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## EDITORIAL.

By the aid of the Democratic members in congress, President Roosevelt is seeing some of his recommendations respectfully considered.

What does Barclay care for the working man? He is a rich old codger and votes with the "stand-patters" for the benefit of corporations and trusts.

BARCLAY is the man who had the appointment of the Bellefonte postmaster, and when he heard the people protest, tried to shift the responsibility on Penrose.

The most unpopular man to the gang at Harrisburg, during the past two years, was Wm. H. Berry. They got rid of him this week, now they can sing: "Hail! Hail! the Gang's all here."

The School Directors of Centre county are of the opinion that, in the midst of a panic, it is a bad policy to materially advance salaries of public officials. They evidently realize that we have a panic.

The demand from all sections of the country, from democrats and republicans, for a revision of the robber tariff that operates solely for the trusts and millionaires, is putting the stand-patters into a sore pinch. The voice of the people is against them.

BARCLAY, the boodler, of Driftwood, will find that this district is tired of being represented by a "Money Bag." The example of Dresser was enough, without a repetition of Barclay. It is coming to a sorry pass when only a millionaire is competent to go to Congress from here. Why the masses tie themselves to aristocratic old plutocrats who are not in sympathy with them, is what we can't understand.

The republicans in the senate and house of congress are getting more and more at outs with Roosevelt over legislation, and within the last ten days, with the assistance of the democrats, under the lead of John Sharp Williams, the stand-patters have been getting a black eye, and speaker Cannon and his clique of conspirators were halted in their opposition to legislation that is purely for the public good.

The Quay statue is completed and Mr. Lane, chairman of the committee having the same in charge, favors placing it in the rotunda of the new capitol. To do that would be an insult to decency. But Lane is a gangster of the Quay school, and is anxious to put the statue of his Alma Mater where it deserves least to be. What the remaining two of the statue committee will favor is not known as yet. Mr. Berry was one of the three committeemen, but his term of office having expired Mr. Sheats, the new treasurer, takes his place. Mr. Berry's respect for the feelings of loyal Pennsylvanians, would not have permitted him to favor placing the statue in the new capitol rotunda.

However, if the statue committee decides upon the rotunda, they might as well put close to it a figure of Satan, labeled, King of Hades, and a label upon the Quay figure, labeled Prince of Corruption—then put a high board fence around the capitol fraud and thus forever shut it and its two figures from public view.

DURING the recent high water, overflowing the banks of streams near Port Matilda, the recession of the floods caused a shallow pool to remain in a low place in which a fish was observed splashing about, by a man passing by. He had a very sick daughter who had a desire for fish. Thinking here was his chance for serving the cravings of his daughter, the man captured the fish which soon would have perished by the drying up of the water, and he carried it to his home where the sick daughter partook of it. Some imp reported this illegal capture of the finny tribe, and immediately the fish warden of Tyrone was after the father, had him arrested, and fined \$25 and costs. The man admitted to all and related the circumstances that led him, (a poor man,) unknowingly to violate the law. This action was brutal and inhuman. What a contrast, when we consider how slow justice is when the capitol thieves, of six millions of dollars, are brought to justice at less than a snail's pace, whilst under the same G. O. P. rule, the poor man is dragged to prosecution for an act of mercy which any decent man, in all reason, would recognize as perfectly just, fair and permissible.

## OVER THE COUNTY.

George R. Meiss, of Colyer, sold his team of sorrel horses to W. H. Taylor, at Reedsville.

Al. Stover, of near Coburn, had a severe stroke of paralysis on Saturday, and is in a critical condition.

State's Track Team will contest for honors with the Carlisle Indians on Beaver field, Saturday, May 9.

W. H. Yarnell of State College transacted business in Bellefonte on Saturday. Mr. Yarnell is one of State College's best citizens.

Some potato farmers, it is declared, have discovered that sulphur freely used will discourage the most determined potato bug. It is a cheap remedy and one easily obtained.

Joe Meyers was the lowest bidder for building the Dempster Meek barn in Patton twp., and got the job. The timber is to be taken off the stump, and the work to be commenced at once.

The forestry department of the Pennsylvania State College has set out thousands of oak, pine, walnut and fruit trees on the southern slope of the land recently purchased by the college.

The foundation for the bronze drinking fountain at State College, is being laid this week by the Messrs. Woome. The fountain will be placed in position in a few days and the water turned on.

Mrs. Mary A. Miller, of Millheim, has sold her dwelling house and farm lots in that place to Mrs. Kate E. Musser. Consideration \$300. Mrs. Miller expects to move to State College about September 1st.

It is unlawful for any public official, of aboro, township, county, city or state, to have any interest, direct or otherwise, in any job or contract, coming under his jurisdiction. A severe penalty is named for a violation of this act.

James Breen, of Aaronsburg, while cutting wood on Brush mountain, met with a severe accident. He was trimming a boom pole to bind a load of wood when his axe slipped and entered his foot, severing one of his large toes.

One day recently the timber tract operated on by F. S. Tomlinson, east of Aaronsburg, caught fire and for a time the fire threatened to spread to adjacent land. By summoning help from Aaronsburg the fire was gotten under control. Considerable damage had been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hamby, of West Philadelphia, have issued invitations for the celebration of a marriage anniversary, Friday evening, May eight. Mrs. Hamby is a native of Potter township. Mr. Hamby is a jeweler, and has a well-stocked store of high class jewels at 195 South 8th street, where his business is a profitable one.

Messrs. Liget and Winkleblock, of Beech Creek, were recently looking over the timber on the farm of Dr. A. G. Leib, east of Centre Hall, tenanted by T. A. Corman, with a view of ascertaining the approximate amount of feet that can be cut from it. Dr. Leib, who lives in Bethlehem, is contemplating having the timber cut, but just who will do it is not known.

W. S. Shelton, of Millheim, received a telegram recently from Mrs. Shelton, who, with her two daughters, are visiting Mr. Shelton's parents at Powanda, informing him that his parents' home at that place had been totally destroyed by fire and that Mrs. Shelton and the children barely escaped in their night clothes, losing all the clothing they had along with them.

There is a movement on foot throughout the state to limit the school term to eight months. Prominent educators and physicians are in favor of it. There was a time when we fellows only got a three-month's term in the year—eight months, in all reason, as it gives the scholar a chance to do something useful that is really healthy exercise to boot.

Mrs. Charles Ammerman and two of her children, Malcolm and Lawrence, of Phillipsburg, are quite ill with scarlet fever. The latter had only recently recovered from a very serious attack of pneumonia, and Helen, another little daughter, had no sooner recovered from scarlet fever and the house undergone fumigation than the mother and two other children named were taken down with the same dread disease.

Calvin Bottorf, of Colyer, one of the overseers of the poor of Potter township, took Mrs. Price to the asylum at Danville. The Price family were residents of Potter township, but some time ago moved to near Lock's Mills, Millfin county. Mrs. Price is of unsound mind, and lately became so violent that it was deemed necessary to take her to the asylum. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting her on the train.

On Sunday, May 10th, in Rebersburg charge of U. Ev. Church, Evangelist E. T. Campbell, of Catawqua, Pa., will preach at Madisonburg, 10 a. m.; regular services at Yearick's 2.30 p. m.; Rev. Campbell will lecture at Yearick's Friday, May 8, at 8 p. m., subject—"Fight the King;" at Madisonburg, Saturday, May 9, at 8 p. m., subject—"Principles not men." A silver offering will be lifted at the door.

On Saturday, while P. F. Confer and his son, Harry, were plowing in a field east of Millheim they were surprised to see a strange animal crossing the field near them. Upon close examination they saw that the animal was a black wolf, with bushy tail and pointed ears. The wolf came off Brush mountain north of town and as far as they could see it travel, was making for the Seven mountains in the neighborhood of High valley.

The committees appointed by the Sunday schools, of Millheim, to arrange for Memorial day decided to have the exercises at 6 o'clock in the evening. Chester E. Hall, Esq., of Williamsport, has been secured to deliver the oration. The following sub-committees were appointed. Invitations T. K. Frank, J. C. Hosterman, A. E. Bartges; Music, H. N. Meyers, C. H. Breen, Dale Musser; Finance, R. S. Stover, T. K. Frank. The committee will meet again Tuesday evening, May 12.

Dr. Sparks expects to come to State College permanently in the near future, if the repairs on the president's residence are completed. He will give commencement addresses at the Allegheny High school, the Clearfield High school, and the Birmingham school, at Birmingham. He will also deliver the address of welcome to the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association during their meeting at State College in July. A reception to the teachers will be given at the president's residence by Dr. and Mrs. Sparks on one of the evenings of the meeting.

A. Kessler, of Millheim, has built the foundation for a large addition to his residence. He will also build a large porch around the front part of the house.

Memorial services will be held at Rebersburg on Sunday May 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m. The services will be held in the Evangelical Association church, conducted by Rev. Haney.

Wm. J. Lingle and Lucina Swartz, and Jerimah P. Clement and Miss Puella Swartz were married recently at Milton, Pa. by Rev. J. F. Shambaugh. The two brides formerly resided in Benner township.

Prof. A. Merrill Allison spent a few days recently at the home of his brother, Dr. J. R. G. Allison, in Centre Hall. He is teacher in one of the high schools in Slosser City, Iowa, and has been meeting with success. He was called home on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Jonathan Condo.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th, the Centre County Sabbath school convention will be held in the Methodist church at State College. A most excellent and instructive programme has been arranged which will be helpful to all Sabbath school workers. Several noted speakers will be present to take part in the discussion. It is said that this gathering will be the best, of the kind, ever held in the county.

## A Bounteous Prospect.

It is astounding as it is cheering to behold the wonderful advance made by vegetation within the last week. Looking over the landscape from some of our high places, there is an expanse of unsurpassed beauty for the eye to feast upon. The fields green with the growing grain and grass; the forests heavy with new foliage that add beauty to the change from leaflessness of winter to the life-giving foliage of spring; the orchards and fruit trees, all kinds in bloom and smiling blossoms of all colors—all a sight and scene of Nature's holding out to mortals a picture of its wonders. Never did a spring present a picture of greater beauty and promise. The lover of Nature has a panorama of beauty that the artists, pencil in vain assays to imitate. All this loveliness carries in its lap a season of great promise as a resultant. Get to the high places and view the landscape o'er.

## THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Democratic national convention at Denver in July will contain 1008 votes in all. It will therefore require 672 votes to nominate, and since the rules of Democratic national conventions require two-thirds to nominate a candidate, it follows that one-third or 336 votes can prevent any nomination. This old two-thirds rule was first adopted by the Democratic party through the influence of Van Buren, and in 1849 it defeated his own nomination. Since that date the two-thirds rule has always prevailed, so as to provide that something approaching unanimity for whoever is nominated may prevent any great dissatisfaction with the candidate selected.

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