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The Meeting of the Democratic County Committee.

The Democratic county meeting meeting at headquarters, in this place, last Monday was very fairly attended and the business that was brought before it was promptly attended to.

The half votes in the South ward of Bellefonte and Harris Twp. were deemed the most equitable way of settling a condition that made those two precincts tie for the tenth delegate.

It was the opinion of the committee that the lately divided precincts of Walker township should send their delegates to the next county convention as they did before the township was divided and that after the fall's election it can be more satisfactorily determined what representation each precinct shall have.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one and chairman TAYLOR infused as much life as possible into his committeemen. He assured them that the fact that this will be a comparatively small campaign isn't going to deter him from making it a hot one.

The State Legislature has finally passed the libel bill framed by the Pennsylvania editorial association. The bill provides that in a proceeding for libel, malice must be shown on the part of the writer and also that in no case can the defendant in any prosecution for libel be indicted for the printing or publication of the same libel upon the same individual in more than one county of the State.

The United States Senate failed to ratify the famous general arbitration treaty that ex-Secretary OLNEY drew with England as the last deed of import of the CLEVELAND administration. The vote was 43 to 26, just 4 short of the necessary two-thirds. Nineteen Senators did not vote and RODGER Q. MILLS, of Texas, made a strong appeal against its ratification.

Rivers are Falling.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 4.—The river at Memphis continues to fall, the decline for twenty-four hours being 1.7, showing 35.1 feet of water above the zero mark on the gauge, which is a foot and a half below the danger line.

Volos Clear of the Turks.

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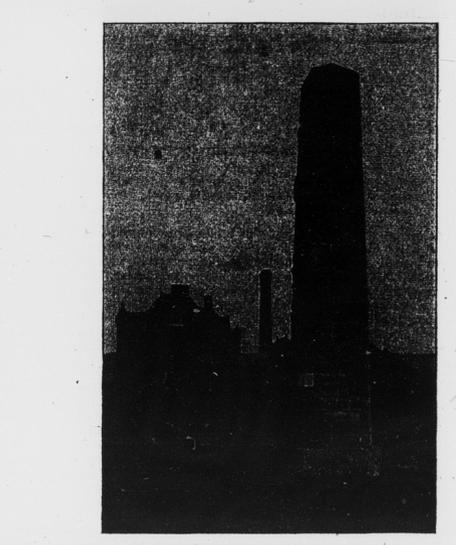
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A SHAFT OF PENNSYLVANIA'S BUILDING STONES.

This reproduction is of a polyolith or stone shaft that has been erected upon the campus at The Pennsylvania State College and is particularly interesting to Pennsylvanians because it presents an exposure of every kind of stone found in this State. They are arranged in geological order and include 381 samples procured from 129 localities. The base block is conglomerate, 6 x 6 x 2.5 ft. The column is 5 ft. square at the base, 32.7 ft. high and weighs 33.4 tons.

VALUE OF THE STONE PRODUCT IN 1895, BY STATES.

Table with columns for Limestone, Slate, Sandstone, Granite, Marble, and Total. Rows list various states including Pennsylvania, Vermont, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Connecticut, and Georgia.

In 1895 eight States produced more granite than Pennsylvania; five, more marble three, more paving blocks; two, more cement; one, more sandstone; none, more Portland rock.

The compact varieties of grey and dark granites, gneiss and volcanic rocks are abundant and very accessible to Philadelphia. In red and brown sandstones the State is abundantly supplied. Very large deposits of the equivalent of the famous Connecticut brown stone exist in Eastern Pennsylvania. Firm and beautifully colored sandstones abound in the South Western counties. But it is in marble and limestone that this State should be a heavy producer; in color they range from white to black; in strength and durability some equal the best; and in variety, from the oolite to the dense cement rock.

War Will Continue.

LONDON, May 5th.—The Athens correspondent of the Times says: "The cabinet sat until day break (Tuesday) hearing the reports of the ministers from the front, and finally decided to continue the war. General Smolenski has declined to accept the post of chief of staff of the crown prince, as he prefers to remain with his own brigade. The decision of the government is momentous, but it is difficult to say whether it is absolutely final.

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Pittsburg's Big Fire.

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PITTSBURG, May 3.—It is believed that last night's fire, which was the most disastrous that has visited Pittsburg since the great fire of 1845, except during the riots of 1877, destroyed \$3,000,000 worth of property, and it probably resulted in two deaths and the injury of four others. The burnt section extends from Fifth street to Cecil alley on Penn avenue, and from Cecil alley to Fifth street on Liberty street, covering an area of several acres.

KILLED, MISSING AND INJURED. The names of the killed, missing and injured are: Killed—George Atkinson, No. 15 engine company.

Missing—George Thomas, No. 15 engine company. Injured—Elmer Crock, No. 7 engine company, struck on the head by falling bricks; Michael Daley, No. 7 engine company, cut and bruised and arm broken by falling lamp; George Meekin, No. 7 engine company, struck by falling bricks and bruised.

A number of other firemen are missing and are supposed to be buried under the walls at Liberty avenue and Cecil alley. Some of the larger sufferers by the fire and their estimated losses are: T. C. Jenkins' wholesale grocery, totally destroyed; stock valued at \$400,000, insurance \$150,000; building valued at \$100,000, insurance about \$5,000.

Joseph Horne & Co., retail dry goods; totally destroyed; stocks and building valued at \$1,000,000, fully insured. Horne's office building, totally destroyed; valued at \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000.

Methodist Book Concern building, valued at \$125,000; badly damaged; loss about \$20,000; insured. Phipps' building, valued at \$100,000; slightly damaged; loss, about \$5,000; insured.

IMMENSE STORES ON FIRE. The Duquesne theatre and the Surprise clothing company's immense stores were on fire several times, but were saved with small loss.

A number of other neighboring business houses and tenants in various buildings suffered greater or less individual losses, the aggregate of which it is impossible to give at present.

The fire broke out, no man knows how, about midnight in the wholesale grocery building of T. C. Jenkins & Co., and burnt for nearly four hours, ending at 4 o'clock this morning before it was finally controlled. The insurance has not yet been figured up, but it must surely exceed \$1,500,000.

LATER.—Fireman Atkinson's mangled remains have been taken from the ruins. George Thomas and the other missing firemen have all turned up. The injured men will all recover.

An Awful Fire Occurred in the City of Paris.

The Dead Piled in Heaps.—One Hundred Corpses Laid Out. Waiting for Claimants.—Many Dreading Scenes.—Society People as Well as the Bourgeois Were Victims.—The Firemen Worked Gallantly but Fruitlessly.—How the Conflagration Lived.

PARIS, May 4.—Hundreds of lives were lost and as many more persons injured in a fire which destroyed a charitable bazar in the Rue Jean Gouzon this afternoon. Thirty bodies have been recovered and many are reported missing. From 1,500 to 1,800 people were in the place at the time and a terrible panic ensued. The strong trampled upon the weak, the young crushed the old to the floor, and heart-rending shrieks rose from all sides as the flames swept through and into the struggling masses.

The bazar was patronized by the aristocracy, and the fire broke out over Stal, No. 13, occupied by the Duchess D'Uzès, one of the most prominent society women in France. The structure was 300 feet long by 180 feet wide and almost entirely of wood. Before the firemen could arrive the roof of the bazar crashed in, burying numbers of those who had been unable to make their egress from the building. The whole wooden structure was blazing before the firemen could reach the bazar. The roof crashed upon the weak, the young crushed the old to the floor, and heart-rending shrieks rose from all sides as the flames swept through and into the struggling masses.

In spite of the efforts of the firemen, some time elapsed before the charred bodies could be pulled from the smoking and burning mass of debris covering the spot which but a short time before had been the scene of so much gaiety. One hundred corpses have been laid out in the Palais D'Industrie. It is believed that another hundred are beneath the ruins.

The building was erected in the flimsiest manner, the nudity of the scaffolding inside being concealed by tapestry hangings of the most inflammable matter. Moreover, there was only one exit. The bazar was in full swing when suddenly about 4 o'clock, the cry of fire rose in the quarter where the cinematograph was being exhibited. One of the survivors tells his experience:

The dead bodies were piled in heaps, especially near the exit, where the charred remains were four feet deep, arms, legs and skulls mingled in inextricable confusion. In some cases only the trunks remained, with no vestige of clothing on any of the bodies.

The firemen arrived at 6 o'clock and a company of infantry followed to clear the ruins and search for corpses. All the cabinet ministers now in Paris went immediately to the scene.

Policemen, their hands covered with gloves, have been deputized by the prefect of police to pick out the portions of remains and to wrap them in pieces of cloth, to be transferred in ambulances to the Palais D'Industrie. The remains present a horrible spectacle of limbs, burned and twisted. On all sides can be seen stretchers piled with mutilated corpses, skulls split open and brains extruding.

Miss Elsie Bushbeck, of Philadelphia, the Misses Hawthorn and Dreher, were of the few who escaped, although not unscathed. The search in the debris will continue all night. The fire originated on the left side of the bazar. The limiting apparatus of the cinematograph exploded and set fire to the Turkish curtains and hangings. In a few moments the flames spread along the whole side of the bazar.

The whole of the highest society in Paris is in a horrible pell-mell—husbands seeking and calling for wives, and fathers seeking and calling for daughters.

Bodies completely nude, limbs twisted in writhings of agony, some still having shreds of clothing which assist recognition in spite of horrible disfigurement, bones visible through fire-eaten flesh, some merely skeletons or grinning skulls blackened with smoke.

At 8:30 p. m. only six bodies have been recognized with certainty. As soon as President Faure heard of the

disaster he sent the most pressing inquiries for full particulars to the prefect of police. All the theatres in Paris are closed to-night.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

THE UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS AT PHILIPSBURG.—The fifty-first annual session of the state council of the O. U. A. M. is now in session in Philipsburg. That place is in holiday attire in honor of the several hundred prominent secret society men who are there and much business of importance to the order has been transacted. The home papers publish the following concerning the meeting.

Philipsburg is gay with hunting and the national colors lead brightness to the town in spite of weeping skies. The thermometer and barometer are but poor indicators of the welcome the state convention of the O. U. A. M. was given by the people. The delegates began to arrive in town on Monday and every train brought additional visitors until between two and three hundred had arrived, many of them prominent in the order, and all of them nice looking men. The convention held its first session at 10 a. m. Tuesday. Mr. Eli Townsend, representing Burgess Simler, made an address of welcome in which he voiced the welcome of the citizens to the visitors, and spoke very flatteringly of the Mechanics and also of the town and its advantages. Ex-S. C. Saybolt responded on behalf of the order and explained the aims and benefits of the organization. President Hornbecker presided over the meeting, at the close of which they went into secret session.

THE STREET PARADE. Despite the inclemency of the weather Tuesday evening the state council representatives indulged in a street parade, headed by the International band. About 170 members of the order were in line, and made a fine appearance. On account of the showers which were prevailing many did not venture out.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR. The election tellers reported the following result of the election of state officers for ensuing year: S. C., Geo. H. Lavelly, of Johnston; S. V. G., Rev. J. F. Flegal, of Duncannon; S. C. Secretary, Walter Gann, of Philadelphia; S. G. Treas., Chas. H. Kurtz, of Philadelphia; S. C. Induc., L. Watkins Moore, Fernwood; S. C. Ex., E. M. Shade, Chambersburg; S. C. Pro., S. A. Rankin, Roscoe; Natl. Rep., Chas. H. Kurtz, Philadelphia; Natl. Rep. to fill unexpired term of Rev. J. F. Flegal, H. M. Holstein, Harrisburg.

The next meeting place of the state council will be at Reading.

THE BENEFICIAL END OF IT. The funeral aid, auxiliary to the O. U. A. M. met in fourth annual convention, on Monday afternoon. The aid is in a flourishing condition, having 85 councils with a total membership of about 2,000. Death benefits having been paid on nineteen members during the year, amounting to \$2,900.

All kinds of bicycle sundries, repairing and enameling in the finest style at Sheffer's war rooms in the Exchange.

New spring clothing just opened at Faubles'. Prices much lower than ever. It will pay you to investigate.

Centre Hall.

The members of the Evangelical association turned out Monday and constructed a walk in front of the parsonage and church.

Miss Grace Smith returned from Williamsport on Wednesday evening, where she had been visiting friends for the past ten days. Communion will be celebrated Sunday evening, May 16th, in the Lutheran church. It was postponed from last Sabbath on account of the heavy rains on that day.

The genial and popular landlord of the Eutaw House, at Potters Mills, Jas. B. Reish, accompanied by his wife, spent several hours in town Wednesday transacting business and shaking hands with his many friends here.

Minor improvements are being made on the street opposite the Reformed church. The council has not decided to what extent labor will be expended on the streets, but doubtless the work began last season will be continued.

The heavy and continuous rains, the latter part of last week and the beginning of this, rendering out door work by the farmers impossible, was taken advantage of by a large number of them to transact business in town and to pay social visits to their less busy friends here.

W. J. Smith, the town farmer, will try an experiment with crimson clover and Canadian field peas, as well as a large quantity of sweetensilage corn. He is the first to try the above crops in this section, although they are largely grown in other localities in Pennsylvania. His experiment may prove valuable to the farmers who will learn by object lessons.

A drive through Pennsylvally or a look from the top of Nittany mountain, since the beautiful rains of the forepart of the week, is discouraging to the pessimist. At no time of the season for the past few years have the fields looked as promising. One year ago there was scarcely a good wheat field to be seen in the valley, to-day just the reverse is the case, and the indications are for an enormous hay crop as nine tenths of the hay fields are clover.

E. M. Hewett will have the interior and exterior of his house repainted before occupying it. The saw mill was shipped from his recent lumber job and is being taken to the seven mountains, where Mr. Hewett has a large tract of timber land to operate upon. He thoroughly understands lumbering which enables him to do a profitable business. His return to this place is looked on with pleasure by those who have business or social relations with him.

At a meeting of Samuel Shannon Post held Saturday afternoon, the usual arrangements were made for Decoration day. Decoration coming on Sunday, the post decided to perform the ceremonies the following Monday, beginning at Farmers Mills in the morning, thence to Spring Mills, George's Valley, Potters Mills, Centre Hill and closing at Centre Hall at 6 p. m. Rev. Eisenberg, of Centre Hall at 6 p. m. Rev. Eisenberg, of Centre Hall will preach the annual sermon to the post Tuesday previous to Memorial day at George's Valley at ten a. m.

Potatoes are worth but ten cents when you can sell them. There are hundreds of bushels for sale in the valley that can not be marketed. Many farmers are convinced that to dabble too largely in what belongs to the specialist is dangerous business from a financial standpoint.

The Los Angeles Herald gives a splendid portrait of Miss Anna Flora Burkhard who was recently married to Byron Erkenbrecher, a millionaire starch manufacturer. Miss Burkhard was one of the prettiest and most fashionable ladies on the Pacific coast and is a granddaughter of Susan Harpster, sister of the Harpsters of this place where she was raised and married to "Wash" Neff, brother of Dr. P. Neff. The Neff family moved west where the husband died, subsequently the widow married Mr. Burkhard, whose daughter is mentioned above. So much for a pretty girl who is doubtless proud of the fact that her ancestors once resided here.

Supervisors Bruss and Krumrine, of Potter township, are feeling the tax-payer's pulse to find out whether it would be advisable to purchase a first-class stone crusher. The thermometer shows a rather elevated temperature, owing to the present debt of the township caused by mismanagement of ex-supervisors, but the crusher is needed and may possibly be purchased. With the Hamilton road bill in sight, the authorities could not make a mistake by adding this necessary machine for the construction of good roads.

The average Centre Hall Democrat is proud because the county committee gave the borough an additional delegate. That sounds good for the borough Democracy, and shows the falsity of the repeated statements that the Democrats are in cahoot with the Republicans. Those who are Democrats from principle don't even mind being called mongrels and all sorts of ugly names, by those who are constantly asking for more pie from the Democratic county organization, but go on voting for every man in the Democratic column not for pie's sake but because they always have been Democrats. North precinct of Potter township also gained a delegate.

The smart man was around town a few weeks ago and tried his hand on the town school board and, no doubt, others in the township. He had a set of blocks which formed a cube and sphere, and gave all the information necessary for the civil service examination for a first class appointment under McKinley. The school board thought the blocks very useful but the price, nearly forty dollars was a stunner, and the board wisely concluded to leave the wise man go. The forty dollars will help pay the additional two months school, advocated by many of the borough residents. A straw vote, which may be taken soon, will without doubt show a large majority for ten months of public school. The coming school board is not made of the same material that boards are saved from.

Water is still running over the tongues of the populace. A committee is having the option held by councilmen C. F. Deininger for certain water rights transformed into leases for ninety-nine years, the condition being less than those named in the option held by Deininger as an individual. This shows conclusively that those who claimed they knew what they were saying when an effort was made to delude the public and make believe that Deininger intended to bleed the borough! Your correspondent does not claim infallibility but anyone who would willfully misrepresent things as they are, would necessarily impugn Councilmen Deininger's motives in every action taken in the town council for the public good. Water we must have, and water we will have.

Pine Grove Mention.

Gossip has a wedding near at hand. Mrs. Samuel Moore, of State College, Sunday with her aged mother, on Main street. Supervisors Arcey and Gray will have no trouble in finding mud holes in the highways now.

W. A. Tanyer is anxiously awaiting an express package with which he is going to supply every household in the land with articles of use and ornament.

Mrs. Hezekiah Ewing spent the early part of the week visiting her daughter Mary, at Mill Hall, who has recovered sufficiently from her recent illness to attend school.

George and Ella Graham are mourning the death of their little son, William Leslie, who died at their State College home on last Friday. His body was brought here on Sunday and buried in the new cemetery at three o'clock.

George D. Gitt, one of Hanover's most prosperous business men, is visiting his sister Mrs. Aikens, at the Lutheran parsonage. He is pleasant and agreeable and has made so many friends here that time does not drag while he stays.

Our young Wanamaker, on Main street, N. Titus Krebs, has just received a large assortment of goods from Philadelphia and New York. The newest styles and designs in dress goods and notions of every description at lowest prices.

Our popular miller J. D. Wagner has succeeded in putting the mill into excellent order and is now running it on full time. His grade of flour is so good that we are sure his head would be turned if he could hear all the praise the women are heaping on him.

D. C. Gingrich, so well and favorably remembered by the patrons of the Oak Hall mill and who exchanged politics last fall, for the grocery business at Juniata, has sold out and returned to his old haunts to look about for a new undertaking. We would not be surprised to see him develop into a full fledged huckster.

Little did we think when we last mentioned J. B. Ardi's trotter that he would speed it so soon, but last Saturday afternoon he gave it a trial. In company with his friend Major Everts he took a drive and as the clouds looked a little loopy they both got out to fasten down the curtains of the buggy when the trotter started off. For two miles it had the right of way and kept up the pace and the gentlemen followed on the walk. Fortunately some good Samaritan caught the horse and brought it back so that the passengers, by speeding it well on the home stretch, were able to make the 5:30 train for State College otherwise the major would have missed his Sunday school lesson.