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Editorial.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

The last legislature passed an amendment to the present election laws, and the same was approved by the governor, making it necessary for the places of holding the general elections to be situated within the respective precincts. This will make a decided change for a number of precincts in Centre county where the elections have been held outside of their respective districts. It will affect the north and west wards of Bellefonte, Benner township and the northern precinct of Spring, all of which formerly voted at the court house. Howard township voted in Howard boro and the north precinct of Potter in Centre Hall. The county commissioners will find it necessary to provide new voting places for these precincts.

This fact has caused some discussion as to where the democratic primaries should be held for the above mentioned districts this year. As the provisions of the Baker Ballot law, and its amendments, do not regulate that part of the doings of any political party, they are independent to hold their caucuses and primaries when and wherever they choose. For the sake of general convenience this year the county chairman thinks it best that the primary elections be held at the same places as formerly and therefore no change will be made. Each district will hold their primary election at the same place where they held their former elections. This will avoid any misunderstanding.

In the future the primary elections will very likely be changed to the places where the general elections will be held at the coming fall election.

NEXT Saturday, August the 5th, is the date fixed for holding the democratic primary election in Centre county. That day every democrat, who takes any pride in his party or is in any way concerned in public matters as every man should, ought to go to the polls and express his choice for a ticket this year. If you think any particular man should be nominated turn out and vote as you think.

THE Republican organs that are boasting of the good times and universal satisfaction of a year ago must think that the American people have short memories. Did the election in November signify that everything was rose-colored and serene?

Political Workers.

During the past week there was much activity among politicians and about Bellefonte there was a decided stir. On Saturday a large number of people, mostly politicians, from about the county were here to catch the drift of sentiment or to look after the interest of some particular man. This was not confined to the democrats alone for a number of republicans were on hand interviewing their friends and talking over the situation.

A Saw Mill Burned.

A steam saw mill owned by Samuel Igen, of Sugar Valley, was burned in Logan township on Monday night of last week together with about 500,000 feet of sawed lumber. There was no insurance on mill or lumber, and consequently the loss is total. The origin of the fire is unknown. The fire occurred during the night and the fact that the mill had burned was not discovered until the men went to the spot where it had stood to commence their daily work.

Another Fraud.

Look out for a woman, giving the name of Mrs. L. D. Pyott, who is selling what she calls a rheumatic elixir for a fictitious firm at Binghamton, N. Y. A drug firm at Lancaster took hold of the medicine and an analysis revealed it to be nothing but colored water. It was to have been retailed at \$1 per bottle.

Social Event.

Last Friday evening there was a large gathering of young people in Bush's Arcade where an assembly was held for the purpose of entertaining the many young people now visiting in Bellefonte. Stopper & Fieks famous orchestra, of Williamsport, was present and furnished elegant music for the occasion. A large number of young people from adjoining towns were in attendance.

THE COMING SESSION.

IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT GATHERING.

The Issues to be taken up.—Not Many Bank Suspensions and Many Rescuing—A Few Facts.

Next week there will have assembled in the capitol a congress which promises to be one memorable to history, whether with good repute or bad, time will tell. Heaven knows when it will adjourn—by the 4th of March, 1895, certainly and possibly not sooner. The meeting of Congress at this early date is accepted as one of the most natural things in the world, and there is undoubtedly need enough for the session, but one who traces back the causes which led it will be somewhat puzzled. There appears to have been a demand "in the air" for an extra session. It was talked about even before the old Congress had adjourned. But all this time there was no thought of a silver session. The reason why the new Congress should be brought together promptly, which was urged on every hand, was that the revision of the tariff might be begun at once. This reason did not seem to impress Mr. Cleveland, and the much desired extra session appeared to be unattainable until the new reason was found in the financial situation. Now we have Congress about to meet to face a question they were running from all last Congress. There has been an almost complete revolution in a few months, and Congress comes together almost without a thought of what they had expected to be a cause for their assembling.

Along with a great deal of reassuring testimony as to the financial conditions comes an official statement from Mr. Eckels, controller of the currency, in which are shown plain unvarnished facts as to bank suspensions. Foolish efforts to alarm the public mind have alleged that two hundred or more banks had failed and those same misstatements naturally resulted in exaggerated ideas which in turn did damage where there was no good reason for any disturbance. But an extension of the scare is hardly possible, in the face of the information presented by the controller's figures. There are 3,785 national banks in the United States. Of these 105 have suspended since January 1. Fourteen have reopened their doors, while 58 have made application to reopen and will doubtless soon receive the necessary permission. The calamity howler has been trying to convince the thoughtless that most of the banks were either gone or going; the controller's exact statement shows that less than three per cent have been affected and of these a respectable proportion is once more engaged in the transaction of business.

A Large Copperhead.

The Tyrone Herald says: "A copperhead four feet long invaded the country home of Thomas Seaton, near Bolivar, and lay concealed until after the family had retired. Awakened by his dogs, Mr. Seaton arrived in his stocking feet and went down stairs to investigate. His foot struck a soft object, which he carelessly kicked aside. The soft object twirled around its victim's leg and when the man tried to kick the snake loose with his free foot his enemy struck him on the sole of it. The screams of Mrs. Seaton brought help from the neighbors, who killed the reptile. The bitten foot began to swell. Mr. Seaton fell into a stupor and although physicians gave him four quarts of whiskey, he died in terrible agony."

Daring Burglars.

Burglars entered the residence of ex-Judge Coleman Gragan on Fairview street, Lock Haven, Friday morning. The Express says: Entrance to the house was effected by turning with nippers the key in the door lock. The robbers entered the room where Judge Gragan was sleeping, and taking his coat and pantaloons went into the down stairs parlor, where they went through the pockets of his clothing. A small amount of money and the contents of a refrigerator was the extent of their haul.

Huntingdon's Paved Streets.

On last Thursday work on the streets of Huntingdon was begun, and twenty-two miles of Telford paved streets will be put down. The paving is being done under the supervision of O. H. Kane, of Altoona. Residents of the town are employed to do the work and are paid \$1.20 a day for their services.

Leg Broken.

Oscar Struble, farmer, living near Axemann, had his leg broken last week by a kick from a vicious horse.

MAKING MCKINLEY AN ISSUE.

Republican leaders are going to make a national campaign out of the Ohio State contest. All the money that can be squeezed out of protected interests is to be poured into the Buckeye State next month, and from that time until November, speakers of national repute will take the stump for McKinley. Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, J. Sloat Fassett and a host of others have been begged to go over and aid the Napoleon of Protection. The result of the canvass is to be regarded by the republicans as the forerunner of the Presidential contest in 1896.

The American Protective Tariff League is flooding the state with its literature and urging every body to do what they can to make McKinley Governor again. Appeals have been made to bankers, merchants and politicians generally to ask why they think the author of the tariff should not be thrown down this year. Chairman Thomas S. Carter, of the republican national committee, has written a letter urging the necessity for McKinley's re-election and "hailing this as the first opportunity to present to the people a motion for a new trial in the case of Protection vs. Free Trade."

Base Ball.

Bellefonte people are interested in various measures and attractions. Some are discussing the cow ordinance which went into effect on Tuesday. Most every other democrat you meet in the town wants to talk politics, and a large portion are entirely absorbed in our base ball team. Under these circumstances it is impossible to keep cool.

Bellefonte now has one of the best aggregations of ball players ever seen in this part of the state. Every position on the diamond is covered by an experienced and professional ball player, and when they started out on Monday morning great things were expected.

The River league games this week are as follows: Monday, Bellefonte at Milton; Tuesday, Bellefonte at Bloomsburg; Wednesday, Bellefonte at Williamsport; Thursday, Bellefonte at Renovo; Friday, Milton at Bellefonte; Saturday, Milton at Williamsport; Bellefonte at Tyrone.

From this it will be seen that Bellefonte plays six games this week. The game at Milton on Monday was a decided victory for Bellefonte as they won by a score of 13 to 1.

On Tuesday they downed the Bloomsburg team to the tune of 13 to 10.

On Wednesday the game with the famous Demorests of Williamsport resulted in a victory. The score was Bellefonte 6, Demorests 5.

Verdict Reversed.

The case of Hoover & Miller, formerly coal merchants of Bellefonte, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in which a verdict of \$6,364.20 was awarded in Huntingdon county courts was carried to the Supreme court this year. It was claimed that the company had not maintained a uniform freight rate and that the plaintiff was charged more than others. The Supreme court reversed the rulings of the lower court.

Advancing Along.

Catching her inspiration from Phillipsburg's enterprising citizens, Chester Hill proposes to move along the line of improvement and will at next meeting of council grant the right of way for putting down of water mains and the introduction of electric light. The Phillipsburg Water Co. and the Electric light company will furnish these appliances, and the work of extending the mains and wires will be commenced without delay.—Phillipsburg Journal.

An Expensive Lesson.

A young farmer of Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, has been fined \$20 for misinforming a keeper of a tollgate as to the distance he was going, thereby saving about three cents toll.

Cut His Toes off.

William Karstetter, while cutting wood at Mackeyville, Clinton co., Wednesday 29th, made a mistake, cutting part of two toes of his left foot off.

Saw a Bear.

James McClellanahan claims to have met a large black bear while going down the Nittany mountain road to Centre Hall. He says bruiser stopped and growled savagely at him.

The Democratic Caucus for the North ward, of Bellefonte, will meet in the Arbitration Room, in the court house, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

L. A. SCHAEFFER, Chairman.

SCHOOLS AND ARMIES.

Italy expends every year, \$96,000,000 for her soldiers and less than \$4,000,000 for schools. In Spain it costs \$100,000,000 to maintain the army and only \$1,500,000 to educate the children; but it is the exception to find a Spanish farmer who is able to read or write.

Germany boasts of being in the foremost rank among the nations in the Kulturkampf of the world, yet she expends \$185,000,000 on her army, while \$10,000,000 is deemed sufficient for the education of her children.

France maintains an army at an expense of \$151,000,000 and supports her schools with \$21,000,000.

The United States expends \$115,000,000 for public schools, while the army and navy cost only \$54,000,000.

But even \$54,000,000 is four times as much as we ought to pay for such vicious luxuries.

Coal Near Phillipsburg.

The size and quality of the lower vein of coal has been established beyond question by the developments made by the shaft put down by R. H. Wigton & Sons near Morrisdale, Clearfield county. The vein was reached on Monday, at a depth of 120 feet, and on Wednesday the coal was laid bare the size of the hole, 11x22 feet. On Wednesday evening a shot was fired in the coal and it showed the vein to be four feet two inches thick and of very fine quality.

A Fine Catch.

Messrs. John Wagner and James DeLong, of Blanchard, Pa. were in town on Monday and upon their word and honor solemnly declared that one day last week they caught twenty-five pounds of bass, in less than three hours. The most of them averaged two pounds. At that rate bass must be plenty down there.

Various Kinds of "Kneads."

Some newspaper man started the report that a Brookfield, N. J. girl kneads bread with her gloves on. An exchange answers, "we also need bread with our shoes on, with our pants on, and with our clothes on. We need it badly, too, and if our delinquents do not soon pay up we will need it without any pants at all."

Served an Injunction.

Sheriff Ishler was in Phillipsburg last week for the purpose of serving an injunction on the Phillipsburg water company preventing the use of the dam at Cold Stream for boating purposes. The injunction was served by order of the board of health.—Phillipsburg Journal.

—Meyer's orchestra went by trolley to Centre Hall, on Tuesday evening, where they gave an open air concert at the hotel. A large crowd of people came out to hear them. The members all enjoyed the trip.

—On Wednesday a large number of people went to the Catholic picnic, at Hunters' Park. All the trains were crowded. The proceeds of the picnic amounted to a nice sum and will be appropriated to the fund for the erection of the new parsonage.

—Mr. H. C. Dale and family, of Rushville, Neb., are visiting friends at this place. Mr. Dale is a son of George Dale, of Lemont. He left here about eight years ago and is at present engaged in the banking business at that place.

—Last Thursday evening the Bellefonte band closed up its affairs and disbanded. The instruments were placed in the hands of Scott Lose, the president, for safe keeping. It seems as though a band could not thrive in our town. It may not be the town's fault, and why it is we cannot say.

—Dr. Hill and his troupe of minstrel men left town on Monday and will hold forth at Lock Haven for the next week. He roped in several hundred dollars while in Bellefonte. There were plenty who wanted to be permanently cured and willingly invested their hard earned money.

—On Saturday evening a fire was discovered in John Curry's stable, Bishop street. It started in the straw, under one of Mr. Curry's horses, and scorched the animal about the limbs and tail. It is thought that the fire might have started by a match being dropped in the straw and the horse tramped on it when it ignited.

—Next Sunday the Lutherans will hold their first service in their new edifice. They have arranged a childrens service for this occasion. The dedicatory exercises of the new building are to take place Sunday, September the 3rd. The congregation calculates to have everything completed by that time.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Matters of Interest from All Over the Commonwealth.

PRESENTED IN BRIEFEST FORM.

Crimes and Casualties of Every Character Sent by the News Gatherers of the Different Localities and Carefully Edited.

HAZLETON, Pa., Aug. 1.—Arrangements are about perfected whereby shipments from the Cranberry mines of A. Pardee & Co. are to be handled by the Delaware, Schuylkill and Susquehanna railroad. This will insure steady work for this colliery and cause a daily loss of 1,000 tons to the Lehigh Valley division of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad. Considerable dissatisfaction exists among the coal producers of this section, owing to restrictions by the combination, which permits them to work but four days of nine hours each per week, while Cox & Co. and other shippers via the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill railroad are making full time.

A Dying Murderer's Confession.

PITTSBURG, July 29.—Austro-Hungary Consul Max Schamberg, in Pittsburgh, has received from the courts of Prague the confession of Carl Smetena, a Bohemian, now in prison in Prague for robbery. Smetena, now on his death bed, confessed that he had murdered a man named John Wolkonski, in Pennsylvania, in 1890; that he robbed him of \$210, with which he escaped from the country. The confession also states that a Polisher named Okanski was convicted for this crime and is now serving a ten years' sentence, although he is innocent. The Bohemian authorities are investigating. The confessed murderer worked in the Pennsylvania coke region and in Allegheny City in 1890.

Both Divorced from the Same Woman.

PITTSBURG, July 31.—Two divorce suits in one day by two men against the same woman was an unheard of thing until now. George G. Thornburg brought a suit for divorce against Mary Clara Disney, and Charles Asche brought a similar suit against Clara Disney Asche, the same woman. Thornburg says an alleged marriage was celebrated between himself and Mary Clara Disney about Sept. 23, 1892, which marriage was procured by fraud in that the said Clara had been married March 4, 1885, to Charles Asche, and that at the time of marriage to the petitioner Asche was alive, and no divorce had been obtained.

They Stole His Earnings.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Aug. 2.—At midnight Humphreys Dubbs, of Saltillo, this county, hearing a suspicious noise about his premises arose from bed and walked to a rear porch. On opening the door he was seized by three masked men, who stuffed a paper bag in his mouth and then tied him with a clothes line to the porch railing. Dubbs had been saving his earnings, amounting to about \$300, to build a house, and this he kept under his pillow. The robbers, after tying Dubbs, went to his room and secured the money without awaking his wife. They then fled to Jack's mountains.

A Young Desperado Jailed.

LANCASTER, July 31.—Calvin H. Miller, a colored desperado, aged 15 years, was lodged in jail here. Late at night he went to the home of Robert Rae, a farmer near Georgetown, Bart township, and kicked at the front door. Rae went to the window and asked him who he was, whereupon Miller threw a stone through the window, knocking Rae senseless and causing a terrible gash in his head. While Rae was unconscious Miller broke in the front door and after driving the other members of the family up stairs stole a watch and other valuables.

G. A. B. Posts Denounce Hoke Smith.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 1.—The seventeen Grand Army posts of Lancaster county met here to express the sentiment of the order in the county on the question of pension reduction. The speakers denounced Secretary Hoke Smith in severe terms, and resolutions were adopted denouncing the policy he is pursuing on the pension question, and calling a halt on his methods. The action of the meeting will be pressed at the approaching national convention in Indianapolis.

Significant Damage Suit in Williamsport.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 1.—A legal damage suit was begun here yesterday. Mrs. Clara Smith brought action against Andrew A. Doney for selling her husband liquor that caused his death. She claims \$10,000 damages, and has engaged the best of legal talent to push the case. The husband, James H. Smith, died in Doney's saloon last March, and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from Alcoholism. Smith was a man of known temperate habits.

Jealous of the Boarding Mistress.

SCRANTON, July 31.—At Dupont, a mining suburb of Avoca, George Rogewick was shot and killed by Simon Rice, a fellow boarder at the same house. Some reports say the shooting was accidental, but another story is that the men, who are Poles, were jealous of each other's attentions to the boarding mistress, and that they quarrelled just before the shooting.

An Electric Railway Chartered.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 1.—The Suburban Railway company, of West Chester, capital \$200,000, was chartered to build an electric line sixty-five miles long. It is to run through the principal streets of West Chester to Kennett Square, Paoli, Glen Lock, Haverford, Overbrook and Philadelphia.

Charged with Drowning His Child.

ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Aug. 2.—Harry Johnson, married, has been committed to jail to await the action of the coroner's jury in the case of his 5-year-old child, whose body was found in the Lehigh river. Johnson is believed to have committed the deed to hide his shame.

Death from a Rat's Bite.

ALLENTOWN, July 31.—Blood poison as the result of a bite by a rat inflicted three months ago on Marie Keating, aged 17, caused her death at the home of her parents, at Iron Bridge, near this city.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

An interesting letter from J. W. Crawford, formerly of Nittany, Pa.

DULUTH, MISS., July 2, 1893

Ed. Centre Democrat: Northern Minnesota is to-day a "populous solitude." This mysterious region is inhabited by about 7000 Indians and an equal number of whites, who have not penetrated the extreme northern portion. Yet outside its boundaries little is known regarding it. The Mississippi rises in its centre, where the great divide is located which turns the flow of most of its rivers northward, and its surface is dotted with silvery little lakes where wild geese love to dwell in warm weather. The average student tells of his country with great pride: A land of seeds and red men, a land where there is an excess of moisture in summer and of snow in winter, which is a popular, though not proper way, of describing it. Outside of Alaska no expanse of territory equal to Northern Minnesota and owned by the U. S., remains unsettled and unknown. This region is bounded on the north by Rainy and Pigeon rivers and by Rainy lake and the Lake of the Woods, on the south by a line running from Duluth to Grand Forks, on the east by Lake Superior and on the west by the valley of the Red river of the north. It measures 200 miles from east to west and 200 from north to south. The water flows are entitled to due mention, for nowhere are they more thickly massed than in the great chain of lakes, ponds and marshes which mark the limits of the enchanted land of which I write. Everyone has seen countless numbers flying south in the fall and north again in the spring. They pass the summer and hatch their broods in Minnesota and the watery region reaching on to Hudson Bay where they are secure from the well directed aim of the white hunter, and can find secluded resting places on the reedy shores of innumerable little sheets of inland water, almost "monarch of all they survey," as our white men have penetrated the extreme north of this region.

Wonderful tales could be told of these fowl, if space permitted, especially one, when our "pack Injun" deluged all our provision in his frantic efforts to capture a geese that was too fat to fly. Another article could be written on the semi-savage inhabitants, the Chippewa of today. We have heard and read much of the Indian but here we find him in his native state, robed in summer in nature's garments and a breech-clout, and in winter in an old blanket or partly dressed in moose or deer skin. But civilization advances and ere long the hum of many tollers will supersede the shrill cry of the wild geese, and the muffled tread of the red hunter must give away to the sturdy tramp of the American husbandman. The light birch bark canoe, now gliding so noiselessly over the placid waters of its many lakes, will in turn be crushed into insignificance by the load-laden iron monsters of the Great Lakes. Many of the small lakes swarm with whitefish, sturgeon, pike, pickerel and other species of the finny tribe.

A remarkable fact in connection with the vast amount of timber found here is that no other portion of the U. S. produces such a vast amount of small wild fruits and berries. Vast quantities of these together with millions of hazelnuts go to waste every year after the wild beasts and birds and red men have feasted on them. The sugar of the maple trees is sufficient to furnish sweetening for the whole of Minnesota, though now the Indians only avail themselves. The red man and occasional white squatter takes no heed of the marrow what they shall eat for bounteous nature here supplies them with moose, elk, deer, caribou, cinnamon and black bear, wolves and foxes make it truly a hunter's paradise. The low lands are covered by dense growths of balsam, spruce, tamarack, white cedar, birch and thickets of hazel and black alder and layers of moss which have been found to be underlaid with peat to a depth of 20 feet. It would be difficult to conceive how dense these growths are. A white cedar thicket is almost impenetrable by a human being; the trees intertwine their branches like the hedges of old settled communities. In these jungles are bear, deer, moose, etc., and these animals find therein an abundance of food during winter as well as a comfortable shelter and the sheds of cedar and alder built by nature. Thus it is that northern Minnesota is a populous solitude, though the outside world still fondly imagines it to be entirely unknown.

J. W. CRAWFORD.

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