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A LATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The postponement of the time of holding the Democratic State Convention this year till June 27 was a move dictated by strategic wisdom. It gives an opportunity for a survey of the field after the other parties have made ready their order of battle. As the Republican party in Pennsylvania is always promising reform and never making good except under pressure of revolt, it is the office of the minority to make revolt effectual. The 400,000 Democratic votes in the State are impotent as against a united opposition, but decisive of the result when the enemy is divided against itself. This year the Republican party is torn with faction. It is the season of Democratic opportunity.

The choice of Charles P. Donnelly for State Chairman, says the Philadelphia Record, follows the indicated desire of Colonel Guffey rather than the preference of the mass of the party. If the Democrats of the State, in considering Mr. Donnelly's active aid in the battle for reform last year, shall be willing to overlook some of his earlier lapses, all may be well. He is a trained and capable fighter, full of expedients. He will be sure to make trouble for his adversaries before the votes are cast and counted in November.

The triumphant election of State Treasurer Berry last fall has put new life into the State Democracy. It has conversely demoralized and disheartened the Republican leaders. Out of this alert and uncertain situation great good may come if the fruitage may be guessed by the blossoming.

LOCALS.

The Bellefonte Central Railroad Company has annulled two trains owing to short supply of coal.

The Scotia ore mines have been closed because of inability to get coal. A large number of men are idle.

One hundred thousand dollars were donated by Andrew Carnegie to be applied to the building of dormitories at Lehigh University.

The Bell Telephone Company are stringing new wires between Bellefonte and State College, the work is under the supervision of James Woomer.

Morris Runkle, the chief assistant of Produce Dealer Rocky, was a caller Tuesday. He travels over all parts of the county, and reports that in some sections oats and barley have been sown.

How names do change! According to Linn's Annals, Penns Creek had the Indian name of Kaar-on-den-hial, as per a deed of July 6, 1754. Afterwards it was called John Penn's Creek. Now it is simply Penns Creek.

Calamitous occurrences of magnitude have this virtue in them: They show how closely interlink are the various sections of this widespread continent. A blow at San Francisco is a blow at us all. The common motherhood of the Union never appears so real as in time of disaster.

Farmers have been improving their time well during the past week. The latter part of last week every tiller of the soil was in harness, plowing, harrowing and doing all kinds of farm work. The "onion" snow that fell Sunday night and Monday forenoon gave the farmer a breathing spell, although he was not anxious for a vacation.

Under the date of April 17, C. W. Stahl, Esq., writes thus: I moved from Des Moines, Iowa, to this place (Woodland, California), a few days ago and would like to have you send the Reporter to me at this place. This is a beautiful country, very productive. The farmers are making their first crop of hay, they cut five crops of alfalfa hay each year. It is like the first of June in either Pennsylvania or Iowa.

H. R. Smith, a graduate of the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, was in Centre Hall the latter part of last week in search of a location for business, but finding this town and Millheim supplied with men of this profession, he went to Lewistown. Mr. Smith is a native of Freehold, Luzerne county, and was directed to Penns Valley by Prof. Wm. B. Bray, of that place, who is so wonderfully impressed with this section because he made such a good find here.

The following is from the Belleville Times: Rev. C. L. McConnell, who served the Lutheran churches at this place and Yeagertown as pastor some years ago and more recently the church at Millinburg, is about to remove to North Dakota, where he will establish an independent Lutheran mission church while retaining ecclesiastical connection with the Central Synod of Pennsylvania. Quite a colony of Juniata county people are located in that section of country to which he is going and it is among them he will find a field of labor.

A MOUNTAIN FIRE.

Hundreds of Acres of Timber Land Burned Over on Nittany Mountain—Thousands of Dollars Damage to Young Timber.

Under control fire is a great and indispensable agent; beyond control it is one of the most destructive. This was proved last week when fire raged on Nittany Mountain, destroying thousands of dollars worth of young timber growing on the several thousand acres run over by the elements.

Numerous attempts were made by land owners to extinguish the furious flames, but at no time was any particular good done by their efforts. It was impossible to secure sufficient help to combat the steady march of the fiery column. Portions of the timber tract along the foot of the mountain were shielded for a time, but later the flames leaped the barriers and went merrily on.

Saturday evening, about eight o'clock, a slight rain fell, and extinguished the flames, performing a mission in a few minutes that to man was an impossibility.

The fire, which was possibly the most destructive on Nittany Mountain for many years, originated immediately north of Centre Hall, at the mountain's edge. Wednesday afternoon Jacob From set fire to a handful of grass and brush along his fence which bounds the mountain proper, and it was but an instant until the fire spread, and within a brief time the whole side of the mountain was enveloped in flames.

The sight at night was most beautiful and spectacular, and was watched for hours by the townspeople.

And what will be the consequences?

Lutheran Conference.

The Northern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central Pennsylvania, will convene at Penn Hall Monday evening, May 7, and continue until Wednesday evening, May 9.

The following is the conference program:

MONDAY EVENING.

Sermon.—Rev. L. N. Fieck; alternate, Rev. J. I. Stonecypher.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotional Services.—Rev. H. C. Bixler.

Organization and business.

Augsburg Confession, Article X, of the Lord's Supper.—Rev. D. R. Barry; alternate, Rev. W. H. Schoch.

Exegesis, Rom. vii, 14-18, Rev. W. M. Reaick; alternate, Rev. B. B. Uhl.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference business.

Discussion.—Are Reforms Necessary in the Conduct of Funerals?—Rev. A. A. Parr; alternate, Rev. J. M. Reaick.

Discussion.—Denominational Literature.—Rev. C. T. Aikens; alternate, Rev. W. H. Schoch.

Discussion.—The typical Lutheran Worship.—Rev. C. L. McConnell, D. D.; alternate, Rev. F. Aurand.

The Proper Observance of the Lord's Day.—Rev. J. B. Guiney; alternate, Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Sermon.—Rev. J. M. Reaick; alternate, Rev. D. B. Lau.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Prayer service.

Business.

Discussion.—Is a Change in the System of Apportionment Desirable?—Rev. J. I. Stonecypher; alternate, Rev. C. L. McConnell, D. D.

Discussion.—The Minister.

1. As a Preacher.—Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D.; alternate, Rev. W. M. Reaick.

2. As a Pastor.—Rev. F. Aurand; alternate, Rev. C. T. Aikens.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Discussion.—The Family.

1. Instruction.—Rev. B. B. Uhl.

2. Training and Discipline.—Rev. H. C. Bixler.

3. Its Relation to the Church.—Rev. D. B. Lau.

Children's Service.—Rev. D. R. Barry and Rev. H. C. Bixler.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Sermon.—Rev. W. H. Schoch; alternate, Rev. A. A. Parr.

Keith's Theatre.

Probably the leading attraction at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week is "The Broomestick Witches," a most pleasing singing and dancing act, although the acrobatic performances of Byers and Hermann also claim much attention. The bill is crowded with interesting features, among which are the following: Harry Gilfoil, in an enjoyable act of song and story; Polk, Kolbus and the Carmen Sisters, a neat banjo quartet; Ward and Curran, in "The Terrible Judge"; Thorne and Carlton, in comedy; the Wilson Trio of conversational humorists; Byron and Langdon, in "The Dude Detective"; Kurtis and Fosse, with trained animals; Newman and Knowles, songs and imitations; McCrea and Poole, with sharp-shooting specialties.

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[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penns, Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]



REV. S. H. DEITZEL, MAYTOWN, PA.

"The noblest work on earth is to act on the soul; to inspire it with wisdom and magnanimity, with reverence for God and love toward men." These are words spoken by an eminent divine in his charge upon the occasion of the ordination of a brother minister.

To feel this and to act upon it is the part of a mind conscious of the fact that the highest ideal in a man's life work is to preach the gospel. For a young man to have this conviction, and then, under the most discouraging circumstances, to put forth every effort to prepare and qualify himself for this calling is worthy of the highest commendation.

The subject of this sketch was the son of poor parents. Early in life he became impressed with the desire to enter the ministry. Having no prospects of being ever able to obtain a higher education beyond that afforded by the conviction that persistent perseverance will win, he made his first step in this direction by saving up sufficient money, earned by working on a farm, to attend a ten weeks term of select school, and prepared himself to teach. The two winters following ('83-'85) he taught public school, in the meantime attending school during the summer.

Having, by strict economy, saved enough money to continue his studies preparatory to entering college, he became a student at the Spring Mills Academy, continuing there until the fall of '87 when he entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, at which institution he graduated in 1890. In the fall of the same year he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed church, situated at Lancaster, graduating in 1893. As a help to provide financial means to continue his course of study while at college and in the seminary he worked in a store on Saturdays, canvassed for books and taught school during vacations. Of these summer terms taught one was at Tussey Sink, one at Pine Grove, two at Tusseyville, two at Pleasant Gap, three at Zion, and one at Palatine College. At the latter place he was offered a permanent position, but declined, preferring to pursue the work of the ministry.

At the conclusion of his seminary course he was tendered a city mission charge, but on account of nervous physical condition, brought on by excessive work, he, by preference, accepting a country charge, which he believed would give him the much needed recreation of out-door exercise, at Pleasant Unity. After having served this charge three years, he was invited by the Cavetown charge of Maryland, to become a candidate for the pastorate there, which was then vacant. Refusing the first invitation he was urged a second time.

At this time he was suffering from what he supposed was rheumatism, and thinking a change of climate might be beneficial, he became a candidate, accepted a call and took up the ministerial work of the charge there in the winter of 1896. To the sincere regret of his many friends the supposed rheumatism turned out to be gangrene, requiring finally the amputation of a limb. After serving six years in this charge he accepted a call from the Maytown charge, where he is still located.

It may be in order here to state that since entering upon his present pastorate the membership of this charge has increased one hundred per cent. Rev. Deitzel, in addition to being a successful pastor and an able preacher, has proven himself possessed of more than ordinary literary talent. Besides being a frequent contributor to the

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INCIDENTS OF 1877.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers. [Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

SEPTEMBER 13.—Mr. Snook, the merchant, contemplates erecting a three-story brick building in Millheim. D. Hess is building a new store house at Linden Hall.

A horse, saddle and bridle were stolen from Ellis Miller, of Madisonburg, last week.

D. J. Mitterling, of Tusseyville, has gone to Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

SEPTEMBER 20.—The large saw factory of Mann & Co. at Mill Hill, was burned on the night of the 11th.

Joseph K. Moyer had the Centre Mills refitted by Adam Winkleblech, an experienced millwright.

At Coburn a town is being built up rapidly.

A very serious case of accidental shooting occurred a few miles from Farmers Mills, on 12th inst. Two sons of Daniel Weaver had started out with a shot gun to shoot squirrels, and the percussion cap being small for the tube, the older boy attempted to get it down by pounding with a pocket knife. While thus engaged, his brother, aged about ten years, stepped in front of the muzzle, just as a blow on the cap caused the discharge of the gun. The lead completely shattered the boy's right arm above the elbow, and wounded him severely in the side. The arm was amputated by Drs. Van Valzah, Leitzel and Musser.

SEPTEMBER 27.—John Dauberman, of Centre Hill, met with a serious accident on the 20th. While threshing with a separator at George Goodhart's, his left hand was caught by the cylinder, crushing the thumb and fingers. Dr. Neff dressed the wound.

Samuel Lytle got his leg badly bruised by being caught in the reaper while cutting cloverseed in Henry Sankey's field, at Potters Mills.

Rebersburg, since the mail is carried by train, wants a daily delivery in that town.

The school board in Miles township awarded the schools thus: Stover's, John DeLong; Brungard's, J. C. Morris; Wolf's, G. W. Hosterman; Gramley's, George Frank; Rebersburg, J. R. Brungard and C. L. Gramley; Harter's, C. O. Malory; Madisonburg, J. C. Burke and L. Leitzel. The salary is according to certificate, ranging from \$22 to \$33 per month.

Jerome Spigelmyer, who leased the Stone Mill, advertises that A. J. Reesman is his agent to sell flour in Centre Hall. Mr. Spigelmyer also conducts a general store at Stone Mill.

The late toll gate riot, in the Narrows, went through Union county court. Some forty witnesses were present. J. C. Motz was fined \$75 and costs of prosecution; John Stoner was fined \$25; and the rest of the party each \$1. Mr. Motz had Holloway arrested and indicted for embezzlement.

Washington Shaffer, of Potters Mills, is about to flit to Missouri.

OCTOBER 14.—The foundry at Hubbersburg was totally destroyed. It was the property of George Swartz, and the loss was about \$2000. The insurance expired about two weeks previous to the fire.

Excursion from Lewistown to Philadelphia, round trip, \$3.00.

For once the road from Rebersburg to Creamersville is made public. The road should be extended to Wolf's mill stand.

James and Cornelius Stover, of Rebersburg, are getting their houses plastered outside. Reuben Kreamer and T. R. Zeigler are digging cellars for new brick dwellings.

The postoffice at Spring Mills has been removed to Hicks & Bros. hardware store to bring it within the limit of the railroad.

Married.—September 11, Michael F. Rossman and Miss Annie R. Wagner, both of Potter township. . . . September 13, John W. Henney and Miss Lucy DeLinger, both of Centre Hall. . . . September 11, James Hanna and Mrs. Margaret Harshberger, both of Gregg township. . . . September 20, Wm. Henderson, of Port Matilda, and Miss Mary E. Heston, of Oak Hill. . . . October 4, Daniel H. Hastings and Miss Jane Rankin, both of Bellefonte.

H. G. Strohmeier built a new stone walk in front of one of his houses occupied by John Durst. Characteristic of the German, Mr. Strohmeier keeps his possessions neat and clean.

A BIT OF LAW.

A Fine of One Hundred Dollars is the Punishment for Carelessly Setting Mountains Afire.

The recent fire on Nittany Mountain naturally makes one feel like applying law, a bit of which is here quoted, the same having been enacted in 1891, May 14:

Section 3. Any person or persons who shall wilfully or carelessly cut bark from, or otherwise cut, burn or injure any tree, plant, shrub or sprout planted, growing or being on any land in this Commonwealth, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof first had, obtained, or who without such consent, shall kindle, or cause to be kindled, a fire on any forest or timber land in this Commonwealth, or who shall carry into or over any forest or timber land any lighted candle, lamp or torch, or other fire, without having the same secured in a lantern or other closed vessel, or who shall discharge or set off fire works of any kind on said land or among the trees thereon, or who shall wilfully or carelessly burn or fire upon his or their own land, or that of others, any tree, brush, stubble or other combustible material whereby fire shall be communicated to the leaves, brush or timber upon any forest or timber lands belonging to other parties, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offense committed, with costs of suit:

Provided, That if the defendant or defendants neglect or refuse to pay at once the penalty imposed and costs, or shall not enter sufficient bail for the payment of the same within ten days, he or they shall be committed to the common jail of said county for a period of not less than one day for each dollar of the penalty imposed: And provided, When the penalty imposed is above five dollars, the defendant or defendants may enter into a recognizance, with good security, to answer said complaint on a charge of misdemeanor, before the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the county in which the offense is committed, which court, on conviction of the defendant or defendants of the offense so charged and failure to pay the penalty imposed by this act, with costs, shall commit said defendant or defendants to the common jail of the county for a period of not less than one day for each dollar of penalty imposed.

The Unwelcomed Coming.

Both the thirteen-year and seven-year locusts are due to appear this summer. Persons who believe that the weather as well as pestilence and other calamities have some occult connection with the habits of insects, birds and other animals have occasioned enough this year to fortify their belief in the malign influence exerted by the periodical locusts. The thirteen-year variety, despite the unlucky number, is not nearly as much of a "hoax" as the seventeen-year variety. It is on record that the first appearance of the latter in Plymouth Colony in 1633 was attended by a series of ills. They "did eat up the green things, and made such a constant yelling noise as made all the woods ring of them, and ready to deaf the hearers;" and there came a very hot summer and a plague, which continued until cold weather and carried off many whites and Indians "in and near to Plymouth."

Coron Hall Nearly Chokes Woman.

Mrs. Sarah Hollingshead, who lives with Constable Ellis Myers' family, in Lock Haven, while eating supper nearly choked to death, as a result of getting the hull of a grain of sweet corn in her windpipe. She could not speak and became black in the face, when as a heroic expedient, the constable struck her several hard blows on the back of the neck, the last blow dislodging the obstruction. While Mrs. Hollingshead's neck is black and blue and extremely sore from the hard blows, she declares the constable thereby saved her life.

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formed Church Messenger, he has written a book entitled, "The Church Member, and His Various Duties and Relations to His Home, His Church and His State." This book besides having a large circulation and being popularly received, has been most favorably commented upon by the various book reviews.

Besides being popular among his own people, Rev. Deitzel is popular as a speaker outside of his own congregation, being frequently called upon to address various religious gatherings of miscellaneous denominationalism. In 1896 he was married to Miss Grace Durst, daughter of Alfred Durst, who is at present a resident of Centre Hall. She as well as her husband has always won the most cordial attachment of the people among whom they have lived.

Some men are prompted to look for work merely out of idle curiosity,

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The court house will be painted white—no trimmings.

The Republican primaries will be held Saturday, May 5th.

The man who can find nothing to do these times certainly is the victim of very hard luck.

Capt. C. T. Fryberger, of Philipsburg, has announced his name as a candidate for assembly on the Republican ticket.

A lap robe was found at the Reformed church, Centre Hall, Saturday night, 14th inst. Inquire of "Squire Dauberman."

Rev. F. E. Lauffer, pastor of the Millheim Reformed church, beginning of this week, moved to Martinsburg, his new pastoral field.

Misses Jane and Lydia Meeker, daughters of Maynard Meeker, on the Colyer farm east of Centre Hall, favored the Reporter with a call Thursday last week.

William D. Strunk, while descending a ladder at the hotel stable Saturday morning, had the misfortune to fall, receiving a number of severe bruises on the shoulder, and other parts of his body.

Lincoln E. Swartz has been appointed postmaster at Hubbersburg. He was the Republican candidate for county treasurer against Dr. White, the present treasurer.

The manager of the Millheim and Coburn turnpike, Earn Stover, is engaged in crushing stone to improve that road. Nearly the whole of the turnpike will receive a dressing of crushed lime stone.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Meyer, on Penn street, Sunday, and left a very welcome Easter gift, says the Millheim Journal. It's a bouncing baby boy and the parents are very happy over the arrival.

The survivors of Company H, 148th Penna. Vols., will hold a reunion at Port Matilda, Thursday, May 3rd, being the forty-third anniversary of the battle of Chancellorsville, in which the regiment took such a prominent part.

While excavating in Huntingdon county, it was discovered that the locusts in large numbers are very near the surface. The prediction that the seventeen-year locusts will be here this year is practically proven by the above.

While reaching for a bunch of arbutus, Sunday afternoon, Aaron Thomas disturbed two monstrous black snakes, on the mountain back of Bible's farm, tenanted by Aaron Lutz. The reptiles were killed, and measured five feet.

News was just received by A. E. Kerlin that his uncle, Peter S. Kerlin, of Raymond, Nebraska, is able to walk about with the aid of crutches. About a year ago Mr. Kerlin met with a serious accident, crushing his right leg, arm and side.

A railroad siding has been built from the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad to the timber tract on the H. C. Shirk farm, purchased from Ivy Bartsge by B. D. Brislin & Co. The latter will move the engine from their Colyer mill to this tract, and begin cutting in the course of several weeks.

Most notable, perhaps, among several notable articles in the May Everybody's Magazine, is Lindsay Denison's "Making Good at Panama." Mr. Denison's is the first authoritative story of the work being done on the canal. He went to Panama armed with a letter from President Roosevelt instructing all Government officers and employees to tell the bearer the whole truth "whether it hurts or not."

The Milroy correspondent to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel, made the following mention: Lloyd Aurand is on a brief trip to Centre Hall. Miss Myra Goodhart and William Winegardner visited Miss Goodhart's mother in Centre Hall. Wallace Thompson visited at Centre Hall Saturday and Sunday, and Miss Gerlie Burkholder, who had been visiting her aunt at that place for some time, returned home with him. Andrew Calhoun and Catherine Beaver visited friends in Centre county.

Commissioner Dunlap was in Centre Hall Wednesday of last week, having stopped here on his way home from locating the proposed new bridge over Penns Creek, at Beaver Dam. The contract for the abutments was awarded to George Rhoads, of Bellefonte. Mr. Dunlap states that the commissioners' office is open for business every day, which is a convenience to the people generally. Many commissioners in many of the counties in the state are only in the office at stated times. This action being due to the fact that the incumbents are now on a salary.