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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Prothonotary.—W. F. SMITH, of Penn Twp.
For District Attorney.—W. J. SINGER, of Bellefonte.

Hastings' Fight for His Home County.

Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of Governor HASTINGS and other members of his "Combine" to create an impression throughout the State that everything is serene in Centre county they have all the while been ordering their lieutenants here to "get down on" the men who have been quietly working up a QUAY sentiment right on the threshold of the Governor's home.

At first the movement was pook-hood, then it was snuffed at and now it is being fought as an earnest, aggressive opposition to the man who thought that all he would need do was to tell Centre county Republicans that they were to make him a State delegate at the convention next Tuesday.

There is little use denying the fact that much dissatisfaction exists here over the way the administration has been carried on. Not only on account of certain local appointments that have been made, but as well, because of certain obnoxious legislation. The Quaker element, for the most part conservative Republicans, are indignant over the signing of the garb bill; the soldiers are incensed because the Governor vetoed the measure giving them precedence in appointments; the poorer classes are dissatisfied with legislation that has increased salaries and offices and at the same time made them the prey of coal oil monopolists; and the miners in the Philipsburg region are protesting at the fate of the bill that aimed to secure them safer and better oil for their work in the mines.

These are only a few of the causes that have tended to arouse Centre county voters to a pitch where a very little bit of effective work on the part of Mr. QUAY, at the opening of the fight, would have absorbed the "Combine's" entire attention right here in Centre county and possible have ended the contest before it had fairly begun.

As it is the "Combine" has had to send AMES into Philipsburg, where he revealed the fact that HASTINGS' sole ambition is for the Presidency in 1896, and made more enemies than friends for the Governor. It is reported that Mr. AMES stated that the Governor hopes to see such a fight between REED and MCKINLEY as will afford an opportunity for the Pennsylvania delegation to force him on the National Convention. In view of the fact that this information came from a prominent Philipsburg Republican it can be accepted as reliable.

The opposition is headed by AL DALE Esq., of Bellefonte, and VICTOR GRAY, of Philipsburg. Unfortunately for their success, neither one of them have had much experience in politics—except what Mr. DALE was able to pick up a few years ago when the Governor is said to have slashed him as a candidate for Assembly. Many prominent Republicans in Bellefonte and throughout the county are not only opposed to GILKESON but avowed enemies of Governor HASTINGS and they do not hesitate to say so. W. I. FLEMING, who has lately received a \$1,400 appointment in the State Department, is doing missionary work among them, but with little success.

Though the QUAY people began their fight when it was too late to win they have, nevertheless, made it painfully evident to the Governor that the course he has pursued since going to Harrisburg has not been one to retain the friends who did so much to send him there.

The Christian Endeavorers, at their convention in Boston, enlarged the scope of their discussions by considering the question of good citizenship. The duty of being a good citizen is next in importance to being a good Christian, and yet how widely it is neglected. This neglect is manifested particularly in the manner in which the citizen performs his political duties. It is not contended that his duty requires him to vote any particular party ticket, but if he does not exercise his right of suffrage carefully, conscientiously and intelligently, he is remiss. There has certainly been a great deal of this kind of remissness in this State, when its government has been allowed to fall into the hands of such political pirates as are now running it.

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An Object Lesson.

The Trenton potteries furnish the best object lesson on the tariff that has yet been presented. The duties on china, stoneware and all kinds of pottery was always rather stiff, but the MCKINLEY bill increased the protection by from 5 to 10 per cent. Four months after the passage of that bill the workmen at Trenton went on a strike against a reduction of 22 per cent in their wages.

The Wilson tariff brought the duties on china and stoneware down from an average of 60 per cent to an average of 35 per cent. Since that tariff went into operation, less than a year since, there have been two advances made in the wages of the Trenton potters, the last one taking place week before last, ranging from 10 per cent. on certain products to 40 per cent. on others. In sanitary pottery ware the increase has averaged more than 20 per cent.

Object lessons on this subject, however, are being furnished in every department of manufacturing industry.

With a split in their party and the industries booming in every quarter, the Republicans of Pennsylvania will enter into the coming State campaign amid great discouragement. There will be an absence of the gaiety with which they sounded the calamity howl, and revealed in the business distress that prevailed last year. The business relief which the country enjoys is a serious matter to the Republican politicians.

A Mystery No Longer.

Bodies of the Pictel Children Found in Toronto. They Were Buried in a Cellar.—Evidently Killed by Insurance Swindler Holmes, Who Wanted to be Relieved of Their Care—He Will Undoubtedly be Taken to Canada on a Murder Charge.

TORONTO, Ont., July 16.—Found buried in the cellar of the house No. 16 St. Vincent street were the bodies of Alice and Nellie, the two missing daughters of Benjamin F. Pictel. Detectives Cuddy, of Toronto, and Geyer, of Philadelphia, made the discovery, and all the doubts as to their fate have been set at rest. It is now a matter almost beyond doubt that H. H. Holmes, when here last October, deliberately murdered the pair and thus rid himself of two troublesome young beings after he had murdered their father in Philadelphia.

The inquiries begun by the police led to the knowledge that Holmes and the children lived at the house in question, and search was made by the two officers. A photograph of Holmes was shown to Frank N. Nudel, of the educational department, owner of No. 16, and without any hesitation he identified it as that of his tenant. When they reached the cellar it appeared to the detectives that something had disturbed the cellar floor. A short distance below the surface they came across the arm and a portion of the head of one of the little murdered girls. Further work soon revealed the entire body, not only of the first, but of her sister. Both bodies were naked and uncoffined and had lain there in all probability since last October.

There were no traces of violence on the bodies, and it is thought that Holmes decoyed the children into a trunk under some pretext and took them to the house. Then gas was inserted by means of a tube through a small hole. The trunk, with hole in it, neatly covered over with a strap tacked down was found in one of Holmes' rooms.

No trace of the boy Howard, a lad of 8, had been found, but he is thought to be undoubtedly dead.

As the crime was evidently committed in this country it will be necessary to extradite Holmes and put him on trial for murder here.

The last trace the officers had of the children was at Detroit. They were taken there from Chicago, where they had been attending school. They boarded on Congress street, west, one week in 1894, Holmes secured possession of Alice, aged 13, first taking her to Philadelphia to identify her father's body. Then he went to St. Louis, and told the mother that he would put Howard and Nellie in a good school in Indianapolis. This was on September 23, 1894. Mrs. Pictel received two letters from Holmes in Indianapolis, and acting on his advice she went to her parents' home in Illinois. Becoming worried about the children, she went to Chicago, where she received word from Holmes to go back to Detroit. She met him in that city and demanded the children, but was induced to go with him to Toronto, and then to Burlington, Vt.

Holmes is the blackest villain the police of the United States have had their hands on for some time. He swindled the Fidelity Mutual Life Association of Philadelphia out of \$10,000 and that led to an investigation which has revealed that B. F. Pictel has three children, and the two Williams girls of Texas were all murdered by the swindler.

Only 400 Miners Out.

The Strike in the First Ohio District Falls Below Expectations.

WHEELING, July 16.—The strike of the miners in the First Ohio district for 60, instead of 51 cents, per ton, has not been so general as the leaders expected. Only 400 men went out today, and they are mostly at Glendale and Elm Grove. The Moundsville men held a meeting last night and refused to strike.

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Times Improving.

HAZELTON, Pa., July 16.—An immense stripping operation will be begun at the Hazelton mine colliery by the Lehigh valley coal company in the near future. A contract has been given out to strip nearly 3,000,000 cubic yards of earth at this time. Two steam shovels will be put to work and several hundred men given employment for a number of years. A new stripping will also be opened at the No. 3 colliery. This means employment for several hundred more hands.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., July 16.—The Knowles company's big potteries, the largest in the United States, and the works of Cartwright Brothers, Burford Brothers, Wallace & Chelwynd, the Seabring pottery company, the East Liverpool and the Standard pottery company all resumed operations this morning. Three fourths of the potteries in the city are in full operation and others are running part time.

This sudden boom in the pottery trade is brought about by the recent cut in the American manufacturers in the selling prices, which are now down to the importers' prices in English ware. The manufacturers say they expect a steady run from now until December.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, July 16.—The puddlers employed at the Duncanville rolling mill and those at the Eleanor Iron works, of this place, were yesterday granted an advance of 25 cents per ton. About 500 men are affected. The nail department of the Hollidaysburg and Nail company has resumed after two years' idleness.

NEW CASTLE, Mich., July 16.—The Cleveland Cliffs iron mining company has raised the wages of all its employees from 10 to 25 cents per day, according to former wages paid. This is the first voluntary increase in wages of the season in this place, and is given because warranted by the improved condition of the ore market.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., July 16.—Yesterday the Valley mill, of the Glasgow Iron company, was put in operation with 100 men employed.

The other large iron industries here are all very busy and wages have been put up all around.

COATESVILLE, Pa., July 16.—Colonel L. H. Smith will at once put his furnace in blast at Joanna. It has been idle for over three years.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Fenders are to be tried on Lock Haven trolley cars.

—Indications point to a large chestnut crop this fall.

—Hay is said to be selling for \$18 per ton in Indiana county.

—Snakes are reported plentiful in the mountains near Lamar.

—Mrs. Chester Munson is critically ill at her home in Philipsburg.

—Don't forget to read the Globe's advertisement this week. It's of interest to you.

—Mrs. John Lehr, of Philipsburg, has been granted a pension of \$12.00 per month.

—George Gross has six hound pups that he will sell cheap. They are full blooded.

—The State convention of public school teachers will meet at Bloomsburg next year.

—The epidemic of diphtheria, that threatened to scourge the lower end of Nittany valley, is abating.

—Last Saturday was the first anniversary of the fire that nearly wiped the town of Mill Hall out of existence.

—Ground for a new Greek Catholic church, to be erected at Chester Hill, near Philipsburg, was staked off on Monday.

—The Milton car works has received an order for 250 cars from the Beech Creek railroad Co., and will resume shortly.

—The Odd Fellows, of Lock Haven, accompanied by the Military band and Young's orchestra, will attend the big picnic at Hecla to-morrow.

—Marshall Hopton, father of Mrs. Howard Tipton, of Willowbank street, this place, died at his home in Tyrone, on Sunday evening. Deceased was 74 years old.

—Work was begun on a new United Evangelical church at Loganton, on Monday. When completed it will be one of the finest church structures in Sugar valley.

—W. L. Strunk went into the "spare" room of his house at Abers, on Sunday, to find that his best suit of clothes and a revolver were gone. Unknown parties had stolen the articles.

—Philipsburg is happy and looking for an immediate business revival because the N. Y. Central R. Co., has placed an order for one million tons of coal with operators in that region.

—A. Y. Casanova, W. H. McCausland and Thomas G. McCausland, of Philipsburg, have purchased the Retort fire brick works and after repairing the plant will start it in operation.

—Seven hundred and forty-three Williamsport Methodists picnicked at Hecla yesterday, while one hundred and eighty-four of their brethren from Lock Haven spent the day at Clintondale.

—The remains of Robert Powers were interred at Beech Creek, on Saturday morning. Delegations from all the fire companies in Lock Haven were present. Revs. Long, Schenck and Blair officiated.

—Mrs. Samuel Watson, of Lamar, has a chicken that is listed among nature's freaks, since it has three wings. The third wing is growing out of the fowl's back and is useless.

—Charles Kemerer, of Lock Haven, was sawing driftwood along the river one day this week when an eel, 27 inches long, slid out of a hollow place in a log and made for the water. He caught it with his saw.

—Mrs. Nancy Pike died last week at her home, in Rush township, near Black Bear. She was 70 years old and is survived by her blind husband, Lewis, and five grown up children. Her remains were buried on Friday.

—Clearance Sale—One Price—Cash—Montgomery & Co.

—Rev. John A. Bright, of Topeka, Kansas, will preach in the Lutheran church at Zion, on Sunday morning, July 21st, at 10:30. In the evening of the same day, at 7:30, he will preach in St. Mark's Lutheran church at Snyder-town. Old friends are especially invited to the services.

—Judges and inspectors of election will hereafter receive \$3.50 for each election, and clerks will be paid \$3. The new law was passed at the last session of the Legislature and was enacted with the view of settling all disputes as to what was meant by \$1.50 per day, as the old law read.

—John Erb, proprietor of the Eagle hotel at Philipsburg, banqueted all the old soldiers of that place, Houtzdale, Osceola and the upper end of the Bald Eagle valley, on Monday night. There were one hundred and twenty Vets present, representing forty regiments. Music was part of the entertainment provided.

—The report of the next United States geological survey will say there is no occasion for uneasiness on account of an immediate failure of the bituminous coal supply, as careful surveys justify the statement that there is enough to supply all possible needs, at the present rate of consumption, for 800 years to come.

—Tom Beaver, Ed Harris, Ed Hoy and Fred Blanchard came home Tuesday from a two week's drive through the Juniata, Cumberland and Susquehanna valleys. They had a good time, notwithstanding the fact they were generally taken for patent medicine doctors which was not at all surprising for they sported Joe Parson's fancy wagon over the Seven mountains to Lewis-town, down to Carlisle and home by the way of Lewisburg.

—The directors of the Valentine Iron Co. met here yesterday and re-elected the old officers of the corporation with the exception of two directors. John P. Harris, cashier of the First National bank of this place, and Walter L. Ross, of Philadelphia, president of the C. R. R. of Pa., were elected to succeed Judge Campbell, Dec'd, and Jacob Valentine, incapacitated owing to ill health. The directors were tendered a banquet at the Co's club house.

—On the day following the Fourth of July Ben Bradley and John Waite, the Bellefonte cycle man, started on their wheels to DuBoise. They went via Philipsburg, Clearfield and Luthersburg and took in the races at DuBoise next day. Thence they wheeled on to Niagara Falls, N. Y., where they spent a day and a night; returning to Bellefonte Saturday noon. In all they were out nine days, during which time they rode over seven hundred miles on their machines and about one hundred on the train.

—THREE PICNICS ON WEDNESDAY.—The clerk of the weather had a large place in the hearts of many youngsters in this community on Wednesday. His work was all right. There was no rain, but it was awful hot for picnicking. This didn't deter the Bellefonte Reformeds and Lutherans and the Lock Haven Presbyterians from having a good time at Hunter's, Hecla and Clintondale parks respectively.

The Reformeds numbered 133; the Lutherans 85 and the Lock Haven blue-stockings counted 260 noses when they arrived at the favorite picnic grounds in Nittany valley.

—MARRIAGE LICENSE.—Issued during the past week taken from the docket: C. L. Hanes and Ora M. Casselberry, of Howard, Pa.

—Wm. H. Green and Lizzie Harding, both colored, of Bellefonte.

—David Shawley and Elizabeth Lucas, of Spring township.

—T. J. Tressler, of Benner township, and Miss Lydia E. Tressler, of Mackeyville, Clinton county.

—E. Mervin Kuhn and Sadie E. Stover, both of Boalsburg.

—E. W. Boob and R. E. Bubb, both of Haines township.

—Alfred Catherman, of Union county, and Mary A. Slack, of Potter township.

—The large crop of wheat recently harvested in Penna Valley has prompted two of the leading threshermen there, William Baumgardner, of Boalsburg, and Henry Stoner, of Tusseyville, to dispense with their old Empire threshers and separators, and purchase each, a new Peerless thresher and separator, manufactured by the Gesier M'fg. Co., and sold by McCalmont & Co. These new Peerless threshers and separators excel all others in threshing and cleaning grain, and take the lead wherever they are in use. Other threshing machines cannot compete with them, which gives them the preference by all farmers, who have threshing, where there is a Peerless to be had.

—\$5.75 TO ATLANTIC CITY.—On Tuesday, July 23rd, the Central R. R. Penn'a., will sell excursion tickets from Bellefonte and all local points to Atlantic City and return, good for ten days at the unusually low rate of \$5.75 for the round trip via Mill Hall, Williamsport and the Philadelphia & Reading's "Royal Route to the Sea." A Pullman buffet parlor car will be attached to the train at Williamsport and those so inclined can board this car at that point. Train leaves Bellefonte at 7:40 a. m. Further particulars can be obtained from C. R. R., of Pa., ticket agents.

SOME FACTS ABOUT CUBA.—In a communication published in the Philadelphia Journal of the 12th inst. Hon. J. N. Casanova, of that place, makes the following comparative statement of the races making up the population of the island of Cuba, to retain which Spain is making such a strenuous effort.

"According to the last census of the city of Havana had 250,000 inhabitants. Of these there are 197,000 white with a death rate of 24.87 per 1,000; 43,000 colored with a death rate of 39.55 per 1,000; 10,000 Chinamen with a death rate of 38.10 per 1,000.

Of the white population there are Spaniards from Spain 63,000, with a death rate of 28.80 per 1,000; other foreigners 4,000 with a death rate of 33.50 per 1,000; native Cubans 130,000 with a death rate of 22.71 per 1,000; native Cubans under 5 years 45,500 with a death rate of 31.64 per 1,000; native Cubans over 5 years 84,500 with a death rate of 17.78 per 1,000."

It would seem from this summary that our colored population would not be so largely increased, after all, in the event of Cuban annexation to the United States and that the whites are very largely predominant on the island.

IF YOU HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO READ ABOUT THE WEATHER.—Mr. Foster, the old stand-by prognosticator, says:

"My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 18th to the 23rd, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 23d, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 24th, the great central valleys the 25th to 27th, the eastern States on the 28th.

During and immediately preceding this disturbance will occur the hottest period of the month, accompanied by indications of drought. The drought in Florida and the southeastern states will increase, and northwest of St. Louis, in the direction of Manitoba, moisture will be deficient.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 23d, the great central valleys the 25th and eastern States the 27th. Cool waves will cross the west of Rockies country about the 29th, great central valleys 28th and eastern States 30th. This cool wave will probably cause light frosts along the northern borders of the United States, keeping up the record as a most remarkable crop season.

July and August rains will probably put rolling, and in good condition for plowing, preparatory for sowing winter wheat, but soils that hold water longer than the average will probably be too wet.

In the great central valleys heavy rains will fall in September and the plowing should be completed as early as possible, not only for the reason mentioned above, but also because of the severe winter to follow.

In the northern portion of the winter wheat belt sowing should be completed early in September, in the south a month later, and the plowing should be completed long enough before to give the soil time for becoming packed, so that the wheat plants may have a solid bed instead of a loose ash bank in which to germinate.

The roller should be thoroughly used. For the coming hard winter the plant might be better prepared by a second rolling after the wheat has covered the ground with its green. In many places rains will have washed the soil from the roots and left an uneven surface, inviting the work of the winds and for this the roller is a good remedy.

The weather will favor the above suggestions, as October is expected to be warm in the winter wheat country, and the preparations will be necessary in view of the severe December weather to follow."

A DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Quite an excitement was stirred up in this place last Saturday when it became known that Howard Fellenbaum had disposed of his green grocery stand, on the southeast corner of the Diamond, to Fred Sourbeck. The sale developed the fact that Lewis Fabian, a clerk in Lewin's clothing store, was a silent partner in the business with Fellenbaum and though he had furnished most of the money to start it with he had nothing to show any claim to the property. As soon as he heard of the sale the silent partner became very talkative and retained most of the lawyers he could find, but meanwhile Fellenbaum had pocketed the purchase money and skipped with the delivery horse and wagon.

He was pursued by constables armed with warrants, but was not caught until chief Keller, of Lock Haven, arrested him at a farm house near Mill Hall. He was taken to the former place and given a hearing Monday afternoon, but meanwhile the authorities from here appeared and claimed him as a prey for Squire Keichline's court. At 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon that functionary heard the case and according to his custom piled \$500 bail on the boy and bound him over for court.

The evident slippery character that had manifested itself in the action of Saturday made it hard for the boy, to get bail and it was late Tuesday evening before an arrangement was made that allowed him to escape going to jail.

The case was practically settled by the attorneys employed by giving Mr. Fabian the horse and wagon and the receipts from the stand, but some complication arose next morning that put it back in its original phase. Nothing has been seen of young Fellenbaum since then, though he and his father both entered in their own recognizance for appearance at court after Mr. Fabian had been satisfied.

Such an abuse of trust has rarely been known in Bellefonte and when Howard Fellenbaum finds another friend willing to do as much for him as Mr. Fabian did he will have become a far better boy.

A WOMAN PEDDLER TOO GAME FOR MILESBURG'S HIGH CONSTABLE.—The staid old town of Milesburg was in an uproar Tuesday night all on account of a wandering female, who wanted to camp all night on one of the main streets of the town. Now it wasn't very complimentary to Inv. Morris' bailiwick to have a woman peddler pick out the finest street in it as being a quiet place in which there was little danger of her being disturbed during the long hours of the night.

High Constable Ed Bloom resented such an insult and started to drive the old woman away, but when he approached her she mistook the object of his visit. Thinking he had come to camp with her she set upon him, and truly, beat him good. The high dignitary was knocked down in the street, but fortunately the high grass saved his clothes from being soiled. From the way the solitary camper set about doing him up she might have been punching Bloom yet had Lew Bullock and several others not gone to his rescue.

When they arrived on the scene Joe Sellers had enlisted in the woman's service and insisted on putting her horse in his stable and taking her into his own house for the night. Now Mrs. Sellers didn't quite fancy the idea of having her spouse fighting other women's battles, so she hunted herself a club with which she promised to dispatch both Joseph and his erst-while friend, if they did not break away. This so riled Joseph—who is said to have had a right comfortable skate on—that he picked up a stone which he intended should knock the fact of his being "boss of that place" into his good wife's head. Many villagers, headed by Lew Bullock, arrived at this juncture. The marshal of their forces told Joe not to strike his wife, whereupon the stone suddenly sped away from his hand and struck the young carriage manufacturer. A fight ensued in which the female peddler's forces were completely routed. Her army was rolled around in the dirt in a most ignominious fashion, but it staggered to its feet in a little while and made a dash for the house; emerging a moment later with a big shot gun. This struck consternation to every heart and the populace fled up the street as if pursued by a mad dog. Oh, what a scramble there was. Councilmen tumbled over little boys, women ran and shrieked in terror, and peddler's army charged up the street.

At last account's Joe Sellers was still monarch of all he surveyed. He had driven his family to the poor house for shelter. The next morning the old woman peddler hitched her old horse to her old wagon and left Milesburg.

The Clearfield cadets will hold a subscription dance in their armory, in Clearfield, on Thursday evening, July 25th. The committee is: Capt. Wm. P. Kelley; Lieutenants Fred G. Bett' and Charles T. Noll.