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EDITORIAL.

THE Penrose-Gazette of this place has not told us anything lately about Berry's brick yard.

CHAIRMAN Andrews, of the Republican State Committee, issued a call for the Republican State convention to meet in Harrisburg on June 6.

THERE is strong reason for suspicion that all the other government departments at Harrisburg have been Sander-sonized, and need investigating.

THE lifting of the lid in the Capitol investigation, the black it shows up, would still call up the stereotype yawp of "lies" and "liars" with those who have nothing but that to fall back upon when deficient in argument.

THE CAPITOL investigation going on at Harrisburg, this week brought out more damaging evidence of fraud. The game of robbing the state grows blacker and more infamous with each day's probing. A demand is going up from the people for immediate criminal prosecution of all, high and low, who were in the conspiracy. Yet we do not believe a single guilty brawler will ever be punished.

ON ACCOUNT of a case of diphtheria falling to the lot of an employee in the Bellefonte post-office the same was closed on Friday and fumigated. There would have been no harm to have put Penrose and Judge Love into the building at the same time and given them a thorough fumigation too. The post-master might be included were it not a hopeless case of purification by fumigation or any other known process.

THE only thing that went wrong with the men who plotted to empty the State Treasury into their pockets by means of the equipment of the Capitol was the election of a Democratic Treasurer in November, 1905, remarks the Record. If the office had been kept inside the party not a breath of scandal would have escaped. Ultimately, of course, the enormous cost would have become public; but if the scandal had been kept entirely inside the Republican family the figures would have been juggled and a fair showing made.

WILL NOT APPOINT ENEMIES.

President Roosevelt's action with respect to the Wadsworth recommendations for office is sufficient notice to the New York politicians that he will not appoint to office enemies of the present Administration in that State. Nor does he propose to give his own enemies political weapons with which, should the reactionaries carry that State, they would be in a position to make trouble.

President Roosevelt's enemies are the Penrose crowd in this state. Penrose is charged by the President with being one of a clique that proposes to raise five million dollars to fight Roosevelt and interfere with his policies because of his square deal and opposition to the robber trusts. This would reach those postmasters in this state who swear by Penrose and pretend at the same time to be for Roosevelt. That is, some postmasters will claim friendship for both—cheat one or the other. A paper that will print columns of Penrose trash can be convicted of being opposed to the President. Oil and water won't mix. There will be a valid excuse if the President would remove such hypocritical subjects. Lightning of that kind might strike near here.

A GOOD ISSUE.

THE leaders of the Democratic party are continuing their still hunt for an issue, remarks the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin, rep. How would the Capitol investigation do, neighbor, it involves two G. O. P. governors, two auditor generals, as many state treasurers, and others, of the machine? They were all on a "still hunt" as well as on a gigantic steal hunt.

Is He Innocent.

Governor Pennypacker continues to express his willingness to appear before the capitol investigation committee and tell what he knows. If he is the honest man that has been constantly claimed and that the people have wished to believe, he will not be able to throw much light upon the situation. For if he is innocent he must be in the grasp of a phenomenal and abyssmal ignorance.—Altoona Tribune.

Some fellows are like electric buttons. They won't accomplish anything unless they are pushed.

LEADING EVENTS AT HARRISBURG

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of Philadelphia, president of the Williamson Brothers Company, brass and iron founders, swore that his firm had furnished loaded iron frames for the bronze chandeliers and that instead of being solid bronze, as required by the specifications and represented to the State, they "loaded" iron with a thin sheet of bronze as a coating. The value of these fraudulent chandeliers was four cents and the charge to the State about four dollars and half a pound. Apr. 22, 1907. G. D. H.

TOLLY FREIGHT BILL SIGNED. The McClain-Homsher trolley freight bill was signed by Governor Stuart. It extends to trolley companies heretofore or hereafter to be incorporated, whether surface, underground or elevated, the right to do an express and light freight business. The authorities of any city, borough or township through which the trolley line runs may regulate the business and the rates to be charged, such regulations to be subject to revision by the common pleas court of the county in which the regulation is made.

MUZZLER IN STUART'S HANDS. President Pro Tem Woods Monday night signed the Salus-Grady Libel law repealer, and its accompanying bill, compelling the publication every day in newspapers of the names of the proprietor, publisher or owner and the managing editor. The bill now goes to the Governor. This is the famous bill Pennypacker had passed to punish the wicked editors. Penny is being repudiated by his own party.

COCHRAN PENSION BILL. The progress of the Cochran pension bill, in which 62,000 veterans in this state are interested, is satisfactory and promises to become a law. The bill has passed the senate and is now in the appropriation committee and will be affirmed and sent to the house this week. This bill will give a pension to 62,000 veterans in this state and it will take nine million dollars the first two years. Another very important bill to the state, called the armory bill, will be placed on the house calendar this week from the appropriation committee.

BILLS PASSED. The following bills were passed finally: Appropriating \$600,000 for the establishment and maintenance of one or more sanitariums for free treatment of indigent tuberculosis patients.

Providing that brewers shall sell their products only to licensed liquor dealers. Authorizing township supervisors and road masters to contract for the removal of loose stones, briars, twigs, underbrush and similar debris from public roads.

Authorizing county commissioners to decide whether civil war memorials shall be shafts or buildings. To allow receivers, assignees, guardians, committees, trustees, executors and administrators to include in the lawful expenses of executing their trusts such reasonable sum paid a county guaranteeing the payment of the principal and interest of mortgages or other securities in which they are required to invest the funds of their estate, not exceeding half of one per cent per annum on the principal of such securities.

Senate bill relating to the appointment of court stenographers and their assistants. Fixing at \$3 per day the compensation of borough and township auditors.

Requiring each band of gypsies to pay a license fee of \$50 to the treasurer of any county in which the band wishes to camp.

Gov. Stuart has approved a bill authorizing the commissioners of the several counties to contract for the drilling of gas wells in lands owned by the particular county, for the purpose of furnishing light and fuel for the county buildings of that county.

The Democrat considers this a proper move. The House of Representatives at Harrisburg Tuesday passed the bill making it unlawful to wear American wild birds for ornament. The bill now goes to the Senate. If passed by that body and approved by the governor it will be a violation of the law to wear any American bird, or any part thereof, on a woman's hat.

DEMOCRATIC IDEAS.

The Democratic party has survived the vicissitudes of a century because it is a public necessity. Its roots reach back to the constitution of the United States. Its history, its traditions, even its prejudices, have given it a permanence and stability which neither its disastrous blunders nor the corruption of its bosses nor the incredible folly of its leaders could destroy. It still has a vital work to perform in the activities and liberties of the individual are not to be submerged in a centralized government.

But if it were to continue only as party of opposition its service would still be of the highest importance. Demoralized and disorganized as it is today, its influence in shaping the course of the Federal Government has been greater at no time since the civil war than during the present Republican Administration. Even when the Democratic party was in power it was less successful than now, in carrying out its policies, and its leaders, from Mr. Bryan down, are boasting of the large number of Democratic ideas that Mr. Roosevelt has put into effect. A party that can exert so great an influence upon the administration of government while its opponents are in power is anything but "an empty name."—World.

Clerk-Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 4, 1907 at the Bellefonte postoffice an examination will be held for the positions of clerk and carrier in the Postoffice Service. This examination offers an opportunity to bright, entergetic young persons to enter an interesting field of Government employment where the salaries compare most favorably with those paid in private employment.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to existing and future vacancies. The application blank, instructions to applicants, and further information application should be made to the local secretary, at the Bellefonte, Pa. postoffice. No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the secretary prior to the hour of closing business on May 2, 1907.

APRIL A HISTORIC MONTH.

April is the most prominent month in the history of the United States. More important national events have transpired in this month than in any other month. The battle of Lexington was fought April 19, 1775. This was the beginning of the struggle for independence and Washington's army was disbanded April 19, 1783. In April 1840, Taylor built Fort Brown and occupied the disputed territory between the United States and Mexico, which ushered in the Mexican War. Fort Sumter was fired on April 12, 1861, which was the beginning of the War of the Rebellion. Many of the most important battles of the war were fought in the month of April.

The battle of Pittsburg Landing, the capture of New Orleans, the evacuation of Richmond and the surrender of Lee, and the assassination of Lincoln are only a few of the many events in our history that have taken place in the month of April.

War with Spain was declared April 21, 1898, thus adding another important event in our history for this month. It is therefore, coincident, for the first blood of the Revolution was shed April 19, 1775, and the sword then unsheathed was not again placed in the scabbard until American independence was won.

The first gun of the Rebellion was fired April 12, 1861, and the first blood was shed April 19, in the streets of Baltimore, and the cannon's mouth was not closed, nor did blood cease to flow until four millions of slaves were free and the nation made one. And the Centre Democrat would beg to add that about all the fittings take place in April. Also that trout fishing begins April 15th. And the buds begin to spring and the birds begin to sing in April. Also that corn ground is plowed in April. And also the inevitable organ grinder starts out in April. Truly, that April is a great month, and we couldn't do without it. April why not name babies after it, as well as townships, villages, and counties? Why were not Chicago, Boston Indianapolis and other large cities named April instead of the outlandish names they bear? The government being hard up for new post-office names, why not fall back on April for a help-out? Railroad stations would find April a charm to call out instead of the outlandish gibberish some of the stations bear. Hurrah for April, even if it is a little "raw" this time.

RECENT WEDDINGS. LOVE COLE. The pretty little home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cole, situated at the base of the Muncy mountains near Coleville, was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Thursday evening. It was the giving in marriage of their daughter Miss Vada L. to George Love, formerly of Bellefonte but now of Altoona. It was a quiet affair, only the immediate friends of the two families being present. The bride looked very charming in a gown of blue. She was attended as bridesmaid by her sister Miss Caroline, John Dugan, of Altoona, acted as best man. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Spangler of the United Brethren church after which an excellent wedding dinner was served to the bridal party and the guests. The bride received many beautiful and useful presents. They left on the 4-44 train Sunday afternoon for Altoona where the groom holds a splendid position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

HAZEL-OTTO. Thursday Miss Mable Otto, daughter of the late Hamilton Otto, left Bellefonte for Niagara Falls. She was escorted to the depot by a crowd of young lady friends, and while waiting for the train Miss Otto was showered with rice. The meaning of this outburst of enthusiasm was not thoroughly understood by those who watched the amusing incident as none could locate the groom. The truth was that the groom wasn't there but Miss Otto, accompanied by her mother and Mrs. A. C. Garman, were on their way to that city where on Wednesday she became the bride of Harry Hazel, formerly of Bellefonte. The wedding took place at the home of her grand-father, Morris Cowdrick, and was a very pretty affair. Mr. Hazel is employed in a large clothing store in the above mentioned city at which place they will make their future home.

GARBNER-CALLAWAY. "How do you like your new nephew, Harry Garber?" read a telegram received at Bellefonte, Thursday night, from Baltimore by George T. Bush, and was the first intimation received of the marriage in that city Wednesday of his niece, Miss Louisa Callaway to Harry L. Garber, a popular young broker, of this place. Miss Callaway is a granddaughter of Mrs. Louisa Bush, and the late D. G. Bush, who before his death was one of the largest property owners in the town. She is a singer and is one of Bellefonte's best-known young women.

Their marriage was a complete surprise to their friends, as no announcement of their engagement was made. Harry now has a wife and a new automobile so that he will have to hustle.

HETRICK HALL. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall, of Sunbury, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mabel May Hall, to John A. Hetrick, of that place. The wedding will take place in June and will be a very elaborate affair. The bride's father was formerly a conductor on the Central railroad from Mill Hall to Bellefonte, and the family resided here a number of years. Miss Hall with her parents, moved to Sunbury from Atlantic City some time ago.

SAYLOR-MOOREHEAD. Tuesday morning Miss Ida Moorehead of Homer City, Indiana county Pa., and Harry P. Saylor, of Altoona, were married by Rev. Patrick McArdie at the Catholic Manse on Bishop street. After an excellent wedding breakfast at the home of Mr. Saylor's parents on Valentine street, the bride and groom left on the 9:07 train for a wedding tour to St. Louis, after which they will locate in Al-

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TOONA where they will make their home.

WEDDING. Tuesday morning Ellie Smuivikies was united in marriage to Matt Perchak at the St. John's Catholic church. After the ceremony they returned to their home where a royal good time was celebrated by the foreign element. On the bill of fare was a roast call turkeys chickens in enormous quantities and about fifty kegs of beer. There was singing, and dancing all day.

GUNSALLS-SPANGLER. Wesley Gunsalls, son of J. R. Gunsalls, and Miss Tillie, daughter of George Spangler of Eagleville Station, were married quietly by Justice of Peace William Harter at his office in Blanchard Saturday evening.

LEITZEL-THOMAS. Samuel B. Leitzel and Miss Edna Thomas were united in marriage at the United Brethren Parsonage, Wednesday evening, April 17th. Rev. W. B. Spangler performed the ceremony. They will make their home in Punksatunway.

ROSS-WEBER. The marriage of Miss Fay Weber and Charles, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ross, occurred in Boalsburg Tuesday of April 8, Rev. A. A. Black having performed the ceremony.

Mrs. W. D. Bigler Dead. Mrs. ALICE BIGLER—widow of Wm. D. Bigler, died in Clearfield last Sunday evening of pneumonia. Her husband died on April 9. Although in poor health Mrs. Bigler attended her husband's funeral. A day or two afterwards she took to her bed. She was the daughter of the late Judge G. E. Barrett, of Clearfield. She was 60 years old.

Here is the fifth death in the Bigler family in a little more than two years, the others being her daughter, two daughters-in-law and her husband.

Try to live right and don't worry about how you are going to die; you'll die all right.

BUTTLER VS JONES.

Monday Burdine Butler, of near Howard, was in Bellefonte and while in "Billy" McClure's harness store, he sort of stepped on a bumble bee's nest, and for a short time things were warm around there, especially around Burdine's collar. He is one of the men who does not believe in vaccination as a preventive against contagious diseases, especially small pox. He claims that vaccination brings on blood poison and many diseases of the skin, of which man is heir. It was while here that Burdine began to "make known his views upon this popular subject, never thinking that he had as a listener Dr. J. Jones, the veterinary surgeon. Now, Dr. Jones is a firm believer in vaccination and you can readily determine what took place. As the argument proceeded Jones became purple from the root of his hair to the tips of his toes, while "Billy" McClure thought that he would have to take Burdine back in the store and tie him with a halter until he would cool off. Jones wanted to bet his check for a hundred dollars that he was right. Burdine wouldn't accept a check, saying that if he (Jones) wanted to bet he should put up "The Ready John Davis." Things were getting in such a shape that gloves or swords might have been required to settle the dispute, when Burdine saw a police and being a little afraid he might not get home, he left under fire. They both have the subject down fine and both put up good arguments.

Father's Sad Predicament.

Last week in a short notice we referred to the death of Mrs. John Sechler, formerly of Bellefonte, which took place in Williamsport. The Sun in making notice of this death says that her demise has brought to light a case which appears to be deserving of the attention of charitably inclined persons. Mrs. Sechler died on Thursday of last week, leaving to survive her a husband and thirteen children. The youngest child, five months of age, is now at the hospital. Mr. Sechler had been employed as night watchman at the Breon mill until about

five weeks ago when his wife was taken sick and had to be removed to the hospital. This necessitated him being home at night to look after the children, so he secured employment at the Keeler boiler works. With his large family and much sickness, followed by the death of the wife and mother, Mr. Sechler is in need of help for himself and children. One of the children was taken to Sunbury, Monday, by a friend of the family. The others, with the exception of the babe at the hospital, are at home. Among the children are twins, a boy and a girl, three and a half years old. Mrs. Sechler had been at the hospital four weeks prior to her death.

Morton Smith Had Diphtheria.

Morton Smith, postal clerk in the Bellefonte postoffice, had been complaining for several days of not being well. He went to work as usual Thursday morning but only remained a short time. After arriving home a physician was summoned who stated that he had symptoms of diphtheria. The P. O. department was notified and permission was granted to close the office several hours for the purpose of fumigation. Hard P. Harris disinfected everyone and everything connected with the office, the employees of the office changed their clothes before leaving the building and every precaution has been taken to keep the disease from spreading. The office was opened again at 3 o'clock. William H. Garman has been doing Mr. Smith's work while he is confined to his home. Mr. Garman is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office and will fill the position in an acceptable manner. Mr. Smith is getting better and will soon be back in his place again.

In the Sunday school class the children were getting restless and the minister, to divert them, asked all who wanted to go to heaven to stand up. The whole school rose except one little boy. "Don't you want to go to heaven, my little lad?" asked the minister. "Yes, sir," was the response. "but I know mamma doesn't want me to go just yet."

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