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LODGE MEETINGS.

CENTRE HALL LODGE, No. 893, I. O. of O. F., meets every Thursday evening in the Odd Fellows Hall.
S. K. ENEBRICK, Sec'y. R. D. BRISBIN, N. G.

OLD FORT LODGE, No. 537, F. A. M., meets on Monday evening on or before each full moon in the Odd Fellows Hall.
C. P. HERLACHER, Sect. D. C. KELLER W. M.

PROGRESS GRANGE, No. 36, P of H., meets at their Hall, Centre Hall on the Saturday on or before full moon at 1 P. M. and every two weeks after, Jas. A. Keller Master. LEONARD EBONE, Sect.

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Tax-payers, go and hear Dill and Curtin, at Millheim, Friday night, 13th.

—Adam Hoy, esq., is announced in this issue as a candidate for Senator.

—Pic-nics are getting to be like the closing words of a public sale-"too numerous to mention."

—Special inducements are offered to farmers, by Mr. Brown, successor to Shortlidge & Co., for grain. All kinds of coal always on hand at lowest possible prices.

—E. S. Garver, of the Worth Co. (Mo.) *Times*, once a typo in the REPORTER office, is chairman of the Worth Co. Dem. committee. Elias is on the way to make his mark.

—Pomona Grange at its meeting at Centre Hall, on Tuesday, decided that the annual pic-nic be held at State College, Sept. 19.

—A good white shirt at 75c. at Guggenheimer & Co's.

—If you want to hear two good speeches, go and hear Dill and Curtin at Millheim on Friday night 13.

—Canton, Miss., is one of the plague stricken towns. We see by the *American Citizen* of that town, of 31 ult., that James A. Coplin, who learned the printing business in the REPORTER office, and who has been business manager of the *Citizen* for some years, is one of the few heroes who has not fled, but has enrolled his name as one for the formation of a Howard Association, for the relief of their fellow citizens stricken down with yellow fever. Canton, like Grenada, has been deserted by nearly all who could get away, and Mr. Coplin is among the few who remain. It requires a great deal of courage to thus face yellow Jack, and we score one in favor of James A. Coplin for bravery in the midst of death and disease.

—The meeting of the Veteran Club of Centre county, at Pine Grove Mills, on last Saturday, was a grand success—the largest yet held. The weather was pleasant, and the crowd numbered about 2500. The town was decorated with arches, evergreens and flags, with appropriate mottoes.

In the large woods a stand was erected and festooned with flags and evergreens, and in front of the stand, spanning the middle row of seats, was a beautiful arch of evergreen, with a fine likeness of the father of his country for a centre piece.

About 11 o'clock the line was formed at the east end of town, with Mr. Fry as Chief Marshall, and marched to the grove, headed by one of the brass bands.

The following bands were present: Zion, Bellefonte, Millheim and Pine Grove, all which did themselves credit in discoursing fine music.

Arrived at the grove, the President of the Club, Gen. Beaver, called the assembly to order, which was composed of the beauty and chivalry of the county. After a fervent prayer by one of the ministers, Rev. Linn delivered the address of welcome which was full of kindness and good will for the Club and audience. This was responded to on behalf of the Club, by Gen. Beaver, and after alluding to the patriotic deeds of the boys, and the pleasant time in store for them during the day, as evidenced by the many baskets of good things to be seen, he concluded by saying they had come to eat them out, and intended to stay until they cleaned them out. (This, the end showed, was a bigger contract than the Club was able for, and the General would have been obliged to detail 100 men to stay a few days in order to eat up all that the good and handsome ladies of Pine Grove and vicinity had provided.)

Minutes by D. S. Keller followed next, then roll-call, when a recess until 2 o'clock was announced, and tables were spread. There was an abundance of every thing in meats, cakes, pies, preserves, jams, pickles, coffee, etc., etc., and appetites to match. The people of Pine Grove and vicinity had provided bountifully and by excellent arrangement none were missed in having a good feast. We were captured by Capt. Dunlap and Yony Hess, and quartered at their board, and had in consequence to refuse a dozen other kind invitations. We must say that those people up there showed a whole-souled hospitality that will long be remembered as one of the events of Pine Grove.

At 2 p. m., the meeting was again called to order, and the orator of the day, Gov. Curtin, was introduced. It is needless to speak of his address, as his manner, ability and eloquence are so well known to our people.

The choir sang Hail Columbia, in a charming style, and the bands made the woods resound with their strains at proper intervals.

There was perfect order all day—we did not notice or hear of a single case of drunkenness or misconduct.

The committees were appointed for the next year, and Pleasant Gap fixed upon as the next place of meeting. The Treasurer, Col. Gregg, reported a balance of $90 in the treasury.

—Clothing cheap. A good dark suit of Clothing at Guggenheimer & Co's for $6 00.

—Farmers, if you wish to strike the best market for your grain, call on Mr. Lawrence Brown, successor to Shortlidge & Co. in coal and grain, where you will get the highest price, and meet with fair dealing.

—Newman has a merchant tailoring department connected with his Clothing store, where suits will be made to order, on short notice, and lower than elsewhere.

—Sechler & Co. are constantly receiving new supplies of fresh groceries, which they are selling at very low prices. Their present stock cannot be excelled either in quality or in variety. Queensware, stoneware, yellow and Rockingham ware in all styles, sizes and shapes. Teas: Young Hyson, Imperial, Gunpowder Japans, Ooleng, very choice goods, unprecedently low. In fine groceries their stock is entirely complete; canned goods, pickles, sauces, oils, bananas, oranges, lemons, cranberries, sardins. Our Spices are guaranteed perfectly pure. Tobaccos and cigars, all of popular brands and best qualities.

—When bran new pianos can be bought for $125, we ought to become a musical and music-loving people. This is what the Mendelsohn Piano Co., 21 East 15th Street, New York, are doing—selling pianos from their factory at these prices. The great reputation of these pianos—having been unanimously recommended for the highest honers at the great Centennial Exhibition—and the high character of the company for honorable and straightforward dealing, should insure for them liberal patronage. Their illustrated and descriptive catalogue, of forty odd pages, giving highest testimonials of leading musicians, will be mailed free to all, and all inquiries by letter cheerfully answered. It

Go and hear Dill and Curtin at Millheim, on Friday night, 13.

—Read the adv. of Shook & Son, Farmer's Mills. They offer to sell off a splendid stock of store goods at Cost. A better opportunity for bargains was never offered before in this valley.

—The Second Quarterly Meeting for Penn's Valley Circuit, M. E. church, will be held in Millheim, Saturday and Sabbath, 14th and 15th inst. Rev. Prof. Dean, A. M. of Pa. State College is expected to preach on Sat. and Sab. Quarterly Conf. Sat. evening immediately after preaching.
W. R. WHITNEY, Pastor.

Dill and Curtin at Millheim, on Friday night, 13. Honest men turn out and hear the issues discussed.

—MADISONBURG.—Another house will be erected at the upper end of town this fall. Squirrels were plenty along the mountain, but are scarce now.

On last Saturday morning the barn of Mr. Jacob Hazel, west of here, was totally destroyed by fire. The flames were first discovered between 2 and 3 o'clock, by Mr. Hazel, sr., who gave the alarm by ringing the bell, which soon brought the neighbors and town folks to the spot. The live stock was saved, likewise the farming implements, except reaper, hayrake, drill, 2 fanning mills, 1 new 2-horse sled, 2 sleighs, some gears, and a lot of meat—all these were burned. The stock and crop belong to Jacob Hazel, jr. Mr. Hazel intends building another barn this fall. Insurance in the Pennsvalley Co., $900. GREELY.

—On next Friday night Dill and Curtin will address a meeting at Millheim. All, without respect to party, should go and hear them.

—Shook's at Farmer's Mills are selling their large stock of goods at Cost. See adv.

—Why is it that you can buy at greater bargains in Centre Hall now, than ever you could? Because Guggenheimer & Comp. are preparing themselves to make room for a new stock, and our young friend Mox has laid out quite a lot of remnants of Calico and Delain, which will be sold cheap. Calico at 4c. and Delain at 8c. per yard, Cash. It

—We are paying now 15c. for good butter. Eggs 12½, at Guggenheimer & Co's.

—Farmers go to L. L. Brown, Bellefonte, with your grain—he pays the best prices, and sells the cheapest coal.

CANDIDATES.

PRESIDENT JUDGE.

Hon. C. A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, will be a candidate for Pres't Judge, subject to democratic rules.

We are authorized to announce that C. S. M'Cormick, Esq. of Lock Haven, will be a candidate for President Judge, subject to democratic rules.

CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce that P. Gray Meek of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Congress, subject to the decision of the democratic county and district conventions.

We are authorized to announce that D. G. Bush, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Congress, subject to democratic rules.

SENATOR.

Adam Hoy, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for state Senator, subject to democratic rules.

We are authorized to announce the name of C. T. Alexander of Bellefonte, as a candidate for State Senator, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

ASSEMBLY.

Dr. P. S. Fisher of Zion, is a candidate for Assembly, subject to democratic rules.

Jas. F. Weaver, of Milesburg, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to democratic rules.

Sam'l Gilliland, of College, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to democratic usages.

Jno. F. Krebs, of Ferguson, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to democratic rules.

W. A. Murray, of Boalsburg, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to democratic rules.

W. L. Musser, of Penn, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to democratic rules.

SHERIFF.

John Spangler, of Potter, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

W. H. Noll, of Spring, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

John B. Leathers, of Howard twp., will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

Jeremiah Tressler, of Harris twp., will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

George Hoffer, of Potter will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

J. S. M'Cormick, of Ferguson, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

L. T. Munson, now of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

John R. Bair, of Penn, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to democratic rules.

COMMISSIONER.

Michael J. Decker, of Potter, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

H. A. Mingle, of Haines, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

J. B. Heckman, of Gregg, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

J. N. Hall, of Howard twp., will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

Jacob Dunkle, of Walker, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

Adam Grove, of Potter, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

J. H. Hahn, of Milesburg, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

A. J. Greist, of Unionville, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

George Swab, of Harris, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

John Hoy, jr., of Marion township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to democratic rules.

TREASURER.

John Hoffer of Bellefonte, is a candidate for Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

Dr. J. W. Stemm, of Millheim, will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

Adam Yearick, of Marion, will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

We are authorized to announce that Wm. Ehrhard, of Potter, will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

We are authorized to announce that John H. Barnhart of Spring township will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

B. F. Leathers, of Unionville, will be a candidate for Treasurer subject to democratic rules.

S. A. M'Quistian, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

P. W. McDowell, of Howard boro., will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to democratic rules.

PROTHONOTARY.

MR. KURTZ: Please announce that I purpose to be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, and if so fortunate as to receive the favorable consideration of my fellow democrats in their primary assemblies, will pledge myself, if elected, to a faithful and satisfactory discharge of the duties of the office. S. T. SHUGERT.

J. C. Harper, now of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to democratic rules.

Samuel J. Herring of Gregg will be a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to democratic rules.

B. F. Shafer, of Walker, will be a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to democratic rules.

R. G. Brett, of Ferguson will be a candidate for the nomination of Prothonotary subject to democratic rules.

Mr. S. M. Swartz, of Potter, desires to inform his friends and democrats that he will be a candidate for the nomination of Prothonotary.

G. W. Rumberger, of Patton twp., will be a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to democratic rules.

REGISTER.

Wm. E. Burchfield will be a candidate for Register, subject to democratic rules.

RECORDER.

Wm. A. Tobias will be a candidate for Recorder, subject to the usages of the democratic party.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE ELECTION.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular place of holding the general election for each district on SATURDAY, THE 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1878, to elect delegates to the Democratic County Convention. The election will open at 2 o'clock p. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m.

The delegates chosen at the above time will meet in the Court House at Bellefonte, on TUESDAY, THE 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to nominate one candidate for Congress; one for President Judge; one for Senator; two for Assembly; one for Sheriff; one for Treasurer; one for Prothonotary; one for Register; one for Recorder; two for Commissioners; one for Coroner; one for Auditor, and one for Jury Commissioner, to fill out the unexpired term of Colonel Rishel. It will also be the duty of the convention to select Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial conferees, and transact such other business as may be regularly brought before it. The number of delegates to which each district is entitled under the present apportionment, is as follows:

Bellefonte,	W W 1, S W 2, N W 2		Harris township,	2
Milesburg	boro.	1	Howard do	1
Unionville	do	1	Huston do	1
Howard	do	1	Liberty do	2
Philipsburg	do	2	Marion do	2
Boggs	township	2	Miles do	6
Benner	do	3	Patton do	1
Burnside	do	1	Penn do	5
College	do	1	Potter do	6
Curtin	do	1	Rush do	2
Ferguson	do	4	Snow Shoe do	2
Gregg	do	4	Spring do	4
Haines	do	4	Taylor do	1
Halfmoon	do	1	Union do	1
			Walker do	4
			Worth do	1

The delegate election in all cases to be conducted strictly in accordance with the rules of the party heretofore, except as to the time of opening and closing, which is as above stated.

The delegate election in all cases to be conducted strictly in accordance with the following rules:

1st. The election for delegates to represent the different districts in the annual Democratic county convention, shall be held at the usual place of holding the general elections for each district, on the Saturday preceding the third Tuesday in September, in each and every year, beginning at two o'clock p. m., of said day, continuing until six o'clock p. m.

2d. The said delegate elections shall be held by an election board, to consist of the member of County Committee for each district, and two other Democratic voters thereof, who shall be appointed or designated by the County Committee. In case any of the persons so constituting the board, shall be absent from the place of holding the election for a quarter of an hour after the time appointed, by Rule First, for the opening of the same, his or their place or places shall be filled by an election, to be conducted, *viva voce*, by the democratic voters present at the time.

3d. Every qualified voter of the district, who, at the late general election voted the democratic ticket, shall be entitled to a vote at the delegate elections; and any qualified elector of the district who will pledge his word of honor to support the Democratic ticket at the next general election shall be permitted to vote at the delegate elections.

4th. The voting at all delegate elections shall be by ballot; upon which ballot shall be written or printed the name or names of the delegate or delegates voted for, together with any instructions which the voter may desire to give the delegate or delegates. Each ballot shall be received from the person voting the same, by a member of the election board, and by him deposited in a box or other receptacle provided for that purpose, to which box or other receptacle, no person but members of the election board have access.

5th. No instructions shall be received or recognized unless the same be voted upon the ballot as provided in Rule Fourth, nor shall such instructions if voted upon the ballot, be binding upon the delegates, unless one-half or more of the ballots shall contain instructions concerning the same office. Whenever half or more of the ballots shall contain instructions concerning any office, the delegates elected at such elections shall be held to be instructed to support the candidates having the highest number of votes for such office.

6th. Each election board shall keep an accurate list of the names of all persons voting at such elections; when list of voters together with a full and complete return of such election containing an accurate statement of the persons elected delegates and all instructions voted shall be certified by said board, to the County Convention, upon printed blanks to be furnished by the County Convention.

7th. Whenever from any district qualified democratic voters, in numbers equal to five times the delegates which such district has in the County Convention, shall complain in writing of an undue election or false return of delegates or of instructions, in which complaints the alleged facts shall be specifically set forth and verified by the affidavit of one or more persons, such complainants shall have the right to contest the seat of such delegates or the validity of such instructions. Such complaint shall be heard by a committee of five delegates to be appointed by the President of the convention; which said committee shall proceed to hear the parties, their proofs and allegations, and as soon as may be report to the convention, what delegates are entitled to seats therein, and what instructions are binding upon such delegates. Whereupon the convention shall proceed immediately upon the call of the yeas and nays, to adopt or reject the report of the contesting parties. In which call of the yeas and nays, the names of the delegates whose seats are contested or whose instructions are disputed shall be omitted.

8th. All delegates must reside in the district they represent. In case of absence or inability to attend, substitutions may be made from citizens of the district.

9th. Delegates must obey the instructions given them by their respective districts, and if violated, it shall be the duty of the President of the convention to cast the vote of such delegate or delegates in accordance with the instructions; and the delegate or delegates so offending shall be forthwith expelled from the convention and shall not be eligible to any office or place of trust in the party for a period of two years.

10th. In Convention a majority of all voters shall be necessary to a nomination; and no person's name shall be excluded from the list of candidates until after the third ballot or vote, when the person receiving the least number of votes shall be omitted and struck from the roll, and so on at each successive vote until a nomination be made.

11th. If any person who is a candidate for any nomination before a county convention, shall be proven to have offered or paid any money, or other valuable thing, or made any promise of a consideration or reward to any person for his vote or influence, to secure the delegate from any district, or shall have offered or paid any money or valuable thing, or promised any consideration or reward, to any delegate for his vote or to any person with a view of inducing or securing the votes of delegates or if the same shall be done by any other person with the knowledge and consent of such candidate, the name of such candidate shall be immediately stricken from the list of candidates; or if such fact be ascertained after his nomination to any office and before the final adjournment the nomination shall be struck from the ticket and the vacancy supplied by a new nomination, and in either case, such person shall be ineligible to any nomination by the convention, or to an election as a delegate thereafter. And in case it shall be alleged after the adjournment of the convention that any candidate put in nomination has been guilty of such acts or of any other fraudulent practices to obtain such nomination, the charge shall be investigated by the County Committee, and such steps taken as the good of the party may require.

12th. If any delegate shall receive any money or other valuable thing, or accept the promise of any consideration or reward to be paid, delivered or secured to him or to any person for such candidate, as an inducement for his vote, upon proof of the fact to the satisfaction of the convention, such delegate shall be forthwith expelled, and shall not be received as a delegate to any further convention and shall be ineligible to any party nomination.

13th. Cases arising under the 7th, 11th and 12th rules, shall have precedence over all other business in convention until determined. By order of the committee.

14th. That the term of the chairman of the county committee shall begin on the first day of January of each and every year.

The following persons have been named by the committee to hold the delegate election in accordance with the rules of the party, and are hereby notified of the appointment:

Bellefonte, N. W.—Wm Galbraith, Chairman; John F Potter, Andrew Morrison.

Bellefonte, S. W.—M Cooney, chairman, Chas Smith, John Sweeny.

Bellefonte, W. W.—S A McQuistion, chairman, H A McKee, Olie Meek.

Howard Boro.—J W Gardner, chairman, Wm P Mitchell, Wm G Comerford.

Howard Twp.—Michael Confer, chair., Sam'l B Leathers, Dan'l Tanyer.

Milesburg Boro.—D B Boilleau, chair., O P Kramer, Jas Proudfoot.

Philipsburg Boro.—J N Casanova, chair., A J Lukens, Jas Test.

Rush Twp.—T J Dunkle, chair., Jas F. Shoop, Barney Coyle.

Unionville Boro.—John Bing, chair., Pat McDonnell, J M Kepheart.

Union Twp.—Jesse Frederick, chair., C Hoover, Jas M Ammerman.

Boggs Twp.—H L Harvey, chair., A Witherite, Geo Noll,

Benner Twp.—A Garbrick, chair., A Y Wagner, Robert Henderson,

College Twp.—Emanuel Musser, chair., Frank Tayler, Cal Patterson.

Curtin Twp.—Henry Thiel, chair., John McCloskey, David Brickley.

Ferguson East—Geo D Danley, chair., J B Ard, Geo Kerlin.

Ferguson West—Miles Walker, chair., Henry Garner, O M Sheets.

Gregg Twp.—John Taylor, chair., John F Heckman, John Shook.

Haines Twp.—John C Stover, chair., D G Moyer, M S Feidler.

Harris Twp.—Ed Kreamer, chair., Dan Wheland, Peter Weaver.

Half Moon Twp.—J H Griffin, chair., Jno Ward, C Lynn.

Huston Twp.—Jno Q Miles, chair., H G Cronister, Jno Campbell.

Liberty Twp.—John A Stover, chair., John D Gardner, Daniel Bitner.

Marion Twp.—Perry Condo, chair., D K Miller, C F Yearick.

Miles Twp.—J C Small, chair., James Frank, John W Mallory.

Patton Twp.—J M Bush, chair., D L Meek, P A Sellers.

Potter North—Geo Koch, chair., John Shannon, Jas A Keller.

Potter South—Sam'l Slack, chair., Geo W Spangler, Jas McClintic.

Penn Twp.—A Walters, chair., Frank Knarr, Perry H Stover.

Snow Shoe Twp.—A C Hinton, chair., R J Haines, Jno Uzzel.

Spring Twp.—Jno Noll, chair., E C Woods, John Garbrick.

Taylor Twp.—Sam'l Hoover, chair., W Calderwood, Vinton Beckwith.

Walker Twp.—Ambrose McMullen, chair., J H Beck, Jas T Nixon.

—The Semi-Centennial celebration of the Spring Mills Sabbath school, on Thursday, 5, was an affair long to be remembered by the people of that neighborhood. The weather was pleasant, a fine crowd had gathered, and many of the more distant parts of the county were represented. We estimated the crowd at 1500. There was the most excellent order, and upon the whole it was a most enjoyable and pleasant affair, creditable to the committee and people in general concerned.

At the appointed hour, the meeting was called to order, in the grove (where seats and stands were prepared) by Rev. Jas. D. Wilson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, New York city, and a son of the venerable P. Wilson, of Spring Mills, present Sup't of the school. Rev. Wilson stated that on account of the great age of his father, who by virtue of his office would be chairman, the responsibilities of the chairmanship would be laid upon the shoulders of Rev. Prof. D. M. Wolf, who was so very competent to fill it.

The following ministers were present upon the stand: Revs. Jas. D. Wilson, D. M. Wolf, John Tomlinson, W. E. Fischer, W. R. Whitney, S. G. Shannon, J. M. Evans, J. G. Shoemaker, S. M. Roeder, and S. W. Thompson, latter of Presby. church, Lewisburg.

The chairman, Rev. Wolf, announced the order of exercises, opening with a hymn by the school, prayer by Rev. Fischer, followed by reading of Scripture lesson by Rev. Tomlinson, when Rev. Wilson proceeded to read the History of the Spring Mills Sunday School, 1828-1878, accompanied by interesting explanations in his plain and lucid manner.

The school was organized Sept. 9, 1828, and first meeting held in the old log school house, which stood on south side of the turnpike a little east of the mill. At the meeting for organization Chas. Pauling was chosen chairman, and George Buchanan Secretary.

The first Sup't was Chas. Pauling; David Duncan was appointed Sec'y, and Peter Wilson, Treasurer, the latter remaining in connection with the school until this day. Six teachers were chosen, viz: Lot Evans, Geo. Buchanan, David Duncan, Eve Snyder, Martha Hanna and Jane Allison. Of these 8 persons who at the beginning made up the working force of the school three still survive: Mrs. Riley, formerly Jane Allison, Gen. Buchanan, and Peter Wilson. Among the earliest members of the school who still live, are Mrs. Moore, formerly Miss Elizabeth M. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs Nofsker, Mrs. Henry Keller of Boalsburg, Jesse Dunlap, John Shannon, George Weaver, Wilson Beck, Wm. M'Cormick, Rob't M'Cormick, Jas. M'Cormick, James G. Evans, Wilson Reeder and Hon. Wm. Kelley, late U. S. Senator from Oregon.

One feature of importance was the prominence given in the school to the committing to memory of passages of Scripture.

During its history this Sabbath school has had three removals. About the year 1838 it was taken from the old log school house to the Methodist church. In the year 1842 it was removed to the new school house, on the hill. In the same year, that building becoming too small, it was taken to the Presbyterian church, where its sessions are held at the present time. During the half century the attendance upon the school has been about the same from year to year. Sometimes the roll would drop to fifty names and then rise again to more than one hundred, the average being eighty-five.

In looking over the roll the committee find that about sixteen hundred persons have been connected with the school since its organization.

This school has furnished ten candidates for the gospel ministry, nine of whom still live and are doing good service in the Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Several officers of the army have gone forth from its ranks; brave soldiers, whom we might almost count by the score, and by the side of them, among the more distinguished, we find the name of a Governor and of a United States Senator.

Among those who have labored longest, as teachers in the school, are Miss Mary E. Duncan, Miss Nancy J. Wilson and Mrs. Margaret A. Woods, the latter of whom has carried through the Sabbath School one or two generations of young men, who, from childhood to early manhood, have been taught by her on the Sabbath. After a service of twenty-seven years, she is still able to engage with vigor in the work she loves so well.

Mr. Peter Wilson, now in his 81 year, is doubtless the oldest superintendent in the state, if not in the country.

We can say with truth that if it had not been for the union Sunday school movement, the continuance of this school would have been impossible. It has lived through these years and done efficient work, because the brethren of all denominations have joined hands, and wrought together in the name of the Master. In fact this school has been the bond of unity, the one object of common interest to the whole neighborhood. Sabbath after Sabbath those who differed in politics, who differed in the form of their religious creed, have met together and taken sweet counsel beneath the shadow of Christ's Cross.

For a more complete history of the Spring Mills Union S. S., we would direct the reader to the report in phamplet form, contains also a record of superintendents, officers and scholars, to be had for 10c. by addressing the secretary, Mr. Evans.

Ex. Gov. Bigler was next introduced and spoke earnestly and eloquently in favor of the Sabbath school cause; the speaker himself was always engaged in this great and good work, and he believed it to be one of the mighty agencies in the establishment and preservation of good government and in the spread of the gospel to the benighted in other lands. The governor expressed great gratification in meeting with this school at its Semi-Centennial; he saw around him many familiar faces, and the occasion was a pleasant one. There was force in every word uttered by the good old ex-governor, and the closest attention was given by all while he was speaking. His address lasted about half an hour. He had come altogether unprepared, and not to make a speech, but for the love he had for the cause, and to mingle once more with old friends upon this pleasant and memorable occasion.

Rev. Shoemaker was the next speaker. He dwelt in his usual happy and effective manner upon the importance of the Bible and Bible teachings, and in warm advocacy of the Sabbath school cause.

Rev. Thompson next delivered a few remarks appropriate to the occasion and which favorably impressed the audience.

Adjournment for dinner followed. The grove was at once dotted with cloths and improvised tables, and all the substantials and dainties that would tempt the eye and please the palate were set down in abundance—it was a royal feast all around, prepared by the good ladies of that neighborhood from the abundant store with which God has so graciously provided them. Through the kindness of Mr. George Jordan and Dr. Leitzel and their ladies we were permitted to feast upon their good things in company with Rev's Fischer, Shoemaker, Roeder, and others, and had lots of other good invitations besides.

The interval was taken up with games by the younger ones and pleasant social chats by the older ones, until 2 o'clock, when order was wrapped from the stand, and our distinguished fellow citizen, Ex-Gov. Curtin, was introduced. The governor said he came unexpected, having seen an empty seat in Gen. Beaver's carriage in which Gov. Bigler was seated, he could not forego the pleasures that he felt the occasion offered. It is a fact that everybody likes to hear Gov. Curtin talk. His manner is so pleasant, his speeches interspersed with so many flashes of eloquence and often genuine wit, which make him one of the favorite orators of this state. The governor's address was somewhat of an historical character, bearing appropriately to the occasion and was highly instructive, and he was listened to for half an hour with breathless attention.

Gen. Beaver, an ardent Sunday school worker, was the next speaker. He advocated the cause warmly and earnestly as one of his first loves, eulogized the happy occasion of the gathering, and left some good solid truths and advice for the audience.

The announcements for Friday, Saturday and Sunday were made—exercises continuing during those days.

The Presbyterian church was elegantly decorated with evergreens and flowers.

It was admitted by all that this pic-nic was one of the most pleasant, in every regard, yet held in this county.

There were about 25 candidates upon the ground, but they all conducted themselves as though they had forgotton all about the canvass and were only impressed with the exercises of the occasion. We take it for grant they all carried their Sunday school tickets, soiled and worn, in their pockets, leaving their other tickets buried away in some hollow stump.

PROTHONOTARY.

MR. EDITOR:—Before nominations are made it is the right and privilege of every voter to express his views on the claims of the several candidates who have submitted to be governed by the "Rules of the democratic party of Centre." I find there are eight candidates offered for the office of Prothonotary, and as far as I know them, all good and active democrats. But as only one can be elected for that office, seven must be disappointed, and in making that selection care should be taken that none be put in nomination but those well qualified in every particular to discharge the duties of the office with credit to themselves and advantage to the county, and should have claims on the gratitude of the party—and this should be its polar star. We believe that S. T. Shugert has prior rights to the nomination of Prothonotary by the democratic party at this time. Let us see his political record. For many years he was the able and vigilant editor of the "Centre Democrat," during the national contest of the U. S. Bank, Antimasonry, Know-nothingism, &c. When James Buchanan was elected President he was appointed to a clerkship in the patent office—he sold the "Centre Democrat" to the Weavers to sustain democratic men and measures. After a year or so the Centre Democrat was sold to the Republican party, thus leaving the democratic party of Centre without an organ at the county seat—no press to advocate and defend its principles for nearly two years. S. T. Shugert in 1855, then a clerk in the patent office, determined that the democracy of Centre should not be without a democratic press to sustain its principles, and if no other means were provided for the establishment of such an organ, he would procure one; and in November 1855, out of his salary as clerk, he furnished press, type, fixtures, &c. which *cost him in cash* $900—engaged Mr. Hayes as editor and established the Democratic Watchman and sustained that office out of his own pocket for over six months, receiving no benefit from the establishment of the Democratic Watchman, but a loss. By an arrangement Mr. Shugert disposed of the Democratic Watchman to P. G. Meek. Can any of the candidates for Prothonotary show such a record for so many years of active vigilant support of the democratic party of Centre? When the party was left without a press, out of his own pocket established the Democratic Watchman. True, he was elected to the state senate, when the radicals, who had a majority in the senate, to punish him for his unwavering democracy, removed him on the most bare-faced apology. Mr. Shugert is somewhat advanced in years, yet none is better qualified to discharge the duties of the office. The democratic party is not ungrateful—and we hope the democratic convention that meets on the 17 inst., will not act with ingratitude by refusing to nominate S. T. Shugert as the democratic candidate for Prothonotary. JUSTICE.

NEBRASKA.

ED. REPORTER:—

As many have become interested, as we infer from the numerous inquiries, we will give a fuller description of Lancaster county. This county is in the second tier from the Missouri river, and is in the South Platte Valley. The editor of the *American Agriculturist*, in answer to a letter of inquiry as to the best locality in the West, replied, in the South Platte Valley. It is in direct communication with that portion of Nebraska longest settled. It may be called the Metropolitan county, as the state Capitol is located here. I need not describe the soil as I have done so before. It is simply almost inexhaustible. There is no natural timber in this county, excepting along the streams. Some of the banks are thickly timbered. Much wood was cut by the early settlers, and much has been planted in the last few years which is growing rapidly. Wild plums and grapes abound in the timber, and are of excellent flavor. Apples, peaches, cherries, etc., can be successfully grown, as those who have tried it have been rewarded for their experiment. Sandstone and limestone abound and are excellent for building purposes. The Saline deposits will, in the near future, be a source of revenue. The county is composed, principally, of rolling prairie, and level valleys along the stream. There are also table-lands of considerable extent. You can find a situation to suit almost any one. Grass grows luxuriantly and abundantly. Blue joint, buffaloe, and other varieties, afford rich nutriment for stock. Some of these are not true grasses, but are of the nature of cane, rich in sacharine fluid. It is the sugar that fattens stock so rapidly.

Thriving towns and villages in which are good schools and comparatively fine churches, greet the traveler's eye. There are also fine school houses throughout the county. The country is new but the citizens are enterprising. The cost of some of the buildings will give you an idea of this: Penitentiary $300,000, Insane Asylum $95,000, High School $40,000. The University, State Fair, and other buildings, were erected at no insignificant cost. The State Journal company employs about 50 hands.

The people are not all heathen, as some imagine, for in Lincoln alone there are twelve religious denominations having church buildings. Lincoln, on the site of which homesteads were taken a few years ago, now has a population of nearly 8,000. Although a few disregard the law of God by working on the Sabbath, the settler in Lancaster county will find a thrifty, orderly people, friendly and willing to lend a helping hand. I like the energy, pluck and spirit of this people.

I have little space left for the trip to Kearney. From Lincoln to Crete the country is not so thickly settled. Beyond that, for a distance of over 100 miles, there are many beautiful towns and fine farms. From Exeter to Fairmont, a distance of seven miles, I stood on the rear platform, and when we stopped at the latter place, I could still see the houses in Exeter. The country is level, the soil rich and the crops abundant. Headers, harvesters and reapers were in operation in every direction. Stacks of wagons, and farming implements at nearly every station. We saw a few sod houses, but many as fine buildings as any could desire. Kearney, at the junction of the B. & M., with the U. P. R. R., is a very fine town with delightful surroundings. We crossed the military reservation and the Platte river before reaching Kearney. The county is beautiful beyond description. The soil is rich, and any who desire to buy cheap land in a desirable locality can find it here. To see this country is worth every dollar it costs to come. But remember, acres are being sold every day and they who want cheap homes must get them soon.

I must again leave the North Platte lands until another time.

A. A. KERLIN.

MARRIED.

At Niagara Falls, on Wednesday, the 28th of August, 1878, by Rev. J. S. Bacon, Mr. Andrew G. Curtin, Jr., of Bellefonte, Pa., to Miss Emma M. Kimball, of Philadelphia.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of Jacob Decker, late of College twp., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them, duly authenticated by law, for settlement. DANIEL HESS, JAMES GLENN, Executors.

PRIVATE SALE.—A CHOICE FARM AND HOUSE AND LOT.—The following described property, of John Emmert, dec'd, situate, in Harris twp., Centre county, one FARM, containing one hundred and thirty-three acres, more or less, bounded by lands of B. Everhart, dec'd, James Glenn, McFarlen, Dr. Henderson, dec'd, and others, is offered at private sale. The farm is well watered, a never failing stream of water running through the farm and within thirty yards of the barn, also, a well of never-failing water at the house, with good pump in it. The improvements are a large FRAME HOUSE, two stories high, almost new, a FRAME BANK BARN, forty-five by eighty feet and all other necessary outbuildings. This is one of the best producing farms in this section for all kinds of grain; is all limestone land. A large ORCHARD of choice fruit on the premises.

For particulars inquire of Wm. Wertz on the farm.

Also one HOUSE and LOT situated in Boalsburg, Centre county, the house is 2 stories high, with kitchen attached to it, and all necessary outbuildings, also a good stable, a never failing well of water with good pump. The lot is well set with fruit trees of best quality.

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