man, "Thank the Lord and my good republican friends."—From Philipsburg Ledger.

**PECULIAR VIEWS.**

The Clearfield Republican (Dem.) charges that the defeat of a portion of the Democratic ticket in Clearfield county was due to the opposition of some Democrats who were offended because the candidates they favored were not nominated by the county convention.

The Democratic Clearfield Public Spirit believes the Democrats can win victories if they only stop their factional quarrels. It thus adjures them: "Get together. Put up only good candidates and the battle of 1900 is ours from Bryan on down to the lowest county officer."

We believe that if these two papers and the parties back of each would drop their bitter personal warfare, there would be some hope. Both have grievances and each is at fault in its course.

**GRIFF A CANDIDATE.**

Major Griff, Tyrone, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congressman from the Twentieth district. Alvin Evans would like to be a candidate, but it is not believed he can defeat either the present Congressman, Joseph E. Tropp, or Major Griff. It is probable that Mr. Tropp will be renominated. No doubt the "German Artist" will open his barrel on this canvass.

**ANOTHER EXAMPLE.**

The hearings held in Washington, D. C., before the Industrial Commission have brought forth some remarkable testimony as to the power and methods of the mercantile trusts. "The tariff is the mother of trusts," said Havemeyer, president of the sugar trust, a famous contributor to Republican campaign funds. This admission will have many echoes in the campaign next fall when the question of commercial combinations in violation of law will be sure to come in for proper consideration. Now comes Gates, many times millionaire, who testifies that his combine, the American Steel and Wire Trust, has succeeded in throttling competition in the United States to such an extent as to double the price to consumers. But Gates goes further and states that he and his associates have tried to bring about a manufacturing monopoly with iron and steel producers of Europe. Gates blames the foreigners for failure to put through this gigantic deal—he says the American makers were only too anxious to do so. The humorous side of Gates' statement was that, although his trust controls fifty per cent of the trade, and sells its product abroad at lower prices than it charges to Americans, yet this infant industry still must be "protected" by the tariff for it "would be driven out of business."

Gates and his concern, and others of the same character, have contributed so many thousands to Republican campaigns at critical times that there is little danger of the tariff on their products being reduced, until the democrats get into full control in congress, which can not be before 1902. But as the voters have time to digest such statements fully, and compare the prices of iron and steel products which have been advanced gradually to all consumers since the republican tariff took effect, two years ago, they will strike at the trust advocates and agents which first present themselves; and these will be the republican candidates for president and vice president next fall.

**INSULT TO AMERICANS.**

The sympathy of the administration with England in the war against the Boers has elicited congratulatory editorials from the London Times.

Voicing the overwhelming sentiment of the American people on this subject, the Grand Rapids Democrat says:

"Editorials such as the London Times printed recently, congratulating England on the support of the Americans in her war with the Boers, are an insult to American intelligence, to American sense of justice, to American devotion to the principles of their fathers' declaration of independence from the galling yoke of British oppression. It is an insult for the London Times to class Americans with the Sultan of Turkey, trying to carry favor with the money-bags of Lombard street, as sympathizing with the British in their reverses in Natal and Cape Colony. President Kruger of the Transvaal republic, in talking with an American traveler some time ago, said:

"It has been my custom for years always to include in my morning prayer to Almighty God a petition for the preservation of your great republic, your United States of America."

Why should President Kruger do this? Because his heart and those of his people are imbued with the same liberty-loving spirit of the Dutch colonists along the Hudson, with the spirit of Washington and Jefferson, and because in working out his plan for the independence of South Africa the great American republic was his model, its heroes were his heroes, and he felt that, when the trying ordeal of conflict came, as it was sure to come—foreseeing as American patriots foresaw the Revolution—he was sure of the sympathy, the moral support, and doubtless, if need be, the material aid of the American people."

**ROAD LAW COMMISSION.**

The officers of the Pennsylvania state grange have declined to appoint a member of the commission authorized by the last legislature. The Patriot says that the resolution creating the commission called for seven members, including an appointment by the officers of the state grange, but through an error in transcribing, the grange was omitted. The grangers have ignored the state administration since the dismissal of a daughter of former Worthy Master Rhone as a clerk in the department of agriculture and they have refused to have anything to do with the road commission, which originated with Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton.

The commission consists of A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia; Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield, and H. M. Breckenridge, of Natrona, appointed yesterday by Governor Stone; H. C. Snively, of Lebanon, representing the farmers' alliance; ex-Governor James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, appointed by Secretary Hamilton, and Hibberd B. Worrell, of Philadelphia, representing the League of American Wheelmen.

**REPUBLICANS CANNOT USE IT.**

From the National Watchman: The Declaration of Independence cannot be read on the next Fourth of July without turning the exercises of the day into a Democratic mass-meeting.

**PAY FOR "PROSPERITY."**

While the trusts have here and there slightly increased the wages of their employes, they have in every instance added several times as much to their own profits, and made the people foot the entire bill. The Emporia Times has taken the trouble to obtain from the merchants of that city the increase in price of articles of necessity as compared with the selling price of one year ago. Stoves have increased 30 per cent. Wagons have increased from four to five dollars.

Copper has doubled in price. Fourteen-inch plows that sold for \$10 now sell for \$14.

Ropes that sold for 5 cents a pound now sell for 12 cents.

A common stove pipe sold for 10 cents; now it goes at 20 cents.

Bolts and rods have gone up 75 per cent.

Tin has increased from \$1.50 to \$2 a box.

Cultivators have increased from three to four dollars.

Hoes, forks, rakes, shovels, spades and all such articles have gone up to the consumer 45 per cent.

Nails, per keg, from \$2.20 to \$4.10.

Barbed wire, galvanized, from \$2.40 a hundred pounds to \$4.60.

Binder twine, which cost 7 cents a pound, now costs from 11 cents to 12 1/2 cents.

Glass has increased forty per cent. Other articles of general use show a like increase in cost to the consumer. In every instance the trusts have added enormous profits, every cent of which must come out of the people who have heard so much and seen so little of the boasted "McKinley prosperity."

**LOCAL INSTITUTE NO. 5.**

The teachers of District No. 5, met at Benore, Friday evening, Nov. 17 to hold their first Local Institute of the season. The institute was called to order by the chairman, G. A. Gettig, after which the choir rendered music from "The Song Ship," devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mooman, of Port Matilda; singing by the choir. An able address was then delivered by Prof. Mooman, who spoke of the morality of the teacher, in and out of the school-room. The choir then sang No. 48, in Song Ship which was followed by adjournment.

SATURDAY A. M.—On account of the rainy weather the teachers were slow about gathering and the session did not convene until 10:00 o'clock. After singing, devotional exercises were held by Rev. Mooman, which was followed by the discussion of the topics on the program. "Is there danger of too much written work in our schools?" Was taken up and discussed by Miss Mabel Norris, Edwin Smith, William and J. A. Gettig. Singing from "Song Ship." John Blair, Prof. Mooman and J. A. Gettig then debated the question—"Are we teaching too much?" This was followed by a recitation by Will Weston, entitled "The Horse and Cattle Fair." Singing, "Grandma's Spinning Wheel." Composition Work" was spoken on by Prof. Mooman. After singing "The Popcorn Man," it was decided to open the afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock. Adjournment.

SATURDAY P. M.—The topic under discussion at time of adjournment was again taken up and a very interesting paper on the subject was read by Miss Edith Zimmerman. J. R. Williams then spoke on the subject "Are we teaching too much?"

"Should every class in each grade recite every day?" This question was opened by Miss Edith Harlocker and commented upon by Prof. Mooman, Miss Holt, J. R. Williams and John Blair.

"The Spirit of the School-room" was the topic opened for comment by Miss Nancy Holt. Miss Alice Buck, then spoke on "The Teacher out of School." She was followed by J. O. Harpster and Dr. Irwin. Singing by the choir. Difficulties in applying the compulsory school law. Opened and discussed by J. C. Hartsock, followed by P. A. Sellers, Dr. Irwin, J. O. Harpster and others. The discussion of teachers wages was then taken up, and as usual served to elicit no little attention from the teachers. Those giving their views on the subject were Dr. Irwin, J. O. Harpster, Mr. Williams, J. C. Hartsock, Dr. S. G. Coons and John Blair, it is needless to say that all advocated a little more pecuniary profit in the teacher's profession. This finished all discussion on educational topics.

After little debate it was decided to hold the next institute at Unionville, on the second Friday and Saturday of January. The election of officers for said institute was next in order and resulted as follows: President, J. O. Harpster; Vice President, E. J. Williams; Secretary, Miss Alice Buck. After singing by the choir a vote of thanks was extended to the people of Scotia for the assistance and entertainment given by them. Adjournment. LEROY DELONG, Sec.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY has hoisted his flag on the Chicago and will soon sail for South Africa. It is cause for regret that he will not be able to take with him the controversy relative to the credit for the Santiago victory and lose it in some convenient jungle.

The sharp razor is always a cutter and in the hands of a suicide it's a slay.

**CORNCOB PIPE CONSPIRACY.**

The Conspirators Convicted of Using the Mails to Defraud.

Four of the defendants in the celebrated "corn-cob pipe case" were found guilty in the United States circuit court at St. Louis last Thursday of using the mails to defraud. The four men are Henry Ringbeck, E. W. Northstein, M. McElhauey and Arthur Miller. One of the defendants, William Ruff, had already pleaded guilty. It was the plan of the defendants to write to the mayor or postmaster of a town, telling him that a corn-cob pipe factory could be established for \$1,000 and operated at small expense, while the profits were represented to be large. The men would then offer to sell suitable machinery for \$700 to \$900. In each case where a factory was actually put in operation it was found next to impossible to dispose of the product at all, so overstocked was the market. The government alleged that the price asked for the machinery was so excessive as to be fraudulent and that the purpose of the defendant's letters was to cause an undue and inordinate demand for machinery which really could not be profitably used. They partly succeeded in working their game at this place.

**Centre County a Surfeit of Journalism.**

Few counties in this state, have as many papers, according to population, as Centre county. Giving them in alphabetical order, as to location and name, they are:

- Democrat, Bellefonte.
- Gazette, Bellefonte.
- News, daily, Bellefonte.
- Republican, Bellefonte.
- Watchman, Bellefonte.
- Reporter, Centre Hall.
- Bulletin, Howard.
- Hustler, Howard.
- Journal, Millheim.
- Journal, Philipsburg.
- Journal, daily, Philipsburg.
- Ledger, semi-weekly, Philipsburg.
- Record, Philipsburg.
- Times, State College.

Then there are two class papers: The Patron, monthly, grange organ; and a monthly Lutheran conference paper, published from Scalp Level and Rebersburg.

With only two-thirds of this number of public journals, Centre county would not be lost sight of, and the art preservative decently remunerative.

The county has about one newspaper to every 3000 of population, men women and children—or a newspaper to every 650 voters.

**Mechanics Organize.**

On Wednesday the blacksmiths and carriage builders of Centre county met in the court house and perfected an organization to be known as the "Carriage-builder's and Blacksmith's Protective Association of Centre county" with the following officers: President, C. O. Whippo; Vice-President, Geo. Mallory; Secretary, J. W. Whippo; Treasurer, L. C. Bullock. A scale of prices for all kinds of work was adopted and will soon be printed and distributed. About forty members were in attendance.

**Counterfeit Coin Allot.**

Altoona is being flooded with counterfeit 25 cent pieces, bearing date of 1899. A revenue officer gathered in thirty-one of the spurious coins in a short time one day last week. They are described as having more of the appearance of tin than the genuine coin, the milling being perfect and the coins a perfect workmanship.

**Rates Advance.**

The Pennsylvania railroad company has issued notices of a general advance of local freight rates of fifteen cents per ton, to take effect on November 15.

**Called down—the budding beard.**

Life among the lowly—the miner's. Pan-American products—buckwheat cakes.

Filthy lucre is responsible for many a dirty job.

It's easy enough to catch a woman's train, for it is always behind.

The greenhorn's first experience with gas is likely to be quite a blow out.

We have known a fat man to have a natural leaning towards certain things.

If a spruce young man marries a girl who pines for him, is it a wooden wedding?

No man can have a walk-over in business who is continually running in debt.

Circus clowns need to be filled with good spirits, but it wouldn't do for the tumblers to be full of whiskey.

A swallow-tailed coat doesn't make a man a "bird," any more than a claw-hammer coat makes him a "jobster."

Man is an animal, but there is something of the vegetable about him, with an apple in his throat, corns on his feet and a heart full of beats.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others, Why Not You?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—ADOLPH L. MILLETT, Manchester, N. H. For sale by F. Potts Green, druggist, Bellefonte.



Some persons say they are never influenced by an advertisement.

It is not expected that any one will buy Ivory Soap solely because it is suggested by an advertisement, but if you have never used Ivory Soap, you may be induced to ask some friend about it; should you find—as you probably will—that she is enthusiastic in its praise, then you may try it.

Millions of people use Ivory Soap; they use it because they like it. You too will like it. There is a difference in soaps.

**Quarterly Meeting.**

The third quarterly meeting of Penn's Valley Circuit of the Ev. Association, with preaching at the following time and places: Swamp church, Nov. 23, 7:30 p. m., Green Grove; Nov. 24, 7:30 p. m., Vericks; Nov. 25, 7:30 p. m., Rebersburg; Nov. 26, 10 a. m., Woodward; Nov. 26, 7:30 p. m., Rev. W. A. Leopold, P. E., of the Williamsport Dist. will officiate.

**A. H. DOERSTLER, P. E.**

**Petition For a New Bridge.**

The vacation of the pike from Centre Hall to the Mifflin county line, has thrown that road upon Potter township. The supervisor, Adam Krumrine, informs us the red bridge is in unsafe condition and to put it in safe condition would be at the expense of the township. A new county bridge is likely to be petitioned for.

**Narrow Escape.**

William L. Barker, of Buffalo, N. Y., a Staff Captain in the Salvation Army, was in Bellefonte this week for the purpose of establishing a permanent branch here, but when he discovered what it would cost to maintain a hall in Bellefonte he abandoned the idea.

**Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Heartburn, Indigestion, Dizziness,**

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