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Democratic County Committee for 1893.

Table listing Democratic County Committee members for 1893, including names and districts.

Unfaithful Democrats.

In looking over the late election returns for the borough of Bellefonte the interest of those who pay attention whatever to the vote can not help but be aroused at the peculiar nature of the result as compared with that of the preceding Spring's election.

If the Democrats of the West ward had done their duty at the last two annual elections, the borough council would now be in our control.

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A Floating Bulwark.

The launching of the Indiana, at Philadelphia, on Tuesday, was another step towards the completion of a trio of battle ships for the United States navy that will indeed make a formidable foe for any of the strongest maritime powers of the globe.

It is a significant fact that the new navy which Secretary WHITNEY began building during the previous CLEVELAND administration should have reached such a state of completion just three days before the party which fostered his commendable effort to put the United States on an equal naval footing with any power in the world should come to take up the reins of government again.

Treasury in such a condition that unless some unforeseen source of revenue arises it will be impossible to continue on the great work which Mr. WHITNEY began eight years ago.

No country is safe without enough power at sea to force respect for its rights and properly defend its claims and its coast-line.

The floating bulwark of a nation, its navy, can never be a source of anything else than pride.

It is a satisfaction to own such ships. The country will be fortunate if it is never under the necessity of employing them.

The misfortune that befell Governor McKINLEY, of Ohio, last week was one of those unforeseen disasters that rob men of their all just at a time when they most need it.

The McKinley Failure.

A New Version of the Affair Current in Ohio, Paper Running for Years. The Original Story That McKinley Lent His Name Out of Pure Friendship and That He Was the Victim of His Friends' Financial Crash is Now Declared to be Untrue.

CINCINNATI, February 27.—Developments of to-day place the financial affairs of Governor McKinley in an entirely different light from that which the case has already assumed.

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Appropriation to Explore the Polar Regions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Scott, of Illinois, introduced in the house today (by request) a bill appropriating \$250,000 to promote the complete exploration of the polar regions.

Honors for Hensel.

LANCASTER, Feb. 27.—Attorney General W. U. Hensel to-day received an appointment as aide de camp to General Martin T. McMahon, grand marshal of the inaugural parade, and also as a member of the special committee to receive President Cleveland.

An Extra Session of the Senate.

Called to Confirm the New Cabinet.—Official Notice of the Present Incumbent's Term in the Presidential Chair—Since 1841 Congress Has Been Called to Meet in Special Session But Four Times—Reason Why it Was Thus Convoked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Harrison yesterday took official notice of the near approach of the end of his term, when he issued a proclamation convening the senate in extra session on the 4th, of March, to enable the senate to "advise and consent" to the cabinet selected by the incoming president.

The earliest date at which a new congress ever assembled after the inauguration of a president was May 15, 1797, when President Adams called the two houses together to consider the situation of diplomatic relations with France.

In 1841 President William Henry Harrison convened congress in special session on May 31, by proclamation issued March 17, but before the assembling of the body he had died and Mr. Tyler was in the chair.

It may be of interest in this connection, the discussion of the probabilities of a special session, to state that since 1841 congress has been called in special session but four times: In 1856, because of the failure to pass the army appropriation bill; in 1861, because of the war; in 1877, because of failure to pass the legislative and executive appropriation bill, and in 1879, because of a fight over the appropriation for the United States marshals in the same bill.

Cleveland's Inaugural Address.

He Has Carefully Written Out What He Intends to Say.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 17.—St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, who has been for several days at Lakewood, writes his paper as follows: "Grover Cleveland's inaugural address will contain about 1,700 words and will be more general than specific in character.

His utterances upon the financial policy, tariff and economy of administration will be decisive and frank. Confidence in Democratic principles as able to deal with the problems of the labor and capital, sectional divisions and political unrest will be expressed.

Launching of the Indiana.

Secretary of the Navy Tracy, Postmaster General W. W. Foster, Attorney General Miller and Senators Voorhees and Turple were present—Miss Jessie Miller Was the Christener—Demolition When the Vessel Went Into the Water.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—The great battleship Indiana was successfully launched today at the ship yard of the William Cramp and Sons company in the presence of thousands of people, among them the president of the United States, the secretary of the navy and the other members of the cabinet and quite a large delegation of congressmen and others, who arrived from Washington this morning on a special train.

A line was formed and the christening party proceeded to where the battleship lay and took positions on a raised platform at the bow. The noise of 500 workmen making the final preparations resounded between the Indiana's sister ships Massachusetts, on the south, and cruiser No. 13, the Minneapolis, to the north, for a quarter of an hour, and then the order was given to "saw the ways."

Stevenson in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Vice-President-elect Stevenson and party reached the national capital at 6.05, the journey from their Bloomington home having occupied thirty-four hours to the minute.

The President-Elect's Cabinet Now Complete.

President-elect Cleveland pronounces that he has completed his cabinet by the selection of Richard Olney, of Boston, for Attorney General, and Hillary A. Herbert, of Alabama, for Secretary of the Navy.

Walter Q. Gresham, of Indiana, Secretary of State; John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, Secretary of the Treasury; Daniel S. Lamont, of New York Secretary of War; Hoke Smith, of Georgia, Secretary of the Interior; J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, Secretary of Agriculture.

Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, Attorney General. The selection of Mr. Herbert for the navy has been expected for several days, but Mr. Olney's name had not been mentioned in connection with the cabinet and this selection is a surprise to everybody, particularly to the friends of George A. Jenks, of Pennsylvania.

Richard Olney is one of the leading practitioners of the Massachusetts bar. He has not held any political position or been prominent in political matters, but is known as one of the leading lawyers and substantial citizens of Boston.

The Appropriation Bill Calls for the Sum of \$166,500,000 for Pensions.

Much More Needed Next Year.—It is Expected that \$200,000,000 Will Be Required at the Coming Session—Senator Colquitt Makes His Appearance in the Chamber—The Indian Appropriation and Car Coupler Bills Passed in the House. Disorderly Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The pension appropriation bill was passed by the senate today without any amendment. It appropriates for army and navy pensions (including widows and minor children) \$166,500,000 and about \$1,500,000, in addition for fees of examining surgeons, clerk hire at pension agencies and some small items.

There was a general expression of opinion in the discussion which took place, that no material reduction could be effected, except through a repeal or modification of some of the laws on the subject, and that there was no probability of such a thing: Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, made his appearance in the senate chamber to-day for the first time this session, and he was the object of sympathetic attention on the part of his fellow-senators.

Mitchell's Money Up.

The Fight Between Charlie and Pompadour Jim Now Assured.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—Charlie Mitchell and Squire Abington Baird came on from New York last night and left for the fight between David Blanchard, preliminary holder of the Corbett-Mitchell stakes. After the conference both Baird and Blanchard said that neither the Squire nor Mitchell had paid over the \$10,000 to cover Corbett's forfeit, and yet Blanchard admitted that he held that sum to cover Corbett's money for Mitchell, though he would not say by whom paid nor upon what bank the check was drawn.

Seven Persons Were Crushed to Death in Chicago Yesterday Morning.

No Warning Was Given Them—Heavy Winds Overturned the Topping Walls of a Dry Goods Establishment, Recently Burned—List of the Killed and Injured.—In Addition to the Dead One Person Was Fatally Hurt—Search For Bodies Still Continuing.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—It is now known that seven persons were crushed to death at 1.30 o'clock this morning, when a heavy wind overturned the topping walls of the recently burned dry goods establishment of John York, at Halsted and Nineteenth streets, and an enormous mass of brick, mortar and timber fell upon a two-story structure adjoining, occupied by the family of John Smith, a saloon keeper and James Kunz, a jeweler, smashing the building and occupants without warning.

An Explanation of Certain Anxiety.

From the Pittsburg Press.

Will Try to Remove McLeod.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Post's London financial article says: Flat and idle markets prevailed to day without features. The committee of stock exchange members interested in the Reading railroad generally, met and resolved to telegraph to the Pennsylvania company, as trustees for the income mortgage, urging all possible efforts to remove McLeod from the receivership.

Calamity Without Modifications.

From the Chester Times.

The Democratic majority is all right. We can stand that, but they tell us the peach crop is frost-bitten, too.

Auditor General Gregg as an Editor.

From the Huntingdon Journal.

Auditor General Gregg is making a good record—a good Legislative Record especially.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

W. I. Fleming was a Philipsburg visitor on Tuesday.

March came in like a lamb. Will it go out like the —?

There yet remains three hundred and three days of 1893 to be lived.

Curwensville wants to put a ball team in some league next season.

Pennsylvania's building at the World's Fair will be dedicated on April 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Worth, of Chester county, are visiting their daughter Mrs. E. R. Chambers.

The Easter bonnet is beginning to sing "Peek-a-boo" to the average husband's bank account.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Huntingdon Presbytery is in session in Philipsburg.

J. W. Corl, of McKeesport, visited relatives near Pine Hall last week. He took in the big day at the College also.

A pleasant caller on Wednesday morning was Mr. Harpster, of Gatesburg, a son of our esteemed friend Samuel Harpster.

The venerable Samuel Shugert, of this place, who has been so dangerously ill in Philipsburg, is able to be about again we are glad to say.

Bickford and McCormick's saw mill, at Lock Haven, will not be operated this summer. The loss of another industry will be felt in our sister town.

The venerable William Fisher, the Bald Eagle nurseryman, was in town on Tuesday arranging for the sale of the trees and shrubbery he will have ready for the Spring trade.

In another column of this paper will be found the annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. It will pay you to look it up and see the healthy condition of this wonderful organization.

The West ward election board, at the recent election held in this place, was composed of five men whose average age was sixty years. They were James H. Rankin Esq., Jonathan Miller, David Barclay, Valentine Smith and John Shreffler Esq.

A Curwensville woman swept up her floor the other morning and dumped the sweepings into the cook stove. No sooner had she done so than there was a terrific explosion which demolished everything in the room and almost killed the woman. A dynamite cap caused the trouble.

A merry party of young folks from Unionville, came down on Tuesday, February 21st, and invaded the home of J. F. Stover, at 132 Beaver St. They came down at four o'clock, bringing their suppers with them, and had a jolly time, until nine, when they all piled in the sled and started merrily homeward.

In a few days Mrs. Robert Gilmore will move into her new store room in the Brockerhoff House. It is one of the most desirable locations in the town and the room itself has been refitted and decorated until it is a suitable place for the beautiful novelties she is now displaying. Mrs. Gilmore has a first class line of millinery, fancy goods and underwear, but she will add largely to her stock, and her real hair goods will be one of the features of her new store.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—Taken from the docket. Thomas M. Weaver and Rebecca M. Rankle, both of Spring Twp. John W. Mills, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Annie R. Hoffman, Millifield.

Adam Hess, one of Boalsburg's most esteemed citizens, died at his home that place last Saturday morning. Deceased was 67 years old and was a brother of Mrs. H. Y. Stitzer, of this place. His widow, two sons and a daughter survive him. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning.

Mr. Philip Durst, one of Potter township's best of citizens, was in town on Tuesday and made a pleasant call at this office. Mr. Jacob Ripka, another prosperous farmer from near Centre Hall, came over on Wednesday to transact business in town and remembered the WATCHMAN is always glad to welcome its friends.

With the first of this month Edgar T. Burnside, so long and so creditably associated with the Berwind-White-Coal Mining Company's office in this place began work in the new field which he has chosen for himself. He is the youngest son of the late Thomas Burnside and during his eight years connection with the Berwind-White Co., has proved himself a young man of sterling business qualifications and most exemplary habits.

In securing the services of such an one the Standard Scale and Supply Co., of Pittsburg, whose works are at this place and into which he goes as an assistant manager, has added a name to its list of attaches which will bring nothing but honor to the firm and success to its bearer.

On Tuesday morning Miss Ellen Harris one of the oldest residents of the town died at her home on Spring street in the eighty-eighth year of her age.

Miss Harris was born near Montoursville, in Lycoming county, and came to Bellefonte in 1841 with her brother-in-law the late John Kidd Shoemaker, who owned and controlled the Democratic Whip the sixteen years of its existence. She out-lived all the members of her sister's family, and for years had lived alone in the little house across the street from the Presbyterian chapel.

She was a granddaughter of William Winters, one of the first settlers on the site of the present city of Williamsport, and a niece of Mrs. Judge Huston, Mrs. Judge Burnside, Mrs. Thomas Alexander—her daughter was the late Mrs. E. C. Humes and Mrs. W. W. Potter, whose husband was congressman from this district in 1836 and '38. On her father's side she was connected with the Samuel Harris family, of which Mr. John P. and Mr. Henry Harris are members.

OUGH TO BE FULL OF THEM.—If the number of trout and other fish that have been put into the streams of this county during the past four years, are any evidence of the number that are now in them most of our creeks should be bank full and some of them would be so overstocked that it would be necessary to carry water to supply those that would be crowded out. Unfortunately, for some reasons unknown, there are but few more fish now in the different waters of the county, than before the process of re-stocking was begun. Why this is so we do not know.

Some attribute it to the fact that the young fish are dumped in without any regard to surroundings and that before they are large enough to hunt hiding places, or to take care of themselves, are eaten by the larger trout that are native to our streams; others to the fact that on most of our creeks, and particularly those not in the mountainous regions, ducks and geese are allowed free access and destroy them by the thousands, while others contend that they are caught out fully as fast as they are replenished. It is possible that to all of these reasons more or less can be attributed the fact, that with almost every stream within the county fully and liberally stocked every year, there is but seemingly small increase in the number of fish now in them, and that trout fishing, particularly, is but little if any better, than it was prior to the time that efforts were made to replenish them.

That the State has done its part to give us plenty of fish is shown by the number that have been sent to different individuals applying for them, and which we get from the Report of the Fish Commissioners, that is just published covering its work for 1890-'91. It will be seen that from the liberality that has been extended us, any scarcity of fish must be attributed to false ideas as to the system of re-stocking, or a lack of proper protection after the streams are replenished. The number of trout and other young fish sent to the county during the years named as follows.

Table showing fish statistics for 1890-91, including species and counts.

1890—BROOK TROUT FRY: Thomas F. Riley.....Boalsburg..... 7,500 T. V. Hunter..... "..... 2,500 L. S. Bricker..... "..... 2,500 A. E. Gearhart.....Philipsburg.....10,000 J. H. Holt.....Moshannon.....10,000 A. R. Hall.....Fleming..... 5,000 Bonner's Run Ass'n..... 5,000 Isaac Thomas.....Bellefonte..... 2,500 Chas. Hetsler..... "..... 2,500 W. N. Allison.....Spring Mills..... 5,000 Steven Woodring.....Port Matilda..... 2,500 Total.....62,500