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EDITORIAL.

BRYAN'S TOPEKA SPEECH.

In accepting at Topeka the nomination to the presidency tendered him by the populist party, W. J. Bryan effectually answered a number of current opposition charges, at the same time bursting some of its bubbles.

The keynote of the address is found in this statement: "Defeat at the polls does not necessarily decide a great problem."

The money question is not finally settled. Mr. Bryan indicated in these words: "The failure of the republican party to secure international bimetallism and its open espousal of the gold standard still keep the money question in politics."

"Financial systems can be altered with less danger and less disturbance to the country than the vital doctrines upon which free government rests."

As never before Mr. Bryan made clear his party's position from the financial view on the one hand, and from the higher one of constitutional principles on the other.

The first of these points is most important, because, as the speaker stated, if a general rise in prices results from a permanent increase in the volume of money, all things will adjust themselves to the new level, and business can be done with fairness to all.

With each address Mr. Bryan delves deeper into his subject and seems to secure a firmer grasp of its roots. In his speech at Topeka he certainly did not fail to make it impressive that the aims of his party were summed up as follows: A lasting foundation for real prosperity and a solid anchorage for the American Republic.

"PROSPERITY" did not strike Omaha a bit. The city declined in population 37,897 since 1890. OMAHA'S CENSUS shows a decrease of 37,897 since 1890. Population in 1900, 102,555, against 140,452 in 1890.

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THE green goods man who tried to busco a detective will probably wear stripes for some time to come. And it was one of those slow Philadelphia detectives, too, who made the arrest!

GETTING WHAT WE VOTE FOR.

As a people we usually get exactly what we vote for. If we vote for pure, clean government, we get it.

All over our great State to day, in every gathering of farmers and mechanics, the learned and the unlearned, there is a continued demand made for purer and better government, and for the better and more rigid enforcement of the laws of the State.

It is more than notorious all over the State, that notwithstanding all the professions, demands and resolutions of republican conventions for the last eight or ten years for a pure ballot, the use of fraud, the practice of stuffing the ballot box and intimidations at elections has steadily advanced until the people have settled down to the conviction that vote as they will, the return will be fashioned to suit the purposes of the boss and the unconscionable ring which holds the power in our great State.

The legislative power of the Commonwealth is used to create new offices for bealers and rounders. Fat places with large salaries and luxurious surroundings are made for party favorites.

All this with many other evils have been indulged and practiced for years by the party now controlling the State, and for just such things our people have been voting.

It was well known in 1898, when our present governor was a candidate for the exalted office he now fills, that big as he is physically, he was the tool of Quay and his gang.

The farmers knew all this before the election of 1898. Thousands of them, nevertheless, voted for Stone. They knew also, that so sure as Geo. A. Jenks was made governor every department of the State government from the executive down would be placed in the hands of men who would honestly enforce the laws.

If we would avoid the evils of every nature now existing in the government of our great Commonwealth, the farmer who most likely suffers most, as well as every other citizen, who believe in a pure ballot, pure food, good laws, clean administration of the State government, must throw down party ties and affiliations and vote for the party and the candidate whom he knows can and will give to him these desirable things.

NAILS BECOME A LUXURY.

Nails have always been considered as going hand in hand with civilization and physical progress. They are in universal demand because there is no substitute for them.

The people of Indiana are just now furiously protesting against the heavy tribute they are forced to pay for the privilege of using nails.

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AN APPEAL TO DEMOCRATS

The following address was issued last Friday from the State Democratic headquarters in Harrisburg:

We respectfully call the attention of all members of the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania, State committee men, city and county chairmen, and city and county committeemen, to the urgent appeal of our candidates for President and Vice President, and of the chairman of the national committee and the president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, to push forward the organization of Democratic clubs.

We earnestly advise the Democrats of Pennsylvania to respond promptly to this appeal from our great leaders. If, in any locality, it shall be inconvenient to meet and organize on September 1 we ask that the organization be made on the earliest day possible.

Each club reporting to John D. Worman, secretary Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, 3839 Sydenham street, Tioga, Philadelphia, and to Max F. Ihmsen, secretary National Association of Democratic Clubs, 1370 Broadway, New York, will be promptly supplied with circulars and literature, and put in touch with the mighty mass of organized Democrats moving on to the triumphant election of our tickets.

CHAUNCEY F. BLACK, President Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania. JOHN S. RILLING, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee.

WHILE the authorities at Washington deny positively that Russia, Germany and Japan have declared war on China there is a significant reticence as to what those powers may do within the next few days or weeks.

LUSE FAMILY REUNION.

A family reunion of the Luse family was held on Grauge park in the borough of Centre Hall, Aug. 23, 1900, and was a grand success.

The ladies now left the Auditorium and went to another house where the baskets containing the good things were unpacked and a grand dinner prepared to which 152 guests sat down at one time, doing ample justice to the good things before them.

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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.

New Coal Operation.

During the last few months J. K. P. Hall and Andrew Kaul have been purchasing some valuable coal territory in the vicinity of Weedville, Caledonia and Pennfield, and have now in their possession an unbroken tract embracing all the good coal land on the north side of Benetts branch from Pennfield in Clearfield county to Caledonia in Elk county, says the St. Marys Gazette.

Major John Bryne, as trustee, has also purchased about 10,000 acres on the south side of the stream opposite the lands of Hall and Kaul. Hall and Kaul are now completing the Kersey R. R. which will make an outlet to market for all this coal, by way of the Shamut line to other lines.

The entire lands, railroads, plants and equipment will cost over \$2,000,000 and will employ many hundred men. Public Schools Open Sept. 4. The public schools of Bellefonte will open for the 1900-'01 school year Tuesday September 4, with the exception of the High School, which will open Wednesday, September 5.

Millionaires are always capital fellow. How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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."

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.

Early Transportation and Coal Discovered. Lumber Output. Religious Denominations. Our Eminent Men. A Noble War Record. Aaronburg, 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.

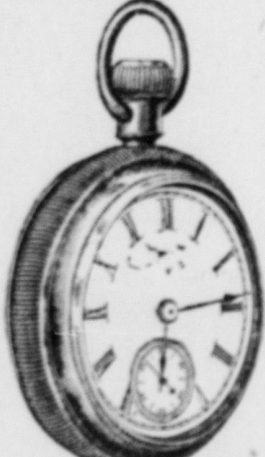
A lamp may not drink, but it frequently smokes and goes out o' nights.



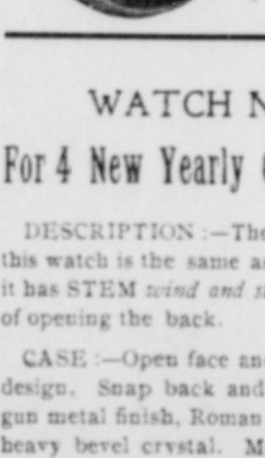
Cheap washing soaps and powders, too, With alkali are strong; The dire destruction which they do Is sure to show ere long. But Ivory Soap will never hurt The fabric, how'er tender; It makes short work of stain and dirt, But no work for the mender.

100 WATCHES GIVEN AWAY.

The proprietor of this paper recently purchased, at a great bargain, 100 fine watches which he has concluded to distribute to boys and girls under 18 years of age in this county. The plan is to give a watch to each boy or girl who will take a bit of interest in getting a few new subscribers for this paper in their locality. We have three different styles of watches and three different propositions, and you can take your choice:



WATCH NO. 1: For 3 NEW YEARLY CASH NAMES: DESCRIPTION:—Plain, nickel finish, open face case, Roman or Arabic dial; winds, sets and regulates in back without the use of key. MOVEMENT:—Lantern pinions; American lever escapement; 240 beats per minute. Polished spring, encased in barrel, quick train. Short wind and long run; runs 30 hours, weighs, with case, 3 ounces. Tined, tested, regulated and guaranteed for one year.



WATCH No. 2: For 4 New Yearly Cash Names: DESCRIPTION:—The movement in this watch is the same as No. 1, except it has STEM wind and stem set, instead of opening the back. CASE:—Open face and is also finer in design. Snap back and front, silver or gun metal finish, Roman or Arabic dial, heavy level crystal. Movement tested, tined, regulated and guaranteed for one year.



WATCH No. 3: For 6 NEW YEARLY CASH NAMES: DESCRIPTION:—This is a small, Ladies Open Face, Nickel-Silver watch. Stem wind and stem set, nickel movements, escapement full jeweled, porcelain dials, highly finished throughout. Cases are solid nickel (not plated on brass). This is a fine timekeeper, and handsomely made.

The above are not pocket clocks, but snug, accurate and durable watches, from the best factories, and having substantial guarantees.

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