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EDITORIAL.

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Although the large majority of our patrons keep their paper paid in advance some will neglect the matter. Let us hear from you before the end of the year. THE PUBLISHER.

TEDDY had a big time at the St Louis Exposition, but seemed to be the biggest attraction there.

SHOULD the next legislature abolish about one half of the legal holidays—legal nuisances would be the better term—the people generally would say, Amen.

RUMORS—seemingly well founded—keep coming from the White House that Roosevelt will recommend a revision of the tariff and make a move against the robber trusts. Go ahead Teddy, the people will hold your hat and see that your spurs are kept sharp.

HON. John A. Woodward called the other day to correct an error in the last issue of this paper. We stated that $15,000 was expended in making the Pennsylvania Agricultural Exhibit at St. Louis. Mr. Woodward says that less than half that amount was allowed for that purpose. We stand corrected.

"WHEN will Pennsylvania produce a Joe Folk?" This question is asked by the Clearfield Republican. Don't our neighbors know that in Pennsylvania we have an abundance of Joe Folk's? Why there was Quay, now we hope in a better world; then we have Is. Durham, Donnelly, ex-governor Stone, Focht, Delamater, Penrose, et al, et al, et al. What's the matter with you out there in Clearfield that you ask such a question? Are not the ones the Democrat here names gems in the Keystone of the federal arch?

FOURTEEN years ago the democrats won a more decisive victory in the Congressional elections than the republicans won on November 8. A month after the McKinley tariff was enacted the country elected to Congress 236 democrats and only 88 republicans. This gave the former a majority of 148, compared with the majority of 116 which the republicans will have in the House, though the latter contains 54 more members than the one chosen in 1890. Of the membership of the House just elected the republicans have 65 and the democrats 35 per cent., but in the House elected fourteen years ago the democrats had more than 71 per cent., and there were a few Populists.

At the Opera House.

Tonight "A Little Outcast."

Monday evening, December 5th, "Si Plunkard Co.," a laughable rural comedy drama. The Country Band is funnier than a real circus.

Saturday afternoon and evening, December 3rd, Leon W. Washburn s famous Uncle Tom's Cabin will be presented by a company of fifty players. Matinee prices 10 and 25 cents to all parts of the house.

Dr. James M. Brown, chief medical examiner for the Pennsylvania railroad Middle division, died Monday night at his farm, the J. Q. Adams homestead, near Spruce Creek. He was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago, from which he did not rally. Dr. Brown came to Pennsylvania from Marysville, Tenn., a number of years ago. His wife was formerly Miss Margaret Bell, of Rock Springs, Centre county. She survives her husband. Two brothers survive him, also one sister, Mrs. Homer Hewitt, of Williamsburg. The funeral took place Thursday forenoon. Interment to follow at the Graysville cemetery.

The man who keeps his troubles to himself also keeps his friends.

FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS.

Since the election everybody appears to be taking turns in condemning the present ballot law, as it makes an unwieldy sheet that is confusing, and as a result many persons only voted for presidential electors and lost the balance of their ticket. That criticism is just, but outside of presidential elections we believe the ballot is an improvement over the former.

To our mind the greatest evil connected with the voting system in this state is the privilege of voters calling in an outsider to assist in marking the ballot. This gives rise to the worst form of corruption ever known in our election system. The purpose of the law may have been good, but it gives the opportunity for direct purchase and delivery of votes, as the voter can thus positively prove the delivery of his vote by calling in the proper person always waiting on the outside. It beats the old vest pocket system of voting as it is more convenient and certain; and so notorious has the practice of boodling become that when an ordinary man calls for assistance, the sale of a vote is accepted as certain, while the amount and conditions usually are unknown. It has become a disgrace to ask for assistanee, owing to the prevailence of buying votes and marking ballots. Many states have almost the same form of election law, excepting that when a voter desires assistance in marking his ballot he informs the judge of the election of the fact and either he or some member of the election board is designated to assist. As the officers of the election board are sworn to secrecy, and liable to a heavy fine and imprisonment for revealing how such a man votes, the outsiders rarely learn how a ballot has been marked. In addition, no one is allowed to linger about the polls. Distances of 50 to 100 feet are designated and no one is permitted to approach within those bounds except to go and vote. Uuder such provisions there is absolutely a secret ballot, and the purchasing of votes is almost eliminated as the bum can't prove to the boodler how he voted, and politicians won't throw good money in the air on a chance. In states where these two provisions are observed elections are more orderly and the flagrant purchase of votes is unknown. There are no crowds of heelers hanging around the corners to auction off their votes to the man with the most money, or the largest amount of rot-gut whiskey, as is so common here on election days.

If the next legislature wants to do something creditable let them note how elections are conducted in other states and profit by the experience.

Let no one but a sworn election officer assist a voter to mark a ballot in the booth, and compel all persons when not voting to remain at least 50 feet from the polls.

Our republican legislature and governor are responsible for the present system, and they can change it if they desire. Philadelphia is "corrupt and contented," and the balance of the state has more or less of the same ailment.

OVERRUN WITH HUNTERS.

During the month of November the mountains of our county were literally overrun with hunting parties from all parts of the state. More hunting is reported this season than was ever known, and especially for deer. Hunting camps were so plenty that the territory was actually cramped and traveling in the woods was accompanied with danger.

With so many armed men patrolling the mountains, deer had little chance to escape and as a result quite a number were killed; but parties came in after several week's deligent hunt without ever getting a shot at the fleet footed game. The result of this condition is that game is becoming scarcer than ever.

Our advice to the local sports is, to discontinue the practice of encouraging outside hunting parties as much as possible. Next, the newspapers of the county should withold all accounts of deer killed, as this advertises the fact over the state, and does much to attract outsiders to come here and slaughter the game. Correspondents to the city dailes should omit hunting reports entirely as thay bring more hunters here than anything else.

These comments may seem selfish, but they are inspired with a view of saving what few deer are left, from almost complete annihilation.

If the newspapers and city daily correspondents in Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Clearfield and Mifflin counties would act along the line suggested, the hordes of hunting parties would diminish in the future.

State School Funds Due.

More than one-half the school districts in Pennsylvania have been paid their share of the school fund for the fiscal year ending May 31st next. State Treasurer Mathues expects to pay all of them during the present year. The exact amount paid to the schools is $2,381,358, leaving less than $2,000,000 due them. Of the entire appropriation of $5,500,000 for this year the public schools proper will get $5,212,500; the normal schools, $237,500, and the township high schools, $50,000.

According to the annual report of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Statistics there are 168 mines in Clearfield county, and the number of net tons of coal shipped in 1903 was 7,474,709.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

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was remarkable. Nicholson had 2033, Gregg (for senator) 2036, Struble 2028, Livingston 2031, Keller 2020, Hess 2035. There was also a vote for and against a county poor-house: For, 1591; against, 2014. Col. Andrew Gregg had 90 majority in the district over A. J. Deitrick.

The Democracy were without an organ at the county-seat for about one year, when on the 28th of November, 1855, Henery Hays issued the Democratic Watchman in an office in the Brockerhoff Row, opposite the Conrad House. Wien Forney became associate editor with the second number. Hon. S. T. Shugert, then acting commissioner of pensions at Washington, was the projector of the paper and owner of the material.

Jan. 7, 1857, John T. Hoover became proprietor and editor of the Watchman, Henry Hays retiring. John T. Hoover retired, and was succeeded by S. S. Seely, of Jersey Shore, and B. R. Hall, of Centre county, June 4, 1857. Mr. Hall retired October 22d, and J. Smith Barnhart became associate editor, and it was published by Seely and Barnhart until May 9, 1861, when the establishment was purchased by S. T. Shugert, John T. Hoover, Dr. Samuel Strohecker, John Hoffer, and C. T. Alexander. They leased it to P. Gray Meek and C. T. Alexander. Mr. Meek withdrew in August, and was succeeded by Joseph W. Furey, Dec. 5, 1861. July 10, 1862, the interest of Strohecker, Hoffer, and Alexander was purchased by P. Gray Meek, and Mr. Alexander retired.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Mrs. Frank Kessinger died at her home in Beech Creek Tuesday 22nd of consumption after a long illness.

Sherman Rodgers, of Tyrone, killed a 22 lb turkey on Bald Eagle ridge near Vail the day before Thanksgiving.

The city of Altoona is threatened with a water famine, as their storage reservoir at the Horseshoe bend is getting very low.

Frank Warfield, superintendent of the Bellefonte stone quarries was at the Salona quarry Monday and décided to suspend operations until spring. A number of men will be thrown out of employment.

Charles Cross, one of the oldest practitioners at the Clionton county bar, died suddenly Monday morning at his home in Lock Haven. His death was due to acute indigestion and he had only been ill a few days.

The Pennsylvania railroad has a special officer running on the passenger trains on the Tyrone division. They are determined to break up the rowdyism which resulted in the assault upon Conductor Snyder a few weeks ago.

The Pennsylvania company Friday announced that it had closed contracts for building of 5,000 freight cars. This is independent of the recent orders for 6,800 freight cars on its lines east and west of Pittsburg, which are to replace the worn-out or damaged cars. The cars just ordered, will be an addition to the equipment of the lines west of Pittsburg.

Blair Penlow, alias Fat Rabbit, was liberated from the Blair county jail on Saturday and Monday was found on a Hollidaysburg street in a beastly state of intoxication, and was given thirty days in jail for disorderly conduct. Blair holds the record in the United States for penal servitude for petty offenses, having spent almost three quarters of his life behind the prison bars.

Our exchanges from all towns complain of turkeys having been high in price for Thanksgiving, 18 to 20 cents per pound live weight, and that many would not buy at that price and made their Thanksgiving dinner on chicken or something else. The price in former years ranged from 9 to 12 cents per pound live. Neither the President nor the Governor in their proclamations appointing Thanksgiving said anything about turkey, leaving it to the choice of each home to prepare their meal for that day as best suited them and pocket books, be it turkey, chicken, beef roast, sauerkraut and speck, stewed old gum shoes, metzel soup, or whatever might have been within reach. Perhaps to fast would not have been a bad plan, surely a cheaper one, than 18 and 20 cent turkey, and there is scripture for fasting too.

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The End of a Year of Matrimonial Bliss

SHE attended to the business of gathering up his collars, cuffs, shirts, etc., for the laundryman.

She kept the buttons sewed on his underclothes.

She put his studs and cuff links in their places.

She hung his evening clothes up so that they would not be wrinkled and kept his gloves and ties neatly arranged where he could find them without any trouble.

She always had plenty of clean towels ready for him, so that he could take his bath without any unnecessary bother.

His linen was always neatly laid in certain drawers where he had but to look in order to find what he wanted.

His socks were kept in good repair.

When his clothes needed pressing she sent them out.

She never put her hatpins on his pen rack nor neglected to empty his ash tray.

She was anxious to save him from annoyances of any kind around home, so that he might always be at his best when he went away to business.

And all this lasted for one year. Then the stork looked in on his easy contentment and didn't seem to like it.

Now he himself has to pick up his clothes for the laundryman. He finds clean things to wear when he can, and when he can't he goes without.

When he goes to his bath the chances always are that he will have a discouraging hunt for towels.

He daily finds all kinds of rubbish piled upon his desk, and generally he has to fasten his underclothes with safety pins that he has been fortunate enough to find scattered around the house. Yet he has the courage to stand up and say:

Against her breast his soft cheek lies,
And she looks upward blushing,
The warning in her haunting eyes
My glad approval hushing.

A little year ago we thought
The love that we were giving
Each unto each was all that ought
To make life worth the living.

We could not know the greater joy
The future days were bringing—
I see her bend to kiss our boy
And hear her softly singing.

His rounded cheek is fondly pressed
Against her, and unchidden
I see the whiteness of her breast
So lately from me hidden.

I have the strength, in rain or shine,
To bring what they require.
What fairer, happier lot than mine
Could any man desire?

—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

An Omission.

"Now, my son, this is going to hurt me the most."

"Gee, ma, you're easy on yourself! Why didn't you drive a few nails in that plank?—Boston Journal.

A Little of Everything.

"I never saw Mrs. Placid so much provoked. Somebody wrote and asked her for her famous mince pie recipe, and when she looked it up she found that a part of the sheet had been torn off."

"Was much of it gone?"

"No; only a small part."

"Can't she remember it?"

"Remember it! I should think not. She's sure there must have been at least thirty-seven different ingredients in the missing portion."—Baltimore News.

The Worm Turns.

The Artist—What are you at now, old man?

The Author—A football story.

The Artist—And the hero wins the game with a ninety yard run, of course?

The Author—Not this hero. He simply corners the ticket market and lives easy ever afterward.—Town Topics.

Disappointing.

Patience—That's the most disappointing book I ever read.

Patrice—What's wrong with it?

"Why, I turned over and read the last chapter, and then discovered that they were married and divorced in the first chapter!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Long Term Mortgage.

Carrie—I suppose you will be married very soon?

Edith—Oh, dear, no! Harry paid so much for my engagement ring he can't afford to get married for a long, long time.—Boston Transcript.

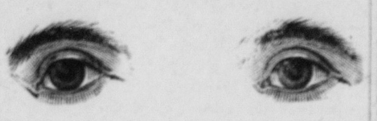
Next to Godliness.

The following bill is handed weekly by the school washerwoman to the principal of a boarding school in western Pennsylvania:

"To washing four teachers, $5."—Lippincott's Magazine.

The watchmaker may pay his bills, but he lives on tick.

Prof. J. ANGEL



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