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## EDITORIAL.

The state sent an innocent man to the penitentiary eighteen years ago because the jury believed him guilty of murder. Now it turns out that he is innocent, the real murderer having made a confession on his death bed. Pennsylvania owes the innocent some reparation.

Pork in many sections has taken a drop of two to three cents. In these hard times it will add a mite, at least, to lessening the expenses of the table. A drop all around is needed in all the necessities of life—the grasping trusts have harvested millions and the consumers should now be given a chance.

One session more—three months—and the country will have no more Cannonism in Congress. Champ Clark's declaration in favor of the appointment of its committees by the House itself is a substantial reason why he should be elected Speaker of the next House. The Star Chamber acquired an evil reputation. Its name is a malediction to this day. The Speaker's room back of the House of Representatives has become a Star Chamber where legislation is promoted or throttled in secret, and where members must go in the attitude of petitioners seeking grace for permission to call up a bill or make a motion. The House may need a "steering committee" but it should make its own.

### AN UNRELIABLE UTTERANCE.

The following article appeared in the Philadelphia North American on Wednesday. We clip it for the information it contains and to correct a misleading statement in a recent issue of the Keystone Gazette. At the same time we are anxious to see if the editor of the Gazette is honest enough with his readers to correct the error it made, in an effort to besmirch The North American. The following is the article published yesterday:

\$289.75.

To the Editor of The North American: The following is from a recent issue of the Bellefonte Keystone Gazette, edited by one of Penrose's postmasters: "Morris W. Stroud, Jr., of William P. Bonbright & Co., announces that the \$1,000,000 7 per cent. preferred stock of the United Utilities Company has been over-subscribed and that the subscription books have been closed—Philadelphia Press of December 5."

As this is the company which the Philadelphia North American in the recent campaign heralded broadcast as a fraudulent concern in order to accomplish the defeat of John K. Tener, the attention of the people is once more called to the unreliable utterances of this yellow champion of fake reform.—(From Keystone Gazette.)

(To which the North American replied.) "This is not the company. Mr. Tener's company was the National Public Utilities Corporation, which was the successor of the United Public Service Company, which is as distinct from the United Utilities Company as it is from the Pennsylvania Railroad. The reputable firm of Bonbright & Co. has never had anything to do with the Smart swindles. The item from the upstate gang paper, however, illustrates another phase of the evil that grows out of the operations of Mr. Tener's friend Smart. This statement is made out of fairness to Centre county readers, who might have been misled as to the character of the decent concerns mentioned by the gang editor."

In connection with this the reader's attention is called to an article on page 2 of this issue where you will find what became of John K. Tener's famous company—was sold by a constable for \$289.75 for unpaid rent.—Ed. Democrat.

### CENTRE COUNTY'S CASE.

The Williamsport Sun makes the following comment on our murder trial.

"There seems to be a plain trail blazed to an important, though unpleasant, duty in the Delige case in Centre county. Had enough, and horrible enough before, the crime which he confesses to having done is now made the blacker by a supplementary admission establishing motive. It is fortunate for the man that he is in Pennsylvania where the law's due course is insisted upon rather than in some other sections where the formality of a trial is often waived. Few crimes in the record of Pennsylvania murders are more hideous than the one to which Delige confesses, but it can be depended upon that Centre county will see to it that the reproach is expunged so far as it is possible for a complete fulfillment of the law to do."

It's no wonder some people lose their characters, the way they let them go around loose.

## PARTY LINES WEAKER.

James J. Hill, the noted financier and railroad promoter recently expressed the following opinion on political conditions:

"The last election has taught the politicians and the country something valuable. That is that party lines no longer exist to an important extent and that men are thinking along independent lines, voting and acting along these lines. The demagogue and the agitator have held sway so long it is really a relief to see the flag of warning that has been hoisted for their benefit. I do not mean to say, either that independence of political thought is confined to business or professional men. It extends to working men and all other classes. The laboring man is no longer swept off his feet by buncombe, sweeping assertion and promises. He wants something definite. I am told, too, that the colored voters of the country exercised unusual independence in the last elections, thousands of them voting the Democratic ticket for the first time. "I am of the opinion that the demagogue and agitator will grow more slowly hereafter when he attacks everybody and everything in sight and merely appeals to the dissatisfaction of people. He will fear that big independent vote that is cautiously watching him and his movements. It is highly probable that in a few years there will be little in the way of party lines in the United States."

## PARTY WILL CONTINUE.

The following is from the Clearfield, Pa., Republican:

"Saturday evening last the officers of the Keystone party organization and others active in the late campaign in Clearfield county met at the office of Walter Welch, Secretary-Treasurer, in the Murray building. The question of continuing the county organization was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to keep up the good work. A committee was named to prepare rules to govern the organization and report to a meeting to be called in the near future by the Chairman. In many other counties of the state the same action has been taken. It indicates an uprising among the people of Pennsylvania to continue the fight for cleaner politics, and better government in the Keystone state."

Up to this time there has been no expression in Centre county for a continuation of the Keystone party organization in local politics. Local conditions here are practically free from the corrupt influences that prevail in Pennsylvania and especially such as exist in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

### Direct Vote For Senator.

It is now coming to what the democrats advocated these thirty years. By a vote of 2 to 1 a sub-committee of the senate committee on judiciary authorized a favorable report of a resolution for an amendment to the constitution to provide for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The majority of the sub-committee comprised Senators Borah, Republican, and Kayner, Democrat, and the minority was Senator Dillingham, Republican. The question was submitted to the full committee on Monday. Senator Bristow submitted the original resolution last year. In pending action. This year, however, a sub-committee was appointed to re-write the document, and that the report was made to the senate.

### Lorimer Whitewashed.

Senator Lorimer of Illinois, who was charged with having obtained his election to the United States Senate as the result of bribery and corruption, has been acquitted by his colleagues. The committee voted unanimously that the charges preferred against Senator Lorimer have not been sustained. While members of the Illinois legislature testified that bribe money was expended to get votes for Senator Lorimer, the senators who heard the evidence of the opinion that this testimony was not supported to a sufficient extent to warrant its acceptance.

### Won't Give Oliver a Lift.

The ten Keystone and insurgent members of the Legislature from Philadelphia have decided not to vote for George T. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, for United States Senator when the ballot is taken on January 17. At least three of them—Senator McIlhenny and Representatives Bearden and Scott—who supported Oliver two years ago say that they will not vote for him for a full term, and that they only voted for him before because they desired to pay him the compliment of letting him serve out Senator Knox's term. They say they join Senator Sprout, of Delaware, and other "regulars" in supporting some other Republican, but not Oliver.

### Used the "Jimmy."

Attorney Scarlet, in his argument against the application of Architect Huston, for a new trial of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the State in the certification of bills of contractors for furnishing the new capital building, before the Superior Court sitting in Philadelphia, characterized the "per foot and per pound rule" adopted by Huston in his approval of the contractors' bills, as having "jimmied open the doors of the State Treasury." That way of putting the matter would apply even to the more heinous crime of burglary.

### \$153,615,000 For Pensions.

The pension appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1912, carrying \$153,615,000 or \$72,000 less than when reported from the appropriations committee, was passed by the house. The reduction was made when the house, on motion of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, reduced the number of pension agencies from eighteen to one, that located in Washington.

### Prize Chickens.

At the exhibit of the West Branch Poultry and Kennel Club at Williamsport last week, a number of birds were shown by Clinton county fanciers, but the most successful of any exhibitor in this section was Ammon A. Miller of Orviston, Centre county. Mr. Miller has been specializing in Anconas the past year and took high honors in this class. Here are the events won by him: First and fourth on cockerel, first and fifth on pullet, first on hen, fourth on hen, and second on cock. He also won three special prizes for the best male Ancona, the best female and the best display. He also won second prize on a White Plymouth Rock cock. Mr. Miller has given very little time to his chickens and is very proud of his fine success. He was pitted against some strong exhibitors from New York state, who had hitherto been sweeping everything before them.

## RECENT DEATHS.

**BITNER**—Abraham B. Bitner, a successful farmer of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, died on Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock, after about a week's illness from a stroke of paralysis. He reached the advanced age of 77 years, 1 month and 9 days. Deceased was born Nov. 11, 1833, in Liberty township, Centre county, he being a son of John and Susan (Orner) Bitner.

**JOHNSTONBAUGH**—Nannie Johnstonbaugh, the bright little daughter of David and Jennie Johnstonbaugh, of State College, died on Friday morning the 9th day of December. She was aged 3 years, 6 months and 5 days; having been sick just one week with pneumonia and rheumatism. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn, the parents, also three sisters, and three brothers, namely: Myra, Flo, Margaret, Edgar John and Clark, all at home. Services at the house on Sunday the 11th, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by the Rev. L. S. Samsam, the Lutheran minister of State College. Interment at Pine Hall cemetery.

**MOESCHLIN**—Julius Moeschlin died at his home in Sunbury on December 16th, of heart failure. Mr. Moeschlin was one of the owners of the Cold Spring brewery, at Sunbury, and his family resided there. He was considerably over portions of this county and was well known to many of our people. He was a prominent citizen of Sunbury and a man who commanded the respect and good will of that community. His age was 59 years, and he is survived by a widow and six children. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haag, of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mullinger, son and daughter, of Pleasant Gap, attended the interment. The profuse display of floral emblems was a testimonial from his many friends.

**McCORD**—Miss Celia McCord died at her home at Point Lookout, Pa., on Wednesday morning, December 14th, after an illness of several years, the result of an internal cancerous growth. The deceased was the wife of John B. and Martha McCord, well known residents of Black Moshannon, who have been dead for several years. She was born near Milesburg on June 25, 1850, making her age 60 years, 5 months and 15 days. She went to Philadelphia 23 years ago, following the occupation of seamstress, and later keeping boarders. Surviving are two sisters: Martha J., wife of J. C. Nason, of Julian and Margaret, wife of G. P. Nason, of Huston township. Interment was made at Beaver Mills Friday morning.

**MEESE**—Nicholas Edmund Meese, a well known citizen of Bellefonte, died at his home on Logan street on Saturday evening, aged 54 years, 7 months and 5 days. Deceased had been a sufferer for a long time with an internal cancer which finally terminated in his death. Mr. Meese was employed at Thompson's livery stable, ever since Mr. Thompson started in business, and was well liked by his associates. He was the son of John H. and Annabella Meese. Surviving are his wife, Sophia Elizabeth; one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Grafmyer, of Tyrone, and one son, Edward Bruce, at home. He also leaves the following: Mrs. Oscar Brown, Mrs. Nell Martin, Mrs. Elmer Sager and Fannie, of Bellefonte; Scott, of State College; John and George, at home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. Thomas S. Wilcox, of the Methodist church, after which the body was taken to College township for interment in the Branch cemetery.

**STINE**—The death summons came into the Stine home at Tipton very unexpectedly on Friday, December 16. Mr. Stine was up and about his work as usual on Thursday and although not in the best of health, no one ever thought that on the morrow he would be taken away. Heart failure was the cause of his death. David C. Stine was born in Lebanon county and was aged 74 years and 17 days. In 1873 he moved to Tyrone and with the exception of a few years spent in Bellefonte and Tipton, he has since united in marriage to Miss E. A. Wagner, daughter of Rev. J. P. Wagner, of Millheim. She died March 6th, 1880 and he was married the second time on March 29th, 1882 to Miss Margaret Zentmyer of Alexandria, Huntingdon county. Surviving to mourn his death are his wife and two children: E. W. Stine, of Tyrone and Mrs. H. W. Dinges, of Centre Hall. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Wagner, wife of Dr. C. B. Wagner, of Lebanon and Mrs. Mary Weaver, of Unionville.

**WARD**—Mrs. Sarah J. Ward, passed to the Beyond on 15th inst., at her home in Stormstown. The deceased was the widow of John Ward, dec'd, who preceded her to the grave five years previous. Her age would have been 72 years on the 4th of the coming February. She was a lady highly esteemed by all who knew her for her many excellent qualities, kindly disposition, and Christian virtues. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church, followed by the interment in the Gatesburg cemetery on Sunday, her pastor, Rev. A. J. Frank, officiating. She was a consistent member of the M. E. church for 65 years. Surviving her are the following children: I. J. Ward, Stormstown; G. G. Ward, Lewistown; A. S. Ward, Altoona; Mrs. David Cupp, Loveville; Mrs. C. F. Meyers, Chicora, Pa.; Mrs. D. W. Behrer, Stormstown; Mrs. Geo. Kingfisher, Loveville. Also survived by one sister, Mrs. Isaac Wrye, Loveville; and two brothers: Jerry Ebbs, Altoona; and George Ebbs, Brisen, Pa.

**ARCHEY**—Miss Eva Archey, a daughter of John Archey, of Mackeyville, died Thursday morning, December 15th, of pneumonia. Six weeks ago she underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital, and was convalescing very nicely when two weeks ago she insisted on going home. The doctor and nurse endeavored to persuade her to stay a week or so longer, but she refused and was allowed to go home. She unfortunately caught cold and pneumonia developed, causing her death. She was born at Mackeyville and was about twenty-eight years of age. She has lived in Bellefonte for ten years or longer; the past eight years being one of the operators in the Commercial telephone exchange. She was a young lady who was always scrupulously careful and painstaking in all her work and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She is survived by her father in Mackeyville, one brother, Earl, of Clintondale, a step-mother and several step-brothers and sisters. Interment was made at Clintondale at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

**From Des Moines, Iowa.**  
Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 13th, 1910.  
Editor Centre Democrat:  
With a sorrowful heart, I write about the death of my two brothers, Andrew C. and Augustus, (known in Bellefonte as Gust). Gust came from

Kingfisher, Oklahoma, where he has resided since it was in the territory, to visit our sisters and myself. He became ill just as he arrived and died six weeks after. We laid him in the cemetery here on December 2nd. He enlisted for 3 months service, in April 1861, reenlisted in Andersons troop of Penna. Cavalry, and served until honorably discharged. He was 74 years of age.

Andrew C. lived in Guthrie, Oklahoma since the territory was admitted in the Union. He had been in poor health several years and died December 8th. He was about 70 years of age. Both were in the Army of the Potomac, with three other brothers—five in all. Thus doeth the "Reaper." The Schnell family is thus reduced to six—three sisters and three brothers.

**THAD M. SCHNELL**.  
REES:—William Rees, at one time one of the most familiar figures on the streets of our town was called hence to his eternal home on Friday night last as the passing of the final hour of the day was taking place. About two years and a half ago, Mr. Rees received a paralytic stroke from which he never fully recovered. Although physically incapacitated, his mind was bright and active up until Wednesday night last when a second stroke resulted in the blotting out of all consciousness and he passed peacefully away on the following Friday. Deceased was born at Glamorganshire, Wales, December 7th, 1819, making his age at time of death 91 years and 9 days. In the year 1845 he emigrated to America, coming to Pennsylvania, and locating at Pottsville, Schuylkill county. By occupation Mr. Rees was a skilled coal miner, being one of the early pioneers in the development of coal. At the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Rees enlisted in the service of his adopted country, belonging to what was known as the Miners' Regiment. After considerable service his regiment was sent by Gen. Burnside to Hatteras Inlet, a swampy section of the Atlantic coast, where Mr. Rees was with the other members of the regiment, contracted malarial fever, and were sent to a hospital in Rhode Island. After his discharge from the hospital he came to Bellefonte, a physical wreck, where he has since made his home with his son, G. W. Rees, on Reynolds avenue. Deceased was married to a lady of his native country, who died about 26 years ago. During all the period of Mr. Rees' residence in Bellefonte he was highly respected by all who knew him. He was of a kindly disposition and always had a word of good cheer for those with whom he came in contact. He was the father of two sons, one of which died some years ago; G. W. Rees, being the only surviving member of the family. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, services being conducted by Revs. Wilcox and Shuey. The deceased was a member of Gowan Post, of Pottsville, and on Monday afternoon Gregg Post of this place, attended the services at the home, after which all that was mortal of Mr. Rees was taken to the Union cemetery and laid in the tomb.

**Talk About Cost of Living.**  
Miners arriving in the United States from the Iditarod gold fields of Alaska tell something of the fearful cost of living in that country. Sugar is 20 cents a pound, with bacon, ham and flour in proportion. Horses are in great demand and \$5 an hour is the price of a team. Any first-class stage dog will bring \$100.

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- Corn a can 9c. " 12c.
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