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EDITORIAL.

FARMER CREASY AT MT. GRETN.

Following is a brief synopsis of a speech delivered by Hon. William T. Creasy at the farmers' convention held at Mt. Gretna last week:

"We live in a state owned and ruled by a great boss, whose followers line up, drill, parade and march in review like an army of conscripts. This boss sends the most infamous and corrupt of his crew to Harrisburg, and there they fasten their talons on the throats of the farmers first, and anybody who happens along afterward.

"They always trot out the same old gold brick of free schools for the farmers, and if the poor devil has anything left they take it from him by taxation. I want to tell you that this oleomargarine game has placed more steals and outrages on the calendar of crime called 'legislative records,' at Harrisburg, than any one other thing I know of. At every session the boss bound thugs come around to the farmer members and say: 'Vote for this or for that and we will prevent the repeal of the oleomargarine law for you.' When this trick won't do they say: 'We will get you \$10,000 for your hospital, or \$10,000 for something else, and the inexperienced, good-natured, simple-hearted country member, thinking to help some worthy institution in his district, votes for measures the effect of which he only learns when it is too late. The whole thing is a of bunco, and it is always the farmer who carries home the sawdust.'

GRANGERS AFTER HAMILTON.

The farmers and pure butter men are to have a joint public meeting during the Grange Encampment at Centre Hall, on Thursday, Sept. 20, to which all those interested in good government are invited. The meeting will be held in the auditorium, which has a seating capacity of over a thousand people.

The Pure Butter Protective Association will be represented by their attorney, Luther Kaufman, accompanied by a large delegation of representatives including the members of the Produce Exchange of Philadelphia.

It is proposed to probe the oleo swindlers and expose their schemes to defraud the farmers of their butter market and the state government of its just revenues.

The state administration, the secretary of agriculture, the dairy and food commissioner, with his employees, will be held to an official account for maladministration of duties.

The farmers are determined to make it a fight to the finish and will demand the Legislature to bring the guilty parties to trial.

BRADSTREET, the authority on industries and business, says wages have been increased 12 to 15 per cent. and the cost of living 25 to 30 per cent. This affords the McKinley promoter a good chance to get out his pencil and figure up how much the wage earner is better off under the McKinley 'prosperity' boom.

THE richest thing in this presidential campaign would be to have Bryan and McKinley speak from the same platform at same date. The superiority of Bryan would be so striking that McKinley would seem as a dwarf in ability compared with Bryan.

WM. GRAHAM, a cigar salesman, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., seeing his trade ruined by the trusts, and made a poor man, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. There was an empty dinner pail in the case.

MR. MCKINLEY intimates that he does not care to be a king. A gentleman of the name of Caesar talked the same way, but when he got a taste of imperialism he liked it so well that he had to have it right along.

Samuel Diehl, of Bellefonte, who has been announced as a candidate for assembly was not in last Saturday's deal, but proposes to remain in the fight to a finish.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Census Office announces that if the rate of increase as shown in the results in the thirty largest cities in the country is maintained in the rural districts, the total population of the country will be some 80,000,000. This, the bureau points out, will necessitate an increase of representatives in Congress of about 50, if the present basis of representation is maintained, making the House both unwieldy and crowded. An increase in the basis, would reduce the number in the House but would cause certain states—presumably northern ones—to lose congressmen, a thing most unpleasant for these states. The bureau therefore naively suggests that perhaps a solution may be found by cutting down the representation of those southern states that have disfranchised the negroes—of course, without disturbing the northern states that have disfranchised their illiterate whites. This the bureau thinks would be an ideal arrangement, for it adds that the new census will show how many negro illiterates there are in the south and consequently permit an estimate to be made of the number that has been disfranchised. This manifesto of the Census Bureau outlines the attitude of the republican party toward the disfranchisement of the southern negroes. The party as a whole is opposed to laws which enable the white people of the south to remedy to some extent the evils of unrestricted negro suffrage. Having given the negro the suffrage at a time when he was utterly unfitted to exercise it with intelligence or discrimination, the republican party resents any effort on the part of the south to protect itself against negro majorities. The southern whites have not yet, it would appear, been punished sufficiently for their course during the civil war, and, if the courts sustain their devices for protection, a partisan majority in Congress will be urged to cut down their representation in the House of Representatives and in the electoral college. It is significant, that while the republican party displays such a tender regard for the political rights of the negro in the south, it has no sympathy for the political aspirations of the Porto Ricans, the Hawaiians and the Filipinos. In order to maintain 'white supremacy' in the republic of Hawaii, the republicans imposed restrictions upon the suffrage which disfranchised the majority of the natives. At the first opportunity they enacted a law denying the Porto Ricans American citizenship and made them subjects of this republic. Further, they are now committed to the principle that yellow races can be bought with a price and held as subjects. If the imperial policy is approved in the election this year, it is their intention to hold the Philippines as conquered territory after the war of subjugation ends, and to permit no exercise of the suffrage by the Filipinos which will interfere with the plans of their conquerors.

The most stirring fight inaugurated by the democrats in the east for twenty-five years will soon begin. Mr. Bryan is to make a dash through West Virginia, and will deliver, first and last, no less than twenty speeches in that state. Branch headquarters of the National Committee, fully equipped for business and manned by experienced political managers, will be opened in New York. The Hon. William J. Stone, of Missouri, one of the most sagacious politicians in the country, will have general charge of the New York headquarters, and will be assisted by Campau, of Michigan; Guffey, of Pennsylvania, and Richardson, of Tennessee. These managers will also personally direct the campaign in Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia, and it is confidently believed that they will carry these states, representing seventeen votes, for Bryan and Stevenson. They will closely examine the ground in Connecticut and New Jersey, and, if there is any chance to make a successful fight in these two states, no effort will be spared to do so.

There is a story, old but nevertheless good, which tells how a certain washer-woman brought suit against another of that trade for the value of a tub, which was said to have been injured or destroyed by the other. The woman who was sued made a tripple answer: First, she said, the tub was broken when she borrowed it; second, it was all right when she returned it; and third, she never had the old thing, anyhow. The moral of of this story lies in its application. The republicans assert that it is unpatriotic and treasonable for the democrats to oppose imperialism; second, that whatever he may have done in regard to Porto Rico, the President's act in China show that the party no longer favors imperialism, and third, that there 'aint never been any such a thing' as imperialism. How they reconcile these three statements is not to be comprehended even by the rank and file of their own party. But, then, there is no necessity for the rank and file of the republican party to comprehend this or anything else. Hanna and the other leaders give them an inspired gospel, which they are to believe and act upon by faith alone. Of all the preposterous things that the republicans have asserted and still assert, the most preposterous, in the eyes of fair-minded men here, is the dogma that the acts of the President in regard to foreign affairs are to be taken as the acts of the country and are not to be criticised. In times of grave national peril, it is the first duty of the citizen to

support the government, but to say that the war against the Filipinos involves a military peril to this country is to speak nonsense. To say that this war, accompanied as it is with the claim that the President and Congress may govern a people without their consent and the territories of the United States without constitutional restraint, ought not to be discussed by the people, is to deny them the right to pass on a vital issue affecting the character of their government. It is idle to claim on behalf of the administration exemption from criticism. That this might prolong the struggle was one of the obvious risks of a war that was not undertaken for national defense. It is ridiculous to charge the inevitable consequence of this war to those who from the outset have denied its necessity and pointed out its perils.

The Academy Opening.

The Fall session of the Bellefonte Academy, in all its departments, will open on Tuesday, September 11, with the brightest of prospects.

The different departments and their instructors will be as follows:

- ACADEMIC.
- Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Higher Algebra—Rev. J. P. Hughes, Principal.
 - Classics—J. R. Hughes, Assistant Principal.
 - English, Literature, History and Modern Languages—Miss Carrie A. Lawrence, Lady Principal.
 - Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Sciences—Maurice J. Cobb.
 - Intermediate Department—Miss Edith B. Wertz.
 - Primary Department—Miss Helen E. Overton.
- A one-session schedule has been arranged to accommodate the youngest division in the primary department. School schedules will be arranged to accommodate all students from out of town.

Odd Couple.

Peter Bower, of Manor, aged forty five years, recently took unto himself a bride of seventy summers and winters in the person of Mrs. Martha Jane Painter also of Manor. The ceremony was performed at the Fisher House, at Greensburg, by the Rev. T. S. Land, of Manor. This is the groom's first venture on the sea of matrimony, but his blushing bride has already braved its stormy billows. Her former husband died four years ago. The aged bride is the mother of several men and women. These in turn have wedded children who are proud parents, Mrs. Bower therefore bears the honored title of great-grandmother.

Superintendent Weaver Dead.

George W. Weaver, superintendent of the schools in Clearfield county, died Thursday 30th at his home in Clearfield. He had been ill for over a year, but many of his friends confidently expected his recovery to health. He was serving his second term as county superintendent, having been elected in 1899. Previous to that time he was principal of the Curwensville public schools.

Pastors Reception.

The members of St. Johns Reformed church, of Bellefonte, are arranging for a reception to their pastor, Rev. Thos. Levan Bickle, at the parsonage this Thursday evening. For several months past the Rev. has been abroad taking in the principal points of interest in Europe and the Paris Exposition. He is expected on 4 p. m. train today and the reception will take place at 8 p. m.

Christian Endeavors at Millheim.

The ninth annual convention of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the Central Penna., District of the United Evangelical church, will meet in Millheim on September 11th to 14th. About one hundred delegates are expected to attend, among them Bishop Dubbs and other prominent men in the church.

On a Trip.

Ex-County Commissioner G. L. Goodhart, of Centre Hill, last week started for Clarno, Wisconsin, where his son Bruce is located, and will be away about a month. Mr. Goodhart also has a daughter, Anna, now Mrs. Charles Evans, residing in Illinois, whom he will visit.

Preferred American Companies.

Life insurance agents in this city are somewhat surprised to learn that King Humbert, of Italy, had his life insured for 35,000,000 francs—10,000,000 francs in European companies, and 25,000,000 in American companies.

Want the Brick Works.

Beech Creek citizens are doing all in their power to have the new brick works located in that place. They have raised over \$1,000 in money.

Mrs. Rossman Improving.

Mrs. John Rossman, of near Penns Cave, who received a severe paralytic stroke about two weeks ago, is slowly recovering.

Musical Normal.

Prof. C. E. Zeigler, of Penn Hall, has been conducting a musical normal at Centre Hall the past few months and the venture was so well received that he has concluded to make it a permanent institution.

WILLIAMS REUNION.

A large number of the Williamses and their connections met at Sugar Grove on Saturday, August 25th, for the purpose of establishing a permanent organization of this great family, the ancestors of whom came to Centre county from Lancaster about the close of the Revolutionary war, and have spread out until they are scattered over nearly every county of this state and extend into several other states.

Samuel Williams and wife of Woodward, Mesh Williams and wife of Scotia, as well as nearly a hundred others of the connection from Martha, Port Matilda and other places attended this meeting. Every one seemed to take great interest in the organization, and it is hoped that some time the coming summer this whole connection may be brought together and have their first reunion.

The meeting was called to order by A. C. Williams. After singing, Rev. G. W. Downing led in prayer, followed by an address by Rev. Elmer Williams, who dwelt particularly upon the history of this great family, stating that John Williams, one of the famous hundred who braved the Atlantic in the Mayflower, landing on Plymouth rock in the autumn of 1620, was a kinsman to every member of the meeting.

J. R. Williams was then elected temporary chairman of the meeting and proceeded to elect officers for the organization, which resulted as follows: A. C. Williams, of Martha, permanent chairman; S. T. Williams, of Port Matilda, secretary; Ida R. Williams, of Martha, corresponding secretary; A. Y. Williams, of Port Matilda, treasurer; W. T. Williams, of Woodward, and Elmer Williams, of Carlisle, historians and J. R. Williams, of Martha, poet.

This committee will meet at the call of the chairman early next summer to arrange for the reunion which will take place later in the season. The co-operation of every member of the connection is desired.

Hold up a Railway.

Traffic on the Tamaqua and Lansford Street Railway was retarded Friday in a very novel manner. On Ryan's Hill, near Coaldale, millions of potato bugs had charge of the road for a distance of 300 yards. When the wheels would strike the pests their crushed bodies would act as a lubricant and the cars could not go up.

The bugs traveled in a large swarm, and at some places were over an inch thick. Nothing like it had ever been seen in that vicinity.

Insurance Adjusted.

The Centre Hall Insurance company held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday. The renewals and new risks taken were \$69,352; premium notes, \$5,789. The following losses were promptly adjusted and paid: Lot Kimport on sundry articles, \$114; J. K. Kimport, on stable, \$100; Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhn, on stable, \$109; Mrs. Dr. Fisher, on stable, \$300; on damage to furniture and house, \$40.40. All above on account of Boalsburg fire.

Sentence Suspended.

Harvey B. Kleckner, of Sugar Valley, made a plea anolo contendere in the United States district court at Williamsport Tuesday, when brought before Judge Buffington on the charge of sending obscene matter through the mail. The court, after consideration, suspended sentence and ordered the defendant pay the costs.

Large Sale.

An advertisement in another part of this paper appears for the farm sale of Samuel Harter, near Spring Mills. It is a large sale of choice high bred live stock and modern farm implements. Mr. Harter has been one of the most successful farmers in that valley and has laid by a sufficient competency to retire from the arduous duties of the farm.

Excursion Rates.

On account of the Veteran Club Picnic at Hecla Park, Saturday, Sept. 8th, the Penna. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets to Bellefonte and return at single fare for the round trip, limited to day of issue. Special return train will be run, leaving Bellefonte at 7 p. m. for Rising Springs and intermediate stations.

Rural Delivery.

On September 1st the rural free delivery mail service will be established from Gramplan, Clearfield county, with two carriers, who will cover thirty-six square miles and serve 953 people.

State College to Open.

On Wednesday, September 12, State College will open its forty-fifth college year. With this opening some radical departures will be made.

Killed Twenty-One Snakes.

Edward Ball, who is on the surveying corps on Hopkins' reservation, Saturday, killed twenty-one rattlesnakes under a stone near Westport.

The man who has but one shirt is short on change.

E. H. Grover
This signature is on every box of the genuine
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets
the remedy that cures a cold in one day



Business men find that the profuse quick lather of Ivory Soap readily removes the dust and grime of the office. Ivory Soap is so pure that it can be used as often as necessary, without causing chapping or roughness.

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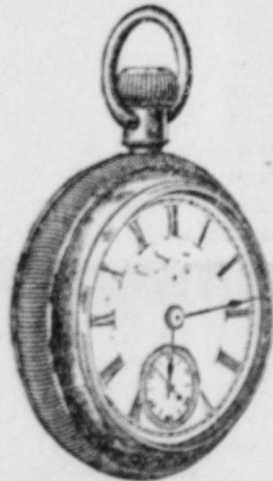
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100 WATCHES GIVEN AWAY.

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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:

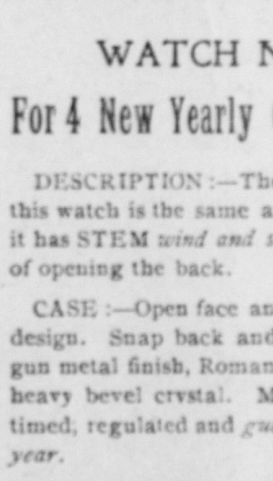


WATCH NO. 1:-

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, weights, with case, 3 ounces. Tined, tested, regulated and guaranteed for one year.

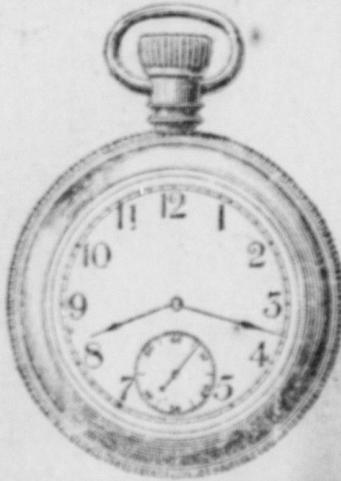


WATCH No. 2:-

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 bevel crystal. Movement tested, timed, 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 dial, 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.

General Information.

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The watches will be mailed to your address, free, immediately upon receipt of your order, if accompanied by the cash.

If you want one of these watches you must first make application to this office, giving your name, parents name, your age and post office address. We will then send you a blank order which you must use.

A sample copy of the Centre Democrat will be mailed to any address. Call on your friends at once; show them the paper, ask them to subscribe and you will be surprised to see how easily and quickly you can earn one of these fine watches.

Yours sincerely,
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