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# FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of September 23, 1881.

—President Garfield died at Long Branch, New Jersey, at 10.35 last Monday evening, September 19.

—The lawyers of the Centre county bar have presented the Hon. James Macmanus with a gold headed cane; being a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held as well as a memorial of his admission to the bar fifty-five years ago. All of the lawyers at our bar now, except four, were born since Mr. Macmanus was admitted to practice.

Editor's Note.—James C. Furst Esq., bought a gold headed cane at the recent sale of the Macmanus effects. It is probably the one referred to. The Macmanus name is still on the tongues of many Bellefontians even though it was one hundred and fifty years ago that the head of the family began the practice of law here.

—William McKibben, who resided a short distance below Jacksonville, was found dead in the woods near his home on Wednesday of last week. He had two rifle ball wounds in his forehead and the weapon was lying at his side. It is not known whether it was accidental or a suicide. The fact that there were two shots in his head rather disproves the theory of suicide unless he might have been able to devise some means of setting off the triggers to both barrels at the same time.

—The eighth annual reunion of the Veteran Clubs of Centre County was held at Spring Mills on the 10th. The Pleasant Gap, Farmer's Mills, Millheim and Reedsville bands were there.

Editor's Note.—We remember the day vividly. You may recall a paragraph we wrote a year ago in which we recited the incident of a temperance woman who occupied the only chair on the porch of the hotel at Spring Mills all that day and never ceased berating its proprietor for selling rum. As a little boy her performance so interested us that we stood watching her all the time and never got over to the picnic grounds at all. The grounds were located in a woods back of the new hotel in Spring Mills, the Bibbie house, we think it was called.

—On Tuesday last, the 20th, District Attorney W. C. Heinle and Miss Rosa A. Wood were married in Grace church, in Jersey City.

—On the 15th instant James D. Sharpe and Miss Susan Sprankle, both of Coleville, were married in the Methodist parsonage in this place by the Rev. Geo. D. Penny-packer.

—Wheat has climbed up to \$1.30 a bushel.

—The convention of the Y. M. C. As of Centre Pennsylvania opened in Humes hall in this place on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21. Col. D. S. Keller, president of the local Association, made the address of welcome.

—Joseph Brockerhoff, who has been an embryo disciple of Aesculapuss at the University of Pennsylvania, will graduate at the next term. He then contemplates joining the navy.

—Mr. Delong, the colored school teacher, has arrived in town and taken charge of the school on the hill.

Editor's Note.—Prior to 1887 Bellefonte maintained a separate school for her colored children. It was located on east High street, on the south side of the jail.

—About 12.30 Wednesday afternoon a local freight coming into Bellefonte struck Frederick Muisen, of Houtzdale, who was lying on the track at "the turn" near McCoy & Linn's dam. He was so badly injured that there is little hope of his recovery.

—Mrs. S. A. McQuistion was 52 years old last Tuesday and that night just one hundred of her friends gathered at her home on west High street for a surprise party in her honor.

—Mayor John Powers has called for a union memorial service for our lamented president Garfield. It will be held in the court house next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A committee on music, speakers and arrangements has been appointed as follows: Hon. John H. Orvis, E. C. Humes, John Blair Linn, D. F. Fortney, Hammon Sechler, Simon Loeb, E. M. Blanchard, Dr. Geo. F. Harris, H. Y. Stitzer, Abram Lukenbach, F. Potts Green, S. Durbin Gray and G. G. Skinner.

—Those who looked lightly on "Bro." C. C. Shuey's candidacy for County Treasurer, were doubtless surprised to see him come under the wire second. At that he was only 298 votes behind Jones, the successful candidate.

## Unofficial Vote of Republican Primaries Held Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1931

DISTRICTS		Walter J. Kurtz Coroner	Ervin L. Jones Coroner	Osceola E. Hentz Coroner	Dr. W. R. Heaton Coroner	Robert D. Mueser Cor. Auditor	George C. Kling Cor. Auditor	Malcolm R. Haggerty Cor. Auditor	E. S. Bennett Co. Comm.	Harry W. Franz Co. Comm.	Howard M. Miles Co. Comm.	G. M. Motherbaugh Co. Comm.	James M. Delrick Co. Comm.	Newton I. Wilson Co. Comm.	H. E. Holtzworth Co. Comm.	S. S. Oaman Co. Comm.	Frank Sasserman Register	Clark N. Alvey Register	Thomas Morgan Register	N. R. Silver Register	Harold D. Cowher Register	Raymond N. Brooks Register	James S. Rash Recorder	Lloyd A. Stover Recorder	Malcolm H. Hall Recorder	E. R. Ranock Probity.	Leiland H. Walker Probity.	R. J. Barnett Co. Treas.	P. E. Womelsdorf Co. Treas.	Ernest E. Denul Co. Treas.	O. G. Morgan Co. Treas.	C. C. Shuey Co. Treas.	Harry P. Jones Co. Treas.	James J. Letzall Sheriff	Harry V. Keeler Sheriff	N. R. Lamoreaux Sheriff	Willie B. Balthage Sheriff	L. Frank Mayes Sheriff		
Bellefonte, N. W.	115	6	65	367	85	282	95	121	41	44	26	333	228	419	130	44	240	104	27	129	15	63	10	265	194	64	44	211	93	132	78	252	334	336	234	40	105	191		
Bellefonte, S. W.	69	17	53	284	18	167	116	103	10	24	10	246	143	322	61	32	90	181	16	51	38	45	7	188	110	67	50	142	73	76	41	204	222	224	192	29	58	129		
Bellefonte, W. W.	34	4	6	88	33	97	23	21	3	8	101	41	100	34	13	57	28	10	31	14	10	2	79	34	15	29	34	15	23	42	46	19	14	73	85	82	55	13	22	87
Centre Hall Boro.	17	2	1	77	3	13	36	20	10	28	1	55	40	23	13	63	29	9	31	2	23	3	2	24	9	5	25	39	81	5	1	57	62	40	51	4	4	34		
Howard Boro	18	48	2	102	3	24	31	4	24	45	38	69	94	57	74	35	39	18	22	22	53	10	3	73	36	9	53	63	41	35	11	110	112	79	58	4	20	93		
Milesburg Boro.	30	7	13	141	24	82	35	16	20	32	78	118	133	52	14	62	14	4	13	113	4	2	1	96	37	14	13	79	12	86	33	36	90	126	54	4	39	103		
Millheim Boro.	18	2	6	84	1	63	22	4	12	7	4	84	24	30	25	53	31	49	18	4	2	5	1	69	49	10	18	11	27	10	5	74	86	29	38	3	35	26		
Philipsburg 1st W.	44	1	168	76	1	1	6	1	80	177	59	61	216	122	113	25	30	73	78	17	38	24	15	161	44	3	6	35	19	11	198	118	141	92	8	184	3			
Philipsburg, 2nd W.	40	3	321	57	1	10	9	4	173	160	59	91	309	148	178	22	25	101	111	38	13	42	39	95	47	5	9	34	17	23	334	132	234	159	121	16	288	1		
Philipsburg, 3rd W.	38	3	281	41	2	13	16	2	140	115	74	81	254	89	196	21	34	81	88	37	15	39	28	182	33	8	4	40	20	21	267	143	173	154	152	12	186	1		
So. Philipsburg Boro	18	1	68	11	2	5	4	20	36	33	25	56	34	15	49	4	14	30	7	3	11	11	41	15	1	1	9	11	5	66	21	38	30	63	1	33	...			
Port Matilda Boro	14	7	14	42	48	21	27	3	15	14	40	74	34	50	27	35	5	18	1	2	2	65	42	29	7	3	56	36	14	26	58	48	64	46	50	20	6	...		
Snow Shoe Boro	76	7	14	57	1	40	17	48	18	13	12	73	48	93	37	9	22	15	21	10	47	14	3	103	19	13	2	33	19	26	15	47	65	61	43	4	65	17		
State College, E. D.	169	16	15	187	7	77	97	13	47	107	32	256	100	65	184	119	157	33	91	19	13	33	16	120	137	35	147	115	77	20	21	180	215	159	193	5	58	93		
State College, W. D.	147	18	23	177	9	78	119	9	78	119	9	233	102	83	161	80	132	35	110	6	7	30	22	119	136	95	126	88	64	31	36	172	195	161	180	7	78	7		
Unionville Boro.	18	4	85	2	25	28	2	1	11	40	23	68	31	39	39	22	6	23	21	25	5	5	89	14	3	1	4	29	19	8	45	48	75	66	2	18	12	...		
Benner Twp., N. P.	21	10	1	12	1	15	16	8	2	1	3	31	10	22	14	8	17	10	4	9	1	2	6	10	13	4	3	5	11	6	7	25	18	17	34	2	1	5		
Benner Twp., S. P.	9	1	15	3	12	8	3	9	2	1	2	31	6	14	7	6	12	4	9	8	1	5	1	10	13	4	14	16	3	5	2	26	18	12	22	1	2	13		
Boggs Twp., N. P.	10	1	15	3	12	8	3	9	2	1	2	31	6	14	7	6	12	4	9	8	1	5	1	10	13	4	14	16	3	5	2	26	18	12	22	1	2	13		
Boggs Twp., E. P.	3	12	2	25	5	21	3	5	2	5	2	20	11	19	9	5	5	4	1	2	20	3	18	3	1	2	3	1	2	12	7	16	14	18	7	3	2	15		
Boggs Twp., W. P.	22	6	4	103	12	56	34	11	5	9	25	67	70	92	34	15	44	14	6	11	57	7	49	14	7	9	46	27	82	9	66	43	96	49	15	62	...			
Bunnside Twp.	7	2	4	17	4	17	4	2	1	2	12	14	7	17	1	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	7	3	1	1	12	4	7	13	10	18	19	3	1	4	...		
Colege Twp.	146	12	3	68	56	85	11	14	22	30	165	51	40	89	81	79	13	67	10	14	21	8	56	43	10	117	41	46	50	17	91	126	106	108	5	38	46	...		
Curtin Twp., N. P.	9	5	9	35	1	15	21	1	1	22	20	30	29	21	5	25	16	7	3	4	2	1	25	7	5	5	25	11	7	3	25	22	37	8	1	2	46	...		
Curtin Twp., S. P.	7	12	2	2	2	2	5	1	1	13	8	11	5	12	4	4	2	4	1	1	1	3	5	5	5	7	3	6	12	8	13	3	...	1	17	...				
Ferguson Twp., N. P.	23	5	1	14	13	22	5	4	1	2	29	12	17	14	10	10	3	16	1	1	1	7	4	10	12	4	16	17	7	1	1	22	22	20	23	...	1	14		
Ferguson Twp., E. P.	46	2	3	31	1	20	23	8	4	1	56	22	60	39	34	20	11	26	11	1	1	5	5	27	27	3	30	16	45	2	34	50	30	45	10	12	...			
Ferguson Twp., W. P.	25	14	12	5	25	12	6	5	2	4	3	8	11	9	10	4	25	18	10	2	24	1	1	8	18	3	30	4	20	4	19	27	23	26	2	8	11	...		
Ferguson Twp., N. W. P.	18	2	3	3	1	2	17	1	2	3	20	2	7	13	4	2	4	9	1	1	1	1	5	9	12	1	6	9	4	1	8	22	8	19	2	1	1	...		
Gregg Twp., N. P.	7	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	...		
Gregg Twp., E. P.	9	6	1	10	2	5	7	3	3	6	3	12	9	2	7	16	2	5	5	1	2	1	2	6	7	4	1	1	2	14	3	11	19	4	12	1	3	5		
Gregg Twp., W. P.	15	8	4	48	7	15	33	2	4	13	11	45	18	5	9	65	24	8	8	4	5	9	12	31	18	3	9	18	42	6	1	51	62	15	53	6	6	7		
Haines Twp., E. P.	3	1	2	64	4	25	38	2	5	14	4	54	32	13	29	45	8	5	2	5	2	4	7	26	30	6	13	26	37	9	6	47	60	36	41	5	14	25		
Halfmoon Twp.	20	2	14	13	13	28	1	19	6	20	45	41	29	45	8	5	13	21	1	5	5	39	46	55	3	2	30	18	7	3	28	49	40	58	16	9	40	...		
Harris Twp., E. P.	13	5	15	3	3	16	1	8	13	2	25	8	7	7	22	12	10	8	2	2	2	2	5	2	1	16	8	23	6	7	16	26	17	18	2	2	9	...		
Harris Twp., W. P.	40	10	2	62	19	29	6	10	17	28	108	7	12	25	73	28	37	16	7	2	7	8	22	7	5	102	15	24	16	3	54	58	41	62	2	14	22	...		
Howard Twp.	8	32	1	20	3	6	13	8	1	12	20	28	18	23	17	19	1	11	5	17	1	1	3	30	11	3	7	28	17	13	31	36	28	31	5	24	...			
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