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**EDITORIAL.**

In the house at Harrisburg was presented a bill for appointment by the governor of three citizens to act as commissioners to erect in the capital a statue of Andrew Gregg Curtin, Pennsylvania's war governor. An appropriation of 20,000 is provided.

In a printed slip, mailed to the Democrat at the Bellefonte post-office, the announcement is made that nearly the entire population of Bellefonte desires a Sunday closing of this post office. Right and good. But how about the practically unanimous demand of the same citizens for a needed change of postmasters? The argument for the respect of the wishes of the citizens applies equally in both cases.

There is no limit to the degradation to which some persons will lower themselves to obtain appointment to office and win other patronage. It has even come down to gifts of fish for petty postmasterships and little feeds, and even "my little German book" (of low vulgarity), to get a sop. There was one occasion when a congressman got a present of a mess of nice trout, the donor expecting it would win his favor for a postmastership, but the recipient became indignant, and whilst he received the trout, some other honorable fellow, got the title of postmaster. Where merit is utterly wanting the corrupt thus expose themselves.

The Phillipsburg Ledger under the heading of "Why Not?" advocates the separation of that town and Rush township from Mother Centre by seeking annexation to Clearfield. We don't know of any good reason why the idea should not be put in practice, says the Clearfield Republican. Phillipsburg and Rush ought to belong over here for a hundred and one good reasons. No, no, the Centre Democrat would say—Phillipsburg has a population, which we highly esteem—good, live, citizens are a credit to that enterprising town and to the county as well. One always meets a warm-hearted, sociable, intelligent and progressive people in Phillipsburg—the kind that build up a town. No, Miss Clearfield, we are not prone to having so excellent a slice taken from old Mother Centre.

**SEVERE CRITICISM.**

The Phillipsburg Ledger says: "A halt has been called on repairs to the High street bridge over Spring Creek, at Bellefonte, which were to cost \$4500, of which the county was to pay two-thirds and the borough of Bellefonte one third. The improvements (?) would bring the under-truss work down close to the low water mark, and the citizens of Bellefonte promptly threatened to ask for an injunction, on the ground that this style of bridge construction would increase the dangers from floods, which are already too great. Representatives of the borough, the county commissioners and the citizens got together and a stop was put to proceedings, until some more acceptable plan of repairs, or rebuilding could be hit upon. There is something crooked about the affair, says the Bellefonte people for nobody wants to assume the responsibility for the contract, or any damages that might result, should the work be unsatisfactory; the town council declaring that the work was not authorized by them. The commissioners say that they were not responsible, having merely agreed to pay the county's share of the expense. Bridge building always has been shady business, and it would be well enough for the poor people of Centre county to look into this bridge building, since they will have a chance to help foot the bill, and will also be responsible for damages should any result."  
 The above is enough to make the county commissioners and our hero fathers hot under the collar. If Miss Williams, the maiden publisher should happen in Bellefonte, our officials might dump her in Spring Creek for it. She is not at all nice for saying such things. You naughty girl, you.

**Political Straws.**

In Baltimore on Tuesday the Democratic organization opposed by all the newspapers of the city, won a sweeping victory at the primaries.  
 As a result of Tuesday's elections the city government of Hartford, will be Democratic for the first time in about twenty years.  
 The democrats carried several districts in Roosevelt's home.  
 Carter H. Harrison, democrat, for the fifth time was elected Mayor of Chicago by a large majority.  
 March had rains on six days, making the rainfall one and a half inches; and eight snows, making a total depth of twenty-two inches. A few thunder gusts were thrown in for variety.

**SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS OPENS**

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eral of which changes are accomplished facts. If other changes are deemed wise, they will be promptly made.  
 "I congratulate the House and the country, and particularly do I congratulate the members of the Committee on Ways and Means, upon the success of the important and far reaching experiment of selecting committees through the instrumentality of a committee, an experiment touching which dire predictions were made and concerning the operation of which grave doubts were entertained, even by some honest reformers.  
 Economy Policy Begun.  
 "4—Economy in the public expense that labor may be lightly burdened. The literal fulfillment of that promise which so nearly affects the comfort and happiness of millions we have begun—and we began at the proper place—by cutting down the running expenses of the House by more than \$8,000 per annum. Economy, like charity, should begin at home. That where we began. We cannot with straight faces and clear consciences reform expenses elsewhere unless we reform them here at the fountain head. The Democratic caucus deserves well of the country for taking this long and important step in the direction of economy all along the line.  
 "5—The publication of campaign contributions and disbursements before the election. The bill to accomplish this desired reform has been prepared and introduced. It will be speedily passed by the House. The average citizen, whatever his politics, is absolutely honest. He demands honesty and cleanliness in politics; he believes that too much money is spent in election matters, and he proposes to put an end to it. As the representatives of the average man it is our duty to carry out his patriotic wishes in that regard to the end that all men desirous of serving the public may have a fair chance in politics, and do so in only an honest way. The political hope of the world may not be destroyed by corruption in elections.  
 "6—The admission of both Arizona and New Mexico as States. I violate no confidence in stating that so far as the House is concerned they will be speedily admitted, and they will be admitted together.  
 "These are a few of the things which we promised. We are not only going to fulfill them, we have already begun the great task. What we have done is only an earnest of what we will do. We this day report progress to the American people. The rest will follow."

**OPENING HEADQUARTERS.**

The Reorganized Democratic State Committee Are Busy.

Following an all-day conference between former Mayor Vance, chairman of Harrisburg; former Mayor George Guthrie, of Pittsburg; Emanuel E. Price, of Scranton, and former State Representative James I. Blakeslee, of Lehighton, Philadelphia, it was announced that the reorganized democratic state committee would open headquarters in Harrisburg, on April 10. Former Representative Blakeslee will be in charge as secretary. He states that no effort would be made to secure possession of the files, data and other property contained in the present headquarters of the democratic state committee.  
 "We can secure all the information we need from the congressmen, state legislators and party committees who favor our reorganization plans," said Secretary Blakeslee.  
 This will be real news for Democrats. If you want the Guffy Hall brand, tainted by too intimate association with Penrose, stick to the old Democratic Gang. They mean to keep open shop for all men who want that kind of medicine, and are satisfied.  
 Every Democrat who is dissatisfied with the Guffy-Hall-Penrose side-show that for years has led honest democrats around by the nose, should find comfort in the announcement that a new organization, with sincere men at its head, will represent the true democracy of Pennsylvania. Between ex-Mayor Guthrie and Guffy there is little question as to whom the people want.  
 The Democratic party has no room in its organization for political rosters like Guffy, Dewalt and Judge Garman, and that ilk. Let them organize a little side-show of their own.

**Hunters' License Again.**

We do not see why those fellows at Harrisburg keep pegging away for a hunters' license anew. It is well enough known that the people of the state do not want such a law and are not petitioning for such an act. Then why not keep hands off?  
 The hunters' license bill, which aroused such a storm of indignation and protest a few weeks ago that it was killed in the house committee on game, has been revived in the senate, with a few changes which, it is claimed, makes it less undesirable. It has been reported favorably by the senate committee on game. It still provides for the one dollar license, repeats requirements and penalties of the original bill, but allows any owner or lessee of land, who is a citizen of the United States and of Pennsylvania, or the child of such owner or lessee, to hunt on the land actually owned or leased, without a license. In this way the owner or lessee is given an advantage over the ordinary citizen who neither owns nor leases land. The fellow who does not own or lease the land upon which he desires to hunt will have to pay the dollar license.  
 Tell-Tale Letter in the Turkey.  
 A few years ago a New England community raised a large number of fine turkeys for Thanksgiving, and sent them in bulk to a commission dealer. The farmers had never been satisfied with the prices returned for their goods, and they had their own ideas about what the commission man received. So they wrote notes asking the persons who bought the turkeys to write them just what they had paid a pound. These notes were rolled up in parchment paper and carefully tucked inside the birds. The commission man promptly reported sales. He was sorry that some of the birds were poor and not well packed. He did his best, but 14 cents was all he could get, and here was the money with expenses taken out. In a few days replies from the private letters tucked away in the turkeys began to arrive. The purchasers had paid 35 cents and in some cases 28 cents a pound for the best birds. With the cost of handling taken out, some of those farmers received 12 cents or less per pound.

**SPRING MOVINGS IN CENTRE COUNTY**

(Continued from third page.)

Bower family, who went to Illinois; H. G. Hartline, the baker, and F. Shively moved to Millheim; Mrs. A. S. Black moved to her home at Pine Creek and J. R. Corman to the Everett home while J. H. Corman went into his house vacated by J. R. Corman; Frank Miller started housekeeping in a part of N. Losc's house; C. A. Weaver moved to Freeport, Pa.; F. J. Malone into Weaver's house and O. E. Meyer where Malone vacated; W. C. Kradler moved to the And. Harter home and D. Kradler from the second story to the first of his store building; Ceden Burd occupies the And-Harter farm vacated by Chas. Harter who went west.  
 Woodward:—Quite a number of movings have taken place during the last week, viz: Jacob Fultz into Edson Fultz's house, in the east end of town; David Mingle where Fultz vacated; and Cleveland Vonada starting housekeeping where Mingle vacated; Andrew Shawver to a farm west of Coburn; and Milton Barner, of Carroll, to the Michael Hess farm vacated by Shawver; John Sheesley into Mrs. Arney's house, north of Piedler; Benj. Cohen to where Cohen vacated; A. C. Siffer to where Cohen vacated; Chas. Musser to where Benner vacated; Wm. Haines to where Musser vacated; Harry Stover on the farm vacated by Haines; and Mr. Martin to the Zowar farm south of Aaronsburg, and James Immel to where Martin vacated; John Corman to Coburn; and Samuel Ordorf to where Corman vacated.

Axeman:—Mac Weaver moved near Peru station, and James Dawson to the house vacated by Mr. Weaver; Harvey Tressler to the Reese farm near Peru station, and S. H. Benner to the farm vacated by Tressler; Witter Ott to Bonona; Noah Brock to the Yearick farm near Jacksonsville, and Alfred Rishel to the farm vacated by Breen; Mr. Ziegler to the farm vacated by Rishel; Boyd Hunter to the Cray house, which was vacated by Mr. Smith; Shavelock, whose house was recently destroyed by fire, purchased and moved to the William Armor property.  
 Snow Shoe:—James Eye will move to the park; John Watson will move to the place vacated by Eye; Edward Bullock to the old homestead; Mitchell Poorman to the place vacated by Bullock; Jess Hubbler, of Milesburg, has moved to our town—he is the blacksmith for the Morgan Coal company.  
 Skunk Hollow, Gregg twp.—O. A. Jamison moved to Milesburg; the farm he lately purchased; Andrew Shawver to where Jamison vacated; Mrs. G. M. Bower to Illinois; Al Hosterman to where Mrs. Bower vacated; Mrs. Carrie Geary to the Ulrich property; and Charles Rihel to where Mrs. Geary vacated; Chas. Harter to Illinois; and Zeden Burd to where Harter vacated; John Steiger into Ammon Rote's property; Geo. Decker from Farmers Mills to John Confer's home.  
 Smithtown:—G. Calvin Swartz moved to South Dakota; Elias Stover to the home vacated by G. C. Swartz; Millheim; Ralph Haines to the home vacated by Elias Stover; H. B. Frankenberg; O. Heckman to where father's farm; Chas. Rossman to the Dr. Musser farm, vacated by H. B. Frankenberg; O. E. Heckman to Illinois; Harry Gilmore, from Rebersburg, to the Dr. Frank farm vacated by O. E. Heckman.  
 Rock Forge:—Malvin Roan moved from Bellefonte, on Wednesday, to the John Martin property, here; D. C. King will move to Peru; George Sortman will move to the place Clinger vacated; Clem Kuhn will move to the place Sortman leaves; William Colpetzer will move to where Elmer Jackson lives, near Siney Hoy's farm; the place Colpetzer leaves is not rented; and Alle Lyle will move to the Shutt property at Houserville.  
 Penn Hall:—H. C. Meyer to the house vacated by Ezra Finkle; Orvis McCormick to house vacated by W. C. Meyer; Samuel Wise to house vacated by Orvis McCormick; Samuel Alters to Fiedler; William Carson to farm vacated by Samuel Alters.

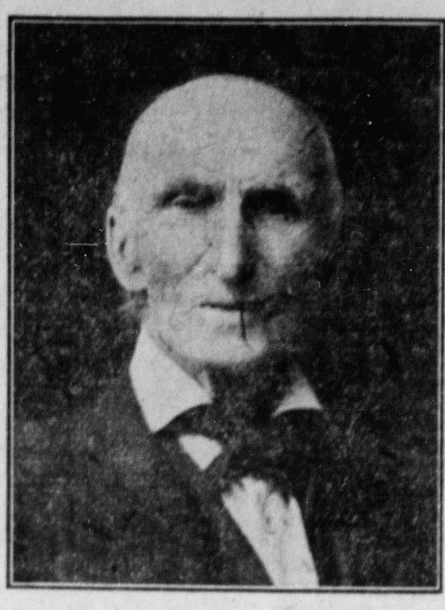
Greenburg:—George Miller vacated New Oxford house, above Greenburg and moved to Tyler'sville, in William Barner's house, vacated by Kline Ruhl; Mr. Ruhl to Samuel Caris' house, vacated by Mr. Miller, who moved to Reading; Mr. Hogan, from Bellwood, to the John Zeller home vacated by Harvey Zeller, who moved into the Shank home; C. C. Tyson to the W. H. Stricker house, who moved to Lewisburg; Mendis Bieri to John Emig's house at Logan Mills, vacated by C. C. Tyson; J. M. Kahl and son, J. V., to Livonia; H. T. N. Stover's house, vacated by Mr. Stover to Lock Haven; Mrs. John Brungard to Cyrus Gramly's house; and George Douty on the farm vacated by Mrs. Brungard; Harry Douty on one of Mr. Steel's farms in the valley; It is reported that Charles Brungard will move in the house vacated by J. M. Kahl; and Garfield Adams in the house vacated by J. V. Kahl.  
 Hubersburg:—James Wolfe moved from Fred Yocum's house to Salona; Yocum's house remains vacant at present. John W. Delaney moved from the William Decker farm to A. H. Spayd's farm, near Centre Hall; Charles King, of Clintondale to the Decker farm; Anthony Wolf to Geo. Wm. Kessinger's house; Henry Candy from Adam Swartz's old house to Harvey Guiser's tenement house.  
 Spring Mills:—Charley Bron, Ed. Winters, Carl Rossmann, also moved to tenement houses of C. P. Long; John Huss to David Sewers house; Grover Walker to James Letzell's house; Rev. Carl to Madisonburg; Luther Royer to his farm; Jerry Confer to the E. D. Ripka farm; Vester Heckman to the old Fort tenement house of Frank Bradford; Amund Decker to Aaronsburg; Philip Shook moved into Andy Rote's house, which he recently bought of the Shook Bros.  
 Mt. Eagle:—Arthur Bathurst from N. H. Yearick farm, Howard township to VanGorden's house at Mt. Eagle; John Labrite from Shilo to George Johnston's farm, Howard township; Wm. Roberson from Joseph Bachlet farm, Liberty township, to Mt. Eagle.  
 Aaronsburg:—Rev. Geesey, from Orrstown, Pa., to our town; Mrs. Swab, from her home here to Tusseyville; Mrs. Gramly to Millheim; T. C. Bower from Fiedler to the house he bought from Dr. A. S. Musser; Eben Bower, who is employed in Bellefonte, took his bride to Belle-

fonte; T. C. Weaver, from the Chapel, moved from Dr. Bowersox's farm to E. T. Stover's house; Erwin Vance to the Dr. Bowersox's farm; W. C. Wyle vacated his home and moved his family to Akron, Ohio; Arthur Weaver to Mackeyville; James Weaver to his son Erwin, in Salona; B. E. Edwards from the Frank home to Texas; in the Kuhn home; Emanuel Guisewite from Mrs. Letzell's home to Warren Weaver's; Bob Burd in Sue Rote's home; Kreider Frank to Millfin county; Archie King, from Tager's home in Mrs. Hind's home.  
 State College:—Howard Evey moved from the Parker house to the Charles Decker house, east of the borough; Hagman has moved his tallor shop from College avenue to his new home on Allen street; John Royer from his residence to the new brick of John Snyder; Franklin Smith to the John T. McCormick farm, and his house will be occupied by Mrs. E. C. Dietz and family, formerly of Howard.  
 Unionville:—Loyd Spotts will move from the C. Buck property to Julian; Geo. W. Morrison to the house vacated by Loyd Spotts; H. M. Stere to the Christ home; Mrs. Yarnell to the Shipley house; J. Kuhn's home; Stere; Jos. Spotts to his own home; half a mile up the pike; J. Toner Jr. to the Elery Spotts house, vacated by Jos. Spotts; Claire Bird has moved into Mrs. Frances Ammerman's house; Wm. Summers from the Miller house to the creek; Ed. Haugh to the post office building.  
 Boalsburg:—Last Thursday Adam Krumrine moved to his new home at Tusseyville; Harry Harro to the house vacated by Krumrine; Oscar Harro to the Ruler home purchased by him; Jacob Meyers to his own property, formerly owned by his sister Mrs. Walker; Alfred Lee purchased the farm known as the Goben farm; George Mothersbaugh to the farm vacated by Lee, the Boal farm; George Meyers to the Mothersbaugh house on Main street; George Koch to the Fred Weber home; Charles Isenberg to the Schaffer house, vacated by Bruce Loneberger, who moved to his own house just purchased, known as the Pricilla Stuart home; Ginter Schenk to the Oscar Stover house; Frank Thery, to the house vacated by John Close; Israel Reita to the William Meyer's tenement house just east of town; Mervin Kuhn moved his barber shop last week to his new building just completed.  
 Oak Hall:—John Hannah moved from Arthur Peter's house to John Barto's house, vacated by Charles Ziegler; Mr. Nihart to the house vacated by Mr. Hannah; Charles Isenberg from Boalsburg to the house vacated by Mr. Nihart; William Sarson to Houserville, to the house purchased by Morris Bohn; Clifford Close from Altoona to the house with his father, W. H. Close.

Tylersville:—Earl Dietrick moved to Mackeyville; William Messmer to Boonville; Samuel Kunkle from Jersey Shore to this place; George Miller from Greenburg to this place; Harvey Zellers from Logan Mills to this place.  
 Smulton:—G. A. Corman moved on his father's farm two miles east of Rebersburg; Mrs. Wm. Yearick moved from this place to Nittany valley; Jacob Winkleblech from D. R. Royer's farm to Smulton; Charles Bieri moved to Rebersburg; and Elmer Miller moved on the Bieri farm.  
 Pine Glen:—James Sankey moved from Enoch Midlam's place to the Silas Dixon place, Solomon Smith from John Mulholland house to Eugene Meeker's farm.  
 Pleasant Gap:—Harry Grove moved in Thomas Jodon's house; Mr. Jodon moved to his stable till his house is finished; Ed. Isler in the house vacated by Mr. Grove; Harry Ream in the house vacated by Mr. Isler.

AXEMANN:—Mack Weaver moved to Peru, and James Dawson moved in the house Weaver vacated; Wesley Tate to the house vacated by Dawson; and Harvey Tressler to the house vacated by Tressler; J. W. Ott to Bellefonte; Noah Breen to near Jacksonsville; and Alfred Rishel, of Spring township, moved on his father's farm, vacated by Breen.

EXPERIMENTAL ORCHARDS.  
 An important bill of special interest to all fruit growers in this state, was introduced in the legislature by Hon. J. C. Meyer, of this county, and thus far has received the most favorable consideration, with promise of receiving Gov. Tener's approval. The bill provides for an annual appropriation of \$20,000 with which to purchase at least ten orchards annually in such counties in the state where they have a horticultural society. No orchard is to cost over \$2000.  
 These orchards are to be selected by the agricultural department so as to be adapted to experimental work, for the special instruction of all those interested in fruit culture. Here demonstrations are to be made in planting, care of the soil, pruning, grafting, spraying to destroy the troublesome insects, and the marketing of the crop.  
 These orchards will be under the direct control of the department, and the proceeds will be used to defray the current expenses, and a portion of the crop can be sent to charitable institutions that are supported by the state.  
 This will not entail a large expense on the state, and the appropriations may, in many cases, prove a profitable investment. Such orchards, directly controlled by the agricultural department, will put up to this department to make good, by actual practice, what a model orchard is like, and prove their theories by results.  
 Such orchards will be interesting object lessons for fruit growers and farmers, and should give new impetus for a profitable investment, and an opportunity long neglected.  
 For years Prof. Surface and his department have spent much time and energy to awaken the people of Pennsylvania to the fact that there are great possibilities in this State, due to our peculiar soil and climate conditions, to grow fruit of rare quality and exceedingly rich flavor.  
 Prof. Surface gives Mr. Meyers the highest praise for his work in this line. Now it looks as though Mr. Meyer's bill will pass, and then the burden will be put upon Prof. Surface, through his department, to make good, which we are thoroughly confident he will do.  
 In recent years the shipping of car loads of apples from Centre county has brought considerable new revenue to our farmers, and given a new impetus on the scientific culture of fruit. We believe that in a short time it will be possible to see train-loads of choice fruit consigned from our community to the best markets, at prices that will bring greater profits than any other branch of agriculture.



The Late Edward Brown, Sr.  
 The above portrait of the late Edward Brown, Sr., was intended to appear in last week's issue but did not arrive from the engraver in time. As within three days of rounding out a century, having been buried on his one hundredth birthday. While residing in this place, Mr. Brown's age was often disputed, and many of the opinion that he was the church record in that place, and in due time the exact date of his birth. To settle the question, Rev. McArdle, of the Catholic church of this place, took the matter up and wrote to Donegal, Ireland, the place of Mr. Brown's birth. The Reverend asked that a personal search be made of the church record in that place, and in due time the reply was received in Bellefonte that the date of Mr. Brown's birth was chronicled March 27, 1811. Thus the question of his age was adjusted, and it only served to create additional interest in the well preserved old man, whose usefulness had so long outlived the allotted time of humankind.  
 School Code Passes.  
 The final vote in the house on the much-debated and much amended school code of 1911, passed finally by the comfortable majority of 131 to 63 on Tuesday.  
 An attempt was made recently to establish a Socialist newspaper in Phillipsburg, but it was found impossible to raise the funds necessary to launch the undertaking.

Publish License Signers.  
 Residents of Juniata county who signed petitions of the hotel keepers praying for licenses are incensed and threaten an action in libel against the members of the temperance societies who went to the office of the Prothonotary and secured a list of the names, had them printed in pamphlets with attractive covers and circulated them in Juniata and adjacent counties.  
 Although this has been the practice in other counties for several years it was the rule to keep this information under cover in that county and a number of the signers have been kept busy explaining just how their names happen to be listed as favoring license when they talked and voted in the opposite direction—Lewisport Sentinel.  
 State Balance \$11,388,971.  
 The receipts of the State Treasury in March were \$2,307,198.11 for general fund and \$3146 for sinking fund, and expenditures, \$2,102,701.22 from general fund and \$502.97 from sinking fund.  
 The balance in all funds at the end of the month is \$11,388,971.56, of which \$8,950,654.47 is in the general fund.  
 Pension Bill Passed.  
 Among the bills passed by the House at Harrisburg, was the Der-shem bill providing pensions for soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War and who came from this State at the time of enlistment.  
 90.2 Miles an Hour.  
 Pierre Vedrine left Poitiers, France, in a monoplane at 6.18 o'clock Friday morning 31st, and arrived at Pierre Vedrine at 8.30 o'clock, having maintained an average speed of 90.2 miles an hour.  
 The new regulations by the post office department denying the use of the mails in cases of unpaid subscriptions to newspapers has disclosed the fact that in some counties persons subscribed for all the home papers and never paid for any—refusing. That's double distilled depravity and a plain violation of the postal laws, making it a criminal act to use the mails for the purpose of defrauding. The penalty is severe.  
 There will be an Easter supper held on Saturday evening 15th, in the K. of L. Hall, at Curtin, by the ladies of the Evangelical church; ice cream and cake will also be served. Come one and all and help a good cause along; proceeds for the benefit of their church.

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