



THE CENTRE REPORTER

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Clinton County last Saturday instructed for Wallace.

Hastings carried Chester county. There was some virtue in last winter's fox chase after all.

Frank Bible has been elected a delegate to the Democratic state convention and he goes for Wallace for governor.

Lehigh Democrats on Saturday instructed for Robert E. Wright, from that county for governor. The second choice is Wallace.

Quay says he thinks Delamater will be nominated. The boss is thinking what he wants. No outgiving of Quay sounds as if he wanted Hastings even for a second choice.

Centre county Democrats must not lose sight of this important fact--that none but first-class nominees be put upon the ticket next fall. Such a ticket will go through with 1500 majority.

It is not correct that Gov. Curtin will support Hastings for governor, if he is nominated. He thinks he should be the Republican nominee, just as we do, but we have it from Gov. Curtin's own lips that he is an out-and-out Wallace man.

Governor Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, says: "The man who pleads drunkenness to excuse a crime should get a double sentence. It is like a murderer asking to be excused for chopping up a man on the ground that he had stolen an axe and was carrying it along when he met his victim." The governor persistently refuses a pardon to any prisoner who was led to commit crime through drunkenness.

David Dudley Field is 85 years of age, yet he is about to start to Europe to take part in the Universal Peace Congress and in the meetings of the Institute of International Law and the Association for the Codification of the Law of Nations. He looks like a well preserved man of 60. Mr. Gladstone, past his four score, is the only public man who rivals Field in variety of work and energy in doing it.

According to the treasury statement for May, the pension payments in the 11 months of the fiscal year have amounted to \$108,177,727. If only the average is maintained for June the cost of the list for the year will be over \$112,000,000. The cost of pensions for this year will exceed by more than \$80,000,000 the expense of the list 10 years after the close of the war, when General Garfield declared it had reached its maximum and would soon commence to decline.

A Boston woman fooled herself badly Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ney, by mistake drank a glass of lemonade in which she had put strychnine, with the intention of giving it to her husband. She died in the evening. Mrs. Ney prepared the lemonade and offered the one in which she had put the strychnine to her husband, but he was suspicious and refused it. Then his wife said she would drink it to prove it was harmless. During the talk the two glasses had been changed, and instead of drinking the harmless liquid she swallowed the poison.

The British Government is caught between the horns of a dilemma, and a very unpleasant one, too. France refuses to surrender or modify her claims to fishery rights off the coast of New Foundland, while the people of the province threaten rebellion and secession if the French are not driven out of their waters, and have passed such restrictive legislation as threatens to jeopardize the friendly relations between the mother country and France. The situation daily grows more interesting, especially since a French war vessel has begun to remove or destroy the nets of the Newfoundlanders.

The project of connecting Chesapeake and Delaware bays by a ship canal appears to be in a fair way of accomplishment. A French syndicate is said to have subscribed the eight million dollars which the work is estimated to cost. The canal is to begin at the mouth of the Susquehanna river, about forty miles from Baltimore, follow the stream sixteen and one-half miles to the head of tidewater and then across to Liston's Point, on Delaware bay, fourteen and one-half miles. On this route there will be but seven and one-half miles of heavy work. The canal will shorten the route between Baltimore and Northern ports about two hundred miles and also reduce the distance to Europe. Work is expected to begin in a few days.

The Climax of Gag Law.

The action of the house of representatives on the caucus silver bill on Thursday is another illustration of the fact it is governed by no fixed rules. The minority is neither privileged to know what is coming, under what rules it will be considered, or permitted to offer amendments. The mode is very simple. Reed, dominating the committee on rules to meet or tide over any partisan emergency has that committee report new rules setting aside all the standing rules of the house. A brief is permissible, and then the new code is forced through by the party cash. Reed ran very near the danger line on Thursday, however, as his temporary code of rules was adopted by the narrow margin of 120 to 117. There are signs of a revolt.

Under the rules reported no Democrat is permitted to offer any amendment to the silver bill. They allow only three amendments. Republicans were recognized to offer these, and the Democratic leaders of the house vainly sought recognition, Reed ignored their existence. The purpose was to prevent an amendment getting before the house authorizing the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and which it is believed would receive the votes of a majority.

"Work and not talk," is the way a eulogist of Gag Law Reed describes this proceeding. The silver bill, after the tariff, is the most important legislation to come before congress. It affects every interest in the country. Yet not only is the majority--which favors free coinage--precluded from offering amendments, but discussion and investigation of the law is limited to two days. In the history of representative government in America and England the gag has never been so tyrannically applied. This is no more a free congress of the people's representatives, to deliberate and act on questions of public concern, than the czar's council of state.

The Standard Oil Company, which has hitherto confined itself chiefly to the transportation, refining and sale of petroleum, appears to have decided to go into the producing business on a large scale. It took this new departure first in buying and leasing large tracts of oil territory in Ohio. It is now negotiating for, if it has not already completed, the purchase of the four largest producing properties in Pennsylvania.

The companies included are the Union Oil Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000 the Forest Oil Company, with a capital of \$2,000,000; the Anchor Oil Company, with a capital of \$200,000, and the Washington Oil Company with a capital of \$1,000,000. The territory involved reaches all the way from McKean to Washington counties and consists of about 300,000 acres, with an average daily production of 6,000 barrels. The purchase seems to have been made for the purpose of enabling the Standard to control a large production of Pennsylvania oil for its refineries against all comers. As the prices paid are large, the purchase is likely to boom the prices of other oil-producing property.

While so much attention is being devoted to African exploration, very little is being done in the southern half of our own continent, although there is much unknown territory in South America. The New York Sun notes that two or three explorers have recently emerged from the almost unknown depths of Northern Bolivia and Western Peru with a fund of information about these countries and their people that could scarcely be equaled in novelty now in any part of Africa. They found one tribe that believed the accounts they had heard of white men were myths, another remarkable people who do not know what drunkenness is, and another whose favorite weapon is the blow pipe. Senior Frytells of Indians who wear pigtails and whose language seems to resemble the Chinese. Some peoples were found to be particularly primitive, living almost wholly on wild fruits and unable to count above three.

The Democrats' Leader.



Wm. A. Wallace.

Elections no Longer Elect.

Two more Democrats have been unseated by Czar Reed's serfs in the House of Representatives at Washington. One of them, an Alabama representative, had over 13,000 majority, and his Republican opponent had but 5,000 votes, all told. It has always been a tenet of the Republican leaders, remarks the Patriot that the end justifies the means, but in Czar Reed's Congress the rule is to accomplish the vilest ends by the meanest means. The Praetorian guards never made or unmade a Roman emperor with less regard for the principles of right and justice than the Republican majority in Congress kicks out Democratic representatives and thrusts in Republicans.

Perhaps when the idea of November shall have come the people will have something to say about the high-handed usurpation by the Republicans of their right to seat their own chosen representatives in Congress. If there is any virtue left in the American people they will administer a signal rebuke to this bold and shameless subversion of popular elections.

The swearing in of the picturesque Richard Vaux as a member of the House of Representatives gave a bit of interest to the otherwise dull proceedings of that body. The friends of the old campaigner were alert and had covered the desk set aside for him in a corner of the Democratic row with beautiful floral offerings. The finest piece was in the shape of a huge keystone of massed flowers, surmounted by a shield, a scroll, and a horn of plenty. Above all dangled the scales of justice. The piece was three feet in height, and across the keystone in letters of blue were the words.

"Let brotherly love remain." This offering was sent by the directors of the Eastern State Penitentiary, who have been colleagues of Mr. Vaux for more than half a century. Little Charley O'Neill, now the father of the House, escorted the shaggy-haired old man about among the members, and he became acquainted with half of them in a small space of time. His fine address and agreeable manners aided him to easily make friends with all whom he met. Mr. Vaux will undoubtedly be an interesting figure in Congress.

A circular has been sent out by the Central Labor Union of Erie, calling for an expression of opinion, as to the practicability organizing a state federation of labor for legislative purposes. The matter, it seems, has been agitated since last March in various parts of the state, but definite action has only recently been instituted. If the matter meets with favor, a convention will be called shortly, either in Pittsburgh or Erie, for the purpose of organizing. It is proposed to include all organizations now attached to the American Federation of Labor.

In this event matters will be somewhat complicated in several cities. Pittsburgh, for instance, has two organizations, one of which is made up of both Federal and K. of L. assemblies. It is thought the Trades Assembly would have some difficulty going into the state organization on that account.

Mr. A. D. Harlan, Chairman of the State Road Commission, has issued a circular to the citizens of the Commonwealth asking for answers to a series of questions, nine in number, covering this general subject of road improvement, as follows: Are you in favor of abolishing the present system of working out road taxes and paying a cash tax instead? Do you favor State aid to public roads? If so, how shall it be distributed, to the townships or counties? How shall the amount be ascertained; by valuation of assessable property, number of inhabitants, road mileage or other wise? Are you in favor of supervisors serving without compensation, the same as school directors, whose duty shall be the assessment of taxes and appointment of road overseers to have charge of the work? How shall roads be superintended and controlled--by State, county or township supervisors or engineers? And shall the State aid, if any, be handled the same as local taxes?

Is your county an agricultural, manufacturing or mining county? Is the stone in your county suitable for road building? Are you in favor of authorizing townships to borrow money for road purpose? Are you in favor of convict labor on public roads? Citizens who receive the circular are also requested to give their views upon any other points that may occur to them pertaining to road laws and road construction and maintenance.

If the farmers of the Commonwealth will only take the trouble to think the matter out and give their conclusions to the Road Commission, within a few years Pennsylvania may have the very best system of country roads in the United States. When it comes to questions affecting their own interests, there are no clearer, closer or more logical reasoners than the farmers, and they owe it to themselves to take his question up and give it their careful consideration.

Over 1,100 workmen are now engaged on the Congo Railroad. Four hundred of them come from Zanibar, and the others are mostly Krooboyas from the Liberian coast. The carpenters, blacksmiths, and masons are native craftsmen who learned their trades in Sierra Leone and Senegal. Most of the force are engaged in blasting and grading operations. A few Cabindas who live on the coast near the Congo are employed as cooks, and about fifty Congo natives as porters. Up to April 12 about two miles of the roadway had been completed, starting from the western end of the road at Matadi, ninety miles from the sea. Three-fourths of all the difficulties to be met are in the first ten miles before the comparatively level plateau back of the Congo hills is reached. The work is now in charge of twenty-five Europeans, including engineers and superintendents.

At Canandaigua, Mrs. Cora R. Fish, wife of Frank R. Fish, who was sentenced to death last week for the murder of James Cullinane, has begun a suit for \$10,000 damages against James McCarthy and Orrin S. Bacon, under the damage act. She claims that the last drink her husband took before committing the murder, he being then intoxicated, was drunk in McCarthy's saloon, which was leased to him by the trustees of McKeehanie, of whom Bacon is one.

Hear what that able Republican Journal, the Chicago Tribune, says: "The highly protected manufacturing districts are mostly Democratic, and the republicans are losing daily the workmen's votes they once had. Why? Go among the trades unions and hear their leaders and walking delegates talk, and learn the reason. These men tell their comrades that they are being cheated out of their share of the heavy protection duties alleged to be levied for their benefit." This is certainly plain talk for a republican newspaper to indulge in, and the Tribune deserves praise for its independence.

In North Dakota rain is falling in torrents, the downpour being the greatest since 1882, amounting in places to more than three inches in as many hours. In South Dakota the storm is accompanied by thunder, lightning, hail and sixty mile wind. Garden truck is in many places ruined. Strawberry plants, which are just blossoming, are cut all to pieces. Slight damage to buildings by wind is reported in several places.

The Chicago Tribune, Rep., reports a meeting of 2,000 farmers at Tuscola, Ill., on the 4th inst., at which it says, "the tariff question was freely discussed and the McKinley bill denounced. The farmers as a rule are opposed to it in many respects, and will vote for any man for congress who pledges himself to work in their behalf." The bodies of flood victims are still being found at Jobstown.

There is considerable feeling in Louisiana and some of the other Southern States over the appointment of negroes of the ignorant and vicious class as census enumerators, especially where this is done in white counties. This strengthens the belief the census returns are to be "cooked" for political purposes. Remarkings on this policy of negro enumerators, the New Orleans Times-Democrat says: We can readily understand how obnoxious it must be to the white people of Lfourche to have negroes invading their homes and insisting upon knowing domestic details--whether the ladies of the family are afflicted with any feminine complaints or diseases, and how much the father of the family owes on his books. To choose rough plantation dorkies for this work in districts where the population is almost entirely white, is an insult to the latter race which, we fear, will be resented. We don't suppose that in all the North-East States a negro census enumerator has been appointed.

A wide difference of opinion prevails among observers in the senate wing of the Capitol as to the fate of the house silver bill when it reaches that quarter, but this is mostly in respect to details. On certain points there seems to be a particularly unanimous judgment (1) that whatever bill the senate passes will lack the bullion redemption feature, and (2) that it will call for the purchase of 4,500,000 ounces of silver a month instead of \$4,500,000 worth. A good many say, also, that there will be inserted in the bill a provision for the coinage of all the silver brought to the treasury by the bullion owners--which, of course, is equivalent, for public purposes, to free coinage.

Killed by lightning, is the intelligence from all over the country where last week's thunder gusts prevailed. Lightning struck a barn six miles from Charleston, W. Va., instantly killing Thomas Hicks and Sumner Stevenson, and partially paralyzing William Dills and Dick Alexander. Miss Ridie Petit, of Burlington, N. J., was paralyzed by a flash of lightning which struck the house and her condition is critical.

A tent, in which a military cyclorama was being exhibited, was struck by lightning at Williamsport, Pa., but no one was injured. Several other places were struck and a number of electric wires burned. Mrs. Lewis Bechtel, aged 45 years, wife of a farmer residing near Boyertown, Pa., was killed by lightning and a maid servant slightly injured while they were seated on the porch.

The salt mountains located on the banks of the Rio Virgin, an affluent of the Colorado River in Lincoln County, Nev., cover an area of twenty-five miles. The salt they contain is pure and white and clearer than glass, and it is said that a piece seven or eight inches thick is sometimes clear enough to see through to read a news paper. Over the salt is a layer of sandstone from two to eight feet thick, and when this is torn away, the salt appears like a huge snowdrift. Under the cap rock has been discovered what was evidently the camp of prehistoric men, containing charred wood and charcoal, and mating made of cedar bark, which the salt has preserved.

At a recent dinner given by Mrs. Astor, the table cloth and napery were of ivory white silk and satin damask. Down the center of the cloth was a foot wide panel of hand wrought lace, which showed beneath it rose pink satin. The famous dinner service of solid silver was used. We guess, to use a vulgar expression, the vittels on Mrs. Astor's table didn't taste a bit better than they do upon the tables of some of us poor folks.

The deadly car-stove must go. The Pennsylvania Company is fitting up all its coaches with steam heaters, thus insuring not only greater safety but greater comfort for the passengers. The car-stove has levied heavy tribute on human life, and it is high time it was put on the retired list.

An insect called the saw fly is reported to be ruining the wheat in various parts of central Illinois, notably in Logan county, where the area of wheat planted is unusually large, and where, until the ravages of this insect began, the promise was remarkably fine. At Broadwell a collection of bunches of wheat, pulled from fields throughout Logan county, indicates that the devastation is widespread. No field has yet been found that is free from the pest, which attacks the root and bores into and splits the stem, bringing decay and death. Large areas of wheat will be plowed up and the land planted in other crops.

Penn Township.

Candidates are as thick as flies at present. Everyone presents strong claims. Last Saturday Millheim had a runaway, a Mr. Grove's home got away in a truck wagon and made quite an excitement. Mr. Miller, of Gathersville, was thro this section this week springing up the farmers' high tariff wool. George Musser, of Williamsport, was in Millheim on business. Mr. Wolf, a student of Gettysburg, preached trial sermons to the five churches constituting the Aaronsburg Lutheran charge. It is quite likely that he will have a call. Mrs. Sarah Finler, who has been sick for several weeks and better at times, is worse again. She is a poor mortal; has no one to attend to her wants, being alone most of the time. Something should be done for her. George Urlick, the census enumerator is as busy as a bee. He finds it hard work to get all the answers he must have. One of our farmers was ready to go to him. He had kept an account and could even tell how many rats he had. Peter claims there are 125 at home with him. Marvelous indeed! Prejudice and consciousness is wonderful to behold, especially in persons whose self-conceit runs away with their feelings and predominates above everything that is laudable and praiseworthy. Such indeed we do not often find among the editorial fraternity, but the editor of the Millheim Journal, commonly called "Schmutz Blatt," forcibly manifested a wonderful degree of physiognomy in last week's issue, when he claims that "his religion is of just enough value to him not to be a penny pinching hypocrite whose sole object in life is to fill his own pockets." Simply because reference was made by our correspondent to a publication in his own paper. Now what, or who this editor means by "penny pinching hypocrite," I am at a loss to know. Don't suppose he has reference to a person who has paid for his paper nearly two years in advance and corresponded to the same for six or seven years, never receiving for the work so much as one free paper. Nor to a man who economizes that he can pay his just dues, instead of visiting saloons and billiard rooms. But probably he means the person who has an unpaid subscription of six years standing.

Aaronsburg.

Jared Harper and wife, of Bellefonte, were visiting in the early part of the week, friends in Aaronsburg. Rev. J. A. Bright and son, Luther, of Abilene Kansas, came to Aaronsburg on Monday evening, to make a few weeks' visit. Rev. Dietzer and family started in their carriage for Harrisburg on Tuesday morning. Their goods were loaded in the cars on Monday. James L. Etinger has erected a building on Mrs. Shaffer's lot and will shortly move his cigar factory into it. Mrs. Williams, at Woodward, who had an ovarian tumor removed some days ago, is getting along very well and her friends have hopes of her speedy recovery. Capt. Jack Syvis has started in the confectionary business in Phillip's hotel. H. A. Mingle is somewhat improved and able to be about, but Dr. Musser is no better and still confined to his bed.

The Disagreeable Winter Gone.

Now that the cold drizzly rains are transformed to delightful spring, and the muddy roads so pleasant drives it would be well to look about and prepare for the lurking disease often coming with the new vegetation, as to better enable us to follow our daily avocations we show by its good health and spirits. No well-regulated family is without a stimulant of some kind. Deposition is probably more practiced by unscrupulous dealers in liquor than any other business. Max Klein, 32 Federal street, is a reliable party to whom we point with pleasure. No deception so mysterious, no salting under false colors with him. His Silver Age Life is positively pure and sold everywhere for \$1.50 per quart only. His six-year-old Pennsylvania Aye at \$1 each quart, or six quarts for \$6, are as represented. His wines, ales, and gins are as good and reasonable as any in the country. Send for complete catalogue and price list to Max Klein, 32 Federal street, Allegheny, Pa.

Announcements.

WE are authorized to announce Samuel J. Herring, of Greig township, as a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that J. J. Gramley, of Miles township, will be a candidate for Treasurer, subject to Democratic usages. COMMISSIONERS. We are authorized to announce that Daniel Heckman, of Buffalo Run, will be candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that G. L. Goodhart, of Potter township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that B. F. Stover, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that Daniel C. Grove, of Marion township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that A. J. Long of Harris township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Republican usages. We are authorized to announce that Samuel Frank, of Miles township, will be a candidate for Commissioner, subject to Democratic usages. ASSEMBLY. We are authorized to announce that J. H. Holt, of Snow Shoe, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to Democratic usages. SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce that A. M. Butler, of Millburg, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that John P. Condo, of Penn Hall, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that W. A. Turner, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce that John Noll, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages. We are authorized to announce George E. Parker, of Phillipsburg, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to Democratic usages. REGISTER. We are authorized to announce that John A. Rupp will be a candidate for Register, subject to Democratic usages. RECORDER. We are authorized to announce D. K. Geiss, of Centre Hall, as a candidate for Recorder, subject to Democratic usages. Reporter, \$1.50 per year.