

## The Columbian.

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## MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC STANDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the members of the Democratic Standing Committee will be held at the Grand Jury room, Bloomsburg, on Friday, March 10th, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of choosing delegates to the State Convention, and to transact other important business.

ROBT. R. LITTLE,  
Secretary.  
Bloomsburg, Pa., Feb. 28, 1898.

It was decided unanimously at the meeting of the National Democratic Committee at Washington, last week, that the National Democratic Convention shall be held at St. Louis on the 5th day of June next.

In response to the idiotic expressions of the *Sentinel*, of last week, the Short Ex- is however not boasting that he furnished the money that defeated George A. Herring for President of the Town Council, and many other Democratic candidates for Town office, in 1894; that he voted and worked for D. M. Kinter the Republican candidate for Prothonotary at the General Election the same year, by conferring with D. A. Beckley and other Republican leaders, how the defeat of Wm. H. Snyder could be accomplished; that he organized a Democratic caucus before the last election with a republican at the head of the ticket which staggered many Democrats when they wanted to vote, and did not support him more than two-thirds of election day and decisively the balance. That in his retiring from office he left no suspicion that five hundred dollars during his incumbency was surreptitiously taken from the public funds. Nor has the decency, peace, and good order of the public houses of the town been preserved by having the grog denied him.

Geo. W. STERNER.

## Bill's Tribute to the President.

The Kings county, N. Y., Democratic club gave a dinner in Brooklyn recently in commemoration of the birthday of Samuel J. Tilden, Governor Hill, in the course of his eulogy on Mr. Tilden, said: "While the Democracy were very reluctant to part with Tilden's active leadership, they proceeded to select a new standard bearer for the campaign of 1894 from this state, to whom public attention had already been favorably directed. After nearly three years of successful administration of public affairs it is safe to assume that the Democracy and the people of the county made no mistake in their choice. I cheerfully reiterate what I said in substance about a year ago in this same place, that the administration of President Cleveland has been dignified, conservative, honest, and in the main satisfactory to the people of the country. There may be differences among the Democrats as to the details relating to the party management and as to the entire management of some matters attempted, and as to the details of some measures proposed, but such differences among friends are inevitable everywhere in government politics and society in general."

## The News From China.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 25.—The Steamer San Pablo arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama today. Chinese papers announce the death of Gideon Nye, United States Vice Consul at Canton. He was the oldest foreign resident in China, having been there since 1833. He amassed a fortune of about \$600,000 and afterwards lost it all. At the time of his death he was writing a history of China's relations with foreign powers.

Small-pox is spreading in Hong Kong. A few additional details are given of the second disaster on the Yellow river, which occurred December 4 and resulted in the drowning of three men and over four thousand Chinese laborers. The men were at work at the time repairing the damage caused by the previous floods and two thousand bamboo rafts had been laden with stones in order to form a breakwater, but the raft with all the people on them were engulfed as soon as they reached the middle of the river.

Great suffering is reported from the flooded districts. Cold weather came on and the country was soon flooded over, making it impossible for boats to run. It is estimated that twenty thousand stacks of millet stalks will be needed to stop the great gap, each stack requiring fifty large carts to bring it to the spot. So far the utmost exertions have not succeeded in collecting more than thirty stacks a day. Eight million tons have already been expended on repairs.

## Rafting on the Susquehanna.

THE OUTLOOK FOR NEXT SPRING—REASONS FOR THE DELAY OF AN IMPORTANT TRADE.

The Lancaster *New Era* says: A reporter this morning met one of the oldest river pilots of Marietta and asked him what the prospects were of a good rafting season this Spring. In reply he said that they were none too encouraging, though he thought more rafts would come down the river than last year, when about three hundred descended the stream. Not over 130 of these, however, passed Marietta to the lower waters of the river, and in consequence the business secured by the Marietta pilots was rather insignificant. Year by year the rafting business is becoming smaller, and it is of little consequence to Marietta and other towns along its banks, which once did a flourishing business on account of it. Great corporations own most of the timber land of the north country and instead of bringing it down the river in the form of rafts it is sawed into lumber either where cut or at some saw mill on the upper waters of the great stream and then shipped by rail to the markets of the east. In a few years the great forests on the upper waters of this noble stream will be gone, and rafting on the Susquehanna will only be remembered in tales and legends.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27, 1898. The time for the meeting of the Democratic nominating convention being fixed on June 5th, makes it two weeks before the Republican convention meets. This date was not agreed upon without a struggle, for there is an element in the party, which though small and rapidly diminishing, still believes in waiting for the Republicans to make the issue. The majority of the party however, think that the issue has already been fully set forth by the President's message to Congress and that no other platform is needed to make the fight on.

This is the aggressive element, those who carry the elections; and the present aggressive condition of the party will rouse their enthusiasm to an unusual pitch, will make them think of the many national victories won by the party in national elections. The selection of the great metropolis of the Southwest, St. Louis, as the place of meeting was the very best that could have been made.

The further the Government printing office investigation goes the better it shows the Democratic management of Mr. Benedict. He has saved the Government already over \$200,000, and at the same time done more work than has ever been done in the same length of time in the history of the office.

A number of republican papers have been foolish enough to charge Pension Commissioner Black with having shown favoritism in allowing the amounts of pensions to soldiers living in democratic states. A table has been issued by the Pension Office, showing the average pension paid each soldier in each State and Territory. It shows that the largest average amounts are paid to soldiers who are residents of the States and Territories which have always given republican majorities. Bring in another republican canard.

The worst squelched man in the House is Mr. Boutelle of Maine, the gentleman who recently got rampant over the proposition to return the captured Confederate battle flags to their original owners, and who wanted the Secretary of War to furnish the House with a detailed statement of everything known about the flag. That statement has reached the House. That is what squelched Boutelle. It contained more information than he wanted. It showed that the democratic administration had taken much better care of the flags than the republicans ever did.

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## News Items.

Three hundred and twenty marriages took place in Camden, N. J. during January.

In Wilmington, Del., out of a total of thirty-eight applicants for license only twelve were granted.

George H. Corlies, the builder of the great engine exhibited at the Centennial, died at noon Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Providence R. I.

Mrs. McNulty, of Winchester, O., on the night of February 25, gave birth to a child, making five in fourteen months. All are alive.

The Union Square Theatre, New York, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. The Morton House was also badly damaged.

There are indications of the wage question again causing trouble in the Connellsville coke district. A new scale of prices is announced to take effect March 1st.

The work of rebuilding the town of Mt. Vernon, Ill., which was recently destroyed by a cyclone, is under full headway. Every man that can handle an axe or shovel is employed and there is a call for more men.

The boiler of the ferry steamer Julia, plying between South Valley and Vallejo station, California, blew up Monday morning at South Vallejo, and between thirty and forty people were killed outright and many injured.

An express train on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad ran into a wild engine at Philadelphia, Thursday evening of last week. Both engines were wrecked and one passenger car was killed outright and many injured.

William H. Krantz, postmaster of Homestead, was Monday found guilty of violating the law prohibiting use of postage stamps to pay debts, he having applied them to that purpose and also for the purchase of merchandise. Sentence was deferred.

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## Lightfoot.

This being the dull season of the year news seems somewhat scarce, although the Miami Gossip seems to have her hands full to keep pace with the times.

The ice moved from Fishing Creek very quietly without any damage we think, as none has been reported as yet. Quite a lively time in the creek made school last week. Whilst the teacher was endeavoring to correct one of the pupils, who, like a great many more, thought himself too large for correction, he endeavored to show fight by grabbing the teacher around the waist and then by the throat, when the master of the rod laid him on the floor placing his fist between his eyes. The boy may be known when you meet him as his physiognomy is somewhat changed in color.

Protracted meeting is still in progress. Quite a number of conversions. But the worst of all is the conduct by those who want to be young gentlemen and ladies.

Some of our boys the other night thought to have some fun so they betook themselves to merriment by taking the County Superintendent's sleigh away from his barn and drove it to the fence where they threw it over the fence.

The greatest excitement that has been raised in town for some time occurred on Tuesday afternoon and was caused by a barking horse. Lots of fun in it for the boys but not so much for the owner of the horse. The horse was a white gelding, about six months old, averaging 1200 lbs. apiece. Cigars were bet on the horse by several parties, but William and L. M. Alias, Gully paid for all the same.

We noticed on our streets on Monday Mrs. E. R. Lister and Mrs. Mary of Bloomsburg, members of the W. C. T. U., announcing a time when a meeting will be held here to give the ladies of town a chance to become members of that noble organization.

It is reported that L. M. Pettit has sold his bookkeeping accoutrements to B. F. Reighard.

Rev. J. F. Saults preached his last sermon for the conference year on Sunday morning last.

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