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REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL CONFERENCE.

Scarlet Nominated.

The judicial conferees of the Twenty-sixth District, composed of Columbia and Montour Counties, held their first meeting at the Exchange Hotel in this town last Saturday afternoon and made an unsuccessful effort to nominate a candidate for President Judge of the district.

The conference was composed of Judge J. U. Kurtz, of Berwick, and A. W. Duy, of Bloomsburg, substituted for W. D. Beckley, conferees for Charles C. Evans, and ex-Sheriff Charles P. Harder and Robert Adams, of Danville, conferees for James Scarlet.

Judge Kurtz placed Charles C. Evans, of Berwick, in nomination, and Mr. Harder nominated Judge Scarlet, of Danville, both nominations being seconded by A. W. Duy. Ten unsuccessful ballots were taken, each one resulting in a tie vote for the respective candidates.

The conference then adjourned to meet at Berwick Tuesday, August 30, at 9 o'clock, at which time they reconvened at the St. Charles Hotel, the same conferees being present except that W. D. Beckley was present instead of A. W. Duy. The meeting was organized by the election of Mr. Harder as president and W. D. Beckley as secretary. Three unsuccessful ballots were taken in the morning, each resulting in a tie vote, after which the conferees adjourned to meet at 1:30.

The afternoon was spent in caucusing without any result, but at 7:30 Judge Kurtz withdrew Mr. Evans' name, and Mr. Scarlet was unanimously nominated. Mr. Scarlet is well known as a brilliant lawyer, and he will no doubt make a vigorous campaign.

W. O. T. U. Convention.

The fall convention of the Columbia County W. O. T. U. will be held in the Free Church at Millville Sept. 7th and 8th, 1898. The evening of the 7th Mrs. Clara Hoffman of Kansas City, National Rec. Sec. and organizer also State Pres. of Missouri will lecture and on the evening of the eighth a minister's gold medal and a grand gold musical contest will be held. In connection with the contests music will be furnished by Prof. J. W. Vought of Orangeville, Millville male quartette and a solo by Miss Beatrice Boyles of Berwick. Mrs. Mausteller of Orangeville will recite while the Judges decide. Mrs. Rebecca Chambers of West Grove, Chester Co., State Pres. and Miss A. Elizabeth Thomas of Philadelphia, State Y. Sec. will be present during convention. Lecture free with collection at close. Admission to contest 15c.

Rev. A. M. Warner of Sunbury, who was to have addressed the Y. M. C. A. meeting at Oak Grove last Sunday afternoon, was prevented from doing so by reason of an accident which occurred on the way up here Saturday afternoon. He was riding his bicycle, when he was thrown violently to the ground. Two of his fingers were broken, his face scratched in several places, and he was otherwise badly bruised. He came on to Bloomsburg in the train, but was unable to fill his engagement. The address was made by the Secretary Chas. Kestey. The meeting was largely attended.

A great many people wonder why it is that several regiments of volunteers are getting up petitions to be mustered out of the service, while at the same time the officers are opposed to the move, and are trying their best to sway the powers at Washington. It is very easily understood when the hardships and privations to which the privates are subjected to are considered. Beside this the privates have not the same axes to grind the officers have, and then there is a difference in the pay.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the bride's home on West Third Street Thursday afternoon last when Miss Cora Barret, and Charles Sterling, were united in marriage by Rev. G. H. Henningway of the Presbyterian Church. Only a few intimate friends were present. The groom is a son of Clinton B. Sterling, and is the obliging clerk in Frank Pursell's store. We wish them continued happiness.

MUSICAL MATTERS.

Bloomsburg seems to require a general shaking and stirring up in a musical way, as within the past few years there has seemed to be a retrogressive instead of forward movement in matters musical. The best way to infuse new life and stir up an interest in a community is the holding of a musical convention. Towns like Wilkes Barre, Scranton and Williamsport in this state have their choruses, and each Spring give an oratorio or cantata with the assistance of an orchestra, also having concerts by leading instrumental and vocal artists, the affairs lasting several days, and going under the name of "Musical Festivals." Of course this entails great expense and the affairs are only kept up by generous subscriptions. Smaller towns in this state, or in this section of the state, are debarred from privileges of the sort on account of the expense. Concerts of classical music and music of the higher order are tabooed, because people do not hear enough of that order of music to understand or care for. Music that in Germany is enjoyed by the mass of people generally, is to thousands of people in our smaller towns only so much meaningless sound.

The smaller places of New England are being gradually raised to an appreciation of the better music, by means of choral organizations principally. An experienced conductor is engaged, generally from the city of Boston, and rehearsals are held each week for months when under experienced instruction, they are able to sing well oratorios and music of that class.

Musical conventions are often held, lasting a week or two, for which purpose choral directors, instrumentalists, and vocalists are hired. Music teachers and singers, and people generally interested in music are given an opportunity of studying for a short time, and getting up-to-date ideas in teaching, etc., from an experienced corps of teachers.

Would it not be a good idea to have something of that kind in this town. The band seems to have made considerable progress this summer, but music in other directions seems to be dead. There are many people here who like to sing, and need only something of this kind to stir up interest. A few music lovers should get their heads together and think the matter over.

Wedding Bells at Irish Lane.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Long, Wednesday, August 24, occurred one of the prettiest weddings of the season, the contracting parties being their accomplished daughter Eva E., and Prof. M. L. Laubach, of Bloomsburg.

Promptly at 12 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. Vrooman, of Harveyville. The bride was attired in white organza and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. After congratulations were offered the bride and groom led the way to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was reserved.

Mrs. Laubach has been one of Luzerne county's most popular teachers for several years.

The groom was formerly a Luzerne county teacher but is now a member of the faculty of the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

Their many friends unite in wishing them a long and prosperous voyage on the sea of matrimony. The presents were both handsome and useful. The bride and groom departed amid a shower of rice for an extended wedding tour.—Shickshinny Echo.

Mrs. Mary Shaffer, died very suddenly on Saturday afternoon. She had gone to Iola in the morning to attend a reunion of the Shaffer family. She appeared to be in her usual good health until about ten o'clock when she was stricken with paralysis. Her condition grew worse and she died at two o'clock. The deceased was the widow of Mathias Shaffer, and is survived by the following children: Mrs. N. Kreisher, Mrs. G. P. Seward, Bart, Lloyd, Mathias and Ellsworth. The funeral services were conducted from the house near Iroudale Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

The Democratic congressional conference for this district was to have been held in Bloomsburg next Tuesday, but Mr. Walsh of Sullivan county, was unable to be here at that time. It will probably be held at Eaglesmere a week from today.

Coasted to His Death.

Dr. Edgar M. Clinger, of Milton, was fatally injured while coasting down a mountain road near Oval, Lycoming county, about noon Tuesday. Dr. Clinger, accompanied by his father and two brothers, was making a trip through Lycoming county, and in going down the mountain the young man lost control of his wheel. He dashed with lightning rapidity down the hill until suddenly rounding a curve his wheel struck a water course and the young doctor was thrown heavily to the ground. He was picked up and taken to a neighboring farm house and medical aid summoned.

It was found on examination that his skull was fractured near the base and he died Wednesday morning without regaining consciousness. Dr. Clinger was a son of Daniel Clinger, a prominent resident of Milton, and was aged 25 years. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1897 and on leaving that institution entered the St. Joseph's Hospital at Lancaster, where he was resident physician for over a year. He was about to open an office in Lancaster and had come home to visit a few weeks before entering on his life work.

Veterans of the Civil War are now discussing as to whether the men who fought in the war with Spain should be allowed to join the Grand Army. Captain Fred M. Yeager, of Reading, ex-president of the First Defenders' Association, says that the matter was brought up at the meeting of the Department encampment at Oil City last June, but the resolution was not acted upon, the committee regarding a move of that kind premature at that time, and no further action was taken. It is probable, however, that the matter will come up again at the National Encampment, which meets at Cincinnati in September. Some believe that the Cuban soldiers will form their own organization.

The Womans Auxiliary of Bloomsburg for the relief of sick soldiers had contributed to them in: Money, Seventy-two dollars and thirty-six cents. Muslin, one hundred yards. Thirty pounds of tobacco. Two ice bags. Eighteen handkerchiefs. Absorbent cotton. Drugs, one box toilet soap. Ten towels. Five palm leaf fans.

They made, purchased and shipped forty-four sheets. Thirty-nine night shirts. Eighty surgeon's bandages. Sixty-seven abdominal bandages. Eight ice bags. Seventy-five towels. Thirteen wash rags. Twenty-four pairs of slippers. One hundred and five palm leaf fans. Thirty three pajamas. Twenty-nine dozen safety pins. Thirty handkerchiefs. Four and one-half yards rubber sheeting. Seven and one-half pounds of soap.

They have a balance in treasury of eighteen dollars and forty-two cents which will be sent to the Red Cross Society after deducting the freight on box.

The box was sent to Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point.

By order of Com.

The body of Mrs. Frances Campbell, wife of a prominent merchant of Elysburg, near Sunbury, was found floating down the river yesterday. It is thought she jumped from the Reading Railroad bridge into the water while in a despondent mood, caused by the recent death of her two year old daughter.

The annual Harvest Home services under the pastorate of Rev. A. Houtz will be held as follows: On Sunday Sept. 11, St. James at 10:15 A. M., Zion at 2:15 P. M., and Orangeville at 7:30 P. M., and on Sunday Sept. 18, Hidle at 10:30 A. M., and Briar-creek at 2:30 P. M. The churches will be appropriately decorated and all are invited to attend these harvest rejoicings.

There appears to be a mistaken impression among the hunters of town concerning the opening of the squirrel season. Some of them claiming that the law permits the killing of mammals after September 15. In order to save a possible fine we will state that squirrel hunting will not be legal until October 15, and ends December 15th.

The wedding of H. Reber Mears and Miss Nellie Ent of this town, is announced to take place in the Reformed Church, at five o'clock, p. m. on Wednesday, September 7th.

After the ceremonies at Harrisburg attendant upon the Month's Mind mass in memory of the late Bishop McGovern, the consulters of the diocese met to select three names from which a successor to the late bishop will be chosen. These will be referred to Archbishop Ryan, who calls together the bishops of Scranton, Pittsburg and Erie to pass upon the names, which are then forwarded to the Consistory of Cardinals at Rome, who recommends one name to the Pope for appointment. The following were appointed to name a successor: Very Rev. Dr. Koch, of Shamokin, present administrator of the diocese; Very Rev. Christ, of Lebanon; Very Rev. Kane, Lancaster; Rev. Father Kohl, Harrisburg; Rev. J. E. Haugh, Conwago; Rev. J. J. Gormerly, Renova and Rev. A. J. McCann, of Bloomsburg.

Paper is now made of wood. It is first made into wood pulp, which is not only used for paper, but is also the raw material of a great variety of manufactured articles and has furnished a new reason for encouraging timber culture. The demand for railroad ties, telegraph poles and for material for pulp mills makes a heavy draft upon the forest growth which have been spared by the lumbermen and the tanneries. There are 1200 pulp mills in the United States, with an annual production of over 1,500,000 tons of pulp per year. Such a rate of consumption cannot be maintained indefinitely unless there shall be instituted the means of repair. There must be systematic forest culture to keep pace with systematic deforestation.

The three years' contest over the Orphans' Court Judgeship in Schuylkill county is about ended. This is the famous Lyon-Dunn contest. Dunn was returned as elected by a majority of eighty-nine votes at the election held in 1895. Lyon instituted proceedings in contest and the case has dragged along in the courts ever since, the costs piling up until they reach the enormous proportions of \$40,000. After vast numbers of fraudulent and defective ballots on both sides had been thrown out it has been finally ascertained that Dunn has a majority of 165. So it appears that more illegal votes were cast for the man who contested than for the man who was alleged to have been elected by fraud. And to ascertain this the people of Schuylkill county will have to pay \$40,000.

In an article on the Bloomsburg race meet the Berwick Independent upholds the stand taken by McMichael concerning the match race, and adds that "Berwick is for Columbia County every time." The Independent Editor's memory evidently doesn't serve him very well. Several years ago when there was such bitter rivalry between Danville and Bloomsburg on the base ball diamond, who did Berwick yell for then? Bloomsburg—not on your life. About every game she would send a mob down, but not a mother's son of them ever opened his mouth to cheer the Bloomsburg boys. But then maybe the Independent is only joking.

Prof. Lyman Howe will entertain the people of Bloomsburg in the Opera House, Thursday evening Sept. 8, with his improved Animoscope or War Graff reproducing the great naval and land battles of the late war. This will be a rare treat to see these marvelous moving pictures. Made from real photos taken at the time of actual engagements. The entertainment will be interspersed with good patriotic music. If you wish to see the war without being in the army or navy, secure your tickets early.

There will be a monster demonstration at Centralia on Monday (Labor Day) Sept. 5th. The principal feature will be a big parade, consisting of the secret societies, seven bands of music, drum corps, and several hundred citizens on horseback.

A small wreck occurred on the C. P. & W. Railroad between Orangeville and Millville Saturday afternoon, caused by a car jumping the track. The rails and sills were torn up for about 100 feet, and trains were slightly delayed but no one was hurt.

Geo. W. Gruver, brother of Mrs. J. K. Lockard, has been nominated for the legislature by the Democrats of the third district of Luzerne county.

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WATCH next week's papers for Great Bargains in Suits and Overcoats for Men and Boys.

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Cyclers Suspended.

Chairman Mott of the League of American Wheelmen, has notified the owners of all bicycle tracks that are governed by the L. A. W. that George Harry who registered from Mahanoy City, and George M. Sarley, of Berwick, have been suspended for fake entry and dare not ride again until September 22. The fake entry was made at Bloomsburg week before last.

Millville is now without a building in which to hold entertainments. The Opera House, the *Tablet*, says "was never a paying investment because traveling shows were seldom patronized, and home entertainments always expected to get the house for almost nothing." The seats have all been taken out, and the building will be used for other purposes.

The Sullivan county Democratic Convention held last week made the following nominations: Congress, A. Walsh; State Senator, E. J. Mullen; Assembly, Jacob Meyers; Sheriff, J. J. Walsh; Prothonotary, Edward Frank.

Russell Karns was chairman of the convention.

Rev. James Morrow, D. D. of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society will speak in Trinity Reformed Church next Sunday morning. The service will begin at 10.30, and everybody is urged to come to hear him. There will also be services in the evening when the pastor of the church will preach.

E. F. Caldwell, of the special delivery force, carelessly emptied the contents of his pipe into a box filled with waste paper, on which he was sitting in the post office alley, Monday afternoon. A friend standing near, kindly warned him of his danger or else this space might have been occupied with a sketch of "Eddie's" life.

The Zion S. S. will hold a picnic in E. M. Laubaugh's grove at Forks, on Saturday, Sept. 10th which will be followed by an ice-cream social in the evening, the proceeds of which will be used for Church work. The public is cordially invited.

A Terror to Spaniards.

Judging from a letter received by Mrs. Sydney Hyde, of Conshohocken, from her soldier brother, R. E. Sintman, a member of the Twelfth United State Infantry, which saw hot fighting at El Caney and Santiago, he is quite a marksman. He says: "In the battle of Santiago I had 21 fair fires at 21 Spaniards, and every one of them turned their toes to the sun." Sintman adds that it was great sport.

A dispatch from Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, says that Roosevelt and his Rough Riders will be mustered out of the United States service to-day. It is probable that New York will see the Colonel and gallant men marching up Broadway in a day or two.

On Sunday morning while reading the service in St. Paul's Church, Mr. G. B. Boggs was seized with dizziness, and fell over in the chancel. He quickly recovered, however, but was unable to go on with the service, and the congregation was dismissed. Dr. Smith who was present, pronounced it a slight attack of vertigo.

The *Hughesville Mail* is right when it says, "School teachers should not allow their pupils to grow into the belief that when they acquire an intellectual training they are fitting themselves for a position in life where work is not required of them. Teach them that it is honorable to work."

In a letter to a friend in town last Thursday, Wilbur Fisher a member of the Volunteer Engineer Corps, states that they arrived safely at Porto Rico. He adds that Skyles M'Killip and Charles Stohner are both well.

The viewers appointed for the Millville bridge will meet at Stonytown to-morrow at ten o'clock. As this is a matter of about seventy thousand dollars, it is desired that all interested attend the meeting in order that the viewers may get an idea of the public opinion.

Elwood Chrisman, brother of William Chrisman Esq., and C. B. Chrisman of this town, has been nominated for the legislature by the Democrats of Luzerne county. He is the D. L. & W. agent at Bennetts.