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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	Haltom 2
Centre Hall 1	Harris 1
Howardboro 1	Howard 1
Milesburg 1	Huston 1
Millheim 1	Liberty 1
Philipsburg 1st W. 1	Marion 1
" 2d W. 1	Miles, E. P. 1
" 3rd W. 1	" M. P. 1
South Philipsburg 1	" W. P. 1
Unionville 1	Patton 1
Benner, N. P. 1	Penn 1
" S. P. 1	Potter, N. P. 1
Boggs, N. P. 1	" S. P. 1
" W. P. 1	Rush, N. P. 1
Burnside 1	" S. P. 1
College, E. P. 1	Snow Shoe, E. P. 1
" W. P. 1	Spring, N. P. 1
Curtin 1	" S. P. 1
Ferguson, E. P. 1	Taylor 1
" W. P. 1	Union 1
Dregg, N. P. 1	Walker 1
" W. P. 1	Worth 1
H. S. TAYLOR, Secretary.	N. B. SPANGLER, Chairman.

Editorial.

The Presbyterians are having another round with Brother Briggs, at their meeting of Presbytery, in Pittsburg this week.

REPRESENTATIVE CURTIN is in favor of reducing the public school appropriations \$1,000,000, this year. He is the man who voted to pension judges.

In spite of all the calamity howls, prosperity is dawning over our land. But it takes the gall of a government mule for republicans to claim the credit.

From all sections of the country come reports of wages being increased and general industrial activity. The panic is about over and an era of prosperity can be expected.

The republicans are rejoicing because the income tax has been declared unconstitutional and will deprive the treasury of an expected source of revenue. With them it is: Anything to embarrass the administration, just so the republicans can win next time.

On Saturday a gentleman from Benner township came into this office and planked down his money in advance for a year's subscription, saying: "I must read at night, and since coal oil has gone up four cents per gallon I can't afford to pay \$1.50 per year for the Gazette."

The republicans were somewhat agitated last week by an inquiry from a Bald Eagle valley republican in regard to Abe Miller of Pleasant Gap. Why should Mr. Miller get excited or the Gazette rare? A few simple questions were asked. They could be easily answered in a few words. Is he ashamed of his record?

ANOTHER INQUIRY.

MR. EDITOR: I noticed an inquiry in your last issue whether Abe Miller, candidate for republican nomination for prothonotary, was a resident of Pleasant Gap or State College. That matters very little where he resides, but it is a known fact that he fought Gen. Hastings during the campaign because Hastings did not give him every appointment he wanted.

I am an old soldier, was wounded, and draw a pension. But if I had been holding appointments on that account and enjoying a handsome pension of about \$25 per month, don't you think it would be imposing upon the community to demand a leading office, on the same score of being an old soldier, and especially when I might not be fitted for such a position. Mr. Kurtz don't you think I would be pushing my soldier-claim rather hard?

I think the soldier boys are duly appreciated and respected, but some continually impose on good nature. That is my view, and of many others. From an old soldier living in

BALD EAGLE VALLEY.

-WANTED-At Lyon & Co's store, Bellefonte, 50,000 lbs of wool.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

GOV. HASTINGS SIGNS THE BILL.

Features of the Farr Compulsory School Bill, which is now a law - Fines for nonattendance.

Pennsylvania now has a compulsory school law for the first time in its history. Governor Hastings signed the Farr Educational bill last Thursday and the million school children of the State will soon experience its effects.

The Governor gave the following reasons for his approval of the bill: "There appears to be throughout the Commonwealth a general desire for such a law. I have not received a single protest from any citizen against this bill so far as I can recall.

"The unanimity with which it was passed by the Legislature as well as the large number of requests made upon me to sign it clearly indicate the general desire on the part of the people for a compulsory educational law.

FEATURES OF THE NEW BILL.

The new law requires that every child in the Commonwealth between the ages of 8 and 13 years shall attend for at least 16 weeks in each year, a school in which the common English branches are taught. Only such children shall be exempted from these provisions as are certified by parents or guardians to be mentally or physically incapacitated, or who live two miles from a public school or who are being otherwise instructed in the common branches and are so certified by the principal of a school.

A fine of \$2 is provided for the first offence of anyone against the law, and \$5 dollars for each succeeding offense. An appeal to the Court of Quarter Sessions is allowed to the negligent parents or guardians. Boards of School Directors or Controllers are authorized to appoint truant officers to better enforce attendance at school.

A census of the school children in every voting district must be taken by the district Assessor at the same time that the annual assessment is made, and certified to the secretary of the district School Board. Each teacher is required to report to the School Board secretary monthly the names of all children who have been absent without satisfactory reason for five successive days.

The School Board secretary must then proceed against the parents or guardians of the child. A plea of poverty, made by the parents or guardian, if sustained by the evidence, is expressly declared a sufficient excuse for non-compliance with the act, and in such a case the cost of prosecution is to be paid by the School Board.

The failure of any School Board secretary to comply, with the provisions of the law is declared a misdemeanor, and he is liable to a fine not exceeding \$25.

Clark-Burnett.

The marriage of Miss Blanche Burnett to Thomas P. Clark was solemnized at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., in the Catholic church last Wednesday. The groom is the eldest son of James Clark, of this place. He is a contractor of the Standard Lime & Stone company, of Kearneysville, W. Va.

After an excellent wedding breakfast the bride and groom departed for an extended tour via Washington, Baltimore Philadelphia and New York and from there to the groom's home in this place, where a sumptuous feast awaited them. They returned to Kearneysville, W. Va., where the groom has a well furnished home.

Heavy Frosts.

During the past week there have been a number of heavy frosts in our county that have done a great deal of damage to fruit and vegetation. In many places it was severe enough to freeze ice. The early corn is badly nipped and many farmers are replanting. The grapes suffered severely while there will be a general scarcity of other fruits for the same reason.

The Man Who Captured Jeff Davis?

An Altoona paper says: "William Kieff of Lock Haven, the old soldier who claims to be Jeff Davis' captor is serving forty-eight hours in the lockup. He was before Police Magistrate Doyle on Saturday for drunkenness and disorderly conduct."

Wife Beater

James Wagner, who sometime ago was indicted for wife beating, is again in the toils. On Tuesday evening he was arrested and lodged in jail for smashing furniture and again abusing his better half. Their home is in Milesburg.

FIELD SPORTS.

Saturday afternoon the weather was favorable for the Inter Collegiate contest at Penna. State College, neither too warm or too cool and with a pleasant breeze going to make it pleasant. The attendance from Bellefonte was quite large, while other places were well represented.

Seven college teams had entered for the contest but on Saturday only three had put in their appearance. The Swarthmore boys came some thirty strong and entered every event and almost invariably carried off the prize. The State College boys failed to come up to their former record on this occasion. The result of the contest was as follows:

100 yard Dash--won by S. E. Palmer, Swarthmore; Time, 10f seconds. W. Mattison, Swarthmore, second.

Two-mile Bicycle Race--won by R. Manley, Swarthmore; Time 5 minutes, 48 seconds. W. Ewing, State second.

120 Yards Hurdle Race--won by W. Brooks, Swarthmore; Time 1:51 seconds. A. Scott Swarthmore, second.

40 Yards Dash--won by J. D. Clarke, Lafayette; Time, 5:24 seconds. C. G. Hosge, Swarthmore, second.

Half-mile Run--won by J. D. Clarke, Lafayette; Time, 2 minutes 10f seconds. W. Clothier, Swarthmore, second.

Throwing 16 pound Hammer--won by B. L. Calke, Swarthmore; Distance 114 ft. 1 inch; Second, C. R. Rhinehart, Lafayette; 99 ft 5 inches; third, B. F. Fisher, State, 97 feet.

One Mile Walk--won by B. Parish, Swarthmore; Time, 8 min. 4f seconds. A. Price, State second.

220 Yards Hurdle--won by S. C. Palmer, Swarthmore; Time, 28f seconds. A. Scott, Swarthmore, second.

One Mile Run--won by J. Clothier, Swarthmore; Time, 5 min. 19f seconds. F. Kaiser, State, second.

Putting 16 pound Shot--won by C. R. Rhinehart, Lafayette; Put, 35 ft. 4 inches; B. F. Fisher, State; Put 35 ft. 3f inches; E. Rawns, State; Put, 32 ft. 3f inches.

220 yards dash--won by G. O. Barclay, Lafayette; Time, 2:44 seconds. S. E. Palmer, Swarthmore, second.

Pole Vault--won by W. W. Curtiss, Swarthmore; vault, 10 ft 4f inches. U. S. Brooks, Swarthmore, second.

Running High Jump--won by E. P. Harder, State; Jump, 5 ft. 7f inches. F. L. Thomas, Swarthmore, second.

W. Curtiss, Swarthmore, third.

Running Broad Jump--won by F. C. Palmer, Swarthmore; Jump 19 ft.

Total points of each team: Swarthmore 68, Lafayette 23, State College 21. E. P. Bond, Swarthmore, Referee; H. M. Beaver, State, Announcer.

Will go to Sea.

On Monday morning D. Dale Musser, son of Col. W. A. Musser of Bellefonte, aged 16, and George Runkle, son of Capt. Michael Runkle of Bellefonte, (deceased) aged 18, left for Philadelphia to board the nautical school ship Saratoga for a two years term of instruction in the merchant marine service. They are kept free with the exception of clothing.

The following itinerary for the Summer cruise of the Saratoga has been adopted. Leave Philadelphia June 6, arrive at Fayal, Azore Islands, June 30; leave Fayal July 2, arrive at Southampton August 2. Arrive at Havre August 4; leave Havre August 11, arrive at Plymouth August 13; leave Plymouth August 18, arrive at Lisbon September 15, arrive at Madeira September 20; leave Madeira September 2 and arrive at the Delaware Breakwater Oct. 25.

Shad Plenty.

A break in the Columbia dam has caused many shad to get up the Susquehanna. With new river dams millions of shad will find their way up the North and West Branch and Juniata, and become as plenty as they were before the dams were built, when they could be bought for a cent apiece.

There will be plenty of shad fishing in the river by-and-by. The rift in the Columbia dam is doing the work and the shad are coming up the river in schools. They are being caught in Goldsboro and other points along the river and preparations are being made for the construction of batteries and the use of seines. Many shad have lately been caught in the Juniata.

Will All Go Fishing.

A Fish and Game Preserve Association has been organized at State College, as follows: President, Robert Witmer, Roanoke, Va.; secretary and treasurer, Charles Steele, Sunbury. The other members of the association are Dr. Leonard Pearson and Thomas Slaymaker, of Philadelphia; H. J. Waters, M. C. Hilseng and Louis E. Reber, of State College. The preserve embraces fifteen thousand acres of woodland in Treaster Valley. A stream well stocked with mountain trout runs the entire length of the tract, offering the best of sport for anglers.

Special Bargains.

Figured China silk 20 cents a yard, and striped wash silk 30 cents a yard, at LYON & CO.

A STRONG SERMON.

If a bomb had exploded in Bellefonte it would not have created more comment than the sermon delivered in the Presbyterian church, at this place, last Sabbath morning by Rev. Coldfelt, a retired Presbyterian Minister, of Bedford Pa. Rev. Coldfelt, at one time, occupied the foremost pulpit in Philadelphia, and is a man of scholarly attainments, a profound thinker, a most logical reasoner, and above all he is fearless and frank in expressing his convictions. Owing to his advanced ideas in religious thought, which in a measure conflicted with what is commonly termed the blue-stocking creeds and dogmas of that faith, he retired from active ministerial duties.

On Sunday morning, by invitation, he delivered the sermon before the students of State College and also accepted an invitation from the Bellefonte Presbyterian congregation that evening. The subject of his discourse was that of "Charity" in which he pointed it out as the greatest of all the christian virtues; and as the synonym of love, it was the very foundation and life of true religion.

Then he began his onslaught upon the creeds which the various christian churches adopt; and construct a theology so complex, intricate and uncertain that even the greatest intellects and trained theological students can not arrive at scarcely a single distinct religious truth. He illustrated how the various churches upon the interpretation of a single paragraph, clause, and in some cases even the doubtful meaning of a single word, constructed a gigantic creed intended to suit the temperament of the framers and the people. For centuries, the result has been a theological warfare, ministers of the gospel continually pounding theology into the ears of their congregation until they become bewildered; or in their assaults upon other creeds arouse hatred, envy and prejudice, instead of preaching charity--to love thy neighbor as thyself, and that instead of creeds to preach the love of God.

He plead for more charity among the christian churches and among christian people, believing that creeds were unnecessary to salvation and expressed the hope that the day would not be far distant when there would be unity of churches; that their conflicting dogmas and strife-breeding creeds would be happily blended into one simple faith.

These sledge hammer blows against strict church theology was in strong contrast with what that congregation is accustomed to hear from their pastor, Dr. Laurie, a profound theologian, and an ardent expounder of Presbyterian doctrines and creeds.

It is unnecessary to say that this sermon aroused much favorable comment, set people to thinking and is the topic of conversation.

Fine Place.

There are few places as handsomely equipped throughout to cater to the wants of the public and furnish a comfortable home for permanent boarders as the famous University Inn at State College. Offices, parlor, dining hall, bedrooms are all equipped with an elegance that is pleasing. Under the management of mine host, S. H. Williams, the place is prospering. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are not experienced hotel keepers but they manage to set an elegant table and cater to the wants of their patrons in a manner that is making the place more popular every day.

They have many applicants for summer boarders from Philadelphia and elsewhere.

Died at Milesburg.

Lillie May, wife of W. O. Green, died May 15th at their home in Milesburg, aged 23 years, 4 months and 5 days. Her illness began from an attack of the grip about four months ago, which developed into catarrh of the bronchial tubes. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, of Milesburg. A husband and two small children, a daughter two years and a son five months old, survive her. The interment occurred at Curtin's on last Friday. Mrs. Green was a devout christian lady and was an active member of the M. E. Church and Sabbath School.

Presented to the Governor.

The petition to Governor Hastings against the proposed cut of \$1,000,000 in the school appropriation for the next two years was presented to the Governor Friday by Representative Dambly. The memorial was signed by 122 members of the House, representing sixty-seven counties of the State. The counties whose members refused to sign are Centre, Perry, Venango, Washington, Philadelphia and Allegheny in part.

A PECULIAR DEATH.

A MYSTERY THAT SHOULD BE SOLVED.

The Finding of the Body of a Man Near Port Matilda last Week--Cause of Death unknown.

Mr. John T. Fowler, of Bald Eagle valley, found a dead man in the woods near his farm last Wednesday. The man was lying on the ground with his head resting on a log. His features were calm and placid, there were no marks of violence on him and he had evidently died a natural death. His pocket book, containing a \$5 bill and some change, was lying on the ground beside him, unopened, but there were no letters, papers or memorandum of any sort about him to indicate who he was. A singular thing about the man was, that he had neither hat nor coat. Up until Friday the body had not been identified, but Postmaster Fortney, of Bellefonte, had a telegram from Houtzdale inquiring for a missing man.

An inquest was held under the direction of Squire Ossman of Port Matilda.

The finding of the body has caused considerable speculation in that neighborhood. One theory is that the body was that of a man by the name of Gardner who had relatives by the name of Gingers and Ardery in that section. He is said to have come to that section about six months ago and carried a satchel and inquired of some parties where to find these relatives. His satchel was found later along the road and it is supposed that he wandered into the woods and probably, being overcome with sickness, died there.

District Attorney Wm. J. Singer expects to visit that section the latter part of this week to gather all information in regard to the body.

It is said there was a wound on the forehead that might have been a pistol shot. The physicians did not carefully examine into this wound, we are told.

Hastings vs. O'Conner.

Those persons who have been wondering what became of the libel suit instituted by general Hastings against F. J. O'Conner, of Johnstown, during last fall's campaign, are hereby enlightened:

At argument court at Ebensburg on Monday when the attorneys for the plaintiff moved the court to fix Thursday, June 20th, next for the trial of the case of Daniel H. Hastings vs. Francis J. O'Conner, the defendant moved to continue the case for the reason that a material witness on his behalf was at present in a hospital, and it was probable he would be obliged to undergo an operation. Mr. O'Conner declined to give the name of the witness, his ailment, or in what hospital he was confined. The court refused his motion for a continuance, and set the case for Thursday, June 20.

It is hoped that Gen. Hastings will push this case to the very extremity. He cannot afford to allow his name to be clouded in this unfortunate affair.

At Hecla Park.

The following dates have been definitely engaged for picnics at Hecla Park this season:

June 15th, Walker Grange will hold a Patrons' Reunion.

June 20th, the Young Men's Christian Association will have a gathering of christian societies.

July 4th, the Undine fire company will celebrate the day.

Numerous other societies are arranging for dates, but the time of their gatherings has not yet been definitely settled.

Accidentally Shot.

Last week little Miriam Reber, daughter of Capt. Reber, was accidentally shot by a flobrt rifle, the ball striking her in the forehead, above the eyes, and inflicting a painful flesh wound. It happened in Curt Moyer's store, at Sandy Ridge, his little daughter having picked up the loaded rifle when it was accidentally discharged. The wound is not serious.

Peculiar Accident.

On Saturday, 11th, Mr. Jacob Kerstetter, of miles township, who works on C. C. Loos' saw mill, in Sugar Valley, had his leg broken by a slab which he was running through the carriage. The piece of timber turned and jumping out of place, struck Mr. Kerstetter in the leg causing a serious fracture.

To Return Income Tax Papers.

J. F. Brosius, deputy collector of internal revenue, has received notice from Collector Grant Herring, to return to Scranton office all blanks, records or papers of any description relating to the income tax.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yearick, of Jacksonville, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, on Thursday 16. Mr. Yearick 45 years ago, moved from Brush valley to his farm one mile west of Jacksonville, where he resided for twenty-nine years. For the last sixteen he has lived in Jacksonville.

The family consists of ten children, all of whom are living and married. The names of the children are as follows: Alfred S., of Superior, Neb.; Sarah S. Hoy, of Walker; Nathaniel H. Hoy, of Walker; Mary C., of Madisonburg; Dr. C. R., of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Laura F. Martin, of Walker; Chas. E., of Walker; Jno. W., of Walker; Mrs. Ida R. Holmes, of Walker; Mrs. Tillie E. Peck, of Nittany. The presents were numerous, appropriate and valuable. Among those present were W. H. Phillips and family of Aaronsburg, Joseph Hoy and wife and Jas. McCalmont and wife of State College, and others from Bellefonte, Hubersburg, Spring Mills, Nittany, Lock Haven, and Madisonburg.

Dinner was served at 12:30. A table was reserved for the family around which were seated father, mother and seven of ten children. After doing full justice to the viands that were so bountifully supplied, the father passed a cup therefrom a ten dollar gold piece, the present from father to the children.

There were seventy-eight present. Besides numerous letters of congratulations and regrets from friends who could not be present. We congratulate the aged couple on being enabled to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. When we look around us we find that very few are permitted to live so long without having the family circle broken. We trust that Divine Providence will yet permit them to live many years in the neighborhood where they are instrumental in doing much good.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Look III.

The Tyrone Herald says: A young lady sixteen or seventeen years of age, named Mary Holder, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. John Holder, at Spruce Creek, and who is the daughter of Hays Holder of Bellefonte, came to Tyrone Saturday afternoon. After visiting the family of Benj. Marshner, she was on her way down town about 5 o'clock when she was suddenly taken ill and fell to the pavement. She was picked up and conveyed to the home of Thomas Bell on Blair avenue where she has been working in spasms ever since with but little hope if any for her recovery. Friends from Bellefonte and Spruce Creek are here, who are rendering all the care and attention possible to the young lady in her almost helpless condition.

Resembled the Burgess.

A lady named Hunter who owns property in Philipsburg owed the borough for privilege of tapping a sewer. The other day a man passed her house who resembled the burgess in appearance. She called him in and plunked down the money due the corporation, but when too late the man proved to be a stranger instead of the burgess, and now the lady mourns the loss of her cash.

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

Footwear

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.