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CONFESSION OF A BOODLER

New Evidence on Missouri's Shame-Wholesale Bribery to Pass Bills-Thousands of Dollars Handled by Bribers

the extent of corruption that exists in legislative bodies. For years the state of Pennsylvania has had a legislature a delusion and a snare," is Secretary of special interest where the decisive that simply meant a session of bribery Wilson's advice to farmers." and corruption, but thus far they have successfully escaped conviction,

Out in Missouri, Joseph W. Folk, an energetic prosecuting attorney, has been after the boodlers and has succeeded in putting some to jail, or driving others out of the country. Charles A. Gutkea, a member of the Lower House of Missouri, made a startling confession this week showing the extent of their operations, which will give some idea of similar practices at Harrisburg every session by the political machine. Gutkea said :

"I became a member of the House of Delegates in 1897 and at once became a member of the combine of that body which was an organization composed of nineteen delegates for the purpose of selling legislation. The first bill that came up after I had become a member of the combine was 'the suburban loop bill.' The combine got \$20,000 for their votes on this bill; on the 'Union avenue.' we got \$18,000; on the Central Traction bill we got \$75,000; on the Third street bill got \$47,500; on the lightning bill \$47,000, on the suburban bill we were to get \$75,000, which is now in the safe de- that point. posit box in the Lincoln Trust Company, being placed there with the agreement that it should be turned over to us when the bill had been passed.

"I acted as the agent of the combine in a number of deals. In the suburban deal I was present when the agreement was made regarding the bribe of \$60,000 for Kratz, which is now in a lock box in the Mississippi Valley Trust Company. I went with Kratz and Corroll to the office of a prominent broker in the lightning deal and there \$20,000 was paid me by this broker to give the combine,

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The Centre Democrat.

FIGHTING ON LAND AND SEA

Fought

things quite easy.

Arthur

RUSSIANS ARE RETREATING

Some Heavy Fighting in Progress-

Two Immense Armies Face to Face

-Decisive Battles May Soon be

They are having war with a vengeance

in the far East and operations are active

on land and sea. There are two points

battles will be fought. Port Arthur, at

the southern end of Liao Yang peninsula,

still withstands the efforts of the Japa-

Russian fleet at that point is bottled up

and has been undergoing repairs due to

injuries received at the opening of the

hostilities. On the outside of the harbor

the entire Japanese war fleet is stationed.

war vessels destroying them, they have

During the past week little advance has

been made on land by the Japs to take

Port Arthur. The two armies are evident-

GREAT NAVAL VICTORY.

guns of the stronghold, leaving one bat-

The attempt to escape was made last

In an attempt to escape from Port Ar-

rate articles on the fortunes to be made from raising ginseng. We believe all How Corrupt Politicians Secure these articles are sent out to defraud the Several War Vessels Lost at Port public and this paper has refrained from publishing any of them.

GINSENG FRAUD.

Some of our exchanges contain elabo-

The following item appeared in a recent issue of the Youth's Comparion: "What has been called the "ginseng craze" has been so prevalent among farmers in many districts of the United States that the Department of Agriculture has considered it expedient to sound a note of warning. Previous to 1902 China imported from this country only one hun-Few people have any conception of dred and seventy-two thousand pounds of ginseng in four years-a quantity which could be raised on a single farm of seven. ty-five acres. "Let ginseng alone. It is

> Another article appeared in Printers Ink last week as follows :

"The ginseng advertisements that were nese attacks from land and sea. The a feature of the magazines about a year ago have disappeared, but the Agricultural Department at Washington hasn't forgotten them. A veritable craze for raising ginseng has spread over the country, and the department is besieged with requests for plants and seeds. Upon superior in numbers and strength, ready good authority it is stated that the plant grown in this country could find no marto annihilate them. As long as the Japs ket, as the Chinese get an ample supply can transport their armies and supplies from farms in Corea. The ginseng ad-vertisers represented that the plant brought fabulous prices for medicinal to Manchuria, without fear of Russian purposes, and that a small patch in any old back yard planted with the root would make a family rich beyond the dreams of the most gullible patron of get-richquick schemes. According to the New York Sun, there has been fraud in conly resting, rather preparing for a renewnection with the ginseng advertising, ed attack. some of the firms sending to patrons seeds that, when planted, produced the common or garden variety of turnip."

Now if any readers of the Centre Democrat have had the "Ginseng Craze" we think this should conclusively settle

Let ginseng alone, is our advice.

P. B. Crider Has a Serious Fall. Philip B. Crider has been in a critical that escaped, one battleship and one condition at his home on West Linn cruiser were badly crippled and had to street the past week. On Thursday morn be towed back into port. ing of last week he was found lying on the floor partly dressed and in an unconscious condition. Medical aid was summoned and an examination showed Mr. to slip through the Japanese blockading what might have been a serious wreck Crider to be suffering from concussion of fleet, Admiral Togo sent his torpedo on Saturday afternoon near Beech Creek.

F. W. Crider and wife were away at the the Russian line the little war ships let road is due at Lock Haven at 2:10 p. m. dist Episcopal church was dedicated in else will do. time, on their journey east from the fly a number of Whitehead to

The most remarkable college student in the world, will get her degree from Radcliffe. This student is Helen Keller, who is a blind deaf-mute, and has been A Column of Incidents Back in so affected since babyhood. Up to her seventh year she had no means other than a few instinct gestures and inarticu- SURVEYS FOR RAILROADS late cries of those around her. She dwelt in mental as well as physical darkness. But the germ of all that Helen Keller has since become was there-a quick, strong mind, an ardent, sympa-

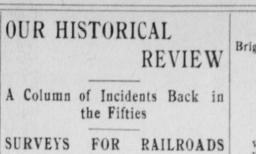
A MIRACLE.

thetic temperament and great strength of character. A teacher found the way to Now this girl is a good Latin and the mouth of Wallis' Run. Greek scholar, as familiar with well that there can be no doubt of her the heaviest loser. talent. Moreover, she has learned to speak, and often addresses audiences on behalf of the blind, herself, of course,

credit. Helen Keller is a wonderful demon-

at the bottom of the sea. Of the ships ing usefulness. ENGINES SMASHED.

The coolness and presence of mind of Thursday. That night, as the fleet lay Carson Smith, of Lock Haven, engineer outside the roadstead, awaiting a chance of the Bald Eagle Valley fiver, prevented and the promise was made then that the brain resulting from his fail. His son flotilla to the attack. Steaming close to The fiver on the Bald Eagle Valley and Saturday af



In the Baldeagle and Pennsvalley-Political Parties in 1852-Other Items of Special Importance-An Epidemic

1851:-Union township was erected out the child's intelligence and by means of of Boggs at January term. It was made the language of the ingers she was soon by striking off the upper end of Boggs by raining questions and getting answers. a line a little above Ira Fisher's, near train than run and miss an earlier one.

Monday evening, March 3d, the flour-French and German as with English, a ing-mill of James D. Harris' heirs, in ple's. fair mathematician. and of wide acquain- Bellefonte, was burned. Above six tance with the world's literature. She thousand bushels of grain were destroy- try than a city girl who has never been has written books and written them so ed. D. W. McCoy, the occupier, was

1852:-Tuesday, January 20th, was remarked as the coldest day experienced love-light in his eye. for many years, thermometer fifteen deunable to hear a word that she utters. grees below zero at sunrise, at noon At Radcliffe she has had to overcome stood at zero, and at sunset four degrees was in California?" "He is." tremendous difficulties from which her below. In the spring of 1852 the Maine classmates were free, but she has met Liquor Law, as it was called, was largethem courageously and cheerfully, ask- ly agitated in the county, and many wife," answered the sage, "is one who ing no favors. She will graduate with meetings held; committees were ap- loves her husband and her country, but pointed to inquire the sentiments of nominees for the Senate and House upon delphia Inquirer. stration of the transforming power of the enactmeat of a law prohibiting the education. But for the patient and skil- sale of intoxicating liquors as a bever- divorce because her husband kissed her ful teaching that led her out of the night age. The answers of James W. Quiggle servant girl. The judge refused because in which she was imprisoned, she would and Charles R. Foster were not satis- he said he did not propose to establish a have remained an infant in intellect, a factory. John Thompson was nominated precedent whereby nearly every woman thur the Russian fleet, under Admiral burden of pain to all upon whom she for State senator, and Nathan J. Mitchell in the state could get a divorce. Withoft, sustained one of the most stag- was dependent. To-day, gifted, culti- for Assembly, upon an anti-liquor ticket. A young lady applicant for a school gering blows of the war, and has been vated and sunny hearted, she is a joy to This, however, did not vary the usual was asked the question : What is your forced to limp back under the protecting her own people and a benefactress to result in the county : George W. Wood- position on whipping children ?" And such as are devied sight and hearing. ward for supreme judge had ten hun- her reply was : "My usual position is tleship with its crew of nearly Soo men Hers will be a life of large and continu- dred and thirty-nine majority. Foster on a chair, with the child held firmly for Assembly ran one hundred and across my knee, face downward." She twelve ahead of the state ticket. Mr. got the school. Mitchell carried the county north of A new game of apples is out and it Muncy mountain except Rush and Snow beats ping pang all hollow. This is the Shoe handsomely, and Harris township. way it is played : A young man calls on and Half-Moon, and Bellefonte borongh his best girl and takes along a small red south of Muncy mountain, but made no apple. At the proper time he tosses the impression on the Democratic ranks of apple up in the air. If it comes down he Penn's and Brush valleys.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

As a rule man's a fool; When it's hot he want's it cool ; When it's cool he wants it hot: Always wanting what is not.

When Cupid shoots his little dart Well aimed to pierce a young man's heart. It often pierces, sad to tell, His poor, weak pocketbook as well.

The piano is built on a sound basis. The best stepping stones to success are 'rocks."

The man who never kicks is not necessarily contented; he may be lazy.

It's better to walk and catch a later Some fellows think the best way to

save their money is to borrow other peo-There is nothing greener in the coun-

there before.

No girl is really afraid of the dark when her beau is with her and there's

"If you dare to kiss me I will call papa !" "I thought you said your father

"What is your idea of a truly good wife ?" asked the youth. "A truly good doesn't attemps to run either."-Phila

A woman in Michigan applied for a

renn's and Brush valleys. 1852:-October 24th, the new Metho-not. If apples are scarce, most anything

FURNACE NEWS.

Last Friday a meeting of the directors of the Nittany Furnace Company was held in their offices in Temple Court, this place, resulting in some important changes. J. W. Gephart, president and and business cares, resigned and Noah H. Swayne, of Cedartown, Ga., was selected to take his place. L. M. Munson, secretary of the firm, also resigned.

Mr. Swayne is an experienced furnaceman and will bring his family here, intending to occupy the house vacated recently by F. M. Clemson. The offices of the company will be moved from Temple Court to the office buildings at the furnace. It is not definitely known whether the plant will be banked, blown out or kept in operation owing to the poor condition of the iron market. Prices are so low now that it is a question whether the furnace can be operated at a profit. Mr. Gephart remains a stockholder of the furnace.

The Bellefonte Furnace has been idle for over a month, owing to the low market and for the fact that the furnace must be re-lined.

Fountain Head of Three Streams. On the same farm in Potter county are two strong, clear springs which bubble up out of the white sand with great force, and about three miles distance is another spring of like character. If chips were thrown into each of these and killed. The prisoner now in jail at could float uninterruptedly to the sea Clearfield has been positively identified they would reach their destination many as Brady by Detective Stephen Lebo, of thousands of miles apart. One is the the New York Central railroad. fountain head of the Genesse river, which flows into Lake Ontario, and finally reaches the sea at the mouth of the Gulf of St. La * rence. The other is the fountain head of the Allegheny river, which unites at Pittsburg with the Monongahela to form the Ohio, and reaches the sea at the mouth of the Mississippi. The third is the fountain head of Pine Creek, which flows into the west branch of the Susquehanna and reaches the sea cumulated by her mother and step father at Chesapeake bay.

Teachers Elected.

At the meeting of the boro school board on Monday evening teachers were selected for the ensuing year. Prof. H. was selected to teach the senior gram- beings. mar. Prof. D. O. Etters was re-elected superintendent of the schools for the were re-elected.

Pacific coast and arrived on Saturday.

Mr. Crider was suffering from indigestion and it is thought that he had an at-His condition since then is hopeful for general manager, owing to poor health is hearty and active and should be able to survive this shock.

Expensive Pot-Pie.

James and Stephen Cisco, two Italians employed in the New York Central yards | pers contain the following : at Clearfield, have just discovered that robbins make verv costly pot-pie. Joseph | battleship has been discovered stranded Berrier of Harrisburg, one of the state off Tiger Rock. wardens, heard that song birds were being killed by Italians in the vicinity of Clearfield, and for some time has been on the trail of the suspects. He finally port.' secured evidence against the men men. tioned above, arrested them, and Monday at a hearing before Justice John C. Barclay, they were fined \$100 each and costs, which they paid, says the Philipsburg Journal.

Benson is Identified.

John Benson, the would be murderer of Postmaster Leahy, of Falls Creek, and the wounded burglar now in jail at Clearfield, is no other than J. Brady, the suspected robber, who participated in the raid on the Montoursville power house several years ago, and during which Watchman Alem Bly was wounded and a desperado named Gibbons was

Fortune Awaits This Woman.

Chief Tillard has received this notice. accompanied by the woman's photograph and description : "Where is Martha Hawkins? If the woman bearing that name, or who was Martha Hawkins, if she is now married, can be located-and she is supposed to be living in western Pennsylvania, a fortune, acin California will be turned over to her."-Altoona Mirror.

Wild Birds are Plentiful.

There seems to be a greater number of wild birds in this section than for many F. Yearick, of Hublersburg, was elected years previous. Golden breasted robius, to take the place of Prof. Heiss, who goes red winged high crested orioles and to Washington, D. C., as an instructor in wrens may be seen everywhere, the lata private school. Prof. Yearick is a ter having built their nests in high-topgraduate of the Bloomsburg, Pa., Nor- ped trees. The broods of young robins mal in 1899, and taught nine terms since. that are to be seen everywhere are quite. Miss Sarah J. Waite, of Halfmoon, tame and seem to have no fear of human

next three years. All the other teachers a hard time getting enough together to have to be ampatated but efforts are have gone to St. Paul and others to other start a conversation.

battleship and cruiser.

No definite reports can be secured from of them. No one was seriously burt, but Russian sources as to the extent of loss quite a number of persons were slightly they suffered. They report an engage- bruised and one lady from Renova had a ment without result; yesterday's pa-

"It is reported that another Russian

"It is presumed it was wrecked while in recent naval engagement." "It is rumored here that the Russian

Vladivostok squadron has again left that "Chinese who left Port Arthur on June

24 say that only four battleships, five cruisers and the torpedo boats left the harbor on June 23. Of these three returned badly damaged, but none sank. The several large ships previously damaged carried no guns.

was within fourteen miles of Port Arthur. Their scouts were nearer.

"Little information leaks out of Port Arthur. Most of the non-combatants have caves in the hills or underground cells, where they spend the nights in safety. Bands play occasionally in the parks.

LARGE ARMIES CLASH.

In the Northern part of the Liao Yang peninsula two immense armies are assembled. The Russian forces are under General Kuropatkin. Opposed to him are two Japanese armies under Generals Oku and Kuroki. The Russian general is endeavoring to work his way southward to relieve the garrison penned up at Port Arthur and in his movements has been trying to prevent the two opposing armies from uniting. In the north at least 300,000 men are in the opposing forces and a decisive engagement may take place. The past week there have been numerous skirmishes. On Monday a desperate encounter ensued lasting six hours by which the Russians were forced from three mountain passes by frontal and flank attacks and General Kuropatkin was forced to make a hasty retreat fearing that he would be separated from his base of supplies.

Harry Clark, a resident of Nippenose valley, met with a painful and serious produce a light crop, but generally the accident which may result in the loss of trees are barren of fruit. his right hand. While working in a saw mill, hand slipped and came in contact with a rapidly revolving saw. His hand was ripped across the palm in such a manner that the entire four fingers mechanics who were thrown out of work hung limp and free from the rest of the by the wholesale suspensions that are Money may talk but most people have hand. It is likely that the member will being made to save it.

oon, while the train and then sped away under the furious was on the main track at Beech Creek but almost ineffective fire of big Russian station, Engineer Smith saw a freight 16. vessels. A battleship of the Peresviet come around the curve. He quickly betack of vertigo, which caused him to fall. type was seen to go down. Next morn- gan to back his train, but the engines ing the Japanese saw the Russians return- came together with a crash, giving the recovery. Although in his S3td year he ing to Port Arthur, towing a crippled passengers a sudden jar and throwing many of them against the seats in front ing

> gash cut on her face. The engines were both somewhat damaged and the glass in the windows of the passenger cars was broken. Engines were sent to Beech Creek to move the trains. Frank Shughert, of Bellefonte, who is a passenger brakeman on the road was in the cab of the passenger engine and with others jumped before the engines crashed or else they would have been injured.

The cause of the collision was the inability of the engineer of the freight to control his train because the air brakes refused to respond when applied. There is a down grade for half a mile as the 'On June 24 the Japanese main army freight train came up towards the siding and a sharp curve which prevented those on the passenger train from seeing the approach of the freight. The engines were not greatly damaged and were taken to the Altoona shops for re-

Peach Crop a Failure.

pairs.

The peach crop in Pennsylvania will amount to practically nothing this year, and there is a strong prospect of peach culture dying out entirely in this state, according to a statement made in Harrisburg by State Economic Zoologist H. A. Surface, who is probably better posted than any other person, upon the condi. tion of Pennsylvania fruit trees. Prof. Surface has visited many parts of the state and is in constant communication with fruit growers and he pronounces their reports regarding the fruit crop most discouraging. Becaese of the severe winter many of the twigs of peach trees were frost bitten just above the place where the blossoms should grow, but the greatest loss by far will be due to the scale. In Clinton county where, in form-

er years, the finest crops of peaches were grown, the crop is as much of a failure as elsewhere in the state. Here and there a farmer has a few trees that will

Mechanics Going West.

Altoona Tribune :- There are a number of Pennsylvania Railroad company going west in search of work. Several points in the northwest.

Bellefonte. Bishop E. S. James preached the dedicatory sermon from Ezra vi. After him followed Rev. Henry Slicer, of Baltimore, who succeeded in

county having been started anew. the go out among his people, having lostbusifirst exhibition under this organization ness and reputation. took place at Bellefonte, October 6th, 7th, and 9th. The executive committee consisted of H. N. McAllister, James Gordon, James Armor, Mordecai Wad- Vears ago he was a prospeous business dle, J. G. Lourimore, and John S. For- man here but his arrest, trial and con. ster; George Boal, president; George viction on a minor offense resulted in the Buchanan, secretary; and James F. Wea- loss of his business and a sentence of ver, assistant secretary. The fair was eight months' imprisonment in the counheld on Mr. McAllister's farm, east of ty jail. Four months of this period were Bellefonte, he having tendered the use to be deducted in case he paid a \$100 of his field, farm-house and barn free of fine imposed. The old man refused even charge.

an, David Duncan, and Judge John Has- to remain a prisoner. son. The act incorporating the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad became a law April 12, 1853.

Benner township was erected out of Spring at April sessions, 1853 .- a mere division of Spring township by a line running from near Purdue's Gap southeasterly to Nittany mountain.

In 1853 there arose a rivalry between the people of Baid Eagle valley and those of Penn's valley in securing railroad facilities. The Lock Haven and Tyrone Company was authorized by act of 25th February, and the Lewisburg. Centre and Spruce Creek by act of April 12th. Preliminary surveys were made on both. The Penn's valley survey was commenced at Lewisburg by John M. Sheafer, assistant engineer, May 13th. In a report thereof he says from the head of Penn's Creek Narrows to Spring Mills, the line is a good one. Near Spring Mills the line strikes Sinking Creek, and follows it to near Centre Hill, which is the summit between Penn's Creek and Spring Creek, and the first summit of any consequence which is encountered from Lewisburg, a distance of forty-seven and a halt miles. The heaviest grades necessary to overcome this summit will be fifty-two and eight-tenths per mile : ascending from Sinking Creek for about two and a half miles, and thirty-three feet per mile; descending to Spring Creek, at or near Boalsburg, for three miles. From Boalsburg to Pine

WONT LEAVE IAIL.

T. Franklin Riners, an old prisoner, securing enough money subscribed to whose term of imprisonment expired pay the debt, about \$2508.19. George nearly 12 months ago, refuses to leave W. Tate was the architect of the build. the Williamsport jail Riners declares that he will spend the remainder of his The Agricultural Society of Centre days in prison, because he is ashamed to

> Riners, who has passed his 65th year. is of picturesque appearance, having a ong white beard and shaggy gray locks. to make an effort to pay the fine.

Feb. 11, 1853. a large meeting was For nearly 12 months he has been a held at Old Fort favorable to a railroad voluntary prisoner, spending much of from Lewisburg through Penn's valley. his time in his cell, even refusing to go to Hon. George Boal, president; H. S. the front door of the jail to look into the Gross, Dr. Charles Smith, vice-presidents; street. The only provision necessary to Col. John Love and J. I. Gregg, secre- obtain his freedom would be to take adtaries. The meeting was addressed by vantage of the debtors' insolvent act, but Gen. James Irvin, Gen. George Buchan- this, he says, he will never do, preferring

Had Scripture for it.

James Whitcomb Riley tells a story of an old fellow who asked for work at the Riley farm in the poet's boyhood, according to the New York Times. He was set at hoeing potatoes, but did not prove to be especially industrious. When taken to task for his lack of application he only replied :

"Wall, the Good Book says 'Do all things in moderation.' "

"Well, it came on dinner time at last," says the humorist, "and the old codger did his share nobly. In fact, he ate enough to kill two or three ordinary men. Someone gently hinted that his text didn't seem to apply. He opened a worn little Bible and imperturbably pointed to a passage. It read : "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might !' "

Found Guilty.

Monday evening Dr. A. R. Markel, a prominent dental practitioner of Tyrone, was convicted of committing a crime upon Miss Viola Beck, a patient, while under the influence of ether. A recommendation for mercy was attached to the verdict. The maximum penalty for rape is a fine and imprisonment not exceeding fifteen years.

Engineer James Miller, of Tyrone, has sold his property to Mr. Heberling, of Eagleville. Consideration \$1,475.

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