



## THE SHERIFF CONTEST.

DETAILS OF THE PROCEEDINGS ON SATURDAY.

Judge Love Orders Ballot Boxes of More Districts to be Collected.—Another Hearing Next Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon the attorneys in the Miller-Cronister sheriff contest had another round before the court at Bellefonte. The attendance was large, indicating that the public is much interested in these proceedings. D. F. Fortney, Esq., in behalf of counsel for Mr. Cronister, read a lengthy document setting forth that in many districts of the county ballots were not counted as the voter had marked them, and in this way many votes that were properly marked for Mr. Cronister, were not properly counted. The petition presented asked that the ballot boxes in the remaining districts be brought in and securely stored away until the present proceedings were disposed of. The petition was granted and the same officers, Messrs. Henry Montgomery and John Dunlap, were appointed to secure the boxes. All the ballot boxes in the county will be taken to Bellefonte except those in Miles, Haines, Penn and South Potter.

Both sides filed their "bill of particulars" in which they specify who were illegal voters and residence, during the last election, and all other irregularities contained in their previous petitions. On next Saturday each party will have an opportunity to file objections to the allegations and the same will be argued.

Edward Chambers Esq., counsel for Miller, presented a petition asking the court to appoint an examiner to recount the ballot cast for sheriff and make proper returns. This petition was held over until Saturday, also the one presented to open the ballot boxes.

Mr. Cronister's petition contained the names of over four hundred voters who voted at the late election, that were not properly qualified, by either not having their tax paid, properly registered or resident of the districts.

Miller's petition contained about forty names for the same reason that were illegal. They also allege bribery and the use of liquor in purchasing votes.

Taking a general view of the case it appears that when a search is made there are more irregular votes on the Republican ticket than had been anticipated. This conduct is nothing but a game of chance for Miller's benefit in which the county pays all expenses.

### AWFUL CALAMITY.

Sixteen children cremated in the burning of an orphan's home, is a horror that happened in Dallas, Texas, early on last Saturday morning. The fire was discovered about midnight. The attaches were hastily aroused and sent in all directions to rouse the children.

Such was the matron's anxiety for the safety of the inmates that she forgot her own children, and despite her frantic efforts at rescue, they were burned to death.

The building was of wood and the fire communicated to its various wings with incredible rapidity. The children were hastily aroused and hurried out of the building wrapped in their night clothes and bed quilts.

All were badly frightened, and when the shrieks of those who were being cremated in the roaring mass of flames reached their ears they became almost unmanageable and were with difficulty prevented from rushing into the fire in an effort at rescue.

### Encouraging Matrimony.

A wealthy German of New York has organized a society for providing poor orphan girls with dowries. The beneficiaries will be selected without reference to race or creed, the only qualification necessary being worthiness and the desire to marry. Would it not be well to grade the dowry, so that the less good-looking might get more, and the more good-looking less? There is a curious custom in force in certain parts of Southeastern Europe. All the marriageable girls are collected on a certain day. The beauties are put up first, and a brisk competition follows. The sum of money paid over by the successful competitor is put into a common fund. Then each of the homely girls goes to the man who is willing to take her with the smallest dowry. The queer thing about this system is that it does not result in the unhappiness that might be expected. The reason, of course, is that custom has taken the element of strangeness from it.

You certainly need a new equipment of underwear or a good dress suit. Call at Lewins, Bellefonte, and you will appreciate what he has in that line.

### Better Roads.

Governor Hastings, in his excellent message, says a needed word in regard to public roads. In the various towns of the Commonwealth there are 80,000 miles of public roads, not including the turnpikes and roads in cities and boroughs. Four million dollars (or \$48.73 per mile) is spent each year on these roads. This expenditure, wisely directed, ought, within a few years, to give us uniformly good roads. The Governor suggests that one-half the road tax be paid in money. This provision without being a burden to the farmer, would secure a very much better quality of work than at present. It would be still better to have the whole of the tax paid in money.

There is, of course, a great unwillingness on the part of the farmer to be taxed for making a road which he thinks concerns others much more than himself. On this point there is needed a campaign of education. As the popular idea of the need of good schools has been greatly advanced and elevated by lectures; as in the old times Horace Mann, in Massachusetts, went about from county to county and from town to town, talking up the common schools, so it would be very wise if there were a state official presiding over roads and road making, who should meet the farmers at their county and town affairs and show them how closely the character of the roads is allied to the value of their farms; show them that, with good roads the farmer could draw his produce to market with one horse where he now has to use two, and that he would save every year in the expense of horses and draught cattle and in the wear and tear on his wagon many times what good roads would cost him.

But there is a certain semblance of justice in the farmer's unwillingness to be largely taxed for the road when others use quite as much as himself or more. The expense should be divided. The State of Connecticut provides that the cost of roads shall be borne equally by the state, the county and the locality, provided that the total cost to the state annually shall not exceed \$75,000. This is a very equitable arrangement.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The American health officers feel certain the terrible plague in Bombay, India, will not spread to our country.

The Cubans, the other day, sunk a Spanish gun-boat by a torpedo placed in one of the rivers.

The stock of the Cambria Iron Company in the last twelve months has earned nine per cent, as the report sets forth, which does not show that the Democratic tariff is ruining the iron trade.

McKinley still has trouble to get his cabinet fixed. Sherman accepted after having refused half dozen times; about a dozen others have been tendered cabinet positions, but all declined. The present look of the Republican sky portends trouble for the new administration. Formerly there was a rush for cabinet honors; now all offers are being dodged.

In Ohio the Republicans are sitting over a volcano, which, if it bursts, will wreck the party in that state and give the new administration great trouble in the outset. It is Foraker and Gov. Bushnell against boss Hanna getting Sherman's seat in the Senate. All is loaded, and once the match is applied, there will be an awful explosion.

The Republicans of the legislature have divided into two armies, Quay and anti-Quay, and are in an ugly mood.

Texas on Tuesday had the first snow in three years.

They have arranged for a big Penrose supper to which the Wanamaker men are to be invited for a bite, with the expectation they can be bought off as cheaply as that.

McKinley, up to this morning, did not have any but Sherman for his cabinet.

All the officials of the defunct Newport deposit bank have been indicted for embezzlement of deposits.

Three negro assassins were taken from a Louisiana prison on Tuesday and lynched.

### A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes London Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.

The largest stock, the lowest prices and satisfaction guaranteed is what gives the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, its big trade. Once a customer always a patron of that store.

### Local Snap Shots.

Some one stole landlord Rhule's big thermometer.

The grainfields thus far have not been injured by the winter.

Thomas Yearick, of Aronsburg, is still in a critical condition.

John T. Lee has been chosen sexton of the Lutheran church of this place.

The widow Stiver, of this place, has improved some from her severe illness.

The county auditors are about done auditing the accounts of the county officers.

Wm. Pealer advertises letters of administration on the estate of Samuel Crawford.

We learn from Dr. Lee that there is considerable sickness in the vicinity of Madisonburg.

From yesterday noon to 9 at night, there was a 3 inch snow-fall. To-day it is inclined to rain.

Thus far there has not been a large quantity of ice harvested in this county, but prospect ahead good.

Persons making remittance on subscription will always find their label changed the month following.

J. E. Royer, on the Benner farm at the Fort, will move on the P. Smith farm near Penn Hall, in the spring.

Harry Swab slaughtered about 100 hogs in this fall's butchering, which might mean a couple miles of sausages.

The ballot boxes from 42 districts have been taken to Bellefonte, for a recount in the Miller-Cronister sheriff contest.

For lots, at a low figure, adjoining town, read adv. in another column; also read adv's of two very desirable town properties at private sale.

Sleighting has been pretty good in the valley from this section to the east end, since Sunday. West of here and on the Bellefonte side there was no sleighting.

We reckon if all the post-office applicants at Spring Mills were to vote their choice, none voting for himself, there would be unanimity in favor of leaving the office at Pealers.

Our town youngsters this week had their first coasting for this season, from the mountain into town. They can make a run of over 1 1/2 miles if desired, and they are never so happy.

The elections for local officers will be held in a few weeks, and your taxes depend upon the kind of men that are elected—if of the harum-skarum sort you get high road, poor and school taxes.

We had sleighting, the first of the season, on Sunday, and the merry jingling bells gave notice of it, and above all Sam Runkel's grand continental songsters, strung across his unsurpassed spotted grass.

In the east precinct of Miles the ballots were burned after the election officers had completed the count and made out the papers, at the late November election, as we are informed. The board thought this was the proper thing to do, with no thought of violating the law.

### Convicted of Arson.

H. Bruce Hutchinson, a young merchant of Juniata, near Altoona, was convicted in court at Hollidaysburg, on Wednesday, of solicitation to burn the store building of Pheasant & Wagner, his business competitors. The evidence established the fact that Hutchinson had offered four men the sum of \$100 as an inducement to perpetrate the crime. The fire department thwarted the work of the incendiaries. Hutchinson claimed he was the victim of a conspiracy.

One of the above firm is Will Wagner, formerly an assistant in the railroad station at this place; we made a note in the Reporter, last summer, of this attempt to burn his store.

### Pay a Tax to Marry.

A queer law has been introduced by the legislators of Argentine Republic. It went into effect January 1, and reads in part as follows: "Young celibates of either sex who shall, without legitimate motive, reject the address of her or her who may aspire to his or her hand, and who continues contumaciously unmarried, shall pay the sum of 500 piastres for the benefit of the young person, man or woman, who has been refused." Another clause reads: "That every male from the age of 20 to 30 shall pay a tax till he marries, and shall pay it once in every month."—Ex.

### One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Consumption, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

## SHERMAN IN THE CABINET.

HE ACCEPTS TO MAKE WAY FOR HANNA.

No Help for Cuba from McKinley's Administration.—Difficulty in Securing Cabinet Material.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Poor Cuba!

The formal announcement that John Sherman had been compelled to become McKinley's Secretary of State, in order to make a place in the Senate for Boss Hanna, makes it certain that unless this Congress does something for Cuba, it will have to go on fighting alone. There has been a suspicion for sometime that McKinley occupied very nearly the same attitude towards Cuba that President Cleveland does, and Mr. Sherman has made that suspicion a certainty by saying: "I do not believe this government should interfere between Spain and the Cubans. I do not believe this government should attempt to settle the war or take any steps putting upon us the burden of determining the nature of rule in Cuba in case the Cubans win." As this language was used when he was just from the presence of McKinley and after he had accepted the Secretaryship of State, there isn't the slightest doubt that it is an advance statement of McKinley's Cuban policy. It is several shades worse than the present Cuban policy President Cleveland has at least tried to bring about peace. McKinley proposes to do absolutely nothing and to let the butchery continue indefinitely. This may result in stirring up the friends of Cuba in Congress. There are now in Washington petitions signed by six hundred thousand American citizens, asking Congress to recognize the Independence of Cuba.

It is evident that Speaker Reed does not expect Representative Boatner, of La., who was unseated at the last session of Congress and reelected to fill the vacancy and for a full term beginning March 4th next, to be unseated in the contest which is again being made for his seat. Otherwise he would not have selected Mr. Boatner, who is one of those rare Democrats who favors protection to a certain extent, to fill the Democratic vacancy on the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Bailey, of Texas, who was given the vacancy on the Rules Committee, was it is said given his choice of the vacancies by Mr. Reed. Charles Crisp, son of the late ex-Speaker was given the vacancy on the Post Office Committee, and Representative Stokes, of S. C. that on the Committee on Agriculture.

The Republican steering committee of the Senate has given the Nicaragua Canal Bill the first place in the order of business of the Senate, which is merely another way of killing the time during the four days a week the leisurely Senate condescends to sit during this Session, as they know that the bill has no chance of getting acted on in the House.

Those members of Huntington's lobby, who are not regularly on his pay roll, found themselves out of a job, when the House sat down so hard on the Pacific Railroads Funding Bill. The question of legislation on the subject is still being considered, but Huntington seems at last to realize that the numerous lobby he had at work in Washington did the funding bill more harm than good, and from now on, the lobbying will not be so openly conducted. If there is any legislation on this matter it is likely to be along the line of the bill which has been reported favorably to the Senate, and which is now being considered by the House Committee. It provides for a commission of Cabinet officials with authority to settle the whole business.

If the free homestead bill fails to get through, Speaker Reed will make numerous Western enemies who will be heard from if he is again a candidate for his party's Presidential nomination. The bill when passed by the House only provided for free homesteads in Oklahoma, but before the Senate passed it, amendments were added, extending the area of free homesteads. When the bill went back to the House, instead of allowing the House to vote on the Senate amendments so that the bill could be sent to Conference, if they were not accepted by the House, Speaker Reed sent the bill back to the Committee on Public Lands, and its friends are whispering that he did it for the purpose of having the bill smothered.

Representative and Senator-elect Money, of Miss., thus disposes of a sensational story sent from Washington: "There is not a word of truth in the story that I have the slightest misunderstanding with Consul-General Lee growing out of my letters on the Cuban question. General Lee and I are the best of friends, and there is not the least particle of a chance of our disagreeing. I was as much amused over

the newspaper publication that there was to be a duel between us as the General will be when he sees it."

The much talked of bill authorizing the President to appoint delegates to any International Monetary Conference that may be called, has been introduced in the Senate. This is a measure for which everybody in Congress will vote, and which nobody, in or out of Congress, believes will ever amount to a row of pins, so far as increasing the use of silver as money is concerned.

### OAK HALL.

Visitors Who Have Been With Us the Past Week.

Samuel Knoff, of Boalsburg, was the guest of Mrs. Mary Knoff, of this place.

Miss Janette McFarlane, of Boalsburg, was noticed in our town Wednesday.

Jared Kreamer, of Centre Hall, was the guest of C. J. Stamm last Saturday.

Wm. Knoff, of Mill Hall, moved into James Poorman's house at the foot of the mountain.

The lumber teams are hauling in lumber and railroad ties; the lumber is to be shipped from this station.

Charles Hyman is visiting at the home of T. F. Gramley; he seems to be taken with some of our young ladies.

The Lutherans at Boalsburg are having preaching every evening this week; a great many of our young people attend.

Daniel Meyers, of Boalsburg, received a large heating furnace at this station on Wednesday, for his new residence at State College.

We are sorry to lose our friend Jas Peters, who was married to Miss Olive Houser last week; he expects to leave this place in the spring.

### REDUCED RATES.

To Washington on Account of the Inauguration.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates:

From Pittsburg, \$10.00; Uniontown, \$10.00; Conneville, \$9.80; Butler, \$10.00; Allegheny Valley Junction, \$10.00; Johnstown, \$9.80; Harrisburg, \$5.00, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

### THE SHERIFF CONTEST.

Judge Love's order to have the ballot boxes from the "infected" districts brought to Bellefonte has been complied with and 42 boxes of "dynamite" are now under lock and key with the Prothonotary.

The lawyers are now busy with their answers to be argued before Judge Love on Saturday, after which His Honor will decide whether there shall be a re-count. Thus the contest is not yet on, and hinges upon the Judge's opinion from the facts adduced in the answers whether there are sufficient grounds for a contest.

### Bellefonte and Clearfield.

At the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Bellefonte and Clearfield railroad company, held at Bellefonte on Monday the following officers were elected: President, Chas. W. Wilhelm; Vice President, James Harris; Secretary, L. T. Munson, and Treasurer, Wilfred Hebner. The road was chartered a year ago, and surveyed by A. V. Hoyt and Charles Sharpless, both of that place, the former being a stockholder and director, and it will form an important link on a direct line to Chicago passing through Philipsburg. It is expected that the work of constructing the road will be commenced within the next few months.—Philipsburg Journal.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.

### SPRING MILLS.

Our Town Greatly in Need of Street Lamps and Other Improvements.

The building just erected by Frank Bearick is fast approaching completion; quite an improvement to the neighborhood.

Work is being commenced on a new gravel walk from the foot log over Penns creek, passing the M. E. church to the iron bridge over Sinking creek, a distance of probably four or five hundred feet; this is a want long needed. In the spring of the year and during mild winter weather this much used pathway is simply a mud walk, ankle deep. The committee should now add to the improvement by having a street lamp midway. But why have we no street lamps anywhere? The board-walk in our village is only a name, we have but one, a distance of about two or three hundred feet along the creek road, and in inclement weather, owing to half of the walk being made of mud and dirt, it's of very little benefit, and in the evenings it is impossible to avoid the ankle deep mud in our village without a lantern. A half dozen or ten street lamps properly located would be sufficient, and the cost trifling compared to the great convenience it would afford, to say nothing of the saving of very strong explosives frequently indulged in by mud plastered and angry pedestrians.

It was reported, and correctly too, that Geo. Huss, our jovial Democratic shoemaker would move to Johnstown in the spring, but the Major has reconsidered the matter and will remain in our village and recover "lost soles" as usual.

A. N. Miller the defeated candidate for sheriff is very severely handled by his political friends in this locality; they regard his course in contesting Mr. Cronister's election as a wild goose chase, and denounced very emphatically his attempt to steal an office by hook or crook—an office to which the people elected him to remain—out.

Our merchants say that very little if any money was made last year; business was fair, but the profits unusually light. If this is correct, evidently the business done was simply an even exchange, or about like giving a paper dollar for a silver one—fudge.

Rev. Faus of the M. E. church of our village, has been having protracted meetings during the past week; the meetings were largely attended.

On Saturday afternoon next the Democrats of Gregg township meet in caucus to make nominations for the spring election. Give us good candidates gentlemen, men of ability and character and the result will not be uncertain. By the way, Harvey Rossman is spoken of for receiver of taxes—a most deserving man and his nomination would be an excellent one, being thoroughly competent and besides sustains an unblemished reputation. It will be remembered that Mr. R. submitted to three operations within the past year without any special benefit, and is now unfitted for any severe labor. The caucus will make no mistake in nominating Mr. Rossman for receiver of taxes. Again gentlemen give us good candidates.

We have five prominent applicants for postmaster of our village, viz: J. D. Long, Jas. N. Leitzell, Charles Miller, C. A. Krape, and Frank Reरिक, of course with a half dozen or more following. Will the contest be a repetition of the Killmeyster cats? J. D. Long and Jas. N. Leitzell are old soldiers, and if the old soldier racket is to be played again, J. D. Long has evidently the inside track. Mr. L. participated in several severe engagements and at the battle of Stone River, Tenn. lost a limb, and has suffered from the wound more or less ever since. He was our postmaster under the administration of Mr. Harrison, and I must say gave such general satisfaction then that his appointment now, would be universally approved by the people of this postal district. Jas. N. Leitzell, if my information is correct, wore soldier clothes only to Harrisburg, and after remaining there a few days returned home, of course his military record would hardly be a recommendation, but notwithstanding Mr. Leitzell has a very strong and influential following. Charles Miller, a citizen of our village for many years, is another prominent applicant, a gentleman of high repute, and whose Republicanism is unquestionable. He is highly endorsed here irrespective of party. The remaining two gentlemen also stand well in the community. Mr. Krape is decidedly a strict partisan, having voted the straight Republican ticket since his majority; while Mr. Reरिक, it is said, has supported the Prohibition ticket more frequently than he has the party of "great moral ideas" but this is nothing to his discredit. Both these gentlemen are highly endorsed, of course the remaining applicants have some friends; what says the Bellefonte macho that is the question.

—Get your sale bills at the TERR office.