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CHAPEL ORGAN GIVEN AWAY

An Instrument That Is Useful And Ornamental

PATRONS MAKE THE AWARD

Read the Conditions Upon Which This Will be Done—Commence to Save Coupons and Enlist Your Friends Assistance—Who Shall Have It?

The editor of The Centre Democrat does not possess the wealth of a modern Cress, but there are times when an opportunity presents itself for him to make a small appropriation to some worthy cause, or help some deserving movement. Heretofore we gave away five scholarships to Lock Haven State Normal, and allowed the patrons of this paper to select some deserving young person to have the same.

As announced in these columns, two weeks ago, we are prepared to make another gift and will ask the readers of this paper to say where it shall go. A handsome Chapel Organ was recently purchased from the well known firm of Cornish & Co., Washington, N. J., and is now on exhibition at this office, where it can be seen at any time. It is an 18 stop instrument with the "New Orchestral Multitone Action," and is built especially strong and powerful for use in churches, Sunday Schools and halls. Such an instrument can not be secured from agents for less than \$100.00, and often more is charged. The instrument has a plain, massive, strong case and as it was built to our especial order, all the value possible is put on the interior.

There is many a church or Sunday School in this county that would just need such an instrument, and we will arrange the method of this award so that it will not cost them a dollar to secure it, except to enlist their friends in gathering coupons. There will be two kinds of coupons or ballots used in voting:

NEWSPAPER COUPONS:—A blank ballot or coupon will be printed in each copy of the paper and the name can be filled in same for whatever church, Sunday School or religious organization you may want to vote. These votes should be sent in to this office at once, as they will not be counted after they are six weeks old, and the date and number of each will appear on them.

PREMIUM COUPONS:—Any person who pays his subscription in advance will receive a "Premium Coupon" that will entitle him to one vote for each month his paper is paid in advance, or 12 votes for a year in advance. No one can pay for more than 4 years in advance. Any person who sends in a New cash subscriber to this paper can get a Premium Coupon, entitling him to TWO votes for each month in advance or 24 votes for a year. No subscriptions will be received for less than 6 months.

Substitutions:—In no case will substitutions be allowed during this contest. By that we mean where a subscriber discontinues his subscription and then has some other member of the family or household subscribe in order to get the benefit of the NEW subscription rate. This practice formerly caused us a great deal of annoyance in revising our list. In any case where a substitution or change in name has taken place, and it is discovered, such votes will not be counted.

A ballot box will be kept in this office, under lock and key, where the votes can be deposited and will be counted each week by two judges and the result will be published regularly.

For judges we have selected the following: Boyd A. Musser, clerk in the Commissioners office and Arthur B. Kimpert, deputy prothonotary, who alone will have access to the box.

The contest will close June 27th, 6 p. m., 1900.

COUPON The Centre Democrat.

No. 1 DECEMBER 14

This coupon entitles the holder to one vote for the handsome

CORNISH CHAPEL ORGAN

(Made by Cornish & Co., Washington, N. J.) to be given to some Sunday School or Church by the Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa.

This vote cast for:—

If this coupon is held longer than six weeks, or six No's, it will expire and cannot be counted. Send by mail or personally to this office and have it deposited in the Ballot Box.

We will publish short articles, in this connection, for any congregation or Sunday School in which they desire to let public know where they are located and that they would like to have

the assistance of friends in securing this instrument.

There will be no count announced until the first issue of the paper in January. That will enable all to collect ballots for about three weeks before sending them to this office.

In giving this instrument away it is our desire that it shall go to some dependent struggling church or Sunday School, and there are many of them in this county who do not have abundant means, often hardly enough to pay current expenses or a pastor's modest salary, and could not think of the luxury of a fine organ. We want it to go where it will be the most appreciated. Of course, that matter lies with our readers to vote as they may choose—we only throw out this gentle hint.

IMPORTANT NEW RULES.

Which the P. R. R. Will Adopt January 1, 1900.

The officials of the Pennsylvania railroad company are now at work on several new rules, to go into effect on January 1, 1900, that will affect thousands of men in the employ of the company and other thousands who may have intended to become employees of the company.

From a local official of the Pennsylvania railroad it was learned this morning that, while nothing official on the matter had yet been promulgated, it is generally understood in official railroad circles that the following rules will go into effect the first day of next year:

The instrument will employ no person under 18 years of age or over 35 years of age.

Persons who have been in the employ of the railroad company continuously for thirty years and have reached the age of 70 years will be compelled to quit the service of the company. They will, however, be retired on a pension during the remainder of their lives. Employees who have been in the service of the company thirty years and are 65 years old can go on the retired list if they choose and draw a pension. The railroad official interviewed said the amount of pension money the employees on the retired list are to receive has not yet been made public. He said, however, the amount would be based upon the pay they drew for their services to the company and the length of time they had been employed.

The new rules take in all the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, both on the road and in the shops.

The new departure will affect a large number of men who are employees of the company, who will be found on the retired list after January 1, 1900.

There seems to be no objection to retiring employees who have reached an advanced age on a pension, but considerable complaint is heard about the rule which prohibits a man over 35 years old becoming an employee of the company. A man at this age is supposed to be just in the prime of life, and shopmen say that some of the best employees in the company's service are now far past that age.—Altoona Mirror.

Eclipse of the Moon.

An eclipse of the moon will occur on Saturday the 16th inst. Prof. Coles, in Storms and Signs says: "Watch for the eclipse of the moon on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., commencing at 5:30 p. m. and ending at 11:35; and remember that the greatest planetary conjunctions that have taken place before in five thousand years will take place at the same time; when Saturn, earth, neptune, sun and moon will all be on one line. Watch the strange appearing formations about the moon, if dark clouds do not shut out the awful scene."

Will Build Axe Factory.

W. H. Mann, of Mill Hill, stated recently that he will go into the axe business for himself within the next year. For some time past there has been a demand for his special brand of axes, which has given great satisfaction to the trade. Mr. Mann has already secured an option on land in Mill Hill, which he will hold until he determines more definitely where he will locate.—Lock Haven Democrat.

Extension Taps Rich Fields.

Arrangements are being completed for the Pennsylvania railroad company to extend the Altoona division of their road from Williamsburg, Blair county, to Petersburg, Huntingdon county, where it will again intersect with the main line. The new extension will follow the course of the old Pennsylvania canal and cover a distance of about twenty miles through a rich farming and limestone district.

Married at Tyrone.

Wednesday evening 7th John R. McGinley, formerly of Tyrone but now of Cleveland, O., and Miss Minnie L. Martz of Pine Grove Mills, Pa., were married at the M. E. parsonage, Tyrone, Pa.

LEADING TOPICS AT WASHINGTON

What Our National Lawmakers Contemplate.

PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION

The Gold Standard Likely to be Adopted at Once—The Question of Trusts Will Attract Attention of Congress—Committees Being Appointed.

The republicans now have before the House their long promised single gold standard bill, and it is slated for passage, with limited debate, December 18th. The democrats justly protested against the adoption of a gag rule, compelling them to get ready for discussion of this important measure with but one day preparation, after the republicans had consumed eight months in its construction. The proceedings attending the placing of this bill before the House were arbitrary in the extreme. It came without the formality of a first consideration in committee, and consequently the democrats have had no opportunity even to offer amendments or to file a minority report containing their views upon a proposition of far reaching importance. Under the rule, moreover, there can be no motion to recommitt the bill for amendment. There is practically no possibility of securing its amendment in the House. The plan of the republicans simply is to fasten the gold standard more firmly upon the American people, under a cloture rule stifling every effort at amendment or even thorough debate. The republicans of the House are bound by their caucus to stand together in this purpose, but it is well known that many of their leaders distrust the wisdom of the course. Joe Cannon, of Illinois, who is chairman of appropriations, perhaps the most important committee of congress, is personally opposed to a number of the most important provisions of the bill. Cannon knows the traditional friendship in the middle west for the old greenbacks, which came into existence during the great civil war and enabled the government to tide over the crisis of that period. The proposition to impose them is merely a subterfuge for their retirement from the circulating system; and this will be made clear in the brief period allowed for debate. Cannon is not alone in his apprehensions of the political unwisdom of the measure. A number of republicans from Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota, regret that they are bound by the caucus mandate to support the bill. They hope to see it amended in the senate, as a means of eliminating some provisions that are generally unpopular and in some states looked upon as vicious.

Although the democrats almost as a unit will oppose the bill, the leaders are not sorry to see the republicans force it through. The silver men have not lost confidence in the strength of their cause, and they believe the people will repudiate the party which stands sponsor for this new bill, aimed mainly to strengthen the national banking system and enhance the value of stock in these institutions. They hold that the immediate effect of the measure will be to turn over to the banks the control of the circulating medium of the country; and when this is realized, there will be such a revolt as will sweep the republicans from the legislative and executive branches overwhelmingly.

The important committees of congress this winter will be those of Insular affairs, having charge of matters affecting the new territory acquired from Spain. There is naturally great pressure to secure membership upon these committees, in both the House and Senate. Speaker Henderson announces that only the leading men will be considered eligible. Among those named are Daltzell, of Pennsylvania, for chairman; Knox, of Massachusetts, and Fowler, of New Jersey, republicans, among the republican members; and Bailey, of Texas; Williams, of Mississippi, and De Armond, of Missouri, on the democratic side. The committee will consist of nine republicans and eight democrats, and a good deal of care is being given by Speaker Henderson to get men who will, collectively, furnish capacity for handling intelligently all the questions, necessarily of great variety, which will come before the committee.

The provision for this committee indicates that the republicans intend to treat the Philippines as permanent possessions of the United States. If only temporary expedients were to be devised for the government of these islands, there would have been no need for a separate committee to consider and report upon them. The present committees of the House are ample.

The Industrial Commission expects to submit its first report to congress about the middle of January and to follow it with seven other special reports on different subjects, and one final report summing up the whole work that has been done. The first report will be particularly interesting, as it deals with trusts and contains all the testimony on the subject which has been laid before the commission. It contains also a digest of legislation on the subject in the different states, in congress, and in foreign countries, showing what has been upheld and what has been declared unconstitutional by the courts. The report is particularly interesting, in view of the remarks of the president in his recent message, and of the latest decision of the Supreme Court in a trust case.

As was to have been expected, the president—that is to say, Attorney General Griggs, speaking through the president—wants "more legislation" in spite of the fact that the Supreme Court's decision in the Addiston Pipe case shows clearly that the present law is broad enough to cover any form of combination that has yet been proposed. Mr. Griggs, it is understood, declared that the law could not touch the Addiston Pipe trust, and only consented to prosecute the case in order to quiet popular outcry at his somnolency. That he won the case must have been a surprise, and not a pleasant one, to him. From the decision, it would seem that the present need is not for more legislation, but for an attorney general who will enforce the laws already in existence.

COURT PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.

In the case of John F. Potter against the Insurance company, the jury rendered a verdict on Thursday afternoon in favor of Potter for \$1865.00, being for the face of the policy together with interest.

Frick Company vs. W. M. Lutz, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit, continued at the costs of the plaintiff company.

W. Fred Reynolds vs. Edith McNeal and David McNeal, her husband, Elizabeth Garman and George Garman, her husband, and George Pasig, summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. Continued in process of settlement and not to be put on the trial list without leave of court.

Philipsburg Coal & Land company vs. Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit company of Philadelphia, Robert A. Jackson and John O'Neil summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Settled.

Dr. R. J. Young vs. J. D. Brown and Annie Brown, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

John Rayhorn and Francis Rayhorn vs. Liberty township, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Defendant confessed judgment in open court in favor of plaintiff for one hundred dollars.

D. H. Hastings, Henry C. McCormick and J. Henry Cochran, who survive George W. Jackson, deceased, trading as Jackson, Hastings & Co. vs. George T. Brew, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Two cases. Defendant confessed judgment in open court in favor of the plaintiffs, with stay of execution until the first day of July 1900, in the first case for \$2966.80 and in the second case for \$1670.80.

A. Yetter vs. J. W. Smith and Alexander McCoy, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Defendants confessed judgment in open court in favor of the plaintiff for \$21.60 to be paid in monthly payments of five dollars each.

Clement Dale, executor of etc. of Dr. J. P. Woods, deceased, vs. James Resides and Edward Hancock, executors of etc. of Elmer Resides, deceased, summoned in scire facia sur judgment, plea nil debit. Defendants confessed judgment in open court in favor of the plaintiff for \$88.08 and an attorney's commission of \$42.75.

Jane G. Brown vs. George L. Potter administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of etc. of Margaret Glenn, deceased, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$245.66. Court adjourned on Thursday afternoon.

INSURGENTS AT WORK.

Anti-Quay Republicans Appeal to the Party to Defeat Corruption.

The latest political sensation in this state, was the meeting of the Anti-Quay forces in Philadelphia, the past week and the issuing of the following call:

THE CALL.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF PENNSYLVANIA:

The undersigned Republicans, reaffirming their devotion to the principles and traditions of the party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley, jealous of its record and anxious for its future success and the continuation of its usefulness in State and nation, do hereby declare that a condition of affairs now exists in our Commonwealth which is repugnant to Republican principles and destructive of Republican government.

Unless these conditions meet with prompt, effective and disinterested action, our party will cease to command the confidence and support of the people.

The Constitution, our fundamental law, made by the people themselves, must be protected against the attacks of mercenary politicians. Our laws must be faithfully and sturdily enforced. State and municipal government must be free from corruption, inequality and taint.

Elections, primary and general, must be pure and untrammeled. Free schools and public education must be divorced from partisan politics. The will of a sovereign people, not that of a factional leader, must control. Appointment to public office must insure competent and faithful performance of official duty.

EFFECTS OF COAL FAMINE.

Owing to the scarcity of coal, there is a probability that the big Standard steel company's plant at Burnham, near Lewistown, will soon be compelled to shut down.

Agents of the firm have been scouring the country in the effort to get a supply, but have not been very successful. The scarcity of coal cars is stated as the principal cause of trouble.

The plant employs over 2,000 hands and a shutdown would cause much hardship to his army of employees.

CONSTITUTION VIOLATED.

The people of Pennsylvania have recently witnessed the deliberate violation of the fundamental law, notably in the Executive veto of the joint resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment for the protection of the suffrage, and the unwarranted veto of a part of the item appropriating money to the public schools, by the latter of which public education was sacrificed to unworthy and selfish ends; the nullification of the Constitution, and the violation of all precedent, in the appointment of a seat in the United States Senate of an aspirant rejected by the representatives of the people in legislative council; the infamous work of bribes, seeking to debauch the Legislature to satisfy, against the people's will, individual lust for office; the adopting of State platforms, promising reforms which the party and the people have been demanding for years, only to be broken when the necessities of their framers demanded, and the perversion of public money to private use.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Zion Union Cemetery Association will be held on Jan. 1st, 1900, at the Grange Hall, at 1 o'clock p. m. All members are requested to be present by order of Isaac Stover, President; S. H. Shafer, Secretary.

QUAY'S CHANCES NOT GOOD

To Get To The U. S. Senate on Stone's Appointment

SITUATION IN THE SENATE

The Republican Members Are Taking Little Interest In His Cause—He Seems to Lack a Majority—Legislature Will Be Re-assembled.

The following dispatch was sent out yesterday from Washington:

The action of the Republican Caucus Committee in failing to make provision for Mr. Quay's assignment to Senate committees is regarded as very significant in view of the understanding heretofore that his committee places would be reserved for him. The impression is gaining ground that it will not be possible to secure a majority vote in favor of seating Mr. Quay on Gov. Stone's certificate.

A week ago it was said that his friends could count with certainty upon sixty votes. Now it is admitted that even a majority of the Republicans are not pledged for him, and that the only possible chance for seating him lies in the ability of his friends to secure the negative assistance of Democratic Senators by prevailing upon them to be absent when the vote is taken, thus reducing the number necessary to make a quorum.

So far as can be learned the republican senators, as a rule, are taking little or no interest in the Quay case and with the exception of Senator Penrose and one or two others, are doing nothing to secure action. One of the ablest lawyers on the republican side was approached by one of his colleagues who is actively interested in Quay's case and asked to make a speech in Quay's behalf, as he did in behalf of seating Corbett, the applicant from Oregon in the last congress, who relied upon an appointment similar in nearly all respects to that of Mr. Quay.

"No," said the Senator, "I don't think that what I might say would have any effect. You know I didn't even convince you and Quay that you ought to vote for Corbett."

Senator Quay has been notified of the unsatisfactory situation in the senate, and is expected to arrive here some day this week to exert his personal influence in his own behalf.

There is a strong probability that Stone will call an extra session of the legislature after the Christmas holidays for the election of a senator, if Quay is not seated.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparking Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Crowds in all directions
Hurrying along,
Folks of all conditions
In each pushing throng,
Here a crowd is pausing,
There another drifts,
But there's just one purpose—
Buying Christmas gifts.

Be like the busy, bustling bee,
Besieging bugbears busy;
Bear bounty's bounteous benefits—
Be good, be kind, be merry.

In time—the jail bird's.
A short stopper—the postman.
The battering ram is also a goat.
Doublet and hose—stockings for the twins.
It isn't brass that makes a polished gentleman.
Is the falling telegraph pole a lineal descendant?
The crowbar is a prying thing; and that's straight.
The commercial traveller's tenaciousness is a drum-stick.
The music publisher looks out for something worthy of note.

You cannot very well play cards on a ship unless it has two decks.
Are "milk depots" established for the benefit of the cow catchers?
A man doesn't belong to the vegetable kingdom because he's a beat.
The musical ox-driver seldom gets away from the key of "Gee."
The dentist who can practice genuinely "painless dentistry" has a pull.
When a musical family lives in a suite of rooms, the key is in one flat.
Are deaf and dumb people superstitious? They all believe in signs.
The man with a bad dollar seldom objects to a change for the better.

The height and depth of the cook's voice is a sort of kitchen range.
There is little use of a woman fishing for compliments with a hook nose.
We have known milkmen who have acquired wealth on watered stock.
The only love letter some egotistical people care for is the letter "I."
If you want to found a library the best thing to start with is a pocketbook.
There are times when the artist's model cannot afford to be too dressy.
A good cornfield is one thing the farmer doesn't care to have crowded about.
It is not a very shrewd lawyer who cannot tell the truth—when he hears it.
The man who sells cabbages must expect his customers to get a head of him.

If the city water works should fail, Philadelphia would have a dry-fuss case.
Are the razor backed hog's offspring what you would call "little shavers"?
The careless barber is likely to lose a high-toned customer if he cuts a swell.
It's a poor arithmetic teacher who cannot set her pupils a good example.
A woman whose talent is for humming is justified in putting her talent in a napkin.
You can't stop the babbling of a brook by saying "Shut your mouth" or "Dry up."

It may be noisy in a bowling alley and still be quiet enough to hear tenpins drop.
No matter how much space you have in front of your house, it's only a yard wide.
The best as well as the worst matter that goes into a newspaper is subject to reproof.
Marriage is most likely to be a failure when there are nothing but dollars to back it.
At first, Adam and Eve were arrayed exactly alike. That is, in "undress uniform."

There is nothing that goes to the average woman's head quicker than a stylish new hat.
Speaking of timely wedding presents, what the bride and bridegroom need is presence of mind.
"You're as fine as silk," said the needle to the thread. "Yes," answered the thread, "in your eye."

METHUEN'S HEAVY LOSS.

London, Dec. 13.—General Methuen met with a serious check Monday at Modder river. He suffered great losses. A later telegram states that General Methuen reports that the battle continued two days. He was compelled to face an army of 12,000 men. He tried to storm the Boers, but failed. He is holding his present position and is throwing up entrenchments.

BAPTIST SERVICES.

On Sunday afternoon, at half past three Rev. E. C. Houck, pastor of the Baptist church at Milesburg, will hold services in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Houck is an excellent speaker and no doubt will please all who go and hear him. There are quite a number of Baptist families in Bellefonte and it is very much desired that they attend.

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