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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION POSTPONED.—At the formal meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee it was resolved that the State Convention should be called to meet at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the 21st day of June, inst., but having since learned from a majority of the Committee, and being advised by many other leading Democrats of the State, that a postponement to a later day would, on many accounts, be acceptable, and is generally desired. I hereby give notice that the next Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania, will convene at the Hall of the House of Representatives, in the city of Harrisburg, on Thursday, the 24th day of August next at one o'clock P. M.

C. L. WARD, Chairman.

TOWANDA, June 1st 1865.

We have but a single apology to offer for the nonappearence of the *Advocate* for the last two weeks, and that is the illness of our forman, which required our time and attention.

☞The "Hyde House" on the 21st exchanged hands. Mr. Moore is now proprietor.

From the Brookville Republican.

DEATH OF J. Y. THOMPSON.—A deep gloom was cast over our community on last Saturday morning, by the reception of a Telegraphic dispatch from Porstmouth, Ohio, announcing the sudden death of Mr. Thompson. On the evening before he was in his usual health, and about two o'clock next morning he was struck down by appoplexy: he lived but a short time after the attack. Judge Thompson was well known in this County, having resided here for many years, and most of the time in public business. He removed to Portsmouth last spring. We will notice his death more fully hereafter.

From the Clearfield Republican.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION.—The Democracy of this Senatorial District, are no doubt aware that the time is approaching for holding a district Convention. The District being a new one composing the counties of Clarion, Clearfield, Cameron, Elk and Forest, it becomes the duty of the Chairman of the respective county Committees, to fix a time and place for meeting, and the sooner the Public know when and where it is to be held the better.

REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTION.—In accordance with an agreement made at the last Convention at Ridgway, the next Conference of this Representative District, will meet at Luthersburg, on *Friday*, the *first* day of September next.

☞The firm of Beiner & Burgess, Erie city, continue to keep their trade *before the public*. They advertise extensively, and well they may, for it is impossible to find a better stock of goods their line, in this section of the country. They are largely engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of confectionary, and dealers will find their goods to be of the best quality and most saleable kind.

They also keep constantly on hand an assortment of Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Pickles, Oysters, Cigars, Tobacco, &c. Their Notion and Toy department embrace all the small wares in daily use. Paying particular attention to the wholesale trade, and buying in large lots, they are enabled to supply dealers at lowest cash prices. Orders promptly and carefully filled.

The Moss and Elm Cough Candy continues in demand. The wholesale price per gross has been reduced, giving the retailer a larger margin. jy27-tf.

☞In an another column will be found the proceedings of what is called a "Democratic county convention." We hope that those who received the nomination will be triumphantly carried through, even, if they find "Jordan" a hard road to travel. We will give our views more fully next week.

From the Patriot Union.

THE Democratic Senatorial Conferees of the 22d District, composed of the counties of Cambria, Indiana and Jefferson, met at Indiana on the 17th and nominated Kennedy L. Blood, Esq., of Jefferson county. It gives us pleasure to make this announcement. Mr. Blood is not only a true Democrat, but he is a true man—upright, able and popular. If elected—as he should be—he will be a credit to his district and an honor to the Senate. Col. White will find in Mr. Blood a competitor whose merits and popularity are of the first order, and that it will require extraordinary efforts to defeat him.

County Convention,

The delegates to the County Convention met at Ridgway August 17, and organized at half past 3 o'clock p. m. at the call of the Hon. George Dickinson, chairman of County Committee. On motion Edward M'Cready of Fox was called to the chair, and Dr. W. James Blakely of St. Marys and R. T. Kyler of were elected Secretaries. The credentials of the delegates from the the various townships and the borough of St. Marys were handed in and a full delegation found to be present. Mr. John G. Hall of Ridgway offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, It is one of the cardinal doctrines of the Democratic Party, that the will of the majority should govern and,

Whereas, the will of a majority of the party is only expressed through its County Convention, therefore *Resolved*, that we consider it our bounden duty to give an earnest and unqualified support to the nominees of this convention and pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to secure their election.

The next business before the convention being the selection of Conferees to the Senatorial Convention, George D. Messenger, John G. Hall and George Dickinson were chosen to act in that capacity, and on motion, were instructed to vote for Wm. A. Wallace of Clearfield for Senator. Jacob M'Cauley, I. W. Hays and Dr W. James Blakely were chosen as Conferees to the Representative Convention, and were instructed to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Dr. C. R. Earley. The Conferees to the several Conventions were also empowered to appoint substitutes in case of inability on their part to attend. Geo. D. Messenger of Ridgway was nominated to fill the vacancy in the office of Associate Judge, caused by the removal of Hon. V. S. Brockway from the county, and Jesse Kyler to fill the place of Hon. E. C. Schultze, in case the latter should resign. C. A. Wilcox of Fox was nominated by acclamation for the office of Auditor. Wm. A. Bly of Fox was chosen as Commissioner for 3 years and Louis Vollmer of St. Marys for the same office for 1 year. For the office of Coroner D. D. Hyatt of Fox was nominated by acclamation. For Sheriff were nominated: James Malone of Fox, P. W. Barrett of Ridgway, C. Wainright of Benezett and C. Sextion of St. Marys; after several ballots James Malone having received a majority of votes was declared the nominee of the Convention. J. C. Chapin and J. S. Hyde of Ridgway and Newton Lounsberry of Spring Creek were nominated for Treasurer, and J. C. Chapin was nominated on the first ballot. Hon. Geo Dickinson was appointed chairman of the next standing Committee and the chair was empowered to appoint as members of the same, one person from electoral district.

On motion Convention adjourned.

EDWARD M'CREADY, *Chairman.*

W. JAMES BLAKELY, }
R. T. KYLER, } *Secretaries.*

ST. MARY'S AUG. 9th 1865.

Mr. Editor:

That modest little Elk, backwoods county, and uncivilized though she be, is an undeveloped oil country has been demonstrated. A visit to the numerous oil wells of our county will repay for the real estate you may accumulate on your pedal extremities in your meanderings, and the rain, pankies etc., with which you may be deluged, in the woods. There are, at present, some 18 wells in progress of completion in our county; and thus far not one engaged in the enterprise has found other than the most encouraging inducements to continue. The first oil well started in the county was the one at St. Mary's, which was projected and started in 1860; but abandoned soon after, although a vein of salt water had been struck. It is now 210 feet deep, and in the hands of a company determined to push it to completion, and what is more, *succeed*.

The Elk County Improvement and Mining Co.,—company owning 9000 acres of land, are sinking wells on their property, known as the 'Munster Lands'. At the well at Scabuda Siding, they have found oil; and are now tubing their well in order to determine in what amounts. This well is 640 feet deep. Three other wells are also being put down on the property of this company by the Munster Oil Co.

The well of Judge Dickinson at Ridgway, is some 730 feet deep; and is meeting with encouraging success.

Leaving Ridgway I found near Johnsonburg a well in progress of completion belonging to the "*Kleber Oil and Petroleum Company*," some 330 feet deep with good show of gas. This company are sinking at present four wells; the one above refered to, two at Little Wilcox, about 300 feet deep; and one at Wilcox 630 feet deep, and judging from appearances, approaching completion. While at this well, the sand pump was hauled up, and a lighted piece of paper held over it. The gas in the pump ignited instantly and burned strongly for over a minute; a great quantity of salt, which is always found with oil, came from the pump when it was emptied. The company intend sinking 10 wells on their property; and have the machinery complete at Wilcox station, and have already contracted for the job. Success attend them!

The Clarion Coal and Mineral Oil Company are also sinking a well, at Wilcox station, with one of Morris Tasker and Co's patent boring machines. The Machinery does its duty well; and with a determination to find the oilagenous treasure. We trust it may; and in large quantities. *Babcock and Adams*, sinking two wells, one 250 feet deep, and the other 300 feet, have a good prospect for oil. They have had large quantities of gas and salt from the well.

Caldwells well, at New Flanders, on the Big Bottom, is 530 feet deep. From this well I had the pleasure of *seeing and smelling* the pure petroleum. The Messrs Coldwells, are preparing to tube their well; and must have the credit of being the Pioneers in bringing oil from the bowels of Elk county, and I sincerely hope their enterprise may be abundently rewarded. This firm own some 25,000 acres of land in Elk county—on the Clarion River, and its tributaries. The oil from the well which I saw was "Amber oil," and evidently of the purest quality. The quality alone remains to be demonstrated. The oil which has been found on the Clarion is of the best quality, and land in its vicinity will ever be sought for in preference to other parts of the county.

Another well, situate some six miles from Wilcox, comes next. This belongs to the Lennox Company; mounted on "impatient chargers" your correspondent accompanied by Mr Lennox, and a guide to point out the best black-berry patches left Wilcox; and after a weary ride over a young but growing and promising road came upon a derrick raising its uncouth head among the old trees of the forest, and rousing echoes innumerable by the click, and clank of hammers and machinery. The preparations are proceeding rapidly; and the company will commence boring within a few days. And so my visit to the oil regions terminated; a good supper at Arners Wilcox House winding up the jubilee. Oil men, whether proverbially gentlemen or not, I cant say, but certainly those visited on my late tour can lay undisputed claim to the title; all information desired was cheerfully given, and your correspondent will not forget them In the hope of soon visiting them again he remains,

VISITOR.

From Fortress Monroe.

Bad Conduct of Returing Soldiers.

FORTRESS MONROE, August 3—The Philadelphia *Inquirer's* special correspondent writes as follows: "The steamer Cossack, from City Point, for Baltimore, with the First Maine cavalry on board, stopped at Newport News this morning to replenish her coal bunkers. While the boat was lying at the coal wharf, the men went on shore and robbed two stores, carrying the goods on board the Cossack under the eyes of their officers. The stores were robbed of every article of value. News of the outrage was telegraphed to Gen. Miles, and he ordered the steamer to leave the wharf taking the soldiers on board. The Cossack was then ordered to Hampton Roads, and here she is lying, detained till the stolen goods will be restored and arrangements made by the officers and men of the offending regiment, to reimburse the owners for the goods destroyed.

Horrible Tragedy—A Mother and Daughter Murdered

HARTFORD, CONN., Aug 1.—A horrible murder was discovered at daylight, this morning, at the village of Oakland, in the town of Manchester.

Mrs. Benjamin Starkweather, aged 46, and her daughter Ella, 14 years old, were found chopped to death in their bed.

The blows, which were inflicted with an axe, severed the skull every time, and the bodies presented a horrible sight. They were also stabbed in many places with a butcher knife, which together, with the axe, has been found.

A son of Mrs. Starkweather, me and Albert, twenty four years of age, is being examined to day by the Hartford police, and suspicions are entertained that he committed the terrible deed. A sum of money, less than $400 were found in his drawer, together with the knife. He first gave the alarm, and both his own bed and that of his mother were found on fire. The daughter, when found, still breathed, but died in ten minutes afterwards.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

NEW YORK, Agust 2.—The steamer Evening Star from New Orlrans on the 26th ult., arrived at this port at noon to day. The Galveston correspondent of the *Times* says there are seven railroads in running order in Texas.

The Brownsville correspondent of the *Times* says the accounts from the interior represent a sad state of affairs. The returned rebel soldiers have in a spirit of revenge turned upon those who stayed at home and murder and rob them.—The *Times* of the 26th states that they had first learned that the Tremont House, and a large portion of Galveston, had been destroyed by fire, the military finally suppressing the flames.

The United States troops have bagged about thirty of the miscreants who created so much terror in the interior by their robberies. The Houston *Telegraph* says that over 3,000 oaths of amnesty and 1,500 soldiers' paroles have been taken in that city. A great many robbers and jayhawkers have been arrested in Western Texas and much property recovered.

The "Election" in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, August 3.—In the Congressional election in this State to day, Campbell, the opposition candidate, carried this city by 231 majority. It is now expected that he will carry the district by 2000 majority.

Maynard, from the Knoxville district, and Cooper, from the Shelbyville district, (Union candidates,) have a majority as far as heard from, and will probably be elected.

Colonel Stokes, the Union candidate from the Chattanooga district, is also ahead, so far as heard from. No reports have been received from West Tennessee.

The election in this city and throughout middle Tennessee passed over very quietly, no such interest being manifested as was expected. The votes was generally very light, over 2000 votes less being cast in this city than there were registered voters.

Important From Colorado.

Indian Demonstration on an Emigrant Train—A Party of Soldiers attacked.

JULESBURG, Colorado, July 31.—A party of Indians attacked an emigrant train forty miles west of here on Saturday, killed two men and captured one wagon.

On the same day a large party of Indians surprised a camp of twenty six soldiers a few miles north of Valley Station, captured their stock and drove the men to the station.

War parties of Indians have appeared in several places on the South Platte route lately, and there is no doubt but there is a considerable force of Indians in the vicinity.

More troops are on their way here from the east.

The Election in Tennessee.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 3.—The result of the Tennessee election is as follows:

Franklin county—Campell (Democrat,) 180; Carter (Abolition,) 68; Stokes, 104; Hood, 166; Falkner, 4.

Sweetwater, Monroe county.—Maynard (Abolition,) 31 majority; soldiers' vote, Maynard, 52 majority

Soldiers' vote. First district—Congress.—Miller (Abolition,) 183 majority; Jopesboro', Taylor, 99; Miller, 15.

Murfreesboro'.—Ed. Cooper (Abolition,) 251 majority.

Columbia.—Arnold, 104; Thomas (Conservative,) 168.

Cowan. Cooper (Abolition,) received 25 votes in the Tenth district, in Franklin county, with no opposition.

From England.

FATHER POINT, July 31.—A Valentia telegram of the 19th says that the steamers Great Eastern and Caroline had arrived off there all well. The former goes to Bantry Bay to lay, while the Caroline is laying the shore end of the cable, and this will be accomplished on the 21st or 22d, if the weather moderates. The war steamers Terrible and Sphynx are also here.

The election returns to the evening of the 19th show 579 members returned of whom 334 are all Liberals and 231 Conservatives. The net Liberal gain is 20.

The cholera has broken out in Birmingham, and large numbers of the paupers have been attacked.

Destruction of an Oil Well.

BIT HOLE PA., August 2.—Well No 19 on the U. S. farm, on Pit Hole creek, was destroyed by fire a 7 o'clock this evening. The well was finished yesterday, and was flowing about 200 barrels, but there being no tanks up the oil was allowed to flow on the ground. Some twenty persons were standing in and around the derrick, some of whom it is feared were unable to escape, as the ground for forty feet around was in one sheet of flame in a moment. Three men are known to have been seriously burned and they only saved their lives by jumping into the creek. The well is still flowing and the oil burning.

The *World's* Washington special says: Another case of insane impulse has just occurred here. A young lady, arming herself with a pistol, of the same pattern as that used by Miss Harris, deliberately shot a soldier, who had become an inconstant lover, and severely, if not fatally, wounding him.

MARIED.

SCHŒNING—HORTON.—In St. Marys July 25th 1865, by Rev. Athanasius Hintenach, Mr. Fredrick Schœning to Miss M. L. Horton, all of Elk, county, Pa.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SHERIFF.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—I offer myself to your consideration as an *Independant* Candidate for the office of Sheriff, and if elected, will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

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Fox August 29, '65.

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Ridgway, Aug. 17, '65.

NOTICE.—Whereas, Letters Testamentary to the Estate of Michael Ovel late of Jay township Elk county dec'd have been granted to the subscribers: All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment; and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement to

JOHN BARR,
Benezett tp., Elk county
A. W. GRAY,
Jay tp. Elk county.

August 19th 1865.

STRAY CATTLE.—Came to the premises of the subscriber in Fox township, on or about the 20, of April '65 a red & white spotted cow, about 7 years old—since had a calf, one red steer about 1 year old. The owner is desired to come forward, prove property, pay charges, &c., or otherwise they will be disposed of as the law directs.

Fox tp. Aug. 19, '65. GEO. FAUST.

LIST of Grand Jurors, drawn for October Term 1865.

Brunner Michael	St. Mary's.
Bauer Geo.	Benzinger.
Carman Hiram	Spring Creek.
Dewald Nicholas	Benzinger
Delo George A	Fox
Earley C. R	"
Hancock Elias	"
Mohan John	do
Myers John	do
M'Cauley Wm. Jr	do
Taylor Wm. Sr	do
Taylor George B	do
Wonderly John	do
Gross Wm.	Benzinger
Ritter Charles	do
Sorg Martin	do
Schneider Paulus	do
Haberbush Xaverius	St. Marys
Krug John	do
Reiger George	do
Wamsley George	do
Johnson Wallace H	Benezett
Johnson Ralph Jr	do
Moore Henry D	Spring creek

LIST of Traverse Jurors drawn for October Term 1865.

Brown Michael, Fox, Brackett Charles, Ridgway, Belnap Hiram S Ridgway, Brooks James, Jay, Boyle John, St Marys, Cook Joseph Sr. Fox, Calahan Jeremiah Fox, Cook John, Fox, Cook Daniel, Ridgway Cobb T. B. Ridgway, Dill Benezett, Ridgway, Donavan James, Fox, Ruz Francis X. Fox, Freeland Oliver, Benezett, Gerg Francis, St. Marys, Gardner S. R, St. Marys, Glover Charnie, Benzinger, Horton Isaac Jr. Ridgway, Healy W. C. Ridgway, Hyde Joseph S. Ridgway, Houch Jacob V. Ridgway, Reindel Jno. Benzinger Hewitt Franklin E. Fox, Holobaugh John Fox, Hunt Wm. G. Spring Creek, Hains Jacob, Benzinger, Kyler Adolphus, Fox, Kyler Hays, Fox, Kelts O. P. Fox, Kemmerer John, Ridgway, Lewis Ellis, Benezette, Mosier Squire, Fox, Mead Josiah O. Jay, Murry John, Benezett, Meyer John, St. Mary's, Perrin Martin, Spring Creek, Pendergast Anthony, Benzinger, Powell Jerome, Ridgway, Rogers James W, Fox, Sonnenheimer John, St. Mary's, Stubbs Chas. Highland, Schœning Gerhart, St. Mary's Schœning Fred, Fox, Short Sampson, Fox, Taylor James B. Fox Wilcox Clark A. Fox, Wendfelder Joseph, St. Mary's, Wilhelm Joseph, St. Mary's.

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LIST of Causes set down for trial at the October Term, 1865, of the Elk County Common Pleas.

Seth clover vs Walter Bryant et al
Joy & Welch for use vs, Geo. H. Bowers
Joseph S. Hyde et al vs B. O. Reilly et al
Miles Joy for use vs Geo. H. Bowers & co.,
Ralph Hill vs Alexander Maylood et al
J. c. chapin vs David S. Luther
Joseph S. Hyde et al vs J. c. Burns
Michael Saetraw et at vs Simeon c. Earl, et al
V. Perry carter vs J. c. chapin

GEO. ED. WEIS,
Prothonotary.

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☞**Professional Calls** will be promptly attended to, by H. H. Fessler. All consultation to Office business, will be strictly attended too by Earley and Fessler.

Kersey August 1st 1965.

DISSOLUTION.—Notice is hereby given that the limited partnership, heretofore existing between Theodore Palen of Wilcox, Elk county, Pennsylvania and James Clark of Plainfield of the State of New Jersey, for the manufacture of leather at Wilcox Elk county Pa. said partnership being formed under the Act of Assembly of the 21st March 1836, entitled "An Act relative to limited partnerships" and its supplements, will be dissolved, fully and finally on Monday the 21st day of August A. D. 1865; the said partnership then ceasing and determining by the mutual consent of the parties.

THEO. PALEN,
JAMES CLARK.

Wilcox July 19th 1865.

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Leave Clermontville Sat'. at	8 a. m.
Arrive at Wilcox by	1 p. m.

For forms of proposals, guaranty and certificate and conditions to be incorporated in the contracts, see pamphlet advertisements for conveying the mails in Pennsylvania, &c., dated, 10th November 1863, and 15th December 1864, to be found in the principal Post Offices

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