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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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

No More Government Seeds.

No very great amount of public regret will be excited by the announcement that the Department of Agriculture at Washington has stopped sending out seeds. There was a time, in the remote past, when seeds distributed in this way did some good and were appreciated, but the seed stores are now furnishing them so cheaply, and of such improved varieties, that it was scarcely worth while for the general government to continue the competition with the regular trade. This is probably one of the reasons why Secretary Morton has concluded to stop the seeds that used to be sent out to the various "districts" principally for campaign purposes.

We scarcely believe that the Congressmen regret that the "seed" branch of their official duties has been cut short. It must have been a great annoyance to them without being an adequate benefit to their constituents. About the time a campaign was coming on seeds had their use in proving to a constituency that they were not forgotten by their Representative in Washington, but it is doubtful whether many of them were planted, it having been proved by experiment with governmental seeds that most of them were not as reliable as those that could be bought at the country store for ten cents a package. Such discoveries were calculated to depreciate the value of a compliment paid to a constituent by a supply of congressional seeds, and as both the seeds and the compliment became depreciated, it was about time to stop the farce.

Two Important Acts.

Among the very few acts of beneficial legislation that are the outcome of the recent session of the Legislature the two appended below are considered. Both of them deal with subjects of vital interest to people of Centre county and should be read by everyone.

The act relative to killing fish with explosives is most commendable, but of little use unless enforced. Streams in this region are repeatedly dynamited and innumerable fish destroyed. The act affecting public school directors is especially important, since it bears on the sanitary condition of school properties.

AN ACT.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That no person shall at any time place in any of the waters of Pennsylvania, any torpedo, giant powder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, lime electricity or any other poisonous or explosive substance for the purpose of taking or catching fish.

Sec. 2. Any person or persons offending against any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined fifty dollars for each offense, and undergo an imprisonment of not less than thirty days, or more than one year.

Approved June 25, 1895. D. H. HASTINGS.

AN ACT.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That the boards of school directors and controllers of each school district of this Commonwealth, be and they are hereby required at least once during each fall school term and prior to the first of January of each year, and within thirty days after the close of each annual school term, to have taken out, removed and hauled away all excrement and waste matter from every outdoor or water closet connected with or standing upon the premises of every public school house in the Commonwealth, or have the same properly disinfected and they are required to have every outdoor or water closet properly scrubbed, washed, out and cleaned, the inside walls white washed, and the seats or receptacles covered with a layer of fresh dirt or slacked lime within ten days of the opening of each annual school term.

Sec. 2. That the president of each board of school directors or controllers is required each year to certify, in the regular form provided for that purpose, that the requirements of this act have been fully carried out before the district can draw its annual appropriation from the State.

Approved June 24, 1895. D. H. HASTINGS.

The Democrats of Centre county must be up and doing. It will seem early to many to talk of beginning work for an election that is to be held in November, but it is not. It is never too early to begin a good fight. What must be done in Centre county this fall is a thorough, systematic canvass of every precinct and, if possible, a personal visit to every voter by his precinct chairman. We want an active, aggressive campaign to begin at once. A campaign that will prove beyond the peradventure of a doubt that Centre county is still Democratic.

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Our Fighting Ships.

Uncle Sam's Navy Will Soon Be a Terror to All Enemies.

WASHINGTON July 28.—The commissioning of the Maine and Texas within the next fortnight will mark a new era in the development of the American navy. The two vessels will be an addition differing from those which have preceded them during the past decade, and they will belong more distinctively to the fighting class of vessels than even the New York, the coast defense vessel Monterey, or the monitors Manitowish, Monanook and Amphitrite, all of which are now in commission.

The Maine is classed as an armored cruiser, while the Texas is a second rate battleship, but the Maine could also very properly be placed in the category of second rate battleships. In the opinion of experts she could easily whip two vessels like the New York, while she would prove a match for half a dozen unarmored vessels of the type of the Baltimore or Philadelphia.

During the next twelve months the three powerful battleships, Massachusetts, Indiana and Oregon, will be in commission. When Mr. Tracey, of New York, was secretary of the navy under President Harrison he repeatedly asserted that these battleships when completed would be the finest specimens of marine architecture afloat, and that they could whip the strongest vessels in the best navies of the world. A little later the Iowa, a sister ship, will also be commissioned, and within the next three years the two additional battleships provided for at the last session of congress will be afloat. It is not doubted that the next Congress will provide for several more battleships of this class, so that by the close of this century, five years hence, the United States will possess a navy which, in all round efficiency, will be second only to the navies of Great Britain, France and Italy, and superior to those of Germany or Spain or any of the other continental or oriental powers.

Lives Lost in Floods.

Great Storms Play Havoc at Wellston, O., and Fort Scott, Kan.—City Streets Inundated.—Rivers Overflow their Banks and Destroy Much Property.—Heaviest Rainfall in Years.

COLUMBUS, July 30.—A cyclone and cloudburst at Wellston to-day flooded streets and cellars, carried away the water works dam and drowned some Italians working in a street railway cut before they could escape.

FR. SCOTT, Kan., July 30.—An unprecedented rainfall in the southeast corner of Kansas this morning has again flooded the streams, and caused destruction of life and property. In seven hours 4.22 inches of water fell in the city, and this evening the entire lower portion of town is inundated. Two fatalities have resulted.

The Missouri Pacific railroad shops are surrounded, and the train service has been partly abandoned. Many families have been driven from their homes by the river, which is still rising, and another storm is threatening. The Marmaton river, Mill creek and Buck run have become one stream, spreading over sections of land which have not for years been submerged.

Walter Austin and Willie Gould, boys, were drowned this evening on one of the principal streets, and O. Austin, father of one of the boys, was carried 200 yards in the treacherous current, and finally rescued from the top of a tree by boatmen. Mr. Austin, accompanied by the boys, attempted to cross Mill creek bridge, which was surrounded by water, in a wagon. They proceeded 150 feet through the water, when the wagon and horses were swept away. Mr. Austin made a desperate effort to rescue the boys, but was helpless, and they were drowned.

The Missouri Pacific passenger train left for Topeka on time, but was compelled to return, and all traffic on that branch has been abandoned. The damage to property will exceed that of the flood of July 5, which was more destructive than any for years. The crops on bottom farms will suffer materially.

WICHITA, Kan., July 30.—The Arkansas river is out of its banks and thousands of acres in Sedgewick county are under water. The damage will be heavy. A number of families have been compelled to vacate their houses. The river is higher than it has been since 1877.

STERLING, Kan., July 30.—The Arkansas river at this place is at a standstill and no further rise is looked for. Hundreds of acres of corn and pasture have been submerged, and it is feared the corn has been damaged badly. The river was two feet higher than ever before.

NEVADA, Mo., July 30.—A heavy rain has been falling for 12 hours. The Marmaton river to-day overflowed its banks and hundreds of acres of growing crops are now under water. The creeks have covered a large acreage of corn. The loss will be heavy. A prominent local statistician says the large flax crop has been damaged in the shock over 25 per cent.

BOONVILLE, Mo., July 30.—The worst storm of wind that ever visited this city passed over last night. No fatalities are reported, but the damage to property is great. Two warehouses and an old packing house were blown down on the river front. Sam Barret's mill was unroofed. The cupola of the court house was unroofed and the spires of the Catholic and Baptist churches were damaged. Shade trees were blown down in every direction, at places blockading the streets.

Will Give up Trinidad.

Britain will Surrender the Island—An Offer Also to Arbitrate the Matter.

RIO JANEIRO, July 28.—A cablegram was received Friday night by a prominent English bank saying that England had abandoned the occupation of Trinidad. The populace are rejoicing over the report. The Brazilian minister at London has telegraphed the government that Great Britain is willing to submit to arbitration the question of the ownership of Trinidad, which was never occupied by Brazil.

Twenty thousand people attended a mass meeting held Thursday night to protest against the action of Great Britain. It was 2 a. m. before the meeting dissolved.

Throughout the night the streets were patrolled with cavalry, ordered out by the government to prevent attacks upon the business houses of English residents particularly. It had also been reported to the authorities that the British consulate was in danger, and a strong guard was stationed at that point. The signboard of the London hotel, in this city, was torn down by the mob.

News From the West.

There Has Been no Great Outbreak in the Banock Country.—The Indians Must Have Moved—Regulars, National Guardsmen and Volunteers Responded in Answer to Exaggerated Reports First Sent Out.

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 30.—The first reliable news of the Indian troubles at Jackson's Hole proper which has been received for more than a week came by messenger this evening via Griggs, Idaho, from Fort Wilson, a little place located in the centre of a valley in Jackson's Hole, over one hundred miles from any railway. The dispatch is dated July 26 and says: "All the people of the valley are gathered at Wilson's ranch for protection. One hundred men are under arms. Night before last a council of war was held and four men were selected to reconnoitre and locate the Indians, but as yet the scouts have not returned."

"The Indians must have moved away back or left the district altogether, as no redskins have been seen for three or four days. A company of volunteers came into Fort Wilson from Teton Wednesday after traveling all night. Exaggerated reports of the trouble led them to believe help was badly needed at the Hole, but on their arrival here they were surprised to find all quiet. A consultation was held as to the advisability of going out and fighting the Indians. It was decided to remain passive for the present."

"The Indians are, no doubt, in the mountains and may make a descent on the settlers when they are not looking for it, but the opinion is that if they had been on the war path properly, they would have attacked Fort Wilson before this."

Time to Free Erin.

Efforts at Reuniting Irish Factions for the Great Work.

NEW YORK July 30.—The national officers and directors of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are in this city bent on securing a union of Irishmen in this country in what they consider the most critical point of Ireland's history since the suppression of the rebellion in 1798 and the passage of the act of union. They will make a supreme effort to bring back to their ranks the dissenting section known as the "Board of Erin," and in addition will do everything in their power to bring other bodies of Irishmen into one fold.

The officers were in conference nearly all day at the Commodore hotel. Present were P. J. O'Connor, national president, Savannah, Ga.; N. J. Slatery, national secretary, Albany; T. J. Dundon, national treasurer, Columbus; Judge Maurice F. Wilhere, Philadelphia; Mayor Edward Sweeney, Cincinnati; Judge John M. Clark, Milwaukee, and James Jackson, Philadelphia. A letter was sent to James Haggerty, national delegate of the Board of Erin, inviting him to meet the officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians with a view to agreement for a reunion. Certain terms were submitted to him, and there are hopes that an amicable arrangement may be arrived at, although previous efforts in this direction have failed. Mr. Haggerty is expected to meet the officers to-morrow. Certain other Irishmen have been asked also to attend to-morrow, and have signified their intention of doing so, which is considered a favorable sign of reconciliation.

No Miners' Strike Ordered.

President Penna Does not Expect one in the Pittsburgh District, but says it Will Come if Necessary to Advance Wages.

COLUMBUS, O., July 30.—President Penna, of the United Mine Workers of America, said to-day: "I have not ordered a strike. There will be a strike, however, in the Pennsylvania district, if necessary, to secure an advance in wages. We hope to be able to secure the advance asked for without the strike, as some Pittsburgh operators are willing to pay the advance. If a strike in the Pittsburgh district is made contingent upon a strike in Ohio, it will be difficult to prevent a strike in this State, although it is my opinion that Ohio miners can best help the Pittsburgh miners in their strike by continuing to work and we hope to be able to convince the Pittsburgh miners of this."

Charged With Embezzlement.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., July 28.—B. F. Wood, a general agent of the Singer Sewing Machine company, residing here, was arrested and placed in jail last night, charged with embezzling \$1,200 from the company.

Additional Locals.

—See Shaeffer's ad.

—Send 50c. and get the WATCHMAN from now until Jan. 1st, 1896.

—Apples are plenty in this county at 25 cents a bushel. At least the price would indicate it.

—The Snow Shoe band will hold a festival and dance in Grauer's hall to-day and to-morrow.

—Farmers near Montgomery have reported a white grub that is playing havoc with the corn.

—Lyon & Co., have a new advertisement on another page. Look it up, and it will interest you.

—Henry Boozer has retired from the firm of Huyett, Rearick & Boozer Centre Hall foundrymen.

—Spring Mills consumers club together and buy coal by the car load saving ninety cents on a ton.

—John S. Waite has moved his bicycle store from the room next door to this office to the Waite carriage shop, on Water street.

—The members of the Bellefonte Reformed church enjoyed a sociable at the residence of A. Lukenbach, on Wil-lowbank street, last evening.

—Ella Hosterman died at her home near Centre Hall last Friday night. She was a daughter of Alfred Hosterman.

—Banker Charles F. Cook's family is one larger since the arrival of a new boy at his home, on Spring street, last Friday.

—A half dozen fine cabinet photos for 99c. is the latest departure at Shaeffer's.

FOR SALE.—Carriage, for one or two horses, with pole and shafts, for about one-half cost. Inquire at WATCHMAN office.

—St. Mary's Catholic church, at Snow Shoe, will picnic on Saturday, August 17th, in the grove adjoining the church property.

—Ella Glenn, who represented the Lemont Society of Christian Endeavor, at the Boston convention, made her report last Sunday evening.

—Roy Gillam, of Tyrone, a former Bellefonte boy, is playing left field and occasionally pitching for the Hagerstown, Md., base ball club.

—Mesmer's shingle and stove factory, on Brush mountain, resumed operations, on Monday, with orders for several car loads of stuff.

—Ex-deputy sheriff George Crawford, of this county, has quit the cigar and pool business at Altoona. The venture was not successful.

—Next Wednesday the colored ball players of Phillipsburg will meet those of Bellefonte on the diamond here. It will be a regular snow-ball game.

—Rev. Oscar W. Riley, a young graduate of Kentucky University, at Lexington, has been called to take charge of the Disciple churches at Mill Hall and Flemington.

—On the farm of J. J. Twigg, in Rush township, there is a dead pine tree possibly 50 ft. high. Over half way up along its side there protrudes a full grown goose berry bush full of berries.

—Some of the young people of this place are arranging to give a dance in the Armory, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 14th. Stopper & Fisk's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music.

—Sanford Mothersbaugh committed suicide at his home, on Brush mountain, near Tyrone, last Thursday, by shooting himself through the head with a 32 calibre revolver. Ill health is said to have driven him to the desperate act.

—You are cordially invited to go with the Methodists to Hunter's Park, next Thursday, on their annual picnic. They always have a social good time with a band and plenty of amusements. There is not a prettier place in Central Pennsylvania for a day in the woods than Hunter's Park.

—The story that Mrs. Keith, at Osceola Mills, had given birth to triplets is untrue. The lie even went so far as to name them Hastings, McKinley and Reed. It is good triplets never came to light under such conditions, for those names would have killed them anyway.

—It is reported that Henry Vanner, a Boalsburg tin-smith, undertook to end his mortal career, last Friday, by taking corrosive sublimate, but the dose did not prove sufficient to kill him. Family troubles are said to have driven him to the rash act. He will get well and now regrets he made such an attempt on his own life.

—Dr. Samuel Gutelius, of Millheim, died at his home in that place, on Monday night, after suffering from dropsy for some time. Dr. Gutelius was a veteran of the late war, having served in Co. D, of the famous "Bucktail" regiment until the close of the war. Deceased was a dentist by profession and is survived by two sons and a daughter, his wife having died several years ago. He was postmaster at Millheim during the Harrison administration. Burial was made yesterday.

—Seldom does a good, staunch Republican like Col. Shortlidge feel interested in Democratic chickens; but ours are so indebted to him for a clean, new feeding trough that we promise they will be stronger and abler to crow than ever this fall. Col. Shortlidge, as all other poultry raisers, was not able to find in the markets a feeding trough that was satisfactory, so after giving the subject a little thought he has made a number of troughs which are not only economical but cleanly; being President of the Board of Health he says they are "sanitary."

MARRIAGE LICENSE.—Issued during the past week taken from the docket: William D. Sholler, of Weikert, and Melinda E. Fryer, of Coburn.

P. Gray Murray, and Ethel McLaughlin, both of Boggs township.

John W. Swartz, of Troxelville, Snyder county, and Amanda Kiester, of Glen Aurdand, Union county.

Wm. D. Breen, of Wolfe's Store, and Della Glantz, of Madisonburg.

—J. B. Barner and his family, of Loganton, picked more than four bushels of huckleberries in one day on Mt. Shade.

—While driving home from the funeral of Jackson Watson at the Advent cemetery, near Milesburg, last week, Thomas Quick's horse suddenly plunged forward, when struck with a whip, and upset the vehicle, throwing old Mrs. Hannah McMullen out. She is 75 years old and was seriously injured, though she is reported to be recovering from the shock.

—Low prices seem to be effecting all branches of trade just now, but the idea of getting six good cabinet photographs, made by an artist of high repute, for the sum of ninety-nine cents seems ridiculous. Yet it is just such an offer that Shaeffer makes in a new quarter column advertisement to-day. His work is its own advertisement, so far as that is concerned, so all there is left for the newspaper to do in this case is to "put you onto" the rare opportunity.

FOSTER'S WEEKLY WEATHER TALK.

—My last bulletin gave forecast of the storm wave to cross the continent from July 28 to Aug. 2, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about Aug. 3, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 4th, the great central valleys from the 5th to 7th, and the eastern States about the 8th. This disturbance will be of unusual force, and severe storms may be expected, accompanied by extreme temperatures. The first ten days of August will probably average cooler than the middle third of the month.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the third, great central valleys the fifth and the eastern States the seventh. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 6th, great central valleys the 8th and eastern States the 10th.

Summing up my forecasts for the four crop months, March, April, May and June, only one error occurs. Southwestern Texas had more rainfall than calculated. For all other parts of the country the verification of my rainfall forecasts is the most remarkable event ever recorded in connection with meteorology.

CENTRE COUNTY VETERANS ARE IN THIS.—The Juniata valley Veteran Association was organized at Lewistown, Tuesday last week, by delegates representing eleven counties in the Juniata valley or contiguous thereto.

A constitution for the government of the Association was adopted and officers elected for the year 1895. All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who reside in the counties of Bedford, Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Snyder, Centre, Union and Northumberland are eligible to membership without the payment of any fee whatever.

The constitution provides for the holding of yearly encampments in some one of the counties named in the district. Amid much enthusiasm it was decided that the first encampment should be held in conjunction with the Lewistown Centennial, commencing September 4 and closing on the morning of September 7. A sufficient number of tents will be furnished by the State and will be up and ready for occupancy by September 4.

Camp Hallings, the name by which it will be officially known, will be located only a few steps from Lewistown borough railroad station. We are more than pleased to be able to announce that the citizens of Lewistown have generously donated funds sufficient to light the camp with electricity, furnish an abundance of water and clean straw for tents and wood for those who wish to do their own cooking on camp ground.

An efficient guard will at all times be kept on duty at the camp so that the property of the Comrades will be entirely safe. All this will be done without one cent of cost to the veterans. Those who intend to go into camp, however should bring blanket, soap and towels. There will be a restaurant on the grounds where the ladies of the G. A. R. will furnish meals at reasonable rates. Comrades can, however, if they prefer, be accommodated at any of the eight hotels in town, the rates per day being as follows: National house \$2.00, Coleman house \$2.00, Miller house \$1.50, St. Charles hotel \$1.25, Valley house \$1.25, Kline house \$1.00, Keystone hotel \$1.00, Junction hotel \$1.00.

Railroad rates are not yet fixed, but will be announced later.

The Lewistown cornet band will furnish excellent music during the encampment.

There will be many novel and attractive features of the Lewistown Centennial which will add to the pleasure and enjoyment of the visiting veterans.

From information already received we are able to announce that the first encampment of the Juniata Valley Veteran Association, will be a grand success.

Among the officers of the new association are R. S. Musser and Austin Carter, both of Centre county.

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