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The *Freeland Tribune*, which is edited by Squire Buckley, entered upon the third year of its existence this week. The 'Squire' is a deserving man and we heartily wish him success with his paper, which is growing brighter every day.—*Plain Speaker.*

The Democrats of New Jersey are about to hold a series of public meetings throughout that State at which the workings of the new ballot system will be fully explained. Such a campaign education should yield only the most salutary results. Ballot Reform is an indispensable need of the times; and its adoption in Pennsylvania is a precedent to the candidature of a better class of men for public office.

When the poor struggling day laborer goes to the store to buy a tin dinner pail, for which the storekeeper charges him 50 cents, he should not forget that 37 1/2 cents of that goes to the protected monopolists of the tin trade, and the other 12 1/2 cents to the storekeeper. This is the way the Republican party, by means of the McKinley Tariff bill, proposes to protect the American laborer. How much longer will it be before every laboring man in the land will see through the thin gauze that hides the iniquities of a Republican Tariff?

A REPORT from Washington states that in the Fifth Census District of Pennsylvania Hungarians and Poles and many Italians in Lackawanna, Luzerne and Carbon counties have refused to give any census information, even to interpreters. Many of these men are designated by their employers by numbers, each man wearing his number on his person and answering to it. Census Superintendent Porter has informed Supervisor Ashley of the district that it is impossible that the office should help to perpetuate such a state of affairs as reported, when large numbers of laborers are treated more like beasts of burden than men, and known only by numbers. They will therefore be canvassed by name and not by number, even if it should require an army of enumerators and interpreters.—*Journal of the Knights of Labor.*

Correspondence From the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, June 24, '90.

The subject of international copyright is apparently not fully understood by many intelligent persons, and it is therefore well that Mr. Simonds, who submitted the latest report on the subject in the House, goes over much that has been printed before, adding some important new facts or at least presenting some facts more clearly. The proposition is simply to permit foreigners to take American copyright on the same basis as American citizen in three cases: 1. When the nation of the foreigner permits copyright to American citizens on substantially the same basis as its own citizens. 2. When the nation of the foreigner gives to American citizens copyright privileges similar to those provided for in the bill. 3. When the nation of the foreigner is a party to an international agreement for reciprocity in copyright, by the terms of which agreement the United States may become a party thereto at pleasure. A subsidiary but important provision of the measure is that all books copyrighted under the act shall be printed from type set in the United States or from plates made therefrom. This bill is designed to give the author the ownership of his own ideas or reasonable conditions pursuant to a sound national policy. In the case of all other property, subject only to the exigencies of the law, the owner has the protection of the law against piracy and infringement. Under the common law of England and our country and according to the statute law of enlightened nations the written or printed word has this necessary and righteous protection. In the United States copyright extends to only twenty-eight years with an extension of fourteen, making forty-two years in all. Mexico, Guatemala and Venezuela have copyright in perpetuity. In Colombia and Spain it is for the author's life and eighty years after, and in most other countries for the life of the author and at least thirty years after. The verdict of the world declares for a longer time than that granted by the United States. The United States alone refuse reciprocity in copyright.

"Two cups of cold tea, with ginger ale on the side," is a common order at the House restaurant under the reform system. But the simple proposition to drink whiskey or whiskey and ginger ale out of a piece of crockery is repulsive to any man, who, like the Vice President, is in the habit of living like a gentleman. Speaker Reed's order that whiskey, if taken at all in the House restaurant, must be taken in a cup instead of a glass, appeared at first to be absolutely prohibitory to men of taste. But while giving the order the Speaker furnished to the restaurant-keeper privately an idea how he would fix matters so that he could conform to the order and still please his customers—how in fact he would use the cup without discarding the glass. Consequently if an order is given in the House restaurant now for a cup of cold tea with ginger ale a cup and saucer is placed before the patron; but in the cup, which is only demitasse size, there is a neat little glass, the lower half of which is concealed within the cup, while the upper half is visible above it. What is within the glass is not expected to appear above the crockery line, so that the eye of the casual passer-by are not offended by the sight of the abhorrent liquid. The man who wants it gets what he wants, and the man who doesn't want it doesn't see it.

The Republican leaders in Congress

are plainly determined to pass the Federal Election Law and doubtless will be able to whip into line those conservative members and Senators who are opposed to legislation of this kind. The scheme which was partially agreed upon at the House caucus last week is of a character that will warrant the Democrats in going almost any lengths to prevent its passage.

The proposition to give members of the House who are not chairmen of committees the services of a clerk for their official correspondence is languishing. While it would probably receive the support of a majority of the members, it does not seem to meet with the approval of the Republican managers, the Speaker particularly. The fact remains, however, that members of the House are more in need of clerks than are the Senators.

The Senate still takes it in "original packages" but legislates so that the States shall not have to take it in that way unless they want to do so.

DIGGER INDIAN FARE.

A Chief's Account of Butter Made From Bugs, Gnats and Grasshoppers.

"No acorns no Indians," sententiously said Chief Bonnell, the "captain" of the remnants of the Yosemite tribe, to a Los Angeles Times correspondent. In his rude and imperfect form of speech the chief without a following substantially said:

"The acorn crop of this valley has been a failure for the past five years. Whenever the crop is a failure in this valley the crop is bountiful on the coast range, and when it is large there it is sparse here." No explanation can be given of this seeming peculiarity, but perhaps it just happened so. The Mono and other Indians that frequented this valley to gather the acorn crop come no more, and have abandoned this lovely vale to howling tourists and professional sight-seers. Through the kindness of the chief I was shown through his small camp of a few huts and perhaps twenty-five or thirty followers of a tribe that a few years ago numbered more than one thousand. Though the acorns had disappeared the "caches" or store baskets remain. These baskets are queerly, if not wonderfully made, being 12 to 23 feet, and placed on a platform four feet from the ground. The sides are formed of bushes interlaced with pine boughs inverted, the needles of which prevent squirrels from climbing up, and also conduct the rain downward on the outside. The top is roofed with pine bark and made water-tight. The acorns are stored here and preserved during winter for future use, just as the woodpecker drives the acorns in the holes he drills in the pine trees. It is both interesting and amusing to see the squaws prepare the frugal meal of acorn bread. The women and children gather the acorns in small baskets—the more worms in the acorns the better they are raised. Each acorn is placed on its particular end and hit on the head with a pebble, which opens it, separating the bark from the kernel; then it is spread on a rock to dry, after which the women grind the acorns into meal by means of mortar and pestle, something like the druggists' mix compounds for the disorganization of the stomach of the paleface. In the meantime the bucks have built a fire surrounded by rocks, which are made a "white heat." The meal is poured into a water-tight basket, and the white-heated rocks are dropped in. The water is not permitted to boil, but is hot enough to cook the meal. The stuff is stirred like gruel until it assumes a thickness like paste. A hole is "scooped" into the bed of the stream, and the water permitted to run over it. This removes the tannin, or bitter taste, and although a little sand adheres to the cake it does not seem to make much difference.

The butter used for this bread is also very primitive, and is, perhaps, the origin of the manufacture of our oleomargarine. When foam forms on the margin of Mirror Lake it is covered with flies and other insects, which make it thick with larvae and pupae. "The women and children—always the

women and children—skim off this scum of living and dead insects, wash away the foam in fresh water, and thus they have good, fresh butter. Butter is also made of gnats and grasshoppers. The grasshoppers are caught, threaded on strings and filed away for future use until they become a little mellow, as in a green state they are considered too rich for the red man's blood. The grasshoppers are caught by forming a line of women and children and driving them into a ditch dug by the women and children. Sometimes, when an impromptu meal is wanted, the grass is set on fire, and the jumping grasshopper is not only caught, but it is cooked at the same time.

Exercising the Devil in India.

A strange case of superstition was recently investigated before the coroner of Bombay. A Hindoo mill hand named Ramji Daji had for some time been suffering from swollen knee-joints and pains in various parts of the body. On Aug. 24 he went to the mill to get some wages due him and on his return was taken ill on the road. He was brought home on the back of a friend in an almost unconscious state and was placed in a sitting posture, being held up by his father. A man named Deo, who was present, suggested that he was possessed of a devil in order to expel which Deo swayed himself about in front of the sick man, seized hold of his hair and demanded of the devil who he was. Not receiving a reply, he struck the sick man violently with a rattan, when the latter fell back in a dying condition; but before his death another friend took the rattan and beat the patient, both men swaying their bodies to and fro and professing to be possessed with the spirit of a god. The flogging was intended to drive out the devil. Daji died almost immediately without a complaint. The widow narrated these facts to the coroner and described both floggings to be very violent. The medical evidence showed that there were several bruises on the back and an abrasion on the right hip, but that the cause of death was hemorrhage from rupture of the spleen, which was probably not due to the flogging. The jury found a verdict accordingly, adding that there was no evidence to show how the spleen became ruptured.—*London Times.*

Brook Farm.

From a reminiscent article by Robert Carter in the *Century* we quote the following: "It was a delightful gathering of men and women of superior cultivation, who led a charming life for a few years, laboring in its fields and philandering in its pleasant woods. It was a little too much of a picnic for serious profit, and the young men and maidens were rather unduly addicted to moonlight wanderings in the pine-grove, though it is creditable to the sound moral training of New England that little or no harm came of these wanderings—at least not to the maidens. So far as the relation of the sexes is concerned, the Brook Farmers, in spite of their free manners, were as pure, I believe, as any other people. "The enterprise failed peculiarly, after seeming for some years to have succeeded. . . . and Brook Farm became the site of the town poor-house. Hawthorne, who lost all his savings in the enterprise, has sketched it, in some respects faithfully, in his 'Blithedale Romance.' I may remark, by the way, that while he was a member he was chiefly engaged in taking care of the pigs, that being found by experiment to be the branch of farm labor to which his genius was best adapted."

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FOSTER TWP. SCHOOL DIST.	
For the Year ending June 24, 1890.	
THOMAS ELLIOTT, COL. OF SCHOOL TAXES.	
DR.	
To amt of duplicate	\$11,122 62
" " supplementary tax	12 48
" " dog tax	148 50
" " unseated land tax	203 09
\$11,486 69	
CR.	
By amt paid treasurer	\$5880 00
first 60 days	120 00
Com., 2 per cent	300 00
To amt of rebate, 5 per cent	67 03
To amt of abatements	787 49
" " exonerations on school taxes	31 00
Exonerations on dog taxes	9 54
Dog tax refunded	48 86
Seated land tax returned to Co. Commissioners	203 09
Unseated land tax returned to Co. Commissioners	141 16
Errors in assessment on occupations	49 66
Cash paid to treas.	3276 40
To 5 per cent. com.	172 46
\$11,486 69	
AUSTIN MACHAMER, TREASURER.	
DR.	
Am't received from ex-treas.	258 73
Jas. A. O'Donnell	1924 00
From State appropriation	6090 00
" Thos. Elliott, collector	88,183 37
\$8,183 37	
CR.	
Teachers' salaries	\$4312 00
Fuel and contingencies	203 86
Repairing of schools	187 62
Cleaning school houses	69 00
Check to A. B. Welsh, in payment of salaries	4000 00
Cash paid A. B. Welsh	599 89
\$8,183 37	
A. B. WELSH, TREASURER.	
DR.	
Am't received from A. Machamer (deceased), ex-treasurer, check	\$4000 00
Bal. from his bank account	850 89
From Thos. Elliott, collector	3448 86
Loan from A. B. Welsh	2000 00
From Chas. A. Johnson, J. P., fines	2 50
From County Commissioners, election rent	48 00
From Co. Treas., unseated land tax	613 87
From Pat'k McCole, rent of school buildings for election purposes	6 00
\$10,710 12	
CR.	
Teachers' salaries	\$5195 00
Am't paid teachers	350 00
nights school	236 00
Am't paid teachers attending Co. Institute	292 46
Col.'s commission	71 85
A. Machamer, treasurer's com.	196 37
A. B. Welsh, treasurer's com.	150 00
Fuel and contingencies	571 97
Interest on loan	120 00
Paid loan of J. R. Beisel	2600 00
Cleaning schools	24 00
Repairing schools	17 00
Auditing accounts	9 00
Am't paid directors attending election of Co. Superintendent	60 00
J. D. Hayes, salary	45 00
and room rent	76 00
Paid to White Haven School Dist., tuition	76 00
Balance in hands of treasurer	694 87
\$10,710 12	
WE, the undersigned Auditors of Foster township, being duly sworn according to law, do certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial condition of Foster Township School District, according to the accounts presented to us by the Directors of said district.	
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