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## POLITICAL POINTERS.

It is likely to be some activity in Columbia county this year. There are to be elected a congressman, a state senator, a President and two representatives. It is to say who will be the candidates for the nomination. When the woods will be full of those who are ready to sacrifice themselves for their country's good. Mr. Polk as her favorite son. Northumberland county had the congressman for two terms, in the person of Senator Wolverton; then Columbia secured the nomination for Mr. Buckalew, and Kulp defeated him. In 1896 Sullivan county tried her hand at it, and her candidate, Alphonsus Walsh, received the nomination, but Kulp defeated him also. So it has gone the rounds, and Montour has had no turn for some years. If there is anything in the rotation system Montour has a strong argument in her favor.

But as politics go nowadays, there is not much in rotation. The candidate with the longest winded conferees, and the strongest pull, and sometimes with the longest purse, is usually the lucky, or unlucky, man who plucks the persimmons; lucky if elected, unlucky if otherwise. Columbia county has lost the nomination a number of times in the district when rotation would have given it to us, and we recall but one instance where she obtained it when not entitled to it by rotation. It may be taken for granted that each county in the district will have a candidate, and that each one will do all in his power to secure the nomination.

J. H. Cochran, of Lycoming county, is the present Senator in this district composed of Lycoming, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia counties. Grant Herring of this county held the office the previous term, and S. P. Wolverton, of Northumberland was the Senator for four years prior to that. This puts Montour in line to claim the Senatorship by rotation also, but of course she cannot expect to get both offices. No one has yet been mentioned as a candidate from this county.

W. T. Creasy and Wm. Chrisman are the present members of Assembly for this county. Mr. Creasy has served two terms, and Mr. Chrisman one. The latter will no doubt be conceded a second term, according to custom. Whether Mr. Creasy will be a candidate for a third term is not known to us at this time. No other name has yet been mentioned.

Judge Ikeler's term of ten years as President Judge will end in January 1899, and therefore the office is to be voted for next November. In this connection we clip the following from the Philadelphia Record of last Sunday:

"Judge E. R. Ikeler will be a candidate for renomination in Columbia county, and his competitors are Wm. H. Rhawn, of Catawissa, and Robert R. Little, of Bloomsburg."

Where this announcement came from, and whether it is correct or not we are unable to say from any positive information. We assume that Judge Ikeler will ask for a renomination, and it is currently reported that Mr. Rhawn will be a candidate. The name of Mr. Little has also been used in this connection. If it be true that both these gentlemen will enter the field against Judge Ikeler, there will be a lively three-cornered fight.

For many years this district selected its Judges from other counties, Judge Ikeler being the first one elected from among the local lawyers. Judge Woodward was brought here from Wilkes-Barre in 1856, by appointment of Governor Pollock, and served until December 1861.

In 1862 Judge Elwell was visited by a committee of members of the bar of this district, then composed of Columbia, Wyoming and Sullivan counties, and requested to permit the use of his name as a candidate. He did not enter the county until after his election in October 1862. In 1872 he was re-elected without a dissenting vote, and in 1882, by request of the entire bar of the district and without distinction of party, he consented to accept a third term, and he was nominated by both the Democratic and Republican county conventions, and unanimously elected. Judges are not chosen that way any more. There is usually as much scramble for that office now as there is for any political office; we might

say any other political office.

Ten years ago many of the lawyers of the district were in favor of going outside of the district for a Judge, but for various reasons not worth while to mention now, nothing was done, and the contest was between E. R. Ikeler, Democratic nominee of this county, and H. M. Hinckley, Republican nominee, of Montour county; and Judge Ikeler was elected by a large majority.

In the foregoing we are not making any suggestions, but are simply reciting historical facts.

## A FATAL FALL.

Ex-Sheriff John B. Casey Meets with an Accident that Results in Death in a few Hours.

It snowed on Friday, and the pavement in front of the Exchange Hotel was in a slippery condition. About one o'clock John B. Casey came out of the hotel office, and while talking to a little boy his feet slipped and he fell over against the low railing between the hall entrance and the office entrance, and pitched head first down into the passage way that extends along the entire front of the hotel, falling about ten feet, and striking on his head.

Several people saw him fall, among them being Paul E. Wirt, Esq., County treasurer Geo. S. Fleckenstine, and Geo. C. Roan, foreman of this office. Mr. Casey was carried into the pool room in the basement. No blood was visible, but he was unconscious. Soon afterwards, he was removed to his home on a stretcher, and at half past five he died, without having regained consciousness. An examination was made by the physicians in charge, who pronounced his death to be the result of concussion of the brain, and total paralysis.

John B. Casey was born June 1, 1844, and was the son of Michael and Mary Casey. When a boy he worked in the iron mines near Bloomsburg, and afterwards attended school here, and at the Millville Seminary, and then took a course in Crittendon Commercial College in Philadelphia in 1863. He filled the position of deputy sheriff under John W. Hoffman in 1877-78, and was then appointed clerk to the county commissioners, and continued in that office for nine years. In 1888 he was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket and served his full term. When Sheriff J. B. McHenry was elected in 1895, Mr. Casey was appointed his deputy, and would have completed his term on Saturday.

He was married December 29, 1868 to Matilda E. Murphy, who, with the following children survive him: Edward, Mrs. Joseph Sands, Matilda, Charles and Henry. His father, Michael Casey, is also living, at an advanced age, and the following brothers and sister: Thomas, Michael, Joseph, William and Mrs. Thomas Hickey, all of this town. Funeral services were held at St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church on Monday at nine o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. J. McCann.

## MISTLETOE.

The mistletoe is a parasitic evergreen plant, bearing a glutinous fruit. The radicle is peculiar in always turning toward the object to which the plant is attached. When found upon the oak, which is rare, it was an object of superstitious regard by the Druids. So says Webster's Dictionary.

Through the kindness of Mr. Samuel Pursel we were presented with a fine specimen of this plant, growing on an oak limb, which he received from Virginia. A piece of it was exhibited in Townsend's window last week.

Rush Shaffer while skating on the ice out at the company dam Monday afternoon, fell and seriously injured his head. He was taken home in an unconscious condition. It was feared for a time that his brain had been effected and that he would not recover. He regained consciousness however, and is getting along very nicely. The young man is a son of William Shaffer and resides on East Street.

H. J. Reeder, one of Catawissa's best known residents departed this life on Saturday. Funeral services took place on Tuesday. Mr. Reeder was elected one of the County Commissioners in the fall of 1870, and served one term. He was seventy-three years of age and leaves a wife and one son, Deputy Attorney General of Penna., who lives at Bellefonte.

## January Sale of Suits and Overcoats.

As is customary each year in January we clean up on everything left over from the season's selling and turn the stock remaining, as near as possible, into cash. This season has been a highly successful one in a selling sense, but we prepared somewhat too heavily, and bought quite late in the season, anticipating the advance in prices, all predictions were true excepting that the weather was mild until here recently. We've told these plain facts to you in a candid, unassuming manner without any attempt to blow or bluster. We're going to try to get cash for these goods and will sell every storm coat, overcoat, suit or reefer in our store now, regardless of profit. Do you need an ulster, overcoat, reefer, (for the boy) or suit for yourself? The season's opportunity is here, and you'll profit by getting to the store early.

We place on our tables 40 overcoats taken from our 8, 9, \$10 lines, in black and blue kersey, lined throughout with double warp Italian, some faced to arm holes with cloth, sewed with silk, has pure silk velvet collar, guaranteed first class throughout, all go now at

**\$7-50**

We've selected 62 overcoats from the regular 10, 11, \$12 lines, some plain, with piped satin edging, some half silk lined; they're handsome, fashionable coats, made by the very best of men tailors. They're here now at

**\$9.00**

What remains of our finest overcoats of 15, 16 and \$18 grades, some plain lined, others half silk with velvet piping and some all silk lined, rich, elegant overcoats at mere shadows of former price, these divided into 3 lots,

**11, 12 and \$13.50**

Formerly 15, 16 and \$18.

Storm Overcoats, almost your own price on them. The price cut is made right when you need the coat most. Chinchillas and Frieze, 7, 8 and \$9 coats at \$6.50, a choice of probably 15 styles, The better grades are reduced likewise, 8, 10 and \$12 coats at

**7.50 and \$9**

## Underwear Reductions.

Where sizes are broken we'll close balance out at cost, thus:

\$1.00 kind 75c.                      \$1.25 kind 98c.  
1.50 kind \$1.15.                      50c kind 39c.

Just received one case, 6½ doz., wool merino hose regular 25c quality, come too late. Makers had us set price, take them 12½c pair.

## Gloves.

New lines just in.  
Wool knitted,                      25, 39, 50c.  
Buck, Dogskin, or Calfskin, lined,  
50, 75c, 1.00 \$1.25.

Toques or Skating Caps,  
New ones in this week,  
25, 39, 50 cts.

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## NORMAL SCHOOL GYMNASIO EXHIBITION.

One of the most pleasant events of the season will be the Normal School Physical Department's Fifth Annual Gymnastic Exhibition to be given Thursday evening, January 13th, in the Normal Gymnasium.

Much time and thought has been put upon this entertainment to make it the most enjoyable and pleasing ever given. Many new combinations and movements have been rehearsed for this occasion.

Prof. Kennedy, Physical Director of the Scranton Y. M. C. A., has been secured to give an exhibition of broad sword and foil fencing. He has had nine years experience in the physical work, part of the time being spent as instructor of fencing in the English army. This will be a rare opportunity of witnessing a broad sword contest and also fencing.

Messrs. Bowman and Brandt, who made such a favorable hit with their specialty at the West End Wheelmen's Entertainment in the Nesbitt Theatre, Wilkes-Barre, will repeat the same at this exhibition. Nobody should miss seeing these two men. They will also give an exhibition upon the horizontal bar, and tumbling.

The program promises to be interesting, as have been the previous ones.

## A Great Record.

John Yost of Shamokin, is emulating the celebrated Solomon Grundy, who was born on Sunday, married on Monday, etc. Here is his record: John Yost met Millie Dear on Thursday of last week, procured a marriage license on Friday, married her on Saturday, effected a separation on Sunday, invoked the aid of the law on Monday, attended the hearing on Tuesday, and the defendant in the case, George Dingle, was discharged on Wednesday.—Ex.

## SHERIFF W. W. BLACK.

Sheriff Black and family moved from Rohrsburg to their new residence in the county jail on Monday. They were assisted in the moving by a large number of their friends. The sheriff's son Bruce has been appointed deputy.

## GIRTON-BRUGLER.

On Wednesday December 29th, at high noon, Miss Minnie Alice Brugler and Wilmer Girton were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Bugler, the bride's parents, in Hemlock township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. B. Smith, cousin of the bride. The procession was led by Clyde and Irene Mercer, son and daughter of Jas. H. Mercer, followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Martha Brugler, and the best man, Mr. Claude Mausteller. The wedding march was played by Miss Maude Runyon, and during the ceremony she played "Annie Laurie" softly, with very pretty effect. The bride was attired in a gown of faille silk. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers, and the bride received many handsome gifts. A number of guests were present, all relatives of the bride and groom, and an elaborate dinner was served. We extend our congratulations to the happy young couple.

## EX-SHERIFF McHENRY.

Sheriff J. B. McHenry completed his term of three years on Monday, and has retired to private life. He has rented the Runyon property, corner of Fourth and Centre streets, and moved in on Monday. He will devote his time to settling up business left in his hands, and collecting fees due him.

Boyd McHenry made a good sheriff. He has been attentive to his duties, prompt in paying over money that came in his hands, and courteous and obliging as far as the nature of his office would permit him to be. He and his family have made many friends here during their residence in Bloomsburg.

## STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the standing committees of the Pennsylvania Bar Association was held at Lancaster on December 29th. There were present twelve or more Judges, and a hundred lawyers from all over the state. Col. J. G. Freeze, President of the Columbia County Bar Association, represented this county. Among the matters discussed was a uniform course of studies for admission to the bar.

## DEATH OF MRS. SARAH PAXTON.

Mrs. Sarah Cavendish Paxton, widow of the late Captain Joseph R. Paxton, of the United States Army, and mother of Captain Alexis R. Paxton, of the United States Army, now on duty with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and stationed in Harrisburg, died at the residence of her son in that city on Thursday Dec. 30th. Mrs. Paxton was about 65 years of age.

She was the youngest daughter of Captain Job Whipple, of a noted race of seamen who dwelt for many generations at Salem, Ipswich and Danvers, Mass. Captain Whipple was a noted patriot and sea captain in his day and took part in the war of 1812.

The deceased formerly resided in Bloomsburg, where for a number of years her son Alexis was teller of the First National Bank. Her husband was a son of Col. Joseph R. Paxton, the founder of Irondale, and a brother of Lloyd Paxton of Rupert.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened Monday morning at nine o'clock with Judge Ikeler and associate J. T. Fox, on the bench.

In re petition of W. F. Reeder guardian of Mary W. Jackson, to give consent to deed. Prayer granted.

In relucacy of Warren Fenstermacher. Report of commissioner saying he is a lunatic confirmed nisi. Estate of John A. Gruver, deceased. Citation awarded.

Estate of Mary C. Gruver, deceased. Citation awarded.

Now January 3, 1898, out of respect to the memory of John B. Casey, whose funeral is being held at this hour, the Court is now adjourned until Monday, January 17, 1898, at ten a. m.

BY THE COURT.

## THE BIGGEST GUN IN THE WORLD.

A gun will soon be cast at Bethlehem, Pa., for the War Department, that will be 47 feet long, will weigh 126 tons, and will require 1100 pounds of powder to load it. It will carry a shell that weighs 2350 pounds sixteen miles. It will be the largest gun in the world, and will be used for coast defense in New York harbor.

## SMITH-MARTIN.

Mr. Franklin H. Smith of Scranton, and Mrs. Sophia Martin of Bloomsburg were united in marriage at the residence of Theodore L. Smith on West street, on Thursday December 30th at half past six o'clock. Rev. Mr. Welsh of Scranton performed the ceremony in the presence of Mrs. Martin's children, Lee, Charles and Mary; also Mrs. Reber of Lewisburg, F. D. Long of Mainville, and Mr. Smith's relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Smith went to Scranton on Friday morning, where they will reside.

## A WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The series of Cray Illustrated Lectures will open in the Opera House on Monday, February 7th, and continue every evening during the week. The series includes "Paris and the Alps," "England, Scotland, and Ireland," "Italy and Rome," "From Ocean to Ocean," "Yosemite and Yellowstone," "The Sunny South and Cuba." Each lecture is illustrated by 150 beautifully colored views.

Tickets for the entire course are only 75 cents, single admission, adults, 20 cents, children, 10 cents. Tickets can be obtained at Bidleman's book store, and from members of the choir.

These lectures are very highly endorsed, and are sure to please. They are said to be fully as good as the celebrated John L. Stoddard lectures, and the very low prices will insure full houses every night. The course will be under the auspices of the Episcopal church, and the proceeds will go towards the new organ.

## Have Your Horse Sharp Shod.

The humane man who happens to be the owner of a horse will now see to it that the animal is sharp shod. It is the greatest cruelty to the horse in the winter without seeing it that the horse's shoes are fitted as to give him a foothold on ice and sleet. An old iron shoe, worn smooth as glass, renders the poor animal helpless and impotent to stand, much less to pull a load.

If some men possessed clear titles to mansions in the skies the first thing they would try to do would be to mortgage them.