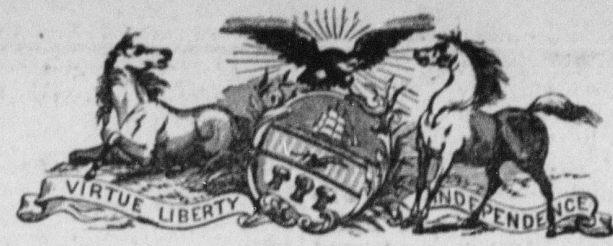


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## THE SHERIFF CONTEST OFF.

**MILLER'S ATTORNEYS GIVE IT UP FOR GOOD.**

**The Expensive Race About Over.—The Attorneys Present a Petition Acknowledging Cronister's Election and Ask that the County Pay for the Fun They Had.**

The Sheriff contest instituted by the defeated Republican candidate, Abram V. Miller, is at an end, and his attorneys acknowledge the election of William M. Cronister, the man whom the intelligent election boards over the county had been accused of counting into office.

The majority of Cronister was 16, and at once Miller filed petition to the court asking for a re-count of the ballots in a number of districts, alleging gross irregularities, and that between four and five hundred votes for Miller had been counted for Cronister. The Democrats in reply charged the use of money and many illegal votes cast in a number of districts.

Judge Love ordered the ballot boxes to be opened, and appointed Chas. P. Hewes, Esq., examiner; H. C. Brew and R. F. Hunter, clerks.

The re-count gave Mr. Cronister a majority of 11, with 51 irregularly marked ballots for the court to dispose of. Under one ruling Mr. Cronister could have had a majority of 19, and by a reverse ruling of the court, his majority would have been 5. This settled the contest. The ten good citizens who swore that the over four hundred votes counted for Cronister instead of Miller, began "seein' things," and are likely wondering where they got the idea, for only four such ballots were found.

The costs of the contest have already reached \$500, and just who will pay them is causing the Republican petitioners no little worry. There is a prevailing sentiment over the county that the county be relieved of this unnecessary expense, and that Miller, his attorneys, and the petitioners be soaked for the fun they had.

Tuesday morning Miller's attorneys presented the following petition to the court, and we print it in full.

*To the Hon., the Judges of said Court.* Petitioners for contest, with the consent of the Contestant, by their counsel, respectfully represented the Court: That on December 3rd, A. D. 1896, their petition for contest in the above case was filed. That the facts set forth in said petition were received from various sources throughout the county. That a greater part of this information was based upon affidavits furnished them by election officers, this information your petitioners believed to be true, and upon the faith of which, and solely that elections of the people might be maintained, this contest was instituted. That the petitioners never intended this contest should extend to the investigation of the separate and illegal votes such as may have been cast by persons disqualified under the law, for the reason that in such a contest, experience has shown that there are about as many illegal votes on one side as on the other. Besides to wage a contest for such purposes would largely increase the expenses to the county, the purpose of the petitioners being solely to determine the result of the election by a recount of the ballots by the Court in order to determine whether the ballots were illegally counted and returned or not. That the Court ordered the opening of various ballot boxes in various parts of the county, and the ballots therein have been counted by the Examiner appointed by the Court, and under the supervision of the Court.

Your petitioners have discovered by the re-count that the information received by them, and under which they filed their petition was not correct and that the parties making the affidavits were mistaken in their recollections. So far as your petitioners have been able to learn the re-count of the ballots shows a small majority for Cronister for sheriff.

Your petitioners would further represent that from the commencement of this contest, up to the present hour, it has been their aim to re-count the ballots, establish the truth, to the end that the man who was duly elected should fill the office of sheriff. This being the case in their judgment, and with the consent of the Contestant and by the advice of their counsel, they believe that further testimony ought not to be taken in this case, and that the county should not be subjected to any further expense. Having made a careful re-count of the ballots of the county, we are convinced that but few mistakes were made in marking, and most of the people understand the ballots sufficiently well to express their will. We therefore cheerfully bow to the sovereign will of the people as expressed by the independent voter, and ask the Court to dispose of this case upon the report of the Examiner without further testimony. And in view of all facts, and the information and affidavits, which the petitioners had, and upon which this case was based, they would most respectfully request the Court, in disposing of the case, to certify that there was probable grounds sufficient to warrant the contest, so that the costs may be paid by the county. And in duty bound they will ever pray, etc.

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**A. O. FURST,**  
Attorneys for Petitioner.

## CENTRE HALL'S BOOMS.

**Past and Present—Some Work That Told, and More Ahead—New Houses—A New Water Works, new Bank, etc.**

Our town had a solid boom some years ago, from the fact of having a few men with a genuine spirit of enterprise and who didn't scare at trifles and obstacles thrown in the way, and set examples worthy of imitation as to "how to boom a town". After the first impulse for creating improvements there came a lull caused by the depression of business throughout the country. But within the last year there has been a waking up in our town that is giving it new growth and a real new boom, we are happy to say, and which the Reporter and all good citizens hail with pleasure and delight with prospect of amounting to something same as our earlier boom.

We will allude to the past specifically and then take in the prospect the future has in store:

1. The erection of two mills, five dwellings, a new and splendid water works, a fine newspaper establishment and telling aid, material and otherwise, to secure a railroad for Centre Hall, and liberally contributing to other improvements, by the editor of the Reporter, with an actual cash outlay of \$30,000, the benefits mainly going to home mechanics and laborers.

Negotiations for an electric light plant, sufficient to supply such as desired that kind of light were about concluded, but the destruction of Kurtz & Son's mill by fire and consequent heavy loss, interfered with that enterprise.

2. Close on to this followed Jonath. O. Deininger, who had enterprise and courage beyond scores of men of five times his means. Yony Deininger helped the town by the erection of over half dozen good, substantial buildings, two of these arranged for stores. His contribution to Centre Hall's earlier boom was perhaps fully up to the sum of \$15,000. All credit to his public spirit. Crankiness from a certain quarter in refusing to establish a building line along his lots, in spite of his reasonable appeals, prevented the erection of two or three houses.

3. The next improvement worthy of note, was by Gen. Beaver and his associates J. D. Shugart and J. P. Harris who erected a large story brick building, now occupied by Wolf & Crawford's store, the bank, offices and lodge rooms. The cost of this building was \$8000.

4. The next enterprising spirits were A. P. Luse & Son, who erected a planing mill, afterwards enlarging it by the addition of a mill for the manufacture of lumber. They also erected a half dozen dwelling houses which would do credit to any town, and they don't propose to quit either. We imagine their contribution to our town's improvement, will foot upwards of \$15,000.

5. The grangers picnic ground exclusive of land, received improvements to amount of about \$6000, with further improvements in prospect.

6. Wm. Colyer has given proof of the spirit of enterprise that is within him, by erecting a grain house and coal sheds, a large triple dwelling and several single houses, also a planing and saw mill, which was the means of bringing Poulson's handle factory to our town. Mr. Colyer means to erect several more houses. We estimate his investments worth about \$15,000.

7. Boob's wheel works, a quite recent prosperous enterprise we think added no less than \$5000 to the list of business enterprises and he thinks he will be obliged to enlarge.

8. Bartholmew's dwelling and store combined, and grain house, we estimate at \$6000 planted by him.

The churches erected within the above period, cost some \$55,000 which were not individual enterprises, hence do not add them to the above mentioned. Nor do we include the implement works, now run by Will Rarick, having been established in the early days of the town. Then we omit the erection of individual dwellings, confining our mention to the actual enterprising efforts. The list above is what made the town, and it is a pleasure to mention that all are on deck yet full of the same spirit, not a taint of envy and jealousy within them to interfere with such as work to build up the town. The following is a recapitulation to show the aggregate of their laudable work:

Gen. Beaver & Co.	\$5,000
W. H. Bartholmew,	6,000
The Grange,	6,000
W. W. Boob,	5,000
Wm. Colyer,	15,000
A. P. Luse & Son,	15,000
J. O. Deininger,	15,000
Fred. Kurtz,	30,000
Total, - - - -	\$100,000

The next move in enterprise will be more of a philanthropic nature, sub rosa, yet: to establish water works to furnish water at \$1.00 per year and a bank that will bring down the loan on money from 10 and 12 per ct. to 5

and 6 per ct., since they pay only 2 and 3 for it, and on a great part of deposits pay nothing. This we have from rumor as what's to come. There seem to be some useful ones lying back yet.

A move was once made against stores charged with averaging 15 to 30 per ct. profit, yet few get rich at it. Moral: Don't meddle too much.

**March Weather.**

Weather prophet Foster stands by his predictions and makes the following forecasts of the kind of days to look for.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 23d to the 27th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 27th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 28th, great central valleys March 1 to 3, eastern states March 4.

The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 28th, great central valleys March 1, eastern states March 3. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about March 2, great central valleys 4th, eastern states 6th. This disturbance will occur near the turn from the high to the low temperature storm periods and, as announced in last bulletin, low temperature may be expected about this time, the lowest since the last of January.

The temperature may, however, reach the lowest point from 26th to 28, or March 3d to 6th. This disturbance will also bring heavy rains south and snows north, and, as the greatest amount of precipitation occurs near the high point of the high temperature periods, this disturbance will conclude the heavy rains and snows for the present.

## HANNA THEIR IDOL.

**REPUBLICANS IN WASHINGTON WORSHIPPING THEIR GOD.**

**He is the Most Popular Man at the Capitol, and is Shown More Deference than McKinley.—He is Getting a Big Head.**

WASHINGTON, March 1.—If any person in Washington had any remaining doubts about Mark Hanna being the whole thing under the McKinley administration, they must have been disappointed since Hanna's arrival. He attracts more deference—from Republicans—than the four members of McKinley's Cabinet who are in town do combined, and accepts it all as his right and speaks with an air of proprietorship, not only of the coming administration but of both branches of Congress. So big has Hanna's head become that he is actually allowing himself to think of trying to take a fall out of Tom Reed, and is now sounding Republican members of the next House in order to ascertain whether it will be possible by the use of patronage to beat Reed for the Speakership nomination before the Republican caucus with a McKinley candidate.

Gen. Fitz Lee's friends are not talking for publication about Secretary Olney's threat to recall Gen. Lee because he has shown up the lack of zeal on the part of the administration in protecting American citizens in Cuba, but they are wishing that Olney will have the nerve to carry out his threat, because they knew it would make Gen. Lee the most popular man in America.

While at the capitol today Mr. Bryan called on many of his friends among the newspaper correspondents and spent some time very pleasantly with some of those who served in the House with him. In company with Mrs. Bryan he will leave for Nebraska tomorrow.

If some of the appropriation bills fail to get through before Congress closes, as many are predicting will be the case, it will be because a coterie of Senators for reasons of their own wish them to fail.

About the smallest piece of business in connection with the inaugural preparations was the taking down of the white and yellow decorations which were being put on the Treasury building, because somebody suggested that the colors stood for bimetalism. It is understood that the order for the removal of the white and yellow came direct from the White House. This decoration isn't paid for by the Government but by the clerks in the Treasury department.

Grave written charges have been filed with the Postoffice Department by fifty-five Washington patent attorneys, including four gentlemen who have held the office of Commissioner of Patents, against the firm known as John Wedderburn & Co., successors to the defunct Examiner Claims Bureau and the Press Claims Co., in one sense but it seems not in all, and the National Recorder, a newspaper published by the firm. The charges go into detail and close by asking that the National Recorder be shut out of the mails as a fraud, and that a fraud order be issued against Wedderburn & Co. for obtaining money under false pretenses. In addition to the written charges, a personal hearing was given by the Postmaster General to a Committee representing the Patent Attorneys who signed the charges.

Either Mr. Cleveland or Mr. Olney can extract any satisfaction from the part they played in getting from Spain the pardon of Julio Sanguily in order to head off the adoption by the Senate of a resolution directing the President to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Sanguily, they should be allowed to do so. The sentiment in Congress was pretty nearly expressed by Senator Morgan, when he said in the course of his speech on the recent relations of this government with Spain: "Oh, what welcome news was that pardon! to that President of ours in the White House, who for two years has been down on his hunkers before Spain. How joyous his honest and noble American heart must be, and in what transports of joy must be his magnificent person, when he hears that by a combination between the crown of Spain and the President of the U. S. they have dragged out of a poor creature a confession which enables them to escape the danger of paying damages and gives them the liberty of sleeping and snoring like sluggishards, while Americans suffer!"

It is a matter for all around congratulation that the Senate Committee on public lands quickly investigated the matter and unanimously arrived at the conclusion that the land patent to Mr. Perrine, the husband of Mrs. Cleveland's mother, was regularly and legally issued.

**Seeking Information.**  
ED. REPORTER: Not being a member of the water company, I ask for information: Have several times listened to persons making assertions and some denying what is said as to the water company. Believing you'll answer these assertions truthfully, for general information, I submit them:

1. It is said the stock is watered.  
2. It is said the tax is far higher than other towns.  
3. Are earnings paying 12 p. ct.?  
4. What per ct. do other companies get?  
5. Is there law to make a water company do what is right?

**A CITIZEN.**  
Ans: No. 1, is utterly untrue, the stock never was up to the actual cost.  
No. 2, Know of no town that charges are not one half and doubly higher, on average, Bellefonte, Milton, Shamokin, Lewisburg, Myersdale, Lewis town, altho the larger the place, the more can be supplied from same main.  
3. One who has belonged to the company gives it as his opinion that the profits would average 6 to 8 per ct. we think he is high correct, and not a profitable investment.  
4. Knowing ones of other companies have stated they earned 25 to 50 per cent, never bothered making inquiry.  
5. Yes, any water user has ample remedy in law against injustice by a water company, the law protects you, and we advise all to submit to no imposition.

**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. Bartholmew, 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, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

—For bargains on Spring Harrows, Plows and Phosphate give your order to Ira C. Kurman, Oak Hall, Pa.

## THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**WILL HOLD AN OYSTER SUPPER IN THEIR ROOM IN THE DINGES BUILDING ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, MARCH 6TH. THE PROCEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHURCH.**

The Ladies' Aid Society of the United Evangelical Church will hold an oyster supper in their room in the Dinges building on Saturday afternoon and evening, March 6th. The proceeds for the benefit of the church.

## HECLA GAME PRESERVE.

**The Large Hunting and Fishing Association Formed.**

The large proposed game preserve in Nittany Valley, composed of prominent men in the political and business world from all over the state, is being pushed right along, and an association will be formed, to be known as the "Nittany Valley Rod and Gun Club." The object of the association is to secure a quail preserve in Nittany valley, embracing an area of about thirty square miles, and to stock the same each spring with 1,000 Western quail, so that the members of the association will have about 5,000 to 8,000 birds for the fall shooting.

Little Fishing Creek has been secured for seven miles, from Hecla Gap west, and they will stock it with 50,000 trout each year.

The club will build a large clubhouse at or near Hecla Gap, situated in about the middle of the game preserve. It will contain a banqueting hall, bath room and sleeping apartments. The initiation fee to the club will be \$100, and the membership limited to about one hundred.

Efforts will be made to lease adjoining farms to the preserve, and thus prevent all hunting and fishing by any one except the members.

The Bellefonte members back of the scheme are Judge Love, A. Brockerhoff, Frank Warfield, T. H. Harter, John P. Harris, A. O. Furst, J. P. Coburn, W. F. Reeder, W. F. Reynolds, H. C. Valentine, W. P. Humes, E. L. Orvis, Harry Keller, John Blanchard, P. G. Meek, Robert Valentine, M. O. Donohue, and Gov. Hastings. The other members are from Lock Haven, Williamsport, Clearfield, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and other points about the state.

## TOUR TO CALIFORNIA VIA P. R. R.

In Southern California is found the realization of a dream of the ancients. Here are the "Golden Apples of the Hesperides," ripening beneath a sky more beautiful than that of Rome, and in a climate more perfect than that of Athens. Never in the wildest flights of his imagination did either Homer or Hesiod ever conceive of a garden richer in verdant beauty, more productive of luscious fruit, or set amid more picturesque and lovely surroundings. Here the rose entwines the orange, and the snow-mantled peaks of the Sierras reflect the golden glow of the evening twilight.

The last of the Pennsylvania Railroad tours to California will leave New York and Philadelphia March 27, stopping at Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Colorado Springs and the "Garden of the Gods," and Salt Lake City. Tourists will travel by special train of Pullman palace cars going, and return on regular trains via any route within nine months. Regular one-way or round-trip tickets will be issued for this tour in connection with a special ticket covering Pullman accommodations, meals, and other tour features going. The latter ticket will be sold at the following rates: From New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, or Altoona, \$60.00; Pittsburg, \$58.00.

Apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, stating return route desired.

## DANGERS OF THE GRIP.

The greatest danger from La Grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dread disease. It will effect a permanent cure in less time than any other treatment. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills; R. E. Bartholmew, Centre Hall.

## OYSTER SUPPER.

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## SPRING MILLS.

**Items of Interest from Our Correspondent in this Flourishing Town.**

Commercial agents are as plenty as blackberries in summer time; all report business very light and spring orders not very numerous.

We had quite a snow storm here on Monday last, and a few sleds ventured out, but it was poor business. A March snow-storm is only another name for slush and mud.

About every third person one meets in our village has a severe cold in the head or a cough, frequently both; possibly a second cousin to the grippe; but with the violent change in the weather we have so frequently, is it any wonder; the great wonder is that any of us are alive.

Robert Breen, a very popular young man of our village, will go to farming in Brush valley, and expects to move the coming week; we are sorry to lose so excellent a citizen, and the band will also lose a valuable member. Wm. Ream, harness maker and tonsorial artist will occupy the premises vacated by Mr. Breen.

Smith Bros. the large furniture dealers of our village have been very busy of late; last week they received a stock of very elegant parlor, dining room, bed room suits, side-boards, etc., walnut and oak, purchased at a large bankrupt sale; of course buying in entire lots, they bought them for little more than the cost of the wood, and are selling them about the same way.

Political matters here are remarkably quiet, even the one or two leaders of the little band of Republicans we have in this locality, are as quiescent as the proverbial oyster. True they occasionally referred to the inaugural as the crowning glory, the very time when plenty would begin to reign, and the flush times so frequently spoken of on the advent of the "agent of prosperity" would commence in earnest; of course it was proclaimed by orators of high and low degree, that prosperity would begin immediately on the announcement of his election, (bosh) mills and factories would be running night and day, confidence restored, working men would be in receipt of \$2.00 a day, and dine on roast beef; in fact hard times be forgotten; but what have we instead? Mills and factories closed, or in operation about two days a week, wages cut in half, and instead of feasting on roast beef daily, a dish of soup and a home in the poor house is the portion of many. But now they say, after the inauguration this depression and gloom will cease, then prosperity will begin in earnest—yes, the old story over again. No wonder the Republican leaders are so quiet, they know their promises have been, and are like the Dead sea's fruit of ashes—ashes which scatter to the winds.

## A Perfect Tour to Perfect Florida.

As Florida at this season of the year is the most attractive and delightful section of the Atlantic slope, so the Pennsylvania Railroad at all times is the most attractive and delightful route of travel. First in its equipment and service, it is also first in its tourist system. Admirably indeed does it convey its patrons to this land of health and beauty. Special trains of Pullman palace cars are provided, all conveniences afforded, and everything possible done to add to the ease and comfort of the journey.

The next and last tour of the season to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia March 9. Tourists may return by regular trains until May 31, 1897. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation both ways, and Pullman accommodations and meals on special train going, will be sold at the following rates: From New York \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00; Canandaigua, \$52.55; Erie, \$54.85; Pittsburg, \$53.00, and at proportionate rates from other stations.

Apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. mar4-2t

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by the Session of the Sinking Creek Presbyterian church.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call home the Senior member of this body, Brother Elder George P. Rarick.

Resolved, That our fellow-laborer was ever faithful to duty in upholding the hands of his pastor, in giving wise counsel to his brethren, in seeking the welfare of the church universal, and in unceasingly pouring forth effective and fervent prayers for his unsave friends and neighbors.

Resolved, That while we deeply realize our loss as a Session, church, and community, we bow in submission to the Divine will.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing family in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the Sessional record, and a copy thereof be given to the bereft family, and also be published in the CENTRE REPORTER.  
By order of Session.

*This Proposed Second bank did not materialize (First Natl.) until Mar. 1922.*