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BLAZING FORESTS

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE TO TIMBER LANDS

Thousands of Acres of Timber Destroyed.—Tram Roads and Lumber Camps Destroyed.

One of the fiercest mountain fires that has visited this section for years raged several days of this week and last week in the Seven mountains, bordering on the south side of this valley.

The mountains have been on fire on several ridges the last month or so, but was always confined to one range and not allowed to spread and communicate to other ranges. The latter part of last week the mountains again were on fire and with a high wind blowing, a territory for miles was covered, leaving a bare and blackened district.

On Sunday the fire was at its worst. The clouds of smoke rising and hanging over the district resembled an oncoming thunder storm. The wind was high all day, blowing a gale.

Across from Potters Mills, the district formerly occupied by E. M. Huyett's saw mill was cleaned out, and a man by the name of Summers, living along the road near the site of the old mill had great difficulty in saving his buildings. Michael Confer's buildings at the toll gate were only saved by hard work. The flames burned so fiercely that they would leap fifty feet into the air from the tree tops, and the heat was intense, so much so that the large gangs of men who assisted in fighting the fire by burning against it, could scarcely stand it.

The mountains were a sheet of flame for a distance of about ten miles or more, and extended from the Bear Meadows down below Potters Mills.

Kulp, Thomas & Co., have a tram road and large lumber camp in the mountains. The road runs through the heart of the mountains to Paddy mountain. Several miles of this tram road has been burned and the firm has lost thousands of dollars worth of lumber, bark and logs.

Farmers lost heavily in fences and many worked hard to save their buildings.

About two thousand cords of wood was destroyed for the Allenwood furnace company.

At Colyer the flames got so close that it was only by a hard fight on the part of neighbors that the buildings on the farm of Wm. Colyer were saved.

Reports are daily coming in of the damage done. The pecuniary loss is great. Thousands of acres of good timber land were swept over by the flames leaving only the blackened and dead trunks of trees.

A rain on Monday partly extinguished the flames, and the heavy storm that passed over this section Tuesday put a quietus on the flames, and the valley is clear of smoke once again.

Illegal Fishing.

Secretary Dole of the state fish commission, has sent a letter to Fish Warden Moyer of Lock Haven, stating that unless the cases of persons convicted before aldermen in that city of violations of the fish laws are pushed in court, he will cancel all orders that have been sent from that county for fish for stocking streams in that vicinity.

There are two classes of constant violations of law that are too rarely punished; these are illegal fishing and setting the mountains on fire.

Nine Babies in Two Births.

Fritz Heinsnit, a reputable German, living a mile from Fowler, Indiana, was astounded last week by an addition of six to his already fair-sized family. His wife presented him with a half dozen little Heinsuits at one birth, all lusty babies and all with a fair prospect of living.

Two years ago Mrs. Heinsnit gave birth to triplets, and all nine children are living, the oldest being as yet scarcely able to talk. Of the last lot four are girls and two boys.

Two Brakemen Injured.

A disastrous wreck occurred Tuesday night, last, on the Sunbury and Lewistown division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Benfer station near Sunbury. A "double header" fast freight train was derailed by a broken brake rigging of a car. Fifteen cars loaded with merchandise, coal, and coke were demolished and the tracks torn up for nearly half a mile. Conductor Dippery escaped injury. Brakemen A. R. Eyster and L. C. Limes were seriously injured. Wrecking crews were quickly summoned from Lewistown and Sunbury.

Counterfeit Silver Dollar.

An 1890 counterfeit silver dollar of good workmanship is on the rounds. It is described as being a trifle light in weight and inferior in the milling about the edge.

COUNTY DEMOCRACY.

Cealrman Spangler Issues His Call for the Primaries and Convention.

The Democratic voters of Centre County will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections in their respective election districts, on Saturday, June 6th, 1896, to elect delegates to the County Convention, at which time they may vote instructions if they see fit. Under the rules of the party the election will open at 3 o'clock p. m., and close at 7 o'clock p. m.

The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the Court House in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 9th, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate

Two condidates for Assembly,
One candidate for Sheriff,
One candidate for Treasurer,
One candidate for Register,
One candidate for Recorder,
Two candidates for County Commissioner,
Two candidates for County Auditor,
One candidate for Coroner, and
One candidate for County Surveyor.

Said delegates so chosen will also at the same time elect three conferees to the next Congressional caucus or conference of the 28th Congressional District of which Centre County forms a part; a chairman of the County Committee to serve from the 1st day of January 1897 to the 1st day of January 1898; and transact such other business as the interests of the party may require.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES.

The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled, based upon the vote for Governor in 1894, and as apportioned by the County Committee in 1895, is as follows:

Bellefonte, N W	2	Haines, E P	2
" S W	3	Haines, W P	3
" W W	1	Half Moon	1
Centre Hall	1	Harris	2
Howard Boro	1	Howard	[illegible]
Milesburg	1	Huston	1
Millheim	2	Liberty	1
Philipsburg, 1st W	1	Marion	1
" 2nd W	2	Miles, E P	1
" 3rd W	1	" M P	2
South Philipsburg	1	" W P	1
Unionville Boro	1	Patton	1
Benner, N. P	1	Penn	4
" S P	1	Potter, N P	3
Boggs, N P	1	" S P	3
" E P	1	Rush, N P	2
" W P	2	" S P	1
Burnside	1	Snow Shoe, E P	2
College, E P	1	" " W P	1
" W P	1	Spring, N P	1
Curtin	1	" S P	2
Ferguson, E P	3	" W P	1
" W P	1	Taylor	1
Gregg, N P	1	Union	1
" E P	2	Walker	4
" W P	2	Worth	1

Total number of delegates, 79.

The officers for holding the primary election on the 6th of June, 1896, as determined by the County Committee at its last meeting on the 2nd inst., will consist of two assistants for each election district chosen by the committeeman of such district, and the following persons who are members of the County Committee, to wit:

Bellefonte, N W, J. C. Harper	Bellefonte
" S W Joseph Wise	"
" W W, Geo. Harman	"
Centre Hall Boro, Jno Danberman, Jr	Centre Hall
Howard Boro, W R Gardner	Howard
Milesburg, Homer Carr	Milesburg
Millheim, J W Stover	Millheim
Unionville, W. H. Earon	Fleming
South Philipsb'g, Sam'l T Johnston,	Philipsburg
Philipsburg 1st W, H D Rumberger	"
" 2nd W, J A Walton	"
" 3rd W, F K White	"
Benner, N P, R M Henderson	Fillmore
" S P John Ishler	Bellefonte
Boggs, N P, Henry Heaton	Milesburg
" E P, G Hayes Lyman	Roland
" W P, Joseph W Follmer	Milesburg
Burnside, Wm Hipple	Pine Glenn
College E P, I J Dreese	Lemont
" W P, John Corrigan	State College
Curtin, Nathan J McCloskey	Romola
Ferguson E P, W H Fry,	Pine Grove Mills
" W P, Jacob Harpster	Gatesburg
Gregg N P, James P Grove	Penns Cave
" E P, James C Condo	Penn Hall
" W P, John Smith	Spring Mills
Haines W P, Samuel Beaver	Aaronsburg
" E P, John J Orndorf	Woodward
Half Moon, David J Gates	Stormstown
Harris, Chas A From	Boalsburg
Howard Twp, A M Butler	Howard
Huston, Daniel Straw	Julian
Liberty, W H Gardner	Blanchard
Marion, Michael Zeigler	Walker
Miles E P, Wallace I Walker	Wolf's Store
" M P, C J Crouse	Rebersburg
" W P, Geo W Hazel	Madisonburg
Patton Edward Marshall	Fillmore
Penn, Christ Alexander	Coburn
Potter N P Geo H Emerick	Centre Hall
" S P, James B Spangler	Tusseyville
Rush N P, John B Long	Philipsburg
" S P, Richard O'Neill	Powelton
Snow Shoe, E P, W R Haynes	Snow Shoe
" " W P, W J Kern	Moshannon
Spring N P, John S Yearick	Bellefonte
" S P, W H Noll	Pleasant Gap
" W P, Abraham Switzer	Bellefonte
Taylor, Allen Hoover	Hannah
Union, Samuel Emerick	Fleming
Walker, A L Shaffer	Zion
Worth, A J Johnson	Port Matilda

H. J. JACKSON, Secretary. N B. SPANGLER, Chairman.

To the Democratic Voters of Centre Co.

Notice is hereby given to the democratic voters of Centre county that there will be no caucuses held for the purpose of nominating congressional delegates, under the rules adopted by Centre county in 1891, for the reason that I am informed and believe that said rule is not in force in Centre County; and that the delegates or conferees who will represent this county in the next congressional conference, of which Centre County forms a part, should be elected by the county convention on the 9th of June next, under the rules which obtain in this congressional district.

I have obtained an opinion on this question from an eminent lawyer of this state, which is as follows:

Harrisburg. Pa., May 9th, 1896.
Messrs. N. B. SPANGLER, Esq.
Chairman Dem. Co. Com. Centre Co.
and W. A. HAGGERTY, Esq.
Chairman Dem. Co. Com. Clearfield Co.

MY DEAR SIRS:—Your letter of May 7th, 1896, asking an opinion as to the legal method of electing conferees in Centre and Clearfield counties for nominating a candidate for congress in the 28th district has been received.

For this opinion you furnish the following facts:

1st. Prior to August 11th, 1891, the rule of the party in this district, or the custom of making nominations, was by each county convention electing three conferees and these conferees nominated the candidate in joint conference.

2nd. Centre and Clearfield counties, in 1891, sought to change above rule or custom by allowing to each county in the district a delegate for every five hundred, etc., democratic votes cast at the last presidential or gubernatorial election.

3rd. This change was not adopted by the other counties in the district.

Under this state of facts I respectfully submit the following opinion:

Section 2 of the ballot law of 1893 provides: "Any convention of delegates, held under the rules of a political party, authorized to certify nominations representing a political party, may nominate a candidate for each office which is to be filled in the state, or in the said district, or division, etc."

Prior to 1891 the democratic conference or convention to nominate a candidate for congress in the 28th district, was composed of three conferees selected from each county by the county convention, and these met in joint conference.

The rules adopted by the democratic county convention in Centre and Clearfield counties in 1891, for a change on the mode of congressional and Senatorial nominations provided for the "Co-operation of the democracy in said counties in establishing this reform in making district nominations." See rule 6, of course this rule contemplates the action of the district as therein expressed before it could be adopted or binding, and it is conceded that the conventions of the other counties never acceded to the rule and it was never adopted as a mode of making district nominations.

From this but one conclusion can be drawn and that is, the custom, rule, or method of making district nominations, prior to 1891, was not changed, and therefore under the ballot law of 1893, a district nomination must be made by conferees from each county as it existed prior to 1891.

The method of selecting the conferees belongs to each county; but the rules adopted by Centre and Clearfield counties and submitted in your letter, only apply to representation in making district nominations. As these rules imply co-operation of all counties in the district, and were not accepted in the district by all the conventions, I am clearly of the opinion, the rules in each county remain as they were prior to 1891, and each county should elect its conferees as they severally did prior to 1892; and this would mean the selection of three conferees in each county to meet in joint conference.

The position here taken is virtually decided in case of Savage's—Caldwell's nomination, 3rd district reports, page 705.

Yours truly,
JAS. A. STRANAHAN.

G. A. R. DEPARTMENT OF PA.

Annual Encampment at Chambersburg.—Reduced Rates via P. R. R.

For the annual encampment G. A. R. Department of Pennsylvania, to be held at Chambersburg, Pa., June 1 to 6, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell from May 30 to June 6, inclusive, excursion tickets from all stations on its system in Pennsylvania to Chambersburg and return, good for return passage until June 8, at a single fare for the round trip. Excursion tickets, good to return by the way of Gettysburg, will also be sold on same days at one and one-half cents per mile, distance traveled.

The Way to Get Rich.

The way to get rich is to trust nobody, befriend none, keep all you get, stint yourself and everything that belongs to you, and be the friends of no man, and have no man a friend of yours, heap up interest cent upon cent, to be mean, miserable and despised some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come to you as sure as disease, disappointment and death. And when pretty nearly enough wealth has been accumulated by a disregard of the charities of the human heart and at the expense of every enjoyment, death will finish the work, the heirs dance and fight over what you have left and the spirit goes—where. By all means get rich. It will pay—the devil.

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent liveryman and merchant of Goshen, Va., has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, as I know from personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intensely. The first application of Chamberlains Pain Balm eased the pain and the use of one bottle completely cured him. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

It is a fortunate day for a man when he first discovers the value of Ayer's Sarsaparilla as a blood-purifier. With this medicine, he knows he has found a remedy upon which he may rely, and that his life-long malady is at last conquered. Has cured others, will cure you.

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CAPITOL NEWS

MCKINLEY PAID A BIG PRICE FOR THE A. P. A.

The Senate Adopted Another Cuban Resolution.—Czar Reed Has Resumed His Crown.

WASHINGTON.—McKinley paid a big price for the support of the A. P. A. Nothing less than a written pledge to live up to the principles of that organization should he be nominated and elected President. This pledge was obtained by a committee of three sent by the Supreme Council of the A. P. A. to see McKinley personally and report back to the Council. The visit was supposed to be kept secret and Saturday's papers contained a telegram stating that McKinley denied having been waited upon by an A. P. A. committee, but when that denial was published, the written pledge, signed by KcKinley, which to all intents and purposes makes him a member of the A. P. A., was in Washington and being discussed by the members of the Supreme Council, who had been awaiting the return of their committee with considerable impatience. With that pledge, and it is said a considerable expenditure of money, it did not take the Supreme Council long to undo the anti-McKinley work of the Advisory committee, and to virtually hitch the organization to the tail of the McKinley kite.

Czar Reed has resumed his crown and has abandoned the conciliatory, you're-a-good-fellow style which he assumed as a candidate for his party's Presidential nomination and again become the autocrat of the House that he used to be. He has also resumed the habit of making enemies by firing sarcastic epigrams at members who give him an opening either on the floor of the House or in private conversations. The meaning of all this is perfectly plain. Mr. Reed sees the McKinley shadow on the wall and no longer regards himself as in the Presidential running. He can have the second place, but it is said that he will not take it unless he finds it necessary to keep it from going to some man like Senator Proctor or to Senator Quay, both of whom he thinks betrayed him. If he takes the second place it is said that he will be open to the charge of treachery to the combine each member of which pledged himself to make no deal with McKinley.

The Democratic Senators were unanimous in their belief that Col. Dupont, of Delaware, was not entitled to a seat in the Senate, and as the Populists voted with them Dupont was turned down by a majority of 1. It was thought that some of the Republicans would vote against Dupont, but such strong party pressure was brought to bear that those who would not swallow their convictions outright by voting for him allowed themselves to be paired, which amounted to the same thing. It can be positively stated that the Democrats did not offer the Pobulists a single inducement to vote against Dupont. Aside from their convictions, there were several strong reasons for their doing so anyway, not the least of which would have been their loss of the balance of power in the Senate if Dupont had been seated.

At least one important office has sought a man, and found him before he knew it was after him. Mr. Dominick I. Murphy, of Pa., who has been nominated to succeed Commissioner Lochren, who has been nominated to be U. S. Judge of the Minnesota district, got the first news of his promotion from a newspaper bulletin board. Gen. Dana has been nominated to succeed Mr. Murphy as first Deputy Commissioner of Pensions. He has been chief of a division in the office for a long time.

When a man gets a reputation for dodging, such as Senator Allison, of Iowa, has had for many years, he cannot come out flatfooted upon any important question without creating a sensation and stirring up a nest of interrogation points. That is just what Senator Allison's square statement in favor of the gold standard and against the free coinage of silver has done. Mr. Allison has been a sort of Presidential candidate for twenty years and has made it a point to try to stand well with everybody in his party. His entirely unexpected declaration is taken to mean that he, like John Sherman, has come to the conclusion that he will never get the Presidential nomination of his party and that it is useless to longer keep up the troublesome habit of dodging.

The Senate has adopted another Cuban resolution. This time it asks the President to furnish it with the details of what has been done and what it has proposed to do towards seeing that Americans arrested by the Spanish in Cuba are not deprived of any of their treaty rights. This resolution was probably adopted more for its effect upon the Spanish than for information, as every Senator must have known the prompt and vigorous steps taken by the administration which led to the setting aside of the sentence of death imposed upon several Americans by a Spanish Court Martial and the ordering of the civil trial for the prisoners Gen. Fitz Lee has received his final instructions and will this week go to Cuba. A great deal of rot has been written about these instructions. As a matter of fact they are probably known only to President Cleveland, Secretary Olney and Gen. Lee, and it is certain that neither of them would talk about them for publication. What has been published on the subject is guess work.

SPRING MILLS.

Improvemants About Our Town Still Going On.

Arthur Kerlin, of Centre Hall, is the boss egg merchant down this way, they say he is the most extensive dealer of "hen fruit" in the valley.

Owing to the mountain fires, for several days the atmosphere has been decidedly oppressive, but the recent showers have quenched the flame and we are beginning to breathe again.

Samuel Crawford, one of our highly esteemed citizens of Gregg township, visits our village quite frequently; we are always glad to see the venerable gentleman, he has a pleasant word for everybody.

The Citizens Spring Mills band is practicing for Decoration day; they are improving quite rapidly. Now there is something like music, but a month ago their noise and confusion drove all the frogs out of Penns creek, and the owls and bats fled in terror.

C. P. Long, of our village, Republican candidate for the nomination for treasurer, has had a very annoying experience with a sty in one of his eyes, which kept him housed for almost two days. The trouble is these painful little ulcers rarely come singly, they are similar to a boil, get one and you will be dosed with a dozen or more.

T. M. Gramley's residence is beginning to present a fine appearance; the portico is about finished, and the interior also, then the painting will commence; Mr. Gramley will have a home he may be proud of. Last year Dr. VanValzah residing in the same neighborhood, added quite a number of improvements to his dwelling, consequently the street will soon present a very decidedly improved appearance.

Leyman, of Boggs township, Democratic candidate for the nomination for sheriff was here last week. Mr. Leyman says everything looks lovely, but whether he refers to the vegetation, or his chances, I am really unable to say. Meyer, of Harris township, Democratic candidate for the nomination for commissioner was also here. The Professor is quite popular in this latitude.

Get the Firebugs.

The county commissioners have the authority to ferret out and bring to punishment the people who set fire to forests. The work of the careless campers or the reckless fishermen, which results in the destruction of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of timber each year, should be stopped. The commissioners should make an effort to apprehend the men who start forest fires.

The penalty for starting forest fires is very severe—fine and imprisonment. The law imposes upon county commissioners the duty of appointing persons under oath to ferret out and have punished all who willfully or otherwise have caused the burning of timber lands and to take measures to have such fires extinguished where it can be done, the expense to be paid out of the treasury.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and $1.00.

Was Arrested.

Edgar McGraw, a traveling salesman, whose home is in Carlisle, recently drove a horse from Newport to New Bloomfield in twenty-five minutes. The distance is six miles. He was arrested on a charge of cruelty and paid fines and costs amounting to $12.60 in all.

TO BE HELD AT LEMONT.

Ministerial, S. S. and K. L. C. E. Convention.

The Centre District, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church, will hold their annual convention at Lemont, beginning Tuesday evening, May 26, at 7.30 oclock, and will continue, with three sessions each day, until Thursday evening 28. An appropriate programme has been arranged, and topics assigned to the various pastors and delegates, on various subjects embraced in these three departments of church work.

All the pastors, eighteen in number, one delegate from each Sunday school, and one from each K. L. C. E. Society on the district, are expected to attend and take an active part in the discussion of these subjects.

Rev. A. Stapleton, of Lewisburg, Pa., Presiding Elder of the district, will be present from beginning to end, and will be the president of the convention.

Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and afternoon will be devoted to Ministerial work; Wednesday evening, and Thursday morning to Sunday school work, and afternoon and evening Christian Endeavor work.

All the neighboring pastors and people of sister churches are cordially invited to attend each session and take part in, and help to make the convention a help to all.

OLD FLAME FLARED UP

At 78 Dr. Rothrock Wedded the Girl Who Was the Idol of His Childhood.

A singularly romantic episode that smacks of the early days and really dates away back in 40's occurred at Bellefonte, the other day. Dr. William Rothrock spent his youthful days in this historic old town and met and loved a pretty young girl named Lizzie Field. His love was requited and they became engaged to be married, but the demon that interferes with so many of those affairs stepped in and they separated, young Rothrock going West, while his former sweetheart stayed and afterwards became Mrs. Little. Years wore on and neither heard from the other. Time worked many changes in nearly half-century that had passed. Mrs. Little became a widow. Dr. Rothrock had been married also, and his wife died only a few years ago.

Last year in writing to a friend, he happened to ask what became of his boyhood's idol and was greatly surprised to find she was living and a widow. He immediately wrote her and a correspondence followed, which soon reopened the old flame rekindled it to its former ardor, after its half-century of a nap. The doctor soon took a trip eastward, and after a ten days' visit left for the West a couple of days ago, taking with him a bride of 76, he at that time being 78.

OAK HALL.

News of the Past Week Gathered for Our Readers.

Mr. R. C. Gilliland of Snow Shoe, candidate for sheriff, was in our town looking up his good Democratic friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Horner are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son.

B. F. Homan is lately engaged in putting in flood gates.

W. H. Close is building a new porch in front of the postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagner, of Rock Forge, were pleasant visitors at the home of her parents, E. B. Peters, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Korman, of this place, were visiting friends at Rock Forge on Sunday.

For a good two-horse cultivator call on Ira C. Corman.

Two young men of this place had most too much sport with one of our girls on last Sabbath a week and almost tore her clothing off along the public road.

James C. Gilliland and daughter, of this place, attended the funeral of Wilson Gardner yesterday.

Rev. G. W. Lesher, of Boalsburg, left for Coburn on Wednesday morning.

Edward Sellers left on Wednesday morning for a trip of several days.

James Carson, of Spring township, candidate for sheriff, was in our town on Wednesday.

I. W. Stuart, of State College, was in town Tuesday.

For every quarter in a man's pocket there are a dozen uses; and to use each one in such a way as to derive the greatest benefit is a question every one must solve for himself. We believe, however, that no better use could be made of one of these quarters than to exchange it for a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, a medicine that every family should be provided with. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.