

The Carbon Advocate.

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LEHIGHTON, PA.: SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1876.

Fall particulars of the massacre of Gen. Custer and the troops under him, by the Indians, will be found on our first page.

"Brick" Pomroy, in his Democrat, opposes the election of "Uncle Sam" Tilden to the Presidency. It is another evidence of Mr. Tilden's popularity among the people.

That Hon. A. J. Durling gave entire satisfaction to his constituents during his recent term in the State Legislature, is evidenced by the unanimity with which the leading Democrats and other politicians of this portion of the county are advocating and working for his re nomination and election to that body.

Gov. Hayes' letter, accepting the Republican nomination for the Presidency has been published. He declares for reform in the civil service, and the retention of officers during good conduct; says it is his inflexible purpose, if elected, not to be a candidate for a second term; and decides for hard money.

"Castle Garden," the famous old building on the battery, in New York, formerly used as a concert and opera garden, and lately as a resting place for immigrants, was totally destroyed by fire, Sunday afternoon. Some immigrants who were in the building about half-past five o'clock discovered smoke issuing from the balcony, and found the flooring of that circle and the ceiling of the tier underneath on fire. About 200 German immigrants who were in the building, escaped with their baggage. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. It is supposed the fire was started by sparks from the pipe of a smoker.

The Fourth in Lehighton.

The morning of the 4th of July—the Centennial anniversary of American Independence—opened bright and beautiful. Long before the peep o' day our people were aroused from their slumbers by the report of guns and the rapid and constant discharge of fireworks. On passing through town, we found that a large majority of our people had elaborately decorated their dwellings with flags and banners. Among the most attractively decorated buildings we may mention those of Thos. Kemmerer, Dr. N. B. Reber, Hon. A. J. Durling, Lauri & Peters, Dan. Graver, the Koch Brothers, Exchange Hotel, F. P. Semmel, Nusbaum & Son, Heim & German, C. W. Lentz, Carboy House, T. D. Clauss, E. H. Snyder, P. T. Brady, Tilghman Arner, and others.

On the arrival of the 7:45 a. m. train on the L. & S. road, came Coalfield Council, O. U. A. M., of Summit Hill, accompanied by the Continental Cornet Band, of Ashton, the guests of Gladwin Huetten Council, of this borough. The line of parade was then formed on Bank street, and moved in the following order:

Chief Marshal and Alderman of the 75th (Lehighton), carrying Flag.
Ashton Continental Cornet Band.
Coalfield Council, O. U. A. M.
Gladwin Huetten Council.
F. P. Semmel, C. W. Lentz, O. U. A. M.
Weissert Council, F. O. S. of A.
Metuchen Tribe, 232, Imp. O. of R. M.
Lugh Hook and Ladder Co.
Base Ball Club.

Members of School Board and Citizens.

The line then moved over the following route:

Down Bankway to Weisport School House, out School street to White, on White and return to Lehighton, up Bank to Long's, counter-marched to Main, up Main to No. 2 to Second, down Second and Fresh, then Third, up Third to Mahoning, out Mahoning to Grove.

On arriving at the picnic grounds, the exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. John Carrington, of the First Presbyterian Church, and then Mr. R. F. Hofford took the stand, and introduced Hon. A. J. Durling who, in a very clear and distinct style read a short historical sketch of the reception of the Declaration of Independence by the people in 1776, following with the Declaration itself. After which W. M. Rapsier, Esq., was introduced, and delivered the following very able and patriotic address:

FELLOW CITIZENS.—One hundred years ago to-day the statesmen and master-spirits of 1776 proclaimed to the world the principles of freedom and independence which we now assert, and it is fitting that these states should, and of right ought to, be Free and Independent. It was a simple, bold, manly, and honest declaration on that memorable day, they solemnly pledged to each other their lives, their fortune, and their sacred honor to unite in support and assist the cause of freedom and independence. The fathers of our Republic were freely composed with. A last victory nobly paid off the laurels of the heroes of the Revolution, which formed the basis of freedom and equal rights—a nation was born and the principles of the Declaration of Independence became recognized realities. We are to laud and rejoice over the one hundredth anniversary of to-day when the great principles of freedom and equal rights was conceived and proclaimed to the races of mankind, and when the world was morally astounded.

The Democratic Convention having been called to order, on Wednesday afternoon, June 28th, Judge Meredith, of Virginia, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented a report stating that a great many resolutions were presented, all of which had been carefully examined and discussed before coming to an agreement. He then requested Mr. Dorsheimer, of New York, to read the report to the Convention, as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

We the delegates of the Democratic party of the United States in National Convention assembled, do hereby declare that the administration of the Federal Government to be most desirous of immediate reform, do hereby call upon the nominees of this convention and of the Democratic party in each State a zealous effort to be made to secure the adoption of such measures as will give effect to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and to the Constitution of the United States, with its amendments universally accepted as a final settlement of the

disorder and injustice, was even hastening for a long time, whether a republic would not be the most suitable for the future government of her people. When the idea of freedom and independence was first broached among the people of such countries as France and Spain, and when the subjects of Turkey, reared in despotism, deposed their Sultan to obtain a more liberal government, it was generally agreed that such a revolution, though it might be successful, could not be allowed to tax the achievements of the brave pioneers of our own freedom and independence. Since 1776 the then limited power of the federal government, for the protection of the natural and manufacturing areas in the arts of peace and power in war—especially as such by the nations of the earth. A century and a half we have seen the progress of civilization, which has manifested an unknown—ever-increasing steamboats and telegraphs, and many other great agencies of progress, as well as the growth of industry, were always dependent upon the existence of a central government to regulate and control them. We have no doubt that if we were to have a central government to regulate and control us, which are now actual realities with us, our every day life—our social life at all stations to us, we would find a much wider range of opportunity for the welfare of the nation. Arabian Nights." With all our wonders and progress, the achievements and possibilities of the next century of our nation's existence may be even greater than the last. I certainly do not believe that if we were to have a central government to regulate and control us, which are now actual realities with us, our every day life—our social life at all stations to us, we would find a much wider range of opportunity for the welfare of the nation.

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