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Democratic County Committee Meeting.

County chairman J. K. Johnston has issued a call for a meeting of the Democratic County Committee, which will be held in the arbitration room in the court house at 11 o'clock on the morning of Monday, April 23rd.

It is desirable that all committeemen should attend, as the plans for the coming campaign are to be formulated and chairman Johnston is anxious to have the advice of as many of his co-workers as possi-

Tyranny Unparalleled.

The public is entitled to a better understanding of the reason which influenced WEBSTER DAVIS, of Missouri, lately Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to resign his office. It was stated rather vaguely at the time that his superiors in the administration were not in accord with him with respect to the war in South Africa. But the conduct of the war over there could have nothing to do with the business of the office of Assistant Secretary of the Interior. A man at one desk might have believed one thing and one at another table entertained opposite views but such things would not have affected the work of the office in the least. There must have

been something else. Just before his resignation Mr. DAVIS returned from a visit of inspection in South Africa. During his sojourn in the camps of the Boers and the garrisons of the British he made a close study of the war and its causes. It will be remembered that the British authorities at Cape Town made a yesterday was a field day for the habitues of attorneys for both sides, were set for great fuss over him. CECIL RHOADS gave him a banquet and the Governor-General entertained him at a fete. Oom PAUL was equally courteous to him and after seeing all that could be seen he returned home and told the truth as it appeared to him. His story was not flattering to British vanity time ago was known as Mrs. Stuex. She that there was such confusion in the State and paid no tribute to British justice. But it was the truth, as it appeared to him.

This did not suit the Anglomaniaes of the administration and Mr. DAVIS was called down, as the boys say. In other words he was notified to close his mouth or get out of office. He adopted the latter course as becomes a liberty loving Pennsylvanian and now it remains to be seen whether the German-Americans of this State will support McKINLEY in thus unjustly punishing a man for exercising freely his inalienable it is that every person in the place who esright to express his honest views on a sub- caped seems to have so far concealed the ject upon which he had obtained the best WEBSTER DAVIS under the circumstances was an act of tyranny unparalleled in the history of this country and should be resented by every sympathizer with the Boers

-A former citizen of this county has been living in Minnesota and gotten pretty well acquainted with the political situation in that State, writes the WATCHMAN as follows:

JIM TAWNEY, the Republican whip in Congress, so named for the active part he took in lashing recreant members into line on the Porto Rican tariff bill, will give way to county attorney W. D. Anderson, of Winona. JUDGE PAGE MORRIS, of the Duluth district, is doomed to defeat by that eloquent young man, with a national reputation, Chas. A. Town. Frank Eddy, of the 7th, and Mc-TOWN. FRANK EDDY, of the 7th, and McCLEARY, of the 2nd, are quite likely to loose their seats. LORING FLETCHER, of this city, and JOEL P. HEATWOLD, of the 3rd district, are pretty sure of being returned having yoted and advocated absolute free trade. Please note after election if my prophecy isn't pretty near correct.'

While Minnesota is a Republican State and at present has seven Republican Members of Congress. I assure you there will be a very great change at the coming election. Several of the M. C's. will be retired to private life.

The Coming Empire.

The first step in the direction of empire has been taken. For more than a year the tendency has been in that direction, but not until Monday did it become a reality. Then a Governor was appointed to rule was stabbed in the middle of the left side, subjects of the empire in Porto Rico and not citizens of the Republic. It was a new experience in this land of liberty and may turn out to be a sad one. But it served to Grieybach's death is really remarkable and feed the ambition of the Napoleon of politics. It made the bosom of "the Major" expand with pride he has been able to do that which none of his predecessors dared or even desired to do. He began the work of "governing outside of the constitution."

The President upon entering upon the duties of his great office took a solemn oath to obey, defend and support the constitution of the United States. That instrument forbids the passage of legislation other than such as is specifically authorized. It prohibits legislation regulating excises or taxation that is not uniform. In fact it authorizes no legislation for the government of any other than citizens of the United States. Yet President McKINLEY, who is sworn to defend and support the constitution, has given his approval to legislation and given force and effect to laws which are in violation of that constitution. If any other than a high official should do

that he would be denounced as a perjurer. McKinley justifies his violation of the fundamental law of the land on the ground that exigencies required such action. In been a usurper that hasn't offered the same | the crime.'

excuse for his treachery. Cæsar protested that only the necessities of the people influenced him to subvert the liberties of the Roman people. Napoleon insisted that only the strong power of an imperial consul could save France and he enslaved it. Mc-KINLEY is moving forward in the same direction and unless the people will rise in the majesty of outraged dignity he will succeed, as the others did.

The Curtin Monument Fund Growing. MR. EDITOR.

paper, the following contributions to the Curtin memorial to be erected in connection with the soldiers' monument. Amount previously acknowledged..... \$1043 5

April 9th, Frank Thomson, by his Exec utor, Frank Graham Thomson, Philadelphia, Pa. April 9th, Miss Mary Curtin Taylor, Hartford, Conn .. April 12th, John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, Pa. April 12th, Miss Mary K. Curtin, Phila delphia, Pa.. General D. H. Hastings

Very respectfully, JAMES A. BEAVER. An Italian's Awful Work With Stilette and Revolver?

the Somerset County Mining Town, the Scene of a Quadruple Murder-Two Victims. Americans-Murderer Escaped, But Many Think He Was Ground to Pieces Under a Train at Mineral

WINDBER, April 16.—This town is in furor of excitement to-day over a crime committed last night at a speak easy and sporting house here. One Italian, with the aid of the murderous stiletto and a revolver, killed four men and wounded two others so that they may die. He himself was unscathed and made his escape, but it is believed retribution followed swift, as a man answering his description was ground to pieces under a train near Mineral Point this morning.

The row occurred about 10:15 o'clock, at house on Eleventh street, near No. 31 mine of the Berwind-White company. It is a little one-story shanty, with the ment banked around with earth, and this morning piles of beer kegs found in this latter compartment attest to the fact that

of the place. Things seem to have passed off yesterday mentioned above, however, at which time. woman who conducts the establishment is also expect a motion to dismiss. correct name. At this hour it is not even ly one open. known if he is the murderer.

The first intimation outsiders had of trouble in the place last night was a man bursting from the door, yelling that he had been cut, running along the street for a short distance, and then falling over dead. He was followed by another, and mitted, probably be too late to hear the he by a third. The fourth man died in case on its merits. the house, and both of the wounded men were found there. The strange part about

fact—the women excepted. The authorities have been searching in who wore a slouch hat with a crease in it. The dead are: JOHN HALVERSON, a Swede.

ED P. McCAULEY, an American, whos home is near Hastings, Cambria county. Gust Grievback, a Slav, who had evidently been in this country a good while, as he spoke very good English

Samuel Shives, of American birth. Thomas Kipling and "Jerk" Buckwalter, both English-speaking men, are the wounded. They have been badly cut and the result of their wounds cannot yet be fore-

Mrs. Stuex and two other women who were inmates of the place were put under arrest and are now in the lockup at Scalp Level. They refuse to talk, however, beyoud making the statement that some other men besides those mentioned above were slightly cut, which should make it all the easier to find out who they are.

Every effort is being made to find so clue which will lead to the capture of the murderer, or establish whether or not it was he who was killed along the Pennsylvania railroad main line this morning. the latter should prove the case, many believe it was a matter of suicide, as his death

was certain if caught. The house where the crime occurred has long been known as a bad place. It is at the extreme end of the street, and has been frequented by many of the employes, both American and foreign-born, of the Berwind-White company's No, 31 mine, near by, as

well as others. A closer investigation of the dead bodies shows that none of the men met death by the shots which were heard. All were killed by the stiletto. Halverson, the Swede, a main artery being severed, and he died almost instantly. McCauley was stabbed in the left lung. The wound of Shives was in the pit of the stomach. The manner of shows that the man who handled the weapon must have been an expert. It went en tirely through his right arm and penetrated far enough into his right lung to be fatal. One of the wounded men has a bad cut in his leg and the other is hacked several

places about the body.

Later in the day a fourth girl by the name of Robison was arrested and incarcerated. An Associated Press telegram from Johns town, dated April 17th, says : "The dead, as a result of the unknown Italian's skillful wielding of a stiletto, at Windber on Saturday night, now number five. Thomas Kipling, the fifth victim, died late this afternoon at his home in the mining town was at no time any hope of recovery. Kip- five. ling was 24 years of age and came from

Philipsburg. "Buckwalter and George, the two others who received injuries, are doing well and it is expected they will be about in a few Only one man has been arrested as yet. He is August Roll, and is not accused of complicity in the crime, but held

"An effort is being made to raise funds the history of the world there has never brief description sent out on the night of will be good to return until April 26th, in.

Indictments Against Ten.

The Expected Has Happened in Returns Made by

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17 .- The Frankfort county grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against ten persons charging them with complicity in the murder of William Goebel. The principals named are Henry E. Yontsey, Howard, Berry Howard, Harland Whit-taker and "Tallow Dick" Combs, colored. Those indicted as accessories before the fact are Secretary of State Caleb Powers. Captain John T. Powers, ex-Secretary of tate Charles Finley, W. H. Coulton and I am glad to acknowledge through your F. Wharton Golden. In the indictment relating to the alleged accessories, three other men, one of whom is a high state official, are directly referred to as accessor ies, though no indictments were reported against them.

Henry E. Youtsey, who is mentioned as the first principal, was a clerk in the of-fice of State Auditor Sweeney. He formerly lived at Newport. Youtsey was first named in the case by Wharton Golden, the star witness for the prosecution at the examining trial of Caleb Powers. Jim and Berry Howard are cousins and mountaineers of note in connection with the old feud. They were with the men alleged to have been brought here by the Powers brothers, Finley and others on the "excur-

Harlan Whittaker lived in Butler, Govrnor Taylor's home county, and is alleged have been in the room in the executive building from which the shot was fired. Dick Combs, the negro, lived at Beatty-

ille and also came here with the moun-

Wharton Golden was a member of the Taylor state guard and claimed to turn all directions and will soon control the state's evidence on the stand in the examining trial of Caleb Powers when recited what he claimed to be the inside facts relating to the alleged conspiracy to nurder Goebel and enough Democratic members of the Legislature to give the Republicans a majority. It is stated that the Commonwealth will at once nolle the in- business placed last month. dictment against Golden in consideration of his testimony.

Kentucky's Last Appeal.

Supreme Court Sets the Contest Case for April

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16th .- The cases involving the Kentucky Governorship were docketed in the United States Supreme court to-day, and at the request hearing on April 30th.

While Helm Bruce, attorney for Taylor no more roughly than usual until the hour and other Republicans, was making his mentioned above, however, at which time, statement, the Chief Justice asked him if the neighbors assert, there must have been he did not expect the question of jurisdicno less than a dozen men in the place. The tion to be raised, and whether he did not of French extraction, and until a short Bruce replied that both were probable, but claimed, however, to have been married to that all were anxious for a decision during an Italian about two weeks ago, though the present term of the court, and that the she does not know, or will not tell, his course undertaken was apparently the on-"If',' he added, "the court should sus-

tain the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction, that result would, of course, end the controversy.' If the opinion on such motion should be adverse to dismissal it would then, he ad-

Chairman Rilling Re-Elected.

HARRISBURG, April 18 .- The Democrat ic state committee met this afternoon in the board of trade rooms and re-elected information accessible. The dismissal of Webster Davis under the circumstances of the dismissal of the dismissal of Webster Davis under the circumstances of the murderer, but nothing more clamation. Mr. Relling announced the resecretary. The contests from Alleghney and Dauphin counties were referred to a special committee of three, of which B. H. ckerman, of Greensburg, was chairman. After hearing both sides, the committee reported in favor of Thomas B. Alcorn, of Pittsburg, whose seat as chairman of the Allegheny county committee was contested by Joseph Howley, and Mayor John M. Fritchey, of Harrisburg, chairman of the Dauphin county committee. Fritchey's seat was contested by Oliver P. Baskins. The committee also reported in favor of unseating W. T. McDevitt and Jerre Dougherty, of Allegheny county, against whom a contest was made by George S. Fleming and Frank P. Iams.

The report was adopted by an overwhelming majority. Chairman Donnelly, of Philadelphia, made an earnest speech in defense of the Philadelphia city committee and appealed to the state committee not to insult the Democracy of that city by adopting the minority report. After the committee adjourned Martin Howley, of Pittsburg, requested that he be furnished with the af-fidavits submitted to the committee of contest in the Allegheny case. When he was refused the papers Howley attempted to take them by force from C. J. Boyle, of Pottsville, assistant secretary of the state committee. The police interfered and prevented what might have culminated in a

serious row. The state committee then took up the report of the executive committee on the reports from the committee to inquire into the falling off in the party vote in Philadelphia and Allegheny counties. The two reports were read and Mr. Ulrich, of Schuylkill Co., moved to lay the majority report on the table. This motion failed and after a short discussion the majority report, as agreed upon by the executive commit-

Quay to be Seated Tuesday.

Those Opposed to Him Admit as Much in Pri-

The correspondent of the New York World telegraphs as follows: On Tuesday next M. S. Quay, who has been in Wash ington most of the time since Congress met with Governor Stone's credentials as Senator from Pennsylvania, will be seated. The seat in the front row which he occupied for twelve years has been held open

The anti-Quay Senators privately admit defeat. Senator Chandler says the Pennsylvanian will have a "good clear majorwhere the terrible tragedy occurred. He ity." Senator Wolcott says; Six majorwas stabbed through the bladder and there ity; Penrose says five, and Stewart says

Republican State Convention. Reduced Rates to Harrisburg via Pennsylvania Rail

On account of the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday, April 25th, the Pennsylvania

railroad company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line in the State of by popular subscription to be offered as a reward for the arrest of the murderer, but, aside from this, practically nothing has been done as yet to catch him, beyond the will be sold on April 24th and 25th and arrived. imum rate twenty-five cents.)

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

---John I. Thompson and family have moved back to Lemont, after spending the of paralysis. winter at State College.

-Most of the public schools in the county have closed and already private hand badly lacerated. ones are beginning for the summer in the

--- Tobacconist Chas. Cruse has moved his family to the old Mann homestead at Axe Mann. He rides back and forth on a

bicycle. ----Collector Jno. M. Weiland, of Harris township, was the second to settle his '99 duplicate in full. He did it on Wednesday.

-The WATCHMAN is cheap as the Patton Esq., of Curwensville. Mr. Patton cheapest paper in the county and contains is a son of the late Hon. John Patton, of more columns of better reading matter than that place, and is quite well known here.

-A number of our fair damsels are going to the College to-night to attend a dance given by Miss Brew's class. The State College band will furnish the music. -Engineer A. H. Rowan, who was

idly and will soon be able for work again. -The Wilson Bros., of Howard, are erecting a building for a skimming station | The loss was about \$500. No insurance. at Beech Creek. They are reaching out in

the only one who escaped from the wreck

at Snow Shoe last week, is recovering rap-

entire field in this section. ---- Agent Robert F. Hunter, of the New has credit for having been second among the company's agents in the amount of and Miss Wood, the prima dona soprano of

----Mrs. Newton Dorman, of east Bishop street, underwent a very delicate surgical operation yesterday morning, which promises to be successful in its effects. Drs. Hayes and Klump performed it.

---While playing in the barn at his home at Hannah Furnace, last Saturday afternoon, Clark Chaney fell through a trap door and was unconscious for several hours. He was not seriously hurt, however.

Thomas Faxon, of this place, has been se- and Mrs. J. H. Munson, Philipsburg; Mrs. lected as one of the six members of the Wm. H. Patterson, Clearfield; Mrs. W. C. commencement exercises of the Normal R. Fleming and Mrs. Mary J. McKee, school at Lock Haven.

-John Hobson, the owner of the farm Mr. Hobson is an iron maker in Connecti-

-George Miller dropped in last evening to inform us that the story to the effect the recent Republican county convention, some of the onions, but she was promptly "can" in this matter. They shall do it, clamation. Mr. Rilling announced the re- er he nor any of his family would have can be learned than that he was an Italian appointment of John Moyer, of Pottsville, anything to do with such a "corrupt kaas boodle"constituted that convention and he wants everyone to know it.

Dunn lived at a boarding house near Pray's saw mill. The house roof caught fire and in fines. the father and James Thomas rushed up stairs by different routes after the infant. Thomas found the little one and rescued her. Dunn did not know of this and kept up the search until he was so badly scorched that he cannot live.

-S. A. McQuistion and his daughter, Miss Mary, are in Sunbury, where they went. Saturday, to attend the funeral of Hon. George W. Zeigler, Mr. McQuistion's the east much longer, the greatest storms brother-in-law. He was eighty-one years of the season will sweep down upon us. of age and the oldest lawyer in North- The after glow of April showers will be umberland county. He served in the State something out of the ordinary. A strange Legislature from 1854 to 1861 and had electrical storm phenomenon will be liable practiced law in Butler, Jefferson, Snyder to take place in one of the three mentioned and Northumberland counties. Mr. Zeig- places following: New York, Pennsylvania ler was highly respected throughout the or New Jersey. The southern and western State and well known here, where his son States will be in danger of destructive floods, of hydraulic bench and creek leases, situ-Walter resided for some years.

-The frame dwelling at the Junction at Nittany, owned by Sol Peck Esq., and occupied by John Shields and family, caught fire about 10:30 last Saturday morning and was totally destroyed. The Shields family were all at home when the last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm fire broke out and were able to save the greater portion of their furniture. Any loss 15th, and the next will reach the Pacific they suffered was fully covered by insurance but Mr. Peck didn't have a cent on the try by close of 16th, great central valleys building, which was valued at \$500. It 16th to 19th, Eastern States 20th. is thought that carelessness with the flue caused the fire.

A FIRE EXCITEMENT ON EAST BISH OP STREET .- A few minutes after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire alarm was rung in from the South ward and it was a matter of a short time until Bishop street was jammed with excited people.

The fire broke out in a bed room in John Nighthart's home on the eastern end of that thoroughfare, but was subdued before any more damage was done than the burning of the carpet, bedding and furniture in the

Mrs. Nighthart was in the room at the time, preparing to disinfect it because her son Charley had just left a scarlet fever bed. She had thrown the bed clothes over a chair and their weight upset it, knocking over a coal oil stove and spilling the burning oil all over the floor.

Fortunately Mr. Nighthart was just at the house inquiring after their wants and,

with a few others who responded to the call, got the fire out before the department 26th, Eastern States 28th.

Charley was none the worse for the ex-

--- Ephriam Erhard, of Rebersburg, has been rendered totally helpless by a stroke

-While running the cut off at the Linden Hall saw mill Irvin Burris had his

-A. C. Mover has moved his family from Tyrone to Sandy Ridge, where he is superintendent of the fire brick works.

-Dr. J. W. Bright, of Rebersburg, recently removed a fibrous tumor from the foot of Mrs. Samuel Kreamer in Centre

--- Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Lalla Ruth Carr, of Durham, North Carolina, to William Foley After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Patton will reside at "The Maples" in Curwens-

-On Monday evening at about 8 o'clock a tenant house and stable belonging to William P. Lucas, of Howard, located about one-half mile west of Jacksonville, on the road leading to Bellefonte, or one of his farms was totally destroyed by fire. The house was unoccupied and it is believed to be the work of some fiend.

-The recital to be given by the Bellefonte Ladies' Choral Society, at Garman's, next Monday evening, promises something more than usual in the music line. The England Mutual life insurance company, cantata "The Lady of Sharlotte" will be sung: the society taking the chorus parts Danville, singing the solos. Chappell's Williamsport orchestra will accompany. After the concert a dance will be given in the armory.

---Last evening Moshannon commandery, No. 74, K. T. of Philipsburg, had the annual installation of officers and the ceremony was made quite an elaborate social, as well as masonic function. Refreshments were served and Chappell's orchestra from Williamsport played during the evening. The ladies who received -Miss Elizabeth Faxon, a daughter of were Mrs. John G. Platt, Mrs. G. A. Lingle, Senior class who will participate in the Helmbold, Curwensville; and Mrs. Robert Houtzdale.

-A free fight occurred in front of the near Penna Furnace, on which Claude B. home of Andy Bitzer, Andy Blako and Joe Hess lives and the house on which was de- Smitaso, three Hungarian miners at Clarstroyed by fire several weeks ago, was here ence, last Sunday afternoon, that almost asrecently having his insurance adjusted. sumed the proportions of a riot. The trouble was caused by a bed of winter onions. The cut and is a native of Howard, this county. Huns had lived in the house now occupied by a family by the name of Mays. While there they had planted a bed of winter onions and when they moved they were left that Harry Miller, of Spring township, behind. On Saturday one of the Huns sent who forgot to represent his constituents at his little girl to the former home to get chased off by the Mays. On Sunday Joe the law says, and if they want to avoid the Mays was passing the house of the Huns when they undertook to retaliate. The young man got mad and invited them to fight. He was accommodated, of course, -John Dunn, of near Penfield, may and before the melee ended his mother and die of burns received in searching a blazing all the the friends about were in the scrap. building for his baby daughter Saturday. The three Huns were arrested next day and throws a very interesting side-light on the discharged after they had paid \$10.25 each

> COLE'S PREDICTIONS FOR APRIL WEATH-ER .- Prof. C. Coles, in Storms and Signs for April, makes the following predictions: The greatest dauger periods from storms this month will be between the 9th and 10th the 16th and 20th, and 30th. Remember we are not yet out of the reach of "blizzards" and snow blockades. If the electrical currents continue running from cyclones and "blizzards." Do not be surprised if more earthquake shocks are felt along our sea coasts this month; and tidal waves show their power to inundate the land.

FOSTER'S WEATHER PREDICTIONS.—My wave to cross the continent from 11th to coast 15th, cross the west of Rockies coun-

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 15th, great central val-leve 17th, Festern States 19th leys 17th. Eastern States 19th.

Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 13th, great central valleys 20th, Eastern States 22nd.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m April 22nd will average about normal in Eastern States and above on Pacific slope. Rainfall of this period will be above nor-About the date of this bulletin a warm

wave will occupy the great central valleys moving eastward. It will move rapidly causing sudden changes and extremes of temperature.

Fifth storm wave of April will reach Pacific slope about 21st, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 22nd, great central valleys 23rd to 24th, Eastern States

Warm wave will cross the wast of Rockies country about 21st, great central valleys 23rd, Eastern States 25th. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about 24th, great central valleys

---In our issue of April 13th we were in error in stating that "Lawrence Thomas, a Pine Grove boy, only missed the nomination for Assemblyman by a few votes." We had reference to the success of two Centre countains in Westmoreland county, where Cyrus Woods, formerly of Boalsburg, was nominated for State Senator and Dr. Thomas, as we had been informed, was defeated for Assembly by a narrow margin. We are pleased to learn, however, that we were in error. Dr. Thomas made the nomination; having had a majority of 116.

-The Pennsylvania State College base ball team opened the season at the College, on Saturday afternoon, by defeating Susquehanna University by the score of 19 to 3. The indications on Saturday were that State will have a very strong team this season; some of the new men having developed remarkable ability : especially is this the case in Sharpe, who bids fair to be phenom. The team started away on its first trip Tuesday morning. The game at Bucknell had to be postponed on account of rain and the game with Dickinson, on Wednesday, was called in the third inning with the score 6 to 6.

The Undine Easter ball was a wonderful success from an attendance view point; there having been about the largest crowd present ever seen in the armory on a similar event. The grand march at 9 o'clock was led by Mr. Joseph McMahon and Miss Nora Solt and was participated in by about forty couples. The judges, Messrs John Trafford, John Laurie and George Knisely, awarded the lady's prize of a silk umbrella to Miss Stella Shope, who represented "Columbia" and the gentleman's prize to her escort. Charles Hazel, as "Uncle Sam." There were quite a number of unique and effective costumes, but the ones that seemed to catch the popular fancy most were Harry Walkey as an American sailor who had captured a Filipino Belle in the person of Joe Lose. Joe's costume certainly was original and merited all the applause it got. Miss Edna Miller was a dainty and graceful little sun flower girl and was probably the most admired of all on the floor.

OF INTEREST TO SUPERVISORS.-A matter that may not generally be known to many supervisors is that an act providing for the removal of stones from the public highways was signed by Governor Stone on the 2nd of May, 1896, of which the fol-

lowing is a copy of the principal sections. "That from and after the passage of this act the township supervisors and road commissioners of the several townships within this Commonwealth, shall, annually, on the first Monday of April, enter into a contract with one or more taxpayers to remove and take away the loose stones from the main traveled highways in such townships, at least each month during the months of April, May, June, July, August, Septem-

ber and October of each year." It will be seen that there is no "may" or penalty it would be well for those who have not already arranged to carry out its provisions to do so at once.

WE HOPE TOM HAS STRUCK IT RICH.-The Atlin B. C. Globe of March 29th, maneuverings of O. Tomas Switzer, the Philipsburg argonaut, who has been flatsam and jetsam in the Alaska gold fields for the last two years.

Tom's frequent letters to the Philipsburg Ledger left many of his friends under the impression that he was too much of a rolling stone to gather any of the gold bearing moss of the Klondike and when he did stop for any length of time it was only for the purpose of fitting up a fine kitchen and giving the half-starved boys in that region a swell banquet, in which condensed milk ice cream and plum pudding, with sugar-coated beans doing duty as plums, always played an important part.

It has evidently not been all play with Tom, however, for the Globe says:

Canavan & Switzer again heard from. Last week they sold the Race Horse group ated on lower Pine creek. This week they sell two groups of ten leases jointly on Wright creek, to Chicago capitalists. Ground very rich.

It is a patent fact that Wright creek is very rich in coarse gold, but owing to the depth to bed rock and the smallness of the claims, it has been impossible to work by the ordinary methods of sluicing. As a direct result of these conditions, a large area of ground, rich enough for ordinary sluicing has been thrown open for hydraulicing. Experts assert that there is probably not a parallel condition of affairs existing in any camp in the world, where, ground as rich as there is on some of the creeks, tributary to Atlin and Surprise lakes, is available to this property. The ground in question begins at about 30 below discovery, takes in both benches including Aspen Gulch, and continues down stream about one and onehalf miles, connecting with the hydraulic property owned by the E. C. Hawkins Syndicate, who are now busily engaged in getting out lumber for their from present indications will be the first hydraulic plant in operation in the district. The ground was taken up by Canavan and Switzer at the close of last season and since that time they have done enough prospecting to show gold in such quantities on several leases as to enable them to find. a ready market as soon as they had the property in shape to sell. The Globe is informed that they have other prospective deals that they anticipate closing in the near future.

Written on the margin of the paper is a little note from Mr. Switzer in which he

"Only a few of the best of us are left and at this tage of the game I feel that nothing but the inervention of an unkind Providence can beat me." We certainly wish him all and more of

success than his present prospects seem to pre-empt him.