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Letter from the Sea Shore.

ATLANTIC CITY, July 15, 1880.

Eds. DEMOCRAT:—Probably no where along the Atlantic coast is there a resort containing more natural attractiveness than Atlantic City.

The buildings are all frame; the churches are plain and unpretentious.

Twice a day the bathers go in for a swim. Some of their costumes are grotesque in the extreme; it would not take much of a stretch of fancy to believe it was the Fourth of July and the whole town had turned out as fanatics: their "charms are all under total eclipse."

There is always a delightful breeze here and not many mosquitoes, but flies—great immense flies—flew out to welcome us a half hour's ride before we reached our destination.

A mile and a half from the centre of the city is the Inlet; here great vessels, schooners, tugs and sail boats are all anchored.

Yesterday a sad accident occurred that threw a shadow over the ripple of society.

Miss Jennie McGraw, daughter of the late Hon. John McGraw, of Ithica, New York, was married on Friday, in Berlin, to Professor Willard Fiske, of Cornell University.

During a thunder storm on Thursday, Mrs. Johnson, aged 32 years, the wife of a farmer residing at Fairmount, Little Britain township, Lancaster county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF CENTRE CO., For the year ending June 1, 1880.

H. MEYER.

PRESENT CONDITION OF EDUCATION.

The statistical report will convey a general idea as to the present condition of education in our county.

We have an excellent corps of teachers. There are exceptions, and these "exceptions" are undergoing a process of elimination more or less rapid.

The classification of our schools was somewhat impaired by the almost entire change of text-books throughout the county.

In reference to apparatus, I can not make a very flattering report. A majority of the schools are supplied either with globes or out-line maps, and a number with both.

Several houses were built during the past two years. These are good substantial structures.

It is difficult to form an exact estimate of the progress that has been made in education within a period of a year or two years.

If space would permit, a statement showing what improvements have been made during the past fifteen years, would, no doubt, be interesting.

While during the past two years there has been some advance made, it must be admitted that we have not kept pace with the improvements visible in the various departments of business.

soon as it can be done without violating the law which prohibits the change of books at intervals less than three years.

At the examinations last year the standard was raised somewhat and thirty-five applicants were registered.

The sessions of the teachers' institutes for 1878 and 1879 were both held during the holiday weeks at Bellefonte, and were well attended.

When ninety-nine teachers are required to listen half an hour to the hundredth who is but their equal in attainments, about the only one receiving any benefit is he who makes the effort to give instruction.

I would recommend that the Bellefonte schools adopt a course of study with a view of graduating pupils and granting diplomas.

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Chastice Cox, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Hull, was hanged Friday morning in the jail yard of the Toombs in the presence of about two hundred persons, at 8:37.

READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

Democratic National Executive Committee Appointed, Organized and Set to Work.

A VISIT OF THE THREE COMMITTEES TO MR. TILDEN, TO WHOM THE COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTION OF THE CONVENTION IS PRESENTED.

The Democratic National Committee re-convened at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Wednesday morning of last week.

Then, pursuant to arrangements made on Tuesday, the three Democratic committees which have been in session in this city called on Mr. Tilden at his residence at Gramercy Park.

In addition to the members of the three committees there were present Senator Kernan, of New York; Geo. W. Hoadley and Sergeant-at-Arms John G. Thompson, of Ohio; Gen. Dubois, of Georgia; Lester B. Faulkner, Daniel Manning and W. A. Fowler, of the State Committee; John Bigelow, ex-Army General Schoonmaker and several others.

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permitted to exercise the duties of the exalted position to which you were called in 1876, the administration of the Government would have been restored to the high plane on which it was maintained by Jefferson, Madison and Jackson.

"Resolved, That the resolution of Samuel J. Tilden not again to be a candidate for the exalted position to which he was elected by a majority of his countrymen, and from which he was excluded by the leaders of the Republican party, is received by the Democracy of the United States with sensibility, and they declare their confidence in his wisdom, patriotism and integrity, unshaken by the assaults of the common enemy, and that they further assure him that he is followed into the retirement that he has chosen for himself by the sympathy and respect of his fellow-countrymen, who regard him as one who by elevating the standard of public morality and adorning and purifying the public service, merits the lasting gratitude of his country and his party."

The resolution was received with demonstrations of applause. Governor Stevenson then handed the document to Mr. Tilden, and in doing so said: "That resolution embodies the true sentiment towards you of every Democrat in our land. Take it as a memorial of our affectionate regard and confidence in your wisdom, statesmanship and unsullied purity. In conclusion, I beg you, Mr. Tilden, to accept the best wishes of the committee and myself personally for your future happiness and prosperity."

Governor Stevenson was frequently interrupted during the delivery of his speech by applause, which was vociferously renewed at its close.

MR. STEVENSON, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION: I thank you for the kind terms in which you have expressed the communication you make to me.

This ended the speech-making. The several members of the three committees and the others present were then presented in turn to Mr. Tilden, an hour being thus passed.

The Executive Committee appointed at the morning session of the National Committee met at 2 P. M., and organized by electing Mr. Barnum Chairman, F. O. Prince Secretary, Duncan S. Walker Assistant Secretary, Joseph L. Hance Second Assistant Secretary, and E. B. Dickinson Stenographer.

A committee from the Congressional Campaign Committee then called and was admitted. It consisted of Senators Wallace, McDonald and Whyte, Mr. Schell, Congressman Hunton and Mr. Walker.

The future meetings of the Executive Committee were fixed for the second Tuesday of each month at noon, and an advisory committee of five was appointed to act with the Chairman during the intervals, with power to take such steps for the progress of the campaign as they deem best.

"The committee selected by the convention of the National Democracy, which met at Cincinnati on the 22d of June, to notify Winfield Scott Hancock and William H. English of their nomination for President and Vice President of the United States, in session at the New York Hotel, in the city of New York, this day do unanimously resolve: First—that they do hereby return their thanks to the Hon. John P. Stockton, their Chairman, for the able and courteous discharge of his duties.

New Advertisements.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the application of Jonathan Laird for specific performance of contract on the part of the heirs and legal representatives of William Laird, deceased:

The undersigned commissioner, appointed to take testimony, will meet the parties interested at his office, in Bellefonte, on TUESDAY, August 10, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Auditor's Notice.

In the Orphans' Court of Centre county estate of REBECCA PETERS, deceased:

Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of Governor Alexander, Committee of Rebecca Peters, a lunatic, has been filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Centre, and that the same will be taken up for the next term of said Court unless cause to the contrary be shown.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the County of Centre, there will be offered at public sale, at Pine Grove Mills, On Saturday, the 7th of August, 1880, at 2 o'clock, P. M., all the following real estate, viz: Farm No. 1, situate in Ferguson township, Centre county, Pa.: Beginning at stone; thence along public road N. 54 deg. E. 156 per. to post; thence along other land of deceased S. 32 deg. E. 62 per. to post in lane; thence along said lane S. 57 deg. W. 53 per. to stone; thence N. 72 deg. W. 104 per. to place of beginning—total, 213 acres, 132 per. land bought from Wilson Estate, bounded by Henry Cook on the west, Lyon, Shorb & Co. on the east, Trvin Ross on the east, and adjoining the above described land—containing in all 213 acres, 132 per. PERCHES, more or less. Having thereon erected a large BRICK MANSION HOUSE, large Barn, Wagon Shed, with all convenient and necessary out-buildings and improvements, and having large orchard of apple, cherry and other varieties of choice fruit trees; 175 acres being in high state of cultivation, and of good value, the balance of said land being in low state of cultivation, balance heavy timber and also a limestone quarry of great value.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, confirmation of sale, one-third in one year and one-third in two years secured by bond and mortgage on the premises.

Notice.

J. M. LYON,) In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 34 November

THE alias subpoena in the above case having been returned non est inventus, you, the said Arvilla A. Lyon, are hereby required to appear at said Court on MONDAY, the 23d day of August, 1880, to answer the complaint in the above case.

Proposals.

THE Building Committee of St. John's Reformed Church of Bellefonte will receive bids until noon of FRIDAY, the 30th day of July, 1880, for the erection of a new church edifice and the removal of the old building on their lot corner of Linn and Spring streets. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of D. S. Keller, to whom proposals should be addressed. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

BUSH HOUSE, BELLEFONTE, PA., IS OPEN.

D. P. PETERS, Proprietor.

Auditor's Notice.

In the matter of the Assigned Estate of the Common Pleas Estate of JOHN CURTIS, of Centre county.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed to make distribution of the balance in the hands of J. D. Shugart, Esq., Assignee of John Curtis, among the creditors and those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment in the Court room at Bellefonte, on TUESDAY, the 3d day of August, at 11 o'clock, A. M. All persons interested are required to make their claims before said Auditor or be barred from coming in on said fund.

MONEY TO LOAN AT 6 PER CT.

BY THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF NEW YORK, on Real Estate, on improved farm property, in sums not less than \$2,000, and not exceeding one-third of the present value of the property. Any portion of the principal can be paid off at any time, and it has been the custom of the company to permit the principal to remain as long as the borrower wishes, if the interest is promptly paid.

FARMERS WHO WANT GROCERIES AND OTHER SUPPLIES FOR HARVESTING SHOULD CALL ON SECHLER & Co.

FOR ANYTHING IN THE LINE OF SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, SPICES, NEW CHEESE, S. C. HAMS, S. C. DRIED BEEF, BREAKFAST BACON, DRIED PEACHES, NEW PRUNES, HOMINY AND RICE, SYRUPS AND N. O. MOLLASSES, NEW MACKEREL, STONWARE, QUEENSWARE, &c., &c., &c. ALSO ANYTHING IN THE LINE OF FRESH MEATS. We are killing stall-fed steers of from 1200 to 1400 lbs., and have positively the BEST MEATS that are offered for sale in Centre county. SECHLER & Co. GROCERS Bush House Block, Bellefonte, Pa.