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#### The Democratic State Ticket.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT: S. L. MESTREZAT. of Fayette county. FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT C. J. REILLY. of Lycoming county. FOR STATE TREASURER: W. T. CREASY, of Columbia county The County Ticket.

For Sheriff-CYRUS BRUNGARD. For Treasurer-W. T. SPEER. For Recorder-J. C. HARPER. For Register-ALEX ARCHEY. For Commissioners- { P. H. MEYER, DANIEL HECKMAN. For Auditors- { W. H. TIBBENS, JOHN H. BECK. For Coroner-W. U. IRVIN.

### Figures That Need Explanation.

According to the commissioners' books the assessable property in this county is

ued as follows:	
Lands	
Horses	
Cattle	
Carriages	3.435
Wild Lands	628.392
Occupation	468.191
Total	\$12,292,624.

A three and a half mill tax upon this valuation, would secure to the county an income of \$43,024.18, less the cost of collections and exonerations. These are fixed by the commissioners in their annual estimate of expenditures at \$2,000, which would make the net income of the county

If the annual statement of county reupon the total expenditures for that year | picking at France for her mistakes. were \$63,239.11; for the year previous, after deducting the amount paid on a loan, they were \$55,371.74. During 1898, three thousand dollars was expended on permanent repairs to the court house, which amount can be deducted from the actual necessary expenses for county purposes, for the reason that such an outlay will not be made for years again. With this taken off, and if Republican management of that office was economical and careful, the actual poses was \$60,239,11. In the estimate of figures at \$53,000.00.

the Republican officials who are seeking re-election, it will be seen that under their management in 1897 it cost \$55,371.74, in 1898 it cost \$60,239.11, and in 1899, they cannot get below \$53,000.00, for the ordinary and everyday expenditures necessary for county purposes.

With a three and a half mill tax levied upon the present appraised value of all the amount is lessened to 41.624.18.

Now what we would like to know is, Republican board of commissioners, and is and ring-rule would soon be a thing of the the county being run into debt annually past in Pennsylvania. by them, or how, and from what source is the difference between the expenditures income that is shown to have been received,

Messrs FISHER and RIDDLE, certify and estimate that the expenditures of the county during the three years they have managed its affairs and ending the 31st of Dethat its income during that time was but \$123,062.24. How was the difference between these two amounts paid, or is the county in debt \$45,648.20?

Has the annual statements been false? Has there been jugglery with the book, saccounts and moneys of the county? Or has an indebtedness, not set for thin the financial statement, been fastened upon the taxpayers?

These are questions that need attention. They are questions that MUST be answered. and when Messrs RIDDLE and FISHER sat- Miss JESSIE ACKERMAN had to say about isfactorily explain them, we will ask them the McKinley policy in the Philippines to show how they can hereafter meet county expenditures with a three mill tax on before she came here to lecture for the W. present valuations, when they have fallen C. T. U. short of meeting them over \$15,000 a year with a three and a half mill levy.

---You read a great many promises, in ---You read a great many promises, in quiry regarding the date of his naturalization in America, Mr. Carnegie wired: is going to do for the Fillipinos, but you dont see a word about what it purposes doing for the public schools of the State or for the tax-payers here at home, upon whose shoulders they have placed an additional ago. I cannot give dates because the papers million of school taxes.

The Fillipinos have no votes and are un able to express in that way their gratitude for the blessings the Republican party is to give them. The tax-payers of Pennsylhave however, and can show by the way they cast them just how heartily they opprove of what it has already given them in the Dewey, sailed this afternoon for New York. cutting down of the school appropriation and its consequent increase of taxation.

Better Sweep Before Our Own Door

While the people of the world might unite in condemnation of France's action in the DREYFUS case we have no right, as a government, to attempt a boycott of the exposition that is proposed for Paris in 1900. The very object of the great show is in celebration of a condition of enlightenment and progress among nations that should, in itself, eschew such a thing as this boy-

While there can be no disputing the contention that French justice has made a serious mistake, have not other governments some of the same offenses to answer for? They may not be exactly alike in character, but they all have the spirit of injustice in them, and that is the wrong in the DREYFUS case. For instance, suppose in 1892, when we were busy preparing for the great Columbian exposition that we opened in Chicago the following year, France had turned her eyes toward Pittsburg, where honest laboring men were being imprisoned or shot down because they dared to ask for a living wage scale. What would France have had to say of American justice, had she had a mind to say anything? Along the very tracks over which the magnificent exhibits of the French people were being hauled to Chicago were lines of soldiers called out to shoot down men who asked for nothing more than enough to buy bread for their families. And in the Fair city, itself, marshal law obtained and for the first time in our history we were made to feel the sting of government by injunction.

These are only two of the skeletons in our own closet and while we deplore them most bitterly, should those who are so hasty to judge France stop for a moment in their vehement propositions they would hear the rattle of the bones themselves.

Doubtless the French people know what a great wrong has been done DREYFUS, but being unable to correct it, they prefer to bide the time when they can make proper amends to convulsing their rather susceptible country in a revolution.

When we look about us we find so many evidences of American justice having, at one time or another, lost its balance wheel ceipts and expenditures for 1898, as certi- that we conclude that it would be better fied by the commissioners, is to be relied to sweep before our own door before we go

### A Sensible Movement.

The Democrats of Chester county have made a wise movement in fusing with the Independent Republicans on a county ticket. It is a movement that promises good results for decent politics and honesty in the administration of local affairs, and finger of his right hand. With a knife he gives great hope of the complete and everlasting overthrow of ring-rule in that strong hold of Republicanism. If successamount of money needed for county pur- ful it wipes Chester county off of Mr. QUAY's slate and leaves his machine with funds needed for 1899, as made by the pres- that much less influence and support in its ent Republican board, in their published effort to continue itself as the ruling power statement last February, they placed the in state affairs. It may not make the them a voice in the management and conare the figures furnished to the public by trol of some of its local affairs that they could not otherwise have obtained.

The Independents and the Democrats are both to be congratulated on the good sense that has induced them to "pool their issues" and work together. United they can save their county from the longer disgrace of wearing a boss' collar and submitting to the dictation of his henchmen. as well as give material aid in the effort to property in the county, they are able to defeat the machinations of the machine raise but \$43,024.18, and with the costs of in the State and bring to an end the rotten collection and exonerations deducted, this and oppressive rule it is responsible for. If the Democrats and Independents in other counties of the Commonwealth would folhave the people been deceived by the finan- low the example the Chester county Democial statement furnished them yearly by the crats and Independents have set, QUAYism

---The question that is interesting most that are said to have been made, and the people in Centre county just now is whose ticket is the one named by the last Republican convention in Centre county? The whole batch of those nominees are trying to carry water on both shoulders. One day they swear they are QUAY men, the next they are with HASTINGS, and so on. The cember, 1899, amounted to \$168,710.84, and truth is that every one of them is afraid to tell just where he is.

-This thing of marrying a Choctow Indian woman for the 550 acres of ground that goes with her might not turn out to be the thrifty proposition that it seems to be. The average Choctow maiden is said to beat the bronchos for bucking and it might take more than 550 acres of land on which to rope her into a docile, tractable farmer's

-Some of the people who heard what are not as rabid for expansion as they were

### Carnegie is an American.

He was Naturalized in New York City to Make Sure.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Replying to an in-"My father was naturalized in 1855 or 1856. This made me an American. Being a minor, my naturalization was unneces sary, but, as a matter of precaution, I also took out papers in New York city years are in my private safe in New York.

Dewey Sails for America.

Starts on the Last Stretch of His Long Journey

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 10.-The United States cruiser Olympia, with Admiral

-You ought to take the WATCHMAN.

For Dewey Celebration.

New York City Hotel and Boarding House Information A Free Guide Book to New York and Vicinity. The Brooklyn Eagle Has Established Free Bureaus fo the Convenience of Out of Town Visitors.

The celebration of Admiral Dewey's return to his native land will be one of the most important civic events in the history of the United States. New York City has voted the sum of \$150,000 toward defrayng the expenses of the event, and the Stat of New York has contributed \$75,000. There will be military and naval parades, fireworks, dinners and speeches. The entire city will put on gala attire and the streets will be festooned with streamers. bunting and flags. At this time, also, the great international yacht race between England and America will take place. The railroads and steamboats entering New York City will all make low excursion rates, and this fact, together with the manifold attractions which New York will offer, will bring to the city hundreds of thousands of visitors from all parts of the

The number of visitors is estimated to be so large as to tax the capacity of the hotels

of the city. To meet this contingency, and to aid in a public spirited way all intending visitors to secure ample rooming accommodations, the Brooklyn Eagle, through its free information bureaus, will, without any charge whatever, supply to any and all persons applying for information as to where rooms, with or without board, can be obtained in either boarding houses or hotels in the entire City of New York. The Manhattan bureau is located at 952 Broadway, near Twenty-third street. The Main bureau is located in rooms 28 and 29. Eagle Building, Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn Eagle also has in preparation a fine guide book to New York city, containing the principal sights to be seen a list of trolley rides, list of short water excursions, with cost thereof; a list of boarding houses and hotels prepared to entertain guests, with their rates and other valuable information difficult to learn or to buy; also the complete program of the Dewey reception. This guide to the metropolis will be sent free to any address on

receipt of 2 cents to cover postage. Visitors can call personally at either bureau to obtain boarding house information, but if writing in advance parties should state as nearly as possible which borough of the city they prefer, and as near as can be the locality. They should also state whether rooms are desired, with or without meals, and about the price it is desired to pay. Good rooms can be secured from 50 cents per day up. All communications should be addressed to the Eagle information bureau, Eagle Building, Brook-

#### Shamokin Man Bitten by the Serpent He Wanted to Hypnotize.

SHAMOKIN, Sept. 12.—Seven rattlesnakes were captured on a mountain near here and last night were on exhibition at a local restaurant. A crowd collected to see Stephen Hughes endeavor to charm the repiles. Dr. Frank J. Meek ventured too close to the snakes and one bit the middle hurriedly opened the flesh to the bone and saturated the wound with whiskey. The hand grew black and his arm swelled alarmingly.

PHYSICIANS SAVED HIS LIFE. He grew faint and was taken home, where grew delirious. When several physicians arrived Meek was in a dying condi- H. Hay and Howard K. Sloan. tion. Antidotes were administered and he revived this morning and has since grown me—you can't touch me! stronger. His physicians say he has a fair Slowly, coldly, empha county Democratic, but it will at least give stronger. His physicians say he has a fair him was four feet long.

### Reed Against the War.

The Ex-Speaker on Tuesday Night Gave His Views o the Philippine Question

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.-A special to the Tribune from Portland, Me., says: In a railroad train, last night, Thomas B. Reed took part in a discussion with two Portland men and expressed his sentiment in regard to the war in the Philippines. One of the friends with him, who is a radical expansionist, remarked that to withdraw our troops from the Philippines now would humiliate our nation before the world. Mr. Reed replied:

"You don't think those Filipinos would chase our soldiers 7,000 miles, if they

should start for home, do you?" The Portland man replied that it was not fear of the Filipinos, but humiliation in the sight of other nations that was referred to, whereupon Mr. Reed said: "I have always observed that with individuals the fear of humiliation is exactly in proportion as they deserve it, and I believe the same principle holds good with a nation and with a party. Some people seem to be afraid that these Filipinos will put their tongues in their cheeks at us. They have done that already. They have watched our failure, as others have. I don't know how long it will be before the American people get tired of spending \$50,000,000 a year trying to conquer these people, but it doesn't seem to me that it will be very long. I can conceive that freedom is just as dear to them as it is to us, and that they will fight for it just as long.

# tory of the Mountain City.

The Money Consideration Said to Amount to Fully \$1,000,000. Was Quietly Engineered.

The largest financial deal ever known in the history of Altoona was made Tuesday when the Altoona and Logan Valley elec tric railway, the city prssenger railway and the Altoona gas works were sold to the Produce trust company, of New York, for \$1,000,000.

The deal was made by John Lloyd, president of the concerns, and Turner A. Beall president of the trust company and agent for the Standard oil people. The company had been negotiating for the railways and gas works for some weeks, but it was not until a handsome figure was offered for the stock that its terms were accepted. The transfer of the stock required but a short time. A re-organization of the companies will take place in a short time and it is likely that the old officers will be retained. It it said the purchasers will make a

number of improvements to both the Logan Valley and city railways which will great ly benefit the people. The sale virtually means that Altoona will have another electric light plant to compete with the Edison company. There is likely to be a drop in the price of electric light in Altoona and perhaps dollar gas.

## British Gunner Given \$150.

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 11.—Before sailing yesterday Admiral Dewey and his officers esented \$150 to gunner Peppiatt, of the presented \$150 to gunner Peppiatt, of the British battleship Devastation, who, while firing the salute in honor of the American admiral, had his arm shattered.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Dead.

He Died Tuesday Morning of Paralysis. Dollars 56th Year. The Funeral Will Probably Be Held on Friday at St. Bartholomew's Church.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.-Cornelius Vanderbilt is dead. Death occurred at 5:15 o'clock a. m., at his home at Fifty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, this city. There were with Mr. Vanderbilt at the time of his death his wife, his daughter, Gladys, and Reginald, his vonngest son.

Mr. Vanderbilt arrived at his Fifth avenue home from Newport, with Mrs. Van-derbilt, at 9 o'clock last night. He appeared in excellent health and spirits and retired soon afterward.

About midnight he was seized with a se rious attack and the household was aroused Telegrams were sent to Dr. Walter B. James, Dr. E. G. Janeway and several other physicians, who arrived in a short time. Everything possible was done for the patient, but he grew rapidly worse and died at 5:15 o'clock

Mrs. Vanderbilt and her daughter, Miss Gladys, are prostrated by the shock, and physicians are attending them. Nothing ore can be learned at the house at present, but a detailed statement will be pre pared later.

Cornelius Vanderbilt was the eldest son of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and was born on Staten island, November 27th.

Mr. Vanderbilt's death was caused by a stroke of paralysis, the second which he suffered. The first attack was in July,

The stroke which caused death occurred about midnight. The patient was semiconscious until death. Dr. F. Tilden Brown was with him when he died.

Chauncy M. Depew reached the Vanderbilt house at 7.30 o'clock. He remained but ten minutes. When he came out he was greatly affected, and, with tears in his eyes, he was too deeply grieved to give any information at that time.

Chauncey M. Depew gave out the follow ng statement this afternoon: Mr. Vanderbilt left Newport at 1 o'clock vesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of the New York Central and the New York and New Haven railroads. He got home about 9 o'clock and retired about 10, feeling well. He feel asleep and slept until between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning. He then awoke and, calling Mrs. Vanderbilt, told her he was very ill. She aroused the

household and sent for physicians. Mr. Vanderbilt died before any doctor arrived. Mr. Depew said that the funeral will probably be held on Friday at St. Bartholomew's church, and that Bishop Potter and Rev. Dr. Greer will probably officiate. He said also that the directors of all the Vanderbilt railroads will meet Thursday

Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., telegraphed from Newport immediately after he was in-formed of his father's death that he was on is way to this city.

to take appropriate action on Mr. Vander-

Eli Shaw Has Confessed His Guilt. Admitted His Guilt to Two Times Reporters, Jumped a Fence, Boarded a Moving Train and Then Disap-

Eli Shaw, twice tried by the Camden county court for the murder of his mother and grandmother and finally acquitted thereof, confessed to the crime Wednesday afternoon after being confronted with the evidence of his guilt by two members of the staff of the Philadelphia Times-Wm.

"I killed them, but-you can't touch chance for recovery. The rattler that bit words were spoken before the bar of man

Shaw avowed his guilt. A weight rose from his mind that had been pressing, grinding him down since the day of the crime. He had confessed. But with his confession Shaw knew that he was safe. The immunity afforded to the citizen of the constitution that he not be put in jeopardy of life or limb twice for the same offense" was extended to him. he thought. Whether this applies to the present case remains to be seen

## Pope Leo Is Not III.

ROME, Sept 12.—Alarming rumors that the pope is ill are current, but they are de-clared to be without foundation.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS. -A car load of sweet potatoes at Sourbeck's.

-Pay for your paper in advance and get it for \$1.00.

-There was frost in many parts of the county vesterday morning. -It started in to rain on Monday

morning as if it never intended to quit. - Friday afternoon's storm badly washed fields that were ready for fall seed-

ing up along Buffalo Run. ---Owing to the death of Miss Josephine Joseph the Joseph store in this place will be closed until Monday.

-Professional decorators from Philadelphia are beautifying the interior of the home of Col. W. F. Revnolds.

-The ladies of the Spring Mills Lutheran church will hold a lawn social tomorrow evening at the home of Charles Krape.

-The monthly meeting of the Centre county medical society was held in the arbitration room in the court house on Tuesday morning.

---Mr. and Mrs. Israel Solt, of Freeport, Ill., after an absence of forty years in in the West are back visiting their brother, John Solt, the well known farmer of Mackeyville.

--- The Hope fire company, of Philipsburg, has ordered a new 4th class La France fire engine. The machine will throw 500 gallons of water a minute and examination at Harrisburg they will rewill cost \$3,750.

-Rev. B. J. Hummel will preach his last sermon for this conference year to his Runville congregation on Sunday evening. It is understood that his return would be satisfactory.

riorsmark statesman for investigation.

-Coburn is about to possess a band. A musical organization is on the point of and Doctors Could Not Save Him. He Was in His being launched down there and a benefit

festival will be held for it on Saturday evening, September 23rd. -After a lingering illness Mrs. Geo. Buffington died at her home in Jersey Shore on Friday. She was Miss Laura

Burrell, of Nittany Valley, before her mar-

riage. A husband, two daughters and a son survive. -A. A. Stevens Esq., of Tyrone, has about closed the purchase of the Joseph Eckley property along Buffalo Run, where he intends building six or ten kilns at once. The tract includes about 80 acres and ad-

joins the A. G. Morris operations up there. -The tallest man in Sugar valley died at the home of his son-in-law, Herman Ruther, twelve miles east of Loganton on Friday morning. His name was David Zimmerman and he was 78 years old. Dropsy was the cause of his death. Three daughters and one son survive him.

---Joseph A. Sipe, of Lock Haven, was i juror on the case of postmaster Bogert on trial before the U.S. District court at Williamsport. He was one of the two jurors who held out for conviction and caused the jury to be discharged without having been able to agree.

-Careful readers of Centre county newspapers cannot have failed to realize that the WATCHMAN is the only paper that publishes all of the news. It is not with the intention of braggadocio, but have you observed that in every big item during the summer the WATCHMAN has been exactly a week ahead of all the others.

---The consignment of standard bred two year olds from the River-view stock farm, at Fort Wayne, Ind., which the Bellefonte Sale and Exchange Co. will offer for sale this afternoon, reached here Monday morning. They are a fine looking lot of colts, all in fine order and checked so that there would be no confusion in trac- the reports of the superintendents of the

ing their breeding. ----According to the recollection of former associate judge Samuel Frank the first Sunday school was organized at Rebersburg in 1838. The officers of the organization were: President, Philip Reitzel; secretary, Dr. Wilson; librarian, Fred Burkert; treasurer, George Bair; superintendent, George Burkert; assistant, Sarah Reitzell. Judge Frank was one of the first teachers and he was then only 17 years old. It was organized in the old log school house that stood where the Lutheran parsonage now stands in Rebersburg and in less than two years afterwards there was a flourishing Sunday school in every school house in the township.

AN OLD TIME CONCERT.—On Saturday evening a concert or musical will be given at the home of P. Gray Meek at which delegates and visitors were served to a many of the older prima-donnas and their bountiful lunch. tunes, as well as some of the newer stars nd their show nieces will be heard as you are cordially invited to be present with your old time costume and twenty- "Woman's Missions" by Mrs. J. L. Kurtz, five cents. The twenty-five cents is for a very good resume of the work done the piano fund of the W. C. T. U. and the at the mothers' meetings and for costume is for entertainment and fun. A railroaders by Mrs. William Gainsfort. very good program has been arranged and and a talk on "Scientific Temperance Insome quaint old clothes resurrected to struction" by Mrs. W. T. Twitmire. All of furnish a pleasant and enjoyable evening the old officers were re-elected and Mrs. to those who attend.

MARRIAGE LICENSES .- Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, durng the past week:

Wm. Patton and Maggie Reese, both of Port Matilda. John W. Bathurst and Mable C. Cox,

ooth of Coleville. John S. Holter, of Howard, and Bertha

B. Bennison, of Walker Twp. Theodore Fetzer, of Boggs Twp., and Gertie Inhoof, of Patton Twp.

Wm. H. Burns and Alice Emery, both of Bellefonte. John W. Beaver and Mable Weaver, both of Aaronsburg.

THE LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY .- The Pennsylvania State College opened yesterday morning with the largest attendance in the history of the institution. There are already entered over one hundred in the Freshman class and over forty in the

sub-Freshman. The chapel was entirely filled for the first morning service of the year and it is altogether likely that there will be a great many more to enter before the week is out. liberal patronage as possible. It is surely Only once before has there been such a large Freshman class, but at that time the other college classes were not as large as they

STARTED FOR THE PHILIPPINES. -- On Tuesday afternoon Sec. Lt. Geo. L. Jackson, recruiting officer for the 47th Reg. now stationed here, sent his first squad of recruits to Camp Meade. There were six men: Dick Taylor, Samuel Meese, James Vallance, George Sunday and Jesse Underwood, of this place, and John A. Thomas, of Port Matilda.

The men all enlisted for two years service in the Philippines and if they pass their main in Camp Meade until the 47th regiment is organized, then taken to San Francisco and will probably ship on the trans-

port about the first of the year. Milton Robb, of Coleville, was to have gone along, but he did not show up when the train left, and will be sent with the next ---Just why the Centre Democrat should squad which will leave tomorrow. Clyde place our friend George Hutchinson's an- Long, of Ho ward, and Samuel Sweitzer, of nouncement as a senatorial aspirant in the Coleville, are the latest recruits, while 33rd district, among its death notices is a George Snyder, Milt Reed and "Pat" Ryan question that we would refer to the War- are all considering the question of enlisting.

White Ribboners in Session

Fifteenth Annual Convention of The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Centre County-Work of the Convention, Encouraging Reports and Officers

The bright particular star of the annual county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which met in session here on Monday afternoon, Monday evening and Tuesday, was Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, the widely known traveler, lecturer and writer. She is a woman of great ability and unusual height. Vigorous and forcible in manner she fairly infuses her audiences with her enthusiasm and earnestness. She has twice circled the globe and in her journeys has visited fifty countries and traveled 300,000 miles. Her mission was not for pleasure and entertainment, but for information and the betterment of humanity.

In her addresses in the Methodist church on Sunday evening and in the court house on Monday evening she plainly and practically stated some of her observations and conclusions of mankind at home and abroad. Sunday evening the church was crowded with people and her denunciation of the English for inflicting the opium evil upon the Chinese; that government's share in its traffic, and of our corrupt law makers, enforcers, and canteens were just and effective. Monday evening the meeting, in the Court house, was well attended and the convention opened with most encouraging

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

On Tuesday the meetings were held in the rooms of the organization on Allegheny street and a more desirable place for holding a convention or small meeting is not to be found in town. The assembly room is large and comfortably furnished with a dining room and kitchen adjoining. In the morning the convention was called to order at 9 o'clock by Mrs. John P. Harris, who has been president since the county organization. Mrs. James Harris, vice president, led the devotional exercise and different departments of work were asked for soon. Of these Miss Clara Valentine, evangelistic and jail work, and Miss Anna V. Lyon, temperance light bearers, gave the most hopeful accounts, although all the reports were worth hearing and encouraged new intentions. The special features of the morning session were Mrs. E. A. Russel's excellent paper on "Purity." Mrs. Russell was one of the delegates from Unionville; a solo by Mrs. Thomas Hayes, entitled 'Just For To-day"; Miss Ackerman's helpful suggestions and the decision of the convention to extend an invitation to the state organization to hold its annual meeting here in October, 1900.

The social part of the session was the mid-day hour. It was given over to a luncheon party. Three tables were daintily spread in the dining room and about forty

The afternoon session was devoted to the ports of the superintendents who had not been present in the morning; a paper on Matilda Clus, of Philipsburg, was chosen as one of the delegates to the state convention. The other two to which the county

is entitled will be chosen later. Some of the reports told of thorough and efficient work, while others indicated that crying needs were practically unheeded. But as a whole the convention was a gratifying success and most encouraging to the faithful few, who, undaunted, keep ever in the great field of action.

OPENING THE SCHOOL TERM. - The Bellefonte Academy opened its fall term on Monday with the brightest prospects it has had in many years. A larger number of boarding students are in attendance than ever before, so that every room in the two buildings has been taken and the management is looking around for extra rooms in the vicinity of the Academy in which to place other boys who are talking of coming. This ought to be good news to the friends of this worthy institution.

While many students from a distance are coming here to enjoy the privileges of our home Academy, our own citizens in Bellefonte, who can possibly afford to do so, should encourage the school with as a paying industry for this town and should be encouraged to its fullest capacity.

Miss Lawrence, the lady principal, is a superior teacher of French and German and will form classes for graduate pupils in town who wish to take advanced work in these branches. The new library room would be used for such classes. This is a rare privilege for Bellefonte students and should be taken advantage of. Any desiring to join these classes are requested to send word at once either to Miss Lawrence or Mr. James R. Hughes. Students in the country should remember that their classes will always be arranged to suit the raiload schedules.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH CO. M .-It looks a little as though Co. M, 21st Reg. will die the death of disbandment unless there is a little stir up in that organization to undo the bad report recently made of it by inspector general John P. Penny. In making his report of the First and Second brigades he said: "Co. M, 21st Reg., at Bellefonte, is below the minimum in num-bers and while composed of a first-class quality of men and officers seems to be lacking in the interest that is so necessary in the interest that is so necessary to make a good company."