UNSEATED LANDS

THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN CENTRE COUNTY SOLD MANY TIMES.

able Timber Lands are Made to Appear With a Host of Owners.

In a dispatch to the Philadelphia papers, a Bellefonte correspondent says: In all Pennsylvania there is not such a complicated condition of affairs in the titles to unseated lands as that existing in Centre county. According to the records of Centre county more than one-half of its 785,000 acres is included in the unseated list. Centre county offers a very good field for the homesteaders; but the records are a perversion of the facts, as many of the titles appearing thereon, as being for unseated lands, are in reality nothing more than "wildcat" documents, created at one time partially by mistake, but more for speculation, and carried down to this late day because the County Commissioners are not empowered with the authority to abolish the same.

The result of this condition of affairs is that every year there is offered for sale a large number of tracts, one year by the Commissioners and the next by the County Treasurer, varying in number from 100 to 500, with an aggregate of hundreds of thousands of acres, all sold for unpaid taxes. Many of the titles are substantial, and these are purchased for what they are worth; but many of the titles being simply wildcat, are purchased for speculation, and more than one man has made his start their wealth by deals in the wild-cat land titles of Centre county.

The greatest portion of the land given as unseated is located in Burnside, Snow Shoe, Liberty and Gregg town-

In Burnside township there is a tract of 10,000 acres, all enclosed by one strand of fence wire. This tract appears on the records as belonging to whom they know is in earnest. the city of Philadelphia, and recent investigations have been made by Philadelphians as to how the city became possessed of so much land in Centre certain income to the Home. The ly proven. management of the property passed to the city of Philadelphia in name only.

In the primitive days of the county, when homesteaders were coming here and taking up lands on warrantee timan, who was in possession, could do other calling. the same and retained his land. All that remained for the other six was to put their titles on the market for sale at what they would bring. In some cases handsome sums were realized. One particular instance where two of these titles were handled in the market, is that of a number of eastern men who purchased a large number, went to New York, formed a land syndicate, issued bonds and put them on the market. On reliable authority it is stated that about three-quarters of a million dollars were thus realized by the syndicate, and the buyers got only the worthless wild-cat titles.

M. E. Appointments.

The appointments for the year for this district of the M. E. church, gives the Centre Hall church a new pastor in Theodore S. Faus. The present popular young minister, Rev. Illingsworth has been assigned to Warriors Mark. It is much regretted among his people that he has been assigned elsewhere. He is a very bright and intellectual minister and did much good in his pastorate. All will wish him success in his new charge.

Sheriff Sale of Clothing.

A full line of all kinds of ready-made clothing, for men and boys, must be sold at once, on account of sheriff's sale, at the Philadelphia Branch, Belle-

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CENTRE COUNTY'S CHOICE.

McKinley Seems to Be the Favorite,

The Bellefonte correspondent of the By a Peculiar Process Vast Tracts of Valua- be given an opportunity to express their sentiments in favor of the vari- sure of 100 pounds to the square inch.

Among the Republicans.

held in a few weeks, and it is more fects of the various kinds of hydrants

be given them.

at this writing to predict. It is a wellknown fact that the majority of the little changed outside of Bellefonte.

the support of Editor Harter, of the closed would leak; it was further dis- Pennsylvania, will not meet to select Keystone Gazette, the leading Republi- covered that the leather packing would | delegates until after the St. Louis concan paper in the county; but all Cenand, for that reason, if nothing else, it is but fair to predict that the man who has the greatest following here, and the one who will likely carry the county if it is left to the vote of the people, will be McKinley. The man from Ohio has always had many ardent admirers and supporters among Centre in life and others added very largely to county Republicans, and his name is the one most mentioned in connection | ter to close it, which idea is the lead- but neither side is claiming the twowith Presidency.

belived to be the most available candidate of all aspirants. Quay's candidacy is not believed to be in earnest by that had been in use for fifteen years, money men 580. Of course one or the a good many here, and for that reason and the rubber is just as good as when other claim must turn out to be wrong. they will pin their faith to the man put in. A hydrant was made, of The claims of both sides are made on

Impure Candies Must Go.

institute a warfare against some of the serious objections, viz: The flow of the the vote of the entire state delegation county. The land is not in fact the cheaper forms of candy in the market. water could not be controlled, they either for or against silver. The conproperty of the city, but simply held In many cases it is proven that terra would either open, or close altogether. servatives have not abandoned hope of in trust by the same. In 1850 a num- alba or white earth is used to give Again they would keep up a jumping a compromise financial plank upon ber of residents of Philadelphia founded weight and bulk to this class of goods or hammering motion, being quite an which all Democrats can stand the Home for the Friendless, and in and to decrease the cost. This materiannoyance to patrons, and more so to out a surrender of principle. order to give it a substantial annuity al is not poisonous, yet its use is not our inventor, but he kept on experi- In order to give the Democrats the purchased the tract of land above de- only probably injurious to health but menting to overcome these objections right to circulate it under a Congress scribed. At that time it was covered is also in violation of the pure food and we are glad to say he has at last ional frank, Representative Dinsmore, with as fine timber as could be found laws of the state. It is also proposed succeeded, and today has a hydrant of Ark., had Senator Chandler's interanywhere in the state, and it was so by Secretary Edge to institute proceed- that is simple, will wear well, and best view charging McKinley with being a arranged by the original buyers that ings against those who ground the of all, a perfect shut off every time. just so much timber should be cut and earth or stone provided the sale for Mr. Luse has about thirty-five of speech against the resolution censurmarketed every year as would give a and use in articles of food can be clear- these hydrants in use in different ing Ambassador Bayard, which the

The Farmer All Right.

The farmers who own their farms and pay as they go are the most inde- of the hydrant itself, so arranged that ling campaign document for use against pendent order of people on the face of the frost cannot raise the hydrant, be- him. tles, surveys were necessary. Several the earth, and as a rule that class are sides the entire hydrant can be taken As there is no official channel parties of surveyors were put to work not so restless. If the rising genera. out and repaired if need be, without through which those resolutions of and they would generally make their tion of the farm boys could see things starting points from a stream or moun- as they really are they might be will- made by the inventor, in partnership tain top. One party would work ing to start on a small scale and extend with a machinist for the manufacture that gentleman will never know offinorth, one south, one east, and one their borders as they are able. The west, and when they would come to- boy should not expect to start in life brass castings are made already. gether the different groups of survey- as "well fixed" as his father is, after ors would overlap in their work per- working for a lifetime. Farm life has haps a half mile. In one place there more sunshine, balmy breezes, good is record of seven separate surveys and health, bird songs, lucious fruit, pure every one overlapped, with seven war- water and air, wholesome food, than rantee deeds for the same piece of land. sny other, and if the farmer is out of Although six holders of titles could debt and has a clear conscience, he ume shaped something like a scrap in '94. But they will miss it, I think, prove the exact location, the seventh has less anxiety than people of any book, with holes in each page. If you by a large majority-40,000 according

Married.

Spring Mills, were united in marriage. from their friends. Altoona will be their future home.

HON. FRED. KURTZ, the well known editor and proprietor of the CENTRE HALL REPORTER, is in the field for the Democratic treasurership nomination of Centre county. If long and faithful service as an occupant of the editorial tripod, as a promoter of Democratic enthusiasm in the field and bringing in votes, or as a safe counselor in the party's ranks-whether in success or discomfiture-if such an one is to be recognized this year by Centre's

"WE believe now," declares Harvery small nutshell.

The Senate Committee on Privileges ed States Senators by direct vote of ecution under penalty of fine and im- cheering to Democrats. the people.

A NEW HYDRANT.

D F. Luse Invents a Good Thing After Years of Experience.

We were some time ago shown a new Pittsburg News, reports thus: Centre hydrant, the invention of D. F. Luse, county Republicans are clamoring to for seventeen years supt. of the Centre Hall Water Works, which has a presous candidates for the Presidency at His connection with these works gave the coming primaries, which will be him opportunities to ascertain the de-

been as follows:

it took years of study and labor, besides a great deal of money. His first money Democrats are claiming a maidea was to use the pressure of the wa- jority of the Chicago convention, ing feature today; next, to get a valve thirds it will take to nominate the Another reason that Centre county | that would not wear out soon. Min- ticket unless the two-thirds rule be is strong for McKinley is that he is eralized rubber was selected for this abolished. There will be a total of 930

Secretary of Agriculture Edge will But to these hydrants there were two will be followed and the majority cast

kind of satisfaction.

any digging. Arrangements are being censure adopted by the House can be ago. of these hydrants; in fact quite a lot of cially that the House has taken such

A Dime Savings Bank, "

a strong grip on certain communities and it has disposed of many 10-cent fused in the hope of doing in Louisiapieces. This is the 10-cent book, a vol- na what they accomplished in N. C. place a ten-cent piece in one of these it to the figuring of Gov. Foster." is held in place until every hole in the March 23, at the Lutheran parson- Many church societies started these er difficult job of giving Col. Dupont, age, Centre Hall, by Rev. J. M. Rear- books and the young ladies belonging of Delaware, a seat in the Senate to ick, Mr. Harry M. Hettinger, of Al- to them carry the books around with which he is not entitled, that he has toona, and Miss Sadie E. Breon, of them and try to get contributions

> All last winter Mr. Geo. A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so selves against seating Dupont. severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since. For sale by W. A. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tussey-

CAPITOL GOSSIP

AFTER THE REPUBLICANS.

The Party Will Play a Waiting Policy, Will the Silver Men Predominate in Convention.

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- Senator than likely that the opportunity will in use, as well as what was wanted to Brice is admitted, by friends and foes save the water-the crying need of alike, to be one of the shrewdest men Just what this means it is difficult every water co. His experience has in political life. And his opinion as to the Democratic policy for the next When he first took charge of the three months finds an echo in the leaders of the party are favorable to Works, he found the stop cock hy- minds of many leading members of the Quay, principally because he is a drant in general use, which was con- party. He thinks the wise thing for Pennsylvania, but the desire of the sidered good, and are so when first put the Democrats to do is to wait until voters to give their own expression of in, but will soon wear and leak, and the Republicans have made their platopinion and not allow the county to must be dug out and a new one put in. form and put up their ticket before go as the leaders are inclined, looks Next, iron patent compression by- committing themselves to any candivery much as if Quay would not be drants, of various makes were intro-date for the Democratic nomination. the Centre county voters' choice. duced, which seemed to answer the He thus sums up his opinion of what Very little favorable sentiment to the purpose much better, but a drawback the Democrats will do: "We will not man from Beaver was developed in to these was soon discovered; if people make up our minds as to what we will the contest for State chairman last closed, or screwed down they would do about a Presidential nominee until year, and the condition now is very not leak, but this was scarcely ever after the Republican National Convendone, the hand wheel being run around tion acts. The chances are that the Reed has a few followers and Alli- only till water ceased to flow at the Democratic state conventions of the son has some friends among whom is spout, and then left not being quite big states, like New York, Ohio and soon wear some, and allow water to vention." The wisdom of this waittre county people are protectionists, waste while drawing. To stop this ing policy is that it will leave the parthe packing needed frequent replacing. ty free to put up the most available With a knowledge of these facts, and | man against the Republican nominee, being of an inventive turn of mind, and that might be a man not now con-Mr. Luse set himself to work to invent sidered, and to take full advantage of a hydrant. To meet all these object the mistakes made in either ticket or tions was not an easy thing to do, as platform by the St. Louis convention.

Both silver Democrats and sound purpose, and found to be just the thing. delegates in the convention. Of these We were shown one of these valves the silver men claim 549 and the sound which J. D. Murray, druggist of our the basis of entire state delegations, as town, has one in use in his stable with the exception of Ohio and West which he has had for fifteen years. Va. it is expected that the unit rule

boodle candidate read as a part of his towns, which are all giving the best House adopted. Chandler's charges are explicit and emphatic and if Mc-One more feature we almost forgot; Kinley gets the Republican nominathis hydrant has a casing independent | tion, this interview will make a cork-

> transmitted to Ambassador Bayard, an absurd course.

Senator Blanchard, of La., who has just returned from a visit home, says A new fad has recently taken quite of the political outlook in his state:

It is now claimed by Senator Mitchbook is filled and there are \$5 saved. ell, of Oregon, who is bossing the rathsecured the promises of Senators Jones and Stewart, of Nevada, to vote for Dupont and that all the Rebublicans tors have privately expressed them-

committee of Republican manufactur- M'Kinley delegates. ers from Pennsylvania an opportunity Among Democrats there is a more of trying to make a deal with the Re- quiet discussion and only the names of says that he always keeps Dr. King's publican silver Senators who refused Pattison, Whitney and Carlisle men- New Discovery in the house and his to support the House tariff bill, will re- tioned for the Presidency, without any family has always found the very best sult in an independent political party factious spirit. Either of these gen- results follow its use; that he would Democracy, then surely Mr. Kurtz ville, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre dation. But the refusal of the Repubulited support of the Democracy. with silver and protection for its foun- tlemen, if nominated, would get the not be without it, if procurable. G. A. lican silver senators to enter any deal that will allow protection legislation By an act of the last legislature per- either during this or the next Con- of assumption. Popular appreciation that he has used it in his family for per's Weekly, "that a sound-money sons who furnish false, or untruthful gress, unless it be coupled with the is what tells in the long run. For fif-Democrat on a sound-money platform and slanderous information to a news- free coinage of silver, was very signifi- ty years, people have been using Ay- do all that is claimed for it. Why not will defeat any Republican trimmer paper for publication, are indictable cant. It indicates that the straddle er's Sarsaparilla, and today it is the try a remedy so long tried and tested. on a two-faced platform." This is and subject to heavy fine and impris- proposed by McKinley will not be ac- blood-purifier most in favor with the Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's packing a mighty big truth into a onment and the publisher can be re- cepted by the silver Republicans at the public. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures. quired to give the name of the person National Convention, and that means guilty of furnishing such matter. Be- a split and the refusal of the silver Reware lest you get yourself into trouble. publicans to support, the St. Louis and Elections made a favorable report The law also provides that any one ticket and platform, for that conven- of cultivation with fruit trees thereon, fonte. Hurry up, if you want a bar- on the amendment to the Constitu- circulating and distributing such print- tion is sure to be dominated by anti- i mile east of Centre Hall station, is parties having accounts with him tion providing for the election of Unit- ed or written matter, is liable to pros- silver Republicans. All of which is offered for sale in any quantities to must be settled before April 2, 1896.

The Senate today began another Centre Hell.

week-the fifth-on the Cuban resolutions, but whether this is to be the last is not at all certain, although it is THE DEMOCRATS WILL NOMINATE probable. President Cleveland has said nothing and those who presume to know, say that he will continue to maintain silence until he feels that there is occasion to say something, regardless of Congressional action.

A FREAK IN THE DOG LINE.

The Beast Has Only Two Legs and Walks Like a Kangaroo

Edward Lindsey, living near Bellefonte, has a natural freak in a twolegged dog. It looks not unlike the kangaroo when walking, but when lying down there is no distinguishing appearance from any other dog. Half rat terrier and half whiffet, it is now almost full grown, and weighs perhaps this enterprise it was very unsatisfacfifteen pounds. Its manner of locomo- tory and discouraging, but he persetion is very much kangaroo-like, vered, battled and fought his way inch though at times, when frightened, it attempts to walk as the other dogs, and then its body is propelled along fail, until he has established quite a the ground by its abnormally long large and increasing newspaper busider blades, which seem well develop- very pleasant, yet retiring, and evity. At other times "Dolly" as the pet is named, will stand for fully five minutes straight uplike a human being, ly they purchased a large part and even succeed in walking quite a of an extensive stock of a long distance that way.

way, with the exception that where erably below the true value; of course the front legs should be only small tufts opportunities like these do not occur of hair are visible. Its parents are every day; these gentlemen are also both well-developed and perfectly- funeral directors.

REBERSBURG MELANGE.

A Letter From the Prominent Town is Brush Valley

Winter has come again.

Albert Steininger moved his household goods to Hartley township, Union county, where he intends to work for C. C. Loose on his lumber job.

C. C. Loose moved his one saw mill operate this coming summer.

ing to a large congregation; whether it | port, of Harris township; although the is to be a trial sermon or not, the writ- announcement of these two gentlemen er is not able to say, as Rev. J. C. is too recent to occasion any special Brown, the present pastor of the Re- comment, yet their qualifications are formed congregation is about to leave. discussed quite frequently of late; by Sorry to see Rev. Brown leave, yet we I hear more of Fred. Kurtz, of Centre wish him God speed in his new field Hall, than any other candidate, and

Boarding can be had at reduced rates.

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Com-"The Republicans and Populists have plaints, exerting a wonderful direct in- is an accident to be dreaded, and that fluence in giving strength and tone to when it occurs treatment should be the organs. If you have Loss of Ap- promptly applied? There is no knowpetite, Constipation, Headache, Faint- ing where the trouble will end; and ing Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, while complete recovery is the rule, Excitable, Melancholy, or troubled the exceptions are terribly frequent, with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is and thousands upon thousands of fathe medicine you need. Health and tal illnesses occur every year ushered Strength are guaranteed by its use, in by a little injudicious exposure and Large bottles only fifty cents at J. D. seemingly trifling symptoms. Beyond Murray's Drug Store.

THE presidential question is fast coming to the front. The Republiwill vote for him, but the latter claim | cans have about a dozen of candidates is doubted. Several Republican Sena- in the field, and of these M'Kinley just now seems to have the inside track, with a larger number of instruc-It is not probable that the secret ted delegates than any of his competimeeting which was held here several tors. Quay, of course, will have Penndays ago for the purpose of giving a sylvania, altho some districts will elect Centre Hall.

GOOD FARM LAND FOR SALE.

A tract of 35 acres in excellent state suit purchasers. Apply to Fred Kurtz, After that date unsettled accounts will

SPRING MILLS.

The Burg to Have a New Band, -- Comments on the Political Situation.

David Burrell, of our town will move to Centre Hall on 1st. Mr. B. is a very desirable citizen and we are sorry to lose him. The M. E. church here will lose a very active member. He is an old veteran but unfortunately in politics Mr. Burrell is a Republican; he should be a Democrat.

John W. Shook is making arrangements to erect a fine residence here. No doubt it will be a credit to the town. Mr. S. is one of our enterprising citizens and never does anything

Merrell Allison, a very active and intelligent lad, is our general "news agent;" when he first ventured into by inch, being determined that in his vocabulary there was no such word as hind legs, and at such times the shoul- ness. Merrell is an ambitious youth, ed, are seen to work with great rapidi- dently some day will make his mark.

Smith & Bro., furniture dealers of our town are live business men; recentbankrupt factory. They are now The dog is perfectly formed in every prepared to sell furniture very consid-

A Citizens Band is being organized here, and our business men are subscribing very liberally towards it; the property will belong to the subscribers; the band to have only the use of it. We had a very excellent band some years ago, but it drifted into indifferent hands and was finally abandoned. Politics is being discussed quite freely through this valley, even branching out to the Presidential question; of course, just now county politics is takto Union county, where he intends to ing precedent. Among the Democrats Bowersox, of Ferguson township, has Rev. Moses George, a graduate of quite a number of earnest, active Franklin and Marshall College, preach- friends here, who are by no means idle: ed a very able sermon on Sunday even- so has Weaver, of Haines, and Kim-

evdiently he is the most popular and The spring term of select school will influential. Unquestionably Mr. begin on Monday, April 6, and contin- Kurtz has labored early and late for ue for ten weeks. Special attention the party for years, and is certainly will be given to those preparing to deserving of some recognition. His teach. W. P. Hosterman, A. M., friends in this valley are not ignorant teacher; we hope all our students will of this fact, and consequently are very avail themselves of this opportunity, active and lively. Pealer, of our town has also been urged to enter the field Rev. W. H. Stover will move to this for treasurer, but so far has positively town this week, being the pastor sent refused. I hear of several other promhere by the Conference of the United inent gentlemen very highly spoken Evangelical church. Rev. Stover has of, but as yet are not announced, and many friends at this place, as he possibly not likely to be. The list of preached for these people sixteen years | candidates of both | parties | is incomplete, when all are announced, then a better rating and estimate of the strength of each candidate can be pret-

Not to be Trifled With.

ty well ascertained.

(From Cincinnati Gazette.) Will people never learn that a "cold"

this, there are today countless invalids who can trace their complaints to "colds," which at the time of occurrence gave no concern, and were therefore neglected.-When troubled with a cold use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is prompt and effectual. 55 and 50 cent bottles for sale by W. A. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and R. E. Bartholomew,

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is "Success is the reward of merit" not undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; Drug Store. Regular size 50e, and

Notice.

E. M. Huyett announces that all be placed in legal hands for collection.