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The Democratic State Committee met in Harrisburg on Wednesday. Hon. W. T. CREESEY was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year by acclamation, and the 25th of June at Erie, was selected as the time and place for the meeting of the state convention. The attendance was the fullest of any of the kind that has been held for years, every county in the State having its representative present.

Democratic State Committee.

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon in Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, April 23.—The annual meeting of the Democratic state committee was held this afternoon in the board of trade rooms to arrange for the state convention for the nomination of candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs. Representative William T. Cressey, of Columbia county, was re-elected state chairman by acclamation and was tendered a vote of thanks for his party service during the past year.

Owing to the action of the Dauphin county committee in electing state delegates and a county chairman in defiance of the mandate of the state executive committee the county was denied representation in the committee. Colonel William S. Thomas, of Harrisburg, chairman of the local county committee, says that proceedings would possibly be instituted to compel the state committee to recognize him.

The Blair county contest was adjourned by the seating of Mayor Hoyer, of Altoona.

Amendments were offered to the rules so as to provide for a uniform system of nominating names for judge, Senator and Congress.

The amendments were adopted and the matter now goes to the state convention before it becomes a party rule.

The rules were also amended so as to fix the basis of representation in the state convention on the presidential vote, instead of the vote for the state nominees at each preceding general election.

Vagaries of Our Climate.

Summer Heat Strikes Many Places in Eastern States.

LANCASTER, April 22.—Today was a record breaker for high temperature at this time of year, thermometers at a number of places in the city being reported at 92 this afternoon. The heat is oppressive this evening, but a breeze has caused the mercury to drop considerably.

PHILADELPHIA, April 22.—This city and vicinity had the first touch of a midsummer weather to-day, when the United States weather bureau thermometer registered 86 degrees at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The thermometer showed a temperature of 72 degrees in this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There was a little breeze and the air was oppressive enough to cause at least one case of heat prostration.

MILWAUKEE, April 22.—Record-breaking high temperature for April is reported from all parts of Wisconsin to-day. Unless there is a change soon accompanied by showers, it is feared that the effect on the crops will be serious.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 22.—Freezing temperature and unusually heavy precipitations are reported to have occurred last night in many sections of the interior mountain country. It is not thought, however, that any damage to fruit will result, as the lowest temperatures are reported from the desert stretches of southern Utah and Nevada.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 22.—There was a drop in the temperature to-day from 40 to 50 degrees throughout the State. Following a slight fall of rain, the wind changed from the south to the northwest and tonight a snow storm is prevailing in Central Nebraska with indications of a blizzard.

Clintondale Almost Wiped Out by Flames.

The Village of Clintondale the Scene of a Sadly Destructive Fire. Eight Houses and Fifteen Barns Licked by the Hungry Flames—Many Old People Lost all they Had and Little Agnes Fielding Bewildered by the Fire Fell into the Mill Race and was Drowned, Fires in Other Sections.

Forty-eight hours ago Clintondale, Clinton county, located along the line of the Central Railroad of Penna. in the eastern end of Nittany valley, was as pretty a country village as could be seen anywhere. It was the home of many old people whose days of hard work being past had secured little properties there and were making their declining years comfortable by raising garden products and doing such other light work as was possible for them.

In addition, there were some handsome places that would have ornamented the good residence portion of most any town. There was an air of thrift and good order about the village that was pleasing to the stranger but to-day most of it is in smouldering ruins. Where comfortable little homes stood a few hours ago now the blackened foundation walls gape open as if hungry for more to devour.

The great fire started about 6:30 Wednesday evening and in less than two hours had eaten the very heart out of the place. It was all so sudden and so awful that the panic stricken residents seemed dazed and helpless. At the first alarm many of them ran to help their neighbors and before they realized the awfulness of the situation their own homes were in ashes.

The fire started in the stable of W. F. Brown's property on the west end of the north side of the main and only street of the village. Just what started it will never be known, but it is believed that some boys were burning rubbish near it and it may have caught from that.

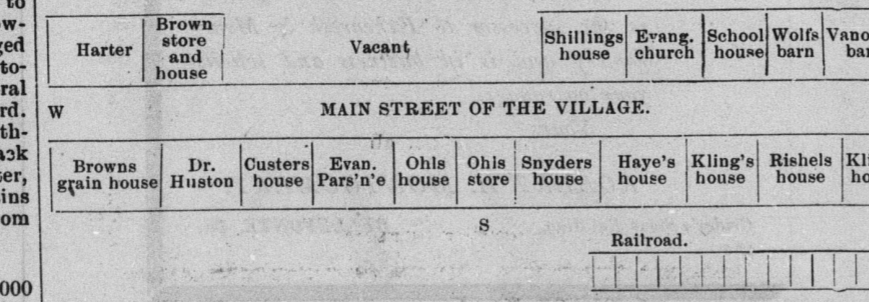
Everything on the south side of the street was cleaned up to Ohl's store, where a concentrated effort of a large bucket brigade stopped the further advance of the flames. The fire started back westward. The homes of John Rishel, another Kling family, James Hayes, and Edward Snyder were wiped out in order.

While the houses were burning, almost directly across the street from Brown's store had taken fire and was burned, with its contents of 500 bushels of wheat. Next to it, on the east, stands Dr. J. H. Huston's fine home. Heroic efforts were put forth to save it and though it was afire in many places the work of the firemen was successful and it was saved, thereby also probably saving the four other homes between it and Ohl's store on the same side of the street.

Shortly after 7 o'clock, when the people of Clintondale realized that there was danger of the entire village burning they telegraphed to Lock Haven and Bellefonte for assistance. The former place could not respond because of the danger that was threatening there from the forest fires. Burgess Blanchard took the matter up instantly and in 10 minutes the Logan Engine Co. was at the Central station with their engine and 1500 feet of hose.

At 7:50 the train pulled out in charge of dispatcher L. T. Munson. Engineer Gilmore was at the throttle and Billy Dike on the left to keep up the steam. The run was made in just 32 minutes and the sight that met the firemen's eyes was a pitiful one indeed. As soon as possible after arrival the engine was started.

Owing to the break down it had to be left on the car, but by being blocked up it worked well. Fortunately the railroad tracks are on the banks of the stream and though the lift was 22ft. the engine forced two fine streams through over a thousand feet of hose and every part of the town could be reached. The fire was practically under control when the



The above chart shows the principal section of Clintondale, looking over from the railroad where the Logan steam worked. It is practically all of the village and it will be seen that everything was burned but the 6 buildings between Brown's grain house and Snyder's house on the south side of the street. The one family of Kling occupied a house owned by old Mrs. Rishel.

The Methodists are Grateful.

The Methodist church of Bellefonte did officially, on Monday evening, what most of its members have been doing individually ever since Conference, i. e. thank the people of Bellefonte for the generous hospitality that was so much in evidence here last month. It would have been next to impossible for the Methodist church to have entertained so great a body, unassisted, and the cordial co-operation offered by people of every denomination was not only a manifestation of the town's proverbial hospitality but a well directed work in Christian fellowship.

The officials of the church embodied their sentiments in the following: The official board of the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church desires hereby to express its deep appreciation of the courtesy of the members of sister churches of our town and others, in their very generous and elegant aid in the entertainment of the members of our Conference at their recent session held in our town.

Upon the representation of our pastor, we desire also to thank Mr. John C. Miller and his stenographer, Miss Blanche Smith, for special favors rendered him in his work of preparation for the Conference session, and to Jackson, Hastings Co. bank for special favors to the Conference treasurers.

We also thank our own people who so generously entertained during Conference and sided the official board in making their plans for the Conference session.

The kindly interest of our town and the respectful attention of our town press causes its special pleasure and we gratefully record it. Done by the official board of the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church, in their first regular annual session, April 22, 1902.

WILFORD P. SHREINER, Pres't. G. W. REES, Sec'y.

John Hicklin, of Phillipsburg, has been granted a pension of \$8 per month.

The Logans cleared about \$110.00 by the Howe moving picture show on Tuesday night.

The time has been set for the golden anniversary of Dr. D. M. Wolf's educational work. It will be on August 7th, at Spring Mills.

Joe Mellix, the colored nurse from Williamsport, who attended the small-pox cases at Rebersburg, has returned home, which is an evidence that the disease is on the decline.

Epbraim From, the blacksmith at Waddles who was taken sick on Tuesday with appendicitis, was brought to town yesterday morning and taken to Dr. Hays's hospital on Spring street.

During the afternoon an operation was performed on him, but at the writing of this it was not known what the outcome would be.

About noon on Wednesday the residence occupied by Burton Robb in Eagle-ville caught fire and in a very short time the building was reduced to ashes.

The high winds caused much anxiety in the village, but every one turned out and worked to confine the flames to the one building. The fire caught from an overheated pipe in the kitchen. Most of Robb's household effects were saved.

The W. C. T. U. have every reason to be proud of the fair which was held in Petriken Hall last week. In size it easily out-classed any similar affair ever held in the town and in entertainments, wares, decorations and bargains it was quite metropolitan in character.

Over four hundred dollars were realized and we are positive that everyone who spent a cent there got their money's full worth and in several instances more than they paid for.

Frank Beckwith, who is in jail here awaiting trial for the murder of his wife, got out of his steel cage on the second corridor of the jail, three times recently. Upon investigation sheriff Brungard discovered that Foster Davis, a prisoner who is serving a term for f and b, had been tampering with the lock on Beckwith's cell, and both were then locked up in steel cages on which new locks were placed.

It is not known whether Beckwith and Davis were planning an escape or not.

Philippburg.

Mr. John Stine, of Buffalo Run, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. W. B. Lansberry is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Weefe, in DuBois this week.

Meat has taken a bound upward, much to the disgust of the dealer whose trade is diminishing by the abstaining public.

Some of the "town sports" are invited to Bellefonte by a special request of the Commonwealth, which they do not relish.

Pine Grove Mention.

Miss Katie Roush, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. Annie Miller is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Samuel Everhart lost a valuable cow last week from paralysis of the folds.

Dr. Frank W. Bailey, of Milton, is here partly on business and partly on pleasure.

We are glad to note the recovery of Miss Alice Hoy from an attack of pneumonia.

Joseph B. Ard is having a stone pavement laid in front of his residence on Main street.

Mrs. Jerry Dinges, of Boalsburg, who has been ill for some weeks is able to be about again.

Reed Brothers have added a planer to their already extensive saw mill just west of town.

John P. Wagner, a fireman on the P. E. R. at Altoona, spent several hours in town last week.

Ira C. Corman, the hustling implement dealer, registered at the St. Elmo last Saturday.

Austin Martz, of Cleveland, O., after a years absence is visiting his parental home here.

Charley Fisher and Samuel Koup, two of Boalsburg's hustlers, transacted business here last Saturday.

George Lahter, of Boalsburg, who has been ill for months, was able to enjoy a drive to town on Saturday.

Will Gates, assistant trackman on the Tyrone branch, took in the sights in our town on Saturday evening.

J. G. Heberling has just completed a new kitchen which is a great convenience to his comfortable home.

Mrs. David Fye is slowly recovering from an attack of grip at the home of D. L. Dennis where she is visiting.

J. C. Rowe, Esq., a very pleasant gentleman, was in town last week setting up his pius for the office of recorder.

James Hoover has just completed a new barn at his down home, which was not built before it was needed.

Master J. W. Plant, a bright little lad of Woodward, has been fortunate in getting a good home at W. H. Goss's.

Morris Kliger bid adieu to his Oak Hall friends last Friday and went to Lock Haven to engage in brick laying.

Frank B. Krebs, who is Dr. Brown's boss farmer at Spruce Creek, was at home with his parents here on Sunday.

Talk about horses being away up in price. Last week a Boalsburg buyer bought one from a Branch farmer for \$4.50.

David Fulton, superintendent Patterson's right bower on the State College experiment farm, was in town on Saturday evening.

Miss Anna Roush, of State College, spent the first day of the week with her parents here. Two hearts were happy.

W. L. Steel, of Bellefonte, has been awarded the contract for remodeling the Reformed church at Boalsburg. His bid was \$3,124.

F. W. Weber, of Boalsburg, drove his hay stepper to Selingsgrove last week and returned home by rail with \$160 in his inside pocket.

William O'Dougherty had a Commercial telephone placed in his residence last week which will enable his wife to keep track of him now.

John Jacobs is breaking ground for a new home on Main street in Boalsburg, which he hopes to have completed before the snow flakes fall.

H. M. Bidwell, of Bellefonte, is trimming and putting the finishing touches on a number of new buggies in H. M. Krebs' carriage shops here.

Earnest Hess is receiving congratulations on a recent addition to his family. The newcomer is a little girl and is the third child in the family.

Snow Shoe.

Wm. Haines caught 13 pounds of trout the first day of the season.

Miss Rebecca Harvey, of Roland, is spending the summer at Snow Shoe.

Mr. Crap, the enterprising music dealer of Bellefonte, made a trip to our city this week.

James Yarnell, our postmaster, is digging out a cellar preparatory to building a new residence.

Visitors in Snow Shoe need not walk in the mud any more as our streets are being repaired and a new boardwalk built.

Prof. Robb and Miss Annie Haley opened a summer term of school here on last Monday and report an enrollment of 45 the first day.

A. A. Pletcher, of Nittany, was in town last week looking up his interest for the county superintendency. Mr. Pletcher is one of the self-made men of the county.

He has been engaged in the work of teaching for twenty-eight years and has been unusually successful in the work. His father, David Pletcher, who was also a teacher, was one of the promoters of the first county institute held in Centre county, which was held in the school house in which he was then teacher, at Mt. Engle.

Our townsmen were very much alarmed on Wednesday of this week for the safety of the town; fire having started from the B. C. R. R. swept over an unusually large area and in a short time was heading direct for the town, driven by the wind which blew a gale. The alarm was given and men, women and children responded, and through hard work succeeded in controlling the element when it was within about 50 rods of the town.

Had it not been controlled at this point nothing could have saved the town from destruction. Harry Harns, one of T. B. Budinger's clerks, deserves special mention for his heroic efforts in carrying water to the front of danger.

Hublersburg.

John Brown, of Logan, is paying a visit at his old home.

Regina Hubler spent Sunday with friends in Lock Haven.

Rev. Crow was assisted by Prof. Black in conducting the Sunday evening service.

Edith Weaver visited her sister Mrs. John Dunkle at Howard during last week.

G. F. Hoy is adding several hundred more peach trees to the orchard he started last year.

Three new scholars were added to the school Monday, making the number enrolled twenty-eight.

Mrs. Porter, of Flemington, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp.

Charles Shaffer, formerly of Nittany now of Millburg, spent Sunday at the home of Jacob Weaver.

Mrs. Elizabeth Willower returned home after spending the winter with her daughter at Baltimore, Md.

E. L. Markle and L. H. Yocum, masons, are employed at Mill Hall, where they are building a wall for H. A. Pifer.

Wilbur Rumbarger, who was employed at Conover, Ohio, returned home Monday evening. His return was due to homesickness.

Miss Maud Kessinger, of this place, and Albert Williams, of Beech Creek, were married at the residence of Rev. Brown, Methodist minister at Lock Haven, Tuesday evening, April 15th at 5 p. m. The writer and many friends join in wishing them many pleasant years together.

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

Henry T. Zerby, of Aaronsburg, and Catherine Coufer, of Logan.

George Konalsak and Mary Roman, of Clarence.

Gilbert H. Deitzel, of Colyer, and Sarah E. Wolf, of Bellefonte.

Boyd W. Carner, of Hublersburg, and Hattie Shamp, of Walker.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past week by Recorder N. E. Robb.