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 DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES.
 Representation in State Conventions for
 the Next Year Will Be Based
 On the Democratic Vote Polled for Berry—
 Columbia County Will Get Four Dele-
 gates to Next Convention.

Under the rules of the Democratic
 party, relating to representation
 at state conventions, each legisla-
 tive district in the state is entitled
 to at least one delegate. In coun-
 ties where the party vote is more
 than 1,000 one delegate for each
 thousand votes and one for a frac-
 tion of a thousand over 500 are al-
 lowed. Under the head of Demo-
 cratic party, according to the official
 returns received at that department,
 William H. Berry got 350,696 votes.
 An examination of the state
 tables of figures shows that the next
 Democratic convention will consist,
 therefore of 352 delegates. Under
 this apportionment Columbia coun-
 ty will get four delegates.

Getting Ready for Berry
 Sinking Fund Commissioners Are Hastening
 to Carry Out the Law's Intent

The Philadelphia Record says:
 The Board of Sinking Fund Com-
 missioners, through State Treasur-
 er Mathews has notified all banks
 holding the \$4,000,000 surplus in
 the fund to be ready at any time to
 meet a demand for this money.
 Such is one of the salutary effects
 of the revolution. Does any one
 imagine that this notice would
 have been issued had the election
 resulted in the choice of the
 Machine candidate for state treasur-
 er? Had these faithless public
 servants obeyed the plain intent of
 the law there would now be little
 or none of this money in the Sink-
 ing Fund. When no state bonds
 are offered at current rates, the law
 declares that the commissioners
 shall invest the money of the Sink-
 ing fund in United States securities.
 For their flagrant violation of the
 law these delinquent officials should
 have been impeached, and they
 would have been impeached but for
 the protection and encouragement
 afforded them by a Machine legisla-
 ture of the same kidney. Now,
 when the penitent and humiliat-
 ed legislature is going to assem-
 ble in special session to make pub-
 lic confession of its violations of
 most solemn duty, the Sinking
 Fund commissioners with like ab-
 jectness hasten to obey the neglect-
 ed laws in anticipation of the com-
 ing change of financial administra-
 tion. The exhibition would be
 most gratifying if it were as sincere
 and honest as it is humiliating to
 all concerned.

Among those who are reported
 to be applicants for the position of
 clerk in the county commissioners'
 office are J. W. Hilday, the present
 incumbent; Deputy Sheriff Bruce
 Black; and Geo. E. Clemens of Ber-
 wick. Wesley Knorr is named as
 an applicant for the position of as-
 sistant clerk, now filled by Thorn-
 ton Freeze who is an applicant for
 reappointment.

CONGRESS IN SESSION
 Congress convened on Monday
 morning for its regular winter ses-
 sion. It is confronted by many
 matters of great importance upon
 which legislation is needed, prom-
 inent among which are:
 To grant power to an executive
 body of the Government to fix
 transportation rates.
 To include in interstate commerce
 and transportation, private cars,
 terminal tracks and switches.
 To regulate insurance companies
 that do business in more than one
 state.
 To regulate and control corpora-
 tions doing an interstate commerce
 business.
 To make further provision for
 the construction of the Panama
 Canal and possibly decide upon the
 type of canal.
 To consider a new commercial
 treaty with Germany and possibly
 pass a retaliatory maximum and
 minimum tariff law.
 To modify the Philippine tariff
 law by reducing the rates to 50, or
 perhaps 25 per cent. of the Dingley
 rates.
 To ratify a treaty or pass legisla-
 tion that will give the United
 States control of the finances of
 Santo Domingo.
 To consider further restrictive
 immigration regulations and the
 modification of the Chinese exclu-
 sion act.
 To pass a law that will punish
 bribery and prohibit the corrupt
 use of money in national elections.
 To provide for the further devel-
 opment of the navy by authorizing
 at least one 18,000-ton battleship.
 To aid the American merchant
 marine by providing for subsidies to
 American-built vessels engaged in
 the trade to the Orient and to South
 America.
 To prevent the destruction of
 America's great natural wonders,
 like Niagara Falls and the big trees
 in California.
 To provide statehood for the
 territories, making one state of
 Oklahoma and Indian Territory
 and one of Arizona and New Mex-
 ico.
 To pass a bill preventing the
 adulteration of food products.

The Oystermen
 Recent developments show that
 a state of things have existed for
 some time past on the Chesapeake
 Bay that are a disgrace to our civ-
 ilization. Oyster boats are manned
 by men who are first drugged and
 then taken aboard without their
 knowledge or consent, and com-
 pelled to work at dredging oysters
 until they are worn out, and then
 turned loose with little or no pay.
 Kicks and blows and even murder
 are charged against the masters of
 some of these boats. The Govern-
 ment of Maryland and the Federal
 authorities are now taking a hand
 and several arrests have been made,
 and it is likely that this sort of
 human slavery may now cease.

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HOME OF FRENCH EXILES.
 Nobles Who Fled to This State During the
 French Revolution.

The French revolution of 1791-3,
 which overturned the existing or-
 der of things in France, was speci-
 ally directed against the clergy and
 nobility. Not only the King Louis
 XVI, but also a large number of
 the highest nobility, fell victims to
 the wrath of furious mobs, while
 many others were doomed to exile.
 A number of the exiles decided to
 found a colony in Pennsylvania.
 Among the leading spirits of the
 movement were the Viscount Louis
 Mari de Noailles, the brother-in-law
 of Lafayette, and the Marquis Tal-
 on, a Parisian banker, and formerly
 one of the financial directors of the
 Government. The scheme for the
 colony was perfected in 1793 by the
 appointment of M. Charles Bologne
 of France, and his associate, Adam
 Hoopes, of Philadelphia, as the
 agents of the colony. These men
 secured a large body of land on the
 north branch of the Susquehanna
 in (now) Bradford County, and
 proceeded at once to erect houses
 and other necessary buildings for
 the colonists. The settlement thus
 formed was named, quite appropri-
 ately, "Asylum," and was locat-
 ed near the present town of Wyn-
 lusing. Some 50 or more houses
 were built, besides several saw-
 mills and a gristmill. A weekly
 post was established with Philadel-
 phia, bringing the colonists in close
 touch with civilization.
 Besides the distinguished men al-
 ready named were the following of
 patrician rank: Beaulieu, de Bal-
 cons, Dandelot, de Montule, Dupet-
 it Thouars, La Port, Le Fevre and
 others.

MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN.
 The colony became the objective
 point of many exiles who did not
 contemplate a permanent stay.
 Among this number were some of
 great distinction. Louis Phillip,
 who in after years ascended the
 throne of France, was one of these.
 During his stay of several weeks at
 Asylum he was the guest of M.
 Talon. The Count de la Rochefou-
 cauld, noted as a traveler and auth-
 or, and also Prince Tallyrand, one
 of the greatest characters of French
 history, were also here at this time.
 Obviously, the French colonists,
 most of whom were born and reared
 in affluence and luxury, were ill-
 adapted for the work they had un-
 dertaken. To subdue a wilderness
 and to erect homes in virgin lands
 was sufficiently difficult for the
 German and Scotch, Irish and other
 sturdy yeomanry of Pennsylvania,
 but when undertaken by gentry
 whose hands were not injured to
 toil the project was doomed to fail-
 ure.
 After struggling for several years
 with adverse circumstances, the
 colonists were joyfully surprised by
 a sudden and favorable turn of af-
 fairs in France. Following in quick
 succession the power of the Jacobins
 was broken; the tyrant Robes-
 pierre met the fate which he had
 mercilessly meted out to hundreds
 of others; the exilian edict was re-
 voked, and all exiles invited to re-
 turn by the new regime.

The Asylum colonists were not
 slow to avail themselves of these
 unfavorable circumstances, for a
 Frenchman, above all others, is at-
 tached to his native land. One by
 one the emigres disposed of their
 holdings and effects and departed
 for France. In a few years the lit-
 tle town was almost deserted, and
 in less than eight years from its
 founding the French colony of ex-
 illed noblemen had ceased to exist.
FATE OF SOME OF THE COLONISTS.
 The subsequent history of some
 of the exiles is thrilling, and in
 some instances of mournful interest.
 Monsieur Boulogne, the efficient
 agent of the colonists, was accident-
 ally drowned in the Loyalsock
 Creek, where Forksville, Sullivan
 County, is now situated. This sad
 event occurred on July 26, 1795, as
 he was returning from Williams-
 port, whither he had gone on busi-
 ness.

The Viscount de Ncailles was
 commissioned a brigadier general
 upon his return, and sent on an ex-
 pedition to Santo Domingo. He
 was mortally wounded while lead-
 ing in the capture of a British ves-
 sel near Havana. Admiral Dupet-
 it Thouars had made an improve-
 ment on the present site of Dushore
 in (now) Sullivan County. The
 town was named in his honor, Du-
 shore being the Anglicised form of
 the Admiral's name. The old hero,
 who had lost an arm in battle, had
 a hard struggle for existence in his
 mountain home, and gladly re-
 sponded to the invitation to return.
 France becoming involved in war
 with England, he, like de Noailles,
 and other colonists, entered the
 military service of his country. He
 was given command of the Le Ton-
 naut, one of the most formidable

men-of-war in the French navy.
 On August 1, 1798, occurred the
 battle of the Nile, where France
 sustained the greatest naval defeat
 in her history. She not only suf-
 fered the loss of her best fleet, but
 also her best naval officers, among
 them Dupetit Thouars. The for-
 tunes of others of the colony are of
 equal interest.
 Among those who remained was
 M. La Port, whose son, the Hon.
 John La Port, was one of the most
 distinguished men of this Common-
 wealth. He was Surveyor General
 of the State, a member of the Leg-
 islature for many years and Speak-
 er of the House, and also a member
 of Congress. The thriving town
 of Laport, in Sullivan County, was
 named in his honor.

Value of the Reform Movement.
 We are not inclined to under-
 estimate either the force or the im-
 portance of the reform movement
 in Philadelphia. The defeat of the
 machine candidates for Sheriff,
 Coroner and City Commissioners in
 that city is not only highly signifi-
 cant but immensely valuable to the
 cause of political reform. It would
 hardly be just to say that the elec-
 tion of Mayor Berry to the office of
 State Treasurer and the prospective
 improvement in the fiscal affairs of
 the Commonwealth are ascribable
 to that movement, though it was a
 potential contributing agent. As a
 matter of fact, however, notwith-
 standing the vast fraudulent vote
 in Allegheny county, the State out-
 side of Philadelphia gave Mr.
 Berry a considerable and very sub-
 stantial majority.

But the real value of the reform
 movement in Philadelphia is yet to
 be determined. So far as it has
 gone it is genuine and effective.
 The rout of the machine was com-
 plete and overwhelming for the
 time and the loss of the offices
 enumerated together with the re-
 form in the executive department
 of the municipal government is a
 severe blow to the "organization."
 The serpent has only been scotched,
 however, not killed. The killing
 must be done at the February
 election and if there is any abate-
 ment of zeal or impairment of
 energy on the part of the reform
 forces between now and then, there
 may be no killing at all. In other
 words the monster may recover
 from the wounds inflicted and strike
 a fatal blow himself in February.

And what is true of the city of
 Philadelphia is true of all sections
 of the State. During the recent
 campaign we labored assiduously to
 show that the defeat of the local
 candidates in Philadelphia was of
 vastly less importance than the
 overthrow of the State machine.
 The effect of the election of Mayor
 Berry on the public mind vindicates
 that opinion. If Plummer had been
 successful the result on the Phila-
 delphia local ticket would have been
 laughed at by the machine manag-
 ers. On the other hand his defeat
 was a solar plexus bump. But it
 must be supplemented by future
 victories of the people and the time
 and place to lay the foundations
 for future victories are in February
 and at the local elections.—*Belle-
 fonte Watchman.*

Real Estate Transfers.
 Recorder Rutter has recently re-
 corded the following real estate
 transfers:
 Lehigh Valley Coal Company to
 Ada R. Trexler for property locat-
 ed in Aristes.
 Samuel C. Hartman and wife to
 John O. Appleman for property in
 Benton.
 Daniel S. Laubach's heirs to M.
 E. Stackhouse for house and lot on
 East Third street, Bloomsburg.
 W. B. and Lizzie R. Allen to
 Frank W. Miller, for house and lot
 on Iron street, Bloomsburg.
 H. W. Hess and wife to C. H.
 Campbell, et. al., for property in
 Bloomsburg.
 B. F. Sharpless to C. H. Sharp-
 less for property in Bloomsburg.
 Henry Wanich's executors to
 Charles Chamberlain, for property
 in Berwick.
 L. C. Mench and wife to Eliza
 Lillie, for property in Catawissa.
 Deborah J. McKelvy to Charles
 H. Bates for property located in
 Catawissa.
 Berwick Land and Improvement
 Co., to Martin Gulosky for prop-
 erty in West Berwick.
 Lane Hedden's heirs to Lillie
 Keeler for property in Benton
 township.

Thanksgiving Time
Means Overcoat Time.
 The colder weather is here—or going to be any
 day. If you have't selected your Fall or Winter
 Overcoat yet it's high time you should else you'll
 be caught some nipping night.
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 makes the Christmas.
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 chester nickle ware,
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