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EDITORIAL.

QUAY is up to a snag on his "Bull" Andrews omnibus statehood bill, with his republican brethren in the senate, who oppose the bill.

THIS country was founded upon the Jefferson principles of equal rights and the greatest good to the greatest number. But that has all become obsolete, and the few rich combining as Trusts, are lordling it over the many. We are fast drifting to the reverse of what the revolutionary fathers fought for during eight long years.

FROM all accounts this congress will do nothing in spite of promises, to protect the masses of the people against the grasping trusts and tariff robbery. As long as the dear people do not take care of themselves when it comes to voting, they will find the wrongs continuing and growing worse. The people have themselves to blame if they leave the doors open for thieves to enter in and steal.

It is now being announced that the legislature "will not have time" to pass a ballot reform bill, promised by the Quay machine regularly since 1895. And, congress "will not have time" to pass tariff reform and relief from trust exactions—both promised, and clamored for by the people of all parties. Thus are the dear people deceived by the conspirators who are owned by the millionaires and Shilocks of the trusts.

FUNNY things happen in politics. Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, gave up the position of attorney general in President McKinley's cabinet because the salary of \$8,000 a year would not compensate him for leaving his law practice. Now he is scrambling for a seat in the United States senate, where his salary would be only \$5,000 a year. Perhaps the senate has possibilities for money making that don't attach to a cabinet office.

A RESUME of foot ball casualties of 1902 carefully compiled from all sections of the country, shows that the game has claimed more victims this season than ever before. Fifteen have died as a result of accidents on the gridiron, and more than one hundred minor hurts have been recorded, ranging all the way from concussion of the brain and insanity down the list through injured spines, crushed skulls, broken legs and arms to such smaller matters as broken ear-drums and the tearing loose of ribs. If this is not worse than prize fighting, then what is?

QUAY is to dictate all the appointments under the Pennypacker administration. This was to be expected and predicted, although denied during the campaign—and why should it not be thus when Pennypacker himself dubbed his boss "a greater man than Clay or Webster." Heaven grant that under the Pennypacker administration there will not be a repetition of such infamy as disgraced the Commonwealth in the eyes of all decent people in the land, the grist of corruption, bribery and perjury as characterized the doings of boss rule in the state during the past half dozen years.

In the senate Quay will make a determined fight for the passage of his omnibus bill admitting three new states, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona. Quay has an old Pennsylvania, played-out betsy in New Mexico, Andrews, whom he thinks he can have elected to the senate and be his tool as is Penrose. There is opposition to Quay's scheme among republican senators enough, who, joining with the democrats, can defeat the omnibus bill, and it seems defeat will be its doom. These three proposed new states would have six senators, while Pennsylvania and New York each has two, and each has a population five times larger than the three states together.

Important Trial.

The trial of the suit of Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine for \$25,000 damages against Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of the Central diocese of Pennsylvania, and Alexander Elliot and wife Emma, for conspiracy began in the courts in Huntingdon. Dr. Irvine charges that the three defendants conspired to depose him from the priesthood. For more than a year he has tried to have the case called. In the meantime, ecclesiastical courts have sustained the action of Bishop Talbot in deposing him.

A remittance from delinquents is desired before January 1st, 1903.

CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYBODY.

The little ones, bless 'em, are all on tip-toe. Christmas is in sight and the widows of the stores are attracting the little babblers, and peep, peep, all the time, in imagination selecting what would be nice for a Christmas gift. Already they are feeling good on the prospect ahead, and can't think of any thing happening as disappointment. And may there not be. There should not be. The poorest should be gladdened with some gift, small though it be, as well as the rich with their costly ones. It is possible to make every poor child happy on that day by some kind of a present. Where parents are too poor, let societies, organizations, churches and individuals be a committee of the whole to see that no child escapes being gladdened with some gift on Christmas. How heavy the heart of the little one on that day when it can not point to a gift received, and the thought that there is no kind friend to give it a little token on the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour. What a great mission work this would be—a reminder for the neglected little boy and girl why the day is celebrated and that as the Saviour was a gift to mankind, therefore the good people and kindhearted ones are giving them gifts, to gladden their little souls. Why can not such an agency be set on foot, to go into such a work of love that could not fail to bring about happy results in a religious point of view. Bellefonte would be a fitting town to start such a ball a-rolling, with its heroic women and splendid church organizations and civic orders.

APPLE CROP OF 1902.

The New York Farmer says the apple crop of the United States the present year has been greatly over estimated by guessers who have circulated reports that are absolutely baseless. Many growers have been misled and frightened by these unreliable reports, and have sold their apples at \$1 per barrel, or less. As soon as the middlemen have the bulk of the crop out of the hands of the growers, up will go prices.

Farmers who have facilities for storing are not at the mercy of the middleman. One farmer reports that he has 500 barrels of selected winter apples. Several agents offered him 85, 90 cents and \$1 per barrel, which he refused. They finally raised the price by degrees up to \$1.50 per barrel which he also refused. He is holding and will probably get \$2.50 per barrel from local consumers.

The Farmer says that if farmers in general instead of throwing themselves and their crops into the hands of the first agent that comes along, would hold off, they would get double the returns for their crops. The apple counties ought to be dotted with storage houses, and it ought to be impossible in these counties for the impudent middlemen to get apples at such prices as they have paid for some years. Such storage houses would pay for themselves in a single year with the increased prices they would bring for apples, and each succeeding year they would double and treble the income from the orchards.

MORE THAN A MILLION PENSIONERS.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior discloses the fact that during the last fiscal year the pension list passed the million limit—reaching the high-water mark of 1,041,687. And this thirty-seven years after the close of the war!

There were added to the rolls during the year 40,121 new pensioners—greater than the increase in any one of the twenty years next following the end of the war, in 1895. There were 37,000 deaths of pensioners last year, and 40,000 are expected this year; but the Commissioner expresses the opinion that "owing to new legislation enacted by Congress the number on the roll at the end of this fiscal year will be above 1,000,000." The total cost of the system last year was \$141,000,000.

The total male population of the United States of voting age, according to the last census, was a little over 21,000,000. So that reckoning each pensioner as a man, one in twenty-one of the population is in receipt of Government bounty. The cost of the list exceeds that of any standing armies in Europe.

QUAY RULES THE ROOST.

Governor-elect Pennypacker is giving Republican State leaders to understand that Senator Quay is to be his chief adviser in making appointments and approving legislation during his administration says the Philadelphia Ledger. Efforts have been made to influence the new Governor in favor of certain candidates for the Cabinet and other State positions, and all leaders who felt that they should receive some consideration for the work they did in the last campaign have been told to see Senator Quay. This attitude of the next Chief Executive of the state is very disappointing to the state leaders. They had counted on Judge Pennypacker being "easy" when he was a candidate, but they find that Senator Quay's position as the head of the republican organization in the state has been strengthened by his choice of Governor, while they have been correspondingly weakened.

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FAMOUS GOODWOOD.

Something About a Historic English Race Course.

The Goodwood race course is quite unique. It is a long way from a station and is not near any town, says the London Tatler. It is on a hill the top of which is shaped like a horseshoe, the space between the two horns being represented by a deep ravine. The course runs round the horseshoe, the start being at the end of one horn and the finish at the end of the other. The result of this is that the equestrians who on other courses contrive to see both start and finish by the simple process of riding across while the race is in progress cannot do so at Goodwood. They must elect which they will see and remain there. On the other hand, the course is very easy to follow with glasses.

A Walking Fern.

Most ferns are confirmed travelers. New fern leaves grow out from the underground roots some distance away from the old plant. The average observer scarcely notices this, but there is a native fern that steps off at so lively a pace that its odd habit has long furnished one of the unceasing entertainments of the woods. The walking fern often carpets ledges and tops of shaded rocks. The slender, tufted leaf fronds are singularly fernlike in appearance. They squirm about and "walk" by declining their taper tips to the soil and taking root there and growing. In time clusters of new leaf fronds spring from such rooted tips. By and by some of these, oo, bite the earth and, taking root, start still other colonies, which in turn will continue the progress again and again. Nature, with the lapse of time, the connection between the older tufts and the younger becomes broken, yet one sometimes finds series of three or four linked together, representing as many steps in the pretty ramble.—Country Life in America.

In on the Ground Floor.

An ex-postmaster was one of a group in a city hall corridor recently engaged in discussing queer manifestations of jealousy on the part of young men in love, a dispatch in the morning papers having given rise to the conversation. He said that the most jealous man he ever had knowledge of applied for a position in the postoffice. He brought such excellent recommendations that the postmaster was moved to wonder that the young fellow did not go into mercantile life. Pressed for a reason, he finally confessed that he was giving up a better position in order that as an employee of the postoffice he might not only get his fiancée's letters the sooner, but also might learn whether or not she received mail from any other man.—Philadelphia Times.

Rented the Enemy.

In some of the London courts there are private dining rooms reserved for the exclusive use of the legal fraternity. Into one of these rooms one day there bustled a gaunt female who on being courteously approached by a junior counsel flatly declined to leave. Thereupon an unblinking Q. C. looked the lady in the face and expressed his mind. Still she did not budge. Counsel Lockwood then intervened. "I do not think there is anything unseemly in this lady's presence," quoth he. "She wears a gown and—yes, I'm pretty sure that she also wears a wig." The lady went.—London Tatler.

Good Openers.

"George certainly has very strong hands," said his mother-in-law grudgingly as she watched him unscrew the top of a can of preserves which had stubbornly withstood his young wife's efforts, says the Gentleman's Magazine.

"Hasn't he, though?" cried his young bride admiringly. "Now I know what he meant when he spoke in his sleep last night about having such a beautiful pair of openers."

All That Was Necessary.

"You must abandon all business cares for the future," says the physician. "But I fear that I have not yet accumulated sufficient money," protests the multimillionaire.

"Sufficient?" repeats the doctor. "Why, my dear sir, you have enough money to pay physicians' fees for the rest of your life!"—Baltimore American.

Bananas, English Style.

At English tables spoons are served with bananas. If the bananas are served as a single fruit course, however, sherry is usually sent around with it. A few drops are poured upon the plate, and the banana, stripped little by little of its skin, is dipped into this and thus eaten.—New York Post.

A Natural Development.

"Hello, Stavers! Haven't met you in some time. Still a bachelor, I suppose?"

"Not a bit of it. I've branched out in matrimony."

"Indeed! Olive branches, of course?"—Richmond Dispatch.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. MARTHA COX:—wife of A. M. Cox, for many years a resident of Phillipsburg, died on Sunday night at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Eva Greenwood, at Barnesboro, aged about 66 years. The deceased, whose maiden name was Calhoun, was born at Unionville, this county. Besides her aged husband, the deceased leaves to mourn her loss nine children. Interment at Phillipsburg, Tuesday.

MISS MAME TRESLER:—Died December 1st, after 8 days suffering from pneumonia at the home of George Wilson her adopted home in Halfmoon valley, at the age of 17 years. She was a member of the Friends church, an estimable young lady; at the time of her sickness and death her name was borne on rolls of the Port Matilda High school to which she was a bright student, and her sad and sudden death is not alone mourned by those near and dear, but the Professor and her school-mates as well, who, to show the high respect they had for her, closed the school on the day of interment. She was laid to rest in the Friend's cemetery near Centre line. Another bright flower plucked from earth to give fragrance to heaven.

BANJAMIN HOUSEL:—died Wednesday night, 3, at the home of his son-in-law David Flack, in this place. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis which seized him Tuesday morning. This was the fourth stroke he had suffered. Deceased was born in Union county 78 years ago. He was a carpenter by trade but of late years has lived a retired life. During the civil war he served his country faithfully as a member of the 148th Regiment P. V. I. of which Ex-Gov. Beaver was colonel. He was a life long member of the Evangelical church. He is survived by three daughters, namely, Mrs. Jas. Miller, Mrs. Henry Young and Mrs. David Flack. The funeral took place Saturday morning at ten o'clock from the house. Interment in the Union cemetery.

MRS. ELLEN ORRISON HARRIS:—A cablegram from Florence, Italy, announced the death of Mrs. Ellen Orrison Harris which occurred in that city Thursday, the 4th instant, at the advanced age of 86 years. Mrs. Harris was the wife of Dr. John Harris, at one time a prominent citizen and practicing physician of Bellefonte, and who for many years represented the United States as Consul at Venice and died while in service at that place. Dr. Harris was an uncle of James Harris and Dr. Geo. F. Harris and at one time conducted the Bellefonte Dispensary, which was the first drug store in Centre county. She was also the aunt of Mrs. James A. Beaver and Thomas R. Hayes. During the Civil war Mrs. Harris offered her services to President Lincoln to go among the sick and wounded soldiers, which were accepted. She rendered distinguished service until peace was restored and in a book written shortly after the close of the war entitled "Prominent Women of the War," much space is devoted to the patriotic service she rendered in ministering to the wants of suffering soldiers. Since her husband's death she has resided in Florence, her health not permitting the journey to the United States, but she was surrounded to the last by friends with whom she made her home.

Where Woman Rules.

There is a remarkable community in Abyssinia where the women, without holding meetings or agitations of any kind, have emancipated themselves, says Golden Penny. All the women work hard, while the men are idle; but, by way of compensation, the house and all its contents belong to the wife. At the least unkind word she turns her husband out at night in storm or rain, and he cannot come back until he makes amends by the gift of a cow. The wife considers it a duty to abuse the husband, and if she were weak enough to show any love for him in life or grief at his death, she would be scorned by her tribe. The wife, without any reason, may strike her tent and go, taking with her one-third of the joint possessions. The husband, unless he is traveling, may not live out of his tent.

Highly Complimented.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., a leading lawyer at the Bellefonte bar and distinguished as the first school director of the State in point of ability, interest and progressive ideas, made an address at the High School dedication which we regret we cannot publish. Among other things he emphasized as a curse to the schools the evil of permitting politics to enter our schools or their management. Politics in the schools, he said, were of three different kinds, viz: church politics, secular politics and lodge politics. Nothing can so stand in the way of progress in school work than to have either church, lodge or ward politics to creep into their administration.—Clearfield Spirit.

No Remove Grease From Clothes.

To remove grease from cloth clothes use alcohol and salt. Dissolve one tablespoonful of salt in four of alcohol. Apply when needed with a piece of clean flannel or sponge. Keep this mixture tightly corked and do not use it near a fire or light, for it is very inflammable.

Useful Gifts

Suits and Overcoats for Man, Boy or Child, Hats, Caps, Toboggans, Tams, Underwear, Night Robes, Pajamas, Suit Cases, Trunks, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Rain or Slune Coats,

Valises, Shirts---white and fancy Neckwear, Mufflers, Collars and Cuffs, Pulse Warmers, Ear Muffs, Sweaters, Way Mufflets, Gloves—Kid and Mocha Wool Gloves and Mittens, Ladies' Golf Gloves, Ladies' Hosiery, Ladies' Gloves,

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A Holiday Store

The fever of Christmas is in the air—a delightful courteous fever is upon old and young, rich and poor—the only remedy is giving, giving, giving. There are no misers in the world—not at Xmas time. To give tokens of love and friendship once a year is as much pleasure as to receive them. Buy within your means and you'll be happy.

This store is ready as never before. Every department has taken on the holiday spurt. The store is overflowing with gift things for the men folk, and the "wee small" prices prevail. Though prices are low they never touch the point where quality ceases. Buy your present for father, brother, man or friend here and the recipient will know you wish him to have the best your money could buy.

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