

Democratic County Committee for 1897.

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Table listing names and addresses for various townships including Bellefonte, Centre Hall, and others.

The Democratic State Ticket. For State Treasurer, MICHAEL E. BROWN; For Auditor General, WALTER E. RITTER.

To the Work, Democrats. The apparent lack of interest in the election that is now only four days off leads us to urge the Democrats of Centre county to arouse themselves to the importance with which the coming contest is fraught.

That there should be apathy and lack of interest on the part of Republicans, everywhere, is but the natural outcome of their undeniable disappointment at the failure of their national administration to tariff the country into a prosperous condition.

The fact of there being but two minor county offices to fill should not deter a single Democrat from taking a most aggressive interest in the election next Tuesday.

Are you going to remain passive in this fight when a Republican victory in the county is to result in augmented Republican strength in a campaign when the principal offices are the stake?

This Year's Duty. In casting their ballots at the election next Tuesday the voters should have an eye to the issues of next year.

are allowed to remain in the hands that now have charge of them and prevent the examination that will expose the long prevailing misuse of state funds and mismanagement of public affairs.

There are no two offices connected with state government more important than those of auditor general and state treasurer. They are more closely connected than any others with the state revenues and public expenditures.

Time for Our People to Waken Up.

On Wednesday morning most discouraging news was received in this place relative to the hoped for resumption of the VALENTINE iron works. As has already been published the firm of ROGERS, BROWN & Co., Cincinnati iron brokers, had signified a desire to keep the Valentine works in operation and soon after the suspension made overtures toward that end.

Owing to complications in the business of the concern there has been considerable delay in the correspondence, but Wednesday's mail brought word from the brokers that owing to the lateness of the season, the possibility of difficulty in securing lake ore and of mining the domestic ore and because the extension granted by the creditors runs until January 1st, only, they thought it impracticable to relight the furnace for a two month's test under such disadvantages.

Of course all hope of resuming has not been abandoned, but it appears to us that the citizens of the town should get together and consult with the hope of turning up some practicable scheme for operating this great plant. Here are three hundred men out of employment, without a hope of getting anything else to do, hereabouts, and they must either leave or become public charges.

Look at every near-by town. In Tyrone they have a new glass works and a new shoe factory; in Lock Haven, a new glass works has just begun operations; in Sunbury, a great silk mill; in Bloomsburg, an iron plant. Almost everywhere there is some effort being put forth except in Bellefonte.

We have the plants here and every facility. All that is needed is a small working capital. Are the citizens of Bellefonte going to add to their own poor taxes, help to depreciate the value of their own properties and permit this army of working men to drift away to other towns because of an indifference to the extremity in which the town finds herself?

Waken up, business men, see where you are drifting to, ere it becomes too late. Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad. The personally-conducted tourist system of the Pennsylvania railroad company is the highest perfection yet attained in railway travel.

A Good Reason for Them. Prohibitionist Swallow and banker Thompson profess well and we have no reason to doubt the realism of their desire for pure government.



GEORGE W. JACKSON. From His Latest Photograph by Gilbert, Phila.

George W. Jackson is Dead. The Last Member of a Famous Banking Firm Has Disappeared—An Honorable, Charitable, Modest Citizen. His Life From Boyhood the Triumph of Right.

George W. Jackson, senior member of the banking house of Jackson, Hastings & Co., and one of Bellefonte's most honorable citizens, died in the University hospital, in Philadelphia, a few minutes after nine o'clock last Friday morning.

His illness had its beginning in a slight cold that later threatened to develop into pneumonia. This tendency being counteracted an affection of the kidneys complicated his troubles so that his condition became alarming and he was taken to the city to undergo an operation for gravel.

The body was brought home on Saturday morning and burial was made from St. John's Episcopal church, Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock; Rev. R. E. Wright, rector of St. John's, officiating. The honorary pall bearers were: Gov. D. H. Hastings, attorney general Henry C. McCormick, Hon. J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport, all three partners of the deceased in the banking business.

The carriers were L. T. Munson, Harry Keller, W. L. Malin, W. I. Fleming, H. C. Brew, George T. Bush, C. P. Hewes and Wilbur F. Reeder; all fellow Masons. The surviving members of the family are Mrs. Jackson, Katharine, Jackson Brew, George L., W. Frederick R., Harry A., and Maurice A.

George W. Jackson was born Dec. 20th, 1838, at Philadelphia. Having been left an orphan at an early age he was thrown on his own resources, but it did not take long for the manly, ambitious boy to excite the kindly interest of friends who were instrumental in having him admitted to Girard college in that city.

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George W. Jackson, honorable, conscientious, unselfish, has left a memory that will be more lasting than any shaft mortal hands can rear over his resting place. From boyhood his life had the same record of earnest, intrepid endeavor as marked its closing days and proclaimed him a man to all the country dear.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS. John Confer, of this place, suffered another stroke of paralysis one day last week. He had gone down into Sugar Valley to visit friends and only the day after his arrival there was stricken so badly that he is helpless and cannot speak.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week.

James H. Wilcox and Daisy M. Lehr, both of Phillipsburg. John Franklin Swartz and Katie Vonada, both of Madisonburg. John Polish and Annie Leska, both of Clearport, Centre county.

WILLIAM POTTER IS GRATEFUL TO HIS FRIENDS.—Many of our readers are already acquainted with the remarkable genius of William Potter, of Milesburg, for modeling in clay and of his departure for Philadelphia, a few weeks ago, to study art. It was largely through the activity of several interested friends that he was enabled to go and now that he is comfortably located and hard at his work he has not forgotten the kindness of those who have helped him and made possible the beginning of a study that might make a great artist out of him. He writes:

Philadelphia, Oct. 21st, 1897. SPRING GARDEN INSTITUTE.

Dear Watchman.—Would you please permit me through the columns of your paper to thank my friends in Bellefonte and Milesburg for their kindness to me, in assisting me to get to this school of art. Mr. Robert Beerley, of Milesburg, took a special interest in my case, and James W. Alexander, Esq., and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Alexander, of Bellefonte, also R. M. Magee Esq., and family of Philadelphia, who treated me so generously and re-learned me so much service in starting into school and in giving me the hospitality of their home.

Among others who became my friends in time of need were: Enoch Hugg, of Milesburg, and the following from Bellefonte: Prof. A. Reist Rut, Messrs. Frank and Winfield Montgomery, Judge James A. Beaver, Judge John G. Love, David F. Fortney Esq., Hammon Sechler, Mr. S. Spigley, Mr. James H. Harris, Messrs. Bower & Orvis, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, and Mrs. Wister Morris, of Philadelphia.

A Desperate Encounter With Highwaymen in Tyrone. Captain Harry Simler, of Phillipsburg, captured two of the Negro Highwaymen who had held up a People Near Phillipsburg Last Week.—One of the Desperadoes Dangerously But not Fatally Shot.—The Officers Encountered Them on Lincoln Avenue, in Tyrone, in Broad Daylight.

Phillipsburg's record will soon equal the "wild and woolly West" if she keeps up the pace now set. One week it is attempted murder, the next it is highway robbery and perps death. Wednesday evening of last week as David Bailey, the Morrisdale liveryman, was driving Charles Traux, a traveling salesman, who resides at that village, home after a day's business at Houtzdale, Madera and other points, the men were held up by highwaymen.

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The next morning Mr. Bailey went to Phillipsburg and with local officers began the search for the highwaymen. It was learned that the men were bound for Tyrone on a freight train from the summit. Word was sent to detain the men at Vail and officer Simler would go over on the 10:14 train. When Simler reached East Tyrone the men had gone toward the town.

The man who escaped took to the mountains and his capture is uncertain. He is a large man (the negroes) about 6 feet in height, weight about 190 pounds, and is dressed in black. He is a villainous looking chap. The men taken were well armed and had some of the booty on their persons when captured.

Forty kinds of birds, it has been reported, were noticed on the hats of women in New York during parts of two afternoons. And doubtless all these women were nominally Christians.

Ellis Shaffer is at present remodeling his barn. Rev. Romig is the champion squirrel hunter of this place. Clover threshing is run with speed among the farmers. The seed seems to be plenty this year.

MARRIED.—On Sunday evening the happy union of Mr. Frank Swartz to Miss Katie Vonada took place. They are both of this place. May they enjoy a long and happy life is the wish of the writer.

Rev. E. J. Wolf was down to New Jersey, last week for several days. Father Peter Brown, residing east of town, is seriously ill with little hope for recovery.

H. G. Strohmeier was off to Loganton, Clinton county, Tuesday and Wednesday, erecting tombstones and monuments. He does first-class work and always fulfills his contracts.

Prof. R. D. Owen, assisted by an able quartette of ladies and gentlemen, gave a free concert Tuesday night in the Evangelical church. The entertainment was par excellence. A vocal class was organized, which will be thoroughly drilled until Tuesday evening next, when a grand concert will be given.

Dr. A. D. Potts sold his entire stock of general merchandise to J. Frank McCoy who will remove them to Potter Mills, where he has erected a handsome store house. Dr. Potts opened business at the station on the first of April last, and although he has been successful as a merchant and has won many friends, he has discovered that his tastes do not run in that channel. Frank Carson is also opening a new store at Potters Mills and will be ready for business in a few days.

Dr. A. D. Potts, of this place, is booked to fill the pulpit in the Lutheran church in Bellefonte, morning and evening of Sunday, Nov. 14th. If the good church-going people of the county seat want to hear a master sermon delivered in a masterly way let them be present on the above date. Dr. Potts did not give up the ministry from choice, but was forced to do so on account of ill health. The exceedingly healthful climate of this section has so materially benefited him that he now may again enter upon the calling for which he is so eminently fitted in every respect.

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As soon as the news was received that the injunction was removed work was commenced by contractor Malone in real earnest. He proposes putting sixty men to work as soon as they can be gotten on the ground, and laborers wanting work will be able to secure it by making application to him.

Lawyer C. H. Murray, of Philadelphia, son of druggist J. D. Murray, and treasurer of the old water company, spent several weeks here last summer, and was questioned by the water company as to the probable results of the threatened litigation. Mr. Murray, in a written opinion, informed the treasurer that their case was a hopeless one and that good sense suggested that they sell to the borough for whatever sum they could get. The advice was sneered at by the president, (based on Charley's law in the case) John G. Love, sustained every point developed by young Murray.

Thoughts in the minds of the good citizens regarding the water question: The water works are not being erected by subscription. A snow-fake could not be heard to fall on East church St. An ounce of Bible water dissolved that "pond rous'ing." Water (ed) stock for sale. Dan buried in the water company's books of record? Who fell into the ditch?