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Editorial.

Extract from the Resolutions adopted by the Democratic County Convention, August 8th, 1893.

"We commend the wise, careful and faithful administration of the affairs of the county by the present board of county commissioners. Coming into office, as they did, when the treasury had been depleted, and an existing indebtedness of \$5,357.63, the taxes due to the several school, poor and road districts from unseated lands misappropriated and commissions thereon unlawfully taken, they paid the indebtedness, returned to the state and the several districts the funds justly and properly belonging to them, and so managed the county finances as to have at the last Annual Settlement a balance of \$3,880.00 on hand over and above all liabilities. We therefore with confidence commend them to their fellow citizens for re-election."

Cleveland's Health.

There have been many silly rumors about President Cleveland's health since his return to Gray Gables, under his physicians' orders, in search of much needed rest. The case is very simple and there is no occasion for rumor. There is nothing the matter with the President's general health, but he has been overworking himself ever since the fourth of March, and being only human, his system is now paying the penalty, and demands the rest which he has not before felt at liberty to give it. There is really no good reason why he should be in Washington during the discussion of the silver question. In fact there are more reasons for his being away. Had he remained he would constantly have been charged with trying to influence votes in some way or other. Being away he can get needed rest and no one can accuse him of trying to interfere with the Constitutional rights of Senators and Representatives.

Good Amendment.

The amendment adopted at the recent democratic county convention was a good move, as it makes the primary election and convention two months earlier. Heretofore with the convention in the first week in August the candidates were necessarily compelled to travel over the county during the warmest weather of the season. It always was inconvenient as they would have to call upon the farmers in the busiest season of the year—harvest time.

With the convention in June all this will be avoided and everything will be better all around. It will also give the nominees more time to travel over the county to see the people.

Important to Voters.

The second day of September will be the last day on which voters can be registered and assessed under the new law. It is therefore important to all who claim the right to vote at the coming November election to look over the registry book which is conspicuously exposed at all of the polling places of the various wards. Voters who have been in the state one year, and sixty days in the ward prior to November 4 are entitled to vote. The assessors of the wards will upon application of any male citizen twenty one years of age and over, properly register and assess such applicants if in his judgement the applicant is a qualified voter.

How to Peel Tomatoes.

Nearly all cook books say "pour boiling water over ripe tomatoes, then skin them," and at least ninety in every hundred persons attempt to peel them in this manner, and consequently do it with much difficulty and very imperfectly. This is the proper way to peel tomatoes: Cover them with boiling water half a minute; then lay them in cold water till they are perfectly cold, when the skin can be slipped off without difficulty, leaving the tomatoes unbroken and as firm as before they were scalded.

The democratic state ticket this year will be very small as only two nominations are to be made: Judge of Supreme Court, and State Treasurer. Centre county will be represented by the following five delegates, selected last year: J. S. Eskridge, Phillipsburg; Jno. Hoy, Jr., Marion; George T. Bush, of Bellefonte; Robert F. Hunter, Bellefonte and Wm. Wolf, Centre Hall. The state convention meets at Harrisburg Tuesday, September 19th.

Mr. L. D. Orndorf was recently appointed postmaster at Woodward. One by one republicans are being removed from office in our county. The process is rather slow, they ought to be fired out in blocks of five or ten at a time.

LOCAL POLITICS.

THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET A WINNER.

Republican Aspirants for Office—A number On the List—Think they might be elected—Want a Chance.

Since the democratic county convention, which met on Tuesday of last week, the topic of conversation at the hotels, about the court house and other prominent leading places has changed. Before that time the "professional" politicians would invariably greet every new comer with the query "who will get the nomination?" or "how is your district going?" Now it is "how does the ticket suit you?" "Are the people satisfied?" "Have you any kickers this year?" and so forth, and so it goes from morning to night. It is natural for a democratic paper to speak flatteringly of the party ticket, and say all sorts of nice things of the individuals who compose it. That is very natural indeed. We do not think, though, that we exaggerate when we say that the present county ticket gives unusual satisfaction and promises to be a winner.

It is well distributed, having nominees from every section of the county: Gregg, Potter, Bellefonte, Huston and Phillipsburg. Then the nominations of Jno. P. Condo for sheriff, John Q. Miles for treasurer, and G. W. Rumberger for register is the recognition of men who for a number of years have patiently been appealing, and at last were heard. The old candidates, instead of new ones, were taken up in each case, and this leaves no ground for complaint.

The renominations should prove satisfactory to every democrat. W. Galer Morrison has been a good official in every respect and had no opposition. The county commissioners can show a record that will receive the endorsement of every man who believes in the economical administration of the county's affairs. Careful in every direction, yet progressive in their ideas, they certainly have merited the endorsement received in the 6th resolution passed by the recent convention. They have been faithful to their duty and conscientious in the performance of the same. It is for these reasons that general satisfaction is expressed for the ticket nominated.

THE REPUBLICAN FIELD.

Among the republicans there has been a slight stir during the past week. There are always hopeful ones who are inclined to think that there are enough weak-kneed democrats in the county who can be induced, by a complimentary vote idea, to leave the party and vote for a republican. Then they build air castles on democratic dissatisfaction, disappointed post office applicants, pension scares and such like that will, under investigation, disappear like mist before the clear searching rays of the morning sun. But they want an office and are going to run for it, and the following have announced themselves as candidates:

For county commissioner the republicans are sure of one, to which they are entitled, and would like to have two members, which also is very natural. Commissioner Jas. B. Strohm is asking for a renomination, and if all indications do not fail, will get it. He has been a good official and deserves a renomination.

Andrew Lytle, of College township, has great confidence in his ability to conduct the commissioners office, and wants the nomination and election, not for the salary connected therewith, but to show the people what a good commissioner he would make. We never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lytle but, from the story he tells, he must be an awfully nice man. "Not for the money," you know—another chap trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the dear people. He needs watching—cunning fellow—generous man.

Henry Stevens, a good republican of Halfmoon township, would like to fill the same position. Matthew Riddle, of Pleasant Gap, is busy at work and claims he could poll a large vote if nominated for commissioner.

For county treasurer three candidates are in the field: R. T. Comley, of Union township; Samuel Diehl, Bellefonte and Jacob F. Wagner, of Pine Grove Mills. The fight for treasurer has attracted little attention so far.

The republican nomination for sheriff is the important struggle. All summer there has been considerable figuring and manoeuvring by prospective candidates. The sudden liberality of Bob, Cooke about the hotel bars made it plain that he was after something. His frequent trips to Bellefonte indicated the same thing. The leaders of that party don't

appear to be very enthusiastic for Bob, and for that reason he has not formally announced. He has done considerable canvassing and may expect to ride into the convention as a dark horse. But two names have thus far been formally announced. Harry Simler, of Phillipsburg, has had an eye on the sheriff's office for some time. Capt. Henry Montgomery has been a candidate for the position for some years. He was eulgered out of the nomination three years ago by the party leaders, but will try it again. Some mention has also been made of Robert Wilson, of Marion, formerly deputy sheriff, as a candidate for sheriff. Ex-recorder John F. Harter, of Millheim, is spoken of in the same connection.

The republican primaries will be held on the coming Saturday evening, August 19th and the convention will assemble in the court house, on the following Tuesday. While they may be entertaining a forlorn hope there will be some interesting scrapping among the various candidates and their friends.

THE "coffee coolers" and camp followers are unsparring in their attacks upon the Democratic Administration because Secretary Smith has called a halt in the pension extravagance. A great howl is raised that pensions are taken from old soldiers. There is not a single case of a deserving soldier losing his pension. It is true pensions have been suspended, pending investigation, and some pensions have been revoked, but no pension that was granted honestly has been interfered with. It is true that many pensions have been taken from soldiers in the South. It is true that a number have been revoked in that section. In and around Norfolk, Virginia, a pension attorney, a republican, had obtained pensions for 353 negroes, and upon investigation it appeared that only some ten or fifteen had ever been in the service; all the rest were obtained on perjured testimony, and the agent obtaining the pensions, shared in the fraud. In North Carolina and in Alabama the same thing occurred, and even in Arizona over 200 pensions were obtained for "Mexican greasers", who came over from Mexico since the close of the war. These pensions have been revoked. All pensions so far revoked were of this class. Why then do these people howl at the Administration? It is for political effect or what does it mean. The pension agitators who call themselves soldiers, howl for political effect, and with the hope that the next Administration may be republican, and they allowed to grow rich in the name of the soldiers of the country, and the republican leaders hoping thereby to gain the "soldier's vote" as it is called to bring them back to power.

Last Popular Excursions.

On Thursday, August 24th, the only remaining cheap-rate excursion to Atlantic City, Ocean City, Cape May, or Sea Isle City will be run by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The rate of \$10 from Pittsburg, and correspondingly reduced rates from other points, offer a rare opportunity for a most economical trip to any one of the above-mentioned prominent watering-places. The tickets are good for return passage within twelve days, thus giving ample time for a pleasant sojourn on the shores of the Atlantic.

The special train will be run on the following schedule, and the tickets will be sold at the rates quoted:—

PLACE.	RATE.	LEAVES
Phillipsburg	\$5 35	10.2 A. M.
Ocean City	8 25	10.40 "
Bellefonte	8 65	10.25 "
Tyone	7 65	1.15 P. M.

For detailed information address or apply to Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent, 110 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg.

Bread Making.

An interesting article will be found on the inside pages of this issue that will be of interest to the ladies. It gives a few valuable suggestions on the subject of making good bread.

THE democratic state convention will meet at Harrisburg, Tuesday September 19th. The republicans will assemble at the same place on Wednesday, August 30th.

On Tuesday evening a drunken puddy by the name of Meese stood at the corner of the Broeckerhoff House. A Mr. Shearer came along carrying a lot of packages in his arm. The drunken brute suddenly struck Mr. Shearer a terrific blow between the eyes that felled him to the pavement as though he had been shot. There was no provocation for the dirty act. Meese was arrested at once and put in the lock-up and later was committed to jail to await trial at court.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

Following is an itemized statement of Centre county's taxables by boroughs and townships and the amount of school funds accruing to each from the State appropriation set aside for that purpose:

Township.	Number Taxable.	Amount Approp'd.
Bellefonte	1234	\$3,955.97
Benner	283	1,254.61
Boggs	623	2,029.00
Burnside	114	497.73
Centre Hall	185	622.15
College	569	1,839.01
Curtin	172	555.99
Ferguson	541	1,748.51
Grigg	654	2,113.73
Haines	515	1,704.48
Halfmoon	215	694.88
Harris	234	1,079.49
Howard	214	698.41
Howard twp.	319	1,031.00
Huston	239	772.45
Liberty	411	1,228.35
Marion	190	614.48
Miles	541	1,748.51
Millheim	255	864.88
Millheim	252	846.78
Patton	255	963.44
Penn.	324	1,241.09
Phillipsburg	1234	3,624.87
Potter	583	1,884.25
Rush	556	2,120.19
Snow Shoe	644	2,093.63
South Phillipsburg	188	607.61
Spring	805	1,611.46
Taylor	163	526.82
Unionville	354	829.93
Unionville	132	491.29
Walker	423	1,367.14
Worth	263	852.25
	17375	44,456.16

Reformed Reunion.

The centennial anniversary, a gathering of members of the Reformed churches of Central Penna., at Centre Hall yesterday, was a large affair. The special trains from Bellefonte and Lewisburg were filled, while many more came by regular train. Then large numbers from all sections of the county went there by private conveyances. It was a delightful day and that contrib. uted much to the attendance.

At Centre Hall they had a most delightful place, in Wolf's Grove, for the gathering where a large platform was erected for the speaking and seats for all who wished to witness the exercises. At noon there was a general raid made upon the many baskets filled with delicacies and there was an abundance and more.

The programme of exercises as published was followed throughout, and some very instructive and interesting addresses were made, bearing upon the history and work of the Reformed church in this country during the past century.

Messrs A. C. Mingle and Ad. Fauble left on Saturday evening for Chicago to take in the World's Fair. They have a great trip mapped out. Mr. Mingle expects to visit several of his brothers before returning, who are living in Illinois.

Unclaimed letters: R. F. Babcock, Miss Carrie Bell, Geo. Everhart, H. A. Leathers, Mrs. Eliza Myers, A. M. Miller, H. D. Martin, Jno. W. O'Connor, E. H. Parshey, F. H. Schrader, Jos. Smith, Mrs. Frances Stoner, C. W. Thompson. When called for say advised.

Company B returned on Saturday evening after having spent a pleasant week at camp Potts, near Altoona. There was a full turnout of sixty-three men. Their drills and general appearance was fine and at the general inspection were credited with being the best company in camp which places them at the head of the 5th regiment.

Dr. Joseph Broeckerhoff, of Pittsburg, who has just returned from a trip to France, arrived in town on Friday. Miss Gussie Krider, who spent the past three years abroad returned with him and is at home again at the Broeckerhoff residence. Miss Gussie has developed into a handsome young lady. In her time abroad she acquired a knowledge of several languages.

On Monday evening the employees of the Bellefonte Central Railroad presented Mr. Thomas A. Shoemaker with a handsome reclining chair. Mr. Shoemaker formerly was superintendent of the road and the present will be appreciated, especially as it is an expression of the warm feeling the employees of the road have for their former superintendent.

In another portion of the paper the new schedule over the Snow Shoe branch appears. This went into effect last Monday and gives but one passenger train a day, leaving Bellefonte at 8.53 a. m. arriving at Snow Shoe at 10.23. Leaves Snow Shoe at 3 p. m. and arrives at Bellefonte at 4.50 p. m. This will make it inconvenient for those people to come to Bellefonte.

It is an easy matter to complain and find fault but there can be no excuse for the miserable condition of some of our streets and especially some of the main thoroughfares. Portions of Bishop, Allegheny and Linn streets are in a terrible condition. The street committee and street commissioner should be hauled over them in a truck wagon, going at a smart trot, every day. They would feel inclined to do something then.

BEHRING SEA DECISION.

Declaration of the International Board of Arbitration.

A COMPROMISE DECREE ADOPTED.

Pelagic Sealing Is to be Permitted Outside of a Protected Zone, but a Close Season Is Provided for Which Will Govern All Sealers.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The decision of the Behring sea tribunal has just been handed down. The first five points of article 6 are decided against the United States.

A close season is established, to begin May 1, and to continue until July 21. This shall be observed in the Northern Pacific ocean and Behring sea. A protected zone is established extending sixty miles around the seal islands.

Pelagic sealing is allowed outside this protected zone only after Aug. 1. The present indiscriminate and wholesale slaughter of seals by the use of firearms is prohibited.

Notwithstanding the fact that the first five points of article 6 are decided against the United States, the American arbitrators express their satisfaction with the text of the decision.

After the decision was read Baron de Courcel, president of the tribunal, thanked the arbitrators for their intelligent attention during the hearings. Lord Hannon and Senator Morgan replied, acknowledging the courtesy and hospitality of Baron de Courcel.

The American arbitrators say the regulations decided upon by the tribunal mean practically the end of pelagic sealing. The terms, they say, are better than those heretofore offered the United States by Great Britain as a settlement of the questions involved.

After a preamble stating the case submitted for decision the full text of the award runs as follows:

We decide and determine as to the five points mentioned in article 6 as to which our award is to embrace a distinct decision upon each of them.

As to the first of said five points we, Baron de Courcel, John M. Harlan, Lord Hannon, Sir John S. D. Thompson, Marquis Emilio Visconti-Venosta and Gregorio W. W. Gram, being a majority of said arbitrators, do decide as follows:

By the clause of 1857 Russia claimed jurisdiction in the sea now known as Behring sea to the extent of 100 Italian miles from the coast and islands belonging to her, but in the course of the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the treaty of 1858 with the United States and the treaty of 1866 with Great Britain Russia admitted that her jurisdiction in said sea should be restricted so as to reach a canon shot from shore. It appears that from that time up to the time of the cession of Alaska to the United States Russia never asserted in fact or exercised any exclusive jurisdiction in Behring sea or any adjacent rights to the seal fisheries therein, beyond the ordinary limit of territorial waters.

As to the second of the five points we, Baron de Courcel, John M. Harlan, Lord Hannon, Sir John S. D. Thompson, Marquis Emilio Visconti-Venosta and Gregorio W. W. Gram, being a majority of said arbitrators, decide and determine that Great Britain did not recognize or concede any claim upon the part of Russia to exclusive jurisdiction as to the seal fisheries in Behring sea outside the ordinary territorial waters.

As to the third point, as to so much thereof as requires us to decide whether the body of water now known as Behring sea was included in the phrase "Pacific ocean," and used in the treaty of 1866 between Great Britain and Russia, we unanimously decide to determine that the body of water now known as Behring sea was included in the phrase "Pacific ocean" as used in said treaty.

As to the fourth point we decide and determine that all the rights of Russia to jurisdiction and to the seal fisheries passed to the United States limited by the cession.

On the fifth point we decide and determine that the United States have no right to the protection of or property in the seals frequenting the islands of the United States in Behring sea when found outside the ordinary three mile limit. And, whereas, the aforesaid determination of Behring questions as to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States leaves the subject in such a position that the concurrence of Great Britain is necessary to the establishment of regulations for the proper protection and preservation of fur seals habitually resorting to Behring sea, we assent to the whole of the nine articles of the following regulations as necessary outside of the jurisdiction limits of the respective governments, and that they should extend over the waters herein mentioned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Secretary of State Gresham was asked to give an expression of opinion on the decision, but he declined to do, holding that it would not be proper for him to comment on the matter. Mr. Gresham communicated the news to President Cleveland at Gray Gables, and also had a long conference with Secretary Carlisle, presumably with reference to future action concerning the maintenance of a fleet in Behring sea. At present the United States has five vessels in that sea, with instructions to prevent poaching during pendency of arbitration proceedings. While it is too early yet to state what will be done with this fleet, it is probable that all the vessel comprising it will be withdrawn, with the exception of one of the revenue cutters, which will be used in maintaining the protective zone of sixty miles about the sealing islands of the United States in accordance with the decision of no arbitrators.

The President's Movements.

BUMARD'S BAY, Mass., Aug. 16.—The president enjoyed another day's fishing down the bay yesterday with Dr. Bryant. The deer which escaped from Mr. Cleveland's premises on Sunday has been caught and returned to Gray Gables.

LUTHERAN REUNION.

Third Annual Meeting at Susquehanna Heights.

According to the Lewisburg News: The third annual reunion of the Lutherans of this district, will be held at Susquehanna Heights (Shikellimay) on Thursday, September 7th.

The Heights are reached on the P. R. and D. L. & W. from the Northumberland Station, by walking the bridge at the foot of the Heights. On the P. & R. at the Northumberland bridge. All Lutherans, irrespective of Synodical relations, are most cordially invited to attend. Persons desiring further information will address Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, Milton, Pa.

Dunntown Centennial.

Next year the village of Dunntown, Clinton county, will be 100 years old, the town having been laid out by Wm. Dunn in 1794. The event will be properly celebrated. At the time the town was laid out it was in Northumberland county, and its founder had strong hopes of the place being the county seat of a new county.

—Mr. C. H. Murray, of Centre Hall, who was on his way home from a trip to the World's Fair where he was accompanied by his sister Miss Aggie, paid us a short visit on Saturday. Christ was a member of the graduating class at Princeton this year. While in town he registered as a law student. On the 1st of September he leaves to accept a rectorial position on the New York Evening Sun and will also pursue a course of study in the Columbia law school, in that city.

—Prof. Edwin Twitmeier, who has spent several weeks visiting his mother at Zion, leaves to-day for Seattle, Wash., where he has been located for several years.

A Statement.

It has been alleged, by the agents of a leading school book company, that I have misrepresented to the directors of other districts, the adoption of readers as made by the Bellefonte board. In fairness to all I have this to say: Sec. Rankin's minutes will show the action of the board and his order book contains a statement of what has been adopted in the way of readers. At the regular meeting of the board, on the 11th of July last, Stickney's readers, the full series, were adopted as regular texts, and not as supplementary readers as represented to the directors of College, Howard, Benner, Spring and other districts by these same agents. Along with Stickney's will be used several numbers of the Swinton series, but for the present not the full set.

Upon several occasions I have been asked by directors to give my opinion of the comparative merits of certain text books. I have always done so with the very best intentions towards the parties interested, and such directors have certainly always been left free to accept or reject my views, and whether accepted or rejected I am not a loser. I can be qualified that I have not received and shall not receive one cent as the paid agent of any publishing house; and I recommend the adoption of no one publisher's books exclusively because no one firm has a monopoly of the best books.

DAVID O. ETTERS,
Supt. Bellefonte Schools.

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—There are people who have a house full of children and it takes a great deal of money each year to keep so many little ones shod. We feel confident we can reduce the expense.

Mingle's Shoe Store.