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William the Wobbler.

The decided advantage which the tariff major is having over the other aspirants for the Republican nomination is the cause of great satisfaction and much exultation among the uninformed votaries of a tariff that robs them without being conscious of it, but the prospect of the major being the nominee of the party is beginning to give uneasiness to a large number of Republican businessmen who in regard to the currency are unable to discover "where he is at," and who would like to know on which side of the fence he would jump if a free silver bill should be presented to him for his approval or his veto as President.

The more substantial class of Republicans recognize the importance of the currency as an issue in a presidential election, and are not satisfied with McKINLEY's wobbling position on the silver question. Those who want the gold standard are not willing to accept the assurance of somebody else that the major is all right on that point. It would render more satisfaction and inspire more confidence if he should say so himself. There is nothing in his past course that can be taken as a guarantee that he is in favor of what they consider sound money. He has wobbled in most of his views and actions when the currency was in question, but his leaning has been more frequently on the side of silver. He voted for the BLAND dollar bill; he supported JOHN SHERMAN'S silver purchase act; he made speeches in and out of Congress in which he advocated the double standard. Most of his declarations showed his sympathy for the white metal, and by no act or utterance did he indicate that if the choice were left to him gold would have the preference as the standard of value.

Since he has become a presidential candidate and has seen that he would have to do some hedging on his former expressions, he has gotten off some glittering generalities intended to bear a gold construction, such as that he favored the best kind of money that the ingenuity of man could desire, and that he wanted a system of currency that would make every dollar equal in value to ever other dollar, but these expressions are indefinite and unsatisfactory, since they can be used by gold and silver men alike, as each believes that his kind of a dollar is as good as any other kind.

Notwithstanding the urgent demands that are being made that the tariff major should come down on one or the other side of the fence on the currency question, he retains his wobbling seat on the top rail. TOM PLATT says he hasn't mental capacity enough to have a mind of his own on a question like that of the currency, and that his views are shaped entirely by his managers. TOM REED pokes fun at him with the remark that as he is unable to determine whether to be a gold bug or a silver bug there is nothing else for him to be but a straddle bug.

McKINLEY'S position on the main issue that will be presented in the campaign should be anything but encouraging to those who want to make him President of the United States. It is evident that he can't make up his mind or is afraid to express it, or else that he wants to practice deception on a part of the American people who have a right to know his views as a presidential candidate.

Wobbling WILLIAM does not appear to be the right kind of a man for the presidential office in which decision of character and directness of expression are requisite qualifications.

On Which Side the Trusts Are.

It is now estimated that a billion of dollars ($1,000,000,000) is invested in monopolistic combinations. This is a conservative estimate of the amount of money which the trusts and combines of that character have put into enterprises that are intended to gouge the public and are conducted in violation of anti-trust laws.

All of these combines have sprung up under the fostering care of a highly protective tariff. They are the legitimate fruit of McKINLEY-ism, and every one will lend its efforts to help restore a system under which they originated and flourish; and they will all contribute to the fund that will be needed to run a McKINLEY campaign.

There is not a class of our people that has not suffered from the extortions of these combinations. The poorer class particularly—the men who must earn their living by their labor—have been their principal victims. It will be this class that will be called upon to help restore the McKINLEY tariff as something that will ensure them prosperity. No doubt many of them will be deceived by such representations, but their folly will only lead them into helping a measure which every trust and monopolistic combination is interested in restoring in order that there may be no limit to their extortionate practices from which the poorer class of people suffer the most.

——Wherever you hear a voter say that he won't vote the ticket if his party declares for a "single gold standard," or that he is against his party if it favors the "free and unlimited coinage of silver," put him down as the kind of a Democrat who don't know what Democracy means. The greatest tenet of Democracy, and the one upon which all Republican government must be based, is that which recognizes the right of the majority to rule. This should be the underlying principle with all Democrats.

——Whatever might be said of its typographical excellence and the strength of its editorial force the Philadelphia *Times* has lately been giving surprising evidence of weakness in its news departments. It has been the unpleasant duty of the WATCHMAN, on a number of occasions, to correct certain mis-statements made by the *Times* in relation to occurrences in this section of the State. But not until Monday did that journal convince us that its news departments are not only misleading, but behind the times as well. In the second column of the front page of the *Times*, issue of May 18th, will be found a dated news article, "Old Flame Flared Up," sporting a double head. It is taken, almost word for word, from a local that appeared in this paper exactly ten days before that date, with the exception that the WATCHMAN stated the fact that the wedding in question had been consummated at Bordentown, N. J., while the *Times* would have its readers believe that the union of the old lovers occurred in Bellefonte, when neither of them have been here for years. It would not have appeared so ridiculous had the *Times* published the story on an inside page, without date, but when what ought to be a metropolitan daily gets nearly two weeks behind a county weekly, things become laughable.

——The coronation of the new Czar of all the Russias, at Moscow, on Wednesday, brought gladness to the heart of many an exile and prisoner, as well as to the tax oppressed peasantry, many classes of whom were relieved of arrearages. The coronation of a Czar in Russia has always been the occasion of amnesty being extended to all classes of prisoners and derelicts. Wednesday's royal event was no exception to the rule.

——The recent dry weather will hardly have had a back-setting effect on the green pasture on which the circus sharp will feed next Wednesday.

County Democracy—Primary Election and County Convention.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections in their respective election districts, on

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to elect delegates to the County Convention, at which time they may vote instructions if they see fit. Under the rules of the party the election will open at 3 o'clock P. M. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house, in Bellefonte, on

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at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate, two candidates for Assembly,, one candidate for Sheriff, one candidate for Treasurer, one candidate for Register, one candidate for Recorder, two candidates for County Commissioner, two candidates for County Auditor, one candidate for Coroner, and one candidate for County Surveyor.

Said delegates, so chosen, will also, at the same, time elect three conferees to the next congressional caucus or conference of the 28th Congressional District of which Centre county forms a part: a chairman of the County Committee to serve from the first day of January, 1897, to the first day of January, 1898; and transact such other business as the interests of the party may require.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES,

The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled, based upon the vote for Governor in 1894, and as apportioned by the County Committee, in 1895, is as follows:

Bellefonte, N. W.	2	Haines, E. P.	2
" S. W.	3	" W. P.	3
" W. W.	1	Half Moon	1
Centre Hall Boro.	1	Harris	2
Howard "	1	Howard,	1
Milesburg "	1	Huston,	1
Millheim "	2	Liberty,	1
Philipsburg, 1st W.	1	Marion,	1
" 2nd W.	2	Miles, E. P.	1
" 3rd W.	1	" M. P.	2
S. Philipsburg	1	" W. P.	1
Unionville "	1	Patton,	1
Benner, N. P.	1	Penn,	4
" 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.	2
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	Union	1
" E. P.	2	Walker	4
" W. P.	2	Worth,	1
		Total	79

The officers for holding the primary election on the 6th of June, 1896, as determined by the County Committee at its last meeting on the 2nd inst., will consist of two assistants for each election district chosen by the committeeman of such district, and the following persons who are the members of the County Committee, to-wit:

Bellefonte, N. W. J. C. Harper, Bellefonte.
" S. W. Joseph Wise, "
" W. W. Geo. Harman, "
Centre Hall, Boro. J. Dauberman Jr., Centre Hall.
Howard " W. R. Gardner, Howard.
Milesburg " Homer Carr, Milesburg.
Millheim " J. W. Stover, Millheim.
Unionville " W. H. Earon, Fleming.
S. Philipsburg, S. T. Johnston, Philipsburg.
Philipsburg, 1st W., H. D. Rumberger, "
" 2nd W., J. A. Walton, "
" 3rd W. F. K. White, "
Benner, N. P. R. M. Henderson, Fillmore.
" S. P. John Ishler, Bellefonte.
Boggs, N. P. Henry Heaton, Milesburg.
" E. P. G. Hayes Lyman, Roland.
" W. P. Joseph W. Follmer, Milesburg.
Burnside, Wm. Hipple, Pine Glenn.
College, E. P. I. J. Dreese, Lemont.
" W. P. John Corrigan, State College.
Curtin, Nathan J. McCloskey, Romola.
Ferguson, E. P. W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills.
" W. P. Jacob Harpster, Gatesburg.
Gregg, N. P. James P. Grove, Penn's Cave,
" E. P. James C. Condo, Penn Hall.
" W. P. John Smith, Spring Mills.
Haines, W. P. Samuel Beaver, Aaronsburg.
" E. P. John J. Orndorf, Woodward,
Half Moon, David J. Gates, Stormstown.
Harris, Chas. A. From, Boalsburg.
Howard Twp., A. M. Butler, Howard.
Huston, Daniel Straw, Julian.
Liberty, W. H. Gardner, Blanchard.
Marion, Michael Zeigler, Walker.
Miles, E. P. Wallace I. Walker, Wolf's Store.
" M. P. C. J. Crouse, Rebersburg.
" W. P. Geo. W. Hazel, Madisonburg.
Patton, Edward Marshall, Fillmore.
Penn, Christ. Alexander, Coburn.
Potter, N. P. Geo. H. Emerick, Centre Hall.
" S. P. James B. Spangler, Tusseyville.
Rush, N. P. James B. Long, Philipsburg.
" S. P. Richard O'Neill, Powelton.
Snow Shoe, E. P. W. R. Haynes, Snow Shoe.
" " W. J. Kern, Moshannon,
Spring, N. P. John S. Yearick, Bellefonte.
" S. P. W. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap.
" W. P. Abraham Switzer, Bellefonte.
Taylor, Allen Hoover, Hannah.
Union, Samuel Emerick, Fleming.
Walker, A. L. Shaffer, Zion.
Worth, A. J. Johnson, Port Matilda.

H. J. JACKSON, Secretary. N. B. SPANGLER, Chairman Democratic County Committee.

Bellefonte, Penna., May, 18, 1896.

[The following rules intended for the official government of the party within the county, we publish for the information of the county chairman, (who has evidently lost his copy if he ever possessed one) as well as for the benefit of the Democratic voters.—ED. WATCHMAN.]

1. The Democratic County Convention of Centre county shall be composed of one delegate for every fifty Democratic votes polled at the presidential or gubernatorial election next preceding the convention. The allotment of delegates to the several election districts in the county shall be made by the standing committee of the county at its first meeting in every alternate year succeeding the presidential or gubernatorial elections and shall be in proportion to the Democratic votes cast in each district at such election.

2. The election for delegates to represent the different districts in the annual Democratic County Convention shall be held at the usual place of holding the general election for each district on the Saturday preceding the second Tuesday of June in each and every year, beginning at three o'clock p. m., on said day and continuing until seven o'clock p. m. The delegates so elected shall meet in County Convention in the Court House, at Bellefonte, on the Tuesday following at twelve o'clock p. m.

3. The said delegate election shall be held by an election board, to consist of the member of county committee for each district and two other Democratic voters thereof who shall be appointed or designated by the county committee. In case any of the persons so constituting the board shall be absent from the place of holding the election for a quarter of an hour after the time appointed by Rule Second for the opening of the same, his or their place or places shall be filled by an election, to be conducted viva voca, by the Democratic voters present at that time.

4. Every qualified voter of the district, who at the late general election voted the Democratic ticket, shall be entitled to a vote at the delegate election; any qualified elector of the district who will pledge his word of honor to support the Democratic ticket at the next general election shall be permitted to vote at the delegate elections.

5. The voting at all delegate elections shall be by ballot; upon which ballots shall be written or printed the name or names of the delegates voted for together with any instructions which the voter may desire to give the delegates. Each ballot shall be received from the person voting the same by a member of the election board, and by him deposited in a box or other receptacle provided for that purpose, to which no persons but members of the board shall have access.

6. No instructions shall be received or recognized unless the same be voted upon the ballot as provided in Rule Fourth, nor shall such instructions if voted upon the ballot be binding upon the delegates unless one-half or more of the ballots shall contain instructions concerning the same office. Whenever half or more of the ballots shall contain instructions concerning any office, the delegates elected at such election shall be held to be instructed to support the candidates having the highest number of votes for such office.

7. Each election board shall keep an accurate list of names of all persons voting at such elections, when the list of voters together with a full and complete return of such election, containing an accurate statement of the persons elected delegates and all instruction voted, shall be certified by said board to the county convention upon printed blanks to be furnished by the county convention.

8. Whenever from any district qualified Democratic voters, in numbers equal to five times the delegates which such district has in the county convention, shall complain in writing of an undue election, of false returns of delegates or of instruction, in which complaint the alleged facts shall be specifically set forth and verified by the affidavit of one or more persons, such complaints shall have the right to contest the seat of such delegates or the validity of such instructions. Such complaint shall be heard by a committee of five delegates to be appointed by the president of the convention; which said committee shall proceed to hear the parties, their proofs and allegations, and as soon as may be report to the convention what delegates are entitled to seats therein, and what instructions are binding upon such delegates. Whereupon the convention shall proceed immediately on the call of the yeas and nays to adopt or reject the report of the contesting parties; in which call of the yeas and nays the names of the delegates whose seats are contested or whose instructions are disputed shall be omitted.

9. All delegates must reside in the district they represent. In case of absence or inability to attend substitutes may be made from citizens of the district.

10. Delegates must obey the instructions given them by their respective districts and if violated, it shall be the duty of the president of the convention to cast the vote of such delegate or delegates in accordance with the instructions, and the delegate or delegates so offending shall be forthwith expelled from the convention, and shall not be eligible to any office or place of trust in the party for a period of two years.

11. In the convention a majority of all voters shall be necessary to a nomination, and no person's name shall be excluded from the list of candidates until after the third ballot or vote when the person receiving the least number of votes, shall be omitted and struck from the roll, and so on at each successive vote until a nomination be made.

12. If any person who is candidate for any nomination before a county convention shall be proven to have offered or paid any money or other valuable thing or made any promises of a consideration or reward to any delegate for his vote, or to any person with a view of inducing or securing the votes of delegates, or if the same shall be done by any other person with the knowledge and consent of such candidate, the name of such candidate shall be immediately stricken from the list of candidates; or if such facts be ascertained after his nomination, he shall be struck from the ticket and the vacancy supplied by a new nomination, and in either case such person shall be ineligible to any nomination by the convention or to an election as a delegate thereafter. And in case it shall be alleged after the adjournment of the convention that any candidate put in nomination has been guilty of such acts or of any other fraudulent practice to obtain such nomination, the charges shall be investigated by the county committee, and such steps taken as the good of the party may require.

13. If any delegate shall receive any money or other valuable thing, or accept the promise of any consideration or reward to be paid, delivered or secured to him or to any person for such candidate, as an inducement for his vote upon proof of the fact to the satisfaction of the convention such delegate will be forthwith expelled, and shall not be received as a delegate to any further convention, and shall be ineligible to any party nomination.

14. Cases arising under the Eighth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Rules shall have precedence over all other business in convention until determined.

15. That the term of the chairman of the county committee shall begin on the first day of January of each and every year.

16. That the delegates from the several boroughs and townships be authorized, in conjunction with the chairman of the county committee, to appoint the members of the committee for the various boroughs and townships.

17. That hereafter the representation of the Democratic party of Centre county in ALL *district* conferences shall consist of one delegate for every five hundred Democratic voters (or fractional part thereof over one half) cast at the last presidential or gubernatorial election. That the county committee of Centre, should apportion said county into districts each containing as nearly 500 Democratic votes as possible and publish said apportionment a sufficient time before the primary election to give the voter full and ample notice thereof. And that *district* delegates be elected at every subsequent election whenever a nomination is to be made.

Thirty Known Dead.

Details of the Cyclone's Ravages in Kansas Still Lacking—Many of the Victims Identified—Property Loss Will Foot Up Many Thousands.

KANSAS CITY, May 18.—Still incomplete reports from the cyclone-devastated region of Kansas show that the storm, which originated in the northwestern part of the state, followed a zigzag path, taking in the towns of Brankfort, Baileyville, Seneca. Sabetua, Reserve, Concordia and many others, crossing into Nebraska at Falls City.

At Sabetna and vicinity the dead are Mrs. Jacob Meisner, Hattie Buehney, Ellen Carry, the Sherrard and Conwell children, two in the first family and four in the latter, Mrs. Dan Sailor, Mrs. Scugg, Mrs. Beachy and four unknown adults, a total of 16. The injured number 11 more. Forty families in this town are homeless. The loss to property is about $40,000.

The town of Bodoville, Riley county, was swept away and five people were killed. At Spring Valley a church was destroyed and the 150 worshipers were all injured, Rev. Mason receiving probably fatal injuries.

At Reserve six people were killed and 15 injured. Among the dead are D. W. Terhune, aged 60, Ralph Sweeny, aged 9; Viola Phillips, aged 4, and John Rynder, a blind man. The town itself was destroyed, at a loss of $50,000. The cyclone here was in the shape of an umbrella and descended so suddenly that scarcely a dozen persons reached their cellars or cyclone pits.

At Oneida six people were killed and about 20 injured, while just to the northwest four persons were killed in the wreck of their houses.

The Bishops Named.

Deadlock at the Methodist General Conference Was Broken.—McCabe and Cranston Won Out.

CLEVELAND, May 19.—Bishop Bowman, the venerable senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, presided over the general conference, probably for the last time, this morning. This is the sixteenth day of the conference. None of the great questions to be settled by the conference have yet been discussed on the floor. The great questions of time limit, lay representation, amusements, temperance, recognition of Christian Endeavor societies, foreign episcopal residence, location of episcopal residences in the United States and many other equally important questions are yet to come up.

Rev. Charles I. Stafford, of Iowa, put the conference in a great uproar by moving that the election of bishops be indefinitely postponed. This was opposed by Dr. Buckley, and supported by Rev. R. Mace, of New Jersey. After further discussion, during which it was proposed to drop the candidate receiving the lowest vote on each ballot, the motion to postpone was defeated.

Rev. Dr. Robert Forbes, of Duluth, said that the people were getting converted too fast. "In some places all you have to do is to hold up your hand and shout, 'Come to Jesus,' and you are saved. It will soon be so that you may get saved by sending your cabinet photograph and having it baptized. Salvation will soon be on sale by telephone and telegraph." The report was adopted.

The fourteenth ballot for bishops resulted as follows: McCabe, 258; Cranston, 261; Hamilton, 149; Buttz, 123; Neeley, 112; Bowen, 35. Chaplain C. C. McCabe was elected bishop on the fifteenth ballot and Earl Cranston was within nine votes of election. The announcement of the result was greeted with great applause and loud cries of "McCabe." The vote necessary to a choice, 336. McCabe, 344; Cranston, 328, Buttz, 112; Hamilton, 109; Neeley, 50; Bowen, 30.

Chaplain McCabe was invited to the platform, where he received the congratulations of his brother bishops. Bishop-elect McCabe led the conference in singing the old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Earl Cranston was elected bishop on the sixteenth ballot. The vote: Necessary to a choice 336; Cranston 366, Buttz 82, Hamilton 36; Neeley 10, scattering 10.

Horace Boies for President.

The Choice of Iowa Democrats for the Chief Magistracy.

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 19.—The representatives of the Democracy of this State, in convention to-morrow, will declare for free silver and will present Horace Boies as Iowa's candidate for the presidential nomination upon the Democratic ticket. Thereupon the ex-Governor will make an address unequivocally endorsing the sixteen to one doctrine and, receding from the attitude he has hitherto assumed, will announce that he places himself in the hands of his friends. This is the program as outlined by the leaders of the dominant element to-night.

There are indications, however, that it will not be carried through without possible scenes of turbulence and disorder. Although outnumbered, three to one, the gold standard advocates, led by ex-Congressman Harper will fight to the last ditch.

Nothing in It, Says Hastings.

HARRISBURG, May 20.—Governor Hastings, when asked about the story that Senator Quay proposed to make him vice President, as told in dispatches from Washington, said this morning that it was the first he had heard of it. He read the story with some interest and at the end remarked: "There is nothing in it." The Governor says he is not a candidate for anything, that he is a delegate to the national convention and expects to go and place Quay's name before the convention for President. Furthermore he is very well contented with his present official position and does not care to change it.

——Two New York journals, The World and The Herald, have successively made efforts to get Candidate McKinley to say where he stands on the money question, and to each and every such attempt his unvarying answer has been: "I have nothing to say." But the people whose intelligence he thus insults, and whose business welfare he thus trifles with, may have something to say. They had something to say once before the Major in a style which made his ears tingle; and they have not lost the courage of their convictions, nor their contempt for the cowardice that seeks refuge in silence when an issue demanding honest and manliness is to be met.

All Through Brush Valley.

This week all the farmers of the valley are engaged in making roads.

Rev. Shortess, of Madisonburg, was in Columbia county last week.

Reuben Gramley is improving, but Mrs. George Kreamer is quite ill.

Dr. Hosterman, the dentist, is now located at Thomas Auman's, in Rebersburg.

George Hubler is slowly improving from a stroke of paralysis of the entire left side of his body.

Hon. Henry Meyer, of Rebersburg, is very busy with the law and lumber business this summer and the fish are glad of it.

Madisonburg has "planted" its telephone poles about half way to Rebersburg but they have not been wired yet.

The household goods of the new Reformed minister, Rev. Moses George, were shipped to Rebersburg this week. The preacher and family will come on the 29th or 30th.

Israel Krumrine, who has been living in Rebersburg for some years, will move to Williamsport in a few days where he has bought property and will keep a meat market.

Spring Mills.

Arthur Kerlin, of Centre Hall, is reported to be the most extensive dealer in eggs in Penns valley.

Bark pealing is now in order. We have been shipping from our R. R. station for the last ten days, about four car loads daily.

On Sunday last James Kennelley, of this village, killed a black snake near his residence measuring four feet, seven inches in length.

Last week Mrs. Faus and her sister visited their mother, Mrs. Williams, at Lamar, Clinton Co. They also visited a sister residing in Williamsport.

The citizen's band are practicing for Decoration day. They are under the instruction of Prof. W. A. Brown, of Farmer's Mills, a very competent teacher.

Samuel Crainford, one of the respected citizen's of Gregg township, visits our village quite frequently, The venerable gentleman has hosts of friends here and they are always glad to see him.

W. Shiner, the energetic insurance agent of our village, is kept very busy of late. He is also connected with the fire escape company of Johnstown. This "escape" is a first rate arrangement, easily adjusted and there is no necessity for being cremated when such a contrivance to prevent it, can be obtained for very little money.

RUN OVER BY HIS WAGON.—John Durst, son of Philip Durst, from near Centre Hall, met with a shocking accident, on Thursday last. He was hauling baled hay and accidentally fell before the wagon, the front wheel passing over his arm crushing it in a fearful manner, he also received a dangerous wound in the head. His condition is said to be critical. The accident occurred about a half mile above our village.

G. H. Leymen, of Boggs township, Democratic candidate for the nomination for sheriff was here last week. He reports his prospects as being very flattering. Prof. Meyers, of Harris Twp., Democratic candidate for the nomination of commissioner, was also here. The Prof. is very popular in this valley, both politically and musically. A. R. Alexander, of Penn, and Frank Foreman, of Centre Hall, both Democratic candidates for the nomination for recorder, were also visitors. They both rank high in this neighborhood. C. P. Long, merchant of our village and Republican candidate for the nomination for treasurer, has been afflicted for the past few days with a sty in one of his eyes. Politically Mr. Long is making a strong canvas.

Pine Grove Mention.

Cards are out for a wedding at the home of farmer Ewing, on the 26th.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Dunlap Stover, of Altoona, is making her annual spring visit to our town folks.

Wm. J. Myers is this week in attendence at the I. O. O. F. grand lodge meeting at Pittsburg. He is the representative of Penns Valley lodge 276, and a full report can be expected upon his return.

Mrs. Mary Archey, mother of Mrs. Hezekiah Ewing, died at her home at Orbisonia after a long illness. She was eighty years old and well known here where most of her relatives live. She was buried in the Graysville cemetery on the 21st.

Two ex-sheriffs, Woodring and Ishler, spent several days last week showing up their line of farm implements and the wood binder which they are agents for. They also handle a Canada thistle exterminator that will destroy the pest.

Our farmer friend, Andy Lytle, is spending his spare moments trying to get the good will of a young bear. It is one of the three young cubs that were caught in the mountains back of Coburn by young Homan and Hoover, who were fishing and chanced to see the cubs and carried them off before old bruin put in her appearance. The bear is fairly tame and has only brought the blood once with his scratches.

Decoration day services will be held at Meek's burial ground on the 30th at 1:30 o'clock p. m., when Rev. Guyer will deliver the address. The next objective point will be Pine Grove cemetery where attorneys Dale and Mitchell, of Bellefonte, will orate. All the Sunday schools, the J. O. U. A. M. and the I. O. O. F. organizations will assist the G. A. R. at the services. Pine Hall cemetery will be visited at 5:30, Rev. Jas. O. Dennison of State College will eulogize the fallen heroes who faced the foe, and in many instances lost their lives.

Rev. Mr. Pohlman, who was billed for a lecture on Africa, failed to get here on account of having collided with a trolley car while riding his bicycle. The large audience which had assembled were not disappointed, as they were treated to a fine sermon by the Rev. Wm. G. Fortney who referred several times to his youthful days spent in our midst. In the school room he was known as a ready debater and good talker. His beard is quite gray, but his face is still unseamed by the lines of time. He is a brother of D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte and J. G. of this place.

Among the candidates, anxious to serve the people in official capacity who passed this way last week, were Port Burkett, republican candidate for treasurer entreating his friends to stand fast and he is sure of the nomination; Dan Heckman, of Benner, who made a flying trip as did Joe Neff of Boggs, both looking up old and new friends on the democratic side. Frank Forman, of Potter, was in town politically, he is quite popular with the boys and his fences are in good repair. We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Richards, of Philipsburg, republican candidate for register, over this way getting his friends in line. This is his first visit to Penns Valley. Runkel, of Bellefonte, and Emerick, of Walker township, were both here getting in their work for the sheriff's nomination.

DEATH OF WILSON GARDNER.—On the evening of the 16th Wilson Gardner one of our most respected citizens died at his home after a long illness. For months he had been in failing health and in the last weeks he had gone down rapidly with consumption. All his life was passed on the farm on which he was born it is, probably one of the best located in the "Glades." Surrounded with all the comforts of a pleasant home and the companionship of a congenial family, he enjoyed life thoroughly. His death is the first break in the home circle where hospitality and kindness were shown so generously.

He was the oldest son of John and Mary Wilson Gardner both dead these many years. He was 55 years, 9 months and 9 days old. Early in life he joined the Presbyterian church and ever continued a helpful member. His wife, Sarah Keichline and their five children William and Harry, Robert and George and Mary survive him. His sisters and brother living are Mrs. Clemson and Kate, of Pittsburg, Mrs. Mattern and Mrs. Goheen, of Tyrone, Mrs. Kinkaid, of Illinois, and Frank of Pennsylvania Furnace. He was conscious that death was near and as his daughter ministered so faithfully to him he said he was ready and willing to go where sickness and sorrow enter not. His funeral on the 20th, was one of the largest ever seen in this valley. Rev. Ermintrout conducted the services assisted by Rev. Kelly and Aikens. Interment was made in the Graysville cemetery.

Centre Hall.

Present indications show good prospects for all kinds of fruit through this valley.

Samuel Kreamer and Miss Sadie Sholl were married quietly at the home of the bride, Thursday evening of last week. Mr. Kreamer is the junior member of the mercantile firm of Kreamer & Son, successor to Harper & Kreamer.

The cemetery association of this place purchased the old Reformed church site last week for $250 and will add it to the present burying ground owned by that association. A number of important improvements will be made in the cemetery during the present year.

A convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the northern conference of the Lutheran church will be held in this place on the 3rd and 4th of June. The local society here is a stirring body, and will make every effort to have an interesting and instructive gathering.

A great many more improvements are being made by residents to their homes. They are too numerous and varied to mention, suffice to say that it is an indication that there must be some money in the tills of the property owners which they are willing to exchange for better appearances and comforts.

W. B. Mingle received his justice of the peace commission last week, and is now a justice in the fullest sense of the word. Of all local offices, justice of the peace is the most important, and the borough congratulates itself upon having an official as fair-minded, honest and capable as the present incumbent. Our people have implicit confidence in 'squire Mingle's integrity, and intelligence, and that he will act in his official capacity in a just and fearless manner will not be questioned by anyone who has the slightest acquaintance with him.

Every other candidate that comes around to love you this season of the year never forgets to add that he has nothing to say against his competitors, but at the same time gives them all the shaking up he possibly can. Another familiar talk is how ill-paid every trade, business and occupation is, excepting the public officers from county to the presidential chair. (The latter most of these office-seekers know too much to fill.) Now, if these men are really sincere, let them come before the people and say that they will perform the work in the office to which they are aspiring for a certain sum, and they will find that many voters will put the X opposite their name.

State College and Vicinity.

Dr. G. G. Pond is absent on a short business trip East.

J. A. Fries has just returned from a business trip to the eastern part of the State.

Miss Mae Beck is visiting at the pleasant home of her friend Miss Nell Patterson.

On last Sunday evening the Epworth League anniversary was the occasion of the presentation of a fine program.

Mrs. Wm. C. Patterson has just returned from College Park, Md., where she has been visiting her son Harry T., who is an officer of the Maryland experiment station.

Hon. Thos. J. Edge, secretary of state Department of Agriculture, and Hon. A. C. True, division director of experiment stations of U. S. Department of Agriculture, were two prominent visitors here during the past week.

The board of road viewers consisting of E. R. Chambers, Chas. Smith and Chris Decker have reported on the opening of a road from the turnpike at the M. E. church to Boalsburg road between the properties of Robert M. and Wm. Foster.

The cadets were inspected last Saturday by an officer of the U. S. army, who was accompanied by some of the officers of company B. of Bellefonte. The officer was very much pleased with the inspection. The battalion did credit to itself.

Books, Magazines, Etc.

The taste for the pleasures of the wilderness, which is rapidly increasing in this country, will be gratified by a paper on "The Ouananiche and its Canadian Environment," announced for publication in the June number of *Harper's*. By the employment of the name "ouananiche" the author, Mr. E. T. D. Chambers, introduces a decidedly pretty and somewhat unfamiliar word into the popular vocabulary: but it should not be inferred from this that he makes a secret of his theme or a hopeless mystery of the angler's art. Quite the contrary.

Bret Harte's new story and Jerome K. Jerome's latest piece of fiction have both been secured by *The Ladies' Home Journal* for immediate publication. Jerome's story is called "Reginald Blake; Financier and Cad," and sketches an incident in fashionable London society. Bret Harte calls his story "The Indiscretion of Elsbeth," and pictures the romance of a young American who falls in love with a German princess, masquerading as a dairy maid.

Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, will contribute to the June number of *The Forum* a powerful and convincing article advocating the "Election of Senators by Popular Vote." He thinks that the political and moral supremacy of the people can be rightfully expressed and maintained only when they exercise this right *directly* and not *vicariously*. He believes that the election of United State Senators by popular vote will (1) afford an efficient remedy for the many evils resulting from the present system of Senatorial elections—such as length of time consumed and frequent failure to choose, and the consequent distraction of the legislative mind from its proper business; (2) discourage the use of improper means to influence the control of Senatorial elections; (3) greatly diminish the temptation to gerrymander; (4) enlarge the political rights of the individual voter relating to suffrage: (5) eliminate from elections involving the selection of members of the legislature one great cause for irritation and unseemly contention wherein as a rule the question upon which everything is made to turns is as to how this or that man will vote for Senator, rather than upon the question as to his fitness for the office of legislator; and (6) effectively tend to the destruction of "boss rule." Senator Mitchell contends that a thoroughly aroused and enlightened public opinion demands the change, and urges that this demand be respected by Congress to the extent of giving the people of the several States, through their representatives in the legislatures an opportunity to pass upon the question; for, in his opinion, "no harm is likely to come to representative republican government in America by intrusting to the qualified electors of the nation the right to choose by popular vote the men who are to make their laws."

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