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EDITORIAL.

John C. he Went to Philadelphia, The Union party to see. He met the thugs, And their badge he wore, With them he swore, With 'em he'd march To the hall, An give the Union partee A close and "smashing" call.

RAUCH, "Pit Sweffelbrenner," is dead, aged 82 years. This leaves the entire field to "Gotlieb Bonnestiel."

THE workmen's dinner pail having become empty on account of the high prices set upon 'em by the Trusts, now the housekeepers' coal pail has become empty on account of the coal trust barons refusing to arbitrate the strike trouble. There are a goodly number of other empties in necessities in store for the people if these Trusts are not curbed by the voters at the coming election.

NINETENTHS of the strike troubles have arisen under republican rule. In the way back years of democratic administration of the government, strikes were unknown and the government so conducted as not to breed discontent among the working classes. Under republican trust fostering policy the masses have been feeling a heavy hand of organized capital laid upon them and eating out the substance of the people. That's the kind of nest in which strikes are bred.

EMPLOYEES of the Pennsylvania railroad must pay their debts hereafter or forfeit their positions. They have no alternative in the matter and if the money for just debts is not paid within a reasonable time the railroad will cease to continue the men's names on the pay rolls. Such is an order sent out from Philadelphia. All divisions have received the manifesto and all must act accordingly. Such a requirement is just, and will be insisted upon in other lines of business in the future.

It is said the republican campaigners will have a huge ball twenty feet in diameter constructed which they will roll across the State from Philadelphia to Erie. There is merit in this plan. It will serve to keep enthusiastic heeled in wholesome and innocent employment. Whilst they are rolling their ball the men who do honest labor in rolling mills and in rolling wheelbarrows will roll up a vote for Pattison, Guthrie and Nolan. There is more than one way to "keep the ball a-rolling." While these fellows are rolling in wealth, the laboring masses are being rolled into poverty.

It's slightly unfair for the organs of the trust party to endeavor to dodge enormous iniquities they have been guilty of against the people by crying "don't trust the democrats." That's a stereo, type phrase, and is the beginning and the end of what they can say. There is absence of logic and a fill of cowardice in their caution. Not in a single instance do they specify what the democrats have done that they should not have the confidence of the people. The party has lived from the days of Washington down to date, and from a little strip has made the country great and gave it a glorious history from the revolutionary war down to the war of 1812, the Mexican war, gave to the civil war its best generals and thousands upon thousands of its rank and file to battle for the Union, likewise in the Spanish war. Up to the period that the democratic party went out of power, it did nothing but what stands as a glorious page in the history of the country. It saw a half dozen changes of party names by the opposition, and saw and attended the funeral of all of them. It legislated for the good of the masses and was called blessed by the people. No trusts, strikes, ballot stuffing fraudulent registration, ripper bills, and franchise steals, sully the escutcheon of the democracy. The organs of the trusts have nothing to fall back upon but the cry of "Stop thief." We cannot put more grand history in so brief a space in the columns of the Centre Democrat.

PATTISON COMING.

Thursday will be the big day at Grange Exhibition, Centre Hall, as everybody will turn out to hear and see Robt. E. Pattison. Other prominent men will be there on the same day. Ex-Gov. Pattison and party will come to Centre Hall on the early morning train by way of Lewisburg, Coburn, reaching Grange Park at 8:18 a. m. At 11 o'clock the pavilion will be occupied, when addresses will be made. The party will leave at 3:30 p. m. for Huntingdon by way of Bellefonte.

Let there be a general outpouring of all people interested in good government. Ex-Gov. Pattison is a forceful speaker and will talk on issues that interest every farmer, citizen and taxpayer.

Pattison deserves a hearty welcome; turn out on this occasion.

UNWARRANTED ATTACK.

The Keystone Gazette broke out in an attack on Sheriff Brungart, last week, severely criticising his manner of conducting the sheriff's office. Mr. Brungart does not believe that the county prison should be made a public reception hall, for criminals to receive and entertain friends, and for the public to gaze about promiscuously at those who are in confinement. For that reason no one can gain admission, unless he has an extraordinary reason. In the case of the twosome confined on the charge of murder, he has absolutely refused admittance to all, excepting attorneys retained by them. This may seem harsh and severe to some, but on second thought the course must be approved. The sheriff is responsible for the security of the inmates, and visitors can easily smuggle tools to them and assist in an escape. There is no limit, due to idle curiosity, for requests from the public, to see Miller and Beckwith and one man would be kept busy as turnkey should the public generally be admitted.

We think Sheriff Brungart is right in this, and we believe the public will endorse his course. All newspapersmen, the writer included, were refused the opportunity to interview these prisoners, no favoritism was shown.

When Robt. Cooke was sheriff, the jail became a regular rendezvous for questionable characters who visited the prisoners. None of that will be tolerated by Mr. Brungart, and he is right. If Mr. Brungart were a republican, the Gazette would extol his virtues instead of using invective and abuse. That is all that ails Harter and he is belittling himself instead of injuring the sheriff.

DESPISED "MECHANIC."

The following, from the Clearfield Republican, if true and we have not seen it denied, is a pretty sure indication of the style of man on the republican ticket for congress: "When Solomon R. Dresser was a member of Council in Bradford only a few years ago, after he began to make money and feel his oats, he tried very hard to have the name of the street on which his residence was located changed from "Mechanic" to something more euphonious and esthetic. Mr. Dresser was so determined and vigorous in the matter that he talked about moving off the street unless his wishes were acceded. The whole matter is of record up in Bradford and can be vouched for by the other members of council who served with Dresser at the time. Now D. E. Hibner is a different kind of man entirely. He can grasp a mechanic by the hand, look him squarely in the eye and tell him he is glad to know him, for he is a man of the common people himself."

A REPUBLICAN FOR PATTISON.

While at Reading Hon. Robert E. Pattison received the following telegram from Penrose A. McClain, of Philadelphia, who was collector of internal revenue under President McKinley: "Put me in the Pattison column for decent and honest politics and good government. Please accept my best wishes."

THE two proposed constitutional amendments now being advertised are not to be voted upon this year. They will first have to go through another Legislature.

This issue of the Democrat is given up largely to political matter. Last week it was on the murder trial. Politics may not interest the average reader as much as the incidents of a murder trial, but it is decidedly more important to him. We consider it the duty of every man to vote, and to vote intelligently and conscientiously he must be informed on the issue involved. In another column, on pages 1 and 3 we give the speeches made by Ex-Governor Pattison and Geo. W. Guthrie, accepting the nomination at the head of the Democratic State Ticket this year. In this address these gentlemen in a clear, concise and compact manner set forth why they are on the ticket, the evils that confront the people due to ring rule at Harrisburg, and what these men will do, if elected. Every voter should read these two addresses so they will know what issues are involved and what the various candidates represent.

THE DEMOCRATIC SIGNAL GUN.

It has been the extraordinary privilege of Robert E. Pattison five times to lead the people in a crusade for the overthrow of corrupt forces in Pennsylvania politics. This is a record unparalleled in the history of the state. At the outset of his public career he was entrusted with grave responsibilities. As Controller of Philadelphia he instituted reforms whereby millions of dollars have been saved to the taxpayers. His two terms in that office were followed by the election of a Democratic reform mayor and other officials and the adoption of a new city charter, the outcome of the great popular uprising for honest politics and good government. As executive of the state twice, he gave eight years of model administration, and through wholesome influence exerted upon the law-making body many things were accomplished in the interest of the people.

During the past four years there has been a revival of ring misrule the most odious in the annals of the commonwealth. The time is at hand when there must be another mighty union of the forces of patriotism, and in obedience to the manifest popular will, ex-Governor Pattison is again the standard-bearer, supported by associations of superior fitness and ability, enthusiastically sustained by every element of his own party and a great host of independent voters, determined once more to clean house at Harrisburg.

This successful reform leader never wastes words nor leaves any doubt as to what he means in his public utterances. His speech of acceptance at Reading, given in our news columns, is a masterly presentation of the issues of the hour in Pennsylvania that will be read with satisfaction and inspiration by every good citizen, irrespective of partisan views. It is, indeed, in no sense a party cry, but an earnest and convincing appeal to the patriotic heart of the commonwealth. It clearly shows the supreme question, the restoration and maintenance of honest and economical legislative and administrative methods. It is pointed out, also, how the record gives every assurance that should inspire renewed public trust. For 30 years Governor Pattison has consistently fought for these high ideals, and he never was so strong with all classes of the people as today. His burning words will find an echo in the hearts and minds of patriotic citizens everywhere. Read this speech carefully and hand to your Republican neighbor. The address of Mr. Guthrie is also a clear-cut and vigorous presentation of fact and argument that will carry great weight with thoughtful and fair-minded men. This public-spirited citizen has done much for the cause of reform, and in the present campaign he will press home the truths which all the people should hear. Mr. Nolan, like the straight-forward man of affairs he is, evidences the worthy purpose to meet every requirement of official station. The campaign for the rescue of the state from the hands of public pirates has most hopefully begun. The Reading signal gun will be heard from the Delaware to the Ohio, and at every point there will be a rallying of the friends of clean politics and good government.

Railway employes of Pennsylvania stand in the front rank of workers in intelligence and patriotic regard for the public welfare. They know how all classes of the people suffer under misrule. They understand the wicked ways of the political highwayman. They know how worthless are the promises of men without conscience or principle. Therefore they see clearly and speak out boldly in the present contest. The action of representative railroad workers, speaking for an organization numbering scores of thousands of honest and courageous public servants, as they really are, is significant of the state of public feeling in Pennsylvania at this time. It shows how deep and widespread is the disgust of the people and the determination to turn the rascals out and restore honest government. The short and sure road to this end is the election of an executive and associates and a legislature worthy of public trust.

It will be shown a hundred times in this campaign that Quayism and Pennypackerism mean the same thing. According to his own declarations, a vote for the machine candidate for governor means endorsement of the work of the machine and the perpetuation of its power. This is the straight issue before the people.

RECENT DEATHS.

REV. GEO. P. HARTZELL:—Formerly minister in charge in Nittany valley, died at Liscomb, Ia., Aug. 25, of spinal meningitis. He was 57 years old. His remains were interred at Orangeville, Ill.

MRS. J. H. B. HARTMAN:—died at her residence in Millheim, on Wednesday. Interment will take place at Aaronsburg, Saturday at 9:30 a. m. She was a daughter of Jesse Wert of Aaronsburg; the husband and one daughter survive.

MORGAN MEDLER:—died at Allentown, on Saturday evening last; age about 70 years. He was a brother-in-law of Col. James P. Coburn, president of the First Nat. Bank of this place. Col. and Mrs. Coburn and Mrs. Rogers attended the funeral at Allentown on Tuesday. Mrs. Medler was Maggie, the daughter of Dr. Chas. Coburn, of Aaronsburg, this county.

JOHN L. KREIDER:—aged 64 years and 9 months, died at his home near Warriorsburg, on Sunday. Mr. Kreider was a sufferer from paralysis and had been almost helpless for many years. One daughter, Mrs. Minnie Ale, of Warriorsburg valley, survives him. He also leaves two brothers, Samuel B. Kreider, of Buffalo Run, and Chilian Kreider, of Bellefonte, and one sister, Mrs. Mary B. Mattern, of Buffalo Run.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWN:—died Sunday at his home in Harris township. He had been in bad health for a long time and was aged 77 years. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Austin, of Centre Furnace, who survives him with five children, namely: Mrs. Robert Condo, of Boalsburg; Frank, of Richmond, Ind.; Mrs. Flora Houtz, of Millheim, and Mabel at home. Interment in the Boalsburg cemetery Wednesday morning.

SARAH GOSS:—died Thursday at noon at the home of her son Joseph Goss, on the old homestead in Decatur township, Clearfield county, near Blue Ball. The deceased was the widow of the late David Goss, who died in 1854. She was born in Half Moon Valley, this county, on April 10th, 1814, and was therefore aged 88 years, 4 months and 11 days. She was the daughter of John and Lydia Gearhart.

MRS. AMELIA HUTCHINSON BAIRD:—died August 28th, at Ottawa, Kansas. Mrs. Baird was born in Centre county February 14th, 1830, her maiden name being Mary Amelia Hutchinson. She was married to John S. Baird in June, 1860. Her husband died in May last. She is survived by two children Irene and Stewart, of McPherson, Kansas, one sister and two brothers, Mrs. L. W. Bloomfield, of Ottawa, Kansas; W. J. Hutchinson, of Agrecola, Kansas; and J. B. Hutchinson, of McPherson, Kansas.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL:—A soldier of the rebellion died at his home in Bush's Addition of dropsy, Friday, after an illness of nine weeks. He was 69 years old on the 31st day of August, had been a resident of Bellefonte for 12 years, he moved from Mines, Blair county, to this place. He was a member of Co. I, 5th Reg. Pa. Reserves. He was born in Barre, Huntingdon county, and leaves a wife and five children, Frank, Bertha, Mrs. John Morrison and Nora of Bellefonte and Orris, of Niagara Falls. Interment at Forge cemetery Saturday morning.

ROBERT H. CROSTHWAITTE:—died Saturday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law, Charles H. Shroyer, Altoona, of dropsy, and passed away on the 79th anniversary of his birth. Deceased was born at Potters Mills, Centre county, September 6, 1823. For many years he resided in Bellefonte following harness making. He also taught school for several terms during the antebellum days. Seven years ago he retired and went to Altoona where he has since resided with his daughter. During the civil war he served for a short time in the emergency corps recruited by Governor Curtin. Mr. Crosthwaite's wife preceded him to the grave twelve years ago, and he is survived by two sons, Frank A., of State College; and Walter H., of Brooklyn, and one daughter, Mrs. Emma R. Schroyer, of Altoona. He is also survived by one brother, Hiram Crosthwaite, who resides with his son, Dr. D. W. Crosthwaite at Altoona. The remains were brought to Bellefonte Monday morning and interred in the Union cemetery.

"A Hot Scotch Major."

William Gill, George Totten Smith and Harry Von Tilzer, are three names to conjure with in the entertaining world. In the satirical musical comedy, "A Hot Scotch Major," which comes to Garman's opera house, Thursday, Sept. 18, under the direction of Shipman Bros., they are seen at their best. From start to finish, the comedy is a laughable series of complications the end of which is a mystery, until the climax of the last act. The cast contains thirty people, every one of whom was expressly selected for their particular fitness for the role they were to assume. In this way a beautifully balanced cast has been engaged and the result is a performance without a flaw. Manager Garman instructs us to say that this will be one of the finest and best musical comedies ever seen in Bellefonte.

The woodhouse and corncrib of Milton Kerns, near Millheim, were destroyed by fire on this, Thursday, morning.

You should hear Pattison at the Grange Picnic, on Thursday.

HISTORICAL SERMON.

Last Sabbath morning Rev. Dr. Laurie preached a historical sermon in the Presbyterian church of this place, which was full of interest:

The church at this place was instituted in 1802, Rev. Henry R. Wilson being the first pastor, who was installed in 1803, and served as pastor for seven years, when he was succeeded by Rev. James Linn. The salary received by Mr. Wilson was \$400 per year. When Mr. Linn was called the salary was increased to \$500, and besides preaching in Bellefonte his field was extended from Julian to Jacksonville, or a distance of about 26 miles.

He continued serving the several churches until 1839, when Bellefonte secured his entire time and service. He remained as the minister in charge until 1868, when he closed his earthly career, after a pastorate of 58 years, his age at the time of his death being 85 years. The honorable degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Princeton College. In 1860 he was relieved of a portion of his labor by calling as co-pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Barnard who remained for six years, resigning to accept another call, and was succeeded by Rev. Alfred Voemans, who occupied the position of co-pastor at the time of Dr. Linn's death. He remained for a short time when he also accepted a call from a church in New Jersey.

In 1869 a call was made to Rev. W. P. Wiley, D. D., who remained until 1875, when Rev. William Laurie the present pastor succeeded him and has ever since remained, and his ministry is acceptable, and appreciated by his large congregation. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Dr. Laurie in 1886, and that of Doctor of Laws in 1898.

The first church building was erected upon the same site as the present commodious structure in 1819, at a cost of \$2000. In 1840 a new one erected at a cost of \$8000; this building proving inadequate to accommodate the increased number of members was also torn down, and the present church was built in 1868 at a cost of \$35,000. The chapel building, adjoining the church, was built in 1883 at a cost of \$17,000. The congregation also own a handsome parsonage, which cost between \$7000 and \$8000 and not one dollar of debt.

Since the organization of this church it has been the parent of five Presbyterian churches which are in existence and in prosperous condition; viz: Moshannon, Bald Eagle, Milesburg, Buffalo Run, and Winburne.

The membership of the church today is four hundred, with a large Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor Society and various Missionary Societies.

The amount of money contributed during the first fifty years for the several Boards, Congregational and Miscellaneous expenses, as far as could be ascertained amounted to \$13,000. During the next twenty-five years the amount contributed was \$121,612 and in the last twenty-five years the contributions reached the sum of \$181,875, which shows that in a quiet way the Presbyterian church of our town has not been standing still.

NEW LAND ACT.

The recent treasurer's sales of seated lands will be the last, the legislation under which the sales have been conducted in the past having been suspended by the act of assembly in 1901. Under the new law, as it now stands, where the owner of seated land fails to pay his taxes, the county commissioners simply file a claim in the prothonotary's office, thereupon it becomes a lien upon the land. The execution may then be issued and the land levied upon and sold by the sheriff. Owners of real estate will save considerable money in costs by paying taxes promptly in the future. It will be noted that this act does not include the unseated land, of which there is a large amount in Centre county.

Fire in Boggs Township.

Fire Friday night destroyed the dwelling house on a farm belonging to Frank S. Rhoads in Boggs township. It was occupied by Orvis Fetzer, who lost all his household goods. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp. Just as the family was about ready to retire and but for the presence of the male members of the household all the outbuildings would have been destroyed; fortunately however the flames were confined to the house which alone was burned. Mr. Fetzer carried an insurance of \$750 which will reimburse him for his loss. We have not learned what insurance Mr. Rhoads carried on the house.

Racing Ostrich Choked to Death.

Oliver W., the great racing ostrich, the driving of which became a fad among the "four hundred" at Saratoga this summer, choked to death on the race track at the Lycoming fair last Thursday just as it was about to start out on an exhibition half mile to beat its record of 1.04. The bird first got one of the reins around its neck. Then the reins became entangled in its foot, and in its struggles Oliver W. was choked to death.

Oliver's owners were offered \$10,000 for him at Saratoga.

W. C. T. U. Star Course.

Arrangements have been made for a series of magnificent entertainments to be given in Petrikin Hall during the coming season as follows: Nov. 21—Maro, that prince of magicians. Dec. 4—Rev. Frank Dixon, of Hartford. Dec. 19—Brockway Jubilee Singers. Jan. 20—Chicago Glee Club. Feb. 24—Patriotic Grand Concert. March 3—Coit Novelty Company. The town will be canvassed for the sale of course tickets.

Rebate for Timber Land.

A law passed by the last legislature and approved April 11, 1901, gives a rebate of eighty per cent. of taxes paid on timber land, not exceeding fifty acres, owned by one person. The law is extended to encourage the preservation of timber land.

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