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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.
For Prothonotary—WM. F. SMITH.
For District Attorney—WM. J. SINGER.
N. B. SPANGLER,
Chairman.

Editorial.

The republican candidates for prothonotary in this county continue to pull all the harder for the party nomination.

INCREASE in wages is the good news that comes from every section, it is well to remember we are still under a democratic administration.

The Philadelphia Times is of the opinion that there should be a convention of representative poker players for the purpose of codifying the rules of the favorite game. Good scheme.

The silver agitation, without a doubt, is on the wane. The bold stand taken by Secretary Carlisle, and President Cleveland's pronounced views have done much to break down the silver fallacy.

The endorsement of Centre county democrats urging the appointment of C. M. Bower, Esq., for the new Court of Appeals, has called forth favorable comment from all sections. He would grace the position.

The practice of loaning canvas belonging to the National Guard to fishing and outing clubs and private individuals has grown to be such an evil that Adjutant General Stewart has been forced to abolish it.

No money in the state treasury for farmers' institutes, but \$800,000 more were spent by the legislature for new offices than formerly. Farmers were not in it with the bootlickers. Those who voted the republican ticket can now reflect.

From every quarter, especially Delaware, comes the welcome news that the crop of peaches will be large and fine this year. It is in order and quite consistent for the Gazette to claim this to be due to the republican victories last fall, as having prevented the frosts.

Centre county can truly feel proud of her present officials, who, by the way, are a decided improvement on some of the officials in neighboring districts. Sober, intelligent, obliging and fully competent in every respect. That is the reason Wm. F. Smith, for Prothonotary, and Wm. J. Singer, for District Attorney, were re-nominated and why they should be re-elected.

By making Centre county a separate judicial district this community will be benefited. Gov. Hastings signed the bill last Friday. Heretofore there always was too much litigation for the speedy trial of causes. On this account important interests and investments were often tied up and the public generally delayed. Under the new arrangement there is no reason why the docket should not be kept cleared and up to date.

On account of "lack of funds" the recent legislature made no appropriation for holding the farmers' institutes. But there was nothing to prevent them from advancing salaries creating new offices and such like, that cost the state over \$800,000 more than under Gov. Pattison's administration. The republicans took care of the party heeled, but the farmers are not in it and there will be no farmers' institutes. Last Fall the farmers as well as others went wild, now the season for repentance is at hand.

Two Weddings.
On June 12th, 1895, the marriage of Miss Jennie Jacobs to Mr. David M. Bailey, of Morrisdale, Clearfield county, was celebrated at the Methodist Episcopal church at Roland, the Rev. J. W. Forrest, in charge of the Howard circuit, officiating.

At the appointed hour, 6 o'clock p. m., June 12th, 1895, Mr. Geo. H. Moore and Miss Urba M. Noll were united in marriage by Rev. W. O. Wright, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Noll, whose home is east of Milesburg.

When the War Closed.
Quite a number of persons are under the impression that the war for the Union closed in 1865. This is not the case, however, as in a recent editorial in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, it is claimed that President Andrew Johnson did not issue a formal proclamation declaring the war over until August 20, 1866; and the supreme court of the United States rendered a decision in 1887, making this date binding upon the entire government in all official matters.

School Teachers.
The Centre Hall school board has elected the following teachers for the ensuing year: first grade, Prof. Edwin J. Wolf; second grade, Frank Foreman; third grade Miss Helen Bartholomew.

Death of F. C. Richards.

At or near five o'clock on Sunday evening Mr Frederick C. Richards, was stricken down with heart disease and died inside of ten minutes at his residence on East Linn street, this place without having regained consciousness.

Mr. Richards had been to New York city during the past week, and while there was suddenly taken ill and was brought home. After that he was feeling fairly well until he was stricken down. Sunday afternoon he was out and around.

Mr. Richards was a native of Switzerland, where he lived and completed his trade, that of a watchmaker. While yet a young man he came to the United States and forty years ago he came to Bellefonte and opened up a jewelry store and which he continued up until a few months ago when his twosons succeeded him. When the war broke out Mr. Richards enlisted and during the struggle, served with distinction and valor. Mr. Richards was aged about 68 years. He was a member of Gregg Post, No. 95, and also of the Order of Free Masons. He leaves to mourn his death a loving wife and three children, namely, Constance, wife of Thomas Hill, of Philadelphia, and Edward and Charles at home.

The funeral exercises occurred Wednesday morning, services being held in the Episcopal church, and were attended by large delegations of the Masonic Order and G. A. R. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

The Barrel Busted.

On Tuesday of last week Earnest Stine, of Pleasant Gap, a lad of eighteen or nineteen years, had an experience with an empty whiskey barrel that he will not soon forget. He was trying to make a hole in the barrel by using a red-hot piece of iron. The process worked very successfully until the iron pierced the barrel and then a terrific explosion occurred that busted the barrel into splinters. Young Stine was knocked back some distance by force of the explosion and was unconscious for about a half hour after the explosion. His face is burnt and punctured all over with little black specks. The force of the explosion was sufficient to break some of the rafters overhead.

This is a warning not to monkey with a whiskey barrel whether full or empty—it is liable to knock you silly anytime.

Mattern Reunion.

The Mattern reunion last Thursday was a decided success, as about 500 members of the Mattern family were present. One of the attractive features of the occasion was the presence of the following aged people who occupied posts of honor at the services: Mrs. Catharine Gray, aged 92, of Stormstown; Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, aged 87, of Tyrone; Mrs. Mary Krider, aged 84, of Warriorsmark; Mrs. Julia Parks, aged 80, of Tipton; and Mrs. Jane Roland, aged 75, of Mechanicsburg, Indiana county; and by the father of the clan, George W. Mattern, aged 85, of Franklinville.

Many interesting speeches were made, and especially the historical address.

John H. Keller.

On Sabbath morning, 9th, the venerable John H. Keller died at the home of his son-in-law, John Conley, of Centre Hall. Mr. Keller had been in failing health for the past few years, but he was surrounded by his own children, his son, Mr. James A. Keller and his daughter, Mrs. Kate Conley, with whom he had his home. His wife died in 1878, seventeen years ago. Mr. Keller was born on the 10th of September, 1813, the day of Perry's victory. Interment in the Centre Hall cemetery.

A Draft for One Cent.

Ex-postmaster William T. Crispin, of Mill Hall, received recently from the Post-Office Department at Washington D. C., a postoffice draft for one cent, being the amount due him at the final settlement of his accounts as postmaster at Mill Hall, his term having expired 18 months ago. Mr. Crispin says he intends to keep the draft and will have it framed and given a prominent place in his residence.

Christian Rally.

There promises to be a large gathering at Hecla Park this Thursday to attend the Christian Rally. For this occasion the Central Railroad will run frequent trains over the entire road. Trains will leave Bellefonte for the Park as follows: 7:40, 9:40 and 10:20 a. m.; 2:00, 3:33, 6:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Died Near Loveville.

On Wednesday, 12th, Mrs. Ella B., wife of Harry G. Ebbs, died at her home near Loveville, this county. Mrs. Ebbs had been ill with typhoid fever. She was a young woman, aged about twenty-five years, and leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her death.

SEASONABLE COMMENTS

To Enlighten the Editor of the Gazette.

THINGS HE MUST LEARN.

Where to Find the Party of Intelligence and Stability—Why Young Men Should Vote With Their Fathers—Business Improving.

The editor of the Gazette paid the recent democratic county convention a bit of editorial notice in his last issue. Among the things he says, the following is amusing:

SECOND. We point with pride to the general revival of commerce, trade and industry under the Wilson tariff bill, etc. (From Dem. resolutions.)
"And the fact still remains that the Wilson tariff bill has not set one single spindle in motion. The country is like a fever-stricken patient. It must eat to live; and manufacturers, catching a gleam of hope in the political landslide of last fall, aggreasing their machinery and setting it in motion for a general revival when republican authority is once more seated on the throne to protect them from the competition of foreign pauper labor brought about by the obnoxious British free trade."

It is not the democratic party's fault that Harter doesn't know any better, or that he tries to gull the public. The highest and most reliable mercantile agencies of the country, Bradstreet and Dunn & Co., tell different stories. Telegraphic news dispatches of works resuming, increased wages, etc., in every republican daily, should enlighten brother Harter. If he is too slow to catch on and keep up with the procession, it is not the democratic party's fault. If he knows better and is trying to gull his readers, he must be mistaken in the intelligence of the average Centre county voter. Stop your calumny howl, it is an old issue. Keep up with the times. Wake up, Rip. See what is going on.

Another paragraph that seems to attract passing attention is:

"And thus ended the love feast. It was but a faint flicker of old time democratic enthusiasm, when the party based the increase of its majorities on the number of male births that occurred in democratic families twenty-one years prior to the election. The best to doubt, if as a doubt is the beginning of knowledge they discover to a certainty that somebody has made a mistake and the result is intelligent, active, thinking republicans, who forsake the pride of their birth for the love of their country."

That is a broad fling at the democracy—that intelligence represents republicanism and ignorance democracy. It is on a par with some of this same editor's narrow views on great political questions of the day; and for which the democratic party again is not responsible. He intimates that when the democratic boys begin to read, they discover their political errors, "and the result is intelligent, active, thinking republicans, who forsake the pride of their birth, for the love of their country."

In regard to intelligence, that point need not be argued; how as to reading? It was the common complaint of the republican leaders in recent years that the progress of the democratic party was due largely to its control of a large majority of the leading newspapers and journals of the day, which evidently were read and patronized by a democratic constituency. They keenly felt the lack of party journals and publicly admitted it. These facts will hardly be disputed by any well informed reader. The same republican leaders complained of the tendency in nearly all the large colleges and seats of learning, in this country, where the youth of the land was being educated, of teaching the democratic doctrine of tariff reform. This fact will hardly be disputed either. These things are simply called to mind in this connection to remind some, and especially the Rip-Van Winkle editor of the Gazette that all the thinking, reading, intelligent citizens of this country can not be embraced in the narrow confines of what they term the once "Grand Old Party." If he don't know this fact, the democratic party again is not responsible for his shortcomings and weaknesses. In regard to forsaking the "pride of their birth" and "love of country" a few remarks are timely. It does not necessarily follow that the young man, of democratic parentage, is disloyal or unpatriotic for voting the democratic ticket. We admire the young man who has due respect and confidence in a father's advice and is in sympathy with his views until thoroughly convinced, after a painstaking and intelligent research and an honest conviction, that he should act and vote otherwise. On the other hand we have utter contempt for that class of young men, found in every community, who endeavor to pose as independent thinkers—try to impress the public with an assumed intellectual superiority, for which they never were suspected—because they "don't vote as their daddies do" and who are positively unable to give, an intelligent explanation, even excuse, for their course, except that they want to appear smarter than their "Daddies."

Young man, remember that Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, etc., were the fathers and founders of that one party that has stood the crucial test of almost a century's time, and outlived all others, and their names will continue to shine with increasing splendor during succeeding centuries. Therefore, don't be afraid of getting smarter than your democratic daddies.

There is little danger ahead. Commencement Exercises. Invitations to the annual commencement of the Central State Normal school at Lock Haven are now being issued. The baccalaureate address will be delivered Sunday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock, by Ethelbert Dudley Warfield, L. L. D., president of Lafayette college; Monday evening a concert by distinguished soloists will be given; Tuesday evening the alumni literary exercises will be held; during which Rev. George Reed, president of Dickinson college will deliver the address, and on Wednesday evening the eighteenth annual commencement will take place.

A Baby Born in Jail.

The gloominess of life in the Lycoming county jail was lightened yesterday by a happy event. Mrs. Truman Larrabee traveled 70 miles to attend court as a witness in behalf of her husband, who is to be tried this week. Yesterday morning she was allowed to visit her husband in jail, and 20 minutes later gave birth to a girl baby in his cell. Mother and child were removed to the hospital. Larrabee will be tried for impersonating a Justice of the Peace and performing a bogus marriage ceremony.

The County Bridge Bill.

The amended bridge bill as signed by Gov. Hastings will relieve the counties of all anxiety as to the destruction of county bridges by fire, flood or other calamity. When a county bridge is destroyed by any calamity the state authorities will rebuild the structure at the state's expense. A bridge that is standing or war and tear will be rebuilt at the expense of the county. The county commissioners retain control of the bridges and make all other necessary repairs the same as heretofore.

Forgot His Cash.

A bridal couple got on Day express at Williamsport Tuesday afternoon. Their friends saw them off with the usual shower of rice and lucky old shoes. The bride and groom had seats in the parlor car. Just after the train left Williamsport the groom found that he had forgotten his pocketbook. All his money for the wedding trip was in it. Love is all right in its way, but lovers have to eat, so the bride and groom got off Day express at Muncy and took the Niagara express for Williamsport again.

A Decent Burial.

By a decision of the supreme court handed down recently, when a veteran who is very poor, dies, his family may bury him and the county shall stand the expenses up to \$50. The custom has been in some counties to bury such unfortunates by contract, let to the lowest bidder, the same as in cases of ordinary paupers. The supreme court says that the law intended that old soldiers should have a decent burial, and that the county should pay a moderate expense.

New Church.

On Monday morning of this week, the Reformed congregation of Centre Hall, Pa., began work for the erection of a new house of worship. They have secured a corner lot on the main street in what is known as Smith's grove. Their present church is located at the cemetery plot, on Church street, and was the first church building erected in Centre Hall. It will be torn away and the material used in the new edifice, which will be a frame building.

He Skipped.

J. B. Beatty, treasurer of Company A, National Guard of Pennsylvania, of Huntingdon, decamped last week deserting his wife and family and taking with him \$250 belonging to the company. He addressed a note to Captain Care requesting that he should take charge of a lot of fancy chairs which he had made and sell them. Beatty left a large number of debts.

Juniata Valley Camp Meeting.

The camp meeting at Newton Hamilton will commence Tuesday, August 13, and close Friday, August 23. The Pennsylvania railroad and branches will sell excursion tickets during the time of camp meeting. Person desiring rooms in the hotel during the full term of camp should correspond with J. K. Rodes, Sec'y., Lewistown Pa.,

CENTRE COUNTY A DISTRICT.

Gov. Hastings Signs the Judicial Apportionment

CREATING NEW DISTRICTS.

The Bill Signed on Friday—Judge Love Need Only Hold Courts in Centre County—Will Facilitate the Transaction of Legal Business—What of the Associates?

Since Centre county, by the last census, showed a population of over 40,000 inhabitants, it was entitled to be a separate and independent judicial district. The census of 1890 showed that, but it is only after a lapse of about five years that this result has been attained. Under Gov. Pattison's term an unfair republican judicial apportionment bill was passed but vetoed by the executive. An effort was made by the recent legislature to pass senatorial, congressional and judicial apportionment bills but they failed—because Quay feared it would give some of his republican opponents a slight advantage. They were killed outright.

A special bill for the relief of several districts passed in the closing hours of the legislature and on last Friday was approved by Gov. Hastings. The measure creates five new judges and goes into effect at once.

Under the new apportionment Washington and Westmoreland each get an additional law judge, Centre is detached from Huntingdon and made a separate district, Huntingdon is tacked on to Mifflin to form a district and Jefferson is detached from Clarion so as to make each county a separate district. These are the only changes in the apportionment of 1893.

Judge Love no longer has jurisdiction over the courts of Huntingdon county. With his labors confined to the courts of Centre county it naturally will prove a benefit to all classes of litigation, and causes can now be heard and completed with more facility than heretofore.

THE ASSOCIATE JUDGES.

What will become of them? There used to be an impression that Associate Judges were of no account, simply ornamental, and when they fell short in that line they absolutely were a nuisance. But since the Associates of our county recently over-ruled the Court, in some very important causes, this timely inquiry was often made as to "Who am the Court." The public may now be very anxious to know what will become of these very important dignitaries who now grace the bench: Hons. C. A. Faulkner, of Phillipsburg, and Benjamin Rich, of Unionville.

The constitution of this state particularly forbids the legislature from passing any act that in anyway interferes with the length of any state officials term or salary. Officers of the commonwealth, such as associate judges, are entirely independent of any legislative act, and for that reason, while Centre county is a separate judicial district, the present associate judges will remain in office until the expiration of the five year term to which they were elected.

Associate Judge C. A. Faulkner was elected in November, 1892, and his term began Jan. 1, 1893, and will expire Jan. 1, 1898. Associate Judge Benjamin Rich took his oath of office Jan. 1895 and will, Providence permitting, grace the Centre county judiciary until January 1900, when the new century will begin with the last of the associate judges in Centre county courts—unless some hungry individuals should succeed in cutting a slice off of old Centre and leave her below the 40,000, a fate that will not likely befall us.

There are three candidates for the appointment of president judge in the new Huntingdon-Mifflin district, viz: Ex-Senator Williamson and K. A. Lovell, of Huntingdon, and H. J. Culbertson, of Lewistown. The friends of the several candidates are hustling with might and main for their favorites, and it is expected that the appointment will be made within the next two weeks. It seems that indications favor the appointment of Williamson.

Will Try Again.

The directors of the Salt Lick Gas and Oil company met in Lock Haven last Friday evening. It was ascertained that the drilling of the new well will cost about \$3,000 and the president and secretary were authorized to contract with the drillers to sink the second well.

The company now has about 7,500 acres of land under lease in the vicinity of Karthaus. The selection of the spot for the new well will be left to the drillers, but it will not be over a mile from the old one. The drillers will begin operations as soon as they get through with several contracts which they now have on hand in other oil fields.

Bellefonte's Centennial.

The Clearfield Public Spirit pays the following handsome compliment to Bellefonte and its recent centennial:

"The beautiful and historic town of Bellefonte celebrated her centennial anniversary in becoming style last week and at the same time entertained the firemen of this district in convention assembled."

Bellefonte has not grown as fast as some of the boom towns of the west and south but at the end of a hundred years stands in Pennsylvania as the home of many great men who have figured conspicuously in State and Nation. Besides the people who compose the 5,000 inhabitants are among the best people in the world.

The celebration last week was a success in every particular and the visitors, who came from all over the state, were more than pleased with the hospitable treatment of their friends at the capital of old Mother Centre.

Should all the descendants of former citizens of Centre at any time conclude to assemble in a grand union on her soil Bellefonte would be all too small to accommodate them, for her sons and daughters are scattered all over the Union and many occupy high places in walks of life. Long live Bellefonte and God bless Mother Centre."

Keep it Regularly.

A man who inserts a small advertisement once or twice a year, and then looks for a rush of business for the next twelve months is like the fellow who takes a bath on New Year's day and expects perfect health during the remainder of the year. Regularity and continuity are essential elements in both, and an "ad" unless inserted to make known something of special importance will not pay if it is not kept constantly before the people. Names of business men and the location of their stores are soon forgotten when the "ads" are taken from the columns of the local newspaper and this wide awake merchant never fails to remember. Doing business upon the theory that everybody knows him, knows what he sells and where his store is, has been rejected by every up to date seller of goods in the land.

They believe in Comfort.

Long ago farmers were compelled to hoe their corn, but in later years the improved cultivator relieved them of much hard work. At the present time cultivators, so conveniently arranged that any boy can operate it, and supplied with a spring seat so that the operator need not walk a step. Riding in the hot sun, constantly looking down at the row of corn, is not so easy either, so one of our farmers just east of town, invented a top for his cultivator, composed of several upright posts and a canvass drawn over the top and allowed to hang down behind. Many farmers through Nittany Valley have followed the idea, and working corn a day is now almost as much of a pleasure drive as it is a day's work.

State College Trustees.

At State College Tuesday afternoon the following trustees were elected: Ex-Senator Hood, Andrew Carnegie, Judge Harry White, Hon. J. A. Herr and Judge Cyrus Gordon. President Atherton's salary was raised \$1,000. H. J. Patterson, of Maryland, was elected professor of agriculture, in the place of H. J. Watres, resigned.

Western Fruit.

The shipment of California fruit to the east started Saturday when a car loaded with peaches, plums and apricots came this way and we see some of them displayed by our fruit dealers. It was the first shipment of the season.

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.