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### Democratic Primary Election and Coun ty Convention.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, May 31st, 1902, to elect delegates to the county convention.

Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 p. m. and close at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 3rd, 1902, at 12 o'clock, noon, to nominate one candidate for Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, two candidates for Legislator, one candidate for Senate, one candidate for Recorder, one candidate for Sheriff, two candidates for County Commissioner, one candidate for County Treasurer, two candidates for County Auditor, four delegates to the next Democratic state convention, three congressional conferees; to elect a chairman of the county committee, to serve from January 1st, 1903, to January 1st, 1904, and to transact such other business as may appear before the convention in the interest of the party.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES. The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled as approved and ratified by the county committee is as follows :

Half Moon.

Harris..... Howard.... Huston ....

Rush, North.

Snow Shoe, East... West...

Spring, North ..

BOROUGHS
Ballafonta N W
Bellefolice, N. W
S. W4
Bellefonte, N. W
Centre Hall
Howard
Howard
Milesburg
Millheim
Philipphure 1 W 1
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2 W
" 3 W
South Philipsburg1
State College
Train-ill
Unionville
Benner, North
Benner, North
" South
D. South
Boggs, North1 East1
" East1
" West1
Burnaida
Burnside 1
College2
Curtin
Ferguson Fast 9
ti Wast
" West1
Gregg, North1
" East 2
" West3
Haines Est
Haines, East2
" West3
Wm. J. Singer,
win. J. Singer,
Secretar

JOHN J. BOWER,

-The statement of the First national bank of Bellefonte, soon to be published, will show that at the close of business on April 30th the resources of that institution be \$1,003,694, certainly a remarkable con- against all such measures. (Applause.) for an inland bank. The conservative manner in which the First national is run has inspired the confidence of the community to an extent never before realized and its officials have reason to be proud of their latest statement.

# Outrages in the Philippines.

Representative SIBLEY of this State spread consternation among the Republicans, in Washington, on Monday by a speech in which he fitly denounced the kill and burn order issued by General SMITH, of the United States, and he is a blot and a who was at the time in command of the disgrace to our present civilization. American troops on the Island of Samar, P. I. As one of the press correspondents stated it there had been a tacit understanding among Republicans that there would be no criticism of the military policy of the government in the Philippines is a subject upon which Republicans prefer to remain silent and some time ago, when the Senate asked the Secretary of War for information, it was discovered that that official was attempting to suppress the evidence of brutality and cruelty that had whom he described as a "brute in unibeen practised by those representing au- form." "But I am a little afraid," thority of the administration. But the vigilance of one or two Senators brought it out and the order to "kill and burn until who unconsciously carries out the spirit of the Island should resemble a howling wil- the system." derness," and another "to kill every native encountered over ten years of age" was exposed and traced to General SMITH cure" of the burning of towns and reconand admitted by him.

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Naturally the authorities at Washington and the Republican leaders in Congress wanted to talk as little about such things as possible. They all remembered the indignation with which the people of this country received the intelligence of a Spanish brutality in Cuba before the re- male inhabitants over 10 years old. cent declaration of war. They remembered how we all protested against the reconed how we all protested against the reconof Herod the king, when he commanded centrado order of General WEYLER because that all the male children who were in of its cruelty to non-combatants and how Bethlehem and in all the coasts thereof lustily we shouted for revenge in the name from 2 years and under should be slain in of humanity and civilization and remembering these things they hoped to conceal from the public mind the methods by Christ and Savior of mankind. which we were practicing benevolent assimilation with guns, and shooting to death women and children in the name of patriot- things to the bottom, and at least to make ism. The congressional elections may not them odious." go right if the truth is revealed, and the conspirators have entered into a tacit agreement to make no criticism until after the congressional election. Its a pity that SIBLEY is not more tractable.

Still SIBLEY has a right to talk. Such an outrage upon civilization and atrocity against humanity deserved to be denounced. But after all what is the use of condemning an act and condoning the Mr. Kruger has received a communication conditions which are used as an excuse

ARTHUR testified the other day that such severe things are military necessities in the Philippines and that even he. mild mannered man as he is, issued an order once to kill every person found with arms. The people want liberty and because it is refused to them they attack our soldiers in a savage way. They demand self-government and for the reason that their demand is ignored they shoot down the men who appear to them as oppressors. In revenge our men issue brutally cruel orders and the humanity of the world stands outraged. But it will not cease because SIBLEY makes protest. It will continue just as long as we in violation of the Declaration of Independence undertake to govern them without their consent.

SIBLEY, however, deserves credit for the expression of his honest indignation, even though he shows a perverted judgment in supporting a party whose policy breeds conditions that make such brutalities possi-

Orders of Gen. Smith Denounced. Congressman Sibley Compares His Order to Kill to that of King Herod. Nothing Christian in the

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, in the House today created a sensation by making a bitter attack on General Smith.

Mr. Sibley said he had been an expansionist and defended the policy of the adninistration in the acquisition of the Philippines. Duty and honor, he said, justified our position there. The commercial welfare of the Nation demanded that we should control that archipelago, which stands as the gateway to the Oriental world. He then continued :

"When I have heard the statements made that we were cruel in the conduct of that war, I have thought perhaps the partisan was speaking. But when I have read, as I have within the past 48 hours, strain he underwent during the fire will that a general wearing the uniform of the army of the United States, one who stands under the shadow of our flag, issues orders, not to conciliate a province, but to leave it the Evangelical church. No steps have a howling wilderness and to kill all persons above 10 years old, then it seems to me that humanity must have marched before the contracts can be awarded. backward for 18 centuries and that Herod, again appears. I have read of Timour the Tartar, I have read of Achilles, I have read of the Saracen scourge, but I thank God that since the tragic scene on Calvary it has taken 18 centuries to produce a Smith

IT IS NOT CIVILIZATION. "I have read of the water cure. I be lieve that was exaggerated. Can any man whose blood pounds in his pulses, any man who has read his bible or who has been reared at the knee of a christian woman justify the perpetration of such cruelties upon another man who wears the guise and the image of his Creator? And yet we hear this man attempting to justify acts by which men are pumped so full of water as nearly to drown them, and then brought back to life by thumping them-over the stomach with the butts of muskets. That s not civilization, that is not Christianizing

"I am thankful that these are snoradic cases. Against that, as a man who belongs, I hope, not alone to the Republican ranks, but to the whole brotherhood of man the wide world round, I want the had reached the million dollar mark. To members of this House, on this side of the be exact the figures will show the assets to chamber and that, to voice their protest

"A friend of mine said a few minutes ago, 'Oh, you had better wait and hear his defense.' I hope the President of the United States will have the courage, upon what the man admits, to discharge him dis honorably from the service that he has disgraced. (Applause.) He admits that he issued the order to leave the province a howling waste and a wilderness, and to kill all above 10 years old, the innocent with the guilty. That man never ought with the guilty. That man never ought to be permitted to stay in the service of the United States until the sun goes down. He is a disgrace not alone to the party, but to every man who ever wore the uniform

"Wait and hear what his justification may be! That man does not live who can justify such orders. (Applause.) I care not how adroitly his lawyers may frame their plea or how subtle be their reasoning, the fact admitted by his own mouth that he issued such orders is sufficient for the hope that there is the courage and the until after the congressional elections. It patriotism and the humanity and the Christianity at the other end of the avenue that will not let him wear the federal uniform 24 hours hence."

> A "BRUTE IN UNIFORM." Mr. Williams (Miss.) heartily indorsed continued, "that he does not strike the evil in the right quarter. It is the system which should be struck at, not the man

M. Simmons (N. C.) addressed the Senate in opposition to the Philippines government bill. He discussed the centration. He declared there was no doubt as to the truthfulness of the charges against the American army of cruelty, in humanity and barbarity. In fact, he said, it was now organized cruelty and barbarity and not merely isolated instances of torture. He referred to the order issued by Gen. Smith to make the island of Samas "howling wilderness," and to slay all

"No order recorded in all history," he order that he might the more securely compass the death of Him of whom it was said,

"I feel," he continued, "like calling upon the great, brave and humane man now in the White house to probe these

Roosevelt Signed Chinese Exclusion Bill. WASHINGTON, April 29. - President Roosevelt has signed the Chinese exclusion bill. The pen used was given to Representative Kahn, of California, who has taken a deep interest in the bill.

# Boers Refuse Terms.

PARIS, April 29.—The Rappel says that by way of Lorenzo Marques, to the effect that the Boer chiefs have rejected the Britto make it necessary. General MAC- ish peace terms by a unanimous vote.

Sorry Sights in the Desolated Village—Few Able to Rebuild-The Funeral of Agnes Felding.

The funeral of little Agnes Felding, the child who fell into the race and was drowned during the fire that nearly wiped out the village of Clintondale last Wednesday evening. Saturday afternoon was the largest for a child that was ever held in that place. The remains were taken to St. Paul's church where Rev. H. I. Crowe conducted the services. Four girls were the casket bearers. The father of the child was not at the funeral, and so far as was known, then he had no knowledge of the bereavement in his household. He left home about two weeks ago to work in a lumber camp, and his wereabouts were not known.

The iron safe that dropped into the c llar from Brown's store, was drawn out Friday evening. An expert will be sent for to open it. Mr. Brown states that his plans for the future have not been formed. After the insurance adjusters have settled the claims, he will be better able to decide that

question. All visitors remark that the flames made as clean a job after devouring the buildings, as ever was noticed in a fire swept district. A few stoves in the ruins of the different dwellings the iron goods that were in the store, and a very few charred timber sticks are all that can be seen.

The newly made gardens in the rear or ome of the burned houses are silent reminders of the thrift and future prospects of those who were driven from the prem-

J. H. Mussina, of Lock Haven, went to Clintondale Friday and handed Mr. Kling forty-two dollars, being the amount he had collected from the benevolent citizens of Lock Haven. Mr. Kling was visibly affected. All that he could say was "This will buy me a bed, anyhow," Mr. Kling presents a pathetic sight as he walks around with a cane, at the age of 77 years, and with nothing he can call his own except the clothing that he wore at the time the fire broke out. It is feared that the great prove too much for his physical condition. Representatives of insurance companies were there Friday and adjusted the loss on been taken as yet to rebuild the church as some assistance will have to be received

J. S. Harter has announced his intention of rebuilding.

Lemuel Felding, the father of the child that was drowned, heard of his bereavement by reading a newspaper while in Walker's camp in the Black Forest Sunday morning. As soon as he read of the fire and the death of his child he started for his home. He walked twenty-five miles in four hours to Lock Haven, went by trolley to Mill Hall, and from that place walked to Clintondale. Mr. Felding left home several days ago to look for work. He had intended that he would not write home until he had secured employment. He obtained a job in Walker's camp, and would have written in a few days. When he arrived in Lock Haven he was under the impression that his family had been burned out, but stated that he did not care so much

for that as he did for the death of his child. The citizens of Lamar and vicinity as sembled at the store of G. M. Raup & Son and effected an organization for the purpose of soliciting aid for the people rendered destitute by the fire in Clintondale, April 23rd, 1902, by electing F. E. Hayes temporary chairman, after which the following permauent officers were elected: President, W. H. Dornblazer; secretary, J. B. Harris; treasurer, A. N. Heckman.

A soliciting committee composed of the following named gentlemen was elected: A. N. Heckman, W. H. Dornblazer, H. A. Walker, John Smith, W. E. Nixon and J. Fleisher and were assigned to the territories as follows: A. N. Heckman, pike to Lock Haven and Cedar Run to Henry Ziegler's, W. H. Dornblazer, Marion and Spring township; H. A. Walker, Bellefonte and Milesburg; John Smith, West Nittany valley; W. E. Nixon, Bald Eagle valley; J. H. Fleisher, Clintondale to east end of Nittany valley and Salona. On motion it was decided that the soliciting committee shall act as distributing committee.

All contributions in the shape of clothing, eatables, etc., for the Clintondale fire sufferers can be forwarded to A. N. Heckman, of Lamar, treasurer of the relief fund. Mr. Walker has made his canvass of Belle-fonte and Milesburg and was quite successful in raising funds.

#### Matters for Democrats to Remember.

The last day to register in this, Centre county, as a candidate for county office is Saturday, May 10th. The Democratic delegate elections will be held Saturday afternoon, May 31st

The Democratic county convention will convene, in the Court House in Bellefonte, Tuesday, June 3rd.

The State Convention will meet at Erie on Wednesday, June 25th The last day for registering votes will be Wednesday, Sept. 4th. The last day for the payment of taxes will be Wednesday, Oct. 4th. Election Day will be Tuesday, No-

vember 4th.

### Ex-Secretary J. S. Morton Dead. he Former Secretary of Agriculture Died Sunday Afternoon at Lake Forest, in Illinois.

CHICAGO, April 27 .- Hon. J. Sterling Morton, former Secretary of Agriculture, died at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Lake Forest, at the home of his son, Mark Morton. For several weeks Mr. Morton had been gradually failing. The nature of his illness had not been determined, and a week ago he was brought from his home at Nebraska City, Neb., for medical attendance. The change brought no improve-ment and he failed gradually until death

# The Capitol's Supervising Engineer.

HARRISBURG, April 28.-At a meeting of the capitol building commission Mr. Bernard R. Green, of Washington, D. C. was appointed supervising engineer in the construction of the new capitol. Mr. Green was the engineer in charge of the construction of the congressional library building at Washington, the Corcoran art gallery and other large buildings of national reputation. Architect Joseph M. Huston, of Philadelphia, submitted the working plans for the new building which were approved.

Members of Chicago's Crew Sentenced.

VENICE, Italy, April 28 .- All the members of the crew of the United States cruiser Chicago arrested for disorderly conduct here yesterday have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from three to four months each. Captain Robt. F. Wynne, commanding the marine guard of the Chicago, and Robt. E. Ledbetter, assistant surgeon of the Chicago; Lieutenant John S. Doddridge, of the Chicago, and a marine named Wilfred Langley, who were arrested Friday night on the charge of disorderly conduct, were brought up at the San Marco police court here to-day. Wynne was sentenced to four months and ten days imprisonment. The other prisoners were sentenced to three months' imprisonment. All the prisoners were sentenced to pay costs and damages.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

--- Mrs. Amanda Kleckner, of Loganton; suffered a stroke of paralysis on Sunday and died.

-The Millheim horse sale yesterday was a success. All of the animals were sold at an average of \$162.80.

-Bishop Talbot confirmed a class of twenty-three in the Episcopal church in Philipsburg, on Monday evening.

-The friends of Eustace B. Grimes, who was stenographer for the Collins Bros. when they were operating the Buffalo-run railroad and the Bellefonte furnace in this place, will be sorry to learn that his young wife died at their home in Philadelphia on Monday evening. Eustace, himself, is ill with typhoid fever.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SUMMER EXCURSION TICKETS.—On May 1st, 1902, the regular summer excursion tickets via all-rail routes to all the principal summer resorts east of Pittsburg and Buffalo will be placed on sale at ticket offices of the Pennsylvania railroad company.

These tickets will bear the usual summer excursion limit October 31st, 1902.

The Pennsylvania railroad summer excursion route book for 1902 will be issued, as heretofore, on June 1st.

their children, Mrs. John G. Love, with her two children and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bell were all down at Howard yesterday attending a big birthday surprise party that was given Mr. Hall's father, J. Newlin Hall Esq., of that place. All the children were present but one daughter, who is in Coolidge, Kansas, and could not get there. There were 103 guests present and Mr. Hall will have reason to remember his seventyfirst anniversary as a memorable one. The fine weather made it possible to spread the tables out under the trees and all had a rollicking time of it. Among the many presents he received was a handsome Morris

The equity case arising out of the dissolution of the partnership heretofore H. C. Quigley was argued before Judge Love on Saturday. Messrs. Dale, Blanchard and Orvis appeared for Mr. Quigley and Col. Reeder was represented by Judge Furst. The case arose out of the failure of tered a plea of "guilty" and was sentenced the former partners to concur in the settle. to pay a fine of \$250 and the costs of prosecument of their business, whereupon Mr. Quigley appealed to court to have a receiver Quigley appealed to court to have a receiver appointed who would close it up for them. Eckley was called Monday afternoon. Mr. Eckley was indicted for assault and battery Col. Reeder and Mr. Quigley both sought to be made receiver and the case was argued to that purpose, but the court did not that purpose, but the court did not that purpose, but the court did not from the evidence it appeared that some render a ruling on it. The use of the word receiver here does not imply that either one of the attorneys is in financial straits.

year the Odd Fellows of Pine Grove Mills had a festival, cake walk, etc., and during the evening Eckley struck Walker and that would appoint to receive the bills due the firm, pay the ones owed by them and distribute the net receipts and other assets In the future they will practice law sepa-

THE COLEVILLE BAND CONCERT. - Even if you can't distinguish the difference between the music of a fine band and the disnext Tuesday night, to hear the Coleville boys. There is nothing that contributes more to the pleasure of this community, nor summer concerts of this band and now that they are trying to raise money to increase their music library and buy some better instruments it is your duty to help along.

The program is varied and will furnish abundant am usement. "King Over All"
BAND. March "Pique Dame"
BAND. Overture Reading MISS ELIZABETH FAXON. A Comedy in Five Acts, "Before the Footlights"

Theo. Bendix. BAND.

Grand Medley "Superba"
BAND. MISS ELIZABETH FAXON. Vautour" - J. P. Souse "Asleep in the Deep Mr. M. F. HAZEL. Medley Overture "A High Ball" BAND. Reading MISS ELIZABETH FAXON.

PART II. MEEK AND HARRIS. In a startling black face duo entitled "The Lady or the Tiger." MR. FRANCIS J. SAUNDERS

The eminent young barytone from State College will sing the illustrated songs, "In the Valley of Kentucky," "He laid Away a Suit of Gray" and "When the Gold Was Turning Gray," WILL RINE Champicn batonist, unique bird imitator and buck dancer in a few of his specialties.

Master John Kane

he phenomenal boy soprano will sing "Hello Central! Give Me Heaven."

Regular April Court.

Proceedings of the First Week of Quarter Sessions Many Cases on the List but Few Tried-A Large Number of Continuances.

with Judge Love on the bench. There was a large attendance which would have continued all week had not so many cases been held over for the August term. There were thirty-eight on the criminal list and three on the civil for this week but scarcely half

Frederick Blanchard, who has been a student in the law offices of John M. Dale zines, providing rooms for social interfor two years, was admitted to practice in the Centre county courts. He passed a brilliant examination and has all the re- ciation." quisites to attain eminence in the profes- the provisions of an Act of General Assemsion. His father was a prominent practitioner before him and having had the best efluctional advantages at the Bellefonte his career certainly splendidly equipped. Mr. Blanchard has not decided whether he will remain in Bellefonte. He is consid- State Department as a detective to investiering a proposition to go to Manila in the

The court organized by selecting Joseph Hoy Sr., of State College, foreman of the grand jury and business was then disposed of as follows :

CASES CONTINUED.

M. J. D. Hubler vs James C. Condo, being an appeal from a judgment rendered by a justice of the peace, was settled by the parties before court. Farmer's Nursery Co. vs H. H. Harsh-

berger continued. Mary S. Thomas vs Thos. Butler and Burdine Butler continued on account of the illness of Mr. Gray, one of the at-

torneys for Mrs. Thomas. Robert Kinkead vs Rosa L. Pierce continued on account of illness of the attorney for defendant.

Jacob N. Royer vs Charles P. Long, being an action for trespass, continued on acfor the plaintiff.

Philip B. Iddings and Hannah M. Iddings vs Spring township: trespass; plea, 'not guilty.' Chas. H. Burr Jr., receiver of, etc., vs

-Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hall, with H. DeLeon Meek; assumpsit; plea, "nonassumpsit." Robert M. Foster vs Borough of State

College; trespass; plea, "not guilty." I. Thornton Osmond vs Borough of State College; trespass; plea, "not guilty." John Hamilton vs Borough of State Col-

lege; trespass; plea, 'not guilty.' Washington cornet band vs D. F. Louck and W. O. Dougherty; trespass; plea, "not

guilty." J. H. Confer and Fred Confer, of Penn township who were charged with the crime of larceny and receiving stolen goods, helonging to a man named Pressler waived the finding of a bill by the grand jury and entered a plea of "guilty" to larceny. The court suspended sentence for the present but directed them to pay all costs.

Charles McLaughlin, of Snow Shoe entered a plea of "guilty" to the charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods the property of a man named Miller, and was sentenced to pay costs, a fine of \$10 and undergo imprisonment in the jail of Centre county for three months.

John Hough, a merchant at Scotia who was charged with the crime of adultery, with Mrs. Robert Jackson, of Scotia, en

The case of Commonwealth vs James time in the latter part of January of this It merely means an officer whom the court immediately thereafter there was a general disturbance between these two young men and the committee of order. Eckley was arrested and entered bail for his appearance at the April sessions of court. according to their partnership agreement. jury rendered a verdict against Eckley and the court sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$20.

Arthur Thomas, charged with cruelty to animals, etc., by Jas. Toner. From the facts in the case it appeared that some time about the 1st of March Toner sent Thomas to Lemont to bring a horse to Bellefonte that had been left there by a man by the cordant thumps of a South Sea Islander's name of Way. Thomas went to Lemont and tom tom, you ought to go to Petriken hall, on his way home with the horse and buggy it was alleged that he beat the horse and cruelly treated him. One witness on the part of the Commonwealth testified that he met Thomas and another boy coming down gives it a more up-to-date air than the the Boalsburg pike that afternoon, one of the boys holding the lines and the other one whipping the horse. When they reached Bishop street the buggy upset and the boys were thrown out, young Thomas being severely injured. At the conclusion of the testimony on part of the Commonwealth the attorney for the defendant stated that under the Act of Assembly and in the light of the facts as presented by the Commonwealth, that there could not be a conviction. After some argument the court directed the counsel for the Commonwealth and the defendant to go to the jury on the question of costs. The jury divided the costs equally between the prosecutor and the de-

The grand jury returned true bills in the two separate indictments against Frank Beckwith; one charging him with the crime of murder and the other with carrying concealed deadly weapons. The case was continued last Friday on account of the illness of two of the defendant's at-

Joshua Folk of Bellefonte who was the prosecutor in the case of Commonwealth versus Newton Shinefelt was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, the grand jury having ignored the bill of indictment and placed the costs upon him.

Commonwealth vs Harry Miller, Bellefoute police officer who was charged with having committed an assault and battery on James Vallence, the grand jury ignored the bill and put the costs on Val-

Commonwealth vs Emilo Testa was indicted for jumping a board bill by Joseph Mecom. The jury rendered a verdict in which they found the defendant not guilty and placed the costs upon the prosecutor, Joseph Mecom.

The most important case of the week was that of Commonwealth vs J. R. Kutz and Thomas Trafford, who were indicted as follows :- 1st count. establishing a gamling house; 2nd, enticing others to visit The regular April term of quarter ses-sions court convened on Monday morning gambling by proprietors of place of resort and entertainment by pool playing for drinks. H. H. Gunther, constable of Philipshurg, was the prosecutor.

On the 26th day of August, 1901, an ar plication was made for a charter for a club in Philipsburg, to be called the "Moshannon Social Club" and the court granted the charter. The corporation was formed. that number were called and the county as stated in the application "for the purlaw shop was closed up tight on Wednes-joyment by establishing a fund for the puraccumulation of literature, chase and through the medium of books, and magacourse, and generally to promote fellowship, increase friendliness, and enlarge the general knowledge of its members by asso-The charter was granted bly of this Common wealth.

Some time during the winter months the citizens of Philipsburg received knowledge that gambling was being carried on, and Academy and Princeton University he starts they at once informed the authorities at Harrisburg. A young man by the name of A. Walter Shearer, a student at Dickinson college was sent to Philipsburg by the gate the matter. He first visited Philipsburg some time in the latter part of January of this year and gained admission to this social club. He also returned to the same place five or six times making his last visit there some time the middle of March. He was always admitted to their rooms, where, from his evidence as stated on the witness stand during the trial of the case, the members of the club played pool for money; played pool for drinks; played poker and other games at cards for money and drinks.

After he had been there several times and had gotten the names of those who were especially interested in these games he informed the authorities and Kutz and Trafford were placed under arrest. Wednesday morning the defendants by their attorneys asked leave of court to change their plea from that of "Not Guilty" to that of "Guilty" which, of course, was al-

lowed. The court then sentenced them to pay the costs of prosecution and to each pay a fine of \$125, also that their charter should he surrendered. The court also made an order on the charter that the same was surrendered, forfeited and revoked, for the reason that the privileges therein granted the said club were conducted in direct vio-

lation of law. The case attracted considerable attention because of the prominence of some of the gentlemen identified with it. The young Dickinson student who played detective on them proved about as composed a witness as ever took the stand in the Centre county courts and completely baffled the defense's attorney's attempts to "rile" him. Several of the gentlemen insisted that when they joined the club they had no idea that it was to be run as it was.

The last case taken up was that of A. J. Orndorf, use of Geo. W. Ward, vs the Pine Grove Mills Water Co. It was taken up Wednesday morning and at its conclusion court adjourned. The case was an appeal from a justice's judgment. The jury found for plaintiff in the sum of \$77.55.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY. The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, inquiring in and for the County of Centre in all matters relating to the same, do respectfully report:

That we have acted on 20 bills of indictment, of which 14 were found true bills and 6 bills were

We beg leave to further report that we have visited and inspected the county buildings and find them in very good condition except the wall and door around the jail yard which is in need of repair; also, the walk from court house to jail. We also recommend that said walk and door be repaired at once, and the cellar door to residence part of the jail is in very bad condition and would advise commissioners to repair at once.

We further report, we also extend our thanks

advise commissioners to repair at once.

We further report, we also extend our thanks to the honorable judge and the district attorney for their courtesy extended to us.

Joseph Hoy Sr.,
Foreman.

### A Few Words on the County Superintendent Question. COMMUNICATED.

Three years ago, at a meeting of the school directors of Centre county, held for the purpose of electing a county superintendent, the present incumbent announced before that body, without any reservation and under no coercion whatever, that he would not be a candidate again for re-election. When he did this he opened the field for any aspirant of good character who was qualified to fill the office to seek the suffrages of the directors of the county to become his successor in this office.

What has been the result? While making his visits to the schools throughout the county nearly every director with whom this man came in contact was approached and his vote solicited for a continuance of himself in this office and the statement was made that he cared not if this or that director would not support him, as he had enough directors pledged to his support to assure his re-election anyway. This, I call, bulldozing, as recent events show it to have been untrue, or why all this activity now on his part?

Ten years of this office has been accorded to him. Have the public schools of our county made such wonderful progress that they cannot be improved upon? We do not believe they have. Would not new blood, new zeal and new energy prove beneficial to our school system? We believe it would. Do the directors believe that the present incumbent has a monopoly of the brains and executive ability required to fill this office? His own arguments savor very much of this.

The arguments used, such as "if you have good horse you don't want to part with him" or "if you have a good farm hand you want to keep him," are so shallow that they are easily understood. We take the stand that there are to-day in the field for this offic men who are just as competent in every particular as Mr. Gramley; who, if elected, would prove more than his equal. We might just as consistently say that because Wm. F. Smith made a good prothonotary and John F. Harter a good recorder that they should be indefinitely continued in these offices. The principle is wrong, it is unAmerican, is un popular, is unjust to the many young men who are to-day struggling in colleges and academies to gain an education to fill the different positions in life. Life is too short to wait on dead men's shoes,

Fellow directors consider before you vote. We do not believe that the temper of the Centre county citizens is such as to respect a pledge breaker who profited by making that pledge.

A DIRECTOR.