

**DISCUSSES COUNTY POLITICS**

**A Spring Mills Writer Gives the Forecasts.**

**MANY MEN WANT OFFICES.**

Who are likely to win in Gregg township—Candidates for Sheriff, Treasurer, Assembly, etc.

Our roads for the past year have been in a very excellent condition, fully equal to the pike, and in some localities much better. This is owing to having a road supervisor who knew exactly what the traveling community required, and then did it. Jacob McCool is our present supervisor, and no doubt will succeed himself for next year, as he has little or no opposition.

The constabulary strife here is becoming highly interesting and rather exciting. We have now five or six candidates in the field, all democrats, and all very anxious to be dressed up with a little "brief authority." Reuben Kline, of Penn Hall, is our present constable, and has been for more than a score of years, and has no objections to continuing serving the dear people. The contest, however, has finally dwindled down to Wm. Ream, Wm. Smith and the present incumbent, with chances in favor of the former. Three weeks ago Mr. Smith was scarcely known in the contest, as apparently he had a very limited following. But of late he has marshaled his forces so admirably, and displays such remarkable strength, that now he contests every inch of ground with Mr. Ream, the strongest candidate in the list. Before the convention meets, no doubt all the other candidates will withdraw. A democratic nomination in this township is tantamount to an election, the republicans offering no opposition.

For over a month it has been rumored that C. P. Long, of our town, would be a candidate before the next republican convention for treasurer of Centre county, and not until this week was the rumor positively confirmed. Mr. Long is a very popular and lively merchant of Spring Mills, is a thorough business man and no doubt fully competent to discharge the duties of treasurer. His nomination might be considered, if viewed through republican glasses, as quite a strong one. He is well known throughout the county and in this section is decidedly popular and somewhat influential, and if nominated, undoubtedly would receive in these valleys a complimentary vote in addition to that of his party. But, unfortunately for Mr. Long, he is all wrong in politics, so he may rest assured—so may any republican nominee, no matter whom—that the next treasurer of Centre county will be a democrat. Several very prominent gentlemen from this side of the mountain are quietly mentioned for county treasurer by the democracy, but it is only rumor, nothing very definite.

The sheriffalty has been only slightly discussed here, as the nomination for that office, I believe, is conceded to west of the mountain. However, one republican gentleman here has announced that he would be a candidate notwithstanding, but it is mere bagatelle and of no consequence. Sheriff Condo was in our town last week, and in my conversation with him he observed that he was rather glad the democratic majority in old Centre last November was so meagre, as it would force the democracy to bring out their full vote this fall, or in other words, put them on their mettle. By the way, the sheriff has disposed of his property here, and evidently does not intend returning to his residence in our town.

I hear very little of the assembly ticket; several names have been mentioned, but nothing very reliable. Robert Foster, of State College, I learn intends making another effort, and the present republican representatives are seeking a renomination, but here in this section of the county both parties claim another deal—want new men, but with what success remains to be seen.

No doubt the political cyclone of last November will caution the democracy to be very circumspect in all their nominations. We must have absolutely clean candidates, men of intelligence, popular and influential, no drones nor men wedded to dead or issue titles will answer this year (nor any other time). True this is the presidential year, and that question may dwarf the balance of the ticket very materially, but nevertheless, let our county ticket be composed of men of character, ability and prominence, and no doubt Centre county will again roll up her old time majority.

—The State Board of Health has sent notice to all Phillipsburgers who have stored ice cut from the Moshannon, that the same must be thrown away, as it is not considered a pure quality.

**THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.**

The Democratic National Committee have fixed upon Chicago as the place for holding the National Convention, and July 7 the time. There was quite a spirited struggle between the rival places for the Convention, and only after twenty-nine ballots was the matter decided. There was no contest over the time for holding the Convention, which, after all, is more important than the place. The comfort of the delegates should be consulted, as far as possible, in such a weighty matter as selecting a candidate for President of the United States; but this does not seem to have been thought of when naming July 7. This is about the hottest period of the year, and if there be not some pretty great sweltering at Chicago, it will be because the Clerk of the weather has made a dispensation in the Convention's favor. The time and place fixed upon are out of the question, and the whole of the time of the Democratic king makers may now be devoted to the matter of a candidate to lead the party. Since Mr. Cleveland has declined a third term his name is no longer in the way, and there will be one less candidate to choose from. The Democratic party has an abundance of good Presidential timber, and it is to be hoped the standard bearer will be one on whom all factions can unite and give a majority of the electoral votes. From the way the financial question is coming to the front the next Presidential election will be one of more than usual interest and importance. The convention will be mainly between cheap and honest money.

**Dynamite Explosion.**

An accident occurred on Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock in Ramey shaft, Eureka mine No. 7. There was a dynamite charge put in, and it didn't do any good, so without waiting for the smoke to clear away they set another off on the other side, and the flash which came from the second explosion ignited the spoke of the first and caused a third explosion as soon as the smoke reached the pure air. Four persons were injured, Daniel Coe, William Coppenhaver, Harry Fink and Jacob Hellen, the two latter being brought to the hospital on the 12:08 train, with face and hands burned. The two former received body burns and Coe was struck by a tie in the back.—Phillipsburg Journal.

**Next Week's Criminal List**

The list of cases for trial in the quarter sessions court next week is probably the smallest on the docket for some time. It numbers just twenty-two cases, among which is one each for forgery, larceny, desertion and cruelty; several for malicious mischief, a couple for assault and battery and the balance of that kind which generally make up the bulk of business in the quarter sessions. The forgery and larceny cases are probably the only two in which a conviction might result in a sentence to the penitentiary. The cruelty case is an action against a school teacher for punishing a scholar.

**Had No Congregation.**

Last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Shortiss, pastor of the Evangelical church in Penns and Brush valleys, desired to hold services in the church here, and had announced two o'clock as the hour. Either owing to it not being generally known or not having any sympathizers in Centre Hall with his side in the church fight, he had no audience, and not one turned out to hear him. The Escherites now have full possession of the edifice, but not one adherent in the congregation. Rev. Goodling with his entire flock, worship in the Methodist church.—Reporter.

**Better Let Well Enough Alone.**

There is a talk of dividing the hour into 100 minutes and the minutes into 100 seconds. This would make the new minutes three-fifths the old and the new second a little more than one-third the length of the old one. The object is to express time by the decimal, but it is doubtful if this will ever happen, as the change would give a great annoyance in bringing it into effect. It is not likely that our time-piece, or our spelling books will undergo any decided change during the lives of the present generation.

**A Remarkable Season.**

The winter of 1895-96 will go down in history as a remarkable one in respect to weather. We have passed the middle of January, yet there has not been sufficient snow as yet on which to run a sleigh. Cold we have had a few days of, but no snow worth mentioning. Many weatherwise people say there will be no snow until the drought is broken by a thaw and long rain. In many parts of the state residents are suffering great inconvenience for actual want of water.

**THE BOROUGH PRIMARIES**

**Will be Held To-morrow and Saturday Evenings.**

**THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED.**

A List of Those Whose Terms Expire—Democrats do Your Duty—Where the Caucuses Will be Held.

The time is now very near for the nomination of candidates for the several offices to be filled in the borough this spring. The list includes borough treasurer, auditor, high constable, three school directors, three constables and four councilmen. The incumbents whose terms expire with the first Monday in March are treasurer Charles Cook; auditor H. B. Pontius; high constable James McCafferty; school directors W. B. Rankin in the North ward, D. F. Portney, Esq., in the South ward, and David Bartley in the West ward; constables H. H. Montgomery in the South ward, Joshua Folk in the North ward, and Wm. Gares in the West ward, but who now lives in the North; councilmen John C. Miller and Harry Valentine, the latter chosen in place of Judge Beaver, resigned, of the North ward; George Bush, of the South ward, and C. T. Gerberich, of the West ward; also poor overseer Isaac Miller. There will be no election this spring of burghers or tax collector.

Owing to the fact that all nominations must now be certified to the county commissioners twenty days prior to the election, and as the election will occur on Tuesday, February 17th, the primaries will, of necessity, have to be held Saturday, January 25th, or in just two days.

The selection of borough officers, men who are capable and who will properly manage the borough's affairs, is of even greater importance than the selection of men for county offices. The condition of the borough's finances at the present time is a safe criterion to go by. Over one hundred thousand dollars in debt, and going deeper every year, under republican government, of course; is this the condition of affairs desired by the voters and taxpayers of Bellefonte? If it is, you have only to keep on in the old path. But if you desire relief from this burden of debt, the great bug-bear of high taxes, then make a change at the coming spring election. Nominate and elect good men to conduct the borough's business. There are plenty of them among the democrats, and if the right men are nominated at the caucuses Saturday evening there will be no trouble as to their election.

**WHERE THE CAUCUSES WILL BE HELD.**

The time and place for the holding of the caucuses is as follows:

In the North ward, J. C. Harper committee man, in the Arbitration room in the court house, at 7 o'clock p. m., Saturday, Jan. 25th.

In the South ward, Joseph Wise committee man, the caucus will be held in the Register's office in the court house, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock.

In the West ward, Geo. H. Harman, committee man, the caucus will be held in the Watchman office on Friday evening, January 24, at 7:30 o'clock.

**Horse Steals.**

On the evening of Jan. 15, a fine Mahogany bay mare, 16 hands high, weight 1100, 4 years old last fall, had a little spot of white on forehead, mane on forehead about 4 inches long, is of stylish appearance, a good traveler and was shod with "Hold Fast" shoes. The thief is a man about 25 to 30 years old, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weight 165 pounds, had a short sandy moustache, sandy complexion, wore a black slouch hat and a dark brown overcoat. A reward of \$15 will be paid for information leading to the return of the mare, and \$10 will be paid for the capture of the thief.

**J. B. WINKLERBECK, Lewisburg, Pa.**

**An Incipient Fire.**

Just at half-past six o'clock on Wednesday morning a slight fire was discovered in the basement of the Reynolds residence, now occupied by Emil Joseph and family, corner High and Spring streets. The sounding of the alarm quickly brought the fire companies to the scene, and the flames were extinguished without any damage worth mentioning being done. The origin of the fire is not known.

**Bids for Government Bonds.**

By direction of the postmaster general, notice has been posted in the postoffice in this place calling for bids on the issue of bonds about to be made by the government. The terms and conditions upon which bids are to be made are fully set out in the notice. Persons desiring to purchase government bonds can obtain all necessary information by an examination of the notice.

**IN THE COURT HOUSE.**

Legal Intelligence Gathered from Various Offices.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Ralph R. Adams,	Worth twp
Esther Williams,	Houston twp
David Burkins,	Altoona
Mary McClenahan,	Potters Mills
A. W. Stine,	Bellefonte
Dora Hummer,	Danville
Jerome Huber,	Poe Mills
Daisey Hoover,	Phillipsburg
John Trolan,	Phillipsburg
Johana Trammer,	"
Richard G. Tate,	Spring twp
Agnes May Fishburn,	"
A. F. Miller,	Gorton Heights
Ellen Wolfe,	Spring Mills
Henry Gramley,	Rebersburg
Cora Hartman,	"

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

Orlando Thomas et ux, to George Ramels, lot of land in Harris twp., consideration \$180.

John P. Condo, sheriff to Josephine Williams, tract of land in Worth township, consideration \$1,100.

Fannie A. Whitehill, to Bertrudia A. Cox, for lot of ground in Central City, Boggs township, consideration \$200.

Samuel McCamant, et ux to Samuel Hoover, 170 acres land in Taylor Township, consideration \$900.

Samuel Hoover et ux, to James F. Goss, 57 acres of land in Taylor township, consideration \$300.

Samuel Reel to John Ramels, tract of land in Harris township, consideration \$400.00.

Henrietta E. Dorworth to Hannah J. Dorworth, lot No. 54 in Bellefonte boro, consideration \$1000.

Wm. C. Heinle et ux, to J. T. DeSiller, lot of ground in Curtin township, consideration \$1.

Michael Ream to Samuel Ream, seven perches of land in Gregg township, consideration \$1.

Michael Ream et ux, to Samuel Ream, 10 acres and 79 perches of land in Gregg township, consideration \$800.

John W. Cook et ux, to Wayland David, tract of land in Curtin twp., consideration \$777.

Chas. F. Cook et ux, to Sarah Young, lot of ground in Spring twp., for \$500.

James I. McClure et ux, to P. B. Crider & Son, lot of ground in Bellefonte for \$625.

Michael Ream's exs., to Samuel Ream, lot of land in Gregg twp. for \$135.39.

John P. Condo, sheriff, to M. L. Rishel, two tracts of land in Gregg township, consideration, \$1200.

William G. Runkle, assignee, to James B. Strohan, for 119 acres and 113 perches of land in Potter Township, consideration \$863.92.

**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.**

To Catherine Armstrong, on the estate of James Armstrong, late of Phillipsburg, deceased. Will proven.

To Elizabeth Thomas, on the estate of Jane Barr, late of Phillipsburg, deceased. Will proven.

**Higher Prices for Wool.**

The outlook for wool is somewhat better at primary points, and farmers in Washington and Greene counties, Pa., and in eastern Ohio and the Panhandle of West Virginia, are feeling considerably encouraged at the recent tone of the market. A few days ago G. W. Chaney, a wool buyer in Washington county, for Horkheimer Bros., of Wheeling, bought 30,000 pounds at Claysville, for which he paid 20 cents per pound. Under the McKinley bill the same quality of wool only brought 10 to 15 cents. Shortly after the passage of the Wilson bill the price advanced to 15 cents, later to 18 cents, and now it has reached 20, with prospects that it will advance still higher.—Pittsburg Post.

**PUBLIC SALE REGISTER.**

Persons having their sale bills printed at this office will receive a free notice of same under this heading, until time of sale. This office has an entirely new outfit for printing bills, consisting of type, all kinds of cuts, etc., and our prices are reasonable. If you want the best, neatest and most attractive sale bill, have it printed at this office. Sale notices furnished free with each set of bills.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11—John W. Eby will sell 4 work horses—one match team of greys; 5 cows, some will be fresh time of sale; young cattle, full blooded Short Horn bull, 6 brood sows, Poland China boar, 18 shoats, new Deering binder, mower, grain drill, hay tedder, Hench cultivator and corn planter, etc. also some household goods, on his premises, ½ mile west of Zion, along main road, sale at 9 a. m. J. L. Neff, auct.

**Leg Broken.**

On Friday afternoon James Shea, a young man employed on the Bald Eagle valley work train, while at work on the Snow Shoe branch, the train gave a lurch, Shea lost his balance, jumped to save himself but the momentum of the train threw him against the embankment with such force that he sustained a broken limb. He was taken to his home in Tyrone where Dr. Gimmel rendered the necessary surgical attendance.

**TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE**

**To be Held at Port Matilda, February 7th and 8th.**

**FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAM.**

Which Includes a Number of Live Issues for Discussion by Able Teachers. Free for All.

The teachers' of local institute district, No. 5, will hold their second session in Port Matilda on Friday evening, February 7th, convening at 7 o'clock. There will be two sessions on Saturday, February 8th, the session of the forenoon to begin at 9 o'clock. The following is the program, subject to such changes as the president may see fit to make:

**FRIDAY EVENING.**

Devotional exercises. Singing. "How to teach history in the public schools to be practical," E. J. Williams and J. H. Crain; Essay by E. P. Whippo; "What means do you employ to keep primary pupils busy and at the same time benefit them?" Fannie Sharer, Mertie Wagner and Dora B. Finch.

**SATURDAY FORENOON.**

Devotional exercises. Singing. "What means should be employed to secure punctuality and regularity?" M. E. Heberling and Mary Zimmerman; Recitation by C. G. Stine; "Should we make a specialty of Friday afternoon literary exercises?" W. G. Womer and Ida R. Williams; Singing. Essay by Sallie Barr; "Will the 'Farr' educational law be a benefit to the public schools?" James Gregg and W. H. Roush; recitation by Bertha Davidson; Should civil government be taught in the public schools, and why?" N. P. Krebs and C. V. DeLong; Singing.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**

Singing. Recitation by J. R. Williams; "What qualifications are required for a successful teacher?" Elias Hancock, Jennie Tallhelm and C. G. Spieher; Essay by Mary Bollinger; Should a teacher be employed to teach the same school a number of terms?" A. C. Williams and Wilbur Mattern; Singing. Recitation by Della Goodfellow; "Would you resort to corporal punishment in the school?" D. W. Showalter and J. H. Harpster; Essay by Lizzie Reese.

Teachers please bring your singing books with you.

**SECRETARY.**

**The Lumber Outlook Good.**

The number of rafts that will go down the Susquehanna next spring will be considerably larger than last spring if snow enough falls to enable the timber makers to get their big sticks to the river. W. B. Quigley, the well known log scaler of Lock Haven, scaled at Deer creek last week five rafts of round pine logs which he says will be the finest that ever came down the river. The rafts are being made for the Lecont estate and the five scaled 340,000 feet board measure.

The largest stick in the lot is 104 feet in length and is 18 inches at the top end, and 20 1/2 of the sticks measured 205,000 feet board measure. The length of the platforms will be as follows: one 80 feet; one 72; one 64; three 48; three 40 and nine 32 feet long. One of the sticks, 32 feet long, scaled 2,200 feet.

Mr. Quigley states that the quality of the timber that is being made for next spring's market is much better than last year.

**Pennsylvania Trackage.**

The annual report of the trackage of the "Penny" shows the miles of track between Jersey City and Pittsburg and Erie to be 8,073. Of this mileage 4,084 is of the first track, 1,171 of the second, 349 of third, 234 of fourth track and 2,233 of company's sidings. During last year there was five miles of additional first track laid, 25 miles of second, third and fourth, and 34 miles of company sidings, making a total new trackage of 64 miles. The mileage given above does not include any of the lines west of Pittsburg which are controlled by the Pennsylvania company.

**Transplanting Trees.**

During the past week Joshua Folk did some of the largest tree transplanting probably ever done in Bellefonte. The large stump in front of Mr. L. T. Munson's residence on Allegheny street was dug out and two of the handsome shade trees were brought there from along the Episcopal church property on Lamb street. The trees transplanted are fully ten inches in diameter, and their careful removal, without injury, from one place to the other was no small undertaking.

—Fifty different kinds of the finest taffies you ever saw; always on hand at Soubettes.

**DO NOT FAIL TO READ THIS.**

The noted Specialist, Dr. M. Salm, who has been so successful in the treatment of private diseases of both sexes, and all kinds of chronic diseases, may be consulted in Bellefonte, at the Brockert house, on Saturday, Jan. 25th, and every four weeks thereafter on the same day. Consultation and examination free.

**The Saratoga's Itinerary.**

The school ship, Saratoga, with some sixty young tars aboard, cast loose from her moorings on the 15th and sailed from Philadelphia on her winter's cruise of three months. The itinerary of the voyage is as follows: Directly south to the West Indies, the first landing place being the Barbadoes Islands on or about February 1st, leaving there February 10th, arrive at Martinique February 12th, leave February 17th, arrive at St. Christopher February 22nd, leave March 7th, arrive at St. Thomas March 10th, leave March 17th and arrives at Kingston, Jamaica Island, March 23rd. This island lies south of the Isle of Cuba in the Caribbean Sea, leave Kingston April 1st going through the Yucatan Channel into the Gulf of Mexico, thence via Florida Straits to Philadelphia where they expect to arrive about the 18th day of April.

Centre county boys on the ship are Dale Musser, John Shrom and George Runkle, all of Bellefonte.

**A Vast Estate.**

It is not generally known, nevertheless it is a fact, that in Clearfield and Elk counties, principally in the former, is located the most valuable timber estate in the State of Pennsylvania. It is known as the William E. Dodge estate and consists of some 20,000 acres, from off of which is cut over 17,000,000 feet of lumber annually. William Dodge died in New York in 1885, and the property is now owned jointly by his eight sons, each one of whom is estimated to be worth at least \$4,000,000. It is twenty-eight years since this property was bought by the senior Dodge and during that time there has been paid from it about \$5,000 annually in taxes into the Clearfield county treasury. J. W. Hartman, of Williamsport, is the present manager of the estate.

**The Economy of Good Roads.**

The problem of good country roads, as well as their economy in cost, continue to interest all, and especially the suburban dwellers. There is much legislation, from time to time, and in various States, bearing on the betterment of country roads; and, in some States, there is a commendable improvement going on year by year, but, in this State, outside of a few districts near Philadelphia, there is hardly a visible improvement. There must be a change in this regard in our own State, in the near future; and the Legislature, at its next session, should take proper steps to organize a system of road betterments. Of course it will cost money, a good deal of it, and the work will have to be done gradually as our railroads were built; but every reduction made in the cost of hauling products to market will save money to the farmer and other produce classes.

**Live Stock Sanitary Board.**

At Harrisburg Thursday, the state live stock sanitary board was organized by the election of Governor Hastings as president; Secretary Edge, vice president, and State Veterinarian Pearson, as secretary. The work of the board is to control and suppress contagious diseases among animals. It has power to quarantine and destroy animals, if such measures are necessary to prevent the spread of disease. It also has authority to inspect the milk supply of towns and cities and protect milk from contamination.

**Not the Man.**

District Attorney W. J. Singer has investigated the report of the ex-convict that the murderer of Harry Waterhouse was now an inmate of the Western Penitentiary, and finds that it is not correct. The individual in question is one William Phelps, of Allegheny county, and at the time the murder was committed in Bellefonte, in September, 1890, he was an inmate in the Columbus, O., penitentiary.

**From February to June.**

Old soldiers in Centre county will no doubt be glad to learn that the time for the holding of the spring encampment of the G. A. R. has been changed from February to June. When held in the former month, it was generally about the worst weather during the entire year, while June is the loveliest month in the year. The encampment will be held in Chambersburg.