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**EDITORIAL.**

Will the "friends of the tariff now revise the tariff" since they have all the power to do it?

The election returns show that Centre county was the gem in the democratic belt in the state.

In sweeping resolutions, Schuylkill's 950 teachers at the closing session of a week's institute at Pottsville last week, declared for a pension service for old teachers.

As the election shows there will be no change in the tariff, the sugar trust has put up the price of sugar, and the iron trust has raised the price of pig iron, the trusts rule.—See?

Will Teddy the "trust buster" now bust the trusts since he is elected to a full term and has the law and the money granted to do it? He neglected that duty the last three years.

Mr. Bryan wrought manfully for the success of the Parker Democracy, the only rank ingratitudes could fail to accord him the fullest meed of praise for his yeoman service in a cause he but half approved.

The Sugar trust which contributed so largely to the Roosevelt campaign has raised refined sugar to thirty-five points in the wholesale price. The trusts must get its money back and the people must pay it. All this since the election. When you put sugar into your cup of coffee—think of it.

S. L. BLIGH of Cochranton has an invention that may revolutionize the shaving industry, and deprive thousands of barbers of employment, for with the contrivance two men can do the work now requiring six barbers, says an exchange. Poo! but the trusts can beat that invention. A dozen trusts shave eighty million American citizens every week.

TALKING about record breaking defeats in presidential elections, reminds us of one that had far bigger breaks than the one last week. When Gen. Scott, with great military record, was nominated as the whig candidate against the democratic candidate, Franklin Pierce, Gen. Scott got only four of the smaller states and Pierce got all the rest. Judge Parker last week got twelve states.

JAPAN has unofficially made representations to Russia looking to peace. This action has resulted in failure, and such representations, even privately, are not likely to be repeated by Japan. Although the suggestion of a pacific settlement was made unofficially, it evidently had behind it all the weight of an offer by the Japanese government. It was made direct to Russia. No power acted as an intermediary.

His Honor, Judge Love, in his political harangue in the court house previous to the election, boasted "he was willing to go before the people standing upon his record." He did not tell the people what that record was, but the Centre Democrat did, and then the people sat down upon it. His Honor standing on it and the people of Centre county sitting down on it, must be like burying his record under 1076 tons of rock.

COMPLAINTS from all over the state come to the effect that quite a number of ballots were lost at Tuesday's election because the voter did not understand the new ballot. It is estimated that the error in this respect lost to the local candidates from two to three hundred votes in Clinton county, says the Democrat. We repeat our declaration of last week that the machine rogues who daddied this ballot abortion should be put into states prison.

An Italian scientist has lately made a detailed explanation of the accepted fact that the waters of lakes and rivers, however thoroughly infected, possess the power of purifying themselves. A great amount of bacteria, this authority says, is dragged to the bottom by the precipitation of solid-matter, but this is not the only purifying process. In swift currents the velocity of the stream is in itself a cleansing agent, and it has been shown that sunlight destroys bacteria in water to a depth of three feet. The obvious conclusion is that rapidly flowing streams or ponds not more than three feet deep contain the purest water.

**DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS.**

In Missouri the democrats elected Folk by 25,000 plurality.

In Colorado Adams, Dem., will have about 10,000 plurality for Governor. W. L. Douglas, democrat, was elected governor of Massachusetts over Governor Bates, republican, by 35,710.

John A. Johnson, democrat, has been elected Governor of Minnesota. His plurality will be about \$15,000.

The result of the gubernatorial election in Nebraska is in doubt, with both republicans and Fusionists claiming the election. Complete returns will be required to decide who has won.

The democrats have re-elected Governor Toole in Montana.

With Rhode Island giving Roosevelt 16,000 plurality, Garvin, democrat, for governor was defeated by 594 plurality for Utter, republican.

**Five Notions.**

We set these points and if any of our readers can refute them, we will not become estranged:

1. The Rose is the Queen of flowers.
2. The Rambo is the King of apples.
3. An honest Man is the noblest work of God.
4. Old Hundred is the gem of sacred tunes.
5. The Lord's Prayer is a model of brevity, beauty, and breadth—any long prayer roaming from pole to pole full of instruction to the Allwise One what to do, to the contrary notwithstanding.
6. The Ten Commandments are in themselves, creed enough to found a church on in lieu of volumes of creed.

**Russia Will Brook No Mediation.**

Emphatically, but with all courtesy, Russia, through her ambassadors abroad, has several times informed the neutral powers that she will brook no mediation at this time in her war with Japan. It can be announced that Russia expects her wishes to be respected by all the powers to which she has communicated news.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"I can announce that I have very good reasons to believe that my government's emphatic opposition to any mediation at this time will be respected and observed by all neutral powers."

**Institute in Clearfield.**

Able instructors have been secured for the Clearfield county teachers' institute, which will be held in Clearfield commencing December 19, and continuing one week. Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be one. Others are Dr. Geo. Edward Reed, president of Dickinson college, Carlisle; Dr. Frank McMurray, president of the Teachers' college, Columbia University; Dr. S. Schmucker, of West Chester State Normal school and others.

A READER of the New York World living at Hazel, S. D., sends to that paper this interesting communication: "The people of the east do not know what beef is selling at here in this cattle country. The trust will pay only two cents per pound for the best of cattle. Look at what they have to pay in New York for beef today! Never in the history of cattle-raising were cattle worth so little as they are at the present time to the cattle-raisers. But as soon as beef goes to the butchers' hands it sells for as much as it did five and six years ago. Compare that with your market and see how much profit there is in handling beef for the beef trust."

J. WARREN KEIFER is one of the recently elected members of congress from Ohio. This is the notorious ex-speaker Keifer, whom the republicans chose to the speaker's chair some eighteen years ago, and whose conduct was such that he was named the "hog speaker." He is the Keifer who was dressed off, in a speech on the floor of the House by Andrew G. Curtin, who then represented the Centre district in congress. Mr. Curtin gave the "hog" such a scathing that it retired the fellow to oblivion until now when he gets back to congress astride of the recent landslide in the election.

The Philadelphia North American says: "The cost of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life is lower than it ever was. This cannot be successfully disputed." But it can, and the proof is right at hand. Look at your grocery, meat and coal bills. Look at your rent receipts. Look at your ready-made clothing bills. The North American must think its readers a precious lot of ignoramuses if it expects them to accept as truth such statements as the one quoted above.

The success the democracy of Centre county achieved at the polls last week, was attained without holding a single meeting. The republicans held several mass meetings and a number of evening meetings in different parts of the county, and lost the judgeship which was the issue. We believe Judge Love was the main speaker at near all of these republican gatherings up to the last one held a few days before the election—but meetings did not save him. There is some significance in this.

Democrats and republicans who aided in the fight for a change in the judgeship and to free the bench of Centre county of a political judge, can refer to II Timothy, 7 verse, for a strong endorsement.

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solemn manner in which Rev. Reese made his announcements, (he only preached once in a church every four weeks, having some half dozen churches in his charge.) his announcement was spoken with solemn deliberateness, "Von heute ueber vier Wochen, so der Herr will habt Ihr wiederum Gottesdienst hier zu erwarten."

invariably it was repeated, after an interval of a few seconds:

"Von heute ueber vier Wochen, so der Herr will, habt Ihr wiederum Gottesdienst hier zu erwarten."

Before this Synod was organized males occupied seats on one side of the church, and females the other—thereafter men and women were seated together in the pews.

It is firmly fixed in my memory that prior to the organization of this Synod at Aaronsburg, it was a common thing for many farmers and others to attend worship in the old church in that town, and in other churches in the valley, in their shirt sleeves during summer, and walk a distance of four and five miles to church on Sundays. In that old church, as long as it stood, the collections on a Sabbath were taken by means of the "Klingel-saekel," (in English, jinglesack), a neat velvet sack on a long pole, with a tiny bell fixed to the outside bottom of the sack, which would tingle as it was passed back and forth in the pews, so as to awaken the sleeping ones when the collection was taken.

The pastors who succeeded Father Reese, were, Rev's Alleman, Sell, Wolf, Felker, Dr. Sahn, Tomlinson, Welf, Gearhart, and Sheeder the present pastor.

Pardon a few personal allusions: Your speaker and family at one time, over a score of years ago, had the pleasure of entertaining this Synod at his home, then at Centre Hall, where a pleasant evening was spent until the midnight hour, in a social way, with vocal and instrumental music—and that which was "good for the inner man" added. Perhaps some now attending Synod were among those present—no doubt others have been overtaken by the Reaper and gone to their long home on the other shore, and some belong to other Synods.

Another personal allusion may be proper upon this occasion. During this memorable half century, your speaker has been a teacher of a Bible class, which averaged about a dozen in its membership—from year to year—and in a half century that would mean quite a large number of individuals as members, under his teachings. And it is with pride I can say, that there never was anything to mar the best of feeling between class and teacher—it was an unbroken period of harmony and good feeling. Some of the members of the class became ministers, some entered the legal and medical professions, others became good business men and useful citizens—all turned out a credit to themselves and the mother church so far as my knowledge goes.

It will readily be seen, on examination, that the Lutheran church, everywhere, has kept pace in progress, with the rest of the world in other lines, such as arts, science, discoveries, inventions, and all else—except that its doctrines remain the same as founded upon the sacred Word and expounded by the immortal Martin Luther, the founder of Protestantism—and that will be as enduring as Heaven itself.

**Snake bite Fatal After a Year.**

Fourteen months ago Francis Hornberger, of Northumberland county, was unfortunate enough to tread on a large copperhead reptile and was bitten in the calf of the right leg. The wound became quite sore and the victim was laid up for a number of weeks. Blood poisoning was prevented by the use of antiseptics and Mr. Hornberger recovered, and felt no ill effects from the bite. Ten days ago he was handling a bale of hay bound with wire. He left the bale fall accidentally and the wire broke, striking him on the hand, causing a slight open wound. Next morning the hand was swollen almost twice its normal size and was quite sore. The next day the leg, bitten by a snake a year before, began to swell and get black. Blood poisoning followed and the victim died on Friday.

**A Famine Threatens Russians.**

A significant dispatch from Mukden says fears are beginning to be expressed that the railroad will not be able to bring up sufficient supplies. This is the first mention from a Russian source of a condition upon which Japan depends to win in her struggle with a giant antagonist. Approximately 300,000 soldiers and persons connected with the Russian forces at Mukden are directly dependent upon the trans-Siberian railway for supplies. In addition to these are the inhabitants of Mukden and the country roundabout in which the harvests have been destroyed by the opposing armies, leaving the inhabitants at the mercy of the Japanese or Russians for their subsistence.

The bunco-steerer takes off his hat to the people who get up church fairs.

It doesn't make a fellow feel like a bird when his wife makes him quail.

**HEALTH FUSSERS.**

**Extremists Who Work Harm to Themselves and Many Others.**

"There are people," remarked a philosopher, "who would never have been in love had they never heard talk of it."

There are people, too, undoubtedly who would never—or "hardly ever"—be out of health if they thought less about the matter, for it is just as possible to take too much care of the health as too little, and it probably is every bit as mischievous.

We have all heard of the "green eyed monster," jealousy, that "makes the food he feeds on." The health worrier does much the same. He or she (it is as often one as the other) broods so mournfully over some little symptom or ailment that depression of spirits results, and depression is a fruitful parent of both mental and physical ills.

A medical writer of eminence said lately that he "never knew a strict dieticarian who did not after a time become a confirmed dyspeptic."

Shackles never produce strength in the wearer. The body shackled by constant conformity to rules loses its natural vigor, just as the tied up limb loses its muscular power.

People who are afraid to open their windows lest a draft should give them neuralgia, who are afraid to go out if there is a little rain or a little wind or a little cold because they are "so delicate," infallibly become more so and in time make themselves as sensitive as hothouse plants.

There are of course certain general rules of health which every one should understand and comply with, such as the danger of breathing impure air in unventilated rooms, of drinking impure water, contracting chills, eating and drinking too much, and so forth. This knowledge, however, need not turn the care of the health into a bugbear.

We can make a "fad" of our health, as of any other useful thing. We can grow monomaniacal on the value of fresh air or woolen underclothing, and the mischief of our mania is not the harm we do ourselves so much as the damage we do others in turning them against the object of our fad.

**TAILOR MADE STYLES.**

**Two of the New Models of the Season—Both Are Smart and Useful.**

A blouse model that meets with favor is built of hopsack in any of the fashionable shades. It is accompanied by a plain skirt, its many gores finish-



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In spite of all whims and innovations of fashion the sack coat has always a certain following. A smart new example of it is fashioned in a useful little suit of gray and black mixture tweed, showing exceptionally attractive lines.

**New Arrangement of the Hair.**

The Princess of Wales has just started a new way of arranging her hair which will very soon find its way to this country, says the New Idea Magazine. The hair is arranged in front over a low pompadour. The back is then divided in two pieces and tied in a conventional bow on top of the head, the loops at the two sides and the ends curled resting on the pompadour in front. The more hair you have the larger and fuller this "hair bow," as it is called, can be made to look. No decoration is used when the hair is arranged in this fashion. It is easy to copy and generally most becoming.

**Correct Standing Position.**

Remember that the correct standing position, chest lifted on a line with the toes, is necessary at all times. Don't throw the shoulders back. This gives a hollow in the back, an abdomen thrown forward, and is very awkward. Hold the chest up, and the shoulders will be in the place where they belong. The whole science of having a good figure lies in the proper holding of the chest. With that correctly held the head, the shoulders, the line of the back and the poise of the body will all be as they should be for health and for beauty.

**Nervous Children.**

Nervous children will not bear very much cold bathing. They have not got heat enough in their bodies to react against it. Do not demand too much exercise from them. Do not let them study too much or go to school too early. Give them a good, comfortable bed where the air is pure, and do all you can to promote healthful sleep. A little easily digestible food before bedtime often helps them to sleep more soundly than they otherwise would.

**The Smart Woman.**

It is no good to be beautiful and have no style; a plain woman can often carry all before her. If she achieves style she is very apt to leave an ordinarily pretty woman miles behind her. What is meant by a smart woman is generally one who develops all her good points, with due regard to the fashions and the modes of the moment, and these are very friendly now.

**Fashion's Echoes.**

Among the novel shapes in the fall and winter millinery the high crowned hat will have a prominent place, but it must be worn by the right woman and with the right toilet.

A brilliant color season is in prospect, though at the same time we retain the lovely pale pastel shades.

Louis XVI. and director styles are now well assured.

The new tourist coat, semifitted or loose and double breasted, is a useful garment.

Chiffon veils in all colors are worn with traveling hats and add an air of style and grace that is very fetching.

Skirts this year are distinguished by the concentration of their trimmings, whatever they may be, from the knee line to the bottom, whether the skirts are of street or of house length.

Green veils in dark myrtle tones are one of the millinery fancies.

Instep length still prevails for street skirts.

A pelerine of either coarse or fine lace or shirred chiffon, with long graceful ends, makes a smart but comparatively inexpensive finish to quite a plain frock.

**At a Wet Crossing.**



Or, "Imitation Is the Sincerest Form of Flattery."

The oldest voter in the United States is the venerable Patrick Kerwin, of Seaward, Pa. He was 107 years, eight months and one day old on election day, and has been voting the democratic ticket since 1825.

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