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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 possible.

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.

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 great fuss over him. CECIL RHODES gave him a banquet and the Governor-General entertained him at a fete.

Every effort is being made to find some 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. If the latter should prove the case, many believe it was a matter of suicide, as his death was certain if caught.

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 subjects of the empire in Porto Rico and not citizens of the Republic.

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.

McKINLEY justified his violation of the fundamental law of the land on the ground that exigencies required such action. In the history of the world there has never been a usurper that hasn't offered the same

expense for his treachery. Cesar 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.

The Curtin Monument Fund Growing.

MR. EDITOR.
I am glad to acknowledge through your paper, the following contributions to the Curtin memorial to be erected in connection with the soldiers' monument.

Amount previously acknowledged..... \$1043.50
April 9th, Frank Thomson, by his Executor, Frank Graham Thomson, Philadelphia, Pa..... 250.00
April 9th, Miss Mary Curtin Taylor, Hartford, Conn..... 25.00
April 12th, John W. Wainman, Philadelphia, Pa..... 250.00
April 12th, Miss Mary K. Curtin, Philadelphia, Pa..... 5.00
General D. H. Hastings..... 250.00
\$1823.50

An Italian's Awful Work With Stiletto and Revolver.

Windber, 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 Point.

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After hearing both sides, the committee reported in favor of Thomas B. Alcorn, of Pittsburg, who was chairman of the Allegheny county committee, which was contested by Joseph Howley, and Mayor John M. Fritzy, of Harrisburg, chairman of the Dauphin county committee.

The state committee then took up the report of the executive committee on the reports of the committees 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.

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

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 Pennsylvania, to Harrisburg and return at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate twenty-five cents.) Tickets will be good on April 24th and 25th and will be good to return until April 26th, inclusive.

Indictments Against Ten.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17.—The Frankfort Circuit Judge this afternoon returned indictments against ten persons charging them with complicity in the murder of William Goebel. The principals named are Henry E. Youtsey, James Howard, Berry Howard, Harland Whittaker and "Tallow Dick" Combs, colored.

Henry E. Youtsey, who is mentioned as the first principal, was a clerk in the office 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 examination trial of Caleb Powers.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

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

Most of the public schools in the county have closed and already private ones are beginning for the summer in the villages.

Engineer A. H. Rowan, who was the only one who escaped from the wreck at Snow Shoe last week, is recovering rapidly and will soon be able for work again.

The Wilson Bros., of Howard, are erecting a building for a skimming station at Beech Creek. They are reaching out in all directions and will soon control the entire field in this section.

Agent Robert F. Hunter, of the New England Mutual life insurance company, has credit for having been second among the company's agents in the amount of business placed last month.

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.

John Hobson, the owner of the farm near Penna Furnace, on which Claude B. Hess lives and the house on which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago, was here recently having his insurance adjusted.

George Miller dropped in last evening to inform us that the story to the effect that Harry Miller, of Spring township, who forgot to represent his constituents at the recent Republican county convention, is a son of his is not true.

John Dunn, of near Penfield, may die of burns received in searching a blazing building for his baby daughter Saturday. Dunn lived at a boarding house near Pray's saw mill.

John 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.

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

While running the cut off at the Linden Hall saw mill Irvin Barris had his hand badly lacerated.

On Monday evening at about 8 o'clock a tenant house and stable belonging to William F. Lucas, of Howard, located about one-half mile west of Jacksonville, on the road leading to Bellefonte, one of his farms was totally destroyed by fire.

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.

Last evening Moshannon commandery, No. 74, K. T. of Phillipsburg, had the annual installation of officers and the ceremony was made quite an elaborate social, as well as a masonic function.

A free fight occurred in front of the home of Andy Bitzer, Andy Blako and Joe Smitas, three Hungarian miners at Clarence, last Sunday afternoon, that almost assumed the proportions of a riot.

The greatest danger 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.

Walter resided for some years.

WALTER'S PREDICTIONS FOR APRIL WEATHER.—Prof. C. Coles, in Storms and Signs for April, makes the following predictions:

WALTER'S WEATHER PREDICTIONS.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 11th to 15th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast 15th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 16th, great central valleys 16th to 19th, Eastern States 20th.

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.

The Pennsylvania State College baseball team opened the season at the College, on Saturday afternoon, by defeating Susquehanna University by the score of 19 to 3.

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.

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, 1890, of which the following 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, September and October of each year.

It will be seen that there is no "may" or "can" in this matter. They shall do it, the law says, and if they want to avoid the penalty it would be well for those who have not already arranged to carry out its provisions to do so at once.

WELLS TOM HAS STRUCK IT RICH.—The Atlin B. C. Globe of March 29th, throws a very interesting side-light on the maneuverings of O. Tomas Switzer, the Phillipsburg argonaut, who has been flatsum and jetsam in the Alaska gold fields for the last two years.

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WRIGHT CREEK.—A few of the best of us are left and at this stage of the game I feel that nothing but the intervention of an unkind Providence can beat me.