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Primary Election and County Convention.

Notice is hereby given to the Democratic voters of Centre county, to meet at the regular places for holding the general election, in their respective election districts, on Saturday the 8th day of June, 1895, and elect delegates to the County Convention, said election to begin at 3 o'clock p. m., and close at 7 o'clock p. m., of said day. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet at the Court House, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 11th, at 12 o'clock noon, and nominate one candidate for Prothonotary, and one candidate for District Attorney. It will also be necessary to elect a chairman of the county committee to serve from January first 1896, for the term of one year, at the time of holding said convention.

The number of delegates that each election district is entitled to under the rules of the party, based upon the vote for Governor in 1894, and as apportioned by the county committee, is as follows:

Bellefonte, N. W.	2	Haines, W. P.	3
" " S. W.	3	" " E. P.	2
" " N. W.	1	Halfmoon	1
Centre Hall Borough ..	1	Harris	2
Howard Borough ..	1	Howard	1
Millsburg ..	1	Huston	1
Millheim ..	2	Liberty ..	1
Phillipsburg, 1st W. ..	1	Marion ..	1
" 2nd W.	2	Miles, E. P.	1
" 3rd W.	1	" " W. P.	1
South Phillipsburg ..	1	Patton ..	1
Unionville ..	1	" " S. P.	1
Benner, N. P.	1	Penn ..	1
" " S. P.	1	Potter, N. P.	2
Boggs, N. P.	1	" " S. P.	3
" " E. P.	1	Rush, N. P.	2
" " W. P.	2	" " S. P.	1
Burnside ..	1	Snow Shoe, E. P.	1
College, E. P.	1	" " W. P.	1
" " W. P.	1	Spring, N. P.	1
Curtin ..	1	" " S. P.	2
Ferguson, E. P.	3	" " W. P.	1
" " W. P.	1	Taylor ..	1
Gregg, N. P.	1	Uhlen ..	1
" " E. P.	2	Walker ..	4
" " W. P.	2	Worth ..	1
H. S. TAYLOR, Secy.		N. B. SPANGLER, Chairman Dem. Co. Com.	

Compulsory Education.

Without sufficient money in the Treasury to make the usual appropriation for the common schools, the Legislature has passed a compulsory education bill, the enforcement of which would involve a large expenditure of school funds.

Leaving out of view the objection that the provisions of the FARR bill are an invasion of the personal liberty of the citizen, who has the private right of regulating his own family, it is objectionable in that it will create an army of officials whose pay could be better used for the salary of teachers and the building of school houses. It authorizes the appointment of one or more "attendance officers," or truant catchers, in each school district, at a salary of \$2 a day. Assuming that each district would require two "catchers," the aggregate number of school districts in the State, with average school terms of five months, would run the amount necessary to pay these officers up to about \$7,000,000. Could there be a more preposterous or outrageous waste of money that could be put to better use?

Furthermore, parents whose children are confirmed "hooker" players and could not be corralled by the truant catchers, would be liable, according to the provisions of this bill, to be brought before a Justice and fined on account of the incorrigibility of their youngsters.

If this bill should become a law, by the signature of the Governor, the good sense of the people would allow it to remain a dead letter on the statute books.

What sort of a "damphool" Legislature is this one, any how?

The New York Legislature has passed a resolution favoring the annexation of Canada, but if the action of that body during the past session, with its record of betrayed public confidence and general venality, is to be taken as a specimen of American legislation, the Canadians will have but little inducement to become annexed to such a country.

No sounder currency nor more honest money need be wished for than that which is authorized by the constitution. That document sanctions the use of both gold and silver. There is nothing in any of its provisions that debases one of these monetary metals for the exaltation of the other.

The Hazelton Plaindealer says that \$200 was offered for legislative votes in the QUAY county contest. If such figures are quoted in such a deal as that, what must be the ruling price when a corporation like the Standard oil company wants to have business done in the Legislature?

Do you read the WATCHMAN,

The Petroleum Monopoly.

The recent flurry in the petroleum market, offering opportunities for speculation, was merely a gambling sport, which was allowed to go on until the Standard company saw fit to swipe the pot. With its power to mark oil up or down it has absolute control of all speculative movements, and is believed to have realized \$12,000,000 by the recent gamble. JOHN ROCKEFELLER may have made enough out of it to endow half a dozen theological seminaries.

The Standard has practically secured control of all the oil territory of the country, and what it wanted to make it absolute master of the petroleum product was supplied it by the action of Governor HASTINGS and the Republican Legislature. There is no longer any competition that can in the least degree interfere with its fixing the price of oil to suit itself, and the people will soon begin to experience the effect.

This colossal monopoly, which has had no difficulty in bringing the government of this State into subjection, appears to have run against a snag in Russia, where, according to a recent dispatch, the finance minister has disapproved of the agreement between the Standard and the Russian petroleum ring to act together in controlling the product of the world. Even Russian despotism couldn't stand a monopoly that met with the cordial approval of a Republican Governor of Pennsylvania.

A New Congressional Apportionment.

Under the new congressional apportionment bill that the Republicans have prepared for the Legislature, Philadelphia and Allegheny counties will each have an additional district. Clarion and Forest are taken from the twenty-eighth, leaving the district Elk, Clearfield and Centre, and added to the Twenty-seventh, making that district Warren, Cameron, Venango, McKean, Forest and Clarion.

Such a change would reduce the Democratic majority in this district as Clarion county is larger Democratic than Forest is Republican. Clarion being a reliable county the change would mean a loss to the party, but the convenience of a triangular district and the removal of cause for trouble in nominations would possibly be a good thing for it.

France Has a Johnstown Horror.

The Large Reservoir at Bousy, France, Burst on Saturday—Over 100 Bodies Recovered.—In the Path of the Flood Many Buildings Were Wrecked—More than 200 Families Have Been Rendered Homeless.—Cause of the Break Unknown.

PARIS, April 28.—Reports of the devastation caused by the bursting of the reservoir at Bousy, yesterday, have been received from Epinal hourly this evening. The loss of life is far beyond the first estimates. About 120 deaths are now known to have been caused by the flood, and the list may grow, as in the confusion and ruin it has been impossible to account for scores of persons who are missing. The search for dead bodies is still in progress. Thirty or more of the dead were buried to-day.

The villages and peasant farms in the path of the flood are strewn with the wrecks of buildings and are covered with heavy layers of mud. More than 200 families are homeless and destitute. A large part of the valley is little more than a morass with timbers and uprooted trees protruding from the mud. The soldiers who are looking for bodies make only slow progress, as the work of digging in the debris is necessarily slow. More damage was done to the villages at some distance from the dam. As the flood swept down the valley, it gathered an immense quantity of timbers and tree trunks, which were thrown against the buildings in the lower neighborhoods. For the same reason the number of deaths in the lower villages was disproportionately great and more bodies mangled than at points near the dam.

Part of the Bousy tavern was found to-day on the bank of the Moselle, eleven miles distant. The reservoir is now empty. For several days it had been above the normal level. The exact cause of the break is not known. Some think the defect was in the plan of the structure, which was vertical. Others assert that the dam, though originally strong, had been cracked for years. The truth may not be determined until the official inquiry.

Silver Democrats May Join the Populists.

CHICAGO, April 28.—The Times-Herald this morning says it looks very much as if the silver wing of the democratic party of Illinois is "preparing to go over into the populist camp, boots, breeches and baggage."

The populists polled about 30,000 votes in Chicago last November, while the democrats polled about 95,000. The silver leaders claim that 75,000 democrats and 25,000 populists are united on the silver question and they will work together.

John M. Palmer, son of United States Senator Palmer, and a member of the executive committee of the Honest Money league, returned yesterday from Springfield. He is inclined to the belief that the democrats of the State have nearly all flocked into the 16 to 1 free silver populist camp.

Mr. Palmer believes that the only way to overcome the existing free silver craze is by conducting a campaign of education upon the lines proposed by the Honest Money league.

Wilde's Wife Leaves Him.

She Has Instructed Her Lawyers to Apply for a Divorce.

LONDON, April 29.—It has been learned that immediately after her husband was arrested Mrs. Wilde took her children and her belongings from the Wilde residence on Tite street, and instructed her lawyer to institute proceedings for divorce. The proceedings will hinge somewhat on the decision given in the present criminal proceedings against Wilde. Willie Wilde, Oscar's brother, formerly the husband of Mrs. Frank Leslie, who divorced him, had to raise the money last week to pay Oscar's lawyers for their services. Willie and Oscar have not been on friendly terms for a long time. When the former visited the Old Bailey on Friday to inform his brother that the money had been paid to Sir Edward Clarke, Oscar's counsel, Oscar said, "Do not come to see me. I do not wish to see my people."

The trial of Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor, charged with serious misdemeanors, were resumed at the Old Bailey to-day. The evidence presented was chiefly a repetition of former testimony. When the case for the prosecution was completed the court adjourned for the day. The case was given to the jury on Wednesday and it has failed to agree on a verdict.

Fourteen Persons Killed.

Another Terrible Wreck on the Inter-Oceanic Railroad in Mexico.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—A dispatch from the City of Mexico states that another wreck on the Inter-Oceanic Railroad was reported yesterday at Temematia, the scene of the disaster by which nearly 100 passengers lost their lives.

It is known that a freight train jumped the track, and it is said that the number of persons killed is fourteen, with several more injured. The scene of the disaster is the same curve which not only caused the Temematia catastrophe, but a number of small wrecks attended with loss of life.

Miles May be Turned Down.

The President May Punish the Senior Major General for his Comments on the Chicago Strike.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The army departments were rearranged to-day, and Gen. Ruger was ordered from the department of Missouri to Washington. The order is looked upon as unusual, and it is said Gen. Ruger will succeed Gen. Schofield as commander upon the latter's retirement in September, although Gen. Miles is the senior ranking officer, and is entitled to the place. It is said Gen. Miles will fail to get the appointment owing to an alleged reflection on the President in his annual report in regard to the Chicago strike.

America's Claim Conceded by Spain.

MADRID, April 28.—The report that the Alliance affair has been settled by Spain's conceding the American claims, is confirmed officially. The Spanish government will give honorable satisfaction for the mistake, and admits that the Alliance was outside her territorial waters when fired on. Commanders of warships in Cuban waters have been instructed precisely not to fire on vessels outside the three-mile limit.

Captain General Campos has telegraphed from Cuba for more army surgeons. He will start in a few days for the eastern province, where, it is said, he will make haste to deal the insurgents a decisive blow before the rainy season.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Meeting of German Baptists (Dunkards) at Decatur, Ill.

For the accommodation of persons who desire to attend the meeting of the German Baptists (Dunkards), to be held at Decatur, Ill., May 25 to June 8, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell from May 24th to June 1, inclusive, excursion tickets from all points on their system west of and including Baltimore, Lancaster and Reading, and south of and including Snubury, to Decatur and return, at a single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return to starting point not later than July 9.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A nerry house breaker climbed up a ladder and broke the window in the second story of William Kessinger's house at Salona, shortly after 8 o'clock, on Saturday evening. After ransacking every room upstairs and securing something over \$4 he crawled out again and the family, that had been on the floor below all the time, never knew of it 'till they started to go to bed. The thief missed a purse containing \$75.

THEY WERE SCARED.—One night not long ago some young folks were sitting up with a corpse near Fillmore. Everything went well until the ghost hour, mid-night, sounded on the old fashioned corner clock and just as the watchers had heard the last solemn stroke, the knell of a departed day, the door of the room opened noiselessly and a white robed figure glided in.

Imagine the awful fear that filled them at once. Their eyes, burning from the glare of the lamp on the table nearby, were little able to distinguish any mortal being in the long white robe and of course a ghost was the first thing they thought of. Such shrieks and cries had never been heard in that house before and not until the whole household was aroused were the watchers able to comprehend that the supposed ghost was only a female member of the family who had come down stairs to see if they were comfortable.

Trout fishermen report that there is eighteen inches of snow in many places along the streams in Potter county.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week taken from the docket. H. N. Hoy, of Benner township and Sallie Garbrick, of College.

Harry H. Wagner, of Clearfield Co. and Beulah Stine, of S. Phillipsburg. John F. Garner, of State College and Margaret Wise of Fillmore. Frank W. Arfield and Emily E. Harris both of Bellefonte. M. W. Shank, and Julia E. Crispin, both of Snow Shoe.

MANY PICNICS IN THE SUMMER.—Superintendent J. W. Gephart, of the Central railroad of Penna., says that the work of improvement begun at Hecla and Clintondale parks last season will be carried on to completion at once in order to have both pleasure resorts in readiness for picnickers as soon as possible.

Hecla park seems to be the favorite as already three picnics a week from June 15 to September 1st, have been booked for it. The cave, recently discovered there, is quite a large cavern though it is not known whether it will be opened up or not. It is right near the stand pipe and within 300 feet of the railroad.

MR. FOSTER SAYS.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 28th to May 2nd, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about May 3, west of Rockies country by the close of the 4th, the great central valleys from the 5th to the 7th and the eastern States about the 8th. This disturbance will average about the normal in force and will be much like the storm that crossed the continent from April 5 to 10. Heavy rains will occur only in small localities and drought will generally prevail during the passing of the storm.

The second storm wave of May will reach the Pacific coast about the 9th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 10th, the great central valleys from the 11th to the 13th and the eastern States about the 14th. Rainfall from this storm will be light, but better distributed than from the preceding disturbance.

Rainfall of May will be much heavier in the southern States, east of 9th meridian, than in the northern States.

The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about May 3 and 9, the great central valleys 5th and 11th, and the eastern States 7th and 14th. The cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about May 6 and 12, great central valleys 8th and 11th, and the eastern States 10th and 16th.

It is desirable that forecasts should be made locally as far as possible, and I am gradually bringing my general forecasts of temperature and rainfall to smaller districts. For a time I will use these bulletins nine districts to cover the United States, but hope soon to increase the number.

Brilliant auroras in May will probably be observed near the 4th, 19th and 31st, and the severest storms about the same dates. Heaviest rains will occur from 15th to 25, principally in the southern States. Frosts in northern States about 6th and 17th to 19th.

Joseph Kinch died at his home at Warriorsmark, at midnight on Monday. Deceased was 88 years old and a general wearing out of his system was the cause of his death.

Mrs. Julian Walz died at Mill Hall, Monday afternoon, aged 73 years. Paralysis having been the cause. Interment was made at Eagleville, on Wednesday.

William Askey, aged 48 years, died at Port Matilda, on Sunday and was buried in Phillipsburg on Tuesday. His death was the result of a gun shot wound in the left lung received during the war. A wife and five children survive him.

Mrs. Isabella Snodgrass died at her home in Mill Hall, last Friday from the effects of an attack of grip. Deceased was said to have been of a very philanthropic nature. Her remains were interred on Sunday at Eagleville.

Mr. L. Wian, known to Bellefonters as "Life," died at his home in Lewistown last week. A few years ago he was a resident of this place when employed by Jenkins & Lingle, founders and machinists. Deceased was about forty-five years old and leaves a widow with several children to mourn his death.

Last week we published an account of the sad accident through which it was thought little Morris McCafferty would lose his life. Circumstances have since verified the WATCHMAN's painful surmise and the funeral occurred last Saturday afternoon. The fate that overtook Morris so suddenly should be a warning to the many children about here who make a practice of jumping on and off moving trains. There is great danger in it.

The death of John Puff, whose home is on the Half-Moon hill in this place, occurred on Monday afternoon after a long and complicated illness. Deceased was 52 years old and leaves a wife with five daughters to mourn his death. John Puff had for years been an attache of the Valentine ore banks, he was a veteran of the late war and was buried yesterday afternoon in the Gregg pot lot in the Union cemetery.

DEATH OF A YOUNG GIRL.—Sarah M. Norman died March 23rd at the home of her uncle, Mr. Daniel Taylor, in Patton township, of Typhoid fever, aged 17 years and 15 days. Sarah was left motherless in infancy, but was taken to her uncle's home where she was tenderly cared for all her life by her aunt. She was converted and joined the M. E. church, when but 15 years of age, and lived the life of a good christian girl. Her nature was lively and bright and the grief of her young associates at her death show the love they felt for their companion. Her physicians gave no hope of here recovery from the beginning of her illness. All that loving hearts and willing hands could do was done but with no avail, her remains were taken to the M. E. church at Fillmore, Friday morning, where an excellent sermon was delivered by Rev. Singer from the text "Her sun is set, while it was yet day." She was interred in Buffalo Run cemetery.

THE DEATH OF JOHN POWERS SR. John Powers, Sr., of this place, died at his residence on north Spring street, on Tuesday morning April 30th, 1895, at the end of a long and protracted illness of Brights disease, which resulted finally in general failure of the bodily powers. Deceased was a highly esteemed and respected citizen. He was born in the city of Kilkenny, Ireland, on January 4th, 1827, and was therefore 68 years of age when he responded to the call of death.

His father, the late Edward Powers, when a resident of his native country, held various positions of honor as well as profit under the government of that kingdom. But the subject of this sketch, early in years, became dissatisfied with the limited opportunities which that country offered to young men, and resolved to bid farewell to the home of his youth and seek a country where he could more easily attain the object of his ambition. At the age of 18 years he set out for Montreal, Canada, where his uncle John Quain, a prominent and wealthy business man, resided at which place he remained for several years, during which time he completed his trade. But upon learning of the unbounded resources and the free and unfettered liberty of the United States he decided to go where the height of his aspirations could be fully realized. He left Montreal and came to Bellefonte, in 1848, and began the manufacturing of boots and shoes on a limited capital. By his industry, economy and honest dealings he soon acquired an enviable reputation as a manufacturer, then added the retail department to his former business which he conducted successfully until a few years ago when he was compelled, owing to his impaired health, to give up the latter but continued manufacturing until the time of his death.

Mr. Powers was a man of strong will, clear mind and pronounced convictions. His numerous acts of charity and kindness to those in distress and want, will long be remembered and cherished in the hearts of many who survive him. He was an ardent believer in the principles of Democracy and was elected Chief Burgess of this place four terms, notwithstanding the large majority adverse to his political convictions. His official career was marked by great firmness and strength of character, he was however, slow to impose punishment and then only when humanizing influences would fail.

Mr. Powers was one of the oldest and most respected members of the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows," of this place, in which he reposed and maintained to the time of his death, implicit confidence and under whose auspices he desired to be consigned to the grave. The deceased leaves a wife, and three children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and a kind father. The children are Edward L., Mrs. W. M. Walker, of this place, and John Q., of Lebanon, Pa. One daughter, Mrs. Mary Loretta Brackbill, preceded him to the great beyond, about four years ago.

Funeral services were held at the house yesterday afternoon, interment having been made in the Union cemetery.

DIED A HERO.—Leidy Mitchell, a son of Samuel Mitchell, of Phillipsburg, is dead and though his sad end is doubtless a grievous blow to fond parents the fact that he died while trying to save a sick friend from a burning building will be some consolation.

It was in Pittsburg Sunday night that the home of Samuel Weaver caught fire, Mr. Weaver was in bed with Typhoid fever and his wife was critically ill also. Young Mitchell, who had just

entered upon a promising prosperous career as a builder and contractor, with a friend named Snyder, was sitting by the bed side of the sick man. They were first attracted by Mrs. Weaver's screams and on discovering their cause they carried her and her babe out of the house, then rushed back for the helpless husband. The three charred bodies were found after the fire had been put out. The three friends had died together.

Mr. Mitchell was only 27 years old and was born at Unionville, this county. He had been in Pittsburg about six years and was getting along very nicely. His body was taken to his father's home in Phillipsburg where the Reliance fire company conducted funeral services on Wednesday.

DEATH OF ARON LEITZEL.—On Monday Aaron Leitzel, one of the oldest residents of Rebersburg, died in his 75th year. Deceased had been a resident of that place 57 years and only three others of its present inhabitants lived there when he first went to the town. He had been ill about six months with nervous trouble and leaves an aged widow with nine children to mourn his death.

Mrs. Sarah Wilson, an aged colored resident of this place, died at her home near the jail on Sunday morning and was buried from St. Paul's A. M. E. church Wednesday afternoon.

Pine Grove Mention

Mrs. Rebecca Murphy is ill with an attack of grip.

Mr. J. F. Meyers is slowly convalescing from a siege of sciatica.

Mrs. H. B. Yarnell is confined to bed with pleuro pneumonia and for several days was a very sick woman.

Dr. L. C. Thomas came up from Phila., to attend the burial of his brother-in-law, J. C. Gates. The doctor looks well.

Arrangements are being made for the observation of Memorial day. Here at 2 o'clock p. m. at Fairbrook cemetery at 10 a. m.

The much needed rain came at last. Many of our farmers were at a stand still with their plowing while the spring seeded grain was slow to grow.

Andrew Murrayman died at his home in this place yesterday morning after a year's illness with pulmonary troubles. Deceased was unmarried and was 72 years of age. He will be buried this afternoon.

On Tuesday last J. A. Kline went to the Presbyterian hospital, in Philadelphia, to bring his daughter Minnie home, who has been under treatment for spinal trouble for the last three months. Her ultimate recovery is doubtful.

Mr. Henry Meyers, formerly of this place, but now of Alexandria, on the first of May departed from single blessedness to enter married happiness. On the wedding tour he was the guest of W. J. Meyers on Main St., on Thursday of this week.

The wedding of Mr. W. N. Knarr and Miss Minnie Tyson, both of this community, was solemnized at the home of the brides, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tyson, at 12 o'clock Tuesday, the 30th. Rev. A. W. Guyer and C. T. Aikens officiating. After the wedding an elegant dinner was served.

There will be a public meeting at McAuley's Fort, Huntingdon county, this afternoon to boom the new railroad project over the mountains from here to Stone Valley. The company having asserted its willingness to go ahead if \$100,000, the right of way and half the ties are subscribed.

On the last evening of April, Mr. J. F. Garner, of State College, with his bride to be drove over to our town and halted at Rev. C. T. Aikens cosy home and after a few preliminary remarks was ready to join hands with Miss Margaret Wise. Then the person in his usual happy mood pronounced them wedded after which they returned to State College.

Last Saturday Glenn Meek, of Altoona, deviated from his usual way of traveling. Handling the ribbons on a fine roadster he came down to visit his invalid father, F. E. Meek, who is suffering from an attack of paralysis, at the old Glenn mansion where he had remained after the burial of Mrs. Hannah Glenn. On the 22nd inst. while seated at the table, in his usual health, chatting with those near him, his right arm fell to his side powerless, his face was drawn crooked and his speech affected. At this writing he is better and an effort will be made to remove him to his home at Altoona soon.

In our last letter we noted the improvement of J. C. Gates which, however, proved but temporary, as death came as a thief in the night and stole his life away at midnight on the 28th inst. The announcement of his death caused sorrow in the hearts of our people and his hosts of friends elsewhere. Early in March he had a severe attack of neuralgia which was followed by typhoid fever which culminated in cerebro-spinal meningitis and though suffering intensely recovered sufficiently to give hope that he would finally get well. For the last week he remained unconscious most of the time and it was evident he could not rally. Everything that medical skill and kind hands could do to minister to his wants and bring about his recovery was done. Mr. Gates was a man who had many friends and was possessed of a noble and generous spirit. At the last election he was elected road supervisor which duties he had just entered upon when he was taken sick. He was a member of Tussy Council J. U. A. M. and was serving as councilman. In his death the wife has lost a devoted husband and his two little boys a loving and indulgent father. Just three months, to the day, since we were called to look upon the dead face of his aged father, Jos. Gates, his aged mother and one brother, Ira, of Illinois, and three sisters remain. The funeral took place on Wednesday the 1st inst at one o'clock under the auspices of the Juniors who turned out in a body. Rev. Ermentrout of the Graysville Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. C. T. Aikens conducted the funeral services.