

# Democratic Watchman

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## The Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
GEORGE A. JENKS,  
of Jefferson.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
WILLIAM H. SOWDEN,  
of Lehigh.

FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
PATRICK DELACEY, of Lackawanna.

FOR SUPERIOR JUDGE,  
CALVIN M. BOWER, of Centre.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE,  
WILLIAM TRICKETT, of Cumberland.

FOR COMMISSIONER-AT-LARGE,  
J. M. WEILER, of Carbon.

FRANK P. LAMS, of Allegheny.

## Democratic District Ticket.

For Congress,  
J. L. SPANGLER,  
Subject to the Decision of the District Conference.

For Senate,  
W. C. HEINLE,  
Subject to the Decision of the District Conference.

## Democratic County Convention.

Assembly, ROBT. M. FOSTER, State College.  
J. H. WETZEL, Bellefonte.

Prothonotary, N. I. GARDNER, Bellefonte.

District Atty., N. B. SPANGLER, Bellefonte.

County Surveyor, H. B. HERRING, Gregg Twp.

## Fortune Favored Our Arms.

It was more by good luck than good management that Santiago is now in the possession of the American forces and our flag waves over that Spanish stronghold. Bad leadership had placed General SHAFTEY's army in a situation that would have been attended with the most serious consequences if it had not been relieved by the surrender of the Spaniards, which could scarcely have been expected to occur so soon.

That the bungling of the war department had sent on the Santiago expedition with too small a force was shown by the deadlock to which its commander was brought after the valor of the troops proved insufficient to carry the Spanish lines. No troops ever did braver fighting, but having displayed a degree of heroism that reflected the greatest credit upon their courage and honor upon the nation and flag, they found themselves foiled in carrying out a badly laid plan of attack. They lay in mud-filled trenches exposed to the enemy's fire, alternately scorched with a burning sun and drenched with down pouring-rain, unprovided with artillery, half-fed and with insufficient medical attendance. In this situation they were hourly in condition for the breaking out of the dreadful scourge of yellow fever. Most fortunately for our cause the Spaniards were also in a condition that prevented them from continuing a long resistance, and to that circumstance, and not to the generalship of SHAFTEY, is to be ascribed the early surrender that relieved our brave army from its really embarrassed situation.

It has indeed been a lucky conclusion to a badly managed operation, and though there was no military brilliancy displayed in gaining possession of the stronghold, we may all rejoice that incapable leadership did not cause a greater sacrifice of American lives, and that fortune gave us Santiago without cutting off thousands of American soldiers by the scourge of yellow fever, or the slaughter of a bloody assault.

### Mixed.

The following, which we clip from the Philadelphia Times, would seem to indicate that the state news editor of that paper is just about as badly mixed in his political geography, as is its editor-in-chief in his idea of reform:

It is announced that the Democratic leaders in Centre county have agreed that W. J. Zacharias, Chambersburg, and W. T. Onwaka, Waynesboro, both prominent young members of the bar, are to be named for the Legislature by the Democratic county convention, which meets in Chambersburg, August 2nd.

That some new steering gear is needed on the Times is becoming more apparent every day.

ALBERT EDWARD, the Prince of Wales, fell upstairs on Sunday and sprained his knee. Now if he hadn't been married a long time ago here would be a sure sign that he would never taste the sweets of conjugal bliss, but why not construe it to mean that ALBERT EDWARD will never mount the English throne. There is one thing certain, that is if he don't, he will have made a place in history for himself, for actually it would be a good subject for debate as to whether he or JOB has had the most patience.

If it be true that Gen. CALIXTO GARCIA has been killed the Cuban republic has suffered a far more serious loss than can at present be estimated. Gen. GARCIA was a brainy man, just such an one as is needed to cope with the perplexing questions that threaten to lose the respect of the United States for the insurgents, who have lately developed an inclination to eat up our army's rations, do no fighting or work, and then want all the surrendered Spanish territory for their very own—to plunder and sack as their half civilized natures prompt.

Mr. PIOUS INLOW celebrated wash day in Altoona by punching one of the young society chaps of that city because the two disagreed over a keg of beer they were trying to get outside of in a woods near the city. Pious is a good name for a statesman who fights over beer kegs, but it isn't half so fitting as the drapey he hung on the other fellow's physiognomy. The society end of the afternoon was able to keep his name out of the papers, but the PIOUS looks on his face will proclaim him to the world for what he is.

—Gen'l MILES' gallant report of the surrender of Santiago, in which he gives all the honor to Gen'l SHAFTEY and his brave men, is in marked contrast with Admiral SAMPSON'S avarice in trying to usurp the glory of Commodore SCHLEY and his men for having sunk CERVERA'S fleet. The loud mouthings of the fellows who tried to besmirch Gen'l MILES for not being at the front, when they knew he only remained in Washington because he was needed there, have ceased, for the disgruntles who try to make capital out of every extremity realized that, in this action, Gen'l MILES has proven that when he is at the front he is the very embodiment of an honorable soldier.

—The vagaries of politics no man knoweth. Two years ago the DALES—AL and CLEM. led the stiffest fight ever put up for QUAY in Centre county. Today it is announced that CLEM. DALE is to be a candidate for Congress in this district. Everyone will understand that this is to keep ARNOLD from getting Centre county's delegates and in that way to punish him for not being true to brother AL in his post-office aspirations. Of course CLEM. has no hope of going to Congress for while he has evidently fallen out with QUAY and ARNOLD he has certainly not fallen in with HASTINGS. With all his faults he couldn't so far lose his self-respect as to do the latter.

## Yankee Boom in Santiago Town.

Lively Crowds of Hustling Merchants and Charming Soldiers, Lately Enemies, Fill the Streets—Spaniards Pawn their Jewelry for Food—Spaniards, in Turn, are Purchasing Loads of Trinkets and Putting Much Coin into Circulation—Starvation Period is About Over.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 19.—Santiago today presents a bright and cheerful picture compared to what it did two days ago. Over thirty steamers flying the stars and stripes lie proudly in or near the harbor. Small boats are plying briskly to and fro on the blue waters. Several large steamers—the State of Texas, Leona and Arkansas—are alongside the wharves busily engaged in unloading their large cargoes of supplies and provisions.

In short, everything denotes bustle and activity. To the graveyard appearance of the city yesterday has succeeded to-day a scene of life and energy, traffic and general activity. The immense sheds along the water front are already packed with merchandise, and the large stores rented along Mariana street are busy receiving goods which are being steadily unloaded. Everywhere there are signs of a revival of commercial activity and prosperity. The change in the appearance is kaleidoscopic, and a couple of days, when further shipments arrive, will suffice for the normal business to revive. The trades and business houses opened their doors for the first time to-day, cleared their warehouses and made ready for the receipt of goods. All the stores are open this morning by General McKibbin's orders, but the saloons remain closed for the present, in order to prevent the possibility of a clash between the soldiers in case of drunkenness.

The electric light plant is working. The pawn shops are doing a rushing business, their counters being crowded with people of all sorts, color and conditions pawning heirlooms, clothes, dresses and furniture. Officers tender their medals, spurs and swords, and civil employes offer their tortoise shell, gold headed canes of office for a mere song, which are in turn bought at fancy prices by American soldiers, or newspaper correspondents as relics of the war. There have been more machetes sold to our men as souvenirs than were laid down on the morning of the surrender, and crosses, service stripes and orders are cheerfully parted with for American cash.

Hundreds of American and Spanish soldiers who but a few days ago were shooting at each other crowd the streets to-day, meeting and mixing on the most friendly terms. A general feeling of good fellowship is evinced everywhere, victors and vanquished apparently being equally rejoiced that the strife and bloodshed are over and that the horrors of the siege are ended.

In the quaint stores, with their gaudy displays of wares, the storekeepers eagerly accept American money and courteously receive American customers. The narrow cobble-paved streets, grilling in the fierce sunshine, are crowded from morning to night by chattering groups of uniformed Spanish soldiers and crowds of lazzaroni, rollicking men belonging to General Shaftey's army.

## Progress was Fairly Good.

In the Recruitment for Volunteer Army Under the President's Second Call.—Our States Behind Eighty Men.—The Worst of the Delinquents in North Carolina, Which Furnishes Only Fifty-Five Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Fairly good progress has been made with the recruitment for the volunteer army under the President's second call for 75,000 troops. The plan adopted by the war department was to recruit all the volunteer organizations in the army up to their maximum enlisted strength before entering upon the recruitment of additional troops. The total number of men required to fill out existing regiments was 37,566, and according to the latest returns the total enlistments under this plan are 27,519 men. Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Wisconsin have exceeded their quota, but all the others are behind in the supply of troops. Pennsylvania is behind only eighty men. The number required from that State was 4,163 and 4,083 have already enlisted. New York was called upon for 3,704 and up to date 2,783 have enlisted.

The worst delinquent is North Carolina, which has furnished only fifty-five soldiers to meet its quota 783. Other delinquents are Colorado, Louisiana, Nebraska, Tennessee and Virginia, each of which has supplied less than one-half of the number of men required. Alabama, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Oregon and Texas have done very little better and all are very much behind in meeting their requirements. Complaint has been made also that in several of the States an effort has been made to foist poor material on the government.

The total enlisted strength of the regular and volunteer army to date is about 44,000 men, being about 18,000 short of its legal complement. The volunteer army consists of 183,000 men and is only 17,000 short of its maximum authorized strength under the two calls issued by the President. The total strength of the army, regular and volunteer, is 227,000, as now organized.

## Relief Ship Sailed for Cuba.

NEW YORK, July 19.—On board the relief ship Resolute, which sailed to-day for Cuba, were 73 male nurses, ten female nurses and ten physicians. There were also on board a rabbi and two Protestant clergymen, who were sent by the National Relief association. The medical supply department is shipping to Santiago on the Resolute 750,000 quinine pills. The transport Massachusetts is expected to sail from this port on Friday. She will be loaded with 1,500,000 rations here, and at Newport News she will take on meat rations that have been purchased at Chicago. She will also take on troops at Newport News.

## Gen. Toral May Be Tried for His Life.

Captain General Blanco Says the Surrender of Santiago Was Unauthorized, So a Court-Martial Will Take Place.

MADRID, July 20.—The government has received a dispatch from Captain General Blanco, in which he announced that he had not authorized the capitulation of Santiago de Cuba, and asserting that the place was surrendered without his knowledge. As a result General Toral will be rigorously tried by court martial.

## Asking for the Terms.

PARIS, July 20.—The foreign office here confirms the report that peace negotiations have commenced, and Spain is asking on what terms peace can be made.

LONDON, July 20.—Sir Henry Drummond-Wolff, British ambassador at Madrid, has been fully informed of the terms upon which the United States Government is ready to make peace.

## Getting Together.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign of the political drift in this State is the attitude of that section of the Democratic party which joined the Palmer and Buckner movement in 1896. The leaders of this movement are one by one falling into line for the ticket nominated at Altoona.

This action proves the wisdom of confining the platform declarations of the party with a united Democracy, and the prospect of gaining many votes from that element of the Republican party which has the foresight to realize that the very existence of the Republican party as a party depends upon its defeat this fall and consequent success are high, the chances for Democratic success are bright.

There can be no gainsaying that Democratic success is the only thing that will save the State from the most corrupt four years in its whole history.

## Brought Gold from Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 19.—The North American Trading and Transportation company's steamer, the Roanoke, arrived here this afternoon from St. Michael's, Alaska, with 240 passengers and between a million and a half and two million dollars' worth of gold. Of this amount, the Canadian Bank of Commerce had 5,000 ounces and the North American Trading and Transportation company 20,000. Probably 50 per cent of the returning miners have fortunes averaging \$10,000 each.

## Bishop McGovern's Condition is Critical.

HARRISBURG, July 20.—Bishop McGovern suffered a relapse this evening and his condition is critical. He had been much improved the past few days, but to-day serious symptoms manifested themselves and much concern is expressed at his condition. The members of his family are at his bedside.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—N. B. Spangler Esq., has been suffering with an abscess ever since going back to camp at Chicanauga. He underwent an operation the other day and expects to come home until he is fully recovered.

—Walter Bowers, who was arrested on suspicion of having been the man who robbed Grenninger's house, on last Friday night, was given a hearing before Justice Keckhine, on Wednesday evening, and discharged because of insufficient evidence to hold him.

—A tie vote in the Tyrone council lost the proposition to pave Pennsylvania Ave. in that place from the railroad station to the iron bridge over the Juniata river. The Wainwrights, owners of the Ward house property, offered to pay one-half of the expenses, but the council would not accept the offer because of the danger of establishing a precedent at that rate when the property owners usually pay two-thirds.

—Wednesday morning at 2.45 Lewis Leister, one of the proprietors of the Leister house at Huntingdon, while entering the hotel met a burglar who had gained admittance during the night. They grappled and after a struggle during which Mr. Leister was shot three times, one shot taking effect in the stomach, the burglar escaped by jumping through a plate glass window, leaving his cap and shoes behind him. It is supposed that there were three of the burglars but Mr. Leister saw only the one with whom he grappled and describes him as a dark, heavy-set man with a black mustache. The bullet has been removed from Mr. Leister's stomach and the wound, while serious, is not necessarily fatal.

—The Bradford girl who got married the other day and wore fourteen garters belonging to her fourteen girl friends wasn't trying to spring a rubber leg on her husband, but was merely following out another silly custom that says if a bride wears the garters into the train and then throws them out the car window to the owners the girl who picks her up first will be a bride within six months. This custom will hardly get to be very much in vogue. In the first place it must be an embarrassing ordeal for the new groom to try to look disinterested while she pulls them off and, secondly, there are lots of girls who would cheat in the scramble. We have them right here in Bellefonte who wouldn't own their own if they were pitched out onto the station platform.

—The timber on the John Irvin estate near Curwensville was sold, last Friday, at Clearfield for the sum of \$57,000 to H. H. McGee, of McGee's Mills, Samuel Small, of York, and some Williamsport parties. The new owners intend cutting the timber in a short time.

—Charles Osmer, a 7 year old Renovo boy, was playing along the river bank in that place, on Monday morning, when another boy threw a stone that hit him on the head. He fell, unconscious, into the river and would have drowned had not a man who was passing at the time rescued him.

—The second annual reunion of the Reformed church in central Pennsylvania will be held at Island park, between Sunbury and Northumberland, Thursday, July 29th, 1898. Music will be furnished by Fisher's orchestra and addresses will be made by Reverends, Wm. E. Bushong, Geo. S. Sober, M. L. Firor, C. Clever D. D., Miles O. Noll, and other prominent clergymen. A special fare for round trip tickets has been secured and a splendid opportunity is given to spend the day socially. A number of members of the Bellefonte congregation expect to enjoy the trip.

GORDON-LYON.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Estelle Lyon, on east Linn street, when her daughter, Miss Victorine, was united in marriage to Dr. Alfred Gordon, of Philadelphia, by Rev. H. Kline, of Altoona.

The house was artistically decorated with palms and cut flowers and promptly at noon to the harmony of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Miss Ohnmacht, the bride and groom preceded by Alma Lichten, the brides' little niece, entered the reception room and took their position amid a perfect bower of foliage and blossoms. The bride looked exceedingly well in an exquisite gown of white crepe de chene over white taffeta. It was made with a full train, long sleeves and high neck and trimmed with point lace. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Her attendant, the dainty little flower girl, wore a lovely frock of red organza and chiffon and carried a poke bonnet of white daisies.

After the ceremony and congratulations an excellent wedding breakfast was served before the newly married ones left on the afternoon train for their home in Philadelphia which Dr. Gordon has already furnished on the northeast corner of Pine and 11th streets.

The bride, who is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Lyon's family, is one of our most accomplished vocalists and in addition to being intelligent and talented is very much liked as the number and beauty of her wedding presents attested. For several years she has spent most of her time in Philadelphia, where the groom has been practicing since he graduated at the University of Paris. Among the guests, were Mrs. Adolph Loeb, of Chicago, Miss Dora Gordon, of Lebanon, and Mrs. Lichten, the bride's sister, of Philadelphia.

SOCIAL DOINGS OF THE WEEK.—Though the weather has been exceptionally warm all week there have been a number of social events to occupy the time of some of the people and visitors in the town. They have been small functions, but sufficiently enjoyable to those who were there.

Miss Mary Sourbeck entertained the Misses Maud and Minnie Schreyer, of Chicago, at dinner on Tuesday evening. The Misses Schreyer are visiting at the home of Mrs. Minnie Harper, on west Linn street, and are daughters of Charles Schreyer Esq., superintendent of the Chicago and North-western railroad shops.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Quigley Esq., gave a tea at their home on east Linn street, Tuesday evening, in honor of their guest Miss Adelaide Merriman, of Yonkers, N. Y. Those who were there were Rev. Geo. I. Brown, the new Episcopalian rector, and Mrs. Brown, Col. and Mrs. W. Fred Reynolds, Harry and Mrs. Keller, Katharine Harris, John Blanchard Esq., and John Shugert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Quigley, Miss Merriman, Miss Katharine Harris, Miss Caroline Orvis, John M. Blanchard Esq., Thomas Mitchell Esq., and John Shugert were guests at a delightful dinner party which Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller gave, Monday evening, in honor of Miss Adelaide Merriman.

The musical at the home of Mrs. Mose Burnett last evening was the first of a series of musical events that are planned for Bellefonte this season. If the others prove as charmingly successful as last night's affair they will be looked forward to with really pleasurable anticipation.

The first of the series of summer dances to be given in the armory will be on the evening of the 29th inst. The dates for the others have been fixed for August 12th and 26th and September 2nd. Messrs. Edgar Burnside, Hard P. Harris, Harry Keller, H. C. Quigley, Edmund and Fred Blanchard will have them in charge. Chappell's orchestra will furnish the music.

Miss Madge Gilmore entertained at her home, on Spring street, on Wednesday evening. There was dancing and cards. The guests of honor were: Miss Alice Hemler, of Harrisburg; Miss Loree Gorman, of Philadelphia, and the Misses Schreyer, of Chicago.

A dainty 5 o'clock dinner was served to twelve of her girl friends last evening by Miss Mame Ceador, of east Linn street. It was for her guest, Miss Gorman, of Philadelphia.

A BEE HUNT WITH A BEAR IN IT.—Professor Eters is not much older, he is not any bigger, but he knows much more about the excitements of the woods than he did three weeks ago. After the meeting of the school board in the early part of the month, at which he was successful in being chosen principal of the Bellefonte schools for the next three years, he concluded that the proper thing to do would be to spend a few weeks in the woods to recuperate his strength and get into condition for the tussle that awaits him when the fall term opens.

He has a brother who is a warden on the Spruce camp preserve—one of the widest, healthiest and most delightful retreats, of the kind, that can be found in any county, and knowing that he would be a welcome visitor he laid aside his schoolmaster expression, got into an outing-suit and, with his bottle of snake bite and an extra flannel shirt, struck out for Spruce camp. He is not a fisherman and he can't shoot, so his brother who knows how dull it is in the woods doing nothing, and how anxious the professor is to learn new things, concluded to teach him the science of bee hunting, and on the second morning after his arrival took him away up towards the head of Panther run, where rattlesnakes are as plentiful as bracken plants and bear and like animals live in unmolested security—a place where bees are in abundance, and help, when needed, is not to be had. The two brothers soon succeeded in discovering a trail, or as more commonly expressed, "strikin' a bee line." Trees are scarce and brush and bracken are wonderfully thick, in that section, and it was but a short time until the professor had lost both the "line" and his brother.

Have you ever been out on one of the great, big flats, back on the Alleghenies, where for miles upon miles, in every direction, you are surrounded with scrub oak brush a little higher than your head; where the bracken weeds are thick as grass in a meadow and about up to your middle; where black-berry vines stretch their scratchy lengths in every direction; with neither a path to follow nor a tree to guide you, and felt how desolate it would be to be alone or lost in such a place? If you have, you can imagine just the situation the professor was in. He stood and wondered what to do. He looked up for bees hoping they would show him the course his brother had gone. He hallooted, and hallooted, but no answer came from that bushy flat. He stood on his toes and tried to look over the scrubby brush, but look, and halloo, and stretch as he would he could find neither trail of bees nor track of brother, and after waiting until he knew there was no hope of finding either, concluded he was about as good as lost and struck out as he thought, in the direction of the camp. He had gotten but a short distance when his dog, which like Rip Vanwinkle's "Schnyder," had "stuck to him," and was trying to lead the way home, came back at the top of his speed with tail between his legs, followed by a huge bear. The dog ran by the professor; the bear stopped less than two rods from him; and then—the question of surrender, fight or run came up. No one knows what the bear thought, but it took the professor less than a minute to decide that the best thing for him to do was to climb a tree. Trees, as we have said, were scarce and the professor is not much on the climb, but he struck out quickly for a twenty foot stump that stood some little distance away and by the time he reached it bruin was at his heels. He tried to climb, but slipped back and finding the bear too close to make another attempt concluded it was fight or die, probably both. He had nothing with him but a small hatchet and turning his back to the stump awaited the attack. It was but a minute until Mrs. bear, standing erect and with mouth open, made for him. He struck and missed, the bear came on; he struck again and only grazed the bear's nose but sufficient to make it pause a moment, the third stroke broke the hatchet from the handle and luckily struck the bear in the mouth. It stopped to ascertain the damages that had been done and evidently decided that a professor was a dangerous fighter, or concluding that he would make tough eating, turned tail and ambled back to its cubs, which were crying loudly a short distance away.

It is scarcely necessary to state that the professor waited not for its return. Briar bushes and bracken, and scratchy brush, were nothing to him afterwards. Paths were not looked for nor did it matter to him the direction he was going, only so he could get away and get away quickly, from the stump that he couldn't climb and the growing bear. He ran as fast as brush and briars would permit. He would run and fall and get up and look back and run again. Then he would look back and fall and get up and run; all the time thinking that bloody-mouthed bear was on him ready to tear him to pieces. It was a race, as he thought, for life and didn't end until hours afterwards when he reached the camp, breathless, done out, and scratched and skinned as badly as if he had been chased through a black-berry patch with nothing on but an undershirt. He is well and safe now, but has firmly made up his mind that the science of bee hunting must find other students than him, if it is not to become one of the lost ones.

Mail agent Jacob Taylor, of Gearhartville, Clearfield county, took his wife and their daughter, Mrs. Wade, out Huck-leberrary last week and lost them in the mountains. He didn't do it on purpose, of course, but he didn't find them until the next morning and they had the discomfort and fright of staying in the mountains all night. When found at 5 o'clock next morning they are reported to have been on their knees singing "Out in the Mountain's Wild and Drear, Away from the Tender Shepherd's Care."

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

Harry Weaver, of Aronsburg, and Ada E. Breon, of Millheim.

Charles Diehl, of Bellview, Ohio, and Rose Corman, of Rebersburg.

Dr. Alfred Gordon, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Victorine Lyon, of Bellefonte.

Albert B. Smith, of Madisonburg, and Eleanor Noregong, of Burlington, Lycoming county, Pa.

SPECIAL EXCURSION FOR THE REFORMED CHURCH REUNION.—The second annual reunion of the Reformed church in Central Pennsylvania will be held at Island park, Sunbury, Thursday, July 29th, 1898. For this occasion the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Sunbury and return, limited to day of issue at single fare for the round trip, from Lock Haven, Bellefonte and intermediate stations.

Train 101 which leaves Montandon on arrival of train 1 leaving Sunbury 5:45 p. m., will be run through to Bellefonte.

DESERVES TO SUCCEED.—The rapidity with which the circulation of the Pittsburg Post is increasing, not only hereabouts, but throughout the entire western part of the State, is evidence that the reading public knows a good thing when it sees it. It has always been a thoroughly reliable paper both as to its news and its Democracy—the one you could depend upon, the other you could swear by—and since the beginning of the war it has outdone itself in the reliability of its reports from the front and the early hour at which its readers were given the fullest accounts of every movement and every engagement of the army.

It has proven itself a political paper having honest convictions and the manliness to stand by them, and has demonstrated its superiority as a newspaper in the extraordinary reliability and completeness of its war news. It deserves success.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The proceedings of the council on Monday night were short and of but little interest. All the members were present. A number of the committees had nothing to report. The Street committee, had done a little improving on Howard street. The Water committee had purchased a new pump from Jenkins & Lingle for \$92.00 to take the place of one of the old ones which, it was said, was entirely worn out. It had also received a bid of \$6.00 a ton for the old pipes and iron about the water works. Collections for market fees amounted to \$19.40. Mr. James Harris appeared in behalf of the new creamery and cheese factory and asked council to release them from the taxes for the first three years. The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Water works pay roll	\$76.80
Street pay roll	38.70
H. S. Taylor, Col. tax labor	42.38
J. H. Wetzel, surveying	7.00
Police pay roll	35.00
Thos. Shaugnessy, market clerk	1.25
C. C. Shney, supplies for soldiers' families	15.44
	\$216.57

THE KIND OF WEATHER THAT FOSTER SAYS WE WILL HAVE.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 12th to 16th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 17th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 18th, great central valleys 19th to 21st, Eastern States 22nd.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 17th, great central valleys 19th, Eastern States 21st. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 20th, great central valleys 22nd, Eastern States 24th.

Temperature of the week ending 8:00 a. m. July 25th, will average about normal in the northern and Pacific slope States and below normal in the Southern States. Rain-fall for the same period will be below in the northern and about normal in the Southern States.

The hottest part of July in the Northern States will cross the continent from west to east from 11th to 16th, and will be followed by a cool wave from 17th to 22nd.

My temperature forecasts for the first week in June were not good, but for the last 23 days they were almost perfect.

To correctly forecast the rainfall of the arid districts adjacent to the Rocky mountains is one of the most difficult features in meteorology. Thousands of people in those districts will testify to the wonderful accuracy of my rainfall forecasts for the crop season of this year.

Pine Grove Mention.

John N. Bailey has been confined to bed for the past week with lumbago.

The steam thresher is heard on all sides hulling out the grain which is not yielding as prolifically as last year, nor is it as good a quality.

Sheriff Cronister's portly form was seen on our streets this week. We are always glad for Wharton's friendly visits but do abhor his official calls.

Rev. R. M. Illingsworth, of Oil City, joined his interesting little family here last week and on Sunday morning he filled the Lutheran pulpit in his usual eloquent style.

The venerable Wm. Hess came across the Alleghenies from his Philipsburg home, last week, to spend a week at the home of his boy-hood on the Branch. For one of his years he is jolly and hearty, but his gray locks denote the passing of time.

Pearl Randof, while removing a hay fork from the rafters at the old H. M. Meek farm, last Friday, missed his hold and fell to the barn floor below striking a log and bounding on a horse in the fall. Aside from a few bruises and hurt back his escape was most marvelous.

A. C. Ripka, one of Potter township's pushing farmers and solid Democrats, spent Wednesday on a little business trip here. He