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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.
 For State Treasurer, BENJAMIN F. MYERS, of Harrisburg.
 For Judges of Superior Court, HARMON YERKES, of Bucks county, J. S. MOOREHEAD, of Westmoreland Co., C. H. NOYES, of Warren county, P. P. SMITH, of Lackawanna county, OLIVER P. BECHTEL, of Schuylkill, Co., CHRISTOPHER MAGEE, of Allegheny Co.
DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.
 For Prothonotary, W. F. SMITH, of Penn Twp.
 For District Attorney, W. J. SINGER, of Bellefonte.

Circulation Booming.

The craze for "circulation booming" is being revived among newspaper publishers all over the country and every scheme imaginable is being resorted to to give these papers an increased circulation for what ever time subscribers can be held. The day of having office boys and scrub women swear to the circulation of this or that paper, claiming itself more widely read than any other, is gone by, but there still remains the habit of "booming" or boosting.

Upon first thought the plan would seem most commendable on the part of a publisher, since it would seem to indicate a business energy and hustle that ought to be found in every one who expects to succeed, but when a closer analysis is made the whole scheme is disclosed as clap-net. To be sure a paper that makes an effort to secure new subscribers through merit alone can not be accused of doing anything outside the bounds of legitimate business, but when prizes are offered and all sorts of bait held out to induce people to subscribe then it is an admission that the paper does not consider itself worth the price it charges for subscription.

"There is but one way," says *News-paperydom*, the leading newspaper journal, "to boom circulation, that is really worth considering. It is to make a good paper. Everybody feels the need of a newspaper, and everybody is going to buy the best newspaper offered him—according to his basis of judgment of which the best is."

The WATCHMAN fully concurs in what *News-paperydom* has to say on this question and it has always been its aim to be the best. How well it has succeeded is to be seen in its general reliability and the fact that so many of the best people read it.

The acquittal of the Cuban filibusters at Wilmington, Del., on Monday, has had a rather startling effect on many papers throughout the land. Up to that date one of the most notably silent journals on the Cuban question was the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, but immediately upon its finding out that popular sentiment, in this country, would possibly turn with the patriots it began demanding the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents. The patriotism that the *Inquirer* displays now is of the washed out variety that waits to be wafted on the winds of public sentiment.

In a recent interview Judge McCARTHY, of the Superior court, whose defeat for nomination at the Williamsport convention induced some foolish ones, among his many friends, to prevail on him to be an independent candidate for the office, asserted his intention of supporting the ticket and effectually squelched those who would have had him try to defeat it. Judge McCARTHY has always enjoyed the reputation of being a Democrat in every sense of the word and this action of his seems to be conclusive proof of it.

The advent of better times and the revival of industry have among their other effects, caused an extraordinary increase in the importation of hides and skins. This means greater activity in the shoe and leather business, although for years it has been more flourishing than others on account of its having the advantage of untariffed hides, and has been an object lesson as to the benefit of free raw materials. Untariffed wool will teach the same lesson.

Deadlock Still Continues.
 HUNTINGDON, Pa., Sept. 23.—The Huntingdon-Mifflin judicial conference held here to-night resulted, after seventy ballots, in a tie vote of 3 to 3 for Horace J. Culbertson, of Mifflin, and W. McKnight Williamson, of Huntingdon. The conference adjourned to meet in Lewistown on Wednesday, Oct. 2.
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Bailey For Judge.

Named at the Huntingdon-Mifflin Democratic Judicial Conference—Republicans Are Still Deadlocked.

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Sept. 25.—The Democratic judicial conferences of the Twentieth judicial district, composed of Mifflin and Huntingdon counties, met here at 11 o'clock this morning and, twenty ballots had been taken, standing 3 for T. M. Utley, of Mifflin, and 3 for John M. Bailey, of Huntingdon, an adjournment was taken until 1:30 p. m. Upon reassembling, the Mifflin conferees presented a letter from Mr. Utley, authorizing them at their discretion to unite in nominating Mr. Bailey, whereupon he was unanimously chosen as the candidate for president judge of this district. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Utley were introduced to the conference, which was open to the general public, and made fitting speeches, being followed by Andrew Reed in a congratulatory address.

The Republican conferees also reassembled here to-day and after seventy more ballots—140 in all, standing 3 for H. J. Culbertson, of Mifflin, and 3 for Judge Williamson, of Huntingdon, adjourned until this evening. Up to the hour of sending this dispatch no nomination had been made.

Alleged Filibusters Acquitted.

The Verdict is One of the Most Popular Ever Given in Wilmington, Del.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 23.—The alleged Cuban filibusters who have been on trial here since Wednesday last, were acquitted by the jury this morning. The verdict is the most popular one ever given in this city. The men will probably remain here until to-morrow and a demonstration is possible this evening. Soon after the verdict became known many men congregated on Market street near the hotel where the Cubans have been living. The proprietor there at once hung out a number of flags, and from other buildings flags were thrown out. Some enthusiasts sent up cheers on the street, and every one seems to be delighted with the verdict. The flag on the city hall was run up. Cuban colors and the American flag are to be seen in many buttonholes. City Treasurer Adams flew a Cuban flag under the stars and stripes on the flagpole on his store. It was greeted with cheers. When the flag on the city hall was hoisted the Cubans gathered on the balcony of their hotel opposite, took off their hats and cheered "the American flag."

The personal baggage and papers of the Cubans will be returned to their counsel. The three or more tons of arms and ammunition will be held for the present to await orders from Washington.

Japan's Coming Navy.

Within Five Years It Will Be the Most Complete in the Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Advices from Tokio dated September 13, say that the two Japanese cruisers, Yoshino Kan and Nanima Kan, noteworthy for their achievements during the war between China and Japan, recently added to their record by some valuable services in the Formosa campaign, in which their aggressive offensive measures materially aided in the landing of Japanese troops. Japan's program for new ships in the next five years will give her a navy in 1900 of six first-class battleships, each more powerful than any vessel flying a foreign flag in eastern waters, together with a large squadron of magnificent fast cruisers.

The Japanese press is very indignant at its government for permitting itself to be forestalled by an American firm, which has been granted exclusive mining rights by the king of Corea, the Americans to pay one-fourth of their profits in the royal treasury.

England is Willing.

Will Grant Ireland Redress, Says the Pall Mall Gazette.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* this afternoon prints a leader on the subject of the Irish nationalist convention at Chicago, in which it expresses the opinion that the so-called new movement is very likely the old one, which was temporarily crushed by the revelations in connection with the murder of Dr. Cronin at Chicago, and the object of which, it asserts, was clearly proven to be boodle, and not the independence of Ireland. "We can afford to smile at Mr. Finerty's statements," says the *Gazette*, "but if the Irish will formulate their demands and agitate for redress in the manner adopted by Englishmen, they will find England more than ready to meet them half way. Threats only stiffen our back and dull our hearing."

The Cup Challenge.

It Will Be Prepared Next Monday and Mailed October 3.

RYDE, Isle of Wight, Sept. 25.—A special meeting of the Royal Victoria yacht club has been called for Saturday next, at which the form of the challenge for the America's cup by Mr. Charles Day Rose will be considered. The challenge will probably be dispatched to New York by steamer sailing on Thursday, October 3.
 LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch from Queenstown to-day in the *Pall Mall Gazette* reports that the crew of the Valkyrie III, who arrived on board the steamer *Majestic*, speak indignantly of the way in which excursion steamers and tugs hampered the yachts in the races off Sandy Hook for the America's cup.

Blizzard in Colorado.

Snow from Two to Ten Inches in Depth Has Fallen.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 23.—Reports from all over Colorado this afternoon show that a blizzard prevailed throughout the State early yesterday afternoon. Snow from two to ten inches deep has fallen, which is unprecedented in September. To-day the weather is bright but cool.

Crocker Says "No."

The Ex-Tammany Leader Declares That He Is Out of Politics.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Richard Crocker, the ex-Tammany boss arrived home on the Columbia yesterday. He was met down the bay by political friends, who wanted to learn his intentions. He landed at noon, but before doing so said he was out of politics, as his business duties engaged his attention. He will not go to the Democratic convention at Syracuse on Monday. The Tammany leader seems to have aged since he went abroad. His hair and close cut beard, slightly pointed, are grayer. Mr. Crocker said he had come from the other side to attend to some personal matters and to vote. He would return to England in time to eat Christmas dinner with his family. He did not propose to take any part in the political campaign, and he would not discuss politics in any phase.

War in Formosa.

Japanese Naval Reinforcements, as the Troops Are Worn Out.

ST PETERSBURG, Sept. 25.—The *Lovez Vremya* states that the Japanese captured Changshu and Taiwan-Fu from the Formosa rebels, after severe fighting in the latter part of August. The Japanese at last accounts, were marching on Anping, where the rebels are concentrated. The Japanese army in Formosa, which numbers 60,000 men, will have to be reinforced, as the troops are worn out with the hardships of the campaign. It is added that 3,200 Japanese soldiers are in hospitals in Formosa.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Potatoes have gone up 5 cts a bushel.

—It is reported that Mr. Henry Boozer, of Centre Hall, contemplates moving to California.

—Millheim's new public school building is to occupy a site on North street, near the Reformed church.

—The *Centre Democrat* is now issued at noon Thursday, instead of on Wednesday evening, as in the past.

—H. S. Taylor Esq., Bellefonte's tax collector, has moved his office from the Exchange to the 4th floor front of the Temple Court.

—Huntingdon county farmers blame the disease, supposed to be anthrax, among their cattle on the pollution of the river water by the Tyrone paper mill.

—The members of the Phi Gamma Delta at the State College are going to do the society act in great shape on Saturday. They have invited a party of Bellefonte friends to lunch with them, after the foot ball game, and later in the evening they will have a large reception.

—C. C. Dickinson, of Osceola, lately returned from a month's stay in Dallas, Tex., says the people down there are talking about nothing but the big Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. According to his idea "the people in that part of Texas have no money for anything but bets on the coming prize fight, and consequently my life is miserable. Dallas is preparing to entertain 165,000 people."

—Sunbury is to have a new reservoir that will hold 2,000,000 gallons of water. Bellefonte's reservoir holds about 287,000 gallons. Most of the water that is used in this place never gets to the reservoir. It is pumped directly into the mains from which it is drawn. On a hot summer day Bellefonte consumes a million gallons of water and, ordinarily, would drain the reservoir in five hours.

MRS. MICHAEL WARD DEAD.—After a lingering illness with consumption Mrs. Mary, wife of Michael Ward, of this place, died at her home, on Logan street, early Saturday evening, leaving a stricken husband with three little children to mourn her early departure for the spirit world.

She was buried from St. John's Catholic church on Tuesday morning.
WEARY TRAVELERS.—Last Saturday a dust covered and storm stained "prairie schooner" was seen lumbering along Allegheny street, in this place. It was drawn by two plump looking horses that seemed to be the only things with any life about the outfit, for it was quite evident that they had worn the harness far beyond its usefulness and the pinched, haggard faces that could be seen at either end of the odd looking wagon cast a dejected appearance over all.

It was Peter Huston and his family. — had moved to Nebraska, from Luzerne county, fifteen years ago. At that time he purchased a farm out there for \$5,000 in cash, but successive crop failures soon frittered away all his savings and property until at last, with thousands of other ill fated ones in that State, he found himself staring starvation in the face. Gathering what little he had left together he decided to return to his native State, but not having enough to make the trip by rail he had to travel by wagon. The party left Nebraska on July 10th and have been on the road ever since. So great was their destination that some of the men did not have shoes for their feet.

HE WILL HARDLY GET THERE.—E.

J. Pruner, a wealthy Tyrone Republican wants to succeed the late Senator John A. Lemon in the State Senate. If he lays out a sufficient amount of his wealth he may succeed.—*Coalport Standard.*

Those who know him best are of the opinion that if the *Standard* is right the colonel will change his mind.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:
 Frank L. Wetzler, and Elizabeth Lingle, both of Boggs Twp.
 Howard F. Weaver, of Spring Mills, and Katie E. Ream, of Penn Hall.
 Chas. B. Neff, and Maggie R. Meyer, both of Potter Twp.
 George R. Garis, and Maggie Toner, both of Bellefonte.
 John L. Walk, and Minnie Reese, both of Taylor Twp.
 Joseph D. Neidigh, and Nora Cronemiller, both of Ferguson Twp.
 Oscar W. Bathurst, and Willah M. Peace, both of Roland.
 C. P. Hassinger, and Mary E. Atherton, both of Phillipsburg.
 Eugene B. Hollabaugh, of Morris Twp. and Henrietta Gray, of Wallaceport, Clearfield Co.
 Wm. B. Rockenbrod, of Lock Haven, and Carrie E. Mann, of Curtin Twp.
 Wm. Dolan, and Sarah McDonnell, both of Marion Twp.

A FINE ATTRACTION.—The late Lawrence Barret was noted for the vigilance with which he guarded his own professional dignity, but he was never a more jealous guardian in that respect than "Spike" Hennessey and "Kid" McCoy. They are the reformed who crack a safe with the skill of peerless experts every night in the "The Stowaway," which comes to Garmen's next Tuesday night. They were always careful of their professional reputations when ripping open bank vaults, and only the highest class of crooks could gain their acquaintance. As actors they are equally as jealous of their histrionic dignity and even the once mighty monarch of matiners, John L. Sullivan, was snubbed by "Spike" and his pal. They happened to be playing in the same city with the ex-champion when Sullivan drove up to the hotel where the reformed burglars were stopping. John L. sent up his richly engraved card to their apartments. In a short time the bell-boy brought back the card to the pugilist-actor with the information that Mr. Hennessey and Mr. McCoy could not receive Mr. Sullivan. The world's ex-champion fighter was furious.

"What did they say?" asked Sullivan.

"Well, dey said" answered the bell-boy, "dat if dey knowed dey was expected to sociate wid sludgers dey never would have left der old perfish."

"Well, that's the worst knock out I ever got," shouted Sullivan. "Them dungs must think they're successors to Booth and Barret. Let us have a bottle on it."

WEIRD STORIES OF A HAUNTED HOUSE.—Standing on the right of the pike leading to Milesburg and nearly directly opposite the McCoy & Linn iron works can be seen a long frame house. Though white-washed and to a certain degree cheerful in its external appearance it is deserted. The last family to occupy it was George McQuilgan's and they dumped only a few days ago, but with such wondrous stories about its being "haunted" that there is little likelihood of its ever furnishing shelter for mortals again.

The average Milesburg kid keeps a respectable distance from the old house now-days and there are lots of them down there whose hair has felt like porcupine quills as they have listened to the awful stories told by its lately "skinned" occupants. When any of them pass along the road at night they usually grab their hat in their hand and "light out." And why not? Many of the old fellows unconsciously find themselves walking faster when they arrive at that particular place and it is even said that the bravest man in town was heard whistling to keep up his courage, while he was going along there the other night.

The stories that are told of the mysterious spirit that "haunts" the place are corroborated by James Dubar, who did not believe them and went up there one night to stay "just to see what it was." He is sick in bed now, at his home in Milesburg, as a result of his visit. He saw the spook and it is said to have scared him sick.

It appears in the form of a large hand that rises up from the floor and jumps out of the ceiling and eupboards at the most unlooked for times, knocking people about in a promiscuous manner and frightening everyone silly. It is said the hand even slapped a bad little girl's mouth one day when she said naughty things. And another time some one got off something smart out in the yard when the hand suddenly popped out of a rose bush and threw a bouquet at the witty one.

George Hubler, of Rebersburg,

was stricken with paralysis while getting ready to go to the granger picnic last Thursday morning. He had just reached the gate when he fell. He is recovering.

The Jersey Shore town council and school board has exonerated the Beech Creek R. R. Co. for all taxes in excess of a \$25,000 valuation for the years 1895, '96 and '97. This was done to keep the rail-road shops in that place the company having threatened to move on account of high taxes.

PHILIPSBURG ENJOYS A SENSATION.
 —A town is not to be envied much for having been the scene of such a fracas as that which occurred in a Phillipsburg hotel, last Friday evening, but then such things will happen and the people of Phillipsburg enjoy them just as much as any others could. In speaking of it *Saturday's Journal* says:
 "The quiet prevailing in our city for some time was broken last evening by a lively sensation which occurred at the Coal Exchange hotel. A young man by the name of Barnes, who resides in Altoona, it seems was an old lover of the present wife of Dr. Winters, a young Osceola dentist. Yesterday young Barnes made his appearance in Osceola, and quietly induced Mrs. Winters to come to Phillipsburg. They reached here yesterday about 11 o'clock, and registered at the Coal Exchange as a Mr. Williams and wife of Pittsburg. They were assigned to a room, and ate dinner and supper together unmolested. About 7 o'clock the husband of the young woman, Dr. Winters, who had in the meantime gotten an inkling of the affair, came here from Osceola armed with a cowhide and proceeded to the Coal Exchange, where he learned the runaways were stopping. Finding the number of the room, he went thither in haste and discovering them began at once to vigorously use the cowhide on the man who dared steal his wife's affections. He got in about eleven strokes, when a blow from Barnes landed on the dentist's nose mashing it badly. Winters retaliated by stabbing Barnes with a pair of dentists forceps near the shoulder, but in the scuffle was himself also badly hurt by the forceps penetrating near the thumb. Young Barnes finally managed to make his escape, and by this time is presumably in other parts. Dr. Winters remained in town all night with his wife, taking her back to Osceola this morning.

The parties concerned are all young people. Dr. Winters is naturally very much incensed to think that Barnes would attempt to steal his wife's affections, and to mar his domestic life. He will more than likely put officers on the track of Barnes and have him punished.

FOSTER'S LONG TALK ON THE WEATHER.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 20th to 24th. This will be a very severe storm in and east of the Mississippi valley from about 21st to 24th, and about the same time dangerous storms will occur on the Pacific ocean, Atlantic ocean, in southern Europe, middle Asia; East India islands and West India islands.

During the previous week tropical hurricanes will have organized in the southern parts of the north Pacific and the north Atlantic, and from 21st to 24th, including these days, all voyages by lake and ocean should be avoided.

The exact location of these destructive storms cannot now be stated, and the best information now possible is the dates within which everybody should be on the lookout for destructive tropical hurricanes.

I have repeatedly given warning of five great storm periods for this year, three of which will be near Sept. 21st, Oct. 16th, and Nov. 14th. These are also great earthquake periods.

The next storm wave will reach the Pacific coast about Sept. 24th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 25th great central valleys 26th and 28th and eastern States 29th. Following this disturbance the cool wave will bring unusually low temperature, lower in the eastern than in the western States, and the cool wave rainfall will be considerably above the average.

Close observers will have noticed that rains occur in front of both the cool and the warm waves, and that rains usually occur about one day before or one day after the dates of my storm waves. The crest of the warm wave is expected near the storm wave dates, while rainfall occurs near the changes from cool to warm or warm to cool. The storm wave date is taken as the guide as to all other weather changes, and as this event is earlier or later, so will the other changes occur.

Warm waves will cross the west of the Rockies country about the 24th, great central valley 26th, eastern States 28th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 27th, great central valleys 30th, eastern States Oct. 1st. Killing frosts in the corn belt and northern portions of the cotton belt will accompany the cool wave of 27th to Oct. 1st. A general forecast of October weather will be given in my next bulletin. That month will be full of important weather events.

POPULAR "JOHNNY" ROUNDTREE

HAS A LIVING DOUBLE.—Nearly every body in Bellefonte knows or has heard of jovial "Johnny" Roundtree, who keeps a grocery store out on Willow-bank street, but few, perhaps, know that there is just such another fellow in the world and he lives no further away than Lewistown. He is "Johnny's" twin brother and the two look so much alike that many funny incidents have arisen because of it.

In speaking about these men, in a recent issue, the *Baltimore American* had the following amusing story to relate:

Mr. H. C. Roundtree, a merchant at No. 110 Commerce street, has two brothers so much alike that the members of their own family cannot tell them apart. They are named John and William Roundtree, and are brothers of Mr. H. C. Roundtree. They are twins, and are now 50 years old. They were born in this city, and were so much alike, both in appearance, disposition and manner of speech, that their own parents were compelled to the pieces of blue and red ribbon on their clothing to distinguish them apart. The similarity of the boys was so marked that it proved a continual source of merriment to their relatives and friends. At times the boys would exchange ribbons, but one day during this disguise William got a thrashing in mistake for something John had done. This put an end to that kind of thing.

When the boys grew to manhood the resemblance remained the same. They dressed alike and even sprouted the same kind of mustaches. Both secured positions in the same store, but the manager could not tell them apart, so William sought employment in a drug store and John learned to dispense articles in a notion house. Eighteen years ago both of them left this city. William went to Lewistown, Pa., and opened a grocery store, while John went to Bellefonte, Pa., and did the same thing. The places are in adjoining counties, and to the residents they are a human enigma even to this day. About a year ago William was appointed chairman of the Democratic county committee, and when the "skinners" wanted anything from the price of a drink to a bank note, they were switched about from William to John and from John to William until all patience was exhausted. Some time ago the brothers came to this city and visited Mr. H. C. Roundtree at his store. He had some friends there at the time, and waged with one of them that he could not tell them apart. They were dressed exactly alike, except that one wore a straw hat and the other a derby. Mr. Roundtree took them to the rear of the store, changed their hats and marched them back to the office. The friend picked the wrong one, and Mr. Roundtree won the wager.

The funny things have not always happened out of Bellefonte, either, for everywhere the Lewistown twin comes over here to visit something ridiculous is the outcome. It was not very long ago that he was here and in going back and forth from the home of his brother to the other parts of town he was compelled to pass "Billy" Storm's barber shop. Now the tonsorial artist and the grocer here have always been great friends, but the former did not know that there were twin Roundtrees and when he saw William going back and forth, repeatedly, without saluting him, in the hearty way that "Johnny" is accustomed to do, he thought his old neighbor had become angered at something. In this state of wonderment he hunted up "Johnny" at his store, when they both laughed heartily over the joke.

Another time business was so brisk at the grocery that the owner did not have time to go to the bank with his usual deposit so he handed the book to his brother and started him off. Arriving at the bank William handed it to the receiving teller, whereupon he was told that he had forgotten to endorse the checks, so rather than walk away down town he just inscribed "Johnny's" name on the back of them and they were soon credited to the proper person. But that didn't end it; the bank cashier called him over to his window and began talking about this that and the other thing until William realized that he was being taken for his brother. He didn't say anything about it and enjoyed the conversation immensely, all the while the banker thought himself in conversation with the man to whom he sells flour and feed nearly every day.

There are many other little stories of this sort that we haven't time to relate just now, but you would be surprised to know that postmaster Harry Warfel, of Phillipsburg, looks so much like the twin Roundtrees that every time he comes over here he has a great time explaining to the many that accost him—"You are mistaken sir, I am not Mr. Roundtree."
 —Tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 o'clock, the personal effects of the late Dr. R. L. Dart will be sold at public sale at his residence on Allegheny street. Two four year old driving horses, mated and well broken to single and double driving. Two three year old driving horses, a comfortable and modern carriage, buggy, harness, a good cow, household furniture of all kinds, books and book-cases, will all be sold, as Mrs. Dart is going to Wellsboro to make her home for a year with Mr. Dart, the doctor's father.
 —Do you read the WATCHMAN.