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EDITORIAL.

REPUBLICAN politicians insisting the tariff be reformed by their friends, is about as reasonable as it would be to appoint 'a committee of foxes to devise plans for the relief and greater security of the geese.'

SHOULD the Northern Securities decisions be approved by the United States supreme court the hoodlums on Wall street will urge congress to repeal the Sherman law. That will be the only way to gain the point.

It is coming; the people in the western states are growing very tired paying enormous prices for necessities of life, on account of the high tariff which only benefits the manufacturer at the expense of the consumer, and are declaring for a revision and the lowering of duties. It is coming.

ELECTION expenses for Centre county will be increased considerably next year. The governor has signed the bills allowing justices of the peace \$3 per year for taking care of the ballot boxes left in their custody and increasing the pay of clerks to election boards from \$3 to \$3 50 a day.

THERE is wisdom in what Mrs. Hetty Green says about domestic administration. She traces the tragedies of the divorce courts back to their source in the fact that "the women never learn to keep house, but prink up and parade around. Then," she adds, "the men begin to parade around, and the trouble begins."

IN spite of attempts to gloss things over the postoffice and other scandals "will not down." Machen is still being shielded and all inquiries at the Post-office Department are met with the assertion that nothing further will be done until the President is made acquainted with the findings of the investigation as far as it has gone.

SUITS have been entered in Pittsburg against Mayor W. B. Hays, charging him with violating the law forbidding the discharge of old soldiers for political reasons. This is the beginning of the fight of the Allegheny County Grand Army Association and Union Veteran Legion to save the men who served in the Civil war from being discharged. The fine for violation of the act is not to exceed \$500.

EARL C. TUTEN is now the editor and publisher of the Bellefonte Republican, having succeeded John C. Miller, May 1st. The young man has grown up in the business, being the son of E. T. Tuten who for many years published that paper prior to the Hastings lease five years ago. We extend the good hand of fellowship to the new publisher, and hope that his journalistic career will be noted for prosperity and utility to our community.

One would imagine that township authorities in every part of the state would hasten to take advantage of the Good Roads act and get a share of the available \$500,000 for 1903 provided for in the magnificent \$6,500,000 bill. Yet up to the present moment but two counties, York and Lackawanna, have filed claims. Townships there are in Centre county which have roads that invoke improvement, with holes and ruts that speak louder than words, but the authorities make no answer.

While it is a fact that the prices of most commodities are greater at present than they were a few years ago, still those with a long memory know that the present prices are not the highest ever. Just a generation ago commodities cost from two to five times as much as they do now, right here in Tyrone, and wages, at least in most callings, were not so high. In the winter of 1870-71 Robert A. Wilson conducted a grocery and dry goods store in Tyrone, and the other day he discovered some of the books on which he had kept his accounts at that time. There the prices of 1870-71 are recorded and read like this: Flour, per sack \$1.75; ham, 28 cents per pound; bacon, 22cts; lard, 21 cents, granulated sugar, 16cts; rice 12 and 13 cents; butter, 35; tea \$1 to \$1.50; tallow candles; 20 cents; coal oil, 40 cents per gallon; syrup, 80 cents to \$1.10; applebutter, \$1; calico 12 and 13 cents per yard; muslin 8 to 15 cents.—Tyrone Herald.

MAKING JUDGES.

A recent issue of the Philipsburg Journal contains the following: "It is rumored that Senator W. C. Heinle is a prospective candidate for Judge of Centre county on the Democratic ticket."

The Clearfield Republican of last week says: "The sudden death of C. M. Bower, of Bellefonte, makes Ellis Orvis the logical Democratic candidate for Judge in Centre county next year."

In the list we might include the name of J. C. Meyer, Esq., who had some aspirations in that direction. Numerous persons have suggested the name of John Blanchard, Esq., as suitable for the place. D. F. Fortney, Esq., would be a most excellent choice but his hearing is a hindrance.

There is plenty of other good timber left for such a selection—young men who have the ability and would grace the Bench. But as the nomination of candidates for Judge will not take place before June 1904, there is little use in taking up the matter before it is necessary.

Fading Away.

The Declaration of Independence is to be seen no more by the public. An order has been issued that henceforth the historic manuscript shall be kept under lock and key in a great fire and light proof safe. It will never be exhibited again at any of the great international fairs. This decision was reached as the result of an examination of the document by a committee of the American Academy of Science, who acted at the instance of Secretary Hay.

Most of the text of the declaration is still legible, but only one or two of the signatures can be made out. There is only a trace of the autograph of John Hancock, the first to sign.

The committee, equipped with powerful microscopes, made a careful examination of the declaration. It was found that the ink used was not of the first quality.

The greatest damage sustained, however, was in 1820, when a copy was taken by the crude letter process, in order to secure a fac simile for the surviving signers (one of whom was Thomas Jefferson) and their families. The committee recommended that the declaration be shut in an air and light tight case and kept from exhibition.

World's Greatest Mine.

The Reading Company began work on a shaft which will tap the greatest basin of coal in America, containing in itself one-half of the entire amount of unmined anthracite coal in the world.

The shaft will be sunk from Eagle Hill, near Pottsville, to the level of the sea, thus intersecting all of the underlying seams of the best quality of coal in this basin.

The production of coal from Eagle Hill colliery, which is now 300,000 tons annually, will be increased five-fold by this development. Other collieries nearby are to be enlarged and a number of new operations placed in the basin.

The Reading Company will spend \$3,000,000 on these improvements, which will make Pottsville a business centre as important as Scranton or Wilkesbarre.

An old style teacher's certificate was handed us; it reads thus: "Mr. Isaac Bartley, a member of Class No. 4 in Union school No. 1, is awarded this certificate, as a Token of Appreciation for acquirements and standing—for the term of 72 days, ending this 14th day of February, 1849. Samuel F. Kline, Instructor." Mr. Bartley is now of Bellefonte, and the school was near Jacksonville; his credits are, early attendance "all," misconduct "0," the certificate is printed in red, bordered with wise sayings, centre illustrated, on right with inclined tree and the upright one—"Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." Left, has boy at blackboard, girl at the globe. "Time is more precious than gold;" between these cuts, poetry; on back the qualities of good scholars are printed. The certificate was copy-righted.

Clearfield Republican Convention.

The republican county convention was held on Tuesday for the election of four delegates to the state convention. Two tickets were in the field, one created by ex-District Attorney Woodward and the other by ex-Senator McQuown. The McQuown people succeeded in electing three delegates and came near defeating Mr. Woodward, the champion of the opposition, lacking but two votes to complete their object.

The delegates chosen were: Joseph Bensingger, of DuBois; A. E. Trimble, Morrisdale; B. W. Hess; Houtdale, and A. H. Woodward, Clearfield.

Snake Stories.

These snake stories come from Booneville: Henry Raudabaugh, when on his way to Loganton the other day, killed two large blacksnakes in Mr. Heckman's woods, one measuring six feet and the other five and one half feet in length. B. F. Klepper killed a blacksnake on Wednesday, in front of Mrs. Currins' mansion, measuring four feet.

Will Mystify Crowds This Summer.

W. C. Prauciscus is in Lock Haven, where he will remain for several weeks rehearsing in the mysteries of legerde main, preparatory to engaging a full season's work in that line at Woodside park, near Philadelphia.

OUR HISTORICAL

REVIEW

Some of the First Centre County Volunteers

CONTAINED FAMILIAR NAMES

H. N. McAllister's Company—Ferguson Twp. was Prompt—Snow Shoe Sent her full Quota—Entire Centre County Enrolled.

Following Gov. Curtin's call, in September 1862, for 50,000 militia, a company was organized in Bellefonte, with H. N. McAllister, Esq., as captain, and left for Harrisburg 108 strong. Ferguson township was as prompt and a company was formed with Wm. Burchfield as captain.

These companies, part of 23rd regiment, concentrated at Hagerstown, at the time of the battle of Antietam. Of the staff, Austin B. Snyder, lieutenant, Joseph E. Mitchell, adjutant, and James M. Thompson, surgeon, were from this county.

COMPANY D, TWENTY THIRD REGIMENT.

Capt., William Burchfield; 1st Lieut., W. W. Mayes; 2d Lieut., Alexander Sample; Sergts., B. J. Laporte, G. M. Kepler, James H. Mitchell, John A. Hunter, Henry Budge; Corps., John Musser, Jr., Henry M. Meek, G. D. Danley, Emanuel Bolinger, Joseph Ward, James Miller, Peter Wolf, John Stover; Musicians, John G. Hess, Jacob Nicholas; Privates, J. G. Ardy, J. G. Bailey, Isaac Beck, John Chase, R. P. Craig, Jacob Erb, Joseph B. Erb, Robert Esch, Samuel Gardner, R. F. Gates, Thomas Gates, W. B. Glenn, Reuben Hamner, G. W. Keichline, Thomas Kastenbader, John S. Lytle, M. G. Lightner, Isaac Long, James W. Lounsbury, William Musser, Jr., W. D. Ross, William Stover, Samuel Stewart, George Smeitzer.

COMPANY F, TWENTY-THIRD REGT.

Capt., H. N. McAllister, Esq.; 1st Lieut., Daniel Metzlin; 2d Lieut., J. B. Butts; Sergts., J. M. Armour, W. S. Tripple, A. S. Valentine, William McClellan, Delaune Gray; Corps., A. Forrestman, John Moran, William H. Humes, John P. Harris, John C. Baxtresser, William Shortledge, William F. Duncan, H. C. Crosth, wait, Musician, Samuel H. Cook; Privates, E. M. Blanchard, Demetrius Barnhart, John Hland, W. H. Bing, Edmund Blanchard, J. M. Brooner, J. W. Bender, David Bechold, John W. Cook, William Cook, W. D. Clark, George W. Cochler, E. D. Cummings, R. N. Crosth, wait, Edward Dowling, W. H. Durstine, Edward DeHaas, Jonathan Delong, Thomas Dorris, W. C. Davis, William Eckert, D. W. Eberhard, W. F. Furey, Charles H. Free, Theodore Gordon, William Grafius, F. P. Green, William Galbraith, E. J. Gililand, Andrew Glenn, Adam Hoy, Francis Hina, N. M. Hoover, Enoch Hastings, Frank Hillebrand, Allison Haupt, J. C. Henry, H. P. Harris, James Hall, H. G. Holter, M. P. Holter, G. W. Jack son, W. Kephart, T. J. Kurtz, G. W. Lonsberger, James Long, John Liggett, J. K. Leathers, W. W. Montgomery, J. F. Musser, Thomas Miles, Andrew Morrison, Peter Martin, William McCafferty, William McInshank, Charles McBride, George McGuirk, Frank McCoy, Thomas Norman, O. O. Omer, S. C. Fletcher, Thomas Ferdae, S. W. Fletcher, Reuben Fletcher, George Rowan, James F. Riddle, James H. Rankin, Simon Roush, William Snyder, W. J. Stein, Roger G. Savage, Benjamin Schrack, William Shrack, Levi Straub, William Showalter, W. B. Savage Isaac Shuey, S. K. Spangler, S. P. Shenk, D. W. Shenk, Irvin E. Shenk, David E. Tate, T. M. Toner, Jacob Y. Thomas, Joseph Thompson E. M. Valentine, Jacob D. Valentine, Bond Valentine, Jr., John D. Wingate, James M. Ward, Philo Ward, Frank S. Wilson, John M. Weidon, William F. Wilson, Henry G. Yeager.

In August, 1862, Sergt. James B. Curtin returned to Bellefonte to recruit for Anderson Cavalry, now the One Hundred and Sixtieth Pennsylvania, or Fifteenth Cavalry. Among the recruits were Harvey S. Lingel, Charles Wilson, Michael Musser, Calvin Wilson, David McKenney, John Irwin, Jr. They were recruited especially for Gen. Buell's body guard.

In September, 1862, occurred the death of Capt. Josiah Baird, son of William Baird, Sr., of Centre county. Capt. Baird was killed in a skirmish with guerrillas at Glasgow, Mo.

On the 19th of September, 1862, the following was the number of militia at home and the number of volunteers in the army, together with the number from each township and borough. The enrollment figures include every man between eighteen and forty-five years, whether they were in the service or not. The quota of this county, all the calls for three years' and nine months' men included, was 1593. It will be seen that 352 more men were furnished than were called for. Snow Shoe is the banner township, having furnished seven-tenths of her militia:

Table with columns: Name, Militia, Volunteers. Lists names like Potter, Harris, Ferguson, etc. with corresponding numbers.

Total 3716 1945 Aggregate 5661

The Pennsylvania supreme court on Monday affirmed a ruling of the late Judge Arnold, in which the latter refused to charter a Christian Science association.

Many a hog has upset the trough by trying to get all his feet in it.

RECENT DEATHS.

HARRY BRADOR:—infant son of August Brador, on South Spring street, died Saturday morning at 2 o'clock, aged three weeks. Death was due to whooping cough. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon. Interment in the Union cemetery.

JAMES HENDRICKSON PHILLIPS:—On Monday, April 27, occurred the death of James H. Phillips at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Phillips, Hopewell, N. J., from a complication of diseases, which ultimately caused his death. On the 12th of November, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Blanche E. Duck of Spring Mills, Pa., by whom he is survived.

MABEL MCFARLANE:—died on Saturday, 2nd. She had been taken to the Bellefonte Hospital, where an operation was performed for appendicitis and it was discovered that peritonitis had made its appearance and her condition was most alarming. The operation was performed on Thursday morning, under little hope for her recovery. Saturday morning indicated, and she realized, that her end was near, for which she was fortified and had no fears, and in a few hours death relieved her sufferings, after bidding farewell to the dear ones surrounding her couch. She had been sick one week, and had been at church and Sunday school, the Sabbath previous, her last on earth, returning from which she complained of severe pains, and an operation was decided upon, for which she was taken to the hospital. She was a loving, bright and esteemed young lady, living a christian life; in her earlier years she became a member of the Presbyterian church. Mabel Jane McFarlane was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kyle McFarlane, she was born in Bellefonte March 20, 1887, making her age 16 years 1 month and 12 days. Surviving the deceased are her parents, two brothers, Brown and William and one sister Margaret. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock. Interment at the "Branch" cemetery near Lenont.

STICK TO THE FARM.

The young man who abandons the culture of the soil for pursuit of trades, or for any of the learned professions makes a mistaken estimate of the nobility of labor. All honest toil is honorable and dignified, just in proportion as it answers the necessities and adds to human comfort and independence. The tiller of the soil, therefore ranks first, he is the king of laborers, for the soil provides for the first and greatest necessities—food and raiment. The farmer is more substantially a king than he who sits upon a regal throne and depends for his livelihood on products of the farm. The farmer is independent, he creates for himself, the latter is dependent for all he eats, drinks or wears. He is most noble in his pursuit who most supplies the necessities and advances the comforts of mankind. There is none so imperial as the possessor of broad acres from which his own toil can draw an ample supply for every need. He is not forced to do homage to any creature nor bow the knee to any, being less than God, nor to depend upon any chance for the privilege of life's enjoyment.

The young man who leaves the fields of the farm for the desk of the merchant or the office of the lawyer or doctor, thinking to dignify or ennoble his toil, makes a sad mistake. He takes the first step along the path which leads from independence to vassalage. He exchanges a natural vocation for an artificial profession and he must be the slave of the caprice of customers, and the chicanery of trade, either to support himself or acquire a fortune. The more artificial a man's pursuit, the more debasing is it morally and physically. It may be tested by contrasting the merchant's clerk and the farmer's ploughboy. The former may have the more external polish, but the latter, under his rough exterior, possesses the truer stamina. He breathes more ingenious; a happier and nobler man. Young men should judge of the dignity of labor more by its usefulness and manliness than by the superficial glosses which it wears. Therefore, we never see a man's nobility in his kid gloves, nor his toilet adornments, but rather in that sawey arm whose outlines browned by the sun betoken a hardy and honest toiler, under whose farmer's or mechanic's vest a kingly heart may throb.—Ez.

Arrested for Sunday Fishing.

J. W. Boultan and Geo. Cowter were fishing on the Sabbath. The offense took place on Sunday, April 19th, on Trout run. The gentlemen named were brought to Philipsburg and given a hearing before C. B. Sandford, Justice of the peace. They pleaded guilty, and were each fined \$5 and costs, the latter amounting to \$5.60 each. There are some fellows who fish any day in the year and make little fuss about it.

Justices of the peace are required to add to their applications for marriage licenses the additional information required under the recent act of assembly. The new law requires the applicants, if they are minors, to give the exact date of birth, and if they have been divorced, the cause of divorce.

Lost Hair advertisement featuring an image of a woman and text describing Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Condition Powders advertisement with text describing the product's benefits for livestock.

Centre County Banking Co. advertisement listing services and contact information.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Hand Tailored advertisement featuring an image of a man in a suit.

The Secret of Correct Dress advertisement by SIM, THE CLOTHIER, discussing clothing quality and fit.

STANDARD MADE PIANOS advertisement with text about piano quality and prices.

A STENCIL PIANO advertisement describing the features of stencil pianos.

M. C. GEPHART, AIKENBLOCK, 29 S. Allegheny St. advertisement for piano and organ sales.