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EDITORIAL.

Ten years at almost \$50,000 is doing well.

ALTOONA beer brewers have no business to meddle in Centre county politics.

An agricultural journal has calculated that it costs now \$4500 to build a house that seven years ago could have been built for \$2500. The Dingley duties on lumber, structural steel, nails and other materials of house-building readily account for most of the rise.

WHEN Gov. Hastings and family returned from Harrisburg in 1899 a public reception was tendered our fellow townsman, by the public. Ellis L. Orvis spoke at that meeting; Judge John G. Love left the town to indicate his contempt for Hastings. That is the difference between these two men.

DON'T forget that John Noll was born on the farm, served as a soldier during the war, has been an industrious, hard working man all his life. He has been rubbing elbows with the laboring classes almost everyday and without a doubt would be a valuable representative, for that class. Don't forget Johnny Noll.

ROOSEVELT has on several occasions given evidence that he has no respect for law nor constitution when he has his head set. The latest violation from that quarter is that of having his portrait in large sheets enclosed in republican papers and circulated thus in violation of the postal laws. Had any of the democratic papers done the same act and circulated a portrait of Parker, the law would have been enforced and every one fined. Every man in this country is free and equal under the law except when the law is violated by republicans for party purposes.

IN the uphill job the Love organs of this town have undertaken to defend His Honor, Judge Love, they are able to use nothing but blank cartridges—they have no ammunition that can do execution. Not once did they have the courage to print what that eminent legal mind, Judge Jonathan Walker, wrote in denunciation of "political judges." Not once did they take up the unmerciful scoring chief justice Dean of the supreme court gave Judge Love for his unsound and erratic decision in an important case tried before him. Not once did they copy or try to refute any of the burning denunciations by the main republican organ of this state, the Philadelphia Press, scoring Judge Love for stooping down to gutter politics. Not once did these Lovely organs of town tell their readers what a leading republican organ of Pittsburgh said in disapproval of Judge Love's making a "political judge" of himself. Not even did these valiant editors reprint what the Bellefonte Republican said, against Judge Love, exposing his ingratitude, using low personal feeling, and other reprehensible conduct against General Hastings, who was Love's benefactor, and as a reward got Love's bitterest, uncalled for, resentment, after having accepted and benefitted by the kindness of Gov. Hastings. What's the matter with these Lovely organs—do they lack ability or is it a lack of courage? Of course, that kind of editorial valor is heroic—not (?) pitiable.

TELL THE TRUTH.

It must not be forgotten that it was the Democratic party which inaugurated the rural free delivery system, the falsehoods of our Republican friends to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rural free delivery was rejected by the Republicans in 1892. A measure introduced by a Democrat in that year, appropriating \$200,000 to rural free delivery experiments, was defeated by a Republican house. A Democratic congress at the following session passed an act appropriating \$10,000 to the service, but John Wanamaker, a Republican, who was then postmaster general, failed to use the money for that purpose. And nothing was done in the matter until 1896-7.

Despite the fact that appropriations were made by Democratic congresses nothing was done. During the McKinley administration the matter was held in abeyance, and it was not until the fiscal year 1896-7 that the first rural free delivery routes were established. And in that year there was a Democratic president and a Democratic postmaster general. This is history and truth, not falsehood and misrepresentation.

In 1896-7, under Postmaster General Wilson, a Democrat, eighty-four rural routes were established, the first routes ever started in this country. This fact is vouched for by Postmaster General Payne, a Republican, now dead. On February 25, 1904, in a letter to Hon. L. F. Livingston, a Democratic congressman from Georgia, Mr. Payne said:

"Sir—Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, making certain inquiries relative to the history of rural free delivery service, I would refer you to the acts making appropriations for the postal services for the fiscal years 1893-4, 1894-5, 1895-6, 1896-7, from which I quote as follows:

"1896-1897, for free delivery service, in all, \$12,818,250—Provided further that \$10,000 of this amount may be used to defray expenses of experiments in rural free delivery, under the direction of the postmaster general, and that the amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose, and still unexpended be available for said experiments.

"During the fiscal year, eighty-four rural routes were established on the order of Postmaster General Wilson.

"Very respectfully,

"H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster General.

Reference to the congressional record of March 18, 1904, will show that this letter of Postmaster General Payne is genuine. It will be seen that the assertion that rural free delivery was opposed by the Democrats is a malicious falsehood, as is also the statement that the Republicans inaugurated the system. The farmers have only to read the congressional record to learn who were the true friends of rural free delivery. They cannot be deceived by lies.—Williamsport Sun.

A BOMB IN CAMP.

Judge Parker's proposition to give the people of the Philippine Islands independent self-government as soon as they are prepared for it, and, in the meantime, to help them prepare for it, does not seem to be either a very startling or a very improper scheme of action. He urges it, however, with a force of reasoning and a fervor of expression which give a new insight of his character and capacity.

The speech—made to 150 visiting Democrats at Rosemount on Saturday, but intended for every thinking American—has fallen like a bomb in the camp of the Republicans. In their manifest alarm their first impulse is to denounce it as a policy of scuttling. But scuttling is not the word. It is the beginning of a fight to uproot a despotism that has been established under the folds of the flag and to restore constitutional rule wherever the flag flies. Judge Parker insists that the American people cannot be true to themselves while they deny to others the hope of attaining the blessing of self-government which they have established for themselves.—Record.

IN ORDER.

"A long rambling, inconsistent editorial advocating the re-election of Judge Love in Centre county is now in order from the Philadelphia Press. The Press has denounced Love's mixture of politics and justice for years just as it denounced the same mixture by the late Judge Cyrus Gordon in this county. When the campaign in this county grew quite warm the State machine forced the Press to come out and editorially advocate Gordon's re-election. It made good reading when paralled with the previous editorials."—Clearfield Republican.

COST OF RECENT WARS.

Cost of our recent wars and territorial expansion has been in the last eight years twelve hundred millions of dollars, says Edward Atkinson. Think of the vast work for humanity that might be done in our colleges and schools with one-twelfth of that sum.

THE annual report of Brigadier General J. F. Weston, commissary general of the army, says the total cost of feeding the army during the past fiscal year was \$8,281,750. During the year the losses were \$418,650 in the Philippines, \$7,457 in the transports and \$129,853 in the United States, Alaska, Porto Rico and elsewhere. From the total amount of losses is to be deducted \$85,080, the proceeds of sales at auction of damaged and deteriorated stores, etc.

Ten years should be enough.

SENATORIAL BLANK.

RESOLVED: "That we greatly regret that the unavoidable protracted absence abroad of the Hon. James Kerr makes it necessary for him to decline the nomination for Senate from the 34th Senatorial District, unanimously tendered him by the Democratic Central Conference; and in view of the fact that the election is so near at hand, and it would be unfair to any candidate to be asked to organize a campaign at this late day, it is the sense of this Senatorial Conference that no nomination be made."

The above resolution was sent by telephone from Clearfield, Pa., Wednesday evening, by J. C. Meyer, Esq., who attended the re-convening of the Democratic Conference at Clearfield yesterday, which assembled to name a candidate in place of the name of Hon. James Kerr, who is in Europe and was unable to accept the nomination.

No doubt, there were good reasons for taking this action. There is one comforting feature in the situation: we believe Col. Irwin will make a good representative for the district. He has the reputation of being independent, fearless and honest. He was an independent republican in Clearfield and fought the Quay machine there. He also publicly announced his opposition to the re-election of Cyrus Gordon, the republican political judge of Clearfield County Courts. If all republicans were made of such stern stuff it would be a blessing to the people.

COMMUNICATED.

EDITOR: It would seem incumbent upon the citizens of Bellefonte to see that the Y. M. C. A. building was pushed to completion. We understand that the comparatively meager sum of \$3375.00 is all that has to be raised to insure the complete success of the enterprise. The pledges already secured have come largely from one section of the community, those only able to make medium contributions, the large number of those only able to give small amounts and those able to give ample sums not having been heard from.

We understand a canvass is about to be undertaken by a representative of the state Y. M. C. A. and let us give the question serious consideration and see to it that the canvass has a fair chance for success. It seems now to be the time to decide whether it will be a total failure or a complete success.

Nothing would be more profitable for the physical and moral well-being of our young men and growing boys than a well equipped gymnasium. Let us have some expression of public opinion on the subject. Do our intelligent citizens, our fathers and mothers, our young men want it or do they not? In the words of the marriage service "let them now speak or else hereafter forever hold their peace." Now is the time to speak and act.

THE PENSION ORDER.

The New York Sun, which is one of Roosevelt's strongest newspaper supporters in New York City, does not support his pension order, nor will the old soldiers, nor any intelligent man. The Sun says:

"We bespeak the candid consideration of all citizens for what is the most creditable production, as literature, that has yet emanated from Esopus. And we call particular attention to its most interesting feature, namely, the reference to the much-debated pension order making the age of sixty-two presumptive evidence of disability to earn a living by manual labor. We have found no reason to revise our opinion that this Executive order was very much like a bid for the soldier's vote; that its character as an encroachment on the province of legislation was not altered by the circumstance that Congress afterward appropriated money to give it effect, and that the order must stand as one of the acts of Mr. Roosevelt's administration most open to just criticism. We say this even after having read the ablest defense of Pension Order No. 78 that has ever yet been put forward, namely, that by Mr. Henry W. Taft, in his statement printed recently."

When the machine organs of this town tell their readers that Parker and the democrats are opposed to soldiers' pensions, they prove they are either ignorant or malignant.

We think it is a mixture of the two. For the benefit of these machine barkers we will note the following:

It was a democratic congress and a democratic president that gave the revolutionary soldiers pension.

It was a democratic congress and a democratic president that gave the soldiers of the war of 1812 a pension.

It was a democratic congress and a democratic president that gave the soldiers of the Mexican war a pension.

Democratic members of congress and democratic platforms endorsed pension laws for the soldiers of the civil war.

Stick four pins into these facts for to stick at peddlers of pension falsehoods to get votes for Teddy.

And stick a big pin here: The democrats and Parker, do favor the passage, by congress, of a service pension law, for the veterans.

Hounds at Huntingdon.

Mr. George D. Grazier of Huntingdon Furnace has returned from a special trip to Boston, where he secured a pair of thoroughbred English bloodhounds. In the presence of Mr. Grazier this pair of dogs was tried on the trail both separately and together, and performed some wonderful work almost beyond belief. This makes the second pair now in Mr. Grazier's kennels and it is his intention to breed pureblood English bloodhounds. They will be at the service of the public for trailing when called for and proper bond given.

No, General Hastings is not forgotten entirely. Had he lived, there certainly would have been a reckoning for certain men, who proved so ungrateful.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. MARGARET MCGOFF—who was born at Pine Grove Mills 87 years ago died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice O'Neil, at Altoona, Tuesday evening 11. She was the daughter of Robert and Nancy Caldwell, both dead many years.

MRS. MUSSEY—widow of Ex-sheriff Wm. Musser, died at her home in Millheim on last Saturday evening, aged 78 years. One son and a daughter survive, namely, Wm. S. Musser, of Millheim, and Mrs. Toner, of Philadelphia. One daughter, Mrs. Nagle, died some years ago.

MRS. CATHARINE EDMUNDSON—who has been making her home with George Powers and family of Millhall, died Friday afternoon after an illness of several months. Deceased was 74 years of age and survived by two sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Andrew Irvin of Lewis town, Lottie of Port Matilda, Abner Green of Milesburg and Tobias Green of Lamar.

MRS. JOHN P. WITMER—of White Hall, died at her home in that place Sunday afternoon of cancer of the stomach after an illness of six months. Mrs. Witmer was married twice, her first husband being a Mr. Woodring, of Bald Eagle Valley. Three years ago she was married to John P. Witmer who survives her with two daughters by her first husband. Interment in the Boalsburg cemetery Wednesday morning.

NATHANIEL BECK—died in Osawatimie, Mo. He was born in Centre county, Pa., March 27, 1839. He removed to Tiffin, Ohio, in 1874. There he was married to Miss Agnes Durham. Two children, Mrs. Mary Edith Jenison, of Louisburg, and Gifford Hayes Beck, an employe at the avium, survive him. In 1884 he went with his family to Kansas and settled in Ellis county, coming to Osawatimie in 1897. Here he has been widely known and highly esteemed for his sterling character.

JOHN W. ISHLER—At 3 o'clock Wednesday morning 12, John W. Ishler died at his home in Altoona, of typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks. Deceased was born in Centre county, April 9, 1861, and had resided in that city for a number of years. He was employed as a weigh-master in the Pennsylvania railroad shops. He is survived by his wife and three daughters—Mrs. Ada B. Carter, Anna May and Pearl, all at Altoona; and by his father, Emanuel Ishler, of Cleveland. Interment in Oak Ridge cemetery.

MICHAEL SCHENCK—Thursday evening, 13, died at the residence of his son-in-law, J. I. Cheeseman, in Altoona. The deceased was born at Howard, Centre county, November 17, 1822. For the past twenty-one years he had been a resident of Altoona. Surviving him are the following children: N. Lloyd Schenck, of Omaha, Neb.; Allan W. Schenck, of Harrisburg; Mrs. J. G. McClellan and Miss Emma Schenck, of Weaver, Md.; Mrs. J. I. Cheeseman and Mrs. A. M. Stewart, of above city. On Monday morning the body was taken to Howard. Interment in the Schenck cemetery.

MRS. MARY MORLEY—widow of the late James Morley, died Oct. 9th at Dr. Swope's of Julian. She had made her home with her daughter Mrs. Swope since the death of her husband, which occurred March 17, 1902. Mrs. Morley was of English birth having come to this country some seventy years ago, with her parents, and settling in the vicinity of Bellefonte. Her parents are buried in the Union cemetery of that place. Six children survive her: Mrs. Mary Hoover, of Penfield; Mrs. Dr. Swope, of Julian; Mrs. John Eberts, of Clearfield; Mrs. Hannah Wykoff and Phoebe Nelson, both of Wharton; and Mrs. Tillie Nason of Martha. Services were conducted by Rev. Tallheim on Tuesday 11th at 2 p. m. in the U. B. church. Interment made in the cemetery near Julian.

JACOB HARPSTER—a telegram was received at Centre Hall beginning of the week announcing the death of Jacob Harpster, at Missoula, Montana, to which place the Harpster family moved some twelve years ago from Centre Hall. Mr. Harpster was a blacksmith by trade, and a native of Centre Hall, residing there all his life up to the time of the removal of himself and family to Missoula. He was well known and a kind and neighborly citizen, useful in his vicinity wherever a good deed was needed. His age was upwards over 80 years. His wife died some three years ago. His sons are, George, in Hublersburg; Isaac, Charles and Claud, who went with the family to Missoula; the daughters are: Miss Lizzie, at home; Mrs. Ellen Barr, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Margaret Miller, of DuBois; Mrs. Kate Moore, of Missoula, and Mrs. Anna, wife of Dr. Widder, of Harrisburg. The family were prominent at Centre Hall and from the early residents of Potter township. The sons in Montana are holding good railroad positions, and George follows in his father's trade as a blacksmith.

ROBBER CAPTURED.

Dr. J. H. Wells, postmaster at Wilcox, near Ridgeway, has proved himself a good robber catcher. The safe in his postoffice was blown to pieces Friday morning and \$200 in cash and stamps taken, besides a light overcoat. He got to the office before the smoke cleared away and a resident of the village told him he saw a man wearing a light overcoat going toward Rasselas. Hitching up a horse and arming himself with a shotgun and pistol the doctor started for Rasselas. Two miles down the road he overtook and passed a man wearing an overcoat which he recognized as his.

At a turn of the road a few rods farther on Dr. Wells leaped from his carriage and hid behind a tree. When the robber came up Dr. Wells thrust the shotgun into his face and ordered him to surrender. Throwing up his hands the man exclaimed: "Don't shoot, I'm the fellow!" Under the "persuasive" influence of the doctor's gun the robber unloaded himself of two pistols.

A neighboring resident came along, and the robber was tied to the buggy seat and taken back to Wilcox. The man says his name is Frank Scott; about 40 years old. The stolen money and stamps and a lot of burglar's paraphernalia were found on him.

Game Season.

Last Saturday the woods and mountain sides were musical with the bum, bum, of the hunters, who were out on the "first day" of the season, after any kind of small game that the law did not protect. There was much bombarding, according to Judge Furst's account, who heard no less than "two hundred bangs" in his pathway with his instrument destructive of game on his shoulder. By this then, taking it all over the county, there must have been upwards of a thousand bums and bangs from the guns of the shootist brigade, taking the entire county. Up in the Baldeagle valley a large number of turkeys were killed and they are reported quite plenty. Some few squirrels were brought to town; rabbits and pheasants are about as usual. The first day's hunt was not successful as it was dry and leaves on the ground alarmed game when gunners were traveling about.

Cross-Rich.

Thomas Cross, located at Arcadia, met his sweetheart, Miss Mary Rich, of Unionville and Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 12, at the home of the groom's parents, in Philipsburg, they were happily married. They will at once take up house-keeping at Arcadia, where Mr. Cross has a good position with the Ellsworth, Dunham Coal Co. The bride is a daughter of the late Judge Rich of Unionville.

Buying oleomargarine is getting fat.

The Greatest Curse.

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