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Democratic County Ticket.

ASSOCIATE JUDGES,
JOHN G. LARIMER, of Spring,
JOHN K. RUNKEL, of Potter.
PROTHONOTARY,
J. CALVIN HARPER, of Bellefonte.
SHERIFF,
THOMAS J. DUNKEL, of Rush.
REGISTER,
JAMES A. McCLAIN, of Boggs.
RECORDER,
FRANK E. BIBLE, of Spring.
TREASURER,
DANIEL C. KELLER, of Potter.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
A. J. GREIST, of Unionville,
JOHN WOLF, of Miles.
COUNTY AUDITORS,
JOHN S. PROUDFOOT, of Milesburg,
F. P. MUSSER, of Millheim.

HON. JOHN COCHRAN, State Senator from the second Philadelphia District, died at Spring Lake, New Jersey, on Sunday last. He was a Democratic member in the 41th year of his age.

ROBERT I. JORDAN, a Republican policeman of Philadelphia has resigned because he disapproved of Mayor King's appointment of colored policemen. He could not accept the negro as an official associate, but has no objection to count his vote solid for the Republican party.

SUITS have been brought in the Dauphin county court against the practicing physicians and surgeons who have failed to register their diplomas in compliance with the law passed by the last Legislature. Some, it is said, have purposely defied the law in order to test its constitutionality in the courts.

RUMORS are rife that a subdued, but decided antagonism exists between Secretary Blaine and Secretary Windom. That both are presidential aspirants is more than probable, and jealousy of each other is a natural outgrowth of such relations. Two Richmonds wooing the same bride cannot live in one family without discord.

EX-CONGRESSMAN RAINEY, of S. C., a colored man, is a candidate for clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington. He is a very dark specimen, but a man of talent and it is believed fully competent for the position. He will be a prominent antagonist to Mr. Edward M'Pherson, who it is said is also a candidate.

A NEW ENTERPRISE has started up in Alabama for the benefit of the negro. Some white scoundrels of the carpet-bag stripe, no doubt, are selling the negro exemptions from service in the next war. This is about upon an equality with the death bed insurance practiced in Pennsylvania. The benefits are all with the rascally operator.

MAHONE succeeds in one thing at last with his repudiation party. He has split up the Republican party all to smithereens, and destroyed its organization in Virginia beyond recovery. This is another proud triumph for the Legislature of Pennsylvania and the "me too" of Senator Cameron who became the endorsers of the rebel general and his piratical crew.

WE are pleased to note that the Democrats of Snyder county, at their recent county convention honored themselves no less than they honored Judge Bucher, by conferring a re-nomination upon him. Judge Bucher is the present able and popular President Judge of the judicial district composed of Union, Snyder and Mifflin counties. He has been so just and upright in his great office that his reelection, after a faithful service of ten years, should not be a matter of doubt. The good sense of the people he has served so well will not permit him to be supplanted by any new and untried man.

Democratic State Convention.

At the meeting of the Democratic State Committee, held at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, of last week, it was decided to hold the State Convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Treasurer on Wednesday, the 28th day of September, and Williamsport was selected as the place for the Convention to meet. The delegates elected last September by the county convention to represent Centre county in this Convention are A. T. Leathers, Esq., of Unionville and M. L. Rishel, Esq., of Gregg township. L. G. Lingle, Esq., of Phillipsburg, was recommended for Senatorial delegate, and F. P. Musser, of Millheim, H. A. McKee, of Bellefonte and C. G. Hirlinger, of Phillipsburg, were appointed Senatorial Conferees and instructed to use all honorable means to secure his election. Inasmuch as the time for the meeting of the State Convention is not far distant, it would be well enough to have an early day appointed for the meeting of the Conferees of the district for the purpose of electing the Senatorial delegate. Centre county has not had the Senatorial delegate for many years and probably Clearfield and Clinton will concede it without opposition. Centre was entitled to the delegate last year but then gave way to Clearfield.

GEN. HANCOCK has been selected by the Secretary of War to take charge of the military display at the Yorktown Centennial celebration to come off in October next, and has accepted. This promises to be the most imposing event of the kind that has ever occurred in this country, not only for its military display under the direction of the accomplished and patriotic Hancock, but for the immense civic attendance which will participate from the States. The Governors of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Mississippi have already signified their intention of being present accompanied by their staff officers and prominent citizens, and have been provided for in the arrangements. In addition to the large number of State troops from fifteen States who have accepted and obtained position in the arrangements, all the available United States troops will be on the ground, and every government vessel on the Atlantic coast has been ordered to rendezvous at that point. We presume ample facilities of travel at reduced rates will be provided for those who desire to witness and participate in the celebration.

SOME of the stalwart journals are discussing the inability of the President with greedy zeal to grasp the plunder which they fought for at Albany. They allege that the time has come that is provided for in the constitution, when the Vice President should come to the front, and assume the duties of the Presidential office. Not yet, will be the decided verdict of the people! The President still lives, and it is to be hoped will continue to live out his Presidential term.

THE Republican party of Virginia, has been captured by Mahone and added to the tail of his piebald repudiation party. It has now no existence in the Old Dominion, having by the advice of the Administration and Republican Senators dissolved its organization and adopted the role of repudiation.

THE old negro woman who murdered a little boy and girl aged three and six years respectively, the other day near Washington City, has confessed her crime, but is at a loss to know why she did so. She thinks the devil inspired the hellish act. Hanging is too mild a punishment for this unnatural brute.

The President.

The latest reports from Washington give but little hope for the recovery of President Garfield. Since the latter part of last week he has been in a much more critical condition than at any time since he received the wound from which he has now suffered for nearly eight weeks. The bulletins are any thing but encouraging, and the physicians in attendance upon him are forced to admit that the situation is extremely alarming. The trouble in this last crisis seems to be caused more by a weak and disordered stomach than the results of any unfavorable conditions of the wound. It is stated that the physicians have advised Mrs. Garfield to prepare for the worst that can happen, and should there be no favorable change, the probabilities are that the stricken man cannot survive many days. On Monday his condition was truly alarming. Irritability of the stomach, frequent vomitings, refusal of the stomach to retain nourishment and pulse at 130, were sufficient of course to cause extreme apprehension, and the bulletins of Tuesday contained little that was in any way favorable. A despatch at 8:30 A. M., yesterday, says that he passed a tranquil night, sleeping most of the time, and that his general condition appeared more hopeful than at the same time the day previous. Pulse 110, temperature 98, and respiration 18. This cannot be regarded as re-assuring; still, while there is life there may be hope, and we can only trust to the mercy of Providence to save us from a great national sorrow that now seems to be impending.

THE Republicans, remarks the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, would do well to pitch on Gen. Chalmers, of Mississippi, to head the ticket of opposition there to the Democracy. He has been abused by the Republicans so roundly and fiercely, that they could now support him in the South and sing his praises in their Northern stalwart newspapers with as much fervor as they used to damn Mahone and now bless the repudiation leader of the rag, tag and bob-tail opposition to the State credit party of the Old Dominion.

EX-SENATOR CONKLING it is said is already being called to the front to save the party in New York. The demand is made that he be a delegate to the State Convention to assume the leadership of his friends in the interest of party success. Will he respond? He may, but the half-breeds and traitors who lately appeared at Albany will do well to be severely absent from the counsels of the convention if they desire harmony.

THE Democrats of our neighboring county of Clinton, have just put an excellent county ticket in the field. It should be elected by a sweeping majority. It is made up as follows: Associate Judges, Wm. W. Rankin and Isaac Frantz; Sheriff, Peter B. Smith; District Attorney, George A. Brown; Treasurer, Wallace Gakle; Commissioners, Daniel M. Morris and Joseph W. Hubbard; Auditors, Wm. T. Young and Levi R. Rupp.

HON. CHARLES J. T. MCINTIRE, of Perry county, is spoken of as the Democratic candidate for Judge in the district composed of the counties of Perry and Juniata in which Judge Junkin at present presides. Mr. McIntire is an able lawyer and a few years ago, when we knew him, a very popular and courteous gentleman.

GEN. GRANT has purchased a residence in New York for \$93,000 and has determined to make New York his future home. It is a brown stone front, four stories high and will furnish luxurious accommodations for the national mendicant.

THE majority against prohibition in North Carolina has reached nearly 100,000, and is still rising. What it will be when all the returns are in is beyond computation.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

SPRING MILLS ITEMS.—The campmeeting and picnic season is upon us again. Last Saturday five car loads of the *bon ton* from Dewart, Milton, Lewisburg and Sunbury pic-niced on the extensive picnic grounds of R. H. Duncan, at the foot of Egg Hill, and a few rods south of the railroad station. The train left Dewart at 7:30 A. M., and arrived at Spring Mills at 10:50 A. M. They came away from the dust and oppressive heat of their town homes, to enjoy a day of recreation and pleasure in the country, and inhale the invigorating air of our little mountain city. Prominent among them was seen the manly form of Col. Robert McCormick, of Watsonstown, who seemed to exercise a sort of paternal care over the party. During the day, several bus loads visited the famous Penn's creek caves. During one of their trips on the water in one of the caves Dave Kerlin of this place, who was with the party, fell out of the boat and got a complete ducking. In the evening the party left for their homes, all seeming well pleased with their excursion.

Last Thursday evening the Evangelical Association, comprising the Millheim, Coburn, Green Grove, and Farmer's Mills churches, together with the churches of the Brush Valley circuit, began their camp meeting in Keen's woods, a half mile north of the toll gate between Millheim and Spring Mills. The meeting is presided over by Rev. Swenger, P. E., of this district, and Revs. Widmeyer and Dick, preachers in charge, assisted by several ministers from other circuits. The number of tents is nineteen. Your correspondent spent Sabbath on the grounds, and thinks they deserve to be complimented for the good order which prevailed throughout the day, and which he learned has existed since the opening of the meeting.

We met a host of acquaintances from all parts of the valley, and some from Bellefonte. Among the later was our young friend Albert Mingle, of the firm of Doll & Mingle, whose cheerful countenance has always greeted us with a smile. Albert is one of those exemplary young men whose equal is not found in every day's travel. Foust, Rishel, Smith and Arney, all defeated candidates before the late convention, were there. I supposed, at first that they had come to revive their drooping spirits, but they all seemed to enjoy themselves as well as if they were "ins" instead of "outs."

PLEASANT GAP JOTTINGS.—Since the nominations that were made on the 9th instant, we have had a relapse in political affairs, all is now quiet among our Democratic friends, and all are well satisfied. Even the defeated candidates are taking things very cool and say they will support the ticket to a man. But there is much blowing among the stalwarts and land grabbers, the latter in particular, who have made out a slate which is to defeat the entire Democratic ticket. A big job, to be sure, but the influence which they intend to bring against at least some of our candidates will be heavy and of course will win—in a horn. On Saturday evening a worthy trio met at Riddle's gate. It is supposed there was a job set up for some one, but they are sharper and know how to buckle their lips, so we will have to wait further developments. They were not all Republicans either. We have no doubt there were some deeper laid plans made, but it will not amount to much as time will show.

Our enterprising friend Haag is putting up a large mill. He intends adding a flouring burr to the chopper. A few more such men as Gotlieb would make the Gap quite a business place. We wish him success. Mr. J. M. Furey, Sr., is building himself a mansion which will be quite an addition to the lower end of our town. No doubt it will be a grand affair, as he is getting all his mechanics from foreign places. We naturally infer that the building will be something of the most modern style.

J. M. F., the correspondent of *Watchman*, has got to hard labor. Since his confederates are away he has been very busy and has bottled his talents till they come home. Then we may look for some grand outbursts.

Bob, at the post-office building and mammoth grocery, is doing a good trade (at home).

There is not much trade now in the insurance business, and John, the tombstone man, is quite up with agents.

The next entertainment on the programme will be a festival at the M. E. church. Hope it will be a grand success, as of course it will be, for our Methodist friends don't do things by halves.

SHINBONE.

—The cheapest and best clothing in the county at the Philadelphia Branch.

THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF BELLEFONTE'S BABYHOOD—PIONEER TRADER AND TAYLOR KEENER—HOW THE COUNTY SEAT WAS CAPTURED—PUBLIC BANKING.

The first store established in Bellefonte was set up by Roland Curtin in 1800 in a log house that then occupied the lot upon which now stands the house of Mrs. James Petrikin, on High street. Roland Curtin came to Centre county in 1797, in company with Charles Treziyulny, from Philadelphia, bound for the then rising village of Phillipsburg where he and Treziyulny were to look after the landed and business interests of the village proprietors. They brought eight supplies on pack horses and located at Phillipsburg with the intention of remaining permanently. After a two years' stay, Curtin grew restless and determining to improve his fortunes went over to the then embryo village of Milesburg—at the head of navigation on Bald Eagle creek—where he opened a store. That store was at that time the only one between James Dancan's (at Aaronburg), and Lake Erie. When in 1800, the county of Centre was created and the county seat established at Bellefonte, Mr. Curtin followed the tide and conveyed his store business to the latter place. He made a dwelling as well as store of the log structure and abided there until 1803, when he erected a stone house on Allegheny street upon the site of Joseph & Co's store and there lived and traded until his removal to Curtin, in 1821. The log-house on High street, was occupied by James Armor as a cabinet shop after Curtin left it. During his residence at Bellefonte, Mr. Curtin was elected sheriff of the county, and in 1807 built a forge at Curtin in company with Andrew Boggs. In 1815 he built a furnace near the Curtin forge and at that time owned great tracts of land in Boggs and adjoining townships. In 1821 he removed his residence to the furnace, in Boggs, and until 1828 lived there in a log house. He then removed to a new and more elegant home at Curtin. In 1834 he relinquished the active pursuits of business to his sons and retired to Bellefonte, where he died in 1851. Mr. Curtin was twice married—both wives bearing the name of Gregg. The second was one of the daughters of Andrew Gregg after whom Gov. A. G. Curtin was named. By the first marriage there were four sons of whom but one—Jas. Curtin, of Bellefonte—is living. By the second marriage there were two sons—Andrew G. and Constantine—the former living in Bellefonte and the latter in Boggs township.

Bellefonte's first tavern was undoubtedly a log house put up by Hugh Gallaher on Spring street where D. G. Bush's residence now stands. Gallaher must have put his house up in a hurry, but George McKee, less anxious to catch the opening trade, took his time and built a very decent stone tavern on the corner of Spring and High streets where Thomas Reynolds now lives. It is certain that McKee's house was built in 1797 for a tablet set in the face of the structure, bore that date mark and remained for many years a testimony. Gallaher may have got his house up in 1796 but probably not until the ensuing year. There used to be a bitter rivalry between McKee and Gallaher. As one of the results thereof McKee sued Gallaher for slander at the August term of court in 1801, claiming that Gallaher had falsely accused him of stealing Samuel Lamb's saddle bags. The members of the bar saw in the case a chance to amuse themselves, and so agreed among themselves to go into the suit *en masse*, ranging in equal numbers upon either side as advocates. Those apporportioned to the plaintiff were Fulk, Reed, J. Dunlop, S. Duncan, Wallace, T. Duncan, Culloh, Thompson, Miles, McClure, Kield, Irwin, Allison and Patterson. Defendant's attorneys were Stewart, Walker, Henderson, Rose, Huston, Hastings, Clark, Hall, Laird, Bonham, Gemmill, Burnside, Boggs, Orison, Cadwalader, Canan, Smith, Carpenter, H. Dunlop, Dean, Hepburn and Bellas. Although plaintiff and defendant received the voluntary offer of such a fearful array of legal aid in the sincerity with which it seemed to be offered, the lawyers themselves took hold of the matter to make a farce of it and to obtain (as it afterwards proved) sufficient free liquor at their clients' bars to make them exceedingly happy. There was a vast deal of forensic eloquence and a mighty weight of argument as well as cited authorities in the conduct of the suit, to say nothing of the amusement afforded to all save the parties principal to the action. After the fun exhausted itself, the lawyers settled the suit and all hands adjourned to the respective taverns to take their fee in whiskey. For a long time the McKee-Gallaher controversy was referred to as "the celebrated case." Hugh Gallaher was a blacksmith, as well as an inn-

keeper, and had his shop on High street upon the lot now occupied by Messrs. Blanchard's law office. A prominent tavern keeper in his day was Evan Miles whose hostlerie stood upon the First National bank lot. It was a stone structure and bore the sign "General Washington House." Opposite there, on the Brockerhoff House site, William Alexander kept a log tavern which was replaced with a framed tavern of which Israel Penning-was for a long time the landlord. Then there was the Franklin House about where the Garman House stands. Captain William Patton and Benjamin Bennet were among its earliest landlords. The house was built by Judge Jonathan Walker, and occupied by him for a time as a residence. One of the pioneer traders in Bellefonte was Robert T. Stewart who was admitted to the Centre county bar in 1800. He soon engaged in storekeeping at the corner of High and Spring streets where Jacob Valentine now lives. Mr. Stewart married one of James Dunlop's daughters and removed at an early date to Huntingdon county. He died in October 1835, while a resident of Westmoreland county.

In 1800, when Centre county was created, Milesburg and Bellefonte competed strongly for the honor of becoming the county seat. Milesburg appeared to possess an advantage in the fact that it stood at the head of navigation on Bald Eagle creek, and as that circumstance seemed to operate materially in favor of Milesburg, the proprietors of Bellefonte were spurred to a more than ordinary effort to overcome it. In this emergency James Harris and John Dunlop posted hurriedly off to Milesburg and attaching teams of horses and cattle to a flat-boat having on board a lot of second hand furniture, (borrowed from some man's house) dragged the boat up Spring creek as far as Bellefonte. That done they hurried a messenger to Harrisburg, armed with a properly attested affidavit that the first boat of the season, with freight aboard, had arrived at Bellefonte. This statement of facts appeared to indicate that Bellefonte and not Milesburg was at the head of navigation, and being expeditiously pressed by parties in interest, it resulted in the passage of the act making Bellefonte the county seat. The Milesburg people had been caught napping sure enough when they found how handsomely they had been beaten. So Bellefonte captured the county seat and was happy. With that brightening of fortune and promise of future prosperity, the town grew to be an enlarged object of interest and welcomed swelling additions to its population. Messrs. Dunlop and Harris had already donated liberally of lands conditioned upon the location of the county seat at Bellefonte. Pending the erection of a Court House, courts were held in a building at the corner of High and Spring streets, where Jacob Valentine now lives.

At a council session in July 1842, the following petition signed by a majority of the citizens of the borough of Bellefonte was presented and read to wit:

"To the town council of Bellefonte: The undersigned citizens of the borough of Bellefonte labor under the great inconvenience from the deranged state of the currency and the scarcity of small change and they respectfully request the council to issue a sum of money sufficient to remedy the evil in small notes. Whereupon, on motion of Nicholas Hillbish, the clerk was directed to prepare an ordinance in accordance with the prayer of the petition and report the same to the next meeting." The ordinance was passed and the treasurer directed to issue small bills as follows: \$200, in one dollar bills; \$200, in fifty cent bills; \$300, in twenty-five cent bills; \$300, in twelve and a half cent bills."

Additional similar issues were made from time to time, and by June 1, 1843, had reached \$10,638.12. In March 1844, the stringency in small currency having been removed by other means, the borough bills were called in and burned as fast as redeemed.

NOTE.—From H. Everts forthcoming history of Centre and Clinton counties.

—The Executive Committee of the Centre County Agricultural Society, will meet at the office of S. D. Ray, Esq., secretary and treasurer of the society, at 10 o'clock to-day, when the time for holding the fair will be announced. The first week of October is talked of as the time. The prospects for a successful fair are better than they have been for several years.

CURED OF DRINKING.—"A young friend of mine was cured of an insatiable thirst for liquor, which had so prostrated him that he was unable to do any business. He was entirely cured by the use of Hop Bitters. It allayed all that burning thirst; took away the appetite for liquor; made his nerves steady, and he has remained a sober and steady man for more than two years, and has no desire to return to his cups; I knew of a number of others that have been cured of drinking by it." From a leading R. R. Official, Chicago, Ill.—Times.