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EDITORIAL.

NEW PUBLISHING FIRM.

According to a notice published in the last issue of the State College, Pa., Times a "limited partnership" has been formed by Messrs. R. C. Burns, E. M. Krug and John Hamilton, under the firm name of "The Times Printing and Publishing Co." for the future management of said business. The capital stock is \$1500, each holding one-third interest.

Messrs R. C. Burns and E. M. Krug, in addition to their high integrity, are practical printers and newspaper men, having been identified with that business for some time. John Hamilton is the present Secretary of Agriculture, of oleomargarine fame, and of late one of Quay's most subservient menials. He evidently has gone into the newspaper business for the purpose of taking a more lively interest in local politics. As this partnership begins August 22, 1901, and continues until Jan. 1, 1907, Hamilton will have abundant opportunity to attempt a defence for past sins and iniquities. Hamilton evidently is the man who will push the quill for all political editorials, and it will be our duty to refer to him as "Brother John," since he has launched his craft in the turbulent sea of political journalism. We welcome him most cordially in the fraternity; at the same time realizing that he is a vicious adversary, who strikes hard and cuts deep, his parries will cause no fears as his past record, present attitude and questionable weapons will alarm none who admire and defend consistency of individuals and absolute integrity of public officials, in which Brother John has shown himself so lamentably deficient.

Banner Iye, Sapolio and all the compounds of alkali, acid, and potash can not efface the stains on his brief, political career. For that reason the former usefulness of the State College Times, in this community, has been much weakened by the addition of this shameless, boisterous political brigand to its editorial force who has been the willing apologist for all the recent forms of legislative corruption, vicious steals, and official bribery that has made the fair name of Pennsylvania an object of contempt in the sisterhood of states.

Brother John, here's our hand; may journalism give you a new code of morals and awake the latent spark of conscience—if perchance that too has not departed from you.

THE Bellefonte Republican in the past few weeks contained some very spicy editorials relative to the recent republican county convention. Last week they paid their respects to W. E. Gray, Esq., in a manner that raised the gentleman's ire. It seems that prior to the convention Gray pledged body and soul before high Heaven to favor harmony. Secretly he appears to have been closely in touch with John Hamilton, consulted and connived, and in the convention his attitude was hostile to any semblance of desire for harmony. From an uninterested standpoint we think Gray deserved all the criticism he got. We admire the Republican in its frankness, says exactly what it means and you know all the time where it is at.

THE independent republicans of the state will hold a convention in Philadelphia, September 12th, for the purpose of nominating a state ticket with Yerkes, the democratic nominee for Supreme Court Justice and Elisha Coray, Jr., an independent republican, for state treasurer. It is expected that A. J. Palm, the democratic nominee for state treasurer, will withdraw and Yerkes and Coray will constitute the fusion ticket for the purpose of defeating the Quay nominees, Potter and Harris. This is likely to go through and means that there will be a lively campaign this fall with bright prospects of defeating the Quay nominees and rebuking his corrupt machine.

THE recent Republican State Convention in its platform had a statement that Gov. Stone "inherited from the preceding administration a deficit of more than \$3,000,000 in the state treasury" which Gov. Stone wiped out. Wednesday morning ex-Gov. Hastings gave out an interview saying this "is absolutely untrue" and a carefully prepared statement from the records proves the assertion, and shows that instead of a deficit there was a surplus of more than \$4,000,000. This puts the Quayites into a predicament and brands them as falsifiers.

THOMPSON'S DEFENCE.

In the last issue of the State College Times an editorial appeared that is worthy of attention as it is a defence of John K. Thompson, republican, who was sent to the last legislature from this county. This we believe is the first attempt made by any paper to explain his course and rid his name of the odium resting over it. He has been publicly denounced, was censured by his party in the recent convention assembled and he is spurned and held in contempt by most all good citizens. No matter what abuse has been heaped upon him, common fairness entitles him to a hearing and the article appearing in the State College Times, the leading Quay organ in the county, we deem it a duty to republish. We give it entire so that no complaint can be made of garbling.

HASTINGS' DENUNCIATION OF THOMPSON.
Those who were present at the last republican county convention, and heard General Hastings' denunciation of J. K. Thompson, must have wondered how he came to be possessed of information which enabled him to speak so positively. The speaker seemed, for the time to forget that every word of condemnation which he spoke against Thompson was, if true, a direct reflection upon himself and the present chairman of the county committee. What was the situation? There had been a distinct understanding and agreement between the insurgents, of whom Gen. Hastings and Reeder were the leaders, and the stalwart republicans to support Allison and Thompson for the legislature, Allison being the recognized insurgent candidate, and Thompson the candidate of the stalwarts. To this Thompson assented and both were elected. When the legislature met, Hastings and Reeder evidently expected that Thompson, instead of keeping his pledge with the stalwarts, would repudiate it, and vote with the insurgents in the organization of the House, and against Senator Quay for the United States Senate.

Upon what they based their expectation they do not say, but that they counted upon his vote, appears from their conduct. For General Reeder took a special train to Phillipsburg to bring Thompson to Harrisburg to vote against Marshall for speaker. He did not go with Reeder, and when he did go, he voted for Senator Quay, as he had promised. As soon as he did this he is classed as a traitor, and is characterized in language the use of which is inexcusable.

If Gen. Hastings' statement is true, that he is a traitor, and worse, what does that indicate? Let us see. Thompson was not a traitor to the stalwarts. He did not deceive them. He voted as he said he would before the election. He carried out every pledge to the stalwarts which he made. Then to whom was he a traitor? Manifestly, if at all, it must have been to the insurgents, and if this is true, then some one must have secured a promise from him to be false to the stalwarts, who had nominated him. Who could have attempted to thus corrupt him? It certainly could not have been the stalwarts. If it occurred, he must have been approached by the other side, and if they did it, they are more guilty than the man whom they attempted to seduce. If they did it, every word of the denunciation of John K. Thompson by them is, necessarily, a confession of participation in what they charge against him.

If Gen. Hastings at the time he made his speech had realized the dilemma into which his own utterances of condemnation placed the insurgents, he would not have spoken as he did. As it is, all thoughtful men will draw their own conclusions, as to what had been attempted and who attempted it, and it is humiliating to think of what that conclusion must be. If it was attempted, to the honor of John K. Thompson be it said, it failed.

John K. Thompson fulfilled his pledges to his constituents, and acted as an honorable man in all his legislative career. He stood solidly with the stalwarts, as he had promised, and his friends have nothing but commendation for his course. He upheld Centre county institutions whenever their interests were involved, and did all in his power to secure appropriations for Centre county institutions. His friends will stand by him in the future as they have in the past and will not permit a few disappointed and reckless politicians to destroy him. The Phillipsburg republicans will not soon forget the insult that was offered them at the convention and all fair minded men will resent the gross charges that were made and which were not substantiated by a single item of evidence. Calling names is a favorite way of venting spleen among a certain class of people whose estimate of the public taste is low. Billingsgate is not argument before decent Americans, and assertion, however vehement, it is not proof.

Here is a lengthy, labored effort to clear up Mr. Thompson's record. The writer is not fair or reliable in this matter for he avoids one of the important facts in J. K. Thompson's career, and for which he has been condemned. When the legislature assembled and the contest for U. S. Senate arose, Thompson began to attract attention by his uncertain course. He next became, or is supposed, too ill to go to Harrisburg and Col. W. F. Reeder went to Phillipsburg in a special train to bear him to Harrisburg. The reason Reeder went there was that Thompson had given the following pledge, over his signature, which he could not deny, and was exhibited and published in all the papers at that time: THOMPSON'S BROKEN PLEDGE.

"We the undersigned members of the next General Assembly of Pennsylvania, hereby pledge ourselves that we will not, under any circumstances, vote for the election of M. S. Quay for United States Senator, nor, will we enter any caucus called and controlled in his interest or his behalf."

JOHN K. THOMPSON.
In the face of this pledge which he signed, and never disputed, Thompson went to Harrisburg, violated his word and honor, and voted for Quay.

The State College Times avoided this important fact, something that is sufficient evidence that the writer is not fair—he attempts by avoidance to mislead and deceive, which is purely dishonest. Thompson broke his pledge, and all the words in the English language and all the adroitness and rhetorical cunning of Prof. John Hamilton, the supposed author of the editorial in the State College Times, can not wipe out these facts which to his dying day will cling to his name branding him as a traitor, a pledge breaker, a dishonest man; and in our estimation the writer of that editorial, whoever he may be, is no better than Thompson.

TROUBLES OF ALL KIND.

There is lots of trouble brewing. France is at dagger points with Turkey and the peace of Europe is again threatened. The revolution in Colombia is assuming a serious attitude and may involve other South America republics, and probably European countries. The English declare the war in the Transvaal over and insist that the Boer generals should surrender, but they won't and keep on harassing the English. In Cuba, and Porto Rico there is occasional note of dissent, and in the Philippines the insurgents occasionally cause trouble.

In the industrial field the steel strike continues, but the Trust seems to have gained advantage and the Union is weakening. Politically there is abundance of trouble. It looks as though Gov. Stone was engineering a boom to reach the United States Senate and has had a tilt with Quay who had to break his vacation and hurry home from the forests in Maine to line up his forces. The insurgent forces in Philadelphia are growing stronger and will attempt to defeat the machine this year. In local politics there is lots of bad blood. The past issues of the county papers are filled with scathing articles, ripping up Quayites, insurgents, and some democrats, and more seems to follow.

This is a brief review of troubles, large and small, and reminds us that man has few years here below which are mostly filled with trouble.

FRANK G. HARRIS.

The republican nominee for state treasurer is Frank G. Harris, of Clearfield. The Clearfield Republican, of last week, tells what sort of man this Harris is and it is all true as Gospel:

"Harris represents everything crooked with which the last Legislature was in any way connected either directly or indirectly. He voted for every obnoxious, indecent, illegal and outrageous measure offered by the machine or enacted into law. He was from first to last a servile tool of the bosses and lost no opportunity to show his willingness to obey their slightest wish. He voted for all the rippers for all the franchise grabs, for all the big appropriations, for every prohibition repealer, for the Jim Russ New York drunk grab, the badge bill, the river-bed coal steals, the new courts and everything bad offered."

"Harris, more than any other man in the House, represents all that was bad and nothing that was good. He voted against all ballot reform measures against early adjournment, all curative legislation of any kind."

UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

The Union county Democratic convention at Lewisburg, Pa., on Monday, nominated Andrew A. Leiser as fusion candidate for President Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial district; William C. Forseman, of Greeg township, for Associate Judge; Lee F. Lybarger, of Millinburg, for District Attorney. W. O. Shaffer, Republican nominee, was indorsed for Prothonotary.

Mr. Leiser is a former law partner of the late Hon. Chas. Wolf, of that place, and a prominent attorney. With the democratic support along with independent republicans he may defeat Hon. H. M. McClure, the present incumbent, for re-election. McClure is Hon. B. K. Fochts brother-in-law and a Quayite. The Fusion sentiment is strong and it is predicted will overcome the republican majority.

Strange Suicide.

Mrs. Miller Waite died at her home at Northwood (Tyrone) Monday morning from the effects of a dose of rat poison taken about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon with suicidal intent, the preparations for the act being made with careful deliberation, the cause melancholy on account of a feeling that she was not liked by her neighbors. Mr. Waite, Sunday afternoon, was informed what she had done with the further statement that she was tired of life. Besides her husband and mother she is survived by six children ranging from 3 to 13 years of age—all at home.

Big Mill Burned.

The large flouring mill of Knecht Bros. at Parvin, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. It is believed, that the flames started from friction of the machinery. While some of the flour and grain were carried out, yet about 3,000 bushels of wheat and about 2,000 bushels of oats, etc. were burned with the mill. The building was three stories, and was equipped throughout with a new system of machinery. The mill was established thirty years ago. The loss is partially covered by insurance in the Pennsylvania Miller's association.

Rate Cutting Has Begun.

The trunk line railroads have begun cutting rates to the Pan-American exposition and in consequence it is believed there will be a big rush to the show from all parts of the east. The Buffalo newspapers claim that the attendance has been kept down to a comparatively low figure because of the alleged excessive rates charged by the transportation companies.

Glut of Poor Peaches.

Not for many years has such an abundance of poor peaches been offered for sale in the Philadelphia market. The crop, although not quite so large, is far inferior to that of last year. The hot weather and heavy rains have ripened the peaches prematurely and caused great quantities to partially rot before they could be sold.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

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to the Altoona hospital where he is getting along nicely.

While engaged in making excavations in the Fifth ward, Sunbury, Friday workmen unearthed a large thick bone of a human being. Further digging produced an Indian tomahawk, more bones and a large number of darts and arrow heads.

Two hundred descendants of Charles Slear held the first Slear reunion at Brook Park, near Lewisburg. Representatives were present from Union and adjoining counties, Philadelphia and from New York, Ohio and Illinois.

Mrs. J. M. Furey, of South Williamsport, received a telegram Saturday morning announcing the death of a brother at Ronsdale, Montgomery county. Fifteen minutes later a second message announced the death of another brother at the same place.

John Slater, of Pine Flats, Indiana Co., by a peculiar accident, lost a valuable cow. In an attempt to knock a fly off her head, a hind hoof caught on one of her horns. The cow was found dead in the field in the evening, having been unable to loosen the hoof.

David Worman, of Beech Creek township, Clinton Co., lost a gander a few days ago that was 30 years old. The goose that had mated with the gander died about two years ago. It was 28 years old. Perhaps this is the lassie goose that laid the golden egg.

Union county sportsmen turned eighteen half-grown Mongolian pheasants loose in the Brush valley narrows last week. It is hoped that they will multiply and start that game bird, which they will do if all gunners have patience not to shoot them until they have had a chance to brood.

Charles R. Reed, 52 years old, of Schrader, was found dead on a public road near Sigleville, Mifflin county, on Friday last. He had been in Milroy the night before, and on returning home it is supposed he was suddenly struck with epilepsy. Falling face down in a mud puddle, he was suffocated.

Millions of rosebugs have invaded the orchards in the northern part of Venango county, says an exchange, destroying the apple, pear, peach and grape crops. The farmers have tried every known remedy, but without success. The fruit crop promised to be very heavy this year, and the damage caused by the rosebugs will amount to thousands of dollars.

Milton Roberts, wife and little daughter, will leave for Manila, via Honolulu, about September 1st. Mr. Roberts has been employed a number of years in the government printing office at Washington. Mrs. Roberts is a daughter of Ezra Grumbine, dec'd, of Centre Hall. At Manila Mr. Roberts will have the overseeing of the government printing office, at a salary of about \$3000 per year.

No Tobacco For Boys.

Representative Beaver, of Juniata Co., recently wrote to Attorney General Eikin with reference to the late act prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any form to persons under sixteen years of age, desiring to know if a merchant could fill an order from a parent to be carried home by a minor child under sixteen. The attorney general replied:

"Replying to your letter of recent date, with regard to the act prohibiting the sale and furnishing of tobacco to persons under the age of sixteen years, I would advise you, unofficially, that section two of the act of July 10, 1901, referred to, which reads 'that no person or persons shall by purchase, gift or other means furnish tobacco in any form to a person under the age of sixteen years,' is broad enough to cover the cases which you suggest in your letter. By the terms of this act the sale and furnishing of tobacco under any circumstances to persons under sixteen years is absolutely prohibited."

Tax Law Bulletin.

Secretary Hamilton, of the state bureau of agriculture, has issued a bulletin on the tax laws of the state which is to be distributed among the farmers, it having been compiled for their special benefit.

The above no doubt will be an interesting work. If the secretary would issue another bulletin explaining the mental process that, at the close of Gov. Hastings' term, induced him to turn a back political somersault and become a subservient tool of Quay, it would attract a great deal more attention.

Refused \$1,500 for One Log.

Near the southern edge of York county is a walnut log for which \$1,500 was recently refused. It was found by a man who was making an excavation in the bank of a creek, and who realizing partially the value of his discovery went to the owner of the land and secured possession of the piece for \$75. He dug it out of the sand and clay, and a lumberman who examined it offered the price first mentioned. The owner asked \$1,500. The wood has been covered for possibly centuries, and is as black and hard as mahogany.

Fifteen Cars Wrecked.

A whole train of loaded coal cars was derailed and wrecked on the Beech Creek district of the New York Central railroad at Cato early Sunday morning. A broken wheel caused fifteen cars to leave the track and plunge over an embankment. The train crew escaped.

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