

THE BEAVER RADICAL.

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 Republican District and County Ticket

**Assembly.**  
 S. J. CROSS, Beaver county.  
 JONATHAN ALLISON, Washington county.  
 A. L. CAMPBELL, Butler county.  
 DAVID MCKEE, Butler county.

**Prothonotary.**  
 O. A. SMALL, Bridgewater.

**Treasurer.**  
 JAMES H. MANN, New Brighton.

**Commissioner.**  
 G. W. SHROADES, Moon tp.

**Jury Commissioner.**  
 JOHN WILSON, Chippewa tp.

**Poor House Director.**  
 SAMUEL M. MANAMY, Economy tp.

**Auditor.**  
 J. P. CULBERTSON, South Beaver tp.

**Trustees of Academy.**  
 R. S. IMBRIE, Beaver.  
 P. L. GRIM, New Gallie.

**CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.**  
 We are indebted to the Hon. D. L. Imbrie, clerk of the Constitutional Convention, for a copy of the Constitution as passed second reading, from which we shall print the most important articles calling attention at the same time to the changes from the present constitution, that our readers may form intelligent views as to the wisdom and advantage of the proposed amendments. In the article on the Executive Department, a number of changes are made. The Governor's term of office is lengthened to four years, and he is made ineligible to re-election. The use of the pardoning power is restricted and the Governor can grant reprieves commutations of sentence and pardons only on the recommendation of three of the four officers which are to constitute a board, viz: the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Internal Affairs.

The veto power has been augmented and the Governor invested with the power to return with his disapproval, distinct item or items of any bills making appropriations of money, and the items of appropriation will be void unless passed by two-thirds of the members elected to each house.

The Governor is also required, within thirty days after the adjournment of the Legislature, to either veto the bills left for his official action, of which public proclamation must be made, or failing to do which, the bills will become laws without formal approval. This article also provides for the creation of the office of Lieutenant Governor, and a new department, that of Secretary of Internal Affairs, whose term of office is four years, and filled by election of the people.

The Auditor General is to hold office three years, and the State Treasurer two, and neither capable of re-election without an intervening term. This secures rotation.

These are the changes proposed in this article, and some of them are important and others perhaps of doubtful utility.

**STATE CONVENTION.**  
 At this writing (Wednesday) we do not know the result of the deliberations of the State Convention, that assembled this morning in Harrisburg, to nominate a Republican State ticket. It is, however, generally conceded that the present incumbent will be nominated for State Treasurer, on the first ballot. In regard to the Treasurership, there is felt but little anxiety, as the result is a foregone conclusion.

The struggle in the Convention will be over the nomination of a Supreme Judge. There are a number of available candidates which will be pressed by their friends, and there is now the greatest uncertainty as to who will be the coming man. Judge Butler is a strong candidate, and if nominated, would be highly acceptable to the Republicans of this section, and we have no doubt would add as much strength to the ticket as any other of the proposed names.

Judge Paxson will be supported by the Philadelphia delegates, and some of our exchanges incline to the belief that he will be the successful man. Judge Paxson is eulogized by the Philadelphia press, and it is admitted that in point of ability and experience he is fitted

for the high position which is sought by his friends to be conferred upon him. If nominated, Philadelphia may be expected to do her part towards electing the whole ticket.

Judges Thayer, Gordon, Armstrong or Ilare, in case of a bitter and close contest between Paxson and Butler, may loom up in the convention as the most available man under the circumstances, and be nominated. However, it is idle to speculate when the telegraph tomorrow will put the matter at rest. The Republican party relatively is in much better condition to-day than it was last year at this time, and all of the political signs indicate that the canvass will be quiet, but the victory, both State and county, for our side, triumphant. So mote it be!

LATER—As we go to press we learn that R. W. Mackey was nominated for State Treasurer on first ballot by a vote of 115 to 18 for Henry. Hon. I. G. Gordon was nominated for Supreme Judge on the tenth ballot.

**INCREASING LONGEVITY.**  
 It is not generally believed that the average duration of human life is greater now than in past ages, and yet on account of the greater material resources of the world, the vast accumulation of wealth and the progress made in knowledge, morality and religion, there ought to be now an evident increase in the length of human life. Ignorance and vice are enemies to health, and shorten life, and as these are overcome the average of human longevity should be lengthened.

If any progress has been made in the right way the race must be growing more long-lived. It can not be that a better and more wide spread knowledge of the laws of health would produce no practical good or lead to no improvement in the way to live or add nothing to our length of days. Such a result would be unnatural and illogical. In regard to this interesting subject, and in confirmation of what we have stated we call attention to some vital statistics published in Europe recently, from which we gather the following facts:

In the city of Geneva, Switzerland, registers have been kept of the yearly average of human longevity since 1590, in which year it is given at 22½ years. At present it is over 40 years.

In the city of Paris, France, in the fourteenth century the average annual mortality was 1 in 10, but now it is stated as about 1 in 32. The rate of mortality in England in 1690, was 1 in 33, now it is about 1 in 42. The tables of Life Insurance Companies made and used in England, and adopted as a basis of calculating risks in this country, are said to show a similar result.

We do not know whether these statistics are exhaustive enough to determine the fact beyond question, we suppose not, but at least like straws upon the surface, they indicate the tendency of progress, that together with the great progress in other directions, there has been progress in this also. That knowledge and practice of law which secures a longer residence on this earth, are positive signs of a better civilization, and without some extension of the period of earthly life, who can say that the race is making progress.

THE RADICAL of last week could find room to announce the death of a cow at Georgetown, and acknowledge the receipt of some grass "sent by Alex Steen," but its editor could not devote a little space in his paper to telling us why he was secretly printing tickets last spring for the whisky men and publicly denouncing them and their business, all at the same time. Conduct of that kind is "unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." If Mr. Curtis denies the charge we make, let him do so in his paper. We are ready to prove all we aver.—Argus.

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The Washington Republican county committee held a meeting on Saturday, August 6th, and elected Captain A. S. Hawkins, chairman, in place of Mr. Lawrence resigned. Mr. Hawkins is a gentleman of fine address, active, energetic and devoted to the cause of Republicanism. The Reporter thinks he is just the man for the place. The following gentlemen were appointed an executive committee: Capt. J. K. Billingsley, Scott Baggs, F. J. L. Wiley, R. V. Johnson, Thomas M'Cleery, and Greer M'Ilvaine.

THE annual meeting of the National Educational Association, occurred at Elmira, N. Y., last week. Dr. Taylor, of Beaver College, was present, and for further information we refer our readers to his communication in another column.

**POLITICAL.**

—The Albany Evening Journal says Senator Conkling is a political gladiator.

—There will be a Democratic County Convention in New Castle on the 18th inst.

—The Democratic State Convention will meet at Wilkesbarre on the 27th inst., at 10 A. M.

—Mr. Scott Olligan was elected chairman of the Union county Republican Committee, on Saturday, August 6th.

—Major H. S. McNair of New York, and Capt. J. N. Slagle of Hanover, were elected delegates to the State Convention, on the 7th.

—Capt. L. S. Hay, of Loss Creek, Schuylkill county, is urged by his friends for the Republican nomination of Assembly.

—The Republican County Committee of Venango county will meet at Franklin on Tuesday, August 26th. C. W. Mackey chairman.

—The Schuylkill Republican says: That Evan J. Thomas, Esq., Commissioner Dermer and Capt. L. L. Hays are candidates before the Republican party for Legislative honors.

—The Cincinnati Inquirer, which is supposed to be as much responsible as any other paper for the "straight-out" Democratic movement at Columbus, says:

—The Democrats of Berks appointed their delegates to the State Convention last year. They are: George S. Wunder, W. Rosenthal, William B. Albright, and George Smith, Jr. They go to Wilkesbarre unopposed.

—The New York Express, in sketching the outline of the rise and fall of parties since the organization of the Government, says the Democratic party still lives and survives all its founders—Jackson, Van Buren, Forsyth and Wright.

—The Bucks county Miner, edited by J. M. McClure, the nephew of his uncle Aleck, does not like the nomination of John H. Sheibley, Esq., for Assembly in Perry county. Mr. Sheibley will carry Perry county and be elected by 1,800, nevertheless.

—The Tioga county Republicans are disgusted with the Crawford county system of making nominations. There is not so much fault to be found with the system, if honest men could be induced to act as election officers. Corruption in the election boards is where the trouble lies.

—The Altoona Radical, referring to the coming Republican State Convention, says a reliable count of delegates on the Supreme Judge nomination, puts Gordon's strength, so far, at 40; Butler's at 30, and Paxson's at 27, on the first ballot. Hence, it is not probable that a nomination will be made without two or three ballots.

"We do not think that the Democratic platform is as precise and explicit as it ought to be on the tariff question. The Democracy are for making as gradual an approach to the free trade as the circumstances of the revenue and the conditions of the country will admit, without injuring the one or shocking the other. It would have been more in unison with the sentiments of our organization and of the people generally to make a bolder and more pronounced declaration."

—The Allentown Chronicle says: We can't get done with those wonderful resolutions adopted at the so-called Democratic county meeting. They are the most mysterious, the most entertaining, the most embarrassing reading that the present remarkably dull summer has produced, and they all, it is said, were contrived from the cunning and wisdom of Nelson Weiser. They say "That we" (the so-called Democrats) "are in favor now as heretofore of affording the amplest protection to our great iron and coal interests." They are not in favor of protection to American industry—they only favor protection to coal and iron, and even with regard to these interests they favor protection as they have heretofore. Heretofore, as in 1848, when they repealed the Tariff of 1842 and shut up the American workshops, mills, foundries and furnaces; heretofore, as they were at any time they held power up to 1853; heretofore that the founders of the new party ask no affiliation or co-operation with the Democratic party. Let us see to it, then,

fore, when they elected such men as John D. Stiles and Ephraim L. Acker to Congress. Yet there are those who will point to that resolution as an evidence that the so-called Democratic party of Lehigh county is in favor of protection to American industry and laboring men will vote with them in the belief that it is so. Notice how carefully the resolution refrains from committing itself to protection to the general industries of the country—only, in its narrow-mindedness, singling out the articles coal and iron, and even for these favoring protection as heretofore which means not at all.

—The Mercer Dispatch says: Pursuant to call, the Republican County Committee met on Monday. There were thirty-one members present and the utmost harmony prevailed. The Committee was organized for the current year, by the unanimous choice of David Hum, of Greenville, as chairman, and D. H. Alexander, of Worth, as Secretary. The following names were added to the Committee: E. Lackawannock, James Jones; Lake, Capt. Jas. Zahniser; Sandy Lake Boro., H. S. Blatt; Sheakleyville, D. M. Beatty.

Each member of the committee was requested to furnish as speedily as possible the names of one or more persons in each school district to act as vigilance committee, to aid in registering and getting out the vote at the ensuing election.

Brief speeches were made on the situation of Messrs. Miller, Jackson, White, Blatt and others which were well received. On motion, the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

—The Cincinnati papers thus comment upon the People's party, inaugurated at Columbus, Ohio, on the 29th ult. The Commercial says: "A chapter of political history of importance to the Nation was made at Columbus on Tuesday of last week. Fair and full expression was given. There was profound public dissatisfaction with the Republican as the administration party and the Democratic party as the opposition. A third party was in good faith put in the field. The stroke of business done was of the most serious character; a platform containing a great deal that was excellent, adopted; a ticket that was strong was nominated, negotiations were carried on, and the trading politicians were left out in the cold."

The Inquirer says: "To sum up, the new party, which comes to us with a flourish of trumpets, is but a weak and puny affair of the meagre Convention. The indifference with which its action is received, and the character and antecedents of its participants all go to prove that the oft repeated declaration that there was a great popular demand for a new party was but a delusion and a snare. It is not a people's movement, and it never will become a people's party. The managers, through their platform, purpose nothing that cannot be obtained through the regenerated, liberalized and modernized Democratic party. We look upon this movement now as but an interjection among the quartermasters and contractors of the Democratic party. Their efforts will be mainly directed against their organization, but it will rise superior to their assaults. It is understood that they do not receive any. The Democracy, on the 6th of August, can nominate a good ticket and adopt a platform which will be endorsed by every true reformer in the State with one consent. The ticket nominated on that day will contain the name of no man nominated at Columbus. We counseled and labored for peace and harmony between men claiming to labor for a common cause, but the leaders of the new party have tasted of the insane root, and they have declared war against the Democratic organization. It is not ready to surrender to a handful of political adventurers and it will assert itself on the 6th after the old manner and clothe itself with a new glory."

**FROM KANSAS.**

Storms and Floods—Climatic Changes Induced by Emigration.

Correspondence of the Radical.

BROOKDALE, RICE CO., KAN., August 7th, 1873.

When I last wrote you, I hoped I had done with storms and floods, but I began to boast too soon for the only vegetable you would find at Elmwood is one sickly looking cucumber vine. After the June freshet subsided we secured a goodly number of tomato and cabbage plants from our neighbors, and planted peas, beans, squashes, melons, etc., but on the night of the 29th of June, we had one of the heaviest storms that ever visited this or any other country, and we had a greater flood than any of the preceding ones. All we can have this year is an abundant crop of hay. You will ask, as hundreds do, if we are not discouraged. Not our faith in the future of the State of our adoption grows brighter every day. The more we think on the subject, the more firmly grounded is our faith, and the more we are persuaded. The condition of the soil as it was first found, had much to do in giving this really rich and fertile country the name of Great American Desert.

The surface of the earth, before the buffalo had receded before the march of civilization, is of a hard and compact nature, though naturally very rich, and produces but little vegetation in many parts, except a short but very nutritious grass, known as Buffalo Grass. This appears to be the only kind of grass that will endure the tramping of the millions of buffalo who for ages have grazed upon these plains, feeding upon it all the year round. It is peculiarly adapted to the necessities of those wild herds, as it is cured by the actions of the atmosphere into a kind of dry hay which is both sweet and nutritious. This grass is very short, seldom more than three inches high, and in autumn certainly gives the country the barren appearance for which it was so long noted. The condition of the soil and the nature of the grass is almost immediately changed on the approach of civilization.

The countless multitudes of wild buffalo, together with the Indians, recede to the more distant wilds of the far West, while by the action of the frost, the hard tramped earth, baked by the heat of the sun for ages, is left in a more favorable condition to drink in the early and the later rains.

By this means the surface is so changed as to favor a growth of other and altogether different kinds of grasses, the principal of which is a grass known as the Bluejoint, which grows to a height of several feet, covering the earth thickly when brought to maturity. This is usually accomplished in from one to four years. The rods of the blue-joint are larger and long, sticking deep into the earth, and thus loosen up the soil. This heavy growth of grass not only shields the earth's surface from the heat of the summer, but acts as a mulch in winter, thus fostering the accumulated moisture and grasses in the earth, which, together with the action of the ensuing winter's frost, produces a still more favorable condition of the soil making it light and spongy, and it now absorbs as much of the rains of the following season as possible, instead of permitting them to blow off and thus be lost.

This it will be remembered is the effect of natural causes, and without man's agency. Nor is this all. There is an equal if not a greater change being effected in the heavens above as there is in the earth beneath. The broad expanse of the earth's surface being thus covered with a more dense foliage, and filled with moisture, exerts a mollifying influence upon the humidity of the atmosphere, and as a consequence more rain falls upon the earth than before, and at the same time a larger proportion of what does fall is retained or absorbed into the earth. Thus it will be seen that a sort of mutual exchange of more favorable conditions are constantly being effected in the air and in the earth's surface which is greatly effecting the amount of rainfall, and the regularity with which it falls. And it will also be seen that these changes occur as soon as emigration sets in. But there is still another great and powerful agency aside from those above referred to and which greatly aids and accelerates the changes which are destined, ultimately, to transform this mythical desert into an earthly paradise which I must leave for a future communication. SADE.

**LOCAL ITEMS.**

**TO ADVERTISERS.**—The Beaver Radical is the most extensively circulated Weekly Newspaper in Western Pennsylvania.

**Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad.**  
 Going West—Mail, 7:45 a. m.; Accommodator 8:10 p. m.  
 Going East—Accommodation, 9:19 a. m.; Mail, 9:21 p. m.; Express, 9:07 p. m.

**Arrival and Departure of Mails.**  
 Western mail leaves at 6:45 a. m.; arrives at 3 p. m.  
 Eastern mail leaves at 3 p. m.; arrives at 8 a. m.

The attention of the public is directed to the following new advertisements, which appear in THE RADICAL to-day:  
 New Adv.—George P. Rowell & Co. .... C  
 Sheriff's Sale—Chamberlin White ..... C  
 Notice—Recherster Building Association ..... 233  
 Notice in Bankruptcy—John Hall ..... 243  
 Card—John B. Williams ..... C  
 Special Notices—Hertzog & Beams ..... C  
 Special Notices—John Kennedy & Co. .... C

The grape crop will not be large this year in this county.

Mr. Thomas Robinson is now sole owner of the Butler Eagle.

Willie Oyley has been let out of jail on \$500 bail to appear at the September Court.

Cholera Morbus is prevalent. Take care what you eat. Watch your children. Live in pure air.

Winter grain is now cut, and the crops are not quite up to an average. Oats good.

The canal in New Castle is being filled and a wide and handsome street is to be made of it.

The Sheriff sold the personal property of George W. & Aaron Minesinger, of Hanover township, on Friday of last week, to the amount of some \$600.

The communication from our Alliance correspondent is necessarily crowded out this week. We will try and make room for it next week.

The M. E. Church of Smith's Ferry had a festival on Thursday evening of last week, which was well attended and from which was realized about \$100.

The New Castle fire engine has not yet arrived at latest advice, but probably will. It is horrible to think what might happen in its absence. Hurry it up!

Court.—The regular term of the Court of Quarter Sessions will convene in Washington, Pa., on Monday the 18th inst., and in Beaver on Monday, September 19.

Ripe apples and pears are becoming plenty.

A number of persons were arrested and fined for drunkenness in New Castle last week.

Two entire new two Horse Wagons, for sale at Speyerer & Sons.

The New Castle and Franklin railroad company have put their first mortgage bonds on the market. They bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. payable semi-annually.

Wanted.—John H. Ewing, of Shippenburg Pa., is now buying WOOL, paying the highest prices. He wants all he can get.

Recovering.—Judge Acheson is slowly recovering, but still weak. He has gone to Dear Park, Md., on a visit where he will remain a short time. The public will be glad to hear of his improvement.

Fancy Shoes of all kinds at Hertzog and Beams.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Sharon has instituted a series of out-door sermons for Sunday afternoon. The service last Sunday was held in the grove back of the old Catholic Cemetery.

Dramatic.—The Jennie Hight Tragedian Company will give an entertainment in Broadway Hall New Brighton, on Friday the 22d of August. The sensational drama entitled "Divorce," which never fails to draw, will be given on that evening. Go and see it.

Hertzog & Beams, manufacturers and dealers in fancy Boots, Shoes and Gaiters. Orders from all parts of the county filled on short notice at reasonable prices.

The Town Council have purchased the Aiken spring, about a mile from Beaver, together with several acres of land, for \$1000. The Council propose to bring the water to Beaver through this. This is a move in the right direction.

We read a telegram on Monday to A. J. Pettit, Esq., of Smith's Ferry, from Butler county, that an oil well was struck on Saturday, near the Pettit lease, and about one-fourth of a mile West of Buena Vista, Butler county, that runs nine hundred barrels daily.

Ice Cold Sparkling Soda Water, flavored with Pure Fruit Syrups, always fresh from Hugo Adriansen's Marble Fountain.

A. McDonald has just moved his saddle shop from Hookstown to Beaver. He can be found at the building recently occupied by Mr. Phillis. Call and see him and examine his stock. Andy has the reputation of being a great trader and if you can't get a good bargain out of him, it will be your fault.

The Singer Sewing Machine is the best in the market and if you want to buy a machine that never gets out of order, is durable and will do all kinds of work and give perfect satisfaction, then go to R. Straw & Co., No. 10 Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and you can get just such a machine as you want.

Miss Maggie Foulk, of Beaver, has been elected principal of the Beaver Common Schools. Miss Foulk is a sister of Ellen and has for the past year successfully acted as principal of the Beaver Falls Common Schools and is one of the best teachers in the county.

As the purchase of a Sewing Machine is of great importance, care should be taken in selecting one that time and use have proven to be the best. Time tries all things. "Use only furnishes the final test." Opinions of the skillful may be of value, but time is needed to confirm them. While the Singer Sewing Machine Company has given the public the finest fruits of inventive genius, they have guarded it from a multitude of traps. Attachments have been added for various purposes, but it has kept free from all useless complications. Simplicity, parts, and adaptation to the widest range of work has been the constant aim.

Instead of boasting of a variety of useless stitches and movements, it claims to make but One Kind of Stitch, and that with the Fewest Movements Possible. Hence the Machine may run constantly for twenty years, or a life-time, and work just as well as when new.  
 R. Straw & Co., No. 10 Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Philomath Literary Society of Allegheny city, came to Beaver on last Friday on the steam boat McCormick. There were 55 couples of which we noted the following: Will E. Cameron, Frank H. Haslett, Andrew N. Hazlett, Frank W. Loomis, Jas. H. Taylor, L. McKee Davidson, Jas. R. Thompson, Jas. R. McKee, Robert C. Morton, Chas. A. Herbert, Will W. Martin, James B. Lambie, Ettie V. Armstrong, Maggie D. McDonald, Eva M. McCune, Agnes D. Miller, Hattie B. Smith, Eda S. E. Gregg, Sadie M. McKee, Maggie I. Boggs, Ella M. Carg.

The Committee of Arrangements had telegraphed the proprietor of the National Hotel to provide entertainment for them, which he did in a highly satisfactory style. The table was set up regardless of expense and gave entire satisfaction. The party left about 10 o'clock in high glee and with pleasant recollections of their host and hostess.

For a neat and substantial Boot, Shoe or Gaiter go the cheap store of John Kennedy & Co., Beaver Falls. They have the largest, best and cheapest stock in Beaver county, and can suit anybody's case.

On Thursday of week before last John Dickson, while fishing in Big Beaver, as low Moravia caught the largest fish, as far as we know, that has been captured in any of our streams this season. It was a catfish and weighed twelve pounds and a half.

Boots and shoes for ladies, gentlemen and children, at Hertzog & Beams, New Brighton.