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EDITORIAL.

THANKSGIVING.

This is a national holiday around which cluster many fond memories and cherished traditions of our ancestors who made it a solemn occasion for prayer and thanksgiving, in the strictest sense of the word. This day is universally observed—by some for festive enjoyment and others for prayerful meditation and making an acknowledgment to God for the gracious bounties we enjoy as a nation, as well as individuals.

While as a nation, or the integrals thereof, we may grow exotistic in our enthusiasm over our accumulations and accomplishments, there is also room for thoughtful reflection. Are we, to-day, in national life, in our mad chase for wealth, not sacrificing some of the nobler traits of character? Is not justice and right brushed aside too often when the opportunity arises for securing material advantage? Have we, as a people, been consistent of late to the memorable teachings and sacred traditions of this nation for over a century, in regard to the inalienable rights of mankind? Have we not cruelly violated the moral law by seizing and appropriating the fertile lands of a weaker people, because we had the power and their territory is so rich in minerals and productive in soil? Are not our halls of legislation diverted to the granting of special favors at the expense of the toiling masses? Is not political life becoming more and more a question of bribery and loot, to which professing christian people willingly assent and approve?

These queries may sound semi-political in this connection; in a general view they may be pessimistic. No doubt they are, but do they not call attention to glowing abuses and glaring evils?—if not, can offense be taken?

While we are giving thanks for the material advantages we enjoy, there should be serious reflection for our shortcomings, and be penitent that what we have so largely sown to the wind may not grow to a whirlwind to bring disaster.

Yea, let us be thankful for we have abundant occasion. May the lessons of the day inspire in mankind a greater love for truth and justice, teach a broader charity in public, private, social and even religious life, instill deeper in our hearts the existence of a brotherhood of mankind, and the development of truly noble christian lives—with charity and love for all.

While as a people we give thanks for our bounteous blessings, let us not forget some of our grievous shortcomings. Thanksgiving, accompanied by sincere prayerful reflection, is profitable for all on this occasion.

Since the above was put in type we found the following, an extract from the Thanksgiving sermon of Dr. Talmage, which is in the same connection:

Lift up your eyes, O nation of God's right hand, at the glorious prospect! Build larger your barns for the harvests. Dig deeper the vats for the spoils of the vineyards. Enlarge the warehouses for the merchandise. Multiply galleries of art for the pictures and statues. Advance, O nation of God's right hand, but remember that national wealth, if un sanctified is sumptuous waste, is moral ruin, is magnificent woe, is splendid rottenness, is glided death. Woe to us for the wine vats if drunkenness wallows in them! Woe to us for the harvest if greed sickles them! Woe to us for the merchandise if avarice swallows it! Woe to us for the cities if mischief walks them! Woe to the land if God defying crime debauches it! Our only safety lies more Bibles, more churches, more free schools, more good men and more good women, more consecrated printing presses, more of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God, which will yet extirpate all wrongs and introduce all blessedness.

WONDER if the Stalwarts of Bellefonte know where they are at since the last ripping occurred at Pittsburg? Are they for Quay? Fleming no doubt can explain it all when he comes home.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT appointed Clayton McMichael postmaster of Philadelphia, and it was not Quay's choice. Roosevelt is running the government and Quay stands on about the same level with the administration as other citizens.

Strange as it may seem, a bore is a man who never comes to the point.

GIVE US A REST.

The fall campaign had hardly closed until an effort was made to bring another contest before the attention of the public. There is such a thing as too much politics and wire pulling and a rest is a good thing between times. The subject of this comment is the premature effort to start the campaign for the election of a County Superintendent of our public schools, which will not take place until the middle of next summer. During the past week we have had several communications on the subject and refrained from publishing them for the reason that the people prefer to have a rest and don't want to have the office seekers continually absorbing their attention and crowding the columns of the papers with their various claims. Office making and seeking becomes a craze with some who are at it from day to day and year in and year out. It becomes exceedingly tiresome and monotonous to the public.

Nevertheless we will make a few comments on this line since the subject seems to be annoying some. The present County Superintendent, C. L. Gramley, of Miles Twp., will seek a re-election. We are informed that John Harrison, one of the instructors in the public schools of Bellefonte will be after the same position and so will James Gregg, of the Milesburg schools. From communications we have received, and articles in print in other papers, the following names are mentioned in the same connection: James B. Strohm, of Potter; W. P. Hosterman, of Gregg; Dr. D. M. Wolf, of Gregg; A. A. Pietcher, of Nittany and others.

There no doubt is an abundance of good material in the county and we think that when the time comes to make the selection the school directors of the county will be able to act wisely in the matter for what is to the best interests of the schools. Up to the present time we have heard no objection to the qualifications of the present incumbent and he seems to have filled the position capably and to the satisfaction of the public. The only question upon which he will be opposed is that he has held the office for several terms. The duty of the directors is to determine whether his experience in this work is an advantage, or whether a change is more desirable.

As this matter will be decided at the proper time by these officials and with due deliberation, we will refrain from the present from assisting in opening up a premature campaign. We think the people like to have an occasional rest. Too much political scheming and wire-pulling is not good. Give us a rest.

THE SCHLEY INQUIRY.

It has been promised that the Board of Inquiry which heard the testimony in the Schley case will make their report before Congress meets and there is much speculation as to the result, little doubt being expressed but that every charge against the Admiral will be swept away and he will emerge from the trying ordeal a greater man in the eyes of the public than ever. Already his defamers are seeking all manner of excuses for their infamous assaults upon this man, who was simply the target for a jealous clique of naval officials to hurl all sorts of infamy and abuse. It is on a parallel with the famous Dreyfuss case which caused so much uneasiness in France, only the conspirators never succeeded as far in humiliating their man. It will soon be time for the report to be made public, and if it comes up to the expectations, then it will be up to President Roosevelt to clean out the Naval Department and put some decent material in that department which will be a credit to the country. This Schley affair is a disgrace to the country and an example should be made of the men who were implicated so that for the next century a recurrence will not be likely. Let a fitting rebuke be made, commencing with the Secretary of the Navy on down, wherever a participant in the cowardly work can be found.

This investigation, thus far, was a most fortunate thing for Admiral Schley, as it has shown him a man of greater merit and ability than the public knew. It has forever, in the public mind, settled who was the real hero of Santiago, and who tried, with the aid of a designing Naval Department, to steal the credit of this great victory.

Unlucky for Judge Love.

The North American says: Judge John G. Love, of Centre county, a jurist who has rendered many political favors to the Administration, has been frequently mentioned as a probability to fill one of the expected Superior Court vacancies. In view of the recent fusion victory in Centre county, however, it is extremely doubtful whether Judge Love and his friends can deliver either State delegates or members of the Legislature in return for the appointment. It would be political ammunition wasted.

Better bargains could probably be secured for the Governor by appointing Superior Court Judges from such counties as Lancaster and Delaware, which are pretty sure to have solid machine representation of Legislators and delegates.

JUDGE LOVE, in view of the interesting flare-up among the spotless stalwarts over Pittsburg deals and conspiracies, must realize that he is a mere football in the hands and at the feet of the machine leaders, being kicked back and forth to make believe he is to have a high judgeship for his fidelity to the gang.

RIPPERS RIPPING.

THE ignominious ripper bills passed by the Quay-Stone machine last winter, have returned to plague the conspirators themselves, over the spoils, and seem to have knocked the Pittsburg end of the machine into a cocked hat. An ugly fight is now going on among the machine leaders, and Quay, Stone, Elkins, and the rest of the dastardly Jacobins, are going for each other's throats in a lively manner over the spoils. The decent men of all parties now look on and laugh. The infamy is working the wrong way from what it was intended. The Jacobins who put the ripper through the Legislature for selfish and spiteful purposes, have spit in their own faces. They are now clawing each other like tigers. Governor Stone is called a liar—which everybody will admit comes as near the truth as possible. The ripped ones—appointed and disappointed ones—are raving mad, among these Elkins, Flinn, the Browns, and others, while Quay who said "he wanted a Governor he could own," finds that he has a Stone, plotting for himself and not caring a sniff, who gets hurt. The thieves, conspirators, plunderers, and enemies of the public weal, have fallen out, and good may result to the outraged Commonwealth if they knife themselves out of existence.

Let 'er rip, until the last ripper is ripped up.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

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Roy Dickson, employed in a stove mill at Warriorsmark, had his arm caught by the sawing machine and his left hand was cut off.

The barn of Dairyman John Collins, near Altoona, was set on fire on Wednesday by an exploding lantern, and the blaze was extinguished by throwing on it twenty pails of milk.

A temporary Board of Trade has been established in Lewistown and a permanent organization will be effected soon. An effort is being made to have the college, which will be formed by the consolidation of the Myerstown and New Berlin college located there.

Tuberculosis is spreading among the cattle in the Grampian Hill country, Huntingdon county, and last week James D. Wall was ordered by the state board of health to kill seven head of fine cattle. This makes twenty head killed in that section in a very short time.

Cholera has caused such havoc among hogs in Mifflin county that farmers are killing their stock with but little attempt at fattening. This has resulted in a steady advance in the price of lard, until at present it retails in some parts of the county at 15 cents a pound, the highest price since the Civil war.

Saturday morning Alexander K Hamilton was walking on the Beech Creek railroad at Oak Grove, while on his way from his farm to the homestead. Being defective in hearing, he did not notice an approaching freight train. He was struck by the locomotive and badly injured. He expired in a few minutes.

A dispatch from Woolrich to the Lock Haven Express tells of the narrow escape from death of Miss Susan Hoover, an employe of the woolen mill there. Her clothing was caught by a shaft which was making 930 revolutions a minute. She was badly bruised, but her clothing was torn and she thus escaped fatal injury.

The new Power Manufactory being built near Punxsutawney is about ready to start its wheels. It will be known as the Mahoning Powder Co., and owned by the Ladin and Rand Powder Co., and has cost the company nearly a quarter million dollars. This plant is the result of a long cherished idea of Phillipsburg's townsman, A. J. Graham, who we understand is a part owner in the plant.

Albert Isenburg, a farmer of near Elizabeth Furnace, Blair county, claims that he holds the best record for corn husking in the State of Pennsylvania. He makes affidavit to this record:—"On November 12, 1895, I husked 238 bushels of topped corn in eleven and one-half hours. On Oct. 30, 1901, I husked 137 bushels of shocked corn in ten hours and forty minutes, and 126 ears in five minutes of topped corn."

James Gunsaulis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gunsaulis, who reside near the water tank below the Tyrone depot, was killed Friday at McKeesport. The young man was about 21 or 22 years old. He left home a few days ago to search for work, and a telegram was received last week announcing his death. No particulars as to how he was killed were given in the telegram. The remains will be brought home for burial.

About LaJosa, Clearfield county, the old-time quiltings are being held, and it is said that some of the old ladies walked seven miles to attend one last week. These quilting parties were an enjoyable affair with the mothers of old Centre county, and elsewhere, but like a great many other "good things," are a thing of the past, and the useless euchre parties take the place of quiltings, and the quilts are bought in the stores.

Saturday evening an Italian named Frank Mileto, went to a home of a countryman, named Frank Fredricks near Clearfield to visit a daughter of Fredricks with whom he was infatuated. Concerning the visit the Public Spirit says: The family refused him admission, when he kicked the door open and Miss Fredricks hit him on the head with a hammer and knocked him down and delivered several more blows, fracturing his skull. He was removed to the county home. On his person was found two razors and a revolver, and he probably intended to commit murder, or at least injure the young lady, who did not reciprocate his tender feelings.

For the new tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad at Gallitzain all bids are to be in the hand of the officials of the company at Philadelphia by next week and the contract will be left on December 1st. It has been determined that the new tunnel shall be larger than either the original Gallitzain tunnel or the Old Portage tunnel now in use by the Pennsylvania railroad, and two tracks, instead of one track, will be built in it. It is said that on account of the large engines and cars that are now in use but one train at a time has been allowed in the original tunnel for some time past. After the new tunnel has been completed the old one will be enlarged and repaired.

THIS WEEK We Have Some- thing to Say

about Under-wear, Umbrellas and Neck-wear, not forgetting to put in a word about our Long London Overcoats and Men's Black Suits. Half the people are wearing Under-wear that does not properly fit, some don't realize it, others think it can't be helped. For years we have been using our experience to secure Under-wear made in proper proportions to feel comfortable, and this winter present to our customers an unusually fine assortment in comfortable weights and fits.

UMBRELLAS.

Our Christmas Stock has arrived and is handsome. We know of no more suitable present than a fine Umbrella for Father, Husband, Son, Lover or Friend. Call and make your selection early before the best styles are gone. We will keep all goods purchased now until time for delivery, and see that they reach their destination promptly, just before Christmas.

..NECK-WEAR..

we have something new and unusually attractive to show our many customers and friends in Neckwear. After having devoted both extra time and attention to this branch of our business, we place upon our counters the latest styles in Shape, Coloring etc., at prices which will enable all who are in need of Neckwear to be exactly suited, of course, all the things men need are here. Suspenders, Garters, Mufflers, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Dress Suit Protection, Dress Suit Cases and Trunks.

LONG LONDON

OVERCOATS.

We have been told that The London Overcoats which we have trouble in keeping in all sizes, on account of the number we have sold, and are the most stylish seen in Bellefonte. The satisfaction these Coats have given in all cases has been most gratifying to us.

Men's Black Suits.

Black Suits are being worn more and more. Nothing is more serviceable. We are prepared to surprise you in our Black Suits, in fact in many of our Suits we are giving you unusual value.

Montgomery & Co.,
 Allegheny St., Bellefonte.

THE DARBY

SACK SUIT

IS ONE OF THIS SEASON'S STYLES IN OUR
 YOUNG MEN'S AND MEN'S

\$11.00 SUITS

A style that within the last three weeks has been introduced by one of New York's most exclusive and leading manufacturers. So popular has it become that other manufacturers have turned toward it and are now imitating this style.

Merchant tailors are everywhere seeking for patterns. New York's swell set have almost raved over it. We have only received them this week and it has been the same with all who have seen them. They are neatly cut, suitable for business and dress occasions. In a variety of weaves but principally in quiet colorings, such as black and blue serges, unfinished worsteds and chevots, oxford mixed chevroteens, and green, olive, brown, Scotches. Not a piece of goods but all-wool and of such a quality that we ask a comparison. Look at these Suits, look at others; you'll be easier, much easier, to sell to them. We are not guessing, it is a fact; it must be when others have repeatedly done it.

HATS, HATS.

PANAMA FELT HATS in proportions, colors and qualities to suit any face, to suit any purse.

Twice before we had these shape Hats, but each time they would be sold before we got even a chance to tell you about them. For those swagger young fellows we call particular attention to our "Tis It" and "Aleador."

The new "Mid Season" Stiff Hats are here. A little later than the Fall blocks—nearer the Spring blocks. All grades.

Sim, The Glothier.

Lewin's Former Rooms.

Next Door to Old Stand.