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## EDITORIAL.

### POLITICAL RUMORS.

In a campaign there are plenty of rumors afloat that amount to little. For that reason there may be some uncertainty as to the correctness of the following that has been going the rounds the past week in regard to legislature. Since the democrats have made their nominations for that office, interest naturally centres about the republican side of the house. It is reported that the Quayites have made frequent proposals to the Hastings people for a compromise, each side to make a nomination this year and a united effort to elect same; those mentioned as the two men who should run are none other than Gen. Hastings and Phil Womelsdorf. No one has been able to announce yet that the Hastings people, for a moment, would entertain any such a proposition.

Among the other rumors going are those relative to the prospective candidates, and among them the following are: Sam Diehl, who has already announced, James B. Strohm, Ex-Sheriff Robt Cooke, Prof. Rothrock, of Millheim and others. In that list there is lots of material to make a hustling campaign.

### THE THREE LEADING STATE ISSUES.

Three important state issues have already defined themselves with the utmost vividness in the election of members of the next legislature. They are:

1. Constitutional amendment so as to secure hereafter an honest registration of the voters and an honest count of the votes, and thus prevent an unscrupulous and corrupt machine from piling up fraudulent majorities.
  2. The impeachment of Governor Stone for high misdemeanors in order to defend the constitution of Pennsylvania and the rights of the people from like usurpations in the future.
  3. The election of a United States senator who will do honor and credit to the commonwealth.
- A legislature capable of accomplishing these high aims would also be able to promote the welfare of Pennsylvania in many other ways.

### EXPENSIVE VENTURE.

The war with Spain and the Philippines by the end of the fiscal year, June 30 will be \$482,562,083.

By the end of the fiscal year 1901 the country will have expended in freeing Cuba from Spain, in taking Porto Rico and in seizing the Philippines the sum of \$613,809,238. In addition we must count as part of the cost the violation of our plighted word, the denial of the Declaration and the Constitution, our departure from republican traditions, our disappearance as a peace power, our assumption of the role of injustice and despotism, the lives and health of American soldiers and the shame of the Cuban postal scandals.

In New York the democrats want a democratic Mayor prosecuted for being in the ice trust.

THE Boers soaked it to the British the other day by capturing a battalion and breaking their line of communications. The Boers evidently are displaying a great deal of vitality and intend to push the war to the bitter end.

THE Bellefonte Republican had an amazing article in its last issue, on the editorial page, that began with a plea for harmony and wound up with a broadside shot into the Love camp that certainly made the crowd think of something else than harmony.

THE torch lighted in China may set the world on fire. The nations are hurrying there, like wolves around a dying deer, each waiting for its share. It is easy enough to overthrow the Chinese government, but when it comes to dividing the spoil, there will be trouble.

THE Republican National Convention will convene in Philadelphia next week and the only contest in sight will be the nomination for the vice-presidency for which there are a score of prominent men after the place. McKinley will be on the head of the ticket and his right-hand man, Mark Hanna, will have charge of the campaign.

### SEVEN HUNDRED MILLIONS.

The adjournment of Congress closes a chapter and enables an accounting of one of the most scandalous series of events in American history in the unbridled and profligate extravagance of the McKinley administration. Not for years will the details be known into whose pockets the money of the people has been dumped. Secretive methods have been used in appropriating and spending money. The fifty millions given McKinley in a lump sum at the commencement of the war with Spain has never been accounted for save in a general way. There has been wastefulness and worse in its disbursement. The frauds and stealing reported from Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico are the same outcroppings of extravagance, recklessness and downright theft. Not one word has been heard from this administration favoring economy or retrenchment with this license going on. The cry has been "Spend, spend, spend; waste, waste, waste; steal, steal, steal!" The only crime has been in being found out, when rascals became too reckless or quarreled among themselves.

It has been sent out from Washington that the expenditures of the next fiscal year, appropriated by this Congress, will reach seven hundred millions of dollars. In time of peace there never has been such reckless and corrupt waste of public moneys. The per capita outlay has run up from three or four dollars to ten or twelve.

The ordinary annual expenditure of the Government averaged in President Harrison's term \$361,291,323.

They averaged in President Cleveland's second term \$360,418,546.

They have averaged in President McKinley's term \$514,480,254.

The cost of running the Government is thus seen to have increased by nearly \$154,000,000 a year ever since Mr. McKinley was inaugurated. And this is not accounted for by the extraordinary disbursements of the war, which are not included in these "ordinary expenditures."

The outlay for war is a separate matter, and it accounts for the increase of the public debt by \$200,000,000 since Mr. McKinley's inauguration.

The financial record of the administration may therefore be summed up in a sentence. "It has added nearly \$13,000,000 a month to the regular running expenses of the Government and added \$1.79 per capita to the National burden of debt."

### ROTTENNESS IN CUBA.

It is less than two years since the Spanish were driven from Cuban soil because of their corruption and tyranny.

Already there are charges of gross mismanagement and extravagance by the officials sent there by the McKinley administration. The following charges are made:

The theft of \$100,000 from the postal service.

The expenditure of a half million to construct a worthless railroad.

The allowance by the secretary of war of \$150,000 for personal expenses of officials.

The rebuilding of barracks at a cost of \$40,000, nominally for school purposes, but really for the benefit of the contractors.

The payment of \$250,000 to a trust company for handling government money.

The use of U. S. transports as pleasure boats by the officials.

It is said that all these matters are well known, and have been called to President McKinley's attention, but they are being suppressed for fear of their effect on the coming campaign.

If this dishonesty and robbery is one of the first results of expansion and can go on in Cuba under our very eyes, how much greater will be the opportunities for plunder in the Philippines. It is unfortunate for the Republican party that these matters have developed so soon.

### McKINLEY'S TRUSTS.

With his oath of office still fresh upon his lips, President McKinley in his inaugural address made this solemn pledge to the American people:

"The declaration of the party now restored to power has been in the past that of 'opposition to all combinations of capital organized in trusts, or otherwise, to control arbitrarily the condition of trade among our citizens,' and it has supported such legislation as will prevent the execution of all schemes to oppress the people by undue charges on their supplies, or by unjust rates for the transportation of their products to market."

"This purpose will be steadily pursued, both by the enforcement of the laws now in existence and the recommendation and support of such new statutes as may be necessary to carry it into effect."

Since then Congress has held one extra and three regular sessions, each of several months' duration, with no "recommendation" from Mr. McKinley as to the need of statutes to make effective the promises of his party's platform and of his own inaugural. On the contrary, the President selected an Attorney-General from trust-creating State of New Jersey and has permitted, without let or hindrance, the organization of trusts and combinations until they number more than 700, 650 of them being incorporated. More trusts have been organized since March 4, 1897, than had been formed in all the years previous thereto.

Which is the oldest family? Well, few of them are as old as the Hills.

### THE NIAGARA OF NEW GOLD.

As a matter of pure economics, the flood of new gold challenges attention. A complete revolution has taken place within the past four years in the world's annual production of the two precious metals.

The total average yearly production of the world of both gold and silver for the twenty-five-year period from 1873 to 1898 was \$271,100,000. The gold production alone for the three years 1898-1900 inclusive was:

Gold product alone for 1898..... \$287,428,000  
Gold product alone for 1899 (estimated)..... 352,600,000  
Gold product alone for 1900 (estimated)..... 406,000,000

This flood of new gold far exceeds that of any history, period of gold discovery since history began to be written. How completely this increase has taken the world by surprise and upset all the money calculations and prophecies of four years ago may be understood by reflecting on the one central fact which these figures clearly establish. That central fact is that the value of the present annual output of gold alone is \$400,000,000, or nearly one-half the value of the world's entire output of both gold and silver for the four years that ended with 1890.

### A Marker for Graves.

Ex-treasurer D. C. Keller has collected money for a marker for the graves of the two soldiers who were killed in Indian Lane, a little east of Old Fort in a fight with five Indians whom they met near the fields of General Potter and whom they engaged. One of the soldiers, Thomas Van Doran, was shot dead. The other, Jacob Shadacre, came to a hand-to-hand encounter with one of the Indians, and both used their knives. Shadacre killed his antagonist. But another Indian came up and shot him. The two soldiers were buried in the lane, and only rude stones marked their resting place. Now a suitable marker is being prepared and with proper inscription the grave of these pioneer soldiers will be preserved to future generations.

The encounter occurred July 24, 1778. Why not mark the graves of the Stamford family, massacred by the Indians at their homes near McBride's Gap, and buried in one of the fields of the Ephraim Keller farm, a short distance west of Centre Hall?—Reporter.

### A Legal Tender.

If a man were to give another man an orange he would simply say: "I give you this orange;" but when the transaction is entrusted to a lawyer to put in writing, he adopts this form: "I hereby, give, grant and convey to you all my interest, right, title and advantage of and in said orange, together with its rind, skin, juice, pulp and pits, and all right and advantage therein, with full power to bite, suck, cut or otherwise eat the same or give away with or without the rind, skin, juice, pulp or pits; anything hereinbefore or hereafter or in any other deed or deeds, instruments of any nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."—Exchange.

### Census Information.

It is unlawful for any citizen to withhold from census enumerators information which they are required to obtain in the preparation of the decennial census. Those who stubbornly refuse to answer the prescribed questions may be charged with misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof fined in a sum not exceeding \$100. Citizens who shall bear in mind will escape a realization of the fact that though the strong arm of the Government is seldom felt in the United States it is nevertheless always ready for business. But common courtesy and human kindness ought to influence everybody to help make the heavy task of the census men as light as possible.

### For Polite People.

The new way of shaking hands in Paris is to raise the elbow as high as the ear, and then to take the hand of your friend in yours, very lightly increasing the pressure as the hand descends to its original position. Some people may think that this is an ugly way of hand-shaking, but, on the contrary, it is rather graceful than otherwise, and any return to more ceremonious ways of greeting may well be encouraged among us. Even hand kissing is being revived among a certain set, but how differently is it carried out to the way in which it was done in the good old days of our grandfathers.

### Extra Charts.

There are about 30 cardboard charts, on which is printed the business directory of this county which were compiled by Mr. Keimes, left at this office. Persons desiring copies of the same can secure them free by calling. There are numerous places of business in the county that may not be supplied and were overlooked that would appreciate having it for reference. We have them to give away.

### Blair Wheelmen Must Pay Tax.

The Commissioners of Blair county are not allowing the recent decision of the Dauphin county court, declaring the act taxing bicycles for the purpose of making side paths unconstitutional, to interfere with their plans. The tax book issued to collectors will not be recalled. As soon as sufficient money is collected, the Commissioners will proceed to build a side path.



One of the trials of those interested in the culture of flowers is the presence of destructive insects. Persons who have been discouraged by the trouble and often lack of success attending the use of insecticides will find the following simple and easily prepared wash entirely effective. It is the recipe of Mr. Eben E. Rexford, an authority of national reputation.

Shave a quarter of a pound of Ivory Soap in water sufficient to cover it and dissolve upon the stove, then add five gallons of warm water. Spray this solution upon the plants with a florist's syringe, or if they are small dip them bodily into it. In either case, be sure to reach every part. Let them stand half an hour and then rinse with clear water.

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Of course mules are more appropriate than horses for driving along the Ear-y canal.

"I declare!" said the post to the last year's hammock, "if you aren't hanging around again."

### Worth Knowing.

There is nothing more strengthening to the feet than salt. Those who suffer from tired feet will derive much relief and benefit from a salt bath, prepared by adding to a quart of warm (not hot) water a teaspoonful of salt. First wash the feet with warm water and soap, then place them in the salt bath for about eight minutes; finally wipe perfectly dry and dust over them a little boracic powder.

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