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## Some Facts About Newspapers.

From the Hazleton Plain Speaker.

A great many people entertain the belief that a newspaper is a charitable institution and that by taking the paper or advertising therein they are doing a great favor for the proprietor or the publisher. In some country districts newspapers are conducted on the charitable plan, but in a lively centre newspapers, like other business enterprises, are in the field for a purpose. That purpose is first, to furnish the public with all the news that can be collected and what is of interest to them. News makes a paper valuable. When the news columns no longer contain anything interesting or when the paper fails to cover important happenings then it is time for the public to drop it and buy a paper that does give them their money's worth.

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Some business people believe that when they withdraw their advertisements, possibly because they cannot agree with an opinion expressed by the editor, the paper will suspend publication. Papers are pretty long-lived concerns and the presses seldom stop when a disgruntled man stops either the paper or takes out his ad.

## Welcome for the Tenth.

Western Pennsylvania is preparing to give its soldiers a rousing welcome home from the Philippines. The Tenth of this state, is the only volunteer regiment east of the Mississippi river which saw service in the Philippine country, and the record of our troops as fighters is something which every citizen of Pennsylvania can feel proud of.

What they fought for since last February may not add credit to the country's fame, but as soldiers the men of the Tenth Pennsylvania obeyed orders and obeyed them well. The heroism and self-sacrifice they displayed in the Far East was never surpassed in modern times and their valiant deeds will form part of the history of our state.

The Tenth deserves all the honors which are in course of preparation for it at Pittsburgh. It is no fault of theirs that somebody brought on the senseless struggle in the Philippines. Time will place that responsibility. With them, it was their duty as sworn soldiers to uphold the flag, right or wrong, and they performed their part most nobly and have earned the welcome they will receive.

A good many people are wondering whether the Democrats will make a nomination against Judge Halsey. If there are any aspirants they have not squarely taken the field. The Republicans of Luzerne have sometimes been non-partisan so far as the judiciary is concerned and supported Democratic judges for re-election, but the Democrats have invariably opposed Republican judges. It would be a pleasant surprise if they would permit Judge Halsey to go through without partisan opposition. We shall know presently.—*Wilkesbarre Record.*

The Republican man's burden in the next national campaign will be, "embalmed beef, expansion, criminal assimilation, gold standard, trusts, boodles, Algeism, Carterism, Eganism and incompetency." Indeed, it will be a hard burden even for Hanna to carry with his millions of dough contributed by those who thrive on the ills of honest toil.

A new Western club has been organized in which all the members have pledged themselves to marry widows. It's plain they've never read the Pickwick Papers.

## OUR CAPITAL LETTER.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP GATHERED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

**McKinley and Alger Have Not Made a Public Break, But the Latter's Wings Have Been Clipped—Roosevelt's Deal for the Presidency in 1904.**

Washington, July 7, 1899.

The break between Mr. McKinley and Secretary Alger, which seemed almost at hand a week ago, has been postponed for a time. But postponing it does not mean that it will be avoided permanently. Notwithstanding his public protestations of loyalty to Mr. McKinley, Alger is under suspicion, and if he can prevent a break that will result in his being kicked out of the cabinet, he will have to display more diplomacy than he has ever been credited with having in his make-up. One of the results of Mr. McKinley's suspicion of Alger will be that the latter will not be allowed to issue an important order or to make an appointment, until the approval of Mr. McKinley has been secured. Of course, this approval has always been necessary, but hereafter everything is to be scrutinized carefully and every act of the war department will be Mr. McKinley's personal act.

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The inventions of Americans have done more to make this country prosperous than Republican legislation has done, notwithstanding preposterous claims, and the inventive genius of Americans was never more actively employed than at this time. This is proven by the heavy increase in the receipts of the United States patent office, now \$5,000 a week more than a year ago, and by the fact that the week's issue of patents, trade-marks and labels was greater than any since April, 1890, also by the 5,000 applications awaiting action by the patent office.

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Kentuckians who have been to Washington since the state convention held in the state as certain. For instance, H. M. Lanham said: "William Goebel will be elected governor of Kentucky without a doubt. He is a man of the people and stands for the public against corporations, trusts and monopolies. He won out after a fight that proved his pluck and staying qualities and demonstrated his abilities as one of the great organizers of the country."

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As the Democratic state convention of Ohio will not convene for some weeks, there is plenty of time to talk about probable candidates for governor and it is freely taken advantage of wherever a few Democrats gather to discuss politics. There are a number of men put forward as favorites, including Kilbourne, Rice and Haskell, but the man whose name has been often mentioned in connection with the nomination, during the last two or three days, is John R. McLean, the owner of the Cincinnati *Inquirer*. That the Republicans of the state do not feel the confidence they express was shown by the request made of Mr. McKinley to come to the state and make some speeches for Hanna's ticket.

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There is more or less discussion in political circles as to the influences which caused Governor Roosevelt to remove himself from the path of Mr. McKinley and to declare himself strongly in favor of the latter's renomination. Boss Platt is credited with having made the deal, which is understood to involve the support of Roosevelt by the administration for the nomination in 1904, as well as some fat slices of patronage under the present administration. Mr. Roosevelt may realize on the latter part of the deal all right, but there are several big "ifs" in the way of his realizing on the first part, the first and most important of which is, if McKinley fails of re-election next year, how can he help Roosevelt in 1904?

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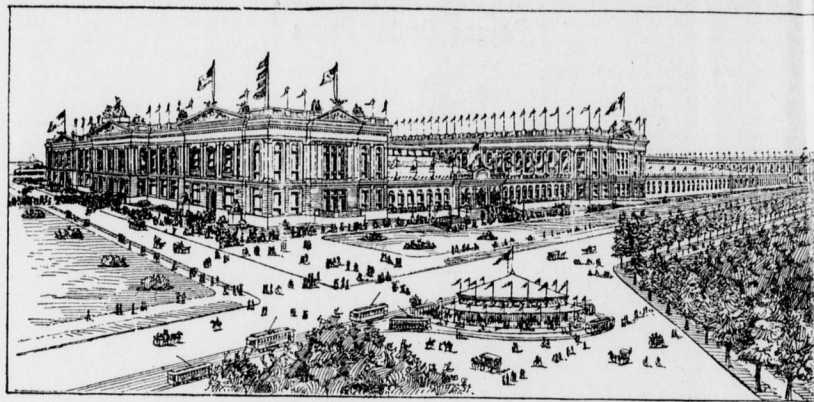
In view of the enormous war taxes, still being paid by the people, there is no valid reason for the Republicans rejoicing because the deficit was only \$89,000,000 for the fiscal year, ending June 30, instead of being \$23,000,000 greater, as Secretary Gage estimated last fall, that it would be. The official balance sheet for the year shows that pension payments were \$1,500,000 less than the appropriation, and about \$6,000,000 less than the payments for the previous year, but pension agents claim that this was on account of the hold up policy of the pension bureau, and not because their was any reduction in the number of claimants for pensions.

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## SHOOTING THE RAPIDS.

**Spectacle When the Schooner Michigan Went over Niagara Falls.**

"I was one of those who made up the first public excursion to Niagara Falls just seventy years ago next September," said Martin Cramer of Niagara county. "The schooner Michigan was the largest vessel on Lake Erie at that time. She was too large, in fact, to enter the various harbors on the lake, and, being somewhat decayed in her upper, the owner, Major Frazer, formerly of New York, got the idea that she would answer the purpose of testing the fate of a vessel that by accident might approach too near the cataract, and also the fate of living things that might be caught in the rapids. The proprietors of the large public houses at the Falls, on both sides of the river, and of stages and steamboats, made up a purse to purchase the schooner, aware that they would be amply repaid by the spectators that the exhibition would attract. For several days previous to Sept. 18, 1828, the day for which the affair was fixed, which was Saturday, the stages and canal boats came to Buffalo crowded with people. The crowds were so great that it was with great difficulty that conveyances from that place to the Falls could be obtained. On the night of Sept. 7 wagons filled with country people rattled through the village in unbroken procession all night long, and on the morning of Sept. 8 Buffalo itself seemed to be moving in one mass toward the point of attraction. "The Chippewa towed the big schooner to Yale's Landing, on the Canada side of the Niagara River, where our passengers went ashore, as did those of the William Penn. The hour fixed for towing the Michigan from Yale's Landing to the Rapids was 3 in the afternoon. This task, an extremely hazardous one, was entrusted to the oldest sailor on the lake, Capt. Rough. With a yawl boat and five sturdy oarsmen the old captain got the schooner under way. They towed her to within a quarter of a mile of the first rapids, and within half a mile of the tremendous precipice itself—as near as they dared approach. They cut the big vessel adrift and she passed majestically on, while the oarsmen of the yawl had to bend their every nerve and muscle to remove themselves from the peril of their position and the danger of being drawn down by the rushing waters. Indeed, such had been the fear and apprehension of the men that they mutinied against Capt. Rough, and cut the tow line before the time he had set. If they had obeyed the reckless old captain, he, the yawl, and its crew would have preceded the Michigan over the falls. "The high grounds on both shores of the river were lined with people as the Michigan, unguided by human agency, approached, head on, the first rapid of the seething descent, apparently keeping the very course that a skilful navigator would have guided her in. The American ensign streamed from her bowsprit and the British jack floated at her stern. The vessel shot the first rapid unhurt, still head on, making a plunge, shipping a sea, and rising from it in beautiful style. In her descent of the second rapid, the water momentarily increasing in velocity and tumult, her towering masts went by the board, giving the spectators a startling representation of the crashing of a vessel's spars in a shipwreck at sea. She swung around and presented her broadside to the dashing and foaming water, and, after remaining, as it seemed, stationary for a moment, swung around until she was headed up stream. Passing the third rapid she bilged, but carried her hull to all appearances whole as she tumbled and groaned between Grass Island and the British shore to the Horseshoe Fall, over which she was drawn stern foremost and hurled into the thundering abyss. She was dashed to fragments before she struck in the seething waters below. "There were aboard the Michigan when she started on her trip toward the falls a wild bull buffalo from a Western prairie, two bears from the Lake Superior regions, two foxes, a raccoon, a dog, a cat, and four geese. When the vessel left Yale's landing in tow, all these were let loose on the deck except the buffalo. He was inclosed in a pen. The two bears got enough of the trip when the vessel began the descent of the first rapid, and they climbed down the side next the Canada shore, plunged into the swift water, breasted its powerful sweep successfully, and reached the shore. They were so exhausted when they got on land that they made no resistance

## THE FIRST COTTON MILL.

**Washington's Diary Locates it at Beverly, Massachusetts.**

Several different towns in the United States claim the unique distinction of having erected the first American cotton mill; but from the best information that can be obtained it seems that the credit properly belongs to the town of Beverly, Mass. The circumstances leading up to this discovery may be of interest to our readers. Some years ago Mayor Rantoul, of Salem, Mass., was invited to Pawtucket, R. I., to attend the centennial exercises at that place in commemoration of the opening of the famous Slater mill. In sending out invitations to this centennial event the owners of the mill claimed it to be the first establishment of its kind ever erected in the United States. For some reason Mayor Rantoul was unable to be present at the exercises, but, being deeply interested in historical researches, he decided at his leisure to investigate the claims of the Pawtucket mill-owners. This investigation led to the discovery that the old cotton mill at Beverly, Mass., which was burned down in 1838, had been in operation for several years prior to the establishment of the mill at Pawtucket, and that no less a witness than General Washington himself could be cited in confirmation of the fact. It seems that General Washington, while on a tour of the New England States in 1789, made a visit to the old Beverly cotton mill, and was so impressed with the novelty of the spectacle that he devoted several pages of his diary to its description. This old diary is still to be found among General Washington's papers.

## Why Bears Eat Gum in the Fall.

Mr. Abram Verrill, the Gilead spruce gum man, was in Lewiston Tuesday night. He brought the gum in a big dry goods box in the rear of his wagon. The gum is gathered by himself on the mountains back of Bear Mountain, Old Combs and Gilead Hill, and he comes here with it every month or two. On this trip he started with two bushels, which it took him two weeks to gather. He is armed with a gouge when he goes into the woods, and takes only the best of the gum he finds, which he puts into a basket slung on his back. One day Mr. Verrill was at work in a patch of old spruce trees on Mount Eli, four miles from Gilead station. To the south the mountain fell off sheer for over 200 feet, and on the north was another cliff rising forty or fifty feet. He was on a shelf. Suddenly he heard a growl and a whistle, and looking up, saw a black bear eating the spruce gum which he had left in his basket against the cliff. He had no arms, but seized a stone and hurled it at the bear with such force that it struck him on the left side, and probably hurt, for the animal ran away and into a hole in the cliff as fast as he could. He had eaten a pound of gum.

## The Ways of Burglars.

A well-known detective of several years' experience has this to say of burglars: "If one were to become a professional burglar his work would require study and practice, just as success in legitimate business demands education and experience. The burglar who does several 'jobs' and eludes the officers of the law is a keen observer, a man of forethought, and one whose executive ability is unquestioned. Houses are not entered because they have brownstone fronts, nor are stores broken into by the professional thief without an investigation. When the skilful burglar is to do a 'job' he studies the habits of the resident or proprietor. In a case in Troy a few years ago a jewelry store was robbed. Apparently there was not a clue. Detectives were placed on the case and named the thieves by the method employed in getting into the store, and subsequently the thieves were convicted. Certain burglars always enter a cellar and come up through stairs, floor or trap-doors. Others have skeleton keys. Others go above and come down stairs. Some break in rear and others front doors. In the robbery above referred to the two thieves had been in Troy three successive Saturday nights. They had fastened a silk thread on all entrances in such a way that if anyone entered or left the store the thread would be broken. Thus the burglars learned that the proprietor and clerks did not visit the store after closing Saturday night until Sunday. The fourth Saturday night they 'cracked' the safe. Except for their methodical way of entering (by the cellar) no suspicion would have attached itself to them.

## A Pertinent Inquiry.

Newlywed (complacently)—Oh, of course, all women have sharp tongues—"every rose has its thorn," you know. Oltimer (dryly)—And have you noticed yet how rose will fade but a thorn won't?—Puck.

## At the Telephone.

Casey—Who does yer want ter see?  
Grogan—Dunnohue.  
Casey—Who did yiz say?  
Grogan—Dunnohue, Dunnohue.  
Casey—Well, if you dunno who, he the devil do I know who?—*Scribner's Magazine.*

## A Good Suggestion.

The Barber—I'm thinking of hanging up a motto here. How would "We Strive to Please" go?  
The Victim—"Silence is Golden" would be better.

## Villany Confounded.

In her agony the miserable woman sent her hated rival by post a can of corned beef containing arsenic. The latter, being passionately fond of food partook of the beef. Thereupon her complexion was much beautified. Here again we have villany confounded by what some people are pleased to term fortuitous circumstances.—*Detroit Journal.*

## Evidence of Affectus.

Geraldine—You have been sick, haven't you?  
Gerald—Yes, I was threatened with brain fever.  
Geraldine—Well, you had one com forting thought; you couldn't have it in anything but a mild form.—*Town Topics.*

## Sweetens the Refrigerator.

A small dish of powdered charcoal kept on one of the upper shelves of the refrigerator is an excellent thing to absorb odors.

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