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EXTRAVAGANCE IS BECOMING ENORMOUS

A FEW REASONS WHY COST OF LIVING INCREASES.

THE PEOPLE PAY THE BILLS

There is But One Remedy—A Change Needed in Congress—Reaping the Result of Cannonism and High Tariff—Boodlers in Congress.

Spending \$3,567,655.66 every business day, the United States under the reign of the standpat Republicans has become the most extravagant government in the world.

Increased expenditures in the first year of the Taft administration, over the corresponding year of Cleveland's last administration, amounted to \$575,730,600, or over 120 percent. This occurred under the much-heralded Taft policy of "cut-to-the-quick" economy, recently repudiated in Maine and Vermont.

National expenditures for the ensuing year amounted to \$1,998,347,184, which is more than the entire capital of all the national banks in the United States, \$1,910,433,825, and more than one-third of the entire output of all of our gold mines in 120 years, \$3,063,787,000.

Two striking illustrations of the Republican "business" administration are: A deficit of \$1,265,000,000 since June 30, 1910. A deficit of \$180,331,355.69 since June 30, 1907. Here are some of the ways the standpatters spend the people's money in a republic: Marble baths for senators. Autos to carry them 100 rods between their offices and the Capital. Touring cars for the President, vice president and "Uncle Joe." More than \$2,500 for apponatoris water for the senators. Thousands of dollars to keep them in vaseline, castor oil, olive oil, bromo quinine, hair tonic, costly perfumes, glycerine, bergamot, nail brushes, clothes brushes, traveling expenses in attending funerals, etc.

Much Money Wasted. If the waste at Washington is \$300,000,000 a year, as stated by Aldrich, every American family suffers to the extent of \$16.66 every year. This is enough to buy a suit of clothes. It is enough to buy an overcoat or a cloak. It will buy nearly three tons of anthracite coal. It will buy four or five pairs of shoes, or various other necessities.

Extravagance Increases Prices. Under our system of excessive protection, government extravagance and cost of living keep pace. As the government raises practically all of its revenue by taxing things eaten, worn or used, the consumer pays his pro rata of government extravagance every time he buys a protected article.

This rule proves itself. The per capita appropriation by Congress jumped from \$5 to \$12 between 1890 and 1910. Increasing in almost exact proportion, the prices of 100 leading articles, according to Bradstreet's advanced 56 per cent between 1896 and 1910.

The above instances of gross extravagance in government should be enough to cause the average individual to pause and think. For years the public has been warned of this condition, and now the result is being brought forcibly to their attention. The cost of living has been increasing by leaps and bounds, until the average man can scarcely provide a decent living for himself and those dependent upon him. The wage earner possibly is the greatest sufferer and realizes the least how it has come about.

The recent tariff, which favors the "special interests," enables them to raise their prices and the consumer is at their mercy, helpless as a child. The character of legislation enacted for years, has all been in that direction and will continue, unless there is a decided change.

What can you do about it? The reader may ask. The ballot box in November is the time to file your protest. For years this congressional district has been sending rich old boodlers to congress like Solomon Dresser and Capt. A. Barclay, who can count their possessions by the hundred thousands and who actually bought their nominations and elections to congress with the money they gave to corrupt the voters in this district, when they had no qualifications to fill the important offices. These men always were "stand-patters," voted with the Cannon-Aldrich combination for high tariffs and extravagance—but they are not before the people now, their records only remain.

Following Capt. Barclay, who feared defeat for his record in the last congress and withdrew, comes Charles Patton, selected by Penrose to be the congressman from our district. He comes from a family of great wealth, and to secure his nomination, upon oath stated that he spent over \$6000, about as much as the salary of the office. For the November election he possibly will spend that much more; and because he, like Dresser and Barclay, has the boodle his party organization is pushing him to the front. In all his life he never did anything to attract more than passing attention, has no known convictions on public questions; and if elected, like Dresser and Barclay, simply would take his orders from those higher up, men like Cannon, Penrose, Aldrich, who have manipulated legislation at the expense of our people.

While Patton spent \$6,000 for his nomination, Mr. Mount H. Hon. Wm. C. Heinke's nomination cost him over \$40. It came to him as a recognition of his ability, upon his spotless record in the Pennsylvania State Senate where he was a conspicuous leader; and where he stood for all that was for the best interest of the common people with all the vigor of his convincing eloquence. From that notorious nestling cauldron of political corruption, where Fortune stood beckoning if he only would accept, he returned poor in

SPECIAL NOTICE.

After October 1st, 1910, the names of about 300 delinquent subscribers will be dropped from our mailing list, in compliance with the recent postal regulations. If you are in arrears, better give this matter immediate attention, if you don't want to miss the paper.

After that date delinquents will be reported to the publishers' association of Centre county, and all accounts left for collection.

THE PUBLISHER.

Such is the character of a man it is a rare privilege for our voters to support in November. With new material from all over the country, now demanding a change, would not this district be simply doing its duty following the course of others by rebuking the boodlers and bosses, and selecting a man of such a type for the important position.

It remains for the people to choose. Let each deliberate thoughtfully and act—not as the political boss directs—but as your conscience demands.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATED.

Standing on the square, between Lamb and Linn streets, is the new high school building, costing \$65,000, and which is now the pride of Bellefonte. On Friday afternoon and evening this magnificent structure was dedicated with appropriate exercises, which were attended by quite a number of educators from a distance. In honor of the event the building was beautifully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers, bunting and the national flag. The school session on Friday morning was brief, and the dedicatory services commenced at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The dedicatory exercises in the afternoon were presided over by D. F. Fortney, in the absence of Dr. Melvin Locke, president of the school board, who was unavoidably away on account of professional duties. After a selection of music by Christy Smith's orchestra and the invocation by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, pastor of the Reformed church, Edwin Erie Sparks, Ph.D., president of the Pennsylvania State College, delivered the principal address. As usual, it was eloquent and forcible, filled full of useful educational lines. He was followed by Prof. C. D. Kock, State Inspector of High Schools, who paid a great tribute of praise to the new Bellefonte High school building by saying it was one of the finest in the State, and hoped it would fulfill its high mission in the community. The Ladies' and Gentlemen's Glee Club, composed of Miss Mary Bradley, leader and pianist; Beale Dorworth, Mrs. Russell Blair, Mrs. George Bible, Mrs. Harry Jenkins, Mrs. Philip Wadler, Miss Helen Schaeffer, Dr. J. Allison Platts, John Bullock, Russell Blair, Henry Dickison, rendered in excellent style the familiar song, "Annie Laurie." This was followed by a timely address by D. F. Fortney, who represented the school board.

At the evening session Dr. Locke presided and he did it in a very general manner. The exercises were opened by the Glee Club with a selection entitled the "Bridal Chorus," which was followed by a masterly address by Hon. David Snedden, Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts, his subject being, "Vocational Education." His object was to impress upon his hearers that the day would come when manual training and domestic science would have to be taught in our public schools. Here must be laid the foundation for some trade, and the girls fitted to be useful wives. Miss Dorothy Bible then favored the large audience with a violin solo entitled, "Scenes in Ballet." The young lady is a natural born musician who so fascinated the audience that she received a loud encore. Judge Ellis L. Orvis made the next address, which was filled full of inspiring thoughts. The exercises concluded with the benediction by Dr. Platts.

Among the visitors who attended the dedication were C. T. Fryberger, secretary of the Philadelphia school board; Frank Weber, treasurer; Geo. Troutman, a director, and B. I. Meyer, superintendent of the Phillipsburg schools, and Prof. Flack, superintendent of the Tyrone schools.

(The address delivered on this occasion by Hon. D. F. Fortney contained much historical data, as well as a comprehensive review of the Bellefonte schools. It is our purpose to publish his address entire in our next issue.)

It is Now Rev. S. H. McClure.

At a special meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery at Birmingham last week Samuel H. McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McClure, of Bellefonte, was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian church before a large audience. McClure's Princeton diploma was accepted in lieu of examinations in arts, sciences and languages. He was examined in experimental religion, theology, church history, sacraments, church government and English Bible as parts of trial for licensure and ordination. The latin thesis, critical exercises and popular sermon of the candidate were approved. The trials as a whole were sustained. The way was declared clear for Mr. S. H. McClure's licensure and ordination. The moderator propounded the constitutional questions and Mr. McClure was licensed to preach the gospel. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. A. B. Bird. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. Allison Platts, Ph. D., and presbytery with the laying on of hands, ordained Mr. S. H. McClure to the work of the gospel ministry. The charge was given by the Rev. William Gibb, and Mr. McClure's name was enrolled.

Rev. McClure expects to leave Bellefonte in a short time for China where he will work as a missionary. He is a strong, forcible young man and will make his mark.

KEYSTONE PARTY EFFECTS ORGANIZATION

WILL CONDUCT A LIVE CAMPAIGN IN CENTRE COUNTY.

LARGE RALLY AT GRANGE PARK

A Significant Demonstration—Clearfield County Gets in Line—Prominent People Identified with Movement—Growing Rapidly.

The progressive party, known in this campaign, as the Keystone Party, was thoroughly organized in Centre county on Monday evening at a large and enthusiastic meeting in Bellefonte. Like a snow ball, started from the hilltop, the movement in Centre county is growing larger and more powerful. Everybody was enthused over the bright prospects, the movement not only carrying Centre county but actually the state.

The organization as effected is as follows: Chairman, A. A. Dale, Esq., republican; Secretary, Miles Walker, democrat; Treasurer, Charles F. Cook, republican; Vice-Chairman, Hamond Seehler, C. C. Shuey and William A. Lyon. M. I. Gardner was made chairman of the finance committee. Chairman Dale was granted the privilege of naming his executive committee which will be composed of one representative in each party and precinct in the county. Quite a number of Republicans and Democrats have already assented to their names being used on this committee; and any others who desire to associate themselves with this cause the secretary will be glad to use.

It was also decided to rent a room in Bellefonte for the purpose of opening up headquarters and pursuing a vigorous campaign.

The big Grange Picnic is over and it was one of the most successful events in its history. Thursday drew possibly the largest attendance ever seen there. Weather conditions were the most favorable, which made the day inviting. The political events of the week which attracted the most comment, on Wednesday afternoon the Republicans had their session in the auditorium with candidate Tener as the star attraction. His arrival and departure evoked no enthusiasm, while the meeting held in the auditorium was poorly attended. The spacious hall was only partially filled, among whom were the professional party hangers-on and regular "paw-suckers." It is estimated by many that not 150 farmers or grangers were in the room to hear Penrose's choice for governor, who got up—an, in school-boy fashion began reading from a type-written manuscript a lot of "tuff" to palaver the few assembled farmers. It was a humiliating spectacle—the positive proof of the weakness before them, who lacked the brains to make any ordinary address, yet was named and aspires for the highest position of trust and honor at the disposal of the people—by the executive of this great Keystone commonwealth. The effect was noticeable, and the audience was profoundly disappointed.

Note the contrast. On Thursday, when D. Clarence Gibbons and Mr. Scully, of the Keystone Party ticket, arrived on the ground they evoked the greatest enthusiasm. On their way from the train to headquarters they were greeted by a cheering throng. At the auditorium the building was packed by an immense audience that filled every nook, while hundreds hovered by the entrances to see and hear.

A. A. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, presided and made an impressive opening address. Mr. Gibbons was the principal speaker and for over an hour held the vast audience, as he told of the evils of Boss Rule in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. His plain narrative was convincing as well as a revelation. At the conclusion he asked for an old-fashioned expression of faith, when over 90 per cent. of the vast audience arose and pledged its unqualified support for the Keystone Party in November.

Mr. Scully made a brief address that was effective. Many were disappointed in not seeing Mr. Berry, but he had an engagement to address a similar gathering in the eastern part of the State on the same date.

This remarkable demonstration against political bosses in the Democratic and Republican parties in Pennsylvania, has been the basis for the frequent prediction of conservative men that Berry and the Keystone ticket will sweep Centre county in November. Unless all signs fail, that will be the result.

Astir in Clearfield.

The Keystone party campaign in Clearfield county was formally opened Monday at a well attended meeting, of leading Republicans and Democrats, at which ex-Judge D. L. Krebs presided, with John M. Urey, former Republican county chairman, as secretary. The meeting was addressed by Judge Krebs and Thomas H. Murray. James Mitchell, a Republican and ex-county Treasurer, was elected county chairman, and Walter Welch, Democrat, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

A campaign committee made up of the following well known Democrats and Republicans was chosen: D. L. Krebs, Thomas H. Murray, T. W. Brant, John M. Urey, Dr. Fulton, Oscar Mitchell, S. F. Gilger. A campaign fund of several hundred dollars was raised at the meeting.

The above names consist of some of the most prominent citizens of Clearfield irrespective of party. This indicates that the claim that Berry will sweep Clearfield county is not an idle boast.

Hospital Notes. The following patients were discharged during the week: Mrs. J. W. Gephart, Annie Miller and Pierce Fulton, all of Bellefonte, was elected. The following were admitted: Mrs. Mable Bathurst, of Curtin, typhoid fever; Mrs. Samuel Griffith, Bellefonte, rheumatism; Mrs. Margaret Harter, Bellefonte.

RECEPTION TO GENERAL BEAVER.

One of Bellefonte's most honored citizens is General James A. Beaver, who has always had an interest in the town and has given much of his time and money to bring peace and prosperity within its gates. It was therefore highly proper for his friends to meet and welcome him back after an extended tour through portions of Europe, Asia and Africa in one hundred days. The General arrived home Sunday morning and was greeted by a large number of his comrades.

On Thursday evening about three or four hundred of his comrades and friends assembled in the Presbyterian church for the purpose of welcoming him home. The chairman of the meeting was Hon. J. C. Meyer, who formally introduced the guest of the evening. The General looked brown and tanned, as if he had taken the open air treatment, while away. He stated that to undertake to tell of his trip in a few minutes would be preposterous however he skimmed over the subject that gave his hearers some idea of the ground he covered, and cordial receptions he met with all along the journey in the last six months. When in London he took an automobile and traveled for four hundred miles. He spoke of the wonderful agricultural results in Egypt from the overflow of the Nile river and the beautiful scenery of the lakes and the mountains. In conclusion, he stated that if you desire to see some of the grandest things in the world don't go abroad, but rather strive to see what we have in this country. He said, Bellefonte was the best place of all. At the close of his remarks there was a general handshaking.

FARMER SUICIDES.

Samuel B. Frank, a well known farmer and lumberman, committed suicide on Thursday morning 15th, at his home near Graysville, by shooting. For several months Mr. Frank had been in poor health, says the Tyrone Herald. Only last spring he had rented and moved to the old Oliver farm adjoining the village of Graysville, and at frequent intervals since he had been despondent, but had manifested no such symptoms as to arouse the fear of self-destruction. That morning he arose as usual at about five o'clock, went out toward the barn, waded into a small pool of water and shot himself through the head with a revolver, dying instantly. It was evidently his plan that if the shot was not effective he would fall in the water and be drowned.

Mr. Frank was about 48 years old, had spent all his life in that vicinity and was universally respected. At the time of his death he was serving as one of the board of supervisors of Franklin township and also as president of the school board. He is survived by his wife and one son, E. Lloyd Frank.

Cigar Thief in Jail.

On Tuesday evening Bert Parks son of James Parks, of Bellefonte, was arrested by officer Harry Dukeman as he came out of the scenic. The charge against him is entering into the cigar factory of John McGlinley, located on the rear of the residence occupied by M. J. Gardner. It is claimed that Parks was in the factory on the night of the 7th and took 100 cigars. He went back on the night of the 11th and took 200 more. He then took and hid them under a stable in the rear of Frank Nagney's store. He always had a cigar in his mouth, since the factory was broken into and the authorities began watching him. Officer Dukeman discovered that he was taking the cigars up Spring creek and selling them for two for a cent. After his arrest he was placed in jail.

A Pleasant Event.

On Saturday evening, September 17th, a pleasant event occurred at the home of William Rhodes, on Pleasant hill, it being the 18th birthday of his daughter, Miss Florence. Her many friends conceived the idea of giving her a surprise which was beautifully carried out by a gathering of over 200 people, who spent a very enjoyable time, the occasion was made lively by both instrumental and vocal music, until a late hour. She received many presents, accompanied by congratulations; the occasion was one long to be remembered.

Found a Relic.

Charles Bickford, of Lock Haven, is in possession of a relic that, if its history could be found out, would be very interesting. The relic is a solid iron ball, perfectly round, weighs two pounds and eight ounces, and was found in battle and shot from a large field piece. It was washed out of the mountain side by the recent heavy rains between McElhattan and Pine Station, and was found by the driver of a delivery wagon and given to Mr. Bickford.

State College Enrollment.

Pennsylvania State College opened with an enrollment which will probably reach 1,650 during the year. The Freshman class numbers between 550 and 600, and the Sophomore class about 375. The total attendance has doubled in five years. Over 50 residences have been erected in the village during the summer to relieve the pressure for space in the dormitories.

Admitted to the Bar.

Arthur Simler, son of ex-Burgess Geo. B. Simler, of Phillipsburg, who has for several years been reading law with a prominent Johnstown law firm, was last week admitted to the Cambria county bar. He will remain in Johnstown, where he has made many friends and where he will no doubt be able to build up a nice business in his chosen profession.

Building Aeroplanes.

John M. Cromley, the young Lawburg inventor who has been devoting his attention to heavier than air machines, has received orders for the construction of two of his machines, and he now has one about ready to ship to a party in New York. He also has another in course of construction that he expects to ship soon.

PREACHER OFFERS CHILDREN FOR SALE

A SENSATION CAUSED OVER IN CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

An Enormous Crowd Assembled—The Sale Stopped by Officers—Was It a Political Trick—Candidate for Legislature.

The Rev. Thomas Boord stirred up a hornet's nest at Irwin, Pa., by his attempt Saturday night to sell his two children on the auction block. But he got himself and his legislative candidacy in the limelight. The Rev. Mr. Boord also got in hot water for his trick. Before he was out of bed his father and brother, the latter a minister, were hot on his trail, having driven many miles across the country to get him.

Residents of that section and adjoining villages were thunderstruck when they heard of his attempt to peddle the children. There has never been an incident in the country's history since the war over the abolition of slavery that has stirred up more excitement and comment.

But the Rev. Boord was not in the least perturbed over the people's agitation. He smiled when he saw the excitement he had stirred up by placing one of his oldest children on the block and offering him to the highest bidder, with the statement that the money acquired would assist him in taking better care of his family.

HOOTED BY CROWD.

Still smiling when the crowd of several thousand began to hiss and hoot, the Rev. Mr. Boord consented to take his son, Oliver, off the block when State troopers, who are here to protect the property of the coal companies against the striking miners, interfered, aided by citizens.

The Rev. Mr. Boord is pastor of a Baptist church at Circleville. He hooted Irwin with handbills offering two of his children for sale. The bill read: "Auction tonight. The undersigned will sell at public auction his two children as hereinafter described. One boy, 7 years old, fair complexion, weighs forty-five pounds; strong of body and mind; has never been to school but will make a competent newboy and be able to earn good wages in three years; will be great support to buyer in less than eight years. One girl, aged 10 years, dark complexion, weighs fifty-three pounds; has had four years schooling; was youngest pupil in her class; can execute any household duties, such as plain sewing and cooking, dish washing, etc.; for a child's nurse cannot be excelled; will be competent to keep an ordinary house in six years' time. Sale to take place at the corner of Third and Main streets at 7:30 tonight. Terms and conditions of sale and reasons for selling made known before sale begins. Purchaser must be good moral person."

PEOPLE ARE INDIGNANT.

The posting of the bills created a furor in the town. Mr. Boord has been working among the striking miners at Ralston, and it was supposed that the bills were only a clever advertisement to assist him in getting homes for a couple of children which belonged to some poor striker's family. There were more than 1000 people at Third and Main streets at the time for the opening of the auction. Mr. Boord appeared, accompanied by a nice clean-looking boy and girl and announced that the auction was ready to start.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Thursday afternoon an accident took place at the slag pile of the Bellefonte Furnace. The slag was being loaded on the car for shipment to Northumberland by the steam shovel. A scoop was made from the slag pile and in attempting to put it into the car about half of the slag went down along the side of it, covering the rail. One of the Hungarians went under the car to clean the rail off. While he was under the car the end of the car was loaded and the car shoved down by the steam shovel in order to load the other end. It was done so quickly that it did not give the man under the car, time to escape. The result was his left leg and thigh were so badly bruised that he died in the Bellefonte hospital on Friday morning about 1 o'clock. His leg was almost severed at the hip. Of course, the engineer did not know the man was under the car when he started it, or the accident would not have happened.

Disciples of Christ.

The name of the young man was Paul Boryesia and was about 26 years of age, and had been working there for sometime. He was a single man.

Across Continent at Ninety.

William Buddinger, father of T. L. Buddinger, of Snow Shoe, who had gone to Santa Rosa, Cal., to make his home with another son, grew tired of the "Golden West," and at the age of ninety, decided to come back to Pennsylvania to end his days, and accordingly set out on the journey alone. He was met at Chicago by T. L. Buddinger who brought him back to Snow Shoe, to spend the few years that remain of his earthly pilgrimage. A journey of 2000 miles is a long one for a nonagenarian to make, and this sturdy old Pennsylvanian stood it better than many younger people.

Wreck Near Port Matilda.

Trains with engines 2350 and 3031 had a slight wreck at Port Matilda on Friday evening. Eight cars, a caboose and an engine were pretty badly damaged, but no one was injured. The evening trains going east and west were delayed and the passengers transferred. The wreck was cleared up by twelve o'clock Saturday night.

Lutheran Central Synod.

The Central Synod of Lutheran church of Pennsylvania, will convene in the Lutheran church of Bellefonte, on Wednesday next, September 28th, and remain in session until the beginning of the week following.

TAKE A DAY OFF.

Come and See the Sights at the Big Centre County Fair.

The premium book for the coming big Centre County Fair is being distributed this week, and is full of information for those interested in the exhibits. The long list of premiums offered should make it a special inducement for all who have fine vegetables, fruit or grain to bring them to the fair for exhibition purposes, as well as to compete for the awards offered. There is an educational feature in this, that the valuable sets forth the agricultural resources of Centre county, and has a tendency to encourage the production of the very best in garden or field. It tends to promote a more progressive and profitable husbandry.

The exhibit of fancy work is another interesting feature. Art in needlework, as well as the highest development of the culinary art, are not to be allotted to this department, and should awaken interest and a friendly rivalry among the women folk. Some of the finest cattle bred in the county will be there for inspection and study. With the races and the diversity of amusements, there will be ample to make this event attractive for young and old.

The Races.

There is magic in the races. Each one watches when they go; Nothing at the fair suits better, It's a climax of the show. When the bell rings up the horses, How the people start and run; Deacons old, as well as Laymen, How they all enjoy the fun. And the halls are then deserted, While the fakirs place is bare— Everyone to view the races, Everyone to see his share. How the people shout and holler, When they are coming down the stretch.

When each driver does his smoothest For the leading horse to catch. It helps the old grow younger, Brings fond recollections back, And the slumbering fires rekindle, As they glide along the track. It makes old times seem younger, And sets their hearts afire. Nothing seen is more exciting Than the struggle for the wire. Amusement that are innocent, As conducted on the square, Will hurt no one to patronize, And you'll see them at the Fair! C. D. W.

The State Road.

Much speculation is now being made as to when the State Road through Bellefonte will be completed. It was commenced last April and since then there has been one drawback after another such as threatened injunctions, on account of grades, refusal to pay for curbing. Then the brick for the streets were refused and a car load of asphaltum oil was condemned. A new car load was ordered and it got lost in the shuffle of freight, along the line. Contractor R. B. Taylor says, it has been one "damned thing after another," only Bert was a little more emphatic. All these things were discouraging and retarded the work.

Things, however have shaped themselves differently within the last two weeks, and the progress has been more rapid. Much of the macadamized road has been made from the North borough line to the intersection of Spring and Linn streets, which will be open to public travel. The road, as far as built, is a good job and is the first road of the kind in this section of the State. A representative of the Centre Democrat asked Contractor Taylor what was going to lay brick in Allegheny street. He stated that the work would be commenced at once. The new brick have been ordered from Watertown and will be here in a short time. They will be piled up all along the thoroughfare so they can be laid more quickly. Mr. Taylor says in a month from now things will look better.

Killed Wife, Then Cut Own Throat.

John Dross, of Ramey, a few miles south of Oseola Mills, is alleged to have murdered his wife last Wednesday night of last week by cutting her throat with a razor. He then attempted suicide by cutting his own throat. Dross severed his wind pipe, but it is thought he will recover. He was taken to the Cottage State hospital at Phillipsburg. No cause has been assigned for the tragedy. Dross has been home for a few days on account of illness. No one witnessed the killing.

The murdered woman had been married twice and is survived by four children to her first husband and one to Dross.

Disciples of Christ.

On Thursday and Friday, September 29 and 30, a quarterly meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties will be held in the church of that denomination on Church street, Lock Haven. An interesting and instructive program has been arranged which begins on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A session will also be held on the evening of that day as well as three sessions the next day. Members of that church and pastors of the same from the three counties will take part in the proceedings. The Disciples have many members in Centre county, especially in Bald Eagle valley.

Surface Compromises.

The legal battle between Prof. H. A. Surface, state zoologist, and the heirs of the late William Bentz ended at Carlisle last Monday when a compromise was effected. Prof. Surface lost in the courts and his appeal brought an order for a new trial. By the will the greater part of William Bentz's estate went to Surface. A contest based on undue influence and want of testamentary capacity set aside the will. To avoid further suits the Bentz heirs agreed to a settlement allowing Surface part of the estate. The amount conceded is not announced.

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