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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Now for a flag raising in San Juan.

Joe Cooper of Hughesville has opened a clothing store for a few weeks in town.

Supper and ice cream will be served in the grove opposite the Court House on Thursday evening, July 28.

New arrivals at the Mountain House this week are: Mrs. J. L. Smith and son Victor, of Buffalo; Miss Mary Muffley, of Baltimore; Mrs. Ellen Barrows, of Philadelphia; Misses Ella and Reba Barrows of New York, and Mr. C. F. Michener, of Philadelphia.

There are thieves and thieves; but the most contemptible thieves are those who prowl about when all are asleep and carry away things. Last week someone, evidently full-grown, gently "lifted" a nice large beef steak from the Commercial Hotel ice house.

The world moves—so does Landlord Beahan. It is true "great and growing bodies move slowly" but they never fail to "get there;" slow and sure is a good motto, and accomplishes much more than spasmodic lightning rod efforts, and this is proved by the methodical and stymatic gait of Mr. Beahan in improving his property "The Maine."

The never-to-be forgotten Chas. Dickens in David Copperfield describes a man who was so stingy that when he would purchase a present for his "best girl" his meanness would get the better of him, and he would keep the present for himself!!!

Germany hardly knows what to do next to draw the attention of this country to herself and convey the impression that she will have to be considered when the final disposition of the Philippine island is made.

Only about ten per cent. of the men offering themselves at the recruiting stations have been accepted, because of physical conditions. Now, girls, with only 10 per cent. of the men worth a continental and your sex already in the majority by something like three to one, some of you are surely bound to draw a blank.

NO MORE ANDY JOHNSON.

How a Distinguished Friend of the President Views the Campaign.

OLD FEUDS ON THE SHELF.

While All Kinds of Republicans Vote With the Flag.

NO OFF YEARS IN WAR TIME.

Unique Illustration of One Anti-Quay Republican Who Says He Will Leave "the Old Man" in the Hands of Providence Till the War is Over—No Room For Dickering With the Democracy This Year.

(Special Correspondence.)

Washington, July 19.—"I am glad to see that the Republicans of Pennsylvania have not forgotten Andy Johnson, nor the terrible warning of his career in the White House," said one of the few members of the house ways and means committee who still carries here in the summer smell of the hot asphalt street pavements.

He says it is to clear up some odds and ends of departmental business. He is known, however, to have the confidence of President McKinley to an unusual degree, and it is more likely that he foresees the delights and comforts of seashore and mountain at the president's request, in order that his advice may be had in any critical situation which may arise out of the present war.

"Under the present circumstances," he continued, with much earnestness, "the election proclamations in the various states ought to appeal to the party spirit of Republicans as the president's call to arms appealed to the patriotism of the country. It should meet with a like response. This is especially true of Pennsylvania, whose magnificent and unswerving Republicanism has so often stood the keynote of party success. We of other states do not forget that Pennsylvania was the state of Curtin, nor fail to remember how Lincoln leaned upon that great west governor in all the darkest hours of the rebellion, and it is among the most gratifying signs of the times to observe by the press reports from what under other circumstances might be discontended sections of your state, that your leaders are patriotically laying their rivalries on the shelf until this war and its problems are settled."

"But with Santiago surrendered, Manila under Dewey's guns, and the Spanish navy either under water or hunting a hiding place up the creek, do you seriously think the war will last past election day?" "I sincerely hope not, so far as actual fighting goes, but war is like measles or diphtheria. The dress it leaves are often harder to deal with than the disease itself. The great and grave problems of this war will only begin to be set for the statesmanship of this country when the last gun is fired. It was so after the last war. It will be doubly so after this one. Some of these problems we have upon us already; some we cannot even yet predict. They have come without expectation or warning, and they will likely continue to come that way. Admiral Dewey's guns, in a couple of hours of a Sunday morning, changed the map of the world for generations to come, and the few modest lines in which he announced, in effect, that he had an island empire as large as New England and Pennsylvania ready for the American flag, brought with it questions of international and enduring moment, such as have not confronted us for a hundred years. Is this a time to swap horses, or to quibble over local grievances and differences? Is it a time for Republicans in states like Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, or in any Republican states, to speak with anything but overwhelming majorities?"

"Every Republican who is close to national affairs feels warmly upon this subject. I value above anything else that has come to me in my life the esteem of my neighbors, and the unflinching confidence with which they have returned me year after year to congress, but if it seemed to me tomorrow that some other Republican, my bitter enemy even, could be elected next November more certainly than I, or that his election would be more significant of the loyalty of my district to the president and the party, I would telegraph my resignation from the ticket, and urge his nomination with all my might. I am by no means alone in this feeling. Shortly after the war began I received a call here in Washington from a distinguished gentleman in my district who made a vigorous campaign against my nomination two years ago, chiefly urging that I had been in congress so long that I had become negligent of local interests. He had been openly pointed out as likely to run on an independent ticket against me this year with Democratic support. He traveled all the way to Washington to notify me that the war had changed the situation. He offered to go into the convention as one of the delegates. If I desired it, saying frankly at the same time that he made no pledges beyond this year. Said he: "I know I am throwing away (or rather Sagasta is throwing away for me) my best chance. The next election will be in a presidential year, and with your well known closeness to McKinley you will be hard to beat. I had been thinking that as this was naturally an off year we might make the landing. But there are no off years in war times."

"And you think a similar feeling is developing in Pennsylvania?" "I know it," he replied, "and so they do up at the other end of the avenue," jerking his thumb in the direction of the White House. "You know," he continued, "we took an unusual interest in your affairs this year, because two of the most distinguished Republicans in your delegation in the house were rival candidates for the nomination. Those of us who had served longest with them and knew their worth were in somewhat a quandary. We wanted both of them to get their desires, and yet we didn't want to lose either of them from the house. I am glad, by the way, that Charley Stone has been renominated for congress. His people have honored themselves in showing their appreciation of his distinguished party services. So far as the colonel is concerned, if he is as untiringly faithful to the interests of his state at Harrisburg as he has been in Washington, you will have a governor to be proud of. I have known him in congress ever since he came here, and so far as the party is concerned I feel confident that when he goes out of office he will leave the party more free from faction and stronger before the people than it has been for years."

"After the convention," he added, "I talked with all of the Republican members of the Pennsylvania delegation, and some Democrats. At the request of a friend who is deeply concerned to see a wholesale Republican victory I wrote to a number of business men in your state with whom I had become intimate in the course of tariff legislation. My information, coming from one and all, is the same, although many of them had been in favor of another candidate for governor, and some of them were rather limber heeled in their Republicanism, except in presidential years. Here, for instance, is a letter I got from one of them only a few days ago. After apologizing for delay in answering, owing to absence from home, he says: "I don't take back anything I have said, remember, but I am going to put a cross in the circle this year, and vote for the flag. I don't approve of some things that were done in our last legislature, but while a Republican administration is in the midst of the prosecution of a foreign war these things which in ordinary times would be fair occasions for vigorous rebuke, seem to me trivial beyond expression. When I was a younger man we used to have volunteer fire companies in our city. The rivalry was intense between them, and fights were frequent. Sometimes two of them happened to come together on their way to a fire and then there was a battle royal. All the old grudges satisfied. They had an elegant and stirring time to themselves, but my recollection is that the house usually burned down while they were at it. Our house is afire this year, so to speak, and so among Pennsylvania Republicans when election day comes around you will hear of very few Quay or anti-Quay, Wanamaker or anti-Wanamaker, Martin or anti-Martin, Magee or anti-Magee Republicans. We will just be one kind of plain Republicans until this war is over and its issues are settled. You are at liberty to show this letter to the president if you think it necessary. As to Quay, he is getting pretty well up in years, and can't live forever. I have made up my mind to leave him to Providence until the war is over. Then, if he is still running the machine, I'll take another whack at him myself. Anyhow, I don't see anything to be gained, even if there was no war on hand, by colligating with the Democracy this year. Their state convention, in addition to kicking itself up and down stairs on the money question, defeated its most promising candidate, solely upon suspicion that he had not voted the straight Democratic ticket two years ago. And yet while they brandish his scalp before our eyes, in our ears they whisper that this would be a good year for Republicans to vote for Democrats. Nay, nay."

"This," continued the congressman, "I find to be a fair sample of the feeling of Republicans all over the country. The unfaithfulness of Andy Johnson after our last war cost the country beyond expression. We have a man in the White House now who is as different from Johnson as day is from night, and the election returns next November will serve notice to the watching courts and crowns of all creation that the people of the United States are as loyal to their president as its soldiers are to their flag."

"And then we drifted off politics and began to talk about the war, and the harvest thereof."

GEORGE H. WELSHONS. Golf Jewelry. Golf has invaded the realm of jewelry. Some of the presents that would be most acceptable to men and women who play golf have designs of golf clubs upon them.

The Sultan of Turkey is more than liberal to his daughters, as the recent marriage of Princess Naime reveals. In addition to about \$90,000 a year the princess has a palace decorated in the most lavish style and a retinue of servants, who are all paid by the father.

Cost of Bull-Fighting. Spain's bull-fighters made money last year. Mazzanti in 66 fights killed 168 bulls and made 396,000 pesetas; Reverte's score was 71 fights, 160 bulls and 276,000 pesetas; while Guerrita, with 76 fights and 147 bulls slaughtered, earned 456,000 pesetas, or \$91,000.

To Riddle a Pane of Glass. A musket ball may be fired through a pane of glass, making a hole the size of the ball without cracking the glass, if the glass be suspended by a thread; it will make no difference and the thread will not even vibrate.

WHAT A WAR MEANS.

Loss to the Wealth of the World in the Blood and Ashes of Battle.

What has actually been lost to the wealth of the world in the blood and ashes of the war since authentic history began is beyond all estimate. It has been computed that the loss of human life alone in that time from war amounts to fourteen thousand million souls—a number equivalent to the entire population of the globe for the last 330 years, says a writer in Leslie's Weekly. It should be noted here that the class of men who are drafted or accepted for military service are invariably the very class who, by reason of age, health and strength, are the most valuable to the world from the purely economic and material standpoint. They are the stalwart, intelligent, capable men. In this country economists have set the definite value of \$5,000 upon the average man, considered as a wealth producer. Taking this figure as the general standard of the value of man, it can be seen that an inconceivable amount of wealth in the shape of men has been destroyed on the battlefields of the world since time began.

The war losses of the United States have not been as great, comparatively, as those of other civilized nations in recent times, but even the totals here are sufficient to show the absurdity of the supposition that either now or at any other time we may reap financial gain by the sickles of battle. The annual expenditure of the United States during the war of the revolution was \$20,000,000 in specie. Most of the money was raised by public loans in the form of paper currency. The diminishing value of this slender security inevitably brought about the hoarding of gold. The consequent scarcity of real money, as a matter of course, was followed by suffering widespread and intense.

Our second war with England lasted only two years, but it cost us \$72,000,000 to vindicate our cause, just and righteous as it was. And this did not include the losses to our merchant marine from English privateering, a loss beyond computation, even in those times of our comparative commercial poverty.

For the folly of the Mexican war we had to pay dearly in men and treasure, a loss for which our acquisition of territory did not compensate. The lives of more than 5,000 American citizens were a part of the price we paid for that display of power, and something more than \$25,000,000 for military disbursements was another part.

For the civil war the figures of loss all around mount up to stupendous totals. The immediate financial losses were \$4,500,000,000 to the north and \$2,300,000,000 to the south, with such after results as a national debt of \$3,000,000,000, a crippled merchant marine, a ruined agricultural community, besides the losses occasioned in other parts of the world, including those consequent upon the cotton famine of Lancashire, and the loss of employment to more than 100,000 European laborers. Such, at least, are the losses computed by Leroy-Beaulieu in his "Les Guerres Contemporaines," causing him thus to close his chapter on our civil war: "Such is war. Its nature is so homicidal that it slays thousands of victims even at a distance of thousands of miles from the battlefield."

Administrator's Notice. Estate of Mary McCarty, late of Elkland township, deceased.

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, Administrator in the estate of Mary McCarty late of Elkland township, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement.

JOSEPH PARDOE, Administrator. THOS. McCARTY, Admrs. DOWNS, Atty.

Harrison Krips. PHOTOGRAPHER. 1500 Columbia Ave. PHILADELPHIA.

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