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## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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

## Editorial.

Gov. HASTINGS is making the fight of his life—so is Quay.

SOME think that the advent of the third baby-girl in the Cleveland home is a foreboding that Grover will be after a third-term in the White House.

THIS will be a season of plenty. The barns will be filled to overflowing and yet this is not due to the democratic administration. We don't claim everything in sight.

THE Bellefonte pudding furnaces started up on Monday in full blast. The country is not going to the dogs under the democratic administration as was predicted one year ago.

ON Sunday a little girl was added to President Cleveland's family. This makes three of a kind, and none of them will ever be able to vote. This is almost a calamity.

IT is expected that 65,000 Christian Endeavors will be in attendance at their national convention in session in Boston. It is a wonder how the world moved along so nicely during the centuries, when we had no such kindred organizations.

"BRADSTREET" in its last issue says that the increases of wages have outgrown the resources of statistical bureaus that have endeavored to keep track of them, and that "the latest advices are that more than one million industrial workers have received an advance of wages, averaging about ten per cent." There is no politics in this.

ONE year ago Coxey's army of tramps were marching towards Washington. There was general depression in business and laboring men were without employment. Then the republicans said it was due to the Wilson tariff. One year from then, we now find the country prosperous, labor employed and wages being increased; the prosperous era is here and he have the same Wilson tariff. It is well to keep these things in mind.

## The Peoples' Party Nominates.

The people's party state convention met at Williamsport on July 4th, and nominated the following ticket: State Treasurer, Geo. N. Dawson, of Beaver; judges of the supreme court, W. D. Rheem, of Franklin; J. W. Stevenson, of Pittsburg; J. B. Young, Beaver; J. W. Allison, Erie, and D. O. Coughlin, Luzerne. State chairman Thompson was re-elected. The Omaha platform was endorsed and the republican and democratic parties denounced.

T. P. Rynder, of Erie, formerly of Milesburg, was present and kicked up a rumpus in the proceedings by accusing the leaders with having sold out last fall. Rynder may have been correct, but the reason of his kick, no doubt, was that he did not get in for part of the divy.

## A Handsome Church.

The reformed congregation of Centre Hall has decided upon the plans submitted by Architect Robert E. Cole, of Bellefonte, for their new church building and on Monday of last week ground was broken for the foundation on a corner lot along the main street, in the grove. It is a handsome design with a main audience room 40x50 to seat 300, a Sunday school annex 26x43 and an infant room 26x17, all on the ground floor and all arranged so that the entire floor can be thrown into one room.

The exterior will be finished in brown stone, cased. A large ornamental tower on the corner is a handsome design.

The building when completed is to cost about \$5,000 and will be one of the handsomest structures in the valley. Their present house of worship on Church street will be torn down and much of the material can be used in the new edifice. Rev. Eisenberg is the present pastor of the congregation.

## Tennis Association.

The young people of Bellefonte recently organized a Lawn Tennis Association with the following officers; J. R. Hughes, president; Maurice Jackson, secretary and treasurer; executive committee—Harry Keller, Scott Harris, Will Kelly and James Harris. The association have secured the public school ground for their courts. The association numbers about fifty young men.

—Clearance Sale,

One Price—Cash.

MONTGOMERY & Co.

## THE ARMOR WILL CASE.

The *Gazette*, in its last issue, in its usual style, undertook to say something startling about the Armor will case. The entire article is a tissue of misrepresentations and undoubtedly written for the purpose of boosting the fortunes of the one person who has been the cause of all the trouble in this unfortunate estate.

When Mrs. Armor died she left to survive her five children. All were advanced in years. Immediately after her death D. M. Butts, the son-in-law, probed before the Register of Centre county what he alleged to be Mrs. Armor's will. Four of the five heirs instituted proceedings to contest the will. They were met at every turn by Mr. Butts who made a desperate effort to retain the grip upon the estate, the alleged will gave him. The President Judge of the court below twice decided against the contestants, but the Supreme Court reversed the court below. Judge Love, shortly after he assumed the duties of his office, heard a motion for a new trial which was still pending. He refused a new trial and a judgment was entered upon the verdict. This order of Judge Love refusing a new trial and directing a judgment on the verdict set aside the will and there can be no further controversy about it. During the controversy over the will the President Judge and the Associate Judges disagreed and they in turn made decrees, and in one of these decrees the Associates directed letters to be issued to the next of kin. Letters were issued, but the Supreme Court afterwards reversed and set aside all of these decrees and the letters issued in pursuance of the decree of the Associate Judges were afterwards set aside by Judge Love. The decree filed set forth plainly that these letters were set aside because the decree, under which they were issued, had been reversed by the Supreme Court and not because the security was not sufficient, nor did Judge Love direct that a larger bond should be given. Letters were afterwards issued to two of the heirs and two others became sureties. No action has been taken by any one to have these letters vacated nor does anyone doubt the sufficiency of this bond. Four-fifths of the entire estate is represented upon this bond and the other side represents only one-fifth. Why should not four-fifths of the entire estate be sufficient security to secure the one-fifth of the personal estate? It would be well enough for the *Gazette* to, at least, do a little thinking before coming to a conclusion. The Armor will case was finally settled when Judge Love filed his decree refusing a new trial. Whatever has occurred since or may occur in the future will simply be the retreating snarl of a defeated schemer. (X)

## A Horrible Accident.

On Wednesday, July 3, while returning from the funeral of Mrs. McKinley at the Advent cemetery, near Milesburg, the horse driven by William Bloom ran away. Mrs. Bloom and the child were thrown out, the woman alighting on the back of her head on a stone, sustaining a crushed skull. Mr. Bloom was thrown forward by the horse and one of the shafts penetrated his side, tearing an ugly gash. Miraculous as it may seem, the child was not injured in the least. Although their condition now is an extremely dangerous and critical one, the physician states that there is chance for recovery.

## Severely Injured.

One day last week Mr. Morris Cowdrick of Bellefonte was mowing grass in one of his fields near town; seat gave way and he fell on the end of a bolt. It entered the flesh on his back, near the spine, causing a very painful wound. He managed to tie the horses and rode one home. He was in a weak and faint condition when he arrived and was under the attention of the physician for several days. Had the team frightened when the seat broke his injuries would have proven serious.

## Elected to a Professorship.

Rev. Jacob Yutay, some years ago pastor of the Boalsburg and Pleasant Gap Lutheran charge, having been elected to the professorship of Greek and Oriental languages, in the Susquehanna University, at Selingsgrove, last week resigned his pastorate of the Lutheran church of Selingsgrove, a position which he has held for thirteen years.

## Died in Milesburg.

On last Monday, July 1st, Christina, wife of J. G. McKinley, died at her home after a lingering illness with asthma. She was aged about 55 years and leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss. She was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral occurred on Wednesday, services being held in the Advent church.

## A MERRY TIME ON HAND.

### A Strong Anti-Hastings Sentiment in Centre County.

### THE LEADERS ARE ALARMED.

Considerable Dissatisfaction Exists in Phillipsburg, Milesburg, Bellefonte and other Points—Hastings Runners are Scouring the County—Boodle Being Put Out.

The republican county primaries will be held on Saturday July 20, and the county convention on the following Tuesday. Sometime ago the fight among the prothonotary candidates seemed to be the only attraction. Since then other issues are at stake. Hastings wants to be sent to the next Republican State Convention as a delegate from Centre county. In that convention he wants to get Senator Quay's scalp, and Quay is figuring hard to get Gov. Hastings' scalp and hide, as well, to nail up on his wigwam.

To the surprise of many, there is a strong anti-Hastings sentiment developing in various sections of Centre county that has thoroughly alarmed the Hastings heeled and some fear that, unless active measures are employed, the Gov. might get a black-eye from his own home. From Phillipsburg comes warning notes of discontent, and some of the more independent republicans declare they will no longer wear the Hastings-Reeder collar. Right in Bellefonte there are elements of discord that can wield strong influence. Members of the bar, known as astute politicians, are dissatisfied. Out in Spring township there is trouble and some fences will have to be repaired. The principal cause of all this dissatisfaction is campaign pledges unkept. Phillipsburg people claim that they poll as many, and even more, republican votes, but the Bellefonte republican leaders always "hog" all the offices, and that they have received nothing from the present Hastings administration, while the Bellefonte favorites are getting thick at Harrisburg.

Here are a few facts upon which a good argument is founded. When Hastings was a candidate everybody who applied went away with the best assurance, in confidence, and was told to get to work. Since the election is over these many, all over Centre county, have been demanding a reckoning. They kept their faith and expect something in return, but their fondest hopes like golden apples of promise prove only ashes on their lips. Many an honest, faithful republican in Centre county, was doubly dealt with last fall. They can be counted by the scores. We have heard their complaints from their own mouths. That is the reason some of them are not shouting themselves hoarse for "Our Dan," but are liable to go to the primaries and vote for delegates favorable for Senator Quay.

With the Quay-Hastings fight on board in Hastings own home, we can look for some lively skirmishing ahead in the next few weeks.

The Quay men are hard at work. They know the lay of the land and are flooding the mails with literature and circulars that will have some effect. At this writing we can not tell whether Abraham Miller, candidate for Prothonotary, will be for Hastings or Quay. Last fall he was crooked; now, we presume, he will be for both.

Let the band play—the fight is on.

## Bishop McGovern Coming Home.

Bishop McGovern located at Harrisburg, formerly at Bellefonte, will be given an enthusiastic reception by his parishioners when he returns next month from Rome. This is the Bishop's first visit to the vatican since his appointment. He will arrive at New York on Saturday August 6.

The bishop will be met at the Union station and escorted to St. Patrick's cathedral. Here brief services will be held. At the close of the services Bishop McGovern will be escorted to his episcopal residence at Sylvan Heights, where a reception will be given in his honor.

## Must Give Numbered Receipts.

A recent act of Assembly makes it obligatory for the county tax collector to keep a book of numbered receipts and the same must be filled out in ink. A numbered stub must also be kept, from which a report is made to the county commissioners. The latter are required to furnish the collectors with the necessary books.

## Mining Firm.

The Snow Shoe Mining Company is the name of a new business concern, whose mines are located near Snow Shoe. Offices have been opened in the new Bush Arcade in care of C. Scott Harris. The company is represented by M. D. Kelly president; C. Scott Harris, secretary; and S. M. Buck treasurer.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—J. "Mont." Ward, the ball player, spent the past week in Bellefonte.

—The hardware stores in Bellefonte close now at 6 p. m. except Saturday.

—Gen. Beaver has resigned as a member of the Bellefonte borough council. His new appointment conflicted.

—The new iron bridge across Spring creek, at Lamb street, was finished last week and appears to be a first-class structure.

—Lee B. Woodcock will spend the summer at Cape May. This Fall he will enter the University of Penna. as a medical student.

—Mr. Jacob Bortorf, one of Lemont's prominent citizens, called on Monday. He thinks the democratic prospects, growing brighter.

—Company B are drilling regularly for their coming encampment. A number of the former dismissed members have re-enlisted.

—Our centennial committee closed up their affairs with enough money over to pay each hand \$15 that took part in the industrial parade.

—Prof. G. W. Johnstonbaugh, of Bethlehem, Pa., where he holds a position as principal of the public schools, is visiting friends in Bellefonte.

—C. F. Deining, candidate for the republican prothonotary nomination, has been looking after his fences in Bellefonte during the past week.

—On Tuesday, of last week, Ross Parker, conductor on the Bellefonte Central, had a joint taken off by a coupling pin striking him on the hand.

—John Blanchard, Esq., left on Monday for New York, where he will sail for a tour of several months in Germany. He expects to be gone until October.

—The new residence on East Linn street being erected by Mrs. Bryson promises to be a handsome structure and quite an improvement to that end of the town.

—Francis Speer has about recovered from his vacation, dissipation rather, at Atlantic City last week. Charley Wensch carried several days longer, on his way home at Middleburg, where he is very much interested.

—Mrs. S. H. Williams, of State College, had one of her fingers badly lacerated by the explosion of a cannon fire cracker on the night of the 4th. The cracker exploded in her hand tearing the flesh from her thumb and fingers.

—Last week Mr. Crossmyer, of Milesburg, caught a carp in Bald Eagle creek near Curtin's works, that weighed 7½ pounds. That is unusually large for these waters, and when Mr. Crossmyer pulled it out he thought he had a whale.

—J. Malcolm Laurie has gotten his new steam laundry building on Water street so far under way that he has moved the most of his machinery from his old stand to the new building, and in a week or two more he expects to be in full operation.

—W. I. Fleming, of Bellefonte, recently received an appointment in the Insurance Department at Harrisburg. The place is worth about \$1,400 per year. The appointment is generally conceded as being to a deserving party worker.

—Eustace B. Grimes, of Philadelphia, formerly of Bellefonte, private secretary under ex-Secretary of Commonwealth W. F. Harity, was married on Wednesday of last week to Miss Annie E. Bergstreser, of Harrisburg. The newly wedded couple will reside in Philadelphia.

—On Tuesday the workmen on the Pruner building laid down their tools and stopped operations. The trouble was between Mr. Pruner and the men. He thought they were killing too much time, and told them so. This the men did not like and they quit work.

—The new Pruner building, on Allegheny street, is now under roof and adds another handsome business block to our already beautiful town. The addition of a third story and mansard roof with corner tower makes it an architectural design of good taste. The plans of the building were furnished by Robert Cole.

—The young people of town have organized a lawn tennis association and fixed up several nice courts on the public school grounds at the stone building. Every evening large crowds gather at that point to witness the games in progress. There are several good players in Bellefonte. A tournament will be the next thing on the programme.

—On Saturday evening the Valentine Iron Co. received a brand new "dinky" engine from the Baldwin locomotive works, Philadelphia. It will be used at Nigh bank on a narrow gauge road now being constructed. New mines are being opened about one mile distant, and the ore will be hauled to Nigh bank to be washed. The engine is a dandy and will undoubtedly give satisfaction.

## MENNONITE CHURCH AT HOWARD.

### One of the Oldest Buildings in our County.

### WHO WERE THE FOUNDERS?

A Once Flourishing Congregation that has Disappeared.—Several of the Surviving Members—The Building now used as a Dwelling House.

The Mennonite congregation of Howard township, this county, was one of the first, if not the very first, religious societies organized in Centre county, having been organized about the year 1795.

In 1786 Daniel Kunes and some German families from Lancaster county settled in Howard township. Several other families followed the early pioneers, nearly all being members of the Mennonite society. Feeling the need of spiritual friendship Daniel Kunes and Samuel Pletcher organized the first congregation, consisting of themselves, Frederick Schenck, Anne Pletcher, Frederick Pletcher and their families. In 1812 the log meeting house was erected on land owned by Jacob and Anna Pletcher, and in 1821 was deeded to Frederick Schenck, as trustee for the congregation.

The members of this congregation were noted for their hospitality and benevolence, always ready to assist the afflicted and needy. Their religious teachings inculcated industry, peace piety and virtue. Most of the first members of the society lived to very old age, some to 92 years.

The ministers of the denomination were selected from members of the society by lot, and received no pay for their religious teachings. Samuel Pletcher was the first minister selected and since that time the following have been selected and officiated: Daniel Kune, Michael Schenck, Frederick Pletcher, John Pletcher and Henry Holter, the latter dying in 1857, since which time there has been no regular service held. For some years the membership averaged about 50, but as the children grew up and married into other denominations the membership decreased.

The meeting house was sold in 1893 to Rudolph Pletcher, who now occupies it as a dwelling, and the congregation has ceased to exist, there being left but four surviving members, Mrs. Balser Weber, Jacob Holter Mary Daghenbaugh and Sarah Pletcher.

The early members by industry accumulated considerable property in the land and money, and it is a remarkable fact that but few of the descendants are now in possession of what their ancestors left them, which might emphasize the fact that the religion of the parents is the best for their children.—Grit.

## Entertaining Friends.

Among the visitors who are being entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Baum's home are Mrs. Herman Anspach, of Metropolis, Ill., and her son Mr. Nathan Anspach; Miss Francis Loenstein and her sister Miss Flora, of Evansville Ind.; Mrs. Nathan Reisman, see Miss Hilda Baum, and Miss Sarah Baum, who has made her home with Mrs. Reisman for the last year. Sarah expects to remain at home; and Jake son of Mr. Baum, who after a pleasant visit of nine days, took his departure Monday in company with Mr. Nathan Anspach.

—U can get it for 8 at The New Racket.

—On Wednesday morning there was a decided drop in the temperature, as low as 60 degrees.

—On next Wednesday, July 17th the Reformed Sunday school, of Bellefonte, will hold their annual picnic at Hunter's Park.

—John T. Fowler's home at Fowler, was destroyed by fire on July 3rd. He expects to locate at Tyrone in the future.

—Editor H. C. Williams, of Phillipsburg, was in Bellefonte on Saturday and visited our sanctum while the writer was out celebrating. Sorry we missed him.

—Mr. A. G. Archey and N. T. Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, were in town on Wednesday and paid their respects. They report everything growing nicely in their Section.

—On the 4th of July the woodcock season opened. Editor Harter and George Grass captured four, and Messrs. Ward and Ward succeeded in placing one to their credit. That is not a very good record for the opening of the season. —There will be a "Shingle Social" at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening, July 11th. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, coffee and cocoa, will be furnished. Admission, including refreshments only one dime. Plenty of music and a good social time may be expected.

## Look at the Label.

Recently a change was made in our office in the method of keeping subscription accounts. The name of the subscriber formerly was printed on the margin of the paper and the account was kept in a ledger in the office. By looking at the name slip or label of your paper you will find that the name, with the date of the expiration of your subscription, is printed on a colored slip and this is pasted on the paper. In this way you get a statement of your subscription account each week, which should prove more satisfactory than by the former method.

At the end of each month we make all corrections and credits so that when you send money to our office you will note the change the first week of the following month.

Considerable care and attention was taken to get all accounts correct, and if any of our patrons find that any mistake has occurred they should notify us at once.

Look at your subscription label this week.

## Seashore Excursion.

No other place can compare with Southern New Jersey in seaside resorts, either in point of number or excellence. Atlantic City is the most popular resort in America, and Cape May, Sea Isle City, Ocean City, Avalon, Anglesco, Wildwood, and Holly Beach do not fall short of Atlantic City's high standard.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has arranged for a series of excursions to the seashore, similar to those which were so popular last season. The excursions will leave Pittsburg July 18, and August 1, 15, and 29, and the rates will be as stated below.

The tickets will permit a stay of nearly two weeks, and a choice of either of the seashore points named above will be allowed.

Pittsburg	Rate	Train	Lev.
Pittsburg	10 00	8 50 a. m.	
Altoona	8 00	12 45 p. m.	
Clearfield	8 90	9 31 a. m.	
Phillipsburg	8 35	10 14 "	
Bellefonte	8 65	10 09 "	
Tyrone	7 65	1 07 p. m.	
Philadelphia, arrive	6 40		

For further information apply to ticket agents, or to Mr. Thomas E. Watt, District Passenger Agent Pittsburg.

## Found a Pocketbook.

While in Williamsport last week Charles Shearer, of this place, found a pocketbook containing over three hundred dollars. A check and some other papers enclosed gave the name of the supposed owner and Mr. Shearer wrote him asking a description of the property. His reply was very satisfactory and on Monday the pocketbook was forwarded by express, Mr. Shearer receiving as a reward for his honesty the sum of fifteen dollars. Such a fat pocketbook in the hands of many men would have never been returned to the rightful possessor, but Mr. Shearer is not of that class. It is needless to say the owner was rejoiced to recover his property.

## Destruction of Herculaneum.

This was one of the finest features to be seen at Williamsport during their centennial. It is the production of Mr. Wise, the scenic artist of Tyrone, and was pronounced one of the best displays of the kind. The pyrotechnic display is alone worth the price of admission.

—Ninth Semi-Annual Clearance Sale at The New Racket, begins on July 12th.

—Clearance Sale, One Price—Cash.

MONTGOMERY & Co.

## 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.