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The Unofficial Cogitations of the Hon. Thomas B. Reed of New York.

The most conspicuous Republican statesman not now holding office contributes an article of great political interest to the current number of the *North American Review*. By a coincidence originating in no intention on his part, Mr. Reed's views of some of the questions now foremost happen to reach the people almost simultaneously with the President's message. A comparison of the respective thoughts and methods of thought is naturally, nay, inevitably, suggested by this accidental conjunction. The accident, however, will be regarded by nobody as unfortunate. On the contrary, the process of public enlightenment is bound to profit much thereby.

The two topics of leading importance discussed by Mr. Reed are anti-trust legislation by means of the Constitutional amendment or otherwise, and tariff revision by means of a non-political Commission or otherwise. Concerning both subjects, the opinions which he expresses are marked on this occasion by his usual sanity of judgment and clearness of statement, by the absence of anything like hysteria or the self-consciousness of mental exaltation, and incidentally by the characteristic wit which puts a sparkle as of carbonic acid gas into his spoken or written utterances and makes them often so refreshing to partake.

The recent announcement through the *New York World*, of Mr. Cleveland's views of public policy, and this evidence of the Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed's present and active interest in the political problems of the time, plainly indicate that there is to be no trust, syndicate or monopoly in the commodity of high-grade American statesmanship.

The Bannerville Robbery.

The robbery and capture of the miscreant at Bannerville Sunday morning by the shooting of the vagabond, awakens inquiry concerning the outcome of the affair.

When a man breaks open a house or store, he surrenders the protection of the law. If he loses his life while thus transgressing, his relatives have no redress. There is no law civil or moral that will justify the taking of human life, yet in the event of the robber's death, no jury would convict Mr. Shellenberger of murder or even of voluntary manslaughter.

The writer recalls reading a judge's charge to a jury in a similar case some years ago in which the learned jurist said: "If a man breaks into

my house, as a citizen, lawyer and a judge, I will say that I would shoot to kill and would advise others to do the same."

The first law of the land and of God is self-preservation and when a man breaks into a house to rob, he is likely to kill the inmates, if necessary to secure plunder and is usually prepared to do so.

Even should the robber, who gives his name as George Snyder, die, Mr. Shellenberger could surrender himself to the law for trial, but he would not need to, but should the relatives of Snyder see proper to arrest Shellenberger, the latter would not need to fear to place his case into the hands of any jury drawn in Snyder County.

The citizens of Snyder County are resting easier since one villain is disabled and not likely to molest the property of any other person and the gratitude toward Mr. Shellenberger will certainly clear him from any penalty the law provides for taking human life.

Mr. Shellenberger's store was robbed last February and as he holds to the peaceful attitude of the Dunkard faith, marauders may have presumed their lives would be safe in his hands, but fortunately for the security of our people, such was not the case.

There is no doubt that Mr. Shellenberger did not shoot with the intention of killing, only to disable and capture the fellow who wanted to plunder his property. In determining the nature of a crime, the law goes back of the deed itself in order to ascertain the motive. In this case we have, no doubt an investigation would show that the motive was of such a character that the law would justify Mr. Shellenberger.

In Lewisburg several years ago, Mr. Donhower shot a burglar, and the Courts said to Mr. Donhower, that he had no penalty to pay.

WEST BEAVER.

The squeal of the porker is heard in our vicinity almost daily. Merchant Koler of Bannerville leading for big hogs as far as heard from. Two weighing 797 lbs.

John B. Shellenberger of Bannerville has been pronounced a hero since he was brave enough to shoot a burglar Sunday morning in the act of robbing his store. Dr. Smith and son of Beaver Springs, Dr. Mitchel of McClure and Dr. Shive of Bannerville were called in to attend the wounded man. He said he was a married man but would rather shoot himself than to tell his name or place of residence. Visitors from all over the county were there Sunday.

Levi B. Treaster spent Sunday in Spring township visiting his son-in-law, Samuel Baumgardner.

Wm. Peter is removing all his nursery stock from the farm he bought.

We had quite a snow Sunday evening which will make it bad for some of our farmers to finish up husking corn, as you can see quite a lot still standing to be husked.

Jacob Gross purchased a corn husker last week to be ready next season for a trial.

SCHNEE.

J. E. Fisher of Freeburg was in town Wednesday on business.

Hiram Schnee was to Richfield Saturday.

Many of our people attended Teachers' Institute last week.

Thomas Graybill of Richfield visited Peter Garman Sunday.

Francis Landis was at Meiserville Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Hepner and daughter, Nettie of Beavertown were visiting friends in town Saturday.

Rev. David E. Haines of Port Treverton was in town a few days last week.

Herbert Troup was visiting his uncle, John Troup at Kantz last week.

W. H. Wendt operated his flour and feed mill 623 hours in the month of November.

Edward Garman and wife were to Centre county last week for pleasure and visiting some of their relatives.

Frank Phillips made his appearance in town in a sleigh Monday morning.

F. C. Landis and Oscar Trewitz left for Mapleton, Pa., Monday.

John Garman was a caller at Red Bank Sunday.

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