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EDITORIAL.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Monday The Centre Reporter, at Centre Hall, was sold to S. W. Smith, of that place, who will continue its publication. That paper was established in 1868 by Fred Kurtz, Sr., who for over thirty-two years edited and published the same.

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OUR CENTENNIAL.

"Old Centre" has again covered herself with glory, in the celebration of her initial centennial anniversary. There are other counties in this Commonwealth which antedate us, some are greater in wealth and population, others outclass us in industrial enterprises, some have greater mineral wealth, some exceed us in agricultural resources—but where can you find, to such a high degree, all these so happily blended; while nowhere can be found a more substantial, industrious, thrifty people? Strong and sturdy, they come from a noble ancestry; patriotic and law abiding, intelligent and of noble purpose they command the respect and challenge the admiration of all.

We have reason to rejoice as we are completing the initial cycle. It is an epoch of progress—from virgin forest to advanced civilization—a period filled with lustrious deeds and noble citizenship.

Centre county truly enjoys many rare gifts and advantages. Our climate is devoid of the cyclones and storms of the plains, or the burning winds that sweep from the South over the fertile prairies to deplete the prospects of a season's hope and promise. There is a variety of temperature that avoids the extremes of heat and cold. On account of our lofty mountains and hills, with sparkling brooks and springs, scourges and drouth, epidemics and pestilence are unknown. The fertile soil of our valleys, to him that tills, yields a rich recompense in endless variety of staple cereals for man and beast, giving no fear for devastating famine; while the sturdy hills and towering mountains are clothed with valuable forests in variety, useful for building, fuel and the arts. Still more: locked in the strata on the northern border is the valuable and almost inexhaustible supply of bituminous coal which, with the purest limestone and the finest beds of rare iron ores, make Centre county a favorite field for the investment of large capital and the development of numerous iron industries. Truly, with lavish hand, Nature has endowed us with healthful climate, picturesque mountain scenery, enchanting valleys with a soil that needs only to be irrigated until it laughs with bounteous harvests, abundant mineral wealth, eminent and patriotic citizens—happily blended for the enjoyment of its inhabitants. No single industrial enterprise has absorbed and dwarfed the energies of our citizens. The misery of tenement life is unknown and instead we have prosperous homes and happy firesides. No tyrannical monopoly can rule over the destinies of our people. Each inhabitant is a sovereign, in the full enjoyment of life, liberty and happiness. Truly our lot is cast in pleasant places—

what more could we desire? Is this no Benlah land?

For all of these blessings of Nature and fortunate surroundings we are more than thankful. While we rejoice, we are solicitous for the welfare of our many guests and friends who join in our festivities. We view the past with pride, and have abundant promise and hope for the future.

IN THE LONG AGO.

[In memory of Gen. James Potter, who in the year 1768 came up the Bald Eagle creek and crossed over to the top of Nittany mountain, where he discovered the beautiful Penns valley and made it his happy home.]

Through forests wild and mountains strange Bald Eagle's waters flow, But to our fathers yet unknown In the long, long years ago. Through glowing rays of setting sun, A skiff held full in tow—Sailed up Bald Eagle's silvery stream In the long, long years ago. One, on his trusty rifle slept—A roamer to and fro; And near a spring that white man slept In the long, long years ago. The sleeper wakes in early morn, With eyes so true and keen He winds his way up Logan's Branch In the long, long years ago. The light breaks o'er the silent hill, Led by this silvery glow, Potter stood on Nittany's heights In the long, long years ago.

Oh, fairest land! Oh, lovely sight! It blinds my ravished eyes; No better land could meet my gaze Beneath the deep blue skies. Upon this mount I'll make a vow, That no more will I roam; But in this valley deep and wide I'll make my happy home. And on this plain I'll build my fort, These mighty oaks must fall; And for my great Creator's gifts I'll crown him Lord of all!

W. T. S.

CUBA'S OPPORTUNITY.

It would be difficult to find anyone who will approve of the condition of affairs in Cuba, but if such persons were to be sought for it would be well to look for them in Cuba. The people of that island have just learned that it is intended to withdraw the troops and that within nine months they will be running their own government. For this hopeful situation they have the China outbreak to be thankful for, because without the demand for an expeditionary army there is no reason to believe that the administration would have seen the necessity of lifting the military power it wields in Cuba at any fixed time.

There may exist many who will believe it is to be done only when it is done, and their view is not without some foundation. It is not customary for governments tainted with imperialistic fancies to acknowledge their efforts at pacification to be so successful and to give over the delightful occupation of regulating the affairs of those countries which the fortunes of war have made them responsible for.

For example, for nearly twenty years the succeeding governments of England have declared their resolute purpose to evacuate Egypt as soon as the country was pacified and a plan of self-government for its people that had a promise of permanency was formed. But Egypt has never been permitted to have peace or when it was practically established within the danger of tribal invasion from without was urged as giving cause for further warlike measures to secure safety for her. Neither has any plan of self-government ever been agreed upon and the repeated declarations of England and her task in the Nile valley was drawing to completion has long ceased to be taken in seriousness.

Our own promises to the Filipinos move tardily toward fulfillment, notwithstanding the issues from General Otis that the war in the archipelago is finished; and now we learn that General MacArthur cannot by any means spare any of the 50,000 men who are engaged in the cultivation of peace and order in those islands. But from our necessity for troops flows Cuba's blessing and if the current only prove strong enough it may reach that land in full volume and the word of its liberators be kept in fact if not in complete good spirit.—Times.

THE German Americans will not submit to imperialism. They know what it means and by what insidious steps it advances until its victims are powerless to throw it off. They did not leave their homes and come three thousand miles to aid in placing upon their necks the same yoke that they left behind.

It is announced with a great show of fairness that Cuba will be set free in eight or nine months—if arrangements can be made to do so within that time. Although it is not so stated, the need of withdrawing troops from Cuba to send to China is probably at the bottom of this sudden determination.

"MORE soldiers wanted," is the cry from Manila, where 65,000 Americans have been trying for nearly two years to discharge the task for which Spain never employed more than 20,000. Are Americans worse fighters than Spaniards, or has the administration of things over there been shamefully mismanaged?

THE only question in the campaign this fall is the broad one of Republic or Empire. Beside it all other questions sink to insignificance. The Commonwealth that our fathers founded shall not be subverted.



COL. JAMES GUFFEY.

Col. James M. Guffey, who is at the head of the Democratic state organization, is one of Pittsburg's most prosperous business men and is as generous as he is wealthy. He is a natural leader, quick to perceive and prompt to execute. When difficulties arise he has the happy faculty of solving them so as to strengthen the cause he desires to promote. For several years past he has contributed more to the Democratic state campaign fund than any other man in the state and perhaps more than all the others together. Though he is a very busy man, with large and varied business interests demanding his attention, he has devoted a great deal of time to the cause of the state and national Democracy.

Col. Guffey's insight concerning political events is remarkable. During the closing days of the Quay case in the senate prominent Democrats almost without exception were convinced that Quay would be seated. Col. Guffey, on the contrary, persisted in declaring to the last that Quay would not get a seat on the governor's commission, and the result showed that his judgment was correct.

Though Hon. J. C. Sibley and Col. Guffey have not been pulling in double harness since the former transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, yet Mr. Sibley recognizes the colonel's sterling qualities and in an interview a few weeks ago paid the following tribute to his ability as a leader: "I would say that while he and I have differed upon some questions, that does not prevent my recognizing the great qualities of leadership he has manifested, and if his friends would unite in his support, he could unquestionably be made the next chairman of the Democratic national committee, and with him in that position they would be sure of seeing the greatest national campaign that was ever waged, so far as generalship is concerned. He is a dashing, bold, and a natural born strategist, and many incidents in Pennsylvania could be quoted to prove the latter; he has marvelous ability, great organizing powers, and has shown a tact rarely exhibited by any man with so limited an experience in public life as he has had. No man who has watched Col. Guffey's career can fail to recognize the fact that in national as well as state politics he is a man who must be taken into account for a good many years to come. If made national chairman he would catch the people of the south and the west. He is just their style. A business man, and possessing the confidence of the east, he has also the breeziness of the west and the good fellowship of the south, and would be equally popular in all sections. I should not be surprised to see Col. Guffey placed at the head of the Democratic national committee."

Col. Guffey will head the Pennsylvania delegation to the Kansas City convention, and there will be no such trifling as there was at Chicago in 1896 on the part of the Pennsylvania delegates. His advice is much sought by the national Democratic committee, of which he is an active and influential member. The Democracy of Pennsylvania is fortunate in having so capable and energetic a leader as Col. J. M. Guffey.

How would Great Britain like to sell the Boer "rebellion" to the United States for twenty millions of dollars, or such other sum as might be agreed upon by commissioners unable to cope with English diplomats? We're round buying up such odds and ends as that.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

We are not trying to array one class against another; we are trying to teach each class its relation to every other. The person who warms by the fire must not forget the hand that brings the coal from the mine. The person who eats at the table must not forget the man whose toil loads the table with bounties. The person who can clothe himself with the best that the looms produce must not forget those whose muscles and brain create the cloths. Shall the bud, blooming in beauty and shedding its fragrance upon the air, despise the roots of the rosebush because they come into actual contact with the soil? You may pluck the bud and other buds as beautiful will grow, but destroy the root and all the buds will die.—William J. Bryan.

Goldwin Smith, who left his high place in British politics and in Oxford university to live in Canada, has no very high opinion of the operations of his countrymen in South Africa. In New York the other day he expressed himself freely and fully. He had no doubt Great Britain would win in the end, as the entire forces of the British empire were opposed to a population half as large as that of Liverpool. "But," he added, "in winning we will reap the same measure of glory, which we reaped by the burning of Joan of Arc." Through great hardships the Boers trekked to the Transvaal. Queen Victoria did not create Africa. If the Boer found a gold mine in his own territory was it not his? Prof. Smith, just returning from travels through Europe, says the heart of the people everywhere, no matter what governments may say or do, is against the British usurpation and wrong. That is precisely the case in the United States. The British war craze he described as merely a new kind of gin.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of Public Interest.

If Webster Davis was "a liar and a blatherskite, a crooked official and a disreputable politician," as Republicans now assert, his appointment to one of the most important positions within President McKinley's gift is finally explained.—Salt Lake Herald.

Separated as we are by a world of water from other nations, we shall, if we are wise, surely avoid being drawn into the labyrinth of their politics and involved in their destructive wars. America may think herself happy in having the Atlantic for a barrier.—George Washington.

Our tariff is for the "protection" of foreign consumers, the fleecing of American consumers and the benefit of the home trust grabbers. Just look at it. You can buy American sewing machines for less money in London than in Pittsburg. American lead sells in London for \$2.50 per cwt.; in Pittsburg it sells for \$4.70 per cwt.—yet we keep up a tariff on lead. We export copper and undersell the world on copper, yet we put a tariff on it in order to skin Americans who have to use it.—Venango Spectator.

There is no good reason why a man should stick to a political party just because of its name. Men who believe in the single gold standard, high tariff and imperialism, are Republicans, and should not profess to be Democrats. Those who believe in bi-metalism, low tariff or none at all, and who do not favor imperialism, are Democrats, and should not claim to be Republicans. The Republican party stands for trusts. McKinley was elected by the corporations, and the fruits have shown that the corporations knew their business when they invested their money in him.—Oil City Blizzard.

By passing the Porto Rican tariff bill the Republican leaders have driven a powerful nail into the coffin of the Republican party. Bear in mind that there is no reciprocity in this. Porto Rico is now United States territory, and we have just as much authority for imposing duties upon products from Alaska as upon products from Porto Rico. If Porto Rico be not United States territory then products from that island must be subject to the same duties as those from Jamaica. A political party that makes such discriminations as that in the Porto Rican bill cannot live.—Titusville Courier.

Speaking of the forces "which dominate the two houses of congress," President McKinley has been doing a little dominating himself. It was at his desire that the Porto Rican tariff bill first passed the house, in opposition to the "plain duty" expressed in the executive annual message. Mr. McKinley would have been glad enough if the house of representatives had put the measure through "unbeknownst" to him, but the party could not be lined up on the subject till the "tip" came from the president himself. The trouble was that the men who dominated congress dominated the president first.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

When a newspaper attacks the hired girl, just because she works for a living, and calls her a "kitchen mechanic," it is time that that element of the community should rise up in arms. The hired girl or any other working girl is far his or their superiors. It is just as honorable to work in a kitchen as it is to sit in the parlor with your legs crossed just because "Pap" has money. This would be a great country if all were wealthy and no one to hire to do the work. A girl who has the snap and energy to earn a livelihood at kitchen employment, be it in the kitchen or the store, the office or the dressing room, is just as good as any millionaire who drives a bobtail team or any man who belongs even to the best social clubs.—Franklin Leader.

"David Starr Jordan, of the Leland Stanford university, told me that at the beginning of the Spanish war about 60 of the students of that institution entered the army with the expectation of being sent to engage the Spaniards in Cuba. They were switched off by the government, however, and ordered to Manila, where they were sent against the natives of Luzon. It was this California regiment which led the troops in the capture of the Filipino capital, and they brought back with them and gave to Mr. Jordan documents and reports which showed a wonderfully well organized system of government on the island. These 60 young men from that western university are now scattered throughout California and Mr. Jordan told me that each one of them was an earnest and hard working missionary in the cause of anti-imperialism."—Edward Atkinson.

Nine months ago printing paper was selling at \$25 a ton. Now the price is from \$60 to \$70. The International Paper company—a giant trust—controls the output of all the large pulp and paper mills, and publishers are squeezed to the extent that they are being ruined financially. Congress has been asked to repeal the duty on paper and pulp. Bills have been introduced, but they slumber in Dalszell's committee. The little Dandy Jim congressman from Pittsburg sits down on the publishers' appeals and tells the newspaper men to be patient and relief will come after awhile in the ordinary course of business. That's comforting, isn't it? After the monopoly vultures have eaten all our flesh our bones can be set up for grinning skeletons and sold to the doctors. The publishers of this country should unite and go down to Washington and make their demands known in such a way that our \$5,000 a year hired men would give heed. Editors have largely been instrumental in making the statesmen representing us at Washington, and some of them have been manufactured out of pretty poor material. They should be given to understand that they will be held accountable, individually and collectively for the passage of a bill taking the duty off pulp and paper; also the passage of an anti-trust law with teeth in it.—Meadville Democrat.

Why We Celebrate! What We Celebrate!

If you want to know all about Centre county get a copy of the

"CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF CENTRE CO.

BY FRED KURTZ, Official Historian.

It is compact, concise, complete and is carefully compiled from older histories by Rupp, Maynard, John B. Linn and tradition. The following are the principal topics treated:

- Part 1. Purchase from Indians. Pennsvalley Discovered by Capt. James Potter. Who were first settlers. The famous Potter's Fort. Indian Massacres. Hardships and Privations. Famous Indian chiefs: Logan and Bald Eagle. Adam Poe—Indian Fighter.

Part 2.

- Centre county organized Feb. 13, 1800. Contest for County Seat. First Postoffice, Jail, Court, etc. Famous Whiskey Case. Early Executions. Lewis and Connelly. Forges and Furnaces. Agricultural Societies. Free School System—State College. Early Transportation to date. Bituminous Coal Discovered. Lumber Output. Religious Denominations. Our "Ant Men." A Noble Record. Aaronsburg, Bellefonte, Philipsburg. District Centennials in County. Statistical Information and many other topics of interest. The book contains 32 pages of valuable information. There are now comparatively few histories of the county in existence. The price of the History is 25 cents. For sale at stores. Issued by THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, Pa., where additional copies can be secured. Price Reduced now to 10 cts.

Walker.

Daniel Lucas and son, of Cumberland county, visited his sister, Mrs. Confer, of near Jacksonville.

Israel Condo and mother are visiting Ira Condo and wife, of Bellefonte.

Prof. J. Colter Hockenberry, of Had-donfield, New Jersey, is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Hoy, Sr., and shaking hands with his many friends.

Mrs. James Heverly and son Paul, of Johnsonburg, are visiting Mrs. Heverly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Beck, and expect to attend the centennial also.

Will Thompson and family, of Howard, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Orr.

Beech Creek.

William Ruple arrived here from Glen Union Monday evening with his bride of a few days.

It is reported that bass are being caught in the Bald Eagle creek by a party of campers by other means than those allowed by law.

Rev. Louis F. Brown preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening for the last time until after his vacation which will terminate the latter part of August. Rev. Brown and family will visit relatives and friends at Lancaster, Pa., his native place.

The new position given Charles Rothrock, by which he was transferred to Osceola Mills, where he has charge of the station and postoffice of the P. R. R., was no less gratifying to him than to his many friends here, where he had charge of the Bald Eagle valley station for many years.

The Racket.

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County's Centennial and supplying his friends

with clothing to write a new advertisement for

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