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For Justice of the Supreme Court HARMAN YERKES, of Bucks County. For State Treasurer A. J. PALM,

Democratic County Ticket. For Prothonotary-M. I. GARDNER.

For District Attorney-N. B. SPANGLER.

An Interesting Question.

Some well meaning persons having suggested the election of rich men exclusively for subordinate municipal offices, as a remedy against the venality and profligacy of recent municipal life, the newspapers of the country are at present discussing the question with great interest, if not with the same measure of intelligence. Those who favor the idea insist that rich and socially prominent men couldn't possibly be susceptible to such influences as too frequently govern men less fortunate in a material after the convention adjourned. way. A man with abundant means, they urge, has no incentive to accept bribes and, those of high social position would be restrained by the proverbial patrician sense of honor from doing anything so base.

As a matter of fact rich men do sometimes make ideal municipal legislators and loyal magistrates, but they have no patent or copyright on the qualities which make those virtues. As a rule they are better educated and frequently have broader and clearer views on public questions. This is the logical and natural result of their better opportunities to acquire information. But poverty doesn't always imply an absence of understanding or a want of integrity. In fact many men remain poor for no other reason than that they have both in a marked degree and such men are as free from the taint of corruption as they could possibly be if they were worth millions, instead of being dependent on the fruits of their labors for the necessaries of

Moreover wealth is not an absolutely certain specific for the cure of venality. There are different forms of bribery, besides, and a man's action may be influenced by corrupt considerations without lining his palm with gold. As a matter of fact the most common as well as the most dangerous form of bribery of municipal legislators is that which never appeals to poor men. It is that of voting for measures which will promote personal interests by conveying public franchises or improving moreland county did not come to the conprivate property at public expense. For example a rich man in the councils or board of aldermen of a city will vote for expensive improvements in a section in which the public has no common interest but the property of the legislator is enhanced by the improvement.

Not as an Explanation.

For the second time within the past three months the Republican, the political mouth piece and personal organ of his ex-excellency, DANIEL HARTMAN HASTINGS, has made the unfounded and malicious charge that the editor of the WATCHMAN spent a greater portion of the time of the last session of the Legislature in Harrisburg lobbying for Republican ripper bills, ring measures, and machine jobs. At the time of the first publication of this infamous falsehood the editor of that journal was kindly notified of his error and shown that during the entire session of the Legislature, the editor of the WATCHMAN had been in Harrisburg but four times.

First at the organization of the House, when he was there by request of Mr. CREASY and other Democratic Members to assist in securing a fusion organization of that body. Again, at the request of Col. GUFFEY, to meet with other Democrats to consider and agree upon a satisfactory ballot reform measure. Another time, in company with Hon. W. U. HENSEL, to meet Senator J. HENRY COCHRAN on a matter of private business. And again on the day of the annual meeting of the Democratic Editorial Association and the meeting of the Democratic State Central committee,

which convened on the same day. With a full knowledge of these facts and with every evidence of the falsity of its statement the Republican last week reiterated its malicious falsehood, simply because the WATCHMAN had the courage to give a truthful and unbiased account of the recent Republican county convention, the proceedings of which reflected no credit

upon the man for whom it speaks. We refer to this matter not in explanation of the position or work of the editor of the WATCHMAN, for that, with those whose good opinion he seeks and appreciates, is entirely unnecessary, but to show how vicious and untruthful this organ of an ex-Governor

can be. It is, however, but in keeping with the life record of the miserable and discredited demagogue it represents. Devoid of truth. destitute of all manliness, false to every instinct of honor and brazen beyond the blush of shame.

-Campbell Bowersox caught a carp at Woodward on Monday that was 221 inches long and weighed 6 lbs 13 oz.

Everything Went as Mapped Out.

Potter Chosen for Supreme Judge and Harris for State Treasurer at Republican Convention-Lane Permanent Chairman—The Platform Congratulates Ranks Exists, That Harmony Has Been Restored and that Respect for the Will of the Majority Prevails-Governor Stone Endorsed.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 21.-Judge William P. Potter, of Pittsburg, was nominated for Supreme court judge and Representative Frank G. Harris, of Clearfield, for State Treasurer, by to-day's Republican state Theirs were the only names presented and the nominations were made

The convention was in session only one hour and forty-five minutes and was one of the most remarkable political gatherings ever held in this State. The features were the manifest harmony which characterized the proceedings, the absence of Senators Quay and Penrose, and other distinguished leaders, the unusually small attendance of active party workers and spectators, the large number of delegates who never attended a state convention before, and the brevity of the speeches of the chairman and other speakers.

DAVID H. LANE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN. Joseph O. Brown, director of public safety, of Pittsburg was temporary chair-man, and David H. Lane, of Philadelphia, permanent chairman. Mr. Brown is the personal and political friend of Senator William Flinn, of Pittsburg, former leader of the Anti-Quay Republican organization of Pennsylvania. Mr. Flinn was tendered the chairmanship by the leaders at a conference last night at the executive mansion and declined to accept. Mr Lane is a friend of mayor Ashbridge, of Philadelphia. General Frank Reeder, of Easton, was reelected chairman of the state committee at

The opera house was comfortably filled with delegates and spectators when state t herefore, would not accept them while chairman Reeder called the convention to order at 10:45 o'clock.

After the reading of the call and roll of delegates, Senator John M. Scott, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution that Mr. Brown be elected temporary chairman. The resolution was adopted and the chairman was escorted to the platform by Messrs. Scott and Lane.

SELECTION WAS AN HONOR. Mr. Brown said he regarded his selection as an honor to and a recognition of the Republican organization of Allegheny coun-

C. W. Benedict, of Titusville, was chairman of the resolution committee, composed of a representative from each of the fifty senatorial districts, except the Thirty-

John M. Dale, of Bellefonte, was chairman of the committee on permanent or ganization.

Samuel Jones, of Carbondale, was chairman of the credentials committee. After their selection was announced the convention took a recess for ten minutes to give the committees an opportunity to me When the convention reconvened Mr. Jones reported from the credentials com-Dale reported that the committee on permane at organization recommended the selection of Mr. Lane for permanent chairman. Both reports were adopted and the committees discharged. Mr. Lane was escorted to the platform by Senator Fliun and Representative Chew, of Philadelphia.

" PLATFORM READ AND ADOPTED. The platform was read by Mr. Benedict and was adopted by a viva voca vote. Denna O. Ogden, of Greensburg, said it was vention endorsing everything done by the last Legislature. Wash Orms, of Schuylkill, tried to enter a protest against the adoption of the platform, but he was declared out of order by the chairman.

The second speech was made by city attorney Burleigh.

There being no other nominations, Judge Potter was nominated by acclamation. The nomination of State Treasurer being next in order, Mr. Kelly was recognized by chairman Lane to nominate Mr. Harris. Mr. Kelly said he never knew "Clearfield's choice" to evade a duty or betray a trust. The nomination was seconded by N. L. Bonbrake, of Chambersburg. The nomination was then made by acclamation, after which the convention adjourned.

The Williams Grove Picnic.

The 28th annual great Granger's picnic exhibition will be held at Williams' Grove the week beginning August 26th. The exhibition of farm machinery will surpass that of any former year and undoubtedly will be the greatest ever held in the Eastern States. The beauty of the exhibit will he that so much of it will be running. Five saw mills, two sningle mills, at least 15 traction engines and threshers, together with numerous fodder cutters and other small

machinery will make the grand old grove a hive of industry.

During the week the platform of the large auditorium which seats 2,500 people will be occupied by prominent grangers, agriculturists, educators and politicians. The evening entertainments will consist concerts and illustrated lectures. Thursday and Friday evenings, Frank R. Rober-

son, on Japan and The Philippines.

A special effort will be made to put on an up to date midway, embodying the best tented attractions obtainable. The principal shows engaged are a troupe of ter Bedouin Arabs in lofty tumbling, pyramid building, gun spinning, whirling dervishes, etc. McGuires educated horses, eight in the business. The Big Eli ferris wheel, 45 ft high.

unette—the flying lady.

No admission fee to the ground and a one fare carries you from your station to Williams' Grove and return.

Threats for Guardsmen

Told to be Careful Where They Stand When Shoot

SOMERSET, Pa., Aug. 19.—A portion of the Second Brigade, N. G. P., is encamped here. Anonymous letters have been re-ceived by the regimental commanders containing threats in connection with possible strike duty by the soldiers. A fair sample

is the following:
"Dear Sir: In case your command is called upon to do duty against the steel strikers, do not forget that there are many laboring men and union men in your regiments, and watch where you stand when you give the order to fire.

natter has been placed in the hands The matter has been placed in the hands of the United States postal authorities and an investigation is said to be in progress. It is generally believed a mischief maker is writing the letters.

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Re-union of Co. E. 45th P. V

This fortieth anniversary of Co. E. 45th P. V. Inf., held at Baileyville last Saturday, the 17th inst., proved a great success in every particular. The forenoon was spent in good cheer, there being a large number of veterans present to greet the survivors of the old Scott Guard, Co. E, and recall memories of earlier days when they started out in defense of the Union. The old soldiers were made to feel at

home and were royally entertained at a special table over which the old company's dollars. flag hung suspended. The center of attraction was a large cake on which was engraved in red, Co. E, 1861-1901. This was the handiwork of Mrs. Sara Heberling and was highly complimented by the boys in blue. The bounteons repast was much preferable to hardtack.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by W. H. Fry who conducted the election of officers which resulted in electing W. H. Musser, Pres.; Wm. Ellenberger, and J. G. Heberling, vice presidents; J R. Phesant, treasurer; and W. H. Fry, secretary. The proceedings were opened by earnest prayer by Rev. W. P. Shriner, of Bellefonte. An elegant address of wel-come was delivered by Rev. John Campbell McCracken, a nephew of the late Capt.

Campbell, of Co. E. This was responded to on the part of the veterans by ex-Governor Jas. A. Beaver, who was associated with the company as their first Lieut. Col. He gave a most interesting history of the old color company that he was lead to regard as one family, they being recruited just from that Spring

The company entered the service of the sent South, where they took part in the engagements of James Island and Fort Pulaski. The next year they were united with the army of the Potomac, prior to the campaign which culminated in the hattle of South Mountain and Antietem where they lost heavily. They accompanied the gallant 51st Penna. in the charge which forced the now historic Burnside bridge The next was the battle of Fredricksburg after which it was transferred to the army of the West and were at Vicksburg an Jackson after these battles was transferred to eastern Kentucky and were in the seige of Knoxville. Thence to Tennessee and took part in the engagement of Cumberland Gap, Blue Springs and Campbell's Station. From this it joined Grant and where-ever the army of the Potomac fought it was found until the surrender at Apamatox. It was mustered out of service July 12th, 1865, at Alexandria, Va.

Co. E, started out just 40 years ago with 101 men and was later recruited with 90 additionals. Of this number 36 survive. At roll call the following members answered

Henry Barto, Henry Irvin,
Perry Cupp, J. R. Lemon,
Jerry Ewing, G. W. Loner,
Wm. Ellenberger. W. H. Musser,
Christopher Ellenberg'r Joseph Myers,
J. R. Phesant, Capt. Henry Stevens.
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Letters of regret were read from comrades Harpster, Musser and Bateman. Comrade J. A. Dailey was the next speaker and was heartily applauded for his remarks.

A marked feature of the day was the

rendering of some stirring martial mucio with fife and drums that were used by the company in '61. Wilford P. Shriner, of Bellefonte, was the orator of the day. He paid a beautiful tribute to the boys in blue who left their homes and their all for their country's sake. Inspiring in the old veterans thoughts that reverted back to the time when this fair land was encountering the shocks of devastating warfare, causing their hearts to heat the faster for it. His language was most eloquent. His tribute paid to those who yeilded up their lives in defense of the flag touched deep into the heats of those who were within the sound

At this period a bat collection was taken which liquidated all expense and a nice sum for the soldiers monument fund. A note of thanks was tendered the committee of arrangements who prepared the way for the very fine and enjoyable reunion, and to the citizens for the elegant repast served, also to the speakers for their splendid addresses. Photographer Ward was on the ground and photoed members of Co. E, in a group, when the 40th anniversary came to a close.

IN MEMORY OF OUR FELLOW COMRADES. At a reunion of the surviving members of Co. E, 45th P. V., held August 17, at Baileyville it being their fortieth anniversary, the following resolutions were

unanimously adopted : WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God the ruler of the universe and the commander of the armies in heaven and in earth has drawn his sword against the lives of twelve of our comrades since our last meeting, 12 years ago, to answer the last roll call. Most of them at three

rades since our last meeting, 12 years ago, to answer the last roll call. Most of them at three score years and ten when the world grows lonely and the desolate stream of life glides darkly towards the eternal gulf.

Joseph Rigel, John Goss, George Merryman, Sam'l Badel, Harry Cryder, A. H. Cox, J. G. Rider, J. E. Way, J. W. Rider, Capt. John Beck.

Michael Rider, Jacob Beck.

It is but just that a fitting recognition of their many deeds of valor and bravery be recorded that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the most high we do not the less mourn for our comrades who have been taken, and who were ever ready to profier the hand and aid the support of the flag, and as friends and companions were dear to us all. As citizens were upright and noble and a standard of emulation to the comrades. comrades.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of our association be extended to the families in their

association be extended to affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records. A copy thereof be committed to the family of the deceased comrades.

G. W. LONER,
J. R. LEMON,
W. H. FRY,

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

--- Daniel Krader's new house in Coburn is nearing completion.

-George B. Harris has bought the Joseph Miller property in Rebersburg for

The venerable D. Z. Kline is reported to be very ill at his home on Spring

----Charles Allen Justice, aged 1 year and 7 months, died at the parental home

at Morristown on Thursday afternoon. Interment was made in the Meyers cemetery on Saturday morning. Rev. Perks of the U. B. church, officiating.

-The second assembly of the season was held in the armory last evening. So many guests from out of town were present that it was quite a brilliant affair. The patronesses were Mrs. Isaac Mitchell, Mrs. of Bellefonte. Geo. L. Potter, Mrs. M. J. Locke, Mrs. Sarah Larimer and Mrs. M. C. Breese.

A MAGNIFICENT BEQUEST.-The hearts of the ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose members are so energetically laboring to secure funds for the erection of a temperance hall upon the lot on High street, bequeathed for this purpose by the late Marion Petriken, were filled with thanks-giving, and rejoicing, yesterday, by a gift from the Hon. James Milliken, of a check for five hundred

This act of characteristic generosity on the part of Col. Milliken is all the more beautiful from the fact that he, as well as his brothers Thompson and Samuel, in earlier days took an active and forceful part in the business and social affairs of Bellefonte, for whose history and memories he feels a deep and abiding interest.

The fact that his lamented mother, during the early days of the temperance crusade, took the initial steps to unite the Christian women of this community into an organized body for prayer, in the interest of the temperance cause, contributes to make the circumstances surrounding Mr. Milliken's bequest of more than passing interest and this magnificent gift to the memory of his beloved mother is a fitting tribute to her inestimable worth.

-McCalmont & Co. are offering some seasonable bargains in phosphates U. S., Sept. 2nd, 1861, and were at once and seeds just now and it pays to buy from a responsible home dealer. They are offering the famous South Carolina Rock phosphate at only \$12 a ton. Good county timothy seed can be had at their store for \$2.60 a bushel. Here are certainly two great hargains.

> -John Guisewite and Miss Katharine Houser, daughter of William Houser, were married yesterday afternoon by the Rev. W. P. Shriner..

-Miss Maud L. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Harris, of Mill Hall, and Rev. H. W. Hartsock, who is now stationed at Altoona are to be married on Sept. 12th. Mr. Hartsock is a son of John C Hartsock, of Buffalo Run, and the wedding is to take place at the bride's

-Harry Clevenstine, of the Howard creamery plant in this place, went to Hanover Wednesday where his marriage to Miss Carrie Gavenslover is to be celebrated. Their wedding journey will extend to Gettysburg, Pen Mawr and Atlantic City and upon their return they will go to housekeeping here, where the groom is well established and known for his worthiness.

-Miss Flora Temple Long was married to Harvey Albert Dornblazer, of Philadelphia, at the home of her father, John B. Long Esq., near Philipsburg, on Tuesday morning. There were quite a number of guests present and an effective ceremony was read by the Rev. Dr. F. J. Clerc, of the Episcopal church. Miss Annie McCausland, of Philipsburg, was the maid and Mr. A. J. Musser, of Clearfield, was the groom's best man. The bride wore a traveling gown and only an informal little reception was held before an elaborate breakfast was served. At its conclusion Mr. and Mrs. Dornblazer left for a trip to Buffalo and down the St. Lawrence. Upon their return they will reside at 1315 Wishart street, Philadelphia, the groom being superintendent of the tax department of the Lehigh Valley railroad, with headquarters in that city. The bride has many friends in this place, where she is known as a very intelligent and capable young woman.

AN EARLY MORNING WEDDING .- On Wednesday morning early a propitious wedding was celebrated at St. John's Catholic church when Miss Mary Catharine Kohlbecker, daughter of Alois A. Kohlbecker and F. H. Vallimont were united in marriage. The ceremony took place at 7:30 o'clock and the nuptial mass was celebrated by the Rev. P. McArdle. The bride's sister, Miss Stella Kohlbecker, was maid of honor and her twin brother, Henry Kohlbecker officiated as best man.

Directly after the ceremony the bridal party and their friends drove to the home of the bride's parents in Central City, where a reception was given them and an elaborate wedding breakfast was served. The reception and dining rooms of the hotel were elaborately decorated by John Noe, the well-known traveling man of Pittsburg, and the occasion was doubly joyous as it happened to be the birthday of landlord Kohlbecker, the bride's father.

The young people left on the noon train for Buffalo and Niagara Falls and their departure was marked by abundance of rice and the usual hilarity of such affairs. They will make their home at Kane, where the groom is employed in the glass works.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.-Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Archey, during the past week :

Wallace E. Breon, of Millheim, Miranda S. Vonada, of Woodward. Paul M. Reidy and Maggie France, both

of Wallacetown.

of Bellefonte.

Samuel Yeagle and Gertrude Parsons. both of Sandy Ridge. Andrew Thal and Bertha Hockenberry, A. Allison, pipes ... both of Bellefonte.

F. H. Vallimont, of Kane, and Mary Kohlbecker, of Milesburg. Fred Ammerman, of Philipsburg, and Nettie J. Pryde, of Houtzdale. LeRoy. C. Eldred, of Altoona, and Elbis

O. Leathers, of Mt. Eagle. John Guisewhite and Kate Houser, both Walter Scull and Catharine Strunk, both

ing at 7:30. Communion services Sunday morning. All are invited to be present. -Col. James Milliken gave five hun-

-Scott Buck, of Warriorsmark, has

to diagnose.

dred dollars, this week, to the Presbyterian church of this place. In connection with the twentieth century thank offering fund concerted effort is being made to pay the indebtedness of the church and this is the fourth five hundred check that has been given for that purpose in the last few weeks. The others were the gifts of Dr. Thomas R. Hayes, Mr. William P. Humes and his sister Miss Mila and Mrs. William P. Wilson.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS .- County superintendent C. L. Gramley has arranged for six educational meetings during the early part of the current school term. These meetings can be beneficial to all who attend them, he therefore asks all teachers and directors to be present at the times and places as noted below. One session of two or three hours will be held at each place. Questions pertaining to school work, and recent school legislation, will be discussed. Local institute work will also be arranged.

The times and places for meetings have been fixed as follows: Miles, Haines, Penn, Gregg and Millheim, at Millheim, Friday evening, Sept. 6th.

Centre Hall, Potter, Harris, College, Ferguson and State College, at Boalsburg, Saturday, Sept, 7th, Bellefonte, Benner, Spring and Walker,

at Bellefonte, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Philipsburg, Rush, South Philipsburg. Snow Shoe and Burnside, at Snow Shoe, Friday evening, Sept. 20th.

Taylor, Worth, Huston, Half Moon, Patton, Union and Unionville, at Unionville, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Liberty, Curtin, Marion, Boggs, Miles-

burg, Howard and Howard Boro., at Howard, Saturday, Sept. 28th. The day? meetings will convene at 9 o'clock, and the evening sessions at 7:30. Teachers and directors will call the attention of those interested to the meetings,

and ask them to be present.

BELLEFONTE ACADEMY FOR 1901-02,-The Bellefonte Academy will open its fall session on Wednesday, September 11th. The prospects for a larger attendance than ever are very bright. There will be no school in the afternoons of the first week. Parents are urged to have their children present at the opening sessions.

The principals have purchased new chool apparatus during the summer which will add greatly to the already strong equipment of the primary and intermediate departments. The corps of teachers and their departments will be as follows: Rev. J. P. Hughes, A. M., principal;

mathematics and book-keeping. J. R. Hughes, A. M., associate principal: Latin and Greek. Mr. Arthur H. Killen, A. B., (Yale)

nathematics, sciences and athletics. Miss Isabella S. Hill, A. B., (Weslyan) English, rhetoric and literature.

Miss Kate Stewart Davis; modern lan guages and history. (Miss Davis has studied extensively in France and Germany.)

Miss Helen E. Overton, lady principal Superintendent of primary department. Miss Margaret Thomas; assistant in primary work.

School schedule arranged to accommodate all students who come on the trains. Students from the country cannot afford miss the training of the Academy.

WHAT WAS DONE AT COUNCIL.-President Gerberich and members Walkey, Knisely, Cunningham, Whittaker and Potter were present at the meeting of council on Monday night and are reponsible for the following legislation. Complaint was made that a binder left

standing in the alley between McCalmont & Co's store and the Republican office had become a nuisance. Upon considering the matter it was learned that the machine had been sold by said firm to John Rishel, but the latter claims it was no sale and returned it. McCalmont & Co. refused to touch it, so the burgess was instructed to remove it and pay costs of storage until the litigation between McCalmonts and Mr. Rishel establishes the ownership of the machine. William Bathurst, the newly appointed high constable, offered Col. W. F. Reeder and James Harris as his bondsmen in the sum of \$200.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the Street committee, called attention to the contemplated building to be erected over the race on High street by P. F. Keichline. It is in direct violation of the building ordinance but no action was taken.

The Finance committee was directed to get together all the ordinances of the borough and have them printed in book form. The following bills were ordered paid and council adjurned :

| Walter Whippo, blacksmithing | |
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| R. B. Taylor, coal for W. W | |
| Water pay roll | |
| Police pay roll | |
| H. B. Pontius, clerk | |
| Thos. Shaughensy, mkt clerk | |
| Geo. L. Potter, insurance | |
| Geo. A. Bayard on account | |
| Jacob Gross, uniform for police | |
| Bft. Fuel & Supply Co., coal | |
| Street pay roll | |
| Wm. Barthust, burying dogs | |

THE WILSON FAMILY REUNION .- Last Thursday, August 16th, though decidedly lost five head of cattle with a very mysterious disease that veterinarians seem unable inclement, was a memorable one to the descendants of George and Esther Wilson in this county. He was born September -Presiding elder Rev. S. P. Remer, 24th, 1753, and was the first Wilson settler will preach in the United Evangelical in Half Moon; having moved to that valley church Saturday evening the 24th, at 7:30, from Chester county. In 1792 he establish-Sunday morning 10:30, and Sunday evened a Friends church there that is, to-day, the most potent of all the houses of wor-

ship of that sect in this community. To celebrate such an illustrious old gentleman all the Wilsons from far and near were at the homestead on Thursday. John Wilson owns and occupies it now and there were about three hundred of the posterity there. Of course the wet weather made it impossible to hold the reunion outside, as was originally intended, but the capacious home of John Wilson made a splendid retreat for the party and no inconvenience, whatever, was suffered.

The oldest branch of the tree was present in the person of William L. Wilson, aged 83, and the tiniest twig, Ernest Calvin Meyers, only 4 months old, was also there.

Capt. John A. Hunter, of Stormstown, was made chairman of the meeting, after which Asbury Wilson made the address of welcome, which was responded to by a Miss Leonard. The presentation of the monument (which has been erected to the memory of George and Esther Wilson) was made by R. Orlando Way, and was accepted on behalf of the descendants by John Wilson. A historical paper was read by Harriet Wilson, which was followed by a

short talk by William L. Wilson. By the unanimous vote of those present it was decided to make permanent the organization-the Wilson Family Memorial Association—and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President, Wm. L. Wilson, of Stormstown; secretary, H. G. Elder, Tyrone; treasurer, Miss Annie M. Hunter, of Storms-

THE GRANGER'S PICNIC AT CENTRE HALL.—The Grangers of Centre county will open their 28th annual encampment and exposition, at Grange Park, Centre Hall on September 16th and continue until the 20th.

Tents may be had for the encampment, possession to be given on Saturday, September 14th, for \$3 for the time of encampment, irrespective of the number occupying them. The tents will be floored and straw will be provided for bedding at a nominal price.

The Grangers hope to make this a very successful outing. They have arranged a fine lot of entertainments for the auditorium and are working to make the exhibit features worthy of more than passing notice.

The Decker Family Reunion.

The fourth annual reunion of the Decker family was held at the old Decker homestead in College township, Wednesday, August 14th. The morning being somewhat cloudy the people were slow about gathering, but by ten o'clock persons could be seen wending their way toward the Decker homestead with baskets and boxes ladened with eatables. About eleven o'clock smoke began to curl from among the trees announcing that preparations for dinner had begun. and by twelve o'clock the baskets and boxes had been relieved of their burdens and the good things placed on the table in a way that no one could help but enjoy their dinner. After the places at the table had been filled Rev. Hepler was called on to ask the blessing after which all did ample justice to the dinner, especially Andrew Lytle, Adam Felty and Rev. Henler.

Rev. Hepler was called on to act as chairman in the absence of president Ripka. The secretary being absent the minutes of last year were not read. The next in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year as follows: Jonas F. Decker, president; Geo. Resides, vice president and secretary; Maude Grieb, historian; and John Houser, treasurer. This was followed by the reading of the history of the Decker family by Mrs. Rafsnyder. This history dated back about two hundred years; starting with Rev. Henry Decker who came to this country from Germany. A number of persons were then called on by the chairman for short talks, the following responding. Mr. Felty, Mr. Andy Lytle, Mrs. Philip Wirts and Harvey Yarnell. These persons, being old acquaintances related some incidents that happened in their younger days, which were very interesting, especially the snake story related by Harvey Yarnell. This was followed by an address and prayer by Rev. Hepler.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in pitching horse-shoes and playing games. Fred Decker, the grandfather of the present generation, being champion pitcher. The following are the names of the persons present, so far as could be learned. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Decker, children and grand-children as follows: Mr. and Mrs. John Houser and son Thomas; Mrs. Ellen Resides and children, George, Harry, Ida, Susie and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Decker; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Decker and children, Mabel, George, Mary and Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rafsnyder and son Fred, Mrs. Piercel O'Bryan and children, Lottie and Walter

The following are relatives, friends and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Strouse, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Samuel Ewing, Mrs. John Strouse, Effie and Minnie Snyder, Maude and Ethel Grieb, Mrs. Reuben Glenn and daughter Edna, Mrs. John Messinger, Jonas and Thomas Decker, Mrs. Rishel and son, Mrs. Jos. Corl and daughter Loleta, Rev. and Mrs. Hepler and children Dorothy and Mary, Mrs. Samuel Glenn and daughters, Ellie and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Campbell, Mrs. Robt. Campbell and son Andrew. Mrs. Fishburn, Mrs. Chas. Zettle and daughter Estell, Ida and Zella Evey, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wirts, Mr. Harvey Yarnell, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tressler, Mr. McCullum, Mrs. Gramley, Will Johnstonbaugh, Will Stover, Rachel Scanlin, Mrs. Frank Boal and children, Mary and Earl, Mary, Sola, Jennie and Henry Sents, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Ralston, 112.07 1.00 Agnes Wilson, Alice Gerbrick, Mr. and Mrs. John Duff, Adam Felty, Mrs. Passmore and \$737.92 son, Etta Felty, Jane Holderman and neice,