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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

Primary Election and County Convention to be held June 8th and 11th.

Notice is hereby given to the democratic voters of Centre county, to meet at the regular places for holding the general election, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, the 8th day of June, 1895, and elect delegates to the County Convention. Said election to begin at 3 o'clock, p. m., and close at 7 o'clock, p. m., of said day. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet at the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 11th, at 12 o'clock noon, and nominate one candidate for Prothonotary, and a candidate for District Attorney. It will be necessary to elect a chairman of the county committee to serve from January first, 1896, for the term of one year, at the time of holding said convention.

The number of delegates that each election district is entitled to under the rules of the party, based upon the vote for governor in 1894, and as apportioned by the county committee, is as follows:

Bellefonte, N. W. 2	Haines, E. P. 2
" " S. W. 2	" " W. P. 2
" " W. W. 2	" " W. P. 2
Centre Hall 1	Howard 1
Howard boro. 1	Huston 1
Millsburg 1	Liberty 1
Phillipsburg 1st W. 1	Marion 1
" 2nd W. 1	" 1
" 3rd W. 1	" 1
South Phillipsburg 1	" 1
Unionville 1	Patton 1
Beaver, N. P. 1	Penh. 1
" S. P. 1	Potter, N. P. 1
Boggs, N. P. 1	" S. P. 1
" W. P. 1	Rush, N. P. 1
Burdside 1	" S. P. 1
College, E. P. 1	" W. P. 1
" W. P. 1	Spring, N. P. 1
Curtin 1	" S. P. 1
Ferguson, E. P. 1	" W. P. 1
" W. P. 1	Taylor 1
Gregg, N. P. 1	Union 1
" W. P. 1	Walker 1
" W. P. 1	Worth 1

H. S. TAYLOR, Secretary. N. B. SPANGLER, Chairman.

Editorial.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, one of the staunchest republican papers, makes the following observation:

"The profits of the Standard Oil Company on the oil spurt are estimated at \$50,000,000. If the figures are anywhere near correct it made enough in a few days to buy all the competing pipe lines which it was authorized to purchase by the recent act of the legislature."

It is well to remember that the "recent act" referred to was passed by a republican legislature and approved by a republican Governor and now the consumers must pay more for their oil than heretofore.

Auditors Statement.

The borough auditors issued their statement last week showing among other things the indebtedness of the borough to be \$5005.83 in the poor department alone. This is a magnificent legacy left by McClure and his gang. The following are a few very suggestive items that appear in the statement.

Isaac Miller	\$27 00
James McClure	390 00—\$517 00
DOCTOR BILLS.	
Dr. Geo. F. Harris	\$100 00
Dr. J. H. Mullen	55 00
Dr. A. Hibler	87 00
Dr. R. G. Hayes	222 75
Dr. H. K. Hays	37 00
Dr. J. L. Seibert	7 00
Dr. J. L. Seibert	5 00
Dr. Dorworth	231 00—\$1054 75
ATTORNEY FEES.	
Clement Dale	\$150 00
W. F. Reeder	87 00
General Beaver	100 00
H. C. Quigley	45 00
UNKNOWN	10 00—\$492 00
	\$1993 75

We have no criticism to offer, because public officials get plenty of it. We publish the above simply to show how about \$2000 were spent by these "honorable men." In the above there is no item for oranges, strawberries, turkeys, rabbits, tropical fruits, etc., and other necessities used at the poor house.

Under these circumstances the public are under obligations to the able and efficient management of the poor department.

An Act Likely to Pass.

An act to "encourage the use of wide tires upon wagons," now pending in the legislature is likely to pass. Should it become a law all persons using only draft wagons on the public highways with tires not less than four inches in width for hauling loads not less than two thousand pounds weight, shall receive a rebate of one-fourth on their road tax. It is believed the rebate on taxes provided in this measure will be more than made in benefits which will accrue to the roads by the use of wide tired wagons.

This is a meritorious bill and after it is in effect for a few years the public will appreciate its worth.

INCREASED EXPENSES.

NEW OFFICES AND LARGER SALARIES.

What the Present Legislature is Doing—What will be the End of This Extravagance?

An exchange has collected a list of the new offices which have already been, or are proposed to be established by the legislature, together with their annual cost, as also the increases of salary of some offices already created. This list it says, is by no means complete, but such as it is, it is calculated to take the tax payer's breath away. It is as follows:

NEW OFFICES.

Secretary of agriculture	4,000
Deputy secretary	3,500
Economic zoologist	2,500
Commissioner of forestry	2,500
Dairy commissioner	2,500
State veterinarian	2,500
Chief clerk	1,500
Stenographer	800
Messenger	500
Clerk to zoologist	1,500
Clerk to dairy commissioner	1,500
Clerk to commissioner of forestry	1,500
Deputy auditor general	3,000
2 draughtsmen, internal affairs	\$1,500 each
Transcribing clerks	1,500
Bill book clerk	3,400
2 assistant doorkeepers	4,000
8 additional factory inspectors	12,000
6 additional district judges, about	20,000
New appellate court, 5 judges	30,000
New clerks to legislative committees	30,000
about	20,000
Pensioned judges, retired list, 13 eligible	\$2,000 each

INCREASING SALARIES.

Commissioner of banking	From \$4,000 To \$6,000
Compiler Small's Handbook	500 1,200
Deputy secretary internal affairs	2,300 3,000
Supt. public printing	2,300 3,000
Supt. public grounds	2,300 3,000

One of the ways in which it is proposed to meet this increased expenditure is to cut down the state aid to the public schools about a million a year. This scheme is calculated to please the taxpayers very much. They are always pleased to pay more taxes so that the friends of the bosses can be supplied with comfortable jobs.

The republicans won the last state election by an overwhelming majority. The democrats have only an insignificant majority in the two houses of the legislature. There never was a state administration that went into office with a larger majority back of it than this one.

We doubt if there ever was a state administration and a legislature which did less for the people who gave them their suffrages and which disregarded their interests more grossly.

The 250,000 majority seems to have been taken merely as a license to do as they please.

If we understand the people of Pennsylvania rightly the time will come, and it is not so very far off, when the voter will show whether the 250,000 majority meant carte blanche to the republican bosses or not.

The democratic party is usually in a minority in Pennsylvania, but not always, and notwithstanding its present disorganized condition we confidently look for the day when it will be not merely occasionally in a majority but will always be. Such legislatures as the present one will do much to bring this transformation about.

Ought to be Tied.

"Tyrore!" shouted the brakeman, as the train slowed up at that point, and a farmer from Susquehanna county called the brakeman to him and said: "Did I understand you to say that you were going to tie the Rhone?" tells the Punks-tawney Spirit. "Yes; we're just going in to Tyrore." "Just go in to tie him, are ye? Well do you know I believe Rhone oughter be tied. I see by the newspapers that he has consented on the part of the farmers to a reduction of the school appropriations, and if you need anybody to help tie Rhone you can call on me."—Patriot.

Died at Lewistown.

A Telephone dispatch from Lewistown announces the death, at his home in that place, of Mr. L. Wian, better known as "Lifey" Wian, formerly a resident of Bellefonte and at that time an employee with Jenkins & Lingle, at their foundry and machine shop. About three years ago he with his family moved to Lewistown, where Mr. Wian engaged in business with his brother. Deceased was aged about 35 years and leaves a wife and several children. His wife was a sister of Mr. James McCafferty, who is now mourning the sad death of his son.

A Deer Park.

Mr. Benj. Gentzle is an old hunter and it pleases him to lay his eyes on one of the fleet-footed, keen-scented denizens of the forest. He recently secured several fawns and is fitting up a two-acre strip of woodland, close by his home, for a deer park. It is a splendid place for keeping deer.

ANOTHER ENTRY.

All the republican candidates in Centre county, for the office of Prothonotary, have not been entered in the race. Every week a new one seems to break the shell and come forward a willing subject for the public favor. Heretofore the field embraced the following entries: C. F. Deininger, of Centre Hall; Abraham Miller, of Pleasant Gap; and Frank Clemson, of Benore. The latest is Mr. Grant Hoover, of Bellefonte, formerly of Union twp. He is a young republican who claims to have rendered his party much service in the past and always has been faithful to its tickets nominated. He comes from the republican stronghold, the Bald Eagle valley, from which he expects to gather much strength. Mr. Hoover is known as a hustler and will be keeping his eyes open. This is the first time he has asked a favor of his party and feels as though he was entitled to favorable consideration.

Death of John Powers Sr.

After a lingering illness Mr. Powers Sr. one of the oldest and best known residents of Bellefonte, died on Tuesday morning at about 7 o'clock at his home on North Spring street, and at the advanced age of almost 65 years. Mr. Powers came to Bellefonte while a young man and engaged in the shoe business, in which trade he continued up until his last illness. He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Mary Powers, and three children, Edward, John and Catherine, wife of ex-sheriff W. Miles Walker.

Mr. Powers was a model citizen and commanded the respect of all who knew him. At one time he was elected Chief Burgess of our town and made an excellent official.

JOHN PUFF.

John Puff, died at his home on Half Moon hill on Monday after an illness of couple weeks duration. He was aged about 52 years and is survived by a wife and several children. Mr. Puff was an old soldier with a good record. He will be buried in Gregg's pot lot in Union cemetery on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Serious Joke.

A prominent citizen of Williamsport was married last Thursday. While the ceremony was being performed a lot of jokers tied long white streamers to the horses and tied a number of cow bells under the carriage. After the bride and groom entered the carriage and the vehicle started for the station the horses took fright at the jingling of the bells and the flopping of the streamers and ran away. The driver was able to steer them so as to avoid colliding with any obstacles but could not stop them until they had tired themselves out running. The bride was so frightened that she fainted.

—During the past week our legal friend Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., has appeared before the court in the trial of a number of important cases. He seems particularly adapted for the legal profession, and his services are being eagerly sought by a large clientele.

—Mrs. Sarah Wilson, an aged colored resident, died at her home on Jail hill on Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. Her death was sudden and somewhat unexpected, although she had been ill for some time. She was one of the oldest residents of the town.

—Mr. Boyd Musser, law student with Spangler & Hewes, expects to devote some of his spare time this coming summer to the school text book business. He will look after the interest of Ginn & Co, publishers, in Centre county, whose books are quite extensively used in this section.

—Prof. Lowel Meyer, the well known vocalist, who for years has been a prominent figure at musical conventions in this part of the state and well known to many of our readers, has been in a critical condition the past week and his recovery is doubtful. A diseased left arm is the cause of his trouble which seems to have affected his system.

—A handsome new soda fountain at Krumrine's drug store is quite an attraction. In design it is something entirely new, being circular and of oxydized silver. The top has a beautiful figure spray-fountain, surrounded by a number of colored lights. Of course the draughts of sparkling beverages are equally as appetizing as the fountain is beautiful.

Fined for Working on Sunday.

Eight employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in Altoona arrested on the charge of violating the State law of 1764 by performing worldly labor on the Sabbath day, were convicted and fined last week. The case will be taken to court. A discharged employee is the prosecutor.

COURT NOTES.

The following is a brief summary of doings in court last week after this paper had gone to press:

Elijah Walk vs. Vinton Beckwith. Defendant suffered a voluntary nonsuit.

Sallie Stover vs. Overseers of Spring township. An action to recover a claim for boarding a pauper. As the pauper came from another township the plaintiff could not recover.

Thursday morning Prof. Clarence Davis, after serving one year for adultery, etc., asked for release, stating that he was unable to pay his fine and costs.

Harry Thomas, of Centre Hall, convicted of abusing his wife, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10, costs of prosecution and 30 days in the county jail.

James Cornely plead guilty on Friday morning to resisting a police officer, Garis, of Bellefonte. Sentence, fine of \$1 and costs, with a positive warning not to come before that court again. The court gave Mr. Garis a severe reprimand for going into a hotel to make this arrest, as Cornely was not disturbing anyone.

SECOND WEEK.

On Monday forenoon the second week of court began with a fair attendance. The morning session was devoted to the hearing of motions and petitions.

In the afternoon the case of Samuel Wolfart, of Loganton, Clinton county, Pa., against his brother's wife, Mrs. George Wolfart, who resides in the eastern portion of Miles township, Samuel had loaned his brother about \$6,000 at various times and took a judgment note, and, in compliance with his brother's request, he never entered the same. Geo. Wolfart became involved and gave his wife a judgment note for money he had borrowed from her. She proceeded upon the same and secured title to her husband's property. Samuel entered his judgment but it was too late to secure anything. He claims this was a fraudulent proceeding.

Messrs. Orvis, Bower & Orvis appeared for the defendant and Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., for the plaintiff. Tuesday afternoon a verdict for the defendant, Mrs. Geo. Wolfart, was returned.

McAlmont & Co. vs. Eve Shearer, of Taylor township. An action to test title to property. McAlmont & Co. held a judgment against Christ Shearer and when an effort was made to sell certain property they supposed to be his, his wife, Eve Shearer, laid claim to the same. Jas. B. Alexander and A. O. Furst appeared for plaintiff and C. Dale and W. F. Reeder for defendant.

Stabbing Affray.

On Monday evening a serious stabbing affray occurred at Millheim. Coburn King, a young man about 25 years of age, is employed at the hotel in that place as a hostler. That night he was under the influence of liquor and got in an altercation with Mr. Abe Kessler, merchant, whom he accused of laughing at him. Words led to blows and in the struggle King drew a knife and plunged it into Kessler's leg on the inside, above the knee, inflicting an ugly wound. King was arrested but while in charge of the constable, he made his escape and has not yet been apprehended.

Some of the citizens became quite indignant over the carelessness of this official. Mr. Kessler's wound will not prove serious.

Corner Stone Laying.

On Sunday afternoon the corner stone for a new United Evangelical church at Tusseyville, was laid, Rev. Stapleton officiating. The building will be erected and completed this coming summer.

—On Saturday morning a crowd of ten boys, of athletic inclinations connected with the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, started out for a tramp. Secretary Cota accompanied them and their route was to Penns Cave by way of Hecla Gap. The entire trip covered thirty miles which they made in about ten hours.

State College Professors Leave.

Some important changes have been announced at State College. Professor A. J. Waters has resigned as professor of agriculture to accept the directorship of the Missouri Experiment Station, located at Columbia, Mo.; Professor E. E. Sparks has been granted a years leave of absence which he will spend at Johns Hopkins and the University of Chicago; M. J. Thompson, assistant in mathematics has resigned to engage in the practice of law; and Louis Mattern has resigned as assistant in English to accept a position as chemist in the experiment station of Pennsylvania.

A MEEK APOLOGY.

WHY CURTIN VOTED FOR A BAD BILL.

A Weak man in an Important Position—A Humiliating Apology—Opposed to the People's Interests.

Representative Harry Curtin, of Rolland, was in town this week and feeling extremely sore over the general tearing up he got from his constituency, and the press generally, for voting for that obnoxious bill to pension judges after twenty years service. He admits that it is a bad measure, but pretends to offer the excuse that he could accomplish something in another direction by voting that way. That is a very poor excuse, and a bad means to accomplish an end. It is like compromising with the devil to further the cause of Christ. Doing evil so that good may come therefrom is an abject and humiliating attitude for any man who wishes to pose as a statesman in the halls of legislation.

Such statesmanship is unbecoming to the citizenship of Centre county. Her yeomanry and stalwart sons are made of sterner stuff. No, Mr. Curtin, your humiliating apology is not acceptable to your people. It sacrifices true manhood and that nobility of purpose which all people admire. There are too many of the same confessed weakness in the present legislature, and it lies the danger of running riot in expending the public funds and shouldering more grievous burdens upon the toiling masses, who in the end will suffer most.

If all the representatives at Harrisburg were of Mr. Curtin's compromising disposition, who could predict the dire results that would follow.

Mr. Curtin does not represent the people of Centre county. These who voted for him, now have their folly fully demonstrated.

Band Tournament.

Phillipsburg will hold a band tournament on June 18th and 19th. They will offer \$300 in cash prizes, as follows: First prize, \$150; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$40; fourth prize, \$25; fifth prize, \$10. The contest to be governed by the following rules:

- All bands entering contest shall be members of the association and shall have paid their annual dues.
- Entering contest shall be free to all bands of the association.
- Each band will be allowed to select its own music for the contest, confined to an overture or selection.
- The contest will be decided by one competent judge.
- The points on which prizes will be awarded to contestants shall be strictly musical.
- No person will be allowed to play with bands during contests for prizes unless he has been a member of said band one month prior to date of tournament. Violation of this rule shall be a forfeiture of membership in the association and of any prize won.
- There will be classification of bands.
- Teachers having charge of more than one band at tournament will be allowed to play with one band only.
- As each band arrives in Phillipsburg the leader must call at the headquarters of the association, at the Town hall, and register the names of their members.
- The entrance fee, \$5, must be paid not later than June 15. After the payment of fee copies of music for the consolidated piece will be forwarded to all bands.
- Immediately after the decision of the judge the prize checks will be given to the treasurers of the respective bands.

Under Cruel Wheels.

On Thursday afternoon an accident occurred near the Central Railroad of Pa. depot that was an extremely sad affair, resulting in the death of Morris, a 11-year old son of James McCafferty of this place. A freight train with a box car in front of the engine, was approaching the depot but stopped a minute when little Morris climbed on the front bumper. When the train started the jolt threw him from his seat and he fell in front of the moving train. The wheels caught his left leg and almost severed it between the knee and the ankle. Conductor Hoag picked the little boy up and sent him to his home. Medical assistance was speedily summoned but their skill could not save the young life from his wounds, and he died that evening. The funeral occurred on Saturday, services being held in the Methodist church.

Your Shoe Bill

Is a big item of your expense. You can

Reduce It

By trading with us. From baby to grandpa can find suitable

Footware

Here. We have all sizes, all styles, all prices—for all people. A very

Special Thing

Is our Ladies' Button and Lace.

Mingle's Store.

NEW DISTRICT.

The following item appeared recently in the Harrisburg Patriot in regard to forming a new congressional district:

"The new congressional apportionment bill, which will be reported this week, gives Philadelphia and Allegheny counties each an additional district. Clarion and Forest are taken from the twenty-eighth, leaving the district Elk, Clearfield and Centre, and added to the Twenty-seventh, making that district Warren, Cameron, Venango, McKean, Forest and Clarion."

Other changes are suggested. If Clarion and Forest counties should be removed from this district no one will regret it as they have been a continuous warring element causing disturbances and factions in the party.

Zion and Vicinity.

Miss Mary Biddle, a charming young lady of Union Co. Pa., is at present visiting with her aunt, Mrs. David Sharer, and other relatives at Zion.

We notice Mr. Robb, of Nittany Hill out a fishing quite often on Sunday afternoon. Strange to say it is always on dry land, and he always succeeds in catching a Fish(er). Tell us the secret Nelson? Why do you always succeed so well?

It is very inconvenient to climb out the window when the house has a door, but such was the fate of one of our young men at Zion, a few days ago, while Robbing in a neighbor's house. Fortunately there was nothing taken away and there was no intent to steal. The Dr. thought it best to have the doors barred and bells hung, that the alarm could be given at once, if his prisoner should try to escape. Wilson, take advice. Watch the front door and see that there are no cow bells about to hang up, and watch that you don't get another drenching, as you might take cold.

The Zion Normal is in a flourishing condition with an able Prof. at the head. About thirty scholars are in attendance.

The Rev. Mr. Gearhart held his Spring communion in the Reformed church at this place on last Sunday morning. Had quite a large attendance. Mr. Gearhart is an able speaker and well liked by every one.

REX

Big Trout.

On Tuesday evening Wilbur Twimire, a 11 year old lad, caught a seventeen and one-half inch trout near the water works. It was what is known as a California trout is dark spotted and not as handsomely speckled as our brook trout.

The fish can be seen in Green's drug store in the aquarium.

Will Sail For Rome.

Bishop McGovern, of this Catholic diocese, will sail for Rome on May 18.

CHAIRMAN N. B. Spangler, of the democratic county committee, has issued his order for the holding of the primary election and county convention, also the apportionment of delegates to the respective districts. There are now 79 delegates in the county convention, the lowest it has been for many years, due to the slump last Fall and complimentary voting for Gen. Hastings, Democrats, of Centre county, we must win this year.