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Democratic State Ticket.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE,
JOHN B. RAND,
of Westmoreland County.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
W. H. BERRY,
of Delaware County.

Democratic County Ticket.

FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK
OF THE COURTS,
C. M. TERWILLIGER
of Bloomsburg.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
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of Centralia.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
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of Bloomsburg, Pa.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
CHRISTIAN A. SMALL
of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR,
C. L. HIRLEMAN

HARRY B. CREASY.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS and VOTERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

Several articles have recently appeared in the county newspapers in which are urged the expending of large sums of money in building additions to the Court House.

If this should be done it would be adding a heavy burden to the present high tax rate and large county debt.

I feel therefore, that, as the regular nominee of the Republican Party for the office of County Commissioner, and asking the suffrage of the people, I should give to the voters and tax-payers of the county a clear statement of the position I shall take in the matter if elected. There is absolutely no necessity for rebuilding or making additions to the Court House.

I believe in taking the best care of the property belonging to the county, in keeping the buildings in proper repair, and the bridges and highways safe so that the people to whom they belong shall be able to use them in comfort or travel in safety; but I do not believe in heaping upon the shoulders of the tax-payers of our county any increase of indebtedness or taxation beyond what is plainly necessary to the proper preservation and care of the property for the use and needs of the people.

If the voters of the county shall honor me by electing me as one of the Board of Commissioners, I pledge myself to look carefully and conscientiously after the interests of every tax-payer and the whole people, and to exert every effort to reduce the county debt and to lessen the burden of tax on the people and to conduct the office with out any waste of public funds.

E. RINGROSE
Berwick, R. F. D. No 3.

AIR SHIPS AND THE NORTH POLE.

For many years past fortunes have been spent and many lives lost in the effort to discover the north pole. The subject has been discussed in newspapers and by scientific societies for nearly a century, but as yet no satisfactory reason has been given as to the necessity of discovering the extreme northern end of the axis of the earth. Columbus discovered America, and Livingstone and Stanley opened the wilds of Africa to the civilized world, and thereby rendered inestimable service to humanity. But what good the finding of the north pole is going to be to the world is not yet known. It would no doubt be a comfortable place for a summer hotel, but if after repeated attempts and enormous expenditure, covering many years, Commander Peary has not been able to arrive there yet, it is not likely that summer boarders would flock there in paying quantities. Should Peary succeed in his present attempt upon which he entered last week, it would give to an American the honor of having accomplished what no other man ever did, and would make a hero of the intrepid explorer. What is to be done with the north pole after it is found is an unknown problem.

Another thing upon which much inventive genius is being overworked is the attempt to navigate the air. In this too a number of lives have been sacrificed. Several airships have been made that sailed around apparently at the will of the operator, but all of these have ended in disaster, and most of them have killed their man.

Here, too, the question may be asked: What will we do with it? Possibly some one may invent a machine that will fly long enough to make it profitable as a novelty at county fairs, but as a means of travel or for any other permanently useful purpose, the time and money that has been expended in this line seems about as useless as the long continued but thus far futile search for the north pole. However the two seem closely linked together, for when the pole is finally located there will probably be an Aerial Navigation Company ready to transport tourists from all the inhabited points of the earth by air line, thus avoiding the perils of contact with the northern ice bergs and the polar bears. Equally as wonderful things have happened. Who knows?

White Haven people are becoming much exercised on account of the presence in that vicinity of so many tuberculosis patients that a movement is on foot to prohibit consumptives who are being treated at the sanitariums from entering the town. A number of local physicians have declared that the disease is contagious, and this has excited the residents. They are up in arms and demand the removal of the institution from the borders of the town.

Ayer's

Falling hair means weak hair. Then strengthen your hair; feed it with the only hair food, Ayer's Hair Vigor. It checks falling hair, makes the hair

Hair Vigor

grow, completely cures dandruff. And it always restores color to gray hair, all the rich, dark color of early life.

"My hair was falling out badly and I was afraid I would lose it all. Then I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor. It quickly stopped the falling and made my hair all I could wish it to be."
—GEO. W. ALLEN, Ellsworth, Me.

Falling Hair

The Scoring of Wall Street.

In his report on the Equitable Life Assurance Society, State Superintendent Hendricks sounds one warning which is of especial interest to the public, and which has broad and direct application to all kinds of trusteeship where there is danger of too close intimacy with Wall street. Mr. Hendricks is entirely correct in his statement that popular confidence in insurance companies cannot be restored until the management of insurance affairs is taken entirely out of Wall Street. The disclosures which have been made in connection with the Equitable affairs have revealed the outlines of a situation which spells corruption in its most dangerous form.

The wonder is that so much money actually does come into the street to lubricate the wheels and keep them going. Estimates as to the bed rock cost of keeping the machinery of Wall Street speculation in motion, vary from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually, before a base line can be reached from which the public can figure on getting an even break for its money.

These odds, great as they are, do not represent all of the truth, for to that tax must be added money illicitly grabbed off in the handling of the public's funds. This is where the back-breaking drag comes in. It is this unseen and unidentified tax which makes it almost impossible to win in Wall Street.

The public has hit upon the proper method of beating Wall Street, and that is to keep away from the Stock Exchange, and to withstand the temptations to engage in the game of speculation in that theatre of hazardous activity. It has been said that the only way to beat the horses, the stock market and gambling table is to keep away from them. This is the plan that has been adopted by the great mass of people, so far as relates to Wall Street. The public distinctly is not in the market, and the recent disclosures of crookedness, and business immorality in high places further emphasize the popular determination to stand aloof and watch the play from a safe distance. Wall Street is no place for the public's money.

And when it comes to that, the hundreds of thousands of small capitalists of the nation can very well spare Wall Street from their programme. They have numerous and diverse legitimate opportunities for the investment of their money without sending it to the stock exchanges or boards of trade to be jeopardized, and, four times out of five, lost. True, the country is growing up to the over distended corporate capitalization, but there is so much wind and water in existing issues of stocks and bonds that only those who are in a position to give close study of values can make investments with safety on the big exchanges. Even those who by long experience, training and familiarity with the situation are best qualified to act intelligently, lose money more often than they win.—W. G. NICHOLAS, in *Cent Per Cent* for August.

Rural Free Delivery Increasing Rapidly.

Great is the rural free delivery service, and it is going to be greater. According to a statement from the postoffice department, during the past year nearly 49,000 applications for rural service were received. Up to the close of the fiscal year 12,000 had been rejected, mostly because the proposed routes fell below the standard in probable patronage, and 7,492 were granted. A good number remains to be passed upon even if the demand does fall off, which will not occur for some time to come. On July 1st there were in actual service 32,058 rural routes, many in such fine shape that the department is preparing to have the boxes numbered so that mail may be addressed to box numbers as is now permitted in the case of postoffice boxes. This move in itself may not be a very important improvement, but it is evidence that the authorities are bent on making the service as nearly perfect as may be, and as such it will be welcomed. These thirty odd thousand scouts of the postal service and incidentally of progress and enlightenment, cost the tax-payers a pretty penny each year, but they are worth all they cost. The department was recently in receipt of a communication from Georgia that the telephone and the rural delivery of mail have increased land values from \$10 to \$100 per acre. Georgia is no exception, for all over the land the farmer is beginning to feel the benefits that accrue from his being brought into closer touch with the world.

The W. C. T. U. will picnic at Columbia Park tomorrow.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION.

Democrats in Large Numbers Will Convene at Harrisburg.

Democratic leaders from all parts of the State are turning their attention to the convention to be held at Harrisburg this month and there are prospects that it will be one of the largest for some time though it is merely a reconvened body. State headquarters attaches are now making the arrangements and will have each seat in the Board of Trade numbered so that everyone will get a place. Hotel accommodations are being secured and from the reservations the attendance will be notable. Boomers of Judge Stewart are numerous throughout the State and while they will not have any headquarters at Harrisburg there will be select bands of his friends among the Democrats to urge his selection. The date of the Democratic reconvened meeting will be almost coincident with the Prohibition State convention at Williamsport and there is considerable interest to see what will be done.

Want Advice From Roosevelt.

Coal Diggers Expect Him to Talk on Strike Situation.

Some of the large coal companies in the vicinity of Wilkes Barre have ordered their collieries closed for a period including August 10, the day when President Roosevelt will be there to address the miners and temperance workers, and all the smaller companies are expected to do the same.

The mine workers have expressed their intention of attending the great event, and the operators seem desirous that they should hear the advice that President Roosevelt is expected to give them. Union officials are to invite the operators to hear the address.

As President Roosevelt is familiar with conditions there, and also aware of the fact that the three-year agreement which he did so much to gain for the miners, expires next April, it has been expected ever since he agreed to address the mine workers that he would deem it his duty to advise them in some way regarding the coming crisis, when they will appeal to the operators for a renewal of the agreement and further concessions. If he does not, they will be greatly disappointed.

Fully 250,000 people are expected there on that occasion, and the miners have organized a thorough staff, not only to direct the parade, but to handle the crowd and act in a police capacity, in case such services should be needed.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Democratic State Committee Rooms.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 5, 1905. To Democrats of Pennsylvania:

In obedience to the instructions of the Democratic State Committee and as required by Rule VI., of the rules governing the Democratic Organization of the State, notice is hereby given that the Delegates to the Democratic State Convention, which meet on the 24th day of May last, will reconvene at Harrisburg, at 12 o'clock noon, in the Board of Trade rooms on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1905, for the purpose of placing in nomination

One candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court.

And to transact such other business as may properly come before it, in the interest and welfare of the Democratic Party.

P. G. MEEK, J. K. P. HALL,
Secretary. Chairman.

State's Telephone Business.

Three Hundred Thousand 'Phones are in Use in Pennsylvania.

An idea of the telephone business in Pennsylvania can be had from the reports issued by the Department of Internal Affairs, as all telephone companies are required by law to make these reports to the state. From these reports it is learned that there are, in addition to the Bell company, eighty-seven independent companies operating in the state. The independents report a total of 83,532 telephones in service, while the Bell companies report 216,017 'phones, making a total of 299,549.

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3.00	Straws	1.50
2.00	"	1.00
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20c. Mohair Lustre at 15c.

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25c. Silk Gauze at 18c. 15c. Silk Gauze at 12 1/2c

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15c. Cotton Taffeta 12c. 15c. Mousaline 12c.

Both in cool, soft colors, the kind that are serviceable. Plenty, if you come early.

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