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LOCAL POLITICIANS ARE DISAPPOINTED

Clement Dale, Esq., was Appointed the County Solicitor.

KELLER, LOVE, QUIGLEY—LEFT

Harter did his Best to Knock Down Dale and Land Love—Other Appointments Made by the New Board.

There was more than the usual stir among the local republican politicians on Saturday, due to the fact that the two newly elected republican county commissioners were in town. We are informed Harter was so much interested in these men as to appoint himself a reception committee to meet Jacob Woodring at the train so that he might not fall in evil hands.

Mr. Woodring was finally piloted to one of the hotels where he was closeted with Mr. Zimmerman, and Tom proceeded to lay down to them their duty: not to appoint either Harry Keller, Henry Quigley or Thomas Mitchell, as the county solicitors, but to take his friend Judge Love, intimating that he alone was competent and deserving. After an hour's entreating and pounding, Tommy was allowed to conclude his instructions and take his leave with about as much satisfaction as when he began.

About noon the new board startled the hearers by announcing the following appointments:

County Solicitor—Clement Dale, Esq. Clerk—Edward Williams, of Unionville.

Janitor—Levi Simmonds, of Benner township.

County Physician—Dr. W. W. Feidt. You can hardly imagine how crestfallen Tommy was to hear that his friend, the Judge, was left. Even the thought of Dale's appointment was a bitter pill in itself. None were more surprised than Keller, Quigley and Mitchell—the "Headquarters" politicians.

While they were sitting around rejoicing and shaking hands with each other over the victory they claim as theirs, building castles in the air and dreaming over a revelry amid political spoils, Clement Dale, Esq., one of Bellefonte's ablest attorneys and respected citizens, who was in Centre county politics before they were even dry behind their ears, simply stole a march on the whole bunch of youngsters and clinched the best job that was in the county.

Tommy and the "Headquarters" boys complain that they did all the work in the campaign, and were not even consulted; in consequence insist they were slighted, and are as miserable as a lot of sore-eyed kittens.

Have you seen that complaisant smile that now illumines brother Dale's countenance? Well, it's worth a trip to Bellefonte to behold. Clement never did a clearer piece of political work than this and never did we see the Ex-Judge, Quigley, Keller and Tommy more out of sorts than just now. Language fails to express their humiliation.

There were a large number also after the Clerkship, and few of them had filed their applications. The new appointee is a resident of Unionville, followed school teaching and then for some time was a traveling salesman. We believe he will make a competent man for the place.

A whole bunch of political hearers about town were after the janitorship and before they even had a hearing young Simmonds had the job, and we think was selected upon Mr. Zimmerman's request, as they are neighbors.

The above incidents indicate that Messrs. Zimmerman and Woodring have some ideas of their own and can't be trifled with by fingerling politicians; and that in making this selection for county solicitor they, above all other considerations, aimed to secure the most competent legal advisor, instead of placating persistent politicians.

A number of positions remain to be filled which have not yet been announced to wit: Deputy Sheriff, Turnkey, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Recorder.

FIRE AT MARTHA.

Peter Myers, owns a farm near Martha Furnace, on which he long resided, but moved to Philipsburg just about one year ago. His son Charles is married to a daughter of ex-Sheriff Cronister and has since been farming the place. On Wednesday evening of last week about 9 o'clock Mr. Peter Myers awoke and was shocked to find his large barn on fire. The flames had gained such headway that no efforts could extinguish them, and in a little while the building, with all its contents, was destroyed. The contents consisted of three horses, three head of beef cattle, farming implements, wagons, 300 bushels of wheat, a big crop of hay, corn fodder, etc. The total loss will reach upwards of \$4,000, on which there was only a partial insurance.

Mr. Myers and son Charles both made narrow escapes, coming out of the burning structure just a few seconds before it toppled over. The burning of the barn also set fire to a valuable tract of wood land belonging to Mr. Myers, and the full day was spent in vigorously fighting the angry flames.

By one Vote.

There are times when a single vote is of great consequence. Editor Joe Leshner, the Selmsgrove Democratic nominee for Commissioner in Snyder county, was defeated for re-election by one vote. Gundy Wolf, of Union county, goes to the Legislature upon the narrow margin of two votes.

John Ellmore, the Altoona man who discovered the compound by means of which ashes are made to burn, is manufacturing and selling it. A few days ago he shipped 6,000 lbs. of his compound to Pittsburgh and vicinity and has a large number of orders on hand to be filled.

DEER SEASON SHORT.

The fact that November 15 falls on Sunday this year will add one day's lease of life to the lot of some of the deer that roam the forests. The deer season should open on November 15, but as Sunday hunting is not permitted November 16 marks the opening of the season and the killing of deer may continue to December 1. Each hunter is limited to kill one male deer with horns, in a season. There have been numerous reports of many deer having been seen and it is generally believed that hunters will have good success this season. The following are the names of some of the hunting parties in Centre county who will leave Monday and Tuesday for their annual hunting outing.

The Ben. Greenzel party will leave Tuesday for Greenwood, located in the Alleghenies, about twelve miles from Karthaus. The party is composed of Benjamin Gentzel, Edward Eckenroth, Isaac Miller, Lewis Gettig and Ray Strunk, of Bellefonte; William Rossman, of Pleasant Gap; Clayton Rossman, of Lemont; Charles Bilger and Oscar Zimmerman, of Pleasant Gap, and William L. Foster, of State College.

The Panther hunting club will leave Bellefonte on Tuesday for Eddie Lick in the Scotot region. The party will be composed of R. S. Brouse, Harry Gerberick, J. M. Cunningham, George Weaver, W. C. Cassidy, Edmund Blanchard, John and Andrew Knipely, John and Linn McGinly and Jack Decker.

The Boalsburg hunting party will leave Monday for Stone Valley, at what is known as Rossman's. Among those who will compose this party are the following gentlemen: Harry Bailey and Dan and Wesley Meyers, of Boalsburg; Linn Musser and the Kreps brothers, of Pine Grove Mills. There will be other hunters in this party from Altoona and other towns in the state.

The Regulars, No. 1, of Potters Mills, will go into camp in the Seven mountains, near Underwood's mill. It will be composed of the following hunters: David L. Bartges, Michael Smith and son Lloyd, Thomas L. Decker, Edward Laughner, William Weaver, Winson Shirk, Walter Gherity, Reuben Colyer, H. W. Colyer, Perry Krise, James and B. F. Reish, John and Harry Wilkinson, Jerry G. Boal and M. E. Coyle. The Milroy party composed of Al. Swartz, John and Charles Gussaus and Wilcox Shovers, and the Hecla party composed of William Shuman, Kline and John Zimmerman. Samuel Haines and others will go into the Scotot region, near Cranberry Swamp.

December 1 also marks the end of the season for grouse, pheasants, rabbits, quail, wild turkeys, squirrels and plovers. The average number of small game has not improved the present season a very successful one, and very few of them have returned with game bags filled. Bear hunters have been the most successful.

A Chapter of Accidents.

A chapter of accidents occurred recently. While McClellan Rossman and A. O. Tyson, of State College, were homeward bound from the Way sale, their horse suddenly started, throwing Mr. Tyson out of the vehicle backward, catching his foot between the axle and spring, and receiving painful injuries before the horse could be stopped.

Lloyd Ewing, of Charter Oak, had a mule team to run away, throwing him out. The wheels passed over his body, breaking several ribs. His condition is serious.

Bert Musser, of Furguston township, while driving a four-horse team at a smart pace down grade, the saddle horse fell, dragging him for a long distance by one leg. It was only by heroic efforts of young Potter and Burwell that the wagon did not pass over Musser's body. The ligatures of his left ankle are badly strained so that he was confined to bed several days. The accident prevented him and his bride from taking their honeymoon trip.

Successful Horse Sale.

Edward Hugler's horse sale at the Haag hotel, in Bellefonte, on Saturday brought together a large number of admirers of horse flesh from this and adjoining counties. The number of horses and sucking colts sold was 33, the average price being about \$50, which was very satisfactory to Mr. Hugler. The following are the names of some of the purchasers: John Brice, Clarence J. W. G. Kunkle, Bellefonte, 2; Mr. Grassmire, Milesburg, 1; Thomas Beever, Bellefonte, 1; Frank Miller, Pleasant Gap, 2; Andrew Knisely, State College, 1; Frank Donevan, Axeman, 1; William Armor, Axeman, 1; Richard Packer, Pleasant Gap, 2; George Johnsonbaugh and James Bartley, Marion township, each 1; John Rocky, Zion, 3 colts; John Spierly, Boggs township, 3; A. B. Lee, Potter township, 1; A. O. Johnston, 1.

Movement to Send Bryan to Senate.

Returns from the Kansas state legislature indicate that Democrats will have a majority on joint ballot and movement is on foot to elect William J. Bryan to the United States senate as the successor of Elmer J. Burkett, Republican, whose term expires March 3, 1911.

Bryan has repeatedly asserted both on the stump and in private conversation that he would rather serve in the United States senate than be president. It is admitted his personal popularity carried the Democratic ticket through in the state and his friends declare just recognition demands his receiving the senatorial post.

Ran Away With Bucknell.

The biggest crowd that ever swarmed onto Beaver Field, saw State overhelm Bucknell last Saturday afternoon, 33 to 6. With the renewal of relations, the greatest victory ever gained by the white and blue over a Bucknell aggregation, was scored, which also was enough to send thousands of old State Alumni wild with delight.

—Ladies black 7-button over gaiters 25c. At Yeagers.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE CAMPAIGN

Some Reasons why Bryan failed to Reach the Presidency.

RESULT OF OFFICIAL COUNT

Pluralities for Various county Officials—Mr. Walker Made Large Gains in District—Democrats Elect Several Governors.

Since the election is over there are plenty of smart chaps who knew it all and greet you with the familiar: "I told you so." A month prior to the election we believe Bryan would have swept the country. There was apathy in the Republican campaign. In the last two weeks Taft's forces rallied wonderfully. They succeeded in frightening the American people into the belief that Bryan was a dangerous man and his election would really imperil the business interests of this country.

Many life-long Democrats in this section, who are engaged in business, felt this way, and quietly slipped into the booth, voted through actual fear against the head of their ticket. It was this silent vote that could not be calculated by either side, an unknown quantity, that could not be estimated, that upset all calculations.

Abundant sunshine and rain gave our farmers enormous crops, and while the foreign markets regulated the prices, many farmers believed, through mistake, that the Bryan's election would destroy everything they recently enjoyed, and for this reason many of these voted against the party of their choice.

Another thing, there is no doubt but that the financial interests of this country cling to the Republican party, from whom they in years past have received favored legislation enabling them to reap unjust profits from the masses. In this way, they have largely contributed to the Taft campaign fund, and exerted a powerful influence over the labor they employ, to vote accordingly.

In conclusion: Though defeated for a third time, we believe Wm. Jennings Bryan, by his activity in political life, has done more in the last twelve years to awaken the national conscience, to uplift the standards and morals in public life, and increase and arouse interest for the promotion of civic righteousness throughout this broad land, than any other living man. True, the American people prefer another for their chief executive, yet Wm. J. Bryan will remain in evidence as a living force and important factor in future legislation.

As long as selfishness and greed prevail in man so long will there be need of such sterling character, and fearless leadership to defend the masses from spoliation. The usefulness of this man is not ended; defeat will not cause him to sink with resentment and seek vengeance upon those who differed with his policies. In the prime of life he will continue his usefulness, as heretofore, fighting the battles for humanity, and to him we believe the future historians will ascribe the honor of being one of America's great statesmen.

The next house representatives will consist of 216 Republicans and 175 Democrats, though these figures may be altered by the final returns. The present membership is 225 Republicans, and 176 Democrats.

The senate will contain sixty Republicans and thirty-two Democrats. This assures them the entire machinery and a safe working majority.

To sum up the results of the election, its showing is as follows:

The Democrats gained several governorships.

The Democrats gained a majority in the legislature of several Republican states which will be a gain of three or four members in the U. S. senate in place of that many Republican members.

The Democrats made gains in Pennsylvania on the popular vote, and cut down the former Republican majority over two hundred thousand, and gained members for the state legislature.

The Democrats gained a score of members of congress leaving that many republican members at home.

Another outcome is that among the senators to be elected, Nebraska will later elect Wm. J. Bryan, and Indiana will choose Mr. Kern. Kansas will select a Democrat. Roosevelt may be chosen from New York, instead of Platt.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

In our last issue the electoral vote was given at 181 for Bryan and 302 for Taft. Since then a few changes have occurred. Missouri and West Virginia, upon the final count, have swung over into the Republican column making the vote 319 for Taft and 156 for Bryan. That includes the state of Maryland where the result was very close and the eight electors, owing to defective marking, will be divided on both tickets Bryan getting 6 and Taft 2. Such a condition has occurred in former elections. In former elections the result was as follows:

1904—Roosevelt, 336; Parker, 140, plurality, 196
1906—Kinley, 292; Bryan, 155; plurality, 137
1896—McKinley, 271; Bryan, 176; plurality, 95.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

The following are the official pluralities cast in Centre county:

President, Taft, R.	929
Congress, Barclay, R.	214
Assembly, Meyer, D.	359
Sheriff, Hurley, R.	263
Treasurer, Fink, R.	271
Register, Tuten, R.	411
Recorder, Brown, R.	665
Coms., Woodring, R.	476
Coms., Zimmerman, R.	415
M., Donlay, D.	38
Auditor, Musser, R.	352
Auditor, Pontius, R.	292
M., Beck, D.	106
Coroner, Huff, R.	302

MAY BECOME SENATOR.

That President Roosevelt may be the successor of Senator Platt in the senate is considered by many in Washington as not at all improbable.

Those who regard this as possible declare that they have assurance from the president himself that he would not be entirely averse to the acceptance of the senatorial office under conditions as they will be after the 4th of March. So far as is known he had made no recent expression on the subject, but he has said within the last year that with Mr. Taft as president he would not feel the same hesitancy about entering the senate that he would feel with some one in the white house with whom his relations were not as intimate as they are with Mr. Taft.

His general attitude has been adverse to entering the senate because he has felt that as a member of that body he would be called upon to criticize his successor in the presidency, and this he would feel a delicacy about doing. He has said, however, that, knowing Mr. Taft as he does know him, and agreeing with him in all essentials as he does, he is confident that there would not be any occasion for antagonism.

He has not gone to the extent at any time of indicating that he would desire the office even with Taft as president, but merely has said that with him in position his chief reason for not desiring the senatorial position would disappear.

That Water Plant.

Several weeks ago the Centre Democrat stated that Col. H. S. Taylor was building dams in the mountain stream above Coleville for the purpose of supplying water for the boiler at the steam heating works. It has since developed that the new plant is now in charge of the American Lime & Stone Co. and the purpose is to have at all times an abundant supply of water for their own use. They have already built in the ravine above Coleville leading up to Haupt's farm, at a point a short distance above George Robbs, a concrete dam five or six feet in height. This will give them a back-up of water for a distance of fifty or sixty feet.

From this dam a six inch pipe will convey the water to their reservoir on the Perdus farm. This reservoir is now being built and is 70x35 feet in size by twelve feet deep. In fact, counting the embankment built up by the excavated earth it will be close to twenty feet in depth. From the reservoir the water will be carried through a four-inch pipe down through the Alexander farm direct to the Sunnyside kilns. The water will be piped to the company's operations along the state road and over into Armore Gap, there being plenty of fall to permit of its being carried there by gravity. The company has a big force of men at work and it is their purpose to have the system completely installed before winter sets in.

Dwelling Destroyed.

The dwelling house at Dunkle's station, along the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, occupied by the family of James Lowry, formerly of Bellefonte, was entirely destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Lowry was awakened by the cracking of the flames when she found her bed room filled with smoke. Soon the flames came up the stairway through the door leading to her room. Realizing the dangerous position of herself and two children she hastily tore a couple of heavy curtains from the closet door, tied them together and left the children down to the ground from the window, she then jumped from the window, a distance of eight to ten feet, and escaped in her night clothing without injury to either herself or children. She gave the alarm but by the time the neighbors reached the scene the building was a mass of flames, and was soon consumed. Mr. Lowry is a carpenter by trade and is employed at the planning mill of the Bellefonte Lumber Co., and was in town that night. The unfortunate young man is a son of Contractor Henry Lowry, now of State College, and when he drove down there early Tuesday morning he found everything entirely destroyed. The house belonged to Lewis Detrick and was insured in the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. for \$600. Mr. Lowry also had some insurance on his household goods.

Mission Service.

The Reform Sunday school and congregation of Jacksonville will observe Home Mission Service, Sunday eve, Nov. 15, at 7 p. m. The proceeds to be given to the 1st Reformed church of Howard, which is under construction now. An excellent program has been furnished by the Home Mission Board, of Philadelphia, which will be used.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The election over, and the policy of the administration understood, the business outlook naturally will improve. After a year's panic, the stocks of manufactured goods naturally is exhausted. The moving of the large crops is stimulating the railroads to make expenditures which means that labor will be employed and money put in circulation. These conditions we believe would have followed in any event—the result of natural conditions.

WALKER'S GOOD RUN.

The latest returns from this congressional district indicate that W. Harrison Walker, though defeated, made a splendid showing against Captain Barclay, who might have been defeated had it not been a presidential year. It shows that Capt. Barclay failed to hold his party vote. The latest returns show that the following vote was cast for congress:

Taft Barclay Walker	Plur.	Plur.	Gains
Clearfield	1774	771	1003
Cameron	566	298	268
McKean	3206	1469	737
Centre	929	214	715
5475			
2752			
2723			

Mr. Walker made a gain of 2723 in the district. If that is not going some we don't comprehend.

BRYAN COMMENTS ON THE ELECTION

Naturally he is Disappointed in the Result of the Vote.

COMPLIMENTS FOR MR. TAFT

Finds Comfort in the Large Vote in His State—Will continue to Advocate Measures in Behalf of the People.

Last Saturday, Wm. Jennings Bryan, from his home at Lincoln, Nebraska, issued the following statement relative to the result of the election:

"The election has gone against us by a decisive majority. The returns are not all in, and it is impossible at the present time to analyze them or to say what cause contributed most to the Republican victory. We made our fight upon a platform which embodied what we believed to be good for the American people, but it is for the people themselves to decide what laws they desire and what methods of government they prefer.

"I have faith that the publicity which we asked for will yet commend itself to the American people, that the election of Senators by the people will be secured, that the iniquities of the trusts will be averted, and that the principle of private monopoly will be abolished.

"I am confident that the people will see the necessity for the labor legislation and the tariff reduction which our platform demanded. I am confident, too, that the educational work done in this campaign will result in securing greater protection to bank depositors. The above are the most prominent reforms for which we labored, and I believe that these reforms will yet come together with more effective regulation of railroads and independence for the Filipinos.

"I desire to commend the work of our National Committee. I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Mack as the chairman and with the members of the committee. I do not see what they could have done more than they did, and as for myself, I put forth every effort in my power to secure victory for our cause. The nomination came from the hands of the voters. I have obeyed their command and have led as best I could.

"Words will not express my gratitude for the position which has been shown by millions of Democrats during the past twelve years. Neither am I able to adequately express my appreciation for the kind words which have been spoken since the election. If I could regard the defeat as purely a personal one, I would consider it a blessing rather than a misfortune, for I am relieved from the burdens and responsibilities of an office that is attractive only in proportion as it affords an opportunity to render a larger public service. But I shall serve as willingly in a private capacity as in a public one. God does not require great things of us. He only requires that we improve the opportunities that are presented, and I shall be glad to improve the opportunities for the service presented by private life.

"In this hour of National defeat I find some consolation in the cordial support given by my neighbors, by the citizens of Lincoln and by the people of the State of Nebraska. With a Democratic Governor and a Democratic Legislature we shall be able to put into practice so much of the Denver platform as relates to State legislation, and I trust that our State will set an example that will be an influence for good in the nation."

The following messages were exchanged on Thursday between Lincoln, Nebraska, and Cincinnati:

Please accept congratulations and best wishes for the success of your administration. W. J. BRYAN.

I thank you sincerely for your cordial and courteous telegram of congratulation and good wishes. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

BRYAN IS HAPPY.

Just because he was defeated for the presidency for the third time, William Jennings Bryan didn't lose any sleep. The candidate slept like a rock the night after election and arose at 8 a. m. much refreshed and in excellent spirits. The Republican landslide didn't affect his appetite either, for he ate a hearty breakfast and then read the morning newspapers closely. He announced that he would wait for more complete returns from Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, West Virginia and Nebraska before he would issue any statement on the election.

Bryan expressed great gratification however, over his victory in Lincoln and Lancaster county and over the outlook in Nebraska. When Bryan read the returns from Lincoln showing that he had carried two-thirds of the precincts in the city, he fairly beamed.

Grange Notice.

Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in Milesburg Thursday, Nov. 19, at 9.30 a. m., to hold their fourth quarterly meeting for this year. The officers of Pomona Grange will dedicate the new hall of Bald Eagle Grange at this time; will also confer the fifth degree during the afternoon session; all fourth degree members are cordially invited. There will be an interesting program. The busy season is over. Let us have a good turnout. D. M. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

London Belle.

The beautiful English comedy, which will be presented at the opera house for the benefit of the Logan Fire Co., Nov. 17, by that eminent, romantic actor, Mr. Clifton Malloy and his excellent supporting company, is one of the most beautiful love stories ever written.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

People who live on tick are not generally as regular as clockwork.

It is when a fellow is soft that a girl is apt to sit on him.

JUST AS HE WAS.
A minister, marrying a negro couple, asked the woman: "Do you take this man for better or for worse?" She interrupted by explaining: "No, judge, I want him just as he is. If he gets any better he'll die, and if he gets any worse I'll kill him myself."

GOOD ADVICE AT THAT.
An Albany politician was discussing the heart troubles that oftentimes draw famous men into court.

"If these men," said he, "would paste in their hats poor expatriated Abe Hummel's advice, they'd have no difficulty whatever. Abe's advice, which he incessantly repeated to his clients was: 'Never making love to a woman through an ink bottle.'"

ALREADY SUPPLIED.
A very distinguished minister, who makes it a point to welcome any strangers cordially, hurried down the aisle one Sunday evening and stationed himself at the door as usual. A Swedish girl, employed as a domestic, was one of the strangers. He welcomed her to the church and expressed the hope that she would be a regular attendant. Finally, he said, if she would be at home some evening he would call upon her.

"Thank you," she murmured, bashfully, "but I have a fella'."

EASY FOR HER.
"Patrick, can you name the presidents in their order?" asked the teacher.

"Sure, ma'am, an I'm sorry to say that I can't."

"You are a very dull scholar, Patrick. When I was your age I could name them without an error."

"But that was such a long time ago, ma'am, that you hadn't more than half a dozen to learn."

"The teacher tapped the bell to excuse the class.

EVERYTHING COMES TO THOSE WHO WAIT.
If patience is really a virtue there is a young man in Alabama who ought to wear a full sized halo. One night he stood at a street corner and referred to his Ingersoll, which registered 7:23. Just then a girl with a Merry Widow hat approached.

"What a time you have kept me waiting, Maude," said the young man.

"The girl tossed her head. "It's only just seven," and I didn't promise to be here till a quarter of seven."

"The young man smiled. "Yes," he said, "but you've mistaken the day. I've been waiting since last night."

HE SAVED ONE AT A TIME.
Sam Porter and Hiram Brown were out rowing on the Merrimac, when the boat capsized, spilling both men in the water. Sam was a fine swimmer, but was not very bright, while Hiram was bright enough, but could not swim.

When Sam found himself in the water he struck out lustily for the shore, while Hiram clung to the overturned skiff. As soon as Sam reached the shore he was about to plunge into the water again when a man standing near said:

"What are you going back into the water for? You just swam ashore."

Sam paused a moment, then said: "Well, I had to save myself first; now I'm going back to fetch Him!" And he proceeded to bring Hiram ashore.

IT WAS A LITTLE STRONG.
"One day," remarked a druggist, "I accidentally left some aqua fortis in a glass and soon afterwards was horrified to find the glass empty. Some of the boys in the store said that Bill Webster, a tough old sot, who dropped in on us occasionally, had just gone out, and maybe he had finished it, supposing it was liquor. In a short time he came in and I said:

"Bill, did you drink that stuff in the glass on that table?"

"He said he did, and I then told him that he had drunk poison, and that he'd be a dead man in five minutes."

"Oh, I reckon not," said Bill, "but I knowed it was somethin' a leetle stronger than I'd been a-havin', for every time I blowed my nose I burned a hole in my handkerchief."

AWARDED A PRIZE.
John L. Ripka, superintendent of the Williamsport plant of the Pintsch Compressing company, which supplies gas for the Pennsylvania railroad coaches, Friday received a letter from the general offices informing him that he had been awarded second prize for economy in operating, for excellent service to the railroad and for the general physical condition of the plant. Accompanying the letter was a check for \$50, the amount of the prize award, also another check for \$25 as an award for winning a prize during his first year as superintendent. The Pintsch company has sixty-nine plants located along the railroad in various parts of the country and the fact that Mr. Ripka gets second prize in the competition is a notable record. Mr. Ripka divided the prize money with the men employed in the plant—Sun. Mr. Ripka is a native of Centre county, formerly resided at Axeman.

PENNSYLVANIA DAY.
Since its inception some ten years since, Pennsylvania Day has come to be the great occasion of the year at the Pennsylvania State College, second only to the Commencement season.

November 20 is Pennsylvania Day for 1908, and the celebration bids fair to rival even the most memorable of past occasions. Assurances of attendance have come from prominent men of the state.

Thursday Mrs. Mary Hull, of south Allegheny street was 70 years of age. In honor of the event she was given a surprise in the evening by a large number of her friends going to the house and having an enjoyable time.