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Archie Cochrane, who disappeared so suddenly a couple of weeks ago, has returned home, just as THE STAR said he would do. Archie was away on a little pleasure trip, that's all.

Ground is broken for the large business block the Merchant Coal Company people are going to erect on the corner of Grant and Ord streets. The workmen are making the dirt fly at a lively rate.

Mr. W. J. Lichty, the popular oyster man, has the editor's thanks for several free plates of the most delicious oysters we ever ate. Nothing seltish about "Soldier Billy," and his oysters are always of the best.

Attorney W. H. Ruppel, of Somerset, and Miss Minerva Covode, a daughter of Dr. Joseph Covode, of Jenners, were united in marriage, at the bride's home, last week. THE STAR extends its congratulations.

Read Mr. Thropp's letter in this issue of THE STAR. By so doing you will learn much that you ought to know. Thropp is all right and ought to be given an overwhelming majority for Congressman. He is able and an honest man.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Beachy have the thanks of the editor and wife for an invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Lucie, to Mr. Harvey B. Keim, which event will take place at the First Brethren church, Salisbury, Pa., Thursday noon, Nov. 10th, 1898, at 12 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Mackey has moved his household effects into a portion of Mr. Frank Wagner's commodious residence. With a preacher next door to the print shop, we have got to be very careful now as to what we say, and how loud we say it, when the weekly proof-reading time comes.

J. L. Beachy, of Salisbury, Pa., while at Beatrice the other day, bought an 840 acre stock farm at foreclosure sale, for \$16,000. This magnificent body of land is situated within two miles of Beatrice, and the amount is very low, considering the quality of the land and its nearness to a thriving city like Beatrice.—*Carleton (Neb.) Leader.*

For quick work at carpentering, Charles Lung and Messrs. Edward and Irvin Tedrow are hard to beat. If you don't believe it, just size up the skyscraping business block they erected on Grant street, this week. It is all the work of a few days, and rumor has it that the builders will use the structure for a meat market.

Ben Eddy, one of the prisoners of the Somerset jail who some time ago escaped after having brutally assaulted Deputy Sheriff Baker, is again behind the bars. He was brought to Somerset, last week, by his brother-in-law, Herbert Blough, who resides at Stanton's Mills, in the north of the county, and at whose home Eddy has been hanging around for some time.

Our big, good-natured friend, Mr. W. W. Shawhan, of Niverton, returned this week from West Virginia, where he had been visiting some of his old-time friends. He reports having had a very pleasant time, and says he is feeling first rate. Mr. Shawhan was afflicted with asthma during the summer months, but he says he is about rid of the trouble now, all of which we are glad to note.

Surveyor Benford was establishing grades for sidewalks in this town, this week. The great trouble in establishing proper grades in this town is the fact that we always have a few people who think they know so much more than the surveyor that they interfere with his judgement, much to the detriment of the town. But it would kill some people if they couldn't expose their bull-headed ignorance and selfishness.

Now is the time to plant your fall advertisements in THE STAR. Every business house in town ought to have a good big "ad" in the local paper, for two reasons. First, because it pays to advertise in THE STAR, as the paper goes into nearly all the best homes in this locality. Second, because the local paper is always working for the up-building and best interests of the community. It is a home industry that deserves your patronage and encouragement at all times.

The editor, who had been very ill, is again at his post, this week, but is still far from being a well man. Work goes exceedingly hard, and our patrons will please pardon all shortcomings of the paper until the editor is physically able to get out and hustle more for news. Report all the news to the editor that you can, and, incidentally, if you are indebted at this office, please call and favor us with some cash, for we need it. It takes lots of money to hire extra help and battle against disease.

Married, Sunday morning last, at 2 a. m., Mr. A. A. Sharp and Miss Lucy Delozier. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. S. Johnston, at the home of the bride, in Salisbury. The groom is an industrious young man who for some time has been in the employ of Jacob Glotfelty. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Delozier. The couple went to the groom's home, in Cambria county, immediately after the wedding, where they will spend some time visiting friends. THE STAR extends its congratulations.

The editor riseth in the morning and knoweth not what the day may bring forth. If he telleth all the news he runneth a great risk of having a tin ear put on him, and if he telleth not the news the people say he is n. g., and there is no joy in it. The crafty man cajoleth him into giving him a 50-cent puff for a 5-cent cigar, and all fond mothers frown on him if he fails to flatter their freckled face broods. And all his ways are ways of woe, and his days are full of sorrow. The insurance man setteth snares for him, and on the whole he has a ceuce of a time.

Halloween capers are being carried a little too far of late years, and around this town, and it is time to call a halt on the young hoodlums who insist on destroying property. Breaking window lights, smashing doors, etc., are offenses punishable by heavy fines, and the law should be enforced in such cases. On Monday night deviltry and meanness reigned supreme. In West Salisbury several B. & O. outbuildings were blown to pieces with dynamite, and in this borough much damage to property is also reported. This is going too far, and some arrests are likely to be made. It is all right for young folks to indulge in harmless sport, but destroying property is meanness and the offenders deserve severe punishment.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, whose fame as a brilliant writer, a man of remarkable scholarship and literary attainments, is even greater than that of the distinguished senator, introduces a new book on the subject of the American-Spanish-Cuban War. It is entitled "America's War for Humanity in Picture and Story." It is published by the N. D. Thompson Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo., and is an exhaustive discussion of the causes of the war, and an equally exhaustive history of its incidents, and a brilliant analysis of the famous characters conducting it. It promises to be the one great and popular work called forth by this wonderfully interesting national episode. Whatever Senator Ingalls touches he adorns; and the introduction to this book shines and sparkles in the light of his genius. The subject now so engrosses the popular mind as to forecast for this book a sale that will be universal. It will be sold by subscription only, and the canvassing samples are now ready for agents. We advertise it in another column.

Rev. D. H. Lender preached a sermon in the Reformed church, Sunday evening last, that we hear complimented on all sides. In the said sermon he gave some very wholesome advice to young people and their parents. His remarks were strictly in order, and we hope will do some good. There are too many young women in this town who are allowed to gad about the streets at nearly all hours, day and night, and too many that are growing up with an utter disregard for honorable employment. Some of them have neither wealth nor accomplishments, yet they want to carry their noses high and allow their poor parents to wear their lives away in supporting them in their idleness. The same can be said of some of our young men. This is not as it should be, and parents are largely to blame. Another thing, there are too many impudent brats in this town—boys and girls under twelve years of age, who are tolerated to go where they please, also to do as they please. They are impudent and saucy to older persons, and for genuine meanness and deviltry, they are hard to excel. There always comes a day of reckoning for children who are allowed to grow up in this way, and the parents and the children themselves too often see the sad mistake when it is too late. Parents cannot guard too closely the welfare of the children whose existence and training they are responsible for.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the impalpable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

### A Slight Blaze.

The people of Salisbury were startled yesterday by the cry of "fire!" It was soon discovered that the conflagration was in the kitchen of Ferdinand Brieg's house, on Gay street. The blaze was caused by a defective flue, and it was discovered none too soon to save the building. The woodwork back of the kitchen stove was all reduced to ashes, and it would have taken but a few moments more until the fire would have been beyond control. The building was saved only by quick and heroic work. None of the family were at home when the fire was discovered.

As cough is not like a fever, it does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectively with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

THE McKinley administration is evidently in favor of organized labor, as all printing not done at the Government printing office is given only to offices that employ printers who are members of the Printers' Union.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. Dr. Witt's Little Enly Risers will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

## PLAIN FACTS FOR VOTERS.

Candidate Thropp Exposes His Unprincipled Assailants—An Appeal to All Fairminded Voters.

EVERETT, PA., Nov. 1st, 1898.

To the Voters of the Twentieth Congressional District, Manly Men of Every Party:

As a regularly nominated candidate for the responsible position of representing your interests in Congress, the time seems to have come when I should, as briefly as possible, reply to some statements of certain parties in the pay of the Democratic leaders, who are seeking to influence you in voting.

First: They charge that I favor employing foreign labor. Answer: I never brought a foreigner into this country, and out of 500 employes, have but five (5) per cent. working for me, and they are fillers and coke drawers, and have been in this country from eight to twenty years. They have been working heretofore in other parts of this state—Blair, Cambria and Huntingdon counties.

Second: They publish an affidavit from T. W. Armstrong that I declined to employ him, and immediately employed three Italians. Answer: I never employed an Italian in my life, and his sworn affidavit is false.

Third: They publish another affidavit that I charge \$5.50 for four-room houses at my furnace, and that I discharged one Bowden because he would not rent one. The answer to that is, that the Everett Iron Co., in which Marshall Williams' father was interested, charged for these same houses \$6.00. I have since improved these houses, and at the present time they have gardens enclosed and are supplied with pure spring water, piped to their doors, and I charge the men but \$4.50 for them. So Bowden's affidavit is false.

Fourth: They say that I compel men to deal in the stores at Kearney and Everett. Answer: When I took possession of the Kearney store, which had been used by a relative of Marshall Williams, I at once reduced the prices which they had been charging from 15 to 25 per cent.; but no man has been compelled to deal in it. Subsequently, I was asked by some of the men to start a store at the furnace, and after repeated requests, did so, and no man is compelled to deal there. As Earlston store has considerable outside trade, its prices must be fair. When the Everett Iron Co. owned the furnace, all the men were forced to deal through the firm of J. B. Williams & Co., and copies of the form of order which they used are now in my possession. Men were forced to take orders even for so small amounts as one (1) and four (4) cents.

Will S. Marshall Williams and his friend, Jas. C. Bardollar, who wished me to compel all my men to deal in the Bardollar store, offering to pay me 10 per cent. commission on all orders, please explain?

An affidavit has been procured from John McIlhenny, until lately one of my employes. John is a good fellow. He must have liked me, for he followed me out from the Schuylkill Valley, 250 miles, to work for me. John has one weakness; he is fond of a drink, and does not know when he should stop. These wolves going about in sheep's clothing, and professing to be such friends of the working-men, get John drunk, and then lead him to sign some sort of an affidavit, after which they turned him out in the streets to be put in the lockup.

John Bloom's affidavit was obtained in the same manner in '96, and is being republished now, although Bloom on October 13th, 1898, signed application for work at the furnace, showing—when sober—he must consider me a fair man. He is being kept drunk now, lest he might make another affidavit explaining how he had been misled in '96. At that time efforts were made to get two other soldiers to make an affidavit, before they succeeded with Bloom. In one case, money was offered a veteran to perjure himself. I have never spoken of a veteran as a "bummer"—Bloom's affidavit is false!

What think you, working-men and all voters, of men who would first get another man drunk and then lead him to swear to a lie? Is your property, the privacy of your homes, the honor of yourselves or neighbors safe in such hands? Need I take up more of their falsehoods and deny them?

You all know that this is a free country. Men do not have to work for me. Again, if I owe any man a just claim—a former friend, an employe, or even an ingrate—any sensible man knows it can be collected.

Now as to the design of all this: Democratic managers know they cannot defeat me without prejudicing the working-men, and they are using such tools as they can purchase in trying to blind your eyes, cloud your reason, and then use you to accomplish their purpose. Will you let them do it?

I have spent most of my life in close touch with working-men, and have ever tried to work in accord with the Divine precept—"All ye brothers"—and whether chosen to labor for your interests in Congress or not, I shall continue so to act that no honest man can accuse me of intentional wrong-doing.

I will not promise to make every man's lot all he desires; no man can do that. I only promise to regard all my constituents as having the right to ask me, their servant, to do all I honestly can for them, and I will try to do my duty with all the strength that is given me.

I have never tried to influence another employer against a discharged employe, yet one neighbor, who is reported as working against me, in one of his letters to me, calls our Bedford county working-men "ridgerones" and says I can never successfully work this furnace with them; and in another letter he tells me that a man made a speech to some of his striking men, and writes me to get rid of him, as he would give me trouble. In other words, he wished me to "black list" him. Another example of friends who are trying to lead you!

The lowest scale of wages at the furnace is about the same as was paid by Powellton, Kemble & Rockhill, when I came into Bedford county. My first act in that connection was to raise wages, when I received a letter from party first mentioned asking me not to upset the working people by raising wages. In the opinion of these professed friends of labor, it unsettles the men to raise their pay, though I then thought the price of the products of labor warranted it.

Thursday night, the Bedford county Democratic chairman visited Altoona, and later, one Cessna met him. Fresh fuel was probably supplied for the garbage mill, and you may expect a fresh flood of abuse. Friday morning, said Williams was in conference with the said chairman.

I understand certain letters from my former partner, Richardson, are being shown. I do not know their contents, but this same Richardson was a member of a firm in Wilmington, Delaware, at the time he was a partner with me. He got into trouble there, and in the trial before Judge Acheson (circuit court of Delaware) it was shown he had issued, without the knowledge or consent of his then partners, over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of their paper, and had bought a rival concern, taking away valued employes, after which he sought to force his old firm into liquidation. At this time he professed to be very ill, and under his own and the representations of his physician, I was induced to endorse large amounts of paper for him; it being promised me that as soon as he was restored to health he would put in my hands collateral to make me safe. This he never done, and I refused to re-indorse the paper. He then sought to force me into the same position as he had sought to force his Wilmington partners; the result being that I met him in court with the present Judge Swartz (President Judge of Montgomery county, Pa., courts) as my attorney, and I dictated the terms of dissolution of the partnership which then existed between us.

Judge Swartz, in a letter to a friend, under date of October 24th, 1898, says: "The controversy was settled upon the terms submitted by us, and without in the least casting any reflection upon the honesty, fairness and integrity of Mr. Thropp."

"Subsequently Richardson tried another action against Thropp, and the court decided in Thropp's favor, finding his transactions fair and just. Richardson carried it to the Supreme court, and Mr. Thropp was again vindicated. The result of the case was never in doubt by those who knew Mr. Thropp, for we who knew him were thoroughly convinced that he could not engage in any dishonest or dishonorable act to take advantage of a partner or any other person associated with him in any enterprise."

Louis M. Childs, who was the associate of Judge Swartz in the above case, under date of October 24th, 1898, writes to the same friend:

"I have been acquainted with Mr. Thropp for twenty years, and during a portion of that time our relations were quite intimate, and I have never found in my intercourse with him a suggestion of anything wanting either in honesty or in honor. Whilst living in this county he was an extremely active and earnest Republican, who while industriously laboring for the success of the party, sought to secure the nomination of the best class of candidates."

Lies have also been circulated as to my having said what kind of food is good enough for working-men. I have given thousands of dollars to provide good food for working-men and their families, while the Democratic leaders were advocating policies which, in practice, took the food out of the mouths of the working-men. No food, or clothing, or homes honestly provided are too good for those who toil.

In Altoona, in a speech, I publicly challenged Mr. Walters to meet me in any place in the district and discuss the issues of the campaign, or compare, if he desired, our private lives. I have heard no answer to this challenge, nor have any of his lieutenants taken it up. I have placed in the hands of A. B. Crawford, miner, Rev. J. Patton Moore, veteran, and Dr. E. J. Miller, veteran, all of Everett, Pa., the proofs of all the statements herein made.

False affidavits and misrepresentations are not arguments! I believe in the principles of protection to American labor and industries; honest money;

A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF Wedding Presents to be had at Gurley's. The very newest and up-to-date line in the county. Do not fail to see them before buying. T. W. GURLEY, THE LEADING JEWELER, Meyersdale, Pa.

## The Cash Store

—OF— Meyersdale, Pa.

## THE BARGAIN STORE

—OF— Somerset County.

In Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Carpets, Wall Paper, etc.

## Look To Your Own Interest!

Buy where you can buy the best goods for the least money. We will make it pay you. Our stock is large.

Yours Truly,

S. C. Hartley.

and that a candidate should keep himself free from complications so that he can serve, to the best of his ability, the interests of all the people; and there are none for whom I would more earnestly labor than the plain people, of whom I claim to be one, and among whom my whole life has been spent, and who best promote the prosperity of our whole country.

Working-men of the North, in '60 and '61 the Democratic organs called you "mud-sills." Soldiers of '61 to '65, they called you "Lincoln's dogs and hirelings." Now, these same organs are professing to be your friends, while they are denouncing one who has, in public and private life, ever tried to serve your interests.

If chosen to represent this district in Congress, I shall, in every way, endeavor to zealously uphold the wise administration of President McKinley, while earnestly considering the interests of the working-men, farmers, and others of our own great Twentieth district of Pennsylvania.

Men of all parties in this Twentieth district who love fair play, the truth, and who value their rights of citizenship, I ask you in a manly way to consider the facts, and vote as seems best for your own interests. This is your country; the responsibility is yours.

Faithfully,  
JOSEPH E. THROPP.

Every true Republican will vote for Joseph E. Thropp for Congress, next Tuesday. He is a good man and a good Republican. He stands high in the national councils of his party. He stands for everything that is Republican in principle. He is Vice President of the great American Protective Tariff League, an organization that has done more for the benefit of the laboring classes in America than any other agency in existence. If you favor protection to American industries; if you favor prosperity and good wages; then vote for Mr. Thropp. If, however, you favor a return to the blighting influences of free trade, to the business depression, closed factories and starvation wages that came with the Wilson bill and the last Democratic administration, then Thropp is not your man. A vote for Thropp will be a vote to benefit yourself, your family and your country, while a vote for his opponent, Walters, will be a vote for things the opposite. You might as well cut off your nose to spite your face, as to vote for Walters, the Democratic candidate for Congress.

Democrats and Populists must not be allowed to control the next congress. The results of next Tuesday's election will have a greater bearing on the prosperity and general advancement of our country than any Congressional election held in the last 50 years. We cannot afford to lose one Republican congressman, as President McKinley will be sorely handicapped in bringing matters pertaining to the war to a successful ending, if we do not have a good majority in Congress.

So well have American manufacturers supplied the home market, under the protection of the Dingley tariff that we have bought from Europe during the first nine months of this year \$100,000,000 less than our average purchases abroad during the same period for the last ten years. To elect a Republican majority of the House is to keep up this good work, which is adding daily to American prosperity.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung disease. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

## OVERCOATS!



We have an excellent line of Men's overcoats in all grades.

Our \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50 coats are elegant values.

You will save big money by buying your overcoat from us, and you are sure of a perfect fit and latest style.

## Miller & Collins,

Leading Clothing Store,  
Meyersdale, Pa.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Just received! A nice line of Corsets at Mrs. Williams' Millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham, of Hazlewood, Pa., are the guests of Mr. W. H. Fair and family.

Miss Carrie Smith, who had been visiting friends at Pittsburg and Wilmerding, has returned home.

Nellie Fogle and Maud Speicher are reported ill with typhoid fever. Fever has been quite prevalent in this locality for some time.

Republicans, do your duty, next Tuesday. Get out the vote and pile up the biggest Republican majority old Somerset county ever heard of.

Company I, Fifth Pa. Volunteers, will be mustered out some time between now and next Tuesday. The examining surgeons began their work on Monday.

We are sorry to announce that Mrs. Edward Loebel is afflicted with diphtheria. Several other mild cases are also reported from various parts of this locality.

Robt. Johnston, of Wilmerding, Pa., arrived at his home in this place, Tuesday morning, where he will remain about a week. His numerous friends are glad to see him.