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EDITORIAL.

STRANGE to say the past two weeks there has been a scarcity of eggs, yet Germany sent over here her biggest Hen(ne)ry.

If John K. Thompson should be returned to the legislature from Centre county he well could term it a vindication of his course. Will he make the effort?

MARCONI continues to startle the scientific world by increasing the distance for transmitting messages by wireless telegraph. He now positively claims that it will span the ocean.

POLITICIANS are beginning to speculate on democratic nominees for the presidency. Among the list the names of Senator Gorman and David B. Hill are frequently mentioned. Either would be strong candidates.

PRINCE HENRY the past few days has been enjoying the hospitality of the west. It is a continual swirl of great demonstrations and gorgeous banquets, until the poor man has shown signs of fatigue—too much of the good thing. No wonder if he gets a swelled head upon his departure.

RECENT DEATHS.

SAMUEL BETTS:—father of Gabriel Betts, of Jacksonville, died at his home in Peoria, Ill. He was 92 years of age and was born and lived for many years in Clinton county.

JAMES C. WILLIAMS:—died at his home in Philipsburg on Wednesday 26th from a complication of ailments. Mr. Williams was born in Bellefonte and for many years resided here. He was married to a sister of the late Hon. John Irvin and Mrs. Hagerman. He is survived by Miss Annie V. Williams, editor of the Philipsburg Ledger; James and John at Philipsburg.

MRS. MARY POTTER CRANE:—wife of Simon H. Crane died on Tuesday morning, February 27th, at her home in Chicago, Ill., after an illness extending over several months. Mrs. Crane was born in Penn's Valley, Centre county, fifty-six years ago and was a sister of the late Capt. W. W. and Dr. Geo. L. Potter, of Bellefonte. Mr. Crane and their only child, Marie Potter Crane, survive her.

HENRY DERR YEAGER:—After five years suffering from locomotor ataxia Henry Derr Yeager, of Bellefonte, died Saturday morning. Henry Derr Yeager was born at Trappe, Montgomery county; his age was 68 years. In the spring of 1868 he came to Bellefonte and has been a citizen of this town ever since, and up until five years ago he has been engaged in building and contracting. Most of these old, substantial buildings in the town are part of his handiwork. His wife and five children are living to mourn his death. The children's names are: H. C. Yeager, of Patton; A. O. Yeager, of Howard; Elmer, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Emma Rimart, of Howard, and Mary of Bellefonte. One sister, Mrs. Christ. Grimm, of Richmond, Va.; two brothers, William, of Philadelphia, and George, of Pottsville, also survive. Interment in the Union cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Centre Hall Creamery Burned.

Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock fire broke out in the creamery near the Centre Hall station and the plant was practically destroyed. Fires in the boiler were drawn that morning and the men were relying the boiler until 9 p. m., when they left the building; the origin of the fire is a mystery. All the machinery was destroyed excepting a churn and the engine; insurance \$2500 on the plant. It was a branch of the Howard Creamery Co., and in charge of Thos. Wilson. As it was the central churning point for several skimming stations, and doing a good business, it will likely be rebuilt immediately.

With the burning of Wilson's creamery at Centre Hall, Tuesday night, that pretty town has had a more severe baptism of fire than any other village in the county. The Lutheran church fire along with several stables over a dozen years ago, was a loss of eight thousand dollars; Jales' store, loss some \$6000; Kurtz & Son's mill property, stocked with upwards of \$10,000 worth of grain and flour, was a loss of \$21,000; the Grenoble grain house; the recent burning of the Irwin hardware store was a loss of some \$6000; then there were Lee's buggy shops, Herlacher's stable, the Neardood house, McCulley's and Mingle's stables, and other smaller fires. Losses running up close to \$55,000, and the town is not very old even.

THE British got it in on the Boers a few days ago, and a couple of days thereafter the Boers got it in on the Britishers just as badly.

WHAT THEY SAY

Extracts From Various Sources, Indicating Democratic Opinion Regarding Questions of the Day.

There are times when such a subject as the tariff cannot be boxed and put away, with orders to everybody to keep hands off. The time is past when that sort of policy is carried out simply by issuing orders to that effect.—Boston Record.

"We favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give the Philippines, first, a staple form of government; second, independence, and, third, protection from outside interference, such as has been given for nearly a century to the republics of Central and South America."—Kansas City Platform.

The Democrats of New York had an able and stainless candidate for mayor, yet he was defeated because he was held responsible for Tammany's sins. The Republicans of Philadelphia, on the contrary, stood by and elected Quay's ticket, composed of his known tools and satellites, in the face of such exposures of official villainy as would have paralyzed any other community on earth pretending to be civilized. It would thus appear that the premium on rascality in the Republican party is as great as the discount on it in the Democratic party.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Every American soldier who dies or gets killed in the Philippine contest dies a martyr to the greed and avarice of commercial Republicanism in this country. The boys in the field are loyal, true, faithful and patriotic, but the star chamber proceedings of the Republican speculators that induced, or rather commanded, the lamented McKinley to get this country in its present pitiable plight, if examined into with the calcium light of truth and righteousness, would blanch the cheek of every American citizen with shame. No wonder a national Republican convention would hiss out a resolution expressing sympathy with the struggling Boer republic.—Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal.

A Republican paper points to the fact that Mr. Bryan is building a house (not so expensive as the Republican paper reports, but still a good house) as evidence that he is getting "his share of Republican prosperity." It may be interesting for the Republicans to know that the house is being built from the proceeds of the "First Battle," which was published immediately after the election of 1896, and before the Republicans began to boast of prosperity. Republican policies have not benefited Mr. Bryan except in the sense that a physician is indebted to sickness for his income. Republican policies furnish Mr. Bryan texts for editorials and speeches.—Bryan's Commoner.

One hundred and twenty-five years after the Declaration of Independence was made by the thirteen colonies against Great Britain and denying the right of Great Britain to tax the colonies without giving them representation, we find the same colonies, now a great power, enforcing the same doctrine upon the Porto Ricans and Philipines as the British government attempted to fasten upon the colonies one hundred and twenty-five years ago. The taxing without representation did not succeed then, neither will it now. A greater outrage has never been attempted by the American people, and the party which is responsible for such an outrage will yet have to answer for it to the liberty-loving people of this country.—Blossburg Advertiser.

The depths of national infamy are sounded by the order of General Bell applying Weyler's policy of reconcentration in all its details to the Philippines of Batangas province. Nothing in the history of modern warfare exceeds the ferocity of General Bell's instructions to American officers to "make the people want peace, and want it badly," supplemented by specific orders to regard the insurgents as "outside the pale of civilized warfare." Four years ago the American people were in a blaze of righteous wrath against the Spaniards for their ferocious treatment of the Cuban insurgents, and they are even now stirred to indignation by the reports from the British camps in South Africa. That they tolerate with placid indifference the imitation of Weylerism by American soldiers in the Philippines is almost incredible, but it is a deplorable fact.—North American (Rep.).

Congressman Hill, of Connecticut, who visited the Philippines last summer, has a poor idea of them as a "stepping-stone" to the Chinese trade. He says that a foreign nation acquiring the Bahama Islands would be as wise in thinking it had got an entrapot to New York and Philadelphia as we are in imagining that Manila gives us an entrapot to China. This will be a sad blow to Senator Beveridge. Foreign trade, in his mind, depends upon having a whole series of stepping-stones across the ocean. His picture of American goods hop-skip-and-jump over the Pacific—one leap to Hawaii, another to Guam, thence to Manila, and from there right to Hong Kong—was a beautiful work of the imagination, and it seems a pity to have it shattered. Mr. Hill, has, however, a good many prosaic facts to adduce. He observes, for instance, that, in some cases, "the cost of freight from Manila to the Chinese cities is greater than from our own coast to the same points." In short, he applies a good deal of hard Yankee sense to the questions whether our Philippine investment has paid, or is ever likely to pay, and answers them both with a plump negative.—New York Post (Rep.).

DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION

The Meaning of the Rule Followed by Chairman Creasy in Determining Number of Delegates.

Harrisburg Star-Independent. Whatever else the Philadelphia Democrats may justly claim, their demand for 60 seats in the next state convention is absurd. Anybody with an ounce of brains knows that the representation must be based either on the combined vote cast for Yerkes and Coray on all tickets upon which their names appeared, or else the vote cast for them as the Democratic candidates in the Democratic column. There might be a possibility of justifying an interpretation of the law in favor of taking the combined vote, but there is no ground whatever for claiming 60 delegates.

The language of the rule is clear and unequivocal. "The representation in Democratic state conventions shall consist of representative delegates, one for each 1,000, or a majority fraction of 1,000, of the average vote cast for the Democratic candidates for state office at the last preceding state election in the respective representative districts of the state; provided, that each representative district shall have at least one delegate." If the language was less clear there might be an excuse for differences of opinion. If, for example, it read "one for each 1,000, or majority fraction of 1,000 votes cast for the candidates nominated by the Democratic party," there would be room for doubt. But it is plainly "the Democratic candidates," impersonal, and the Democratic candidates are those in the Democratic column on the ticket.

Besides, the intent of those who made the rule in question, was that it should produce the precise results that have followed. That is, it was observed that once in four years the Democrats of Philadelphia humped themselves, so to speak, and got out a fairly full vote in order to get big representation in the state conventions. During the intervening years they didn't care whether the vote came or not, the representation having been fixed for a time on a basis that secured them dominance in the convention. The rule was presented for the purpose of preventing such a manifest injustice, and the fact was distinctly stated while the measure was pending in the state central committee. It was pointed out that it held out a reward for energy and fidelity and imposed a penalty for treachery and lethargy, and for that reason it was adopted.

The lawyer upon whose opinion the decision of Chairman Creasy is predicted is known throughout the state and at the bar of the supreme court of the United States as among the most distinguished and capable lawyers in the United States. A Philadelphia lawyer is quoted in one of the papers of that city this morning as saying that the lawyer in question was probably not broad-minded enough to correctly interpret the rule. If the two names were mentioned together the Philadelphia lawyer would "get the laugh."

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We pay at the rate of about \$70,000,000 a year for the little more than \$5,000,000 a year of Philippine trade we get, while European nations pay nothing for the more than \$48,000,000 a year they get. These figures do their own talking.—English (Ind.) Democrat.

Even Republicans who opposed the free coinage of silver on the grounds that it would give us too much money are now willing to concede that by increasing the volume of money in the past five years nearly six hundred millions dollars, the country is experiencing much better times. And strange to say the fifty-cent dollar does not scare the people.—Boulder (Col.) Representative.

Colonel James M. Guffey, member of the national Democratic committee for Pennsylvania, has no choice among the several fit and available gentlemen who are recognized as party leaders, for the nomination of his party for governor, according to an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary. To borrow the exact and appropriate language of our esteemed contemporary, "all Democrats look alike," to Colonel Guffey. The meaning of that is that Colonel Guffey believes in the intelligence and integrity of the people, and that a free people is an unbosessed people.

There are less influential people in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania who take a different view of the question, however. Every now and then we hear of a proposed conference in Washington, or Philadelphia, or this town, or somewhere else, of alleged Democratic leaders, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for governor. They feel that the wisdom of the party is all centered in them, and they cast aside this man and put that one forward with as much freedom as if they owned the party and the voters were their vassals. It would be amusing if it wasn't serious.

Colonel Guffey's attitude is infinitely the better and fitter. The Democrats of Pennsylvania will not endure bossism. They believe in the liberty of speech, conscience and action. They are well informed, both with respect to measures and men and will select their own candidate for governor. Colonel Guffey has a right to his preference among the available gentlemen as every other man has. But the representatives of the party of all sections of the state in convention assembled will make the nomination. Colonel Guffey is setting a good example.—Harrisburg Star-Independent.

VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department

J. W. Baisor has been appointed post master at Benore.

Elizabeth E. Sankey, of Potters Mills, has been granted a pension of \$8.

It is rumored Miller Goodhart of Centre Hall, thinks of moving west to engage in farming.

The district convention of the Epworth League will be held at Philipsburg, on May 15th and 16th.

The commissioners have appointed C. W. Spangler to be assessor of Potter township, vice W. W. Royer, dec'd.

A meeting will be held at Milesburg, on Saturday evening, in the O. U. M. A. hall, for the purpose of organizing a lodge of "Daughters of Liberty."

Some of the students of the Pennsylvania State College are going to put on a minstrel show in the armory at that place on Saturday evening, March 8th.

During Friday night's storm lightning struck the barn on the First Bros' farm in Porter township. The building was badly damaged, but was not set on fire. The live stock was not injured.

The Junior Order of the American Mechanics, Council 515, of Tusseyville, held an enjoyable banquet at the St. Elmo hotel in Pine Grove Mills last Thursday evening. Sixty-five persons enjoyed the feast.

Bellefonte was filled with landlords on Tuesday from all sections of the county who were here to attend the annual license court. Nearly every one of them secured license, as only a few were held for further consideration.

A log house in Pine Grove, owned by James McCool and occupied by Fred Gearhart, took fire from an overheated pipe in the attic, on Wednesday evening 26th, and was totally destroyed. The occupants were able to save about all their furniture except some that was stored. The household effects were insured.

J. N. Dinges, the druggist, at Boalsburg, has announced that he will offer his entire stock of drugs, etc., at private sale as he does not wish to continue the business at that place. His stock embraces a large variety of first class goods that will be sold at a sacrifice to any purchaser that will buy it in a lump sum. This is a good opportunity for some one to get a good business in a prosperous community.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Tyrone Elks will charter a Pullman car in which to journey to Salt Lake City to attend the annual session of the B. P. O. E. in that city.

That interesting daily, the Lock Haven Express, entered its twenty-first year on the 1st inst. Further prosperity is the Democrat's wish for it.

Joseph A. Oberlin, of Limestone township, Union county, who has been demoted committed suicide on Friday or Saturday morning of last week.

Hon. and Mrs. D. L. Krebs, of Clearfield, left for Atlantic City where they will spend a couple of weeks. The Judge's health has improved in the past few days and a brief visit at the seashore will restore his usual vigor.

Zuber & Son had forty six hogs penned in their butcher shop along the creek at Lock Haven. The stream rose so rapidly that before assistance could be given the porkers by the men who went to the shop, about thirty were drowned.

A Cherrytree, Clearfield county, undertaker has just posted placards reading thus: "You ought to see the funeral I can give for \$60." Then he goes on to enumerate what he will furnish for the sorrowful occasion, closing with the suggestion, "Everthing furnished but the corpse."

The Reformed congregation, of Lewisburg, has taken definite action towards the erection of a new religious edifice in that place, to replace the present one. The present brick building was erected over a half a century ago. The church will be erected on the site of the present one. About \$15,000 will be required to complete the structure.

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Postponed. The public sale of Fleming Poorman, Boggs twp., Wednesday March 5th, owing to the prevailing snow storm, has been postponed to Saturday, March 15th.

Weather Report.

Weekly report—Bellefonte Station. DATE 1902. TEMPERATURE MAXIMUM MINIMUM. Feb. 27, part cloudy... 51 35. 28, clear... 55 43. Mar. 1, clear... 64 34. 2, cloudy... 62 37. 3, cloudy... 40 30. 4, cloudy... 37 28. 5, cloudy... 37 24.

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