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Did Charity prevail, the Press would prove
A vehicle of Virtue, Truth and Love.—COWPER.

CURRENT COMMENT.

KEEP the flag flying, and the mills running.

WHILE Mr. Bryan is hurling anathemas at the the tyrannical army, why is it that he is mute in regard to the growing navy of the Republic? It was the latter that opened the Philippines to American settlement. Sabe, Willie?

The Lewisburg News last week says: "THE REPUBLICAN forces in Union county will this year be led by two veteran soldiers, who both belong to the same Regiment that never knew defeat, the 51st Pa. Col. J. P. Brooke was on Monday elected county chairman, while D. H. Getz, Esq., continues as secretary. With these two sturdy citizens and loyal Republicans at the helm there is a guarantee of an aggressive campaign and certain Republican victory all along the line on November 6th."

THE schools, colleges and universities have nearly all opened for the fall and winter work. One noticeable feature is that in nearly all of them there is an increased attendance. This is a wholesome indication that the present generation is placing a higher valuation upon the better cultivation of the mental faculties. There are more young people from Snyder county going away to school and the attendance at Susquehanna University is much increased over former years. The removal question has been permanently settled.

CHAIRMAN JONES, of the National Democratic Committee, now confesses to a million, and he rather thinks, being in the Cotton Bait Trust, that he is a first-class, up-to-date business man, and which accounts for the fact that the Bryanite campaign is well provided money, and well handled those who know how to use it

CROKER is the chosen leader of Mr. Bryan in New York. Thus the star-eyed Goddess of Reform marcheth on.

MR. BRYAN'S great love for free speech was not on tap when his Kentucky friends turned out and threw bad eggs at that distinguished Democrat, the Honorable John G. Carlisle. At least, the Democratic nominee offered no protest at the time, and, later, proceeded to that State and made speeches for the anti-imperial egg-throwers.

THE football season has opened and the contest for success on the gridiron has begun. This sport is the most fascinating of all college sports and in addition to that, it is the most violent in the category. A college student can better exercise his mental faculties if he develops the physical capacity.

THE Selingsgrove editors must have "made up" and gone together on a spree last week. The Tribune came to us with two pages blank and the Times came to us without a sheet. These sheets were calculated not to offend anyone and they were a most decided success. These two pencil pushers were just two weeks ahead of the moon.

THE Lenhart murder trial occupied the attention of five days of the Union county court last week. On the 21st day of last April James Lenhart murdered Newton Moatz in Lewisburg. A hard fight was made to convict the prisoner of murder in the first degree, but the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. While it is not very consoling to face a long term of imprisonment in the penitentiary, it is always preferred to hanging.

THERE will be a gala time in Middleburg Tuesday evening of next week. The Republican hosts of the county will be at the capital to hear the issues of the campaign discussed and to open the fight for the presidential election in Snyder county. The speakers, Senator Landis, Congressman Mahon, Senator Focht and Representative Smith, are too well known to need any introduction. There will be a big time, and you all should be in town. There will be band music to soothe the aesthetic and oratory to guide the wayward.

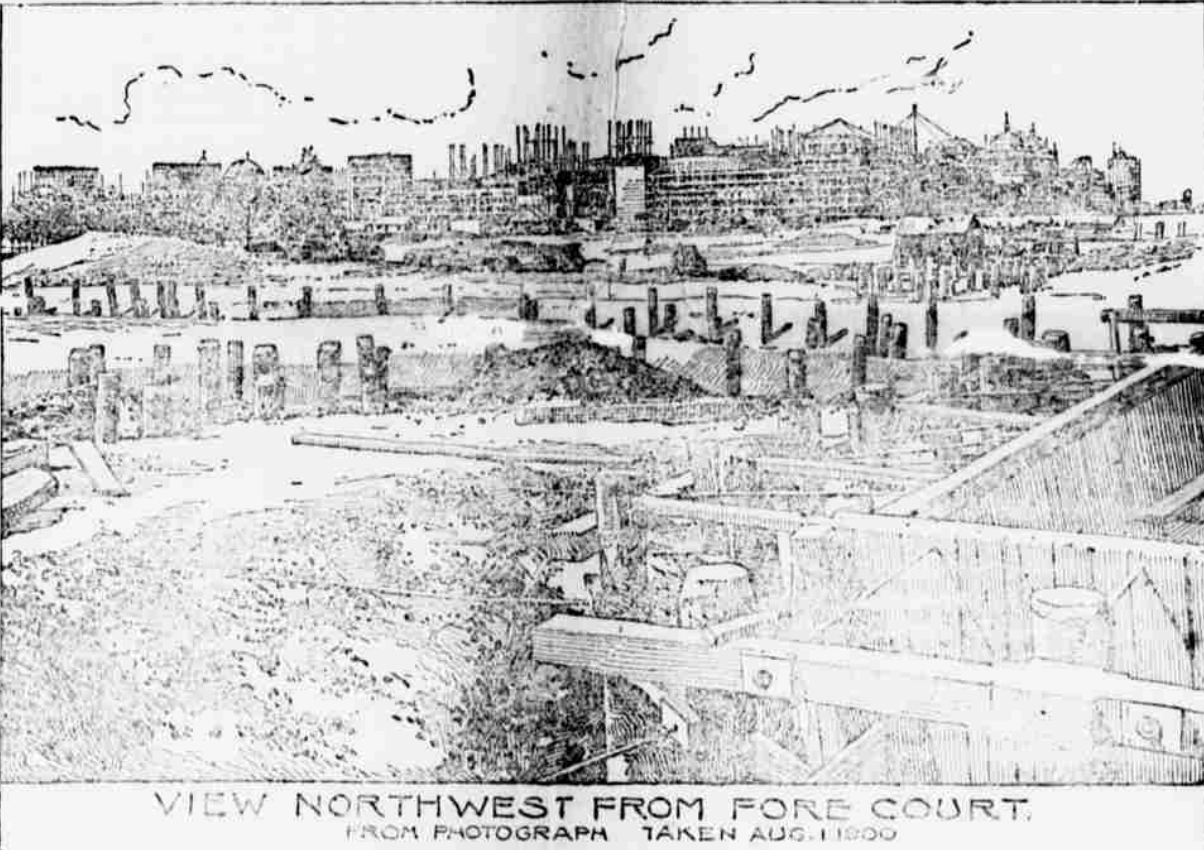
DOES Mr. Bryan think or just think he thinks?

The Telephone Situation.

SNYDER COUNTY is blessed(?) with two telephone companies, operating two separate and distinct lines. Now telephone privileges are certainly a convenience and a necessity to modern business methods, but to have two companies operating in the same territory, each having a different set of subscribers, without courteous privilege of using the competing line, represents a state of affairs inimical to modern progress and rapid development. Snyder county is not large, but, in order to reach only two-thirds of the towns in the county, it is necessary to rent 'phones from two different companies, necessitating an outlay of two rents. Most business men will rent from one company only, others from neither, because, no matter which one is taken, about one-half the county cannot be reached, for a subscriber of one line cannot communicate with a subscriber of the other line without a toll.

This is a state of affairs that should not exist. Connection, by mutual courtesy, is made with lines outside the county, and the same rule should apply to the Penn Telephone Company and the Spring Telephone Company. We understand that the representatives of the Penn, Spring and Tuscarora Valley Telephone companies had a meeting last week to consider plans by which subscribers of one line can use the other line without additional charge. This should be done by all means. It will inure to the benefit of the owners of both lines, as well as to the subscribers of both. The owners of both lines will get more subscribers, because many more will be willing to pay 'phone rent if all the territory covered by both lines can be reached, and thus secure additional service without increasing the expenses of either company.

We sincerely trust that arrangements will be speedily perfected whereby subscribers of either line can use the entire line in Central Pennsylvania, yea, eventually of the entire State, and finally reach all parts of the United States.



VIEW NORTHWEST FROM FORE COURT.
FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AUG. 11, 1900

The Democratic Conference.

THE Democrats of this Senatorial District are willing to swallow their words—worms and all. They crowded for months that Wolverton was the only man able to defeat Focht. Because of the strike Wolverton did not dare to accept. John V. Leshar is a good man, but he had to be turned down because Judge Bucher thought Leshar's National Guard record would injure him in the coal regions. They, therefore, nominated Hon. F. E. Brown, of Lewisburg.

The conference was not the most harmonious one on record. The Bucher crowd proposed to cut Leshar out on the first ballot, by getting the Union county conferees and two of Northumberland county's conferees to vote for Shaffer of Sunbury. The plan failed to work. Leshar's friends stood by him, and they were strong enough that the political jobbers could not make a nomination without Leshar's consent. Although Leshar was not named, he was a factor in the conference that named the nominee, just the same.

SENATOR DEFEW was asked the other day regarding the education of the rich. He replied that all young men should be so taught as to be able to earn their own living. "There never was a Vanderbilt," he said, "who could not, if left without a cent, earn his own living. And they have all been the better for it."

THE Democratic candidate for Congress from Snyder county not only failed to attend the conference, but also failed to send any conferees. The Times man says that he did not have time to attend the Congressional conference, but, strange as it may seem, he was able to spend two days at the Senatorial conference where he was neither a candidate nor a conferee. They say that Editor Leshar discovered before going that it would be a cold day in Harrisburg.

PRISTINE THOUGHTS
SELECTED GEMS
Collated and Arranged Expressly for The Post

THE CITY OF GOLD
BY ARUNA, PRINCE OF INDIA

2 And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of GOD IS WITH MEN, and he will DWELL WITH THEM, and they shall be HIS people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

12 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper, and the city was PURE GOLD, like unto clear glass.—REVELATION, Chapter 21.

From the days of Saint John's revelation The marvellous story is told, And the song has come down thro the ages The song of the City of Gold.

To the innocent hearts of the children, To the toilers who faint 'neath the sun To the old who have fought out its problems, To the dying whose journey is done,

Comes the dream of the Mystical City With color and loveliness rife, Iridescent its jeweled foundations, Flower-bordered its River of Life;

And the streets of the City are Golden, And the sea as of crystal appears, And the sound of the harpers is in it, And it knows not of sorrow or tears.

Like a mirage far out on the desert, Like the fabric that fashions our dreams Like a many-hued mirror'd reflection, The Pure Golden City besseems.

Some grope 'mid the types and the shadows, A d fret at its veiling disguises; Their hearts cannot grasp nor conceive it— Its glory is hid from their eyes.

They catch but a note of its music, A glimpse swiftly passing and faint— A hint of its wondrous perfection, Low-whispered to seer and to saint

Yet the glow of it shortens the journey, And more bravely our feet tread the sod On the road to the Sorrowless City Whose Builder and Maker is God.

And thus, as a gift to the ages, The marvellous story flows on, And the heart of man rests on the vision That illumined the eyes of Saint John.

Monday pedestrians were considerably amused on reading the following "poetic effusion" evidently traced by the taper fingers of one of Middleburg's many charming "Sweet Sixteens," on the bulletin black board of Lloyd Powersox. Its a jin hoo: I love you in my heart—I love you in my liver— If I had you in my lap, I'd push you in the river.

Stray Thoughts.

Come near me! I do weave
A chain I cannot break—I am possessed
Of thoughts too swift and strong for one lone human
brain.—SHELLEY.—Revolt of Islam.

CRUELTY—Detested sport,
That owes its pleasures to another's pain.
COWPER.—The Task.

An Angel with a trumpet said:
"Forever more, forever more,
The reign of violence is o'er!"
LONGFELLOW.—The Occultation of Orion.

CREATION—What cause
Moved the Creator in His holy rest
Through all eternity so late to build
In chaos, and, the work begun,
How soon absolved.
MILTON.—Paradise Lost.

Had I been present at the creation, I would have given some useful hints for the better ordering of the universe.—ALPHONSO, THE WISE.

Who is Lucifer?

THIS IS ONE of the many titles tradition and theology gives to the Devil, but the word does not really express the darkness and wickedness ascribed to his sooty majesty. The Seer, Isaiah, intimates the reverse when he refers to him as "Lucifer, Son of Morning, and Webster says, "Lucifer, the planet Venus, (Goddess of Love.) The word is derived from the Latin, LUX, lucis, light, and FERRE, to bring,— "Light-bringer." Lucifer, then, instead of expressing darkness, or anything infernal, is a light bearer, So, superstitious craft is always busy placing darkness for light, and making the real truth of non-effect—reversing the natural order of things.

Lucifer, proper, does not stand for the traditional Devil, but for Light against darkness; reason, information against pure superstitious ignorance; science against tradition; justice against privilege; investigation, (as in Eden,) enlightenment against credulity, ignorance and arbitrary fiat; liberty against slavery. The "Light that brighteneth every Soul that cometh into the world," and opens our sensibilities to the true science of life, cannot be evil, wrong nor the Devil. I except "the curse" because I believe human life to be more sacred than anything else in the universe, and that it should be neither pampered nor abused; and because I believe thoroughly in the nobility of labor, and the acceptance of USEFUL WORK AS DIVINE WORSHIP! I believe in the respect, esteem and honor of all truly good men and women. I believe the highest object, worthy of devotion, to be development of a pure, useful and true manhood. I believe it to be utterly impossible to hate my brother man and love an unseen and unknown Deity, for "he that doeth righteously is righteous"—just.

The trend of real spiritual progress is toward humanitarianism, and the vulgarity of utilitarianism care less for theology and more for humanity. IDRA.

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