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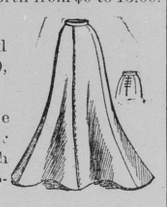

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Under the new arrangement there will be but four daily passenger trains stopping at Meyersdale. They will be due as follows:

WEST BOUND.

No. 47, Daily.....11:15 A. M.
No. 49, Daily.....3:21 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

No. 46 Daily.....4:43 P. M.
No. 14, Daily.....10:54 A. M.

The Blanks We Keep.

THE STAR has just added a large stock of Deeds, Mortgages, Judgment Bonds, Property Leases, Constable Sale Blanks, Summons Blanks, Commitments, Subpœnas, Criminal Warrants, Judgment Notes, Receipts and many other blank forms that are useful and save lots of writing. A full line of these goods will always be kept on hand at this office.

YES, WE CAN!—We can supply cuts suitable for any and all kinds of advertisements and job printing. Call at THE STAR office and see our large assortment of specimens. We can show you cuts of nearly everything that exists and many things that do not exist. No matter what kind of a cut you want, we can supply it at a very low price.

☞WEDDING Invitations at THE STAR office. A nice new stock just received. tf.

SHORTAGE OF $2,482.01.

That is the Amount Ex-Treasurer Winters is short in His Accounts.

Information that the Scull Ring is not giving to the Public, because Winters is one of the Ring's henchmen.

Are the Tax-Payers of Somerset County going to allow themselves to be fleeced.

The astute County Auditors forgot to mention some important things in their "Drastic Comments."

The Bondsmen of Winters do not want to "duff up," but we'll see?

When the County Auditors came to audit the accounts of the various offices of this county, they found in the Treasurer's office, which was presided over by Wm. Winters, a well known henchman of the Scull ring, a shortage of $2,-482.01 cent. It is pretty generally known about Somerset what caused this shortage, and why Wm. Winters went out of office owing the county of Somerset the large amount named. But it is not generally known why the Auditors kept so quiet about it. Just why in the fullness of their swelled heads they could find time to roundly abuse the Commissioners and slander some of the county papers, and at the same time utter no "drastic comments" on the greatest mismanagement they found anywhere in the court house, viz: That shortage in the Treasurer's office, may be a mystery to some people, but it is no mystery to THE STAR.

Those "drastic comments" were prepared by some one closely in touch with the Somerset Herald, and the Auditors were soft enough to sign the idiotic gush, which was no credit to them, no matter whether they signed their names for a consideration or just to show off a little.

But how could they keep so quiet about that shortage at the Treasurer's office? What sealed their lips concerning the great shortage of $2,482.01? Why should Wm. Winters, just because he is a Scull henchman, be allowed to step down and out of office owing the county a large amount of money, and no steps be taken to get for the county just due?

At this writing the shortage still exists, although it is now about 60 days since Wm. Winters is out of office. Up to this time neither Mr. Winters nor his bondsmen have made good the shortage. Why? That is what we want to know, and that is what we are going to know.

If Winters hasn't got the money to replace, why are not his bondsmen compelled to pay it for him? Because Fred W. Biesecker and other Scull henchmen are the bondsmen of Mr. Winters, is no reason why the county should be kept out of the amount due to it. The money has got to be paid over if Mr. Winters or his bondsmen are worth it, and THE STAR serves notice right here that unless the shortage is made good in the very near future, the editor will institute proceedings that will bring the money or show why it can not be recovered.

We are informed that some of the County Commissioners have lately been insisting upon this matter being fixed up by the bondsmen of Mr. Winters, but that their attorney, John R. Scott, Esq., is delaying the matter because the bondsmen are of his own political kidney.

It looks as though the old Scull clique hopes to keep this treasury outrage hid from the public gaze, and finally to see the county fleeced out of the amount due. But the scheme is not going to work, as THE STAR will show them differently. The tax-payers of this county are not going to be buncoed out of a large amount of money if we can help it. No man with a conscience as elastic as that of John R. Scott is going to run this county as he pleases. If the Commissioners don't act promptly in this matter, THE STAR will. No choke off, Barker liniment or Phil Sheridan oil in this deal, we assure you.

LET US FOLLOW SUIT.

California Sets an Example for Pennsylvania.

Discards Her Disreputable Political Boss and Elects a Clean-Handed, Level-Headed Citizen to the United States Senate--New Senator is a Native of the Keystone State and Knows as Well as Grows Beans.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 15, 1900.

Long time since readers of THE STAR heard anything from this outpost of civilization which faces the Sunset Sea, about 3,000 miles, as the crow flies, in a southwesterly direction from old Salisbury. Not much have they missed on account of the hiatus in my correspondence, but now that there is some news which may interest Pennsylvanians I take pleasure in forwarding it.

Know then that California has just set a glorious example which Pennsylvania would do well to follow. I take as my text the following editorial paragraph from the Los Angeles Times: "If Pennsylvania really wants to elect a Senator, we our perfectly willing to loan her our recipe."

California, like Pennsylvania, has been represented in the upper house of Congress by only one Senator since the 4th of last March, and that at a time when there should be two staunch Republicans from each state to hold up the hands of our excellent President, William McKinley. We of California have been shy one Senator for identically the same reasons as you of Pennsylvania. The vacancy has been due to the persistent and unreasonable attempt of a corrupt party machine to foist upon the state a discarded and discredited political boss. Your Matt Quay has his counterpart here in Dan Burns who has sought to round out a malodorous political career by occupying a seat in the chief counsels of the Nation. But happily, the decent Republicans of California have risen in their might and forever placed a quietus upon his unholy ambition.

Last Year's Deadlock.

The attempt to elect a successor in the United States Senate to Hon. Stephen M. White, (Dem.) of Los Angeles, whose term expired March 4, 1899, resulted in a deadlock last winter, although the Legislature was overwhelmingly Republican. The cause of the deadlock was the persistency with which the Southern Pacific Railroad and other venal agencies pushed the candidacy of Dan Burns. The people did not want Burns. The people did not want Burns because of his unsavory reputation. He once held the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth and left a large deficit in his accounts, for which he was indicted by the grand jury. But he threw the blame on his chief deputy who went to Mexico and escaped prosecution, and Burns wriggled out of the responsibility. He had similar trouble when he was a county clerk. In Mexico he amassed an immense fortune out of a mine which it is alleged he got possession of by swindling a friend who took him into partnership when he hadn't any means of his own. He did not escape getting tangled up with the Mexican authorities on account of his questionable practices, and he spent some time in a Mexican prison prior to returning to California to resume the dictatorship of the Republican party of the State. As a party boss he was more or less of a success, just as Quay has been, and as a reward for his services he claimed a seat in the Senate when a vacancy occurred that could be filled by a Republican.

But the wily boss overshot the mark and he and his unscrupulous adherents have just gone down in a crushing defeat. Burns received the highest number of Republican votes at the regular session of the Legislature last winter, but there was always a majority against him. The trouble with the majority was that they could not unite on a candidate who would be satisfactory to all factions. Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., of San Diego, the son of his illustrious father, came nearest knocking the persimmon, and spent thousands of dollars in so doing, but in the end he was obliged to give up the fight. However, Grant's candidacy more than anything else prevented weak-kneed members from being stampeded to Burns. Finally the Legislature adjourned without effecting an election, and Senator Perkins was left to look after the interests of California, alone, as best he could in the United States Senate.

Extra Session Called.

When the Pennsylvania Legislature adjourned, also without choosing a Senator, and Gov. Stone appointed his master, Quay, the Burns people in this State derived much consolation from that action. Our Governor, Henry F. Gage, of Los Angeles, was suspected of having strong Burns leanings, and it was understood that if Quay succeeded in making good his title to a seat in the Senate, on the strength of the Governor's appointment, Gov. Gage was to follow the example of Gov. Stone and appoint Burns to the vacancy existing in this State. But when a majority of the Senate committee on privileges and elections reported adversely on the Quay case, the Burns crowd lost heart and importuned the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature to elect a Senator. Burns boasted that he had enough votes pledged to elect him at the extra session, and his friend, the Governor, with alacrity complied with his wishes by convening the Legislature and the extra session was called in the latter part of January. The Governor also gave as his excuse for calling it, some much needed legislation.

Dark Horse Won.

At the regular session of the Legislature, Burns wanted to have the Senatorial question settled in a party caucus, because he felt sure that he could control the caucus. Supporters of other candidates refused to go into caucus, because none of the opposition candidates were considered strong enough to win the support of a majority. At the extra session, however, the anti-Burns people got together and decided to accommodate the boss with a caucus. First they held a little caucus of their own and decided to unite their forces on one man who proved to be Hon. Thomas R. Bard, a dark horse and Southern Californian who had kept out of the fight up to this time. When the regular caucus was called, Burns was able to muster only 32 votes out of a total of 85 Republicans. Bard got all the rest, save two which went to U. S. Grant. The Burnsites then made all sorts of dire threats and tried to bolt the caucus. They were going to form an alliance with the Democrats and Populists and elect a Democrat or Independent. Jesse Grant, youngest son of Gen. U. S. Grant, who is a free silver Republican, was talked of as a candidate on which the machine Republicans and other disaffected elements could unite, but a goodly number of respectable Democrats refused to enter such an unholy alliance and promised to vote for Bard if such a trick was attempted. Bard was assured of 60 votes (sufficient to elect) on joint ballot, in any event, so no attention was paid to the fumings of the defeated Danites. Seeing that they were simply digging deeper their own graves by such tactics, they pulled themselves together and made a show of submission to the will of the majority, with the best possible grace. The result was that Bard received all of the 85 Republican votes on the first joint ballot taken in the Legislature, and thus the extra session which was called expressly to elect Dan Burns, the Matt Quay of California, resulted in a glorious triumph for clean politics and has redeemed the State of California to the Republican party which was doomed to sure defeat in the coming presidential election, under boss rule. There is great rejoicing throughout the State over the happy outcome of the long and bitter struggle. That is why we are willing to lend our recipe for making a United States Senator, to Pennsylvania.

Hails From Pennsylvania.

Another thing which affords the writer satisfaction over the outcome of the Senatorial fight, is the fact that the new Senator, like himself, hails from the old Keystone State, being a native of Chambersburg. His father was a prominent member of the Franklin County bar, and young Bard was also intended for the law, but at the age of 18, his health being delicate, he decided upon following outdoor pursuits, so he became a civil engineer. At the age of 20 he was made superintendent of the Cumberland Valley railroad, with headquarters at Hagerstown, Md. Young as he was he took an active part in Western Maryland politics during the civil war, and helped to keep the State in the Union. He also enlisted as a scout and performed valiant service for his country, when the Confederates were overrunning Western Maryland and the adjoining counties of Pennsylvania.

At the close of the civil war Col. Tom Scott, then superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad and assistant Secretary of War, chose young Bard, then only 24 years old, to go to California as manager for a syndicate which had invested heavily in California oil and agricultural lands. Mr. Bard established himself at Huenemo (pronounced Wy-na-me) Ventura county, Cal., where he has since remained and amassed a large fortune through oil operations, farming and merchandising. He married in this state and has reared an interesting family. Although not a politician or office-seeker, he has repeatedly been sent as delegate to state and national conventions, and in 1892 he was the only Republican presidential elector in the State who was not defeated. There is not a blot or blemish to his name. His election to the Senate did not cost him a dollar, and no man has ever gone te Washington with greater confidence reposed in him for ability and integrity than this son of Pennsylvania.

He Knows Beans.

Senator Bard is not an orator nor a man of such brilliant intellectual attainments as some of our Massachusetts Senators, perhaps, but he knows beans, and that is no joke, for he raises them for the Bostoners to eat. Bard and beans are closely associated, for Ventura county which he claims as his home, although he has a fine residence in this city, raises more beans than all the rest of the United States together. The bean industry is conducted there on a larger scale than elsewhere in the world. There is a small strip of level land, about twenty miles long and from two to six or eight miles wide, along the Ventura coast which, combined with the climate, is especially adapted to bean culture, and here are produced beans of a quality and quantity not to be excelled anywhere in the wide world. Over a hundred varieties are grown, but Limas, Lady Washington, navy and small pinks are the principal kinds. It is a fact never accounted for by scientists that Ventura county beans are never troubled with the weevil which is a great pest in other parts of the state. Ventura county exports beans by the train load. Most of the seed beans sent out by the Department of Agriculture are obtained in Ventura county, Cal. The bean industry along the Ventura coast is unique, special machinery having been invented for planting, cultivating, harvesting, etc., just as for the great agricultural staples of other parts of the country. Having lived so long in the champion bean country of the world, why shouldn't Senator Bard know beans? You can bet your last bean that he does.

Another Pennsylvanian.

Speaking of Senator Bard's nativity reminds me that W. A. Clark, of Montana, who is having such a hard time just now to prove that he is entitled to a seat in the United States Senate, is also a Pennsylvanian, having been born and reared near Connellsville. He went West to grow up with the country when he was a young man, and his copper mines in Montana and Arizona have made him many times a millionaire. He also has vast estates in Mexico and a big beet sugar factory near Los Angeles. Although a Democrat, Clark is looked upon as a good friend of the Southwest, owing to his large interests here, but if he gains the seat which it seems he has spent so much money for, the toga will not fit him like that of the junior Senator from California who obtained his seat without money and without price, and even without asking for it. In Senator Bard's case the office sought the man. So mote it be in Pennsylvania.

W. S. LIVENGOOD.

KILLED IN A WRECK.

Morris H. Wagner Meets a Violent Death on the B. & O. Railroad.

It is with much sorrow that we this week chronicle one of the most sad and heart-rending accidents that has startled this community for many years. Morris H. Wagner, the victim of the accident, was one of the editor's old school mates, as was also his young wife, who is now a widow with four young children to share her great sorrow and bereavement.

When word came to Salisbury, last Saturday, that Morris Wagner had been killed in a wreck on the B. & O. railroad, the whole town was saddened, for Morris was a good citizen and had a host of friends. People could hardly believe the news, and they hoped in vain that the telegram was not based on fact. But alas! it was all too true.

On Saturday, Feb. 17th, Mr. Wagner went to Akron, Ohio, after three fine horses which had been purchased by Messrs. J. M. Hay and W. H. Stotler, for Dr. A. M. Lichty and Mr. R. S. Garrett. As he was a great horse fancier, the trip to him was a most delightful one, and he consequently started on his journey in high glee. He arrived at Akron in due time, where he was cordially welcomed by Messrs. Hay and Stotler, who showed him a nice time and started him on his journey home with three most beautiful and valuable horses.

He left Akron on Friday, Feb. 23d, we are informed, and was immensely pleased with the animals he was placed in charge of. He rode in the car with the horses, as is customary when a shipment of that kind is made, as it is necessary for some one to accompany live stock and see that the animals are properly cared for.

All went well until Saturday morning, Feb. 24th, when the train on which Mr. Wagner and horses were riding collided with a west bound freight train near Yough siding, between Bear Run and Indian Creek, on the Pittsburg division of the B. & O. railroad. Both trains were fast freights, No. 94 east bound and 95 west bound, and both were running at a high rate of speed. The train men seeing the danger jumped in time to save their lives, but poor Morris, whose car was next to the engine on the east bound train, lost his life in the twinkling of an eye. The car in which he was riding was smashed to atoms, and he and the horses were instantly killed.

As soon as the body of Mr. Wagner could be recovered, it was sent to Connellsville, where it was prepared for burial and sent to his home late on Saturday night.

The funeral took place on Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m., under the direction of Star lodge, Knights of Pythias. Rev. J. C. Mackey, of the Brethren church, was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. E. S. Johnston, of the Lutheran church, and the funeral service was held at the family residence on Union street.

Rev. Dr. Mackey's funeral discourse was a most beautiful and appropriate one, but oh, what a sad, what a heart-rending scene it was to behold the four little children and the widowed wife and mother mourning for the kind father and devoted husband.

Notwithstanding the bitter cold and stormy day, the funeral was largely attended, and the house was crowded to its utmost capacity by the many warm friends of the deceased and his family. The casket was covered with beautiful and fragrant flowers, which were placed there by loving hands, and like the dew of heaven, so fell the tears of sympathy from the eyes of nearly all who had assembled.

The remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, by the side of a sweet little babe who last year preceded the father to the spirit land, to that beautiful home of the soul, where all is rest, where all is peace, and where sorrow and tears are unknown.

Morris H. Wagner was aged nearly 34 years. He was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wagner, who are well known and highly esteemed citizens of Elk Lick township. He leaves a wife and four young children to mourn his death. The wife is Annie, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lichty, two of Salisbury's best known and highly respected citizens.

THE STAR extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and all the mourning friends, for we realize that their loss is a great one. We have known the deceased from childhood, and for several years he was one of the editor's nearest neighbors. We can truly say that no man could be a better neighbor than was Morris H. Wagner. He was a man who adored his wife and children, and by his death they have lost a kind and dutiful father and husband. May a merciful Providence deal kindly with all, is the sincere wish of THE STAR.

In conclusion it may not be out of place to say that the accident through which Mr. Wagner lost his life was due to disobedience of orders on the part of the engineer who was pulling the west bound freight train, No. 95. If reports are true, this engineer was ordered to sidetrack his train at Ohiopyle, but he disregarded the order and tried to reach Yough siding near Indian Creek. Had the engineer aforesaid obeyed orders, we would not now have this terrible calamity to record.

The coroner's inquest, according to the Connellsville Daily News, is as follows:

"The jury selected by F. H. Taylor, to inquire into the cause of the death of M. H. Wagner, at Yongh siding, Saturday morning, met at the morgue of Morris & Co., yesterday afternoon. The verdict declares that both engineer and flagman of train No. 95, west bound, were negligent, and that the railroad company added to the responsibility of the engineer by sending a crew of men unacquainted with the division and running time of trains."

Dr. A. M. Lichty, of this place, who is a brother of Mrs. Wagner, widow of the deceased, has charge of the widow's affairs and will enter suit against the B. & O. Railroad Company, unless the death of Mr. Wagner is compromised in a satisfactory manner to those who are compelled to suffer by reason of his death. An agent of the railroad company called upon Dr. Lichty on Tuesday to try and effect a settlement, but no terms were agreed upon. The doctor feels that he has a very strong case for big damages, and his belief is pretty generally shared by others. The railroad company's agent will call upon him again in the near future, and unless a satisfactory offer is made by the company at that time, the doctor, who is a man of means and determination, will forthwith enter suit.

IN printing the county annual statement, this year, the Somerset Herald gives L. A. Kretchman's time at $5.50 per day and that of the other commissioners at $3.50 per day. This is another sample of the Herald's bunglesome and misleading jobs of printing. How do the tax-payers of Somerset county like to pay big prices for such botch work?

Would Rather Vote for the Meanest Rebel than for James A. Garfield.

A writer in the Bedford Hawkeye states that during the Garfield campaign Mr. John M. Reynolds made a political speech in which he said:

"I would rather vote for the meanest rebel that ever shouldered a musket than to vote for James A. Garfield."

With such language as that still ringing in the ears of Bedford county Republicans, is it any wonder that the straight Republicans of that county refuse to forsake Hon. Joseph E. Thropp in order to give Mr. Reynolds the Republican Congressional nomination of this district?

The Somerset Herald and the Meyersdale Commercial, the two ring organs of this county, may support a renegade Democrat of the Reynolds stripe if they want to, but we believe as his duringlicans will be opposed to such ruling in 1900 present Congressman, Hon. Joseph E. Thropp, has an unsullied Republican record and we believe he will succeed himself. We do not believe that the Republicans of this district are going to abandon an honest, upright, lifelong Republican like Mr. Thropp for a renegade Democrat like Reynolds, who was Hoke Smith's chief assistant during the last Cleveland free trade, soup house administration. "Birds of a feather flock together," and no true Republican can or will support John M. Reynolds as against Joseph E. Thropp.

The "Herald" Blacksmith Printery.

In the matter of public printing, the Somerset Herald is getting an unenviable reputation for turning out badly bungled work.

The Herald having made the lowest bid for printing the ballots for the spring elections, the Commissioners very properly awarded the contract to that paper. But the old Herald blacksmith printery made a sorry mess of the ballots it turned out, and complaints are heard from all over the county. In speaking of the matter the Windber Journal says:

"The muddled manner in which the ballots were printed caused considerable dissatisfaction, especially among the Republicans. Only two names were printed in their column, and two or three Republican names were inserted in the Democratic column. On account of the mixed up ballot, we did not secure the result for this week's issue."

Whether the mistakes were purposely made by the Scull ring print shop, or whether they were due to incompetent printers or proof readers, is a matter for conjecture. In either event, the Herald gang had better be a little more careful, for people are a little sensitive on matters pertaining to the ballot box, and they quickly suspect an African in the woodpile when ballots are so strangely bungled. The Scull ring once juggled the Republicans of this county out of a primary election, and for that reason certain of the Scullions had better be a little more careful. Not every election trouble can be healed with Barker liniment, and the people have some rights that even Scull ringsters are bound to respect.