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EDITORIAL.

If Senator Knex can not be a member of President Taft's cabinet, and our opinion is he can not under the Constitution, then he will remain in the Senate where he is of great service, and will prevent the election of a gangster of the Quay school, Oliver, of Pittsburgh, and that would be no credit to the great state of Pennsylvania.

PLENTY OF money for big raise of salary from president down to state officials, and for new offices proposed, and for enlarging the capitol park to the amount of two million dollars, but great declaration there is not enough money to grant a pension pittance for the old soldier. If all the already too high salaries were cut down and some of the useless offices abolished, there would be enough and to spare to give the old veterans a handsome pension.

The tom-dick-and-harries in the legislature are on hand with the usual grist of bills—high up in the hundreds—to cure ills real and imaginary, as evidence of lofty statesmanship that will immortalize their names. The waste paper dealer gets it all, at about ten cents per hundred, after the close of the session. For that reason we deem it not only confusing, but a waste of time and space, to make any mention or attempt to discuss all the legislative measures proposed.

The legislature claims that there is not money enough to allow the old soldiers a small pension. At the same time a bill is passed to appropriate \$4000 to pay expenses for the legislature to attend the Taft inauguration. When other citizens attend the inauguration at their own expense why should not a legislator do the same? This \$4000 would be spent for wine, 50-cent cigars, and carousing. If the state is hard up for money, why does this legislature propose to give two million dollars for enlarging the already large capitol ground?

The Hon Wm. Creasy, in the House, and Senator E. L. Austin, in the Senate, are vigorously advocating a revision of the election laws so as to use an official envelope for enclosing ballots. Voters to be able to secure ballots several days prior to election and thus have the opportunity to mark them before coming to the polls. To have no assistance when entering the booth where the ballot is enclosed in the official envelope, in this way avoiding assistance, and securing secrecy. About a month ago the CENTRE DEMOCRAT strongly advocated such a change.

Beats State Roads.

The Centre Hall Reporter says "Talk about the state removing all the toll gates. Who would furnish a better road between Centre Hall and Bellefonte than the present owners of that road? Not the state nor the county, and should this road fall to the township wagoning to Bellefonte would soon cease being a pleasure."

Tampered with Jury. A charge was made before the Clearfield county court on Thursday by an attorney that the grand jury in session during the week had been tampered with, resulting in the ignoring of seven or eight indictments growing out of a riot which occurred in Curwensville, on October 21, 1908. Judge Smith said it was a serious charge and ordered an investigation as soon as the grand jury had completed its work.

Mrs. Susanna P. Swope, widow of the late H. Bucher Swope, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, died on the 8th, of paralysis, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. P. VanValkenburg, in Milwaukee, Wis., aged 74 years. Mrs. Swope was a highly cultured woman and contributed a number of poems and other articles to the Century, St. Nicholas and other magazines. Besides her daughter she is survived by two sons, Roland D. of Curwensville, and William L. of Clearfield. The body was taken to Clearfield for interment.

The Leathers Brothers, of Howard, who have been doing a rushing real estate business at State College, have a great deal of faith in the future prosperity and progressiveness of that borough. Besides selling lots up there they are purchasing them. Just this week they have purchased another plot of ground which they are now offering for sale. Everything looks rosy for State, and lots are being sold by the Leathers Brothers each week.

About the only people who don't quarrel over religion are the people who haven't any.

FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS.

The citizens of this community, with expressions of surprise and hearty approval, welcomed the announcement that was posted over the town on Tuesday morning that a reward of \$25 was offered for information leading to the conviction of every person who violated the election laws that day in Bellefonte. The notice was signed by Harry Keller, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and W. D. Zerby, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. This action came as the result of a conference between these two gentlemen, with the assurance that they would exert every influence possible over the machinery of their respective parties to have the notorious practices of the past checked, and if possible entirely wiped out. It was an agreement made upon honor between gentlemen, and to all appearances was faithfully carried out as far as it was possible for them to do so.

No doubt, in some exceptional cases, daring politicians took chances at the polls by paying money for votes, but it was so guarded and secret as to pass ordinary notice. Political bribery, catching the floaters with money, was practically eliminated and for once in a long time the scenes about our polls in Bellefonte, were apparently creditable and decent. There was none of that wild scramble and bustle to capture the floaters who usually hover about the polls quietly inviting bids from politicians for their votes. The jostling, buttonholing tactics, with whispered conversations in nooks and corners was absent. The joke was on everybody's lips that there was to be no boodling, and it generally was accepted in good faith.

There is no reason for Bellefonte having notoriously corrupt elections, other than that the politicians on both sides choose to make them so, to their personal loss, aggregating each year many hundreds of dollars, in which both sides usually even-up, accomplishing little other than a sacrifice of their manhood, in an effort to compromise those less fortunate by the temptation for a few dollars to barter their votes.

Let us hope that a step forward has been taken that will mean that future elections in Centre county will be cleaner than in the past. To accomplish this we need a moral political awakening—a public sentiment that will approve and endorse Messrs. Keller and Zerby in the course they have taken; and if need be, in the event of prosecutions, to sustain them.

Legal Notes.

On Thursday and Friday morning testimony in quite an important equity case was taken in the court house before Judge C. R. Savage, of Sunbury, who has been often called here to try special cases. The suit is between the White Rock Lime Company, as plaintiffs, and Colgren and Herman, defendants. It seems that the defendants sold some limestone land to the American Lime and Stone Company which the White Rock Company claim they have an option on. One of the witnesses for the plaintiffs was L. A. Schaeffer who stated that before the limestone was sold to the American Lime and Stone Company he drove down to the Coldren home, and not finding Mr. Coldren there he gave his wife \$2500 to hand the contract. This money was to be given Mr. Coldren when he returned home. The testimony throughout elicited more than usual interest; a decision will be given in the case in the near future. John Blanchard, of Bellefonte, and C. LaRue Munson, of Williamsport, represented the plaintiffs and T. C. Hippie, of Lock Haven, and Ex-Judge Love, the defendants.

Friday Judge C. R. Savage also handed down two decrees in cases before him. In the case of E. S. Bennett vs Frank McCoy in which the jury found for defendant, he sustained the verdict and refused a new trial. In the case of S. Brew, admr., vs Christ Sharer, jury found for defendant and verdict was sustained and new trial refused.

Roosevelt at Altoona.

Despite precautions to keep secret his exact whereabouts in advance of his arrival at the various stopping places in his rapid dash from the national capitol to the Lincoln farm in Kentucky, President Roosevelt has been outwitted and he was given a great reception. When he found his car surrounded by railroad workmen inside the guard fence and several thousand people, men, women and children packed on the depot platform between the fence and the station, he would not take no for an answer but assisted the secret service men to open the gate and drop the step on his observation car, and in a jiffy was jubilantly pushing his way through the ranks of the sons of toil, until he reached a truck near the fence, which he mounted without assistance, and from which he made a loudly applauded speech. Retracing his steps to his car, he received the several hundred workmen with their grimy hands and their oily clothes as they had just come from the shops, giving to each a warm hand clasp and a cheery word.

Coal Trade Falls Off.

During the past few weeks the coal trade over the Pennsylvania Railroad has fallen off nearly one-half and a result there is at the present time a surplus of all classes of cars used for hauling this traffic. Officials are looking for trackage sufficient enough to store from 6000 to 7000 coal cars, which will in all probability be stored in the Harrisburg and Enola classification yards and at points along the Philadelphia division.

TRAVELERS' GAP.

Most Auman moved from Pikes Peak to the Gap, in the house of Sarah Jamison. L. P. Smith made a business trip to Laurelton on Friday. Valentine day passed off with some people on their ears, while others were jolly. Travelers' Gap is a healthy country. Dr. Smith has but one patient at present.

BRUIN KNOCKED OUT.

Capturing a 2-year old bear in a hand-to-hand fight was the feat accomplished by George R. Lovett, a cripple, and Harry Watkins, who is minus an arm. The encounter took place on Lovett's land, about a quarter mile from his home, in Gallager township, Clinton county. He and Watkins were out looking for sled crooks, when Watkins came across the bear in a hole. Bruin growled and showed his teeth. Watkins started for the Lovett home for a gun, but his companion called to him to return until they made an investigation. On their approach the bear came out of the hole and showed fight. Neither Lovett nor Watkins had even a pocket knife with them to defend themselves. Watkins broke a pine knot about four feet long and six inches thick, from a dead tree lying on the ground, and with this struck the bear a violent blow on the head and knocked the animal senseless. The two men then used their suspenders and handkerchiefs to bind the bear's legs together, and threw a canvas coat over the animal's head. Watkins then started for the house for a chain.

While he was gone the bear revived, and became so much alive that it easily broke the fastenings on its limbs and raised on its hind feet. It came for Lovett, who threw the canvas coat around the animal's neck and attempted to choke it. He failed, and in the hand-to-paw struggle that ensued Lovett hit the animal a terrible blow with his fist just back of the ear. The animal again dropped, but soon got up. Lovett grabbed the bear by the ears and threw it on a log and attempted to hold the animal down. Although not injured, he was becoming exhausted by the tussle. Just then Watkins came in view with the chain.

While the bear was clawing and gradually pulling away, Watkins quickened his steps as he saw the fierce struggle between man and beast. He tried to slip the chain over the bear's head, but the animal got it in his mouth, and would have broken it with a meekly a jaw if it loose by a violent jerk. On the next throw bruin was securely lassoed about the neck and quickly stretching the chain the men started down the mountain on a trot, dragging the bear over the snow when it failed to keep on its feet. When the foot of the mountain was reached the bear appeared more dead than alive. Its fighting spirit had been subdued, and the animal walked to the Lovett home as meekly as a house dog. The bear is still in captivity.

An Act of Generosity.

It has often been said that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is a soulless corporation, whose whole object is to get everything from the people and give nothing in return. As an instance that the above is not correct we refer to what was done at the time Millheim was threatened with destruction by the flames. Bellefonte was appealed to for aid and the Logan Fire Company prepared to go to the scene of the fire. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company was asked to give an special train to send the fire engine and company to Millheim. Passenger Agent Harry Hutchinson immediately got into communication with headquarters and as a result permission was given to make up a train and the yard engine and the Lewisburg passenger coaches conveyed the firemen to the scene. They were brought back later in the evening. The regular crew for a trip of that character would have been \$500. The citizens of Millheim expected to pay for the train but Harry Hutchinson received word from Superintendent H. P. Lincoln, of Williamsport, to make no charge. This generosity on the part of the railroad company was highly appreciated by the citizens of Millheim and the people in general. Thanks are also due to Supt. Lincoln and Agent Hutchinson for the prompt service rendered. Where the Pennsylvania R. Co. is called to aid in time of need and distress there is no flinching.

Mrs. Lincoln's Wardrobe.

It is not generally known that Mrs. J. H. Higby, of Philipsburg, has in her possession several articles of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln's wardrobe which came to her through a cousin, who was a niece of Mrs. Lincoln's. Among the articles is a beautiful set of genuine beads, several small pieces of jewelry, a rich superb silk gown which was worn by Mrs. Lincoln in the White House in the days when the hoop skirt was in vogue, and it took yards and yards of goods to make a garment that would fall gracefully over the form. The flounce of this remarkable dress has been removed from the skirt and Mrs. Higby has generously divided it up among her friends. Mrs. Clees tells us that she has been the happy recipient of a piece of this historic dress, and to whom we are indebted for the above facts.

Farmers Institutes.

Three Farmers Institutes are to be held in Centre county under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture for Pennsylvania. The dates and places of holding same are as follows: Aaronsburg Feb. 22nd and 23rd, Pine Grove Mills Feb. 24th and 25th, Stormstown Feb. 26th and 27th. The Institute at Stormstown will be held at the Friends Meeting house 2 miles west of Stormstown. The board of county managers is composed of John A. Woodard, of Howard; Geo. M. Dale, of Lemont; and John I. Olewine of Bellefonte; which is a guarantee that they will be rightly conducted. Among the instructors will be Dr. I. H. Funk, R. K. Kester, G. H. McKay and L. W. Lighty, all of whom are prominent in the state. Prof. David O. Etters is also on the program for a couple of addresses.

Crept Into a Trunk.

Little Rita Gleason and Irene Mayer, while playing on Thursday afternoon in the attic at the Moyer home, in Kenovo, crept into a trunk and closed the lid when they soon discovered that they were locked in. When they failed to appear at supper time a search was instituted but not until about 9 o'clock, while looking in the attic Mr. Moyer heard a faint noise when on opening the trunk found the children completely exhausted one being unconscious.

Life not Worth Living.

Don't say life is not worth living. Take Seline Pills and then when you feel the new life coursing through your veins you will feel a new interest in living. Seline Pills are sold by C. M. Parrish, druggist, Bellefonte, where they sell all the principal remedies and do not substitute. Price \$1 a box; six boxes \$5. Full guarantee.

UNIONVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baldwin, of New Castle, are pleasant visitors at the home of T. E. Griest. Verna Moran, one of our most popular young ladies, after four weeks' visit to friends at Altoona, returned home recently, looking as bright as a gold coin direct from the mint.

I. G. Alexander's lost pocket-book is still in the back ground. He says that if the finder will return the \$36 pension check and the \$200 note he is welcome to retain the \$11 cash it contained.

Maud Lambert left a few days ago for Philadelphia, where she will visit her cousin, Mrs. Pat. Loughrey, who has been on the sick list for a long time.

David Ammerman, an aged citizen of Union township, is lying seriously ill with dropsy and very little hopes of his recovery are entertained by his friends.

Mrs. Wm. McEwen has been quite ill for several weeks but is now slowly convalescing, which latter fact her many friends are glad to learn.

Raymond and Marnie Snook, who are getting their "broughtens up" by their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Turner, have a novel way of sled riding. Their old "sookey" is a gentle old cow, and as long as there was snow on the ground, they would tie their coaster to the cow's tail, both get on the sled, then drive "sookey" to the creek for her morning drink—while the old bovine seemed to enjoy it as much as they; cute aren't they?

One day last week, as J. B. Alexander was unloading a car of coal and delivering it to his customers, his son, Guy, who was driving one of the teams, met with a singular accident that might have proven fatal. After unloading his coal at Albert Hazel's he drove along tannery hill to turn his team, there being ice on the road, the hind wheels of the wagon slid off a high embankment pulling the team with them. The horses and horses turned turtle two or three times, landing in the creek at the bottom of the hill with the horses lying on their backs, their eight legs pointing to the zenith and would have drowned had not the Spotts boys seen the accident from their saw mill, and come to their rescue. They held the horses' heads up out of the water till they could be released from the wagon, when they were enabled to get up none the worse for their singular escapade. Guy, the son, escaped by jumping off the wagon. It was certainly a miraculous escape.

The Friends' Quarterly meeting, which is an annual event at this place about the 2nd Sunday of February, convened on Sunday. It was largely attended by friends from a distance. Two excellent sermons were delivered at their winter services. First by Mr. Kister, of Clearfield county, and 2nd by Rev. Isaac Wilson, of Canada. Among the Friends from a distance were Robert Way and wife, and Col. Jno. P. Eves and wife. In the evening many of them attended the Lincoln Memorial services in the M. E. church and participated in the exercises. Not having been present I am unable to give full report. The essay read by Mrs. Dr. E. A. Russell, is said to have been exceptionally fine.

I think I am safe in according to Harry Lindemuth the honor of being the most progressive citizen of our town. He has installed in his shops a ten-horsepower gasoline engine, which furnishes power to run a strap saw, which is almost equal to a 20 gang saw, a turning lathe, et cetera. He has the finest concrete pavement in town; he has a croker's ground for a large addition to his stable, after which you may look for this sign: "Livery, Exchange and Boarding stable, H. D. Lindmuth, Proprietor."

I once more call the attention of our town council to the horrible condition of some of our pavements. I do think it is their imperative duty to see that their commitments, as well as themselves, are enabled to parambulate through town without losing their gum shoes in the mud. No citizens, who have any home pride, will endure the horrible mud pavements in front of their homes. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

Don't forget the entertainment in grange hall, on Friday night. Proceeds will go to the M. E. Hospital, of Philadelphia.

I was delighted with the Lincoln Memorial exercises given by Miss Lucy Rowan's school, on last Friday afternoon. The way the little children sang their pretty songs and spoke their appropriate pieces, made glad the hearts of all that were present.

At the election on Tuesday every republican marched to the polls with a new broom on his shoulder, the result was, they made a clean sweep of it; not a democrat was elected. So the country is safe once more.

In a Hotel Fire. On Sunday the Hotel Clarendon, on the east coast of Florida, two miles from Daytona, was destroyed by fire. It was a large and famous winter resort, patronized by guests from the North.

The fire broke out during the night and over two hundred guests were aroused in time to make good their escape, although there were panicky scenes. Among the list of guests at the hotel we find the names of A. J. Cook and his son J. B. Cook, of Bellefonte, who made good their escape. They have been gone several weeks on a Southern tour in which they visited some parts of Cuba.

This Weeks Special Values in PIANOS

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WEDDINGS.

SHUEY-KLINGER. At the United Evangelical parsonage, J. Thomas Shuey, of Lemont, and Miss Pauline M. Klinger were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday, February 3rd, 1909, by Rev. J. F. Hower.

VERDA-ROYER

Lewis Houston Verda, of Lock Haven, and Miss Margaret M. Royer, of Rebersburg, were married in Lewisburg on Jan. 30th by Rev. J. A. Hollenbaugh. Mr. Verda is a driver for the Empire steam laundry in Lock Haven and it is there the young couple will make their home.

NORMAN-HUFF.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: That George Norman and Miss Helen Huff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Huff, this city, were united in marriage Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal church by Rev. Lewis Nichols. The happy couple left on the 3:50 B. E. V. train for a trip to Pittsburgh and other points. They will reside at Bellefonte, where Mr. Norman is manager of the opera house. Until a month ago Mr. Norman was a singer at the Pastime theatre in this city.

FILLMORE.

There are a great many on the sick list. Chas. Rimmey has been very sick the past week, also four of his boys; E. H. Marshall has had a hard attack of grip; Mrs. Oscar Johnson has been very ill, Nellie Marshall is nursing her at present. We hope them all a speedy recovery.

Miss Bellemont, of State College, is nursing the Chas. Rimmey family; we hope she may have good success.

We are glad to hear of Mabel Norris being able to go back to teach her school.

Eddie Taylor, C. C. Huey, and F. D. Young have completed their wood job on the Glenn place, for P. B. Cridler, of Bellefonte.

We hear the wedding bells ringing; look out boys, Billie says it is going to be soon. Anyone wanting to learn to use boxing gloves will please call on H. E. Way. He's fine.

Will Shoot Dogs.

Thomas Shatzer, of Reedsville, and his son left Monday to patrol the vicinity of Bear Wallow Gap, where it has been reported to the state Game Commission that dogs are daily running deer. That dogs are loose in the mountains and running game cannot be questioned, as frequently a fawn or young doe is seen in the valleys and even about the farmyards. Shatzer and his son have been commissioned by the state, and Shatzer shoots as straight as he talks.

CAR LOAD

Western Horses!

PAIR DARK BROWNS—5 yrs. old, weight 3000; good bone, style and action.

PAIR BAYS—5 yrs. old, weight 2500; good bone, extra fine style.

PAIR BAYS—5 yrs. old, weight 2700; thin in flesh, close mated.

PAIR BAYS—4 and 5 yrs. old, weight 2400; thin in flesh, money makers.

BROWN MARE CHUCK—4 yrs. old, weight 1200; medium flesh, good style and a beauty.

DARK BAYS—4 yrs. old, weight 2900; cracker-jacks.

BAY HORSE—5 yrs. old, weight 1200; needs no whip, fine actor.

BAY HORSE—6 yrs. old, weight 1300; very thin in flesh with plenty of bone.

BAY HORSE—5 yrs. old, weight 1375; made to order.

JUMBO BROWN HORSE—4 yrs. old, weight 1400; thin in flesh with plenty of bone, shape and size; one to make a hatful of money.

BROWN MARE—5 yrs. old, weight 1400; good brood mare.

BAY HORSE—5 yrs. old, weight 1300; most nice enough for anyone to own.

BROWN MARE—6 yrs. old, weight 1300; thin in flesh, good shape, the kind you are looking for.

BROWN MARE—4 yrs. old, weight 1300; not quite as perfect as the rest.

BLACK HORSE—4 yrs. old, weight 1260; fairly good, will suit a poor driver.

BROWN HORSE—4 yrs. old, weight 1150; thin in flesh, most too leggy.

ROAN MARE—3 yrs. old, weight 1300; thin in flesh, not many better ones.

BROWN MARE—7 yrs. old, weight 1375; with foal.

BAY HORSE—6 yrs. old, weight 1400. GREY HORSE—8 yrs. old, weight 1460. GREY HORSE—5 yrs. old, weight 1340.

This is a list of what horses I have on hand for sale and can be seen at my stables, near Dales Summit.

D. A. GROVE.

Get Busy

and have that inside Painting and Papering done now, before the rush, which is almost now at hand. We still have some Big Bargains in Wall Paper, in the Remnant Sale of one and two-room lots, these papers reduced one-third and one-half off for cash. Our line of Wall Paper was never as complete as it is now, ranging in price from 5c Per single roll to \$1.50. Give us a call and be convinced.

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