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EDITORIAL.

CENTRE COUNTY is ahead again with a first class sensation. We always lead. When anything is done in this section it is generally done well.

MARK this prediction. The republicans who imagine that the democratic party is about defunct, will change their minds by the time the presidential campaign is over.

It seems from the official returns, just in, that Governor Hastings has vetoed more bills than any other governor since the establishment of the commonwealth.

AMONG the new announcements this week will be found that of John Noll, of Bellefonte, for sheriff. He is well and favorably known to the voters of this county.

HON. JAMES KERR, of Clearfield, has announced his candidacy for congress in this district. Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, will also be an aspirant for the same position.

THE campaign among democratic candidates in this county, for the party nominations has fairly opened and a large number are now in the field.

TO ELECT DELEGATES.

On Tuesday evening County Chairman N. B. Spangler called a meeting of democrats in his office to discuss the manner of selecting delegates to the coming Democratic State convention.

For Odd Fellows.

A proclamation has been issued from the sovereign grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. directing the grand and subordinate bodies of the organization to take suitable action for the observance of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the order.

—Mr. J. L. DeHass, the genial landlord, of Howard, Pa., called on Monday to renew his subscription. We are glad to see him about again as he has just about recovered from a serious attack of rheumatism.

THE TRAGEDY AT WOODWARD.

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only about 20 feet distant. From this point they could easily see into the cellar. From other points the view was obscured. Mr. Etlinger appeared and held conversation with all of the above mentioned men. They urged him to come out and promised him protection. He knew each man personally, but hesitated, saying: "They will kill me if I come out."

BARNER'S BODY RESCUED. During these exciting scenes the attic of the dwelling was burning fiercely. The

people were now concerned in the rescue of constable Barner's body from the flames. Soon several men emerged carrying the bloody corpse. It was found near the stairway, in a pool of blood. As they carried it out, face upwards, the head hung back showing a gash in the throat from ear to ear, which almost severed it from the body and the blood gurgled forth as they carried it along. It was a ghastly sight.

CONSTABLE BARNER. The portrait of Constable Barner was made from an old tin-type and was the best picture to be had. The other portrait is an exact reproduction of Etlinger as he fell in the alley, after shooting himself. It was taken by Al. S. Garman, who was close by and hastened to the spot with his kodak.

wanted her to remain with him and attempted to pull her back from the cellar door. Her escape angered him and caused him to shoot after her.

FIENDISH PLOT. The wife declares that Etlinger had about seven pounds of strychnine in his trunk, which he intended to put in the reservoir at Woodward, and expected to carry out his plot on Friday that would have depopulated almost one-half of that village with this deadly poison.

After the fire, the bodies of Barner and Etlinger were laid on the walk and photographed. The feeling against Etlinger was so intense that Sheriff Condo had great difficulty in keeping the madened throng back who would have torn the Etlinger corpse in pieces. The sight of the gash in Barner's throat drove them almost frantic.

MRS. ETLINGER'S STORY. Mrs. Etlinger's explanation of what occurred in the house is interesting and horrifying. The following is gathered from persons who conversed with her, since her rescue: After Barner was shot he moaned terribly. Etlinger went down uttering an oath that he would cut Barner's throat, and did so. He became desperate at once, and attempted to shoot anybody who came in view.

Over the entire house he had large quantities of dynamite to repulse any possible attack of a mob. He sent his wife and children up to the attic that afternoon. During the night they stayed on the second floor, in a hallway that was safely protected from rifle range, although several balls ploughed into the ceiling and dropped down on them. She lay down between the children, and the

husband was at her feet. He said that if he should be wounded he would first kill her then himself, and told her to do likewise. This was heard by the children and they began crying pitiously and this alone softened the desperate man's heart. Early in the morning they went to the cellar. She had to crawl down, hobbled like a brute. In the cellar he frequently spoke of shooting each other, but the fate of his children, whom he so dearly loved, alone prevented it. Before he let the children leave the cellar he kissed them several times.

When asked, upon her escape, whether there was any dynamite in the house she said: "Oh, my God it is full of it." From her story he had it at every window and door for any emergency. He also had an abundance of other ammunition.

He did not receive a single wound from all the firing. Once, while shooting from the cellar window to the blacksmith shop, a ball grazed his forehead, and left a red mark.

Etlinger shot at Geiswite because he put him out of the blacksmith shop when he assaulted his father-in-law. He had a grudge at merchant Robert Wolf, for some reason, and shot into his house. He also shot into the school house to kill Wolf's children. He aimed at the very seat through the school window, where he knew these children sat.

Etlinger also had arsenic in addition to the strychnine. He had sewed this up in small cotton sacks to put in the reservoir, so they would pass into the pipes and thus do its deadly work.

She says on Friday he would have surrendered at any time, if he would have felt sure of protection, and did not attempt to kill anyone excepting a few individuals about Woodward, for whom he patiently watched to get a shot at.

She said he had taken every possible precaution to defend himself, but never for a moment thought of fire. When the flames started he grew despondent and again insisted that they should die together but the thought of their bodies being burned prevented this plan. He loosed her hobbles so that she might safely put the children out. Then he

tion, livery hire and other expenses incurred, will amount to about \$150, which the county will settle at once. Had Etlinger been captured alive, a long and tedious murder trial would have followed. It is considered doubtful, by prominent lawyers, if under the circumstances, a conviction of murder in the first degree by legal process could have been rendered against Etlinger. In that event, the additional expense and revolting scenes of an execution would have followed. All this has been fortunately avoided. And even though the county should be finally called to pay for the burned residence, that would still be the cheapest and most satisfactory conclusion of this horrible affair. All should be satisfied and we believe are.

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Dr. Frank, corner, of Millheim, conducted the inquest and his finding was in accordance with the above facts. A plain board coffin was made for Etlinger, and as no relatives cared, probably feared, to take charge of it, some of the citizens gave it burial in the woods near the town.

THE LOSS. The property destroyed by fire, was owned by Emma Goodman, and is assessed at \$750. It was fully insured, also all the household effects. Asto who will be responsible for this loss, is not known. It is a question in which some of our lawyers differ. The county commissioners say they are not satisfied that the county will be compelled to meet the loss. Some think the township will have to meet the expense. The insurance company may also be called into the question.

During the past few days a rumor was current that Etlinger's body had been stolen on Saturday night. On Tuesday an investigation was made and showed that the body was still there and had not been in any way disturbed.

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With all these faults he is said to have had commendable traits of character. It was through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Al Garman, of Bellefonte, that correct views of the affair can be given. He had a kodak with him and took "snap-shots" of most of the important and thrilling events.

These he very generously gave to the newspaper men, free of cost. He was accused of many thefts in that community, and on several occasions was detected.

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DECEASED WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST M. E. church, of Tyron. She was a good wife, kind mother and loved by all who knew her. Besides her husband, three children survive, viz; Charles, Leroy and Emanuel aged 11, 8 and 4 respectively.

Her father is living but her mother is not. Five brothers and three sisters survive viz: Edward, William, Sheridan, James and Franklin Lucas, Mrs. William Johnson, Mary and Maggie Lucas. Her father was to her bedside for two weeks previous to her death.

The husband and father extend their sincere thanks for the courteous help of the friends and neighbors during the time of bereavement. May they all be richly compensated by him who doeth all things well.

A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled. God in his wisdom has recalled The boon His love had given; And though the body moulders here, The soul is safe in Heaven.

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JNO. P. CONDO SHERIFF. Our present sheriff, John P. Condo, is deserving of praise for the manner in which he exercised his official functions. He was prompt in arriving at the scene of the tragedy, and ready to assist in anything deemed necessary. He counseled wisely and then was never seen to



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shirk his duty. And in fact, at times took undue risks. He also succeeded in holding at bay the infuriated mob as they endeavored to commit depredations upon the body of the murderer. Fearlessly he led the raid upon the house, when the rain of buckshot warned him to retreat. In such times it requires firmness and deliberation, as well as decisive action. He is deserving of praise for his conduct on this occasion.

It is a general opinion that Constable Barner made a serious mistake by proceeding in the manner he did. He was the duly elected constable and in the possession of the mandates of the court, to make this arrest. On the other hand, it must be remembered that between these two men there existed a deadly feud for some years. Barner seemed anxious to be clothed with the authority of the law and the court, for the purpose of satisfying a personal grievance. Then the threats that he would "get him or die in the attempt" naturally would nettle a man of Etlinger's temperament. We have no defence to offer for Etlinger, far from it. He was an outlaw and a terror in the community, which now is blessed by his tragic death. He defied law an order, the very foundations of a civilized community, and richly deserved his fate. Mr. Barner was very injudicious as an officer and very foolishly proceeded to make the arrest of such a well known desperate character, in the defiant manner he pursued, with all odds against him. He had little to gain, and lost all—his life—for which a dependent widow and four small children now remain to mourn his sad and untimely death.

Persons desiring extra copies of this issue of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT should order early. They will be sold at 5 cents per copy, and mailed to any address for that amount.

Obituary. Mrs. Hannah B. Rodgers, wife of William E. Rodgers, died at her home on Burley Avenue, of West 14th street, Tyron, at 12.30 o'clock Friday, Feb. 25th, after suffering from pulmonary consumption for about one year. Deceased was born in Centre county on the 9th day of July 1864. She was 31 years 7 months and 19 days old. Mrs. Rodgers was the daughter of Charles Lucas, of Wallace Run, Centre county. On the 14th of Oct. 1883, she was married to William E. Rodgers, at Wallace Run, and since that they have resided in Tyron. On the following Saturday the deceased was brought to her home at Wallace Run.

Interment took place on Sunday at the Messiah cemetery. The funeral sermon was preached in the U. B. church of that place. Deceased was a member of the first M. E. church, of Tyron. She was a good wife, kind mother and loved by all who knew her. Besides her husband, three children survive, viz; Charles, Leroy and Emanuel aged 11, 8 and 4 respectively.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS. FOR SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN NOLL, of Bellefonte boro, as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of R. C. GILLMAN, of Snow Shoe township, as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

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We are authorized to announce the name of G. H. LEYMAN, of Boggs township, as a candidate for the nomination of sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of JACOB L. HUNKLE, of Bellefonte boro, as a candidate for the nomination of sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. R. ALEXANDER, of Penn township, for the office of Recorder of Centre county, subject to the usages and decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Franklin Bowersox, of Ferguson township, as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the usages and decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of FRED KURTZ, of Centre Hall boro, for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the usages and regulations of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. FRY, of Ferguson township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

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We are authorized to announce the name of A. C. THOMPSON, of Half Moon township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ROBERT M. FORSTER, of College township, as a candidate for assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

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 notes furnished free with each set of bills.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20—At the residence of Michael Shaffer, one mile north of Zion, at 1 p. m., a large lot of household goods and some farm utensils. J. C. DeW. auctioneer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19—B. Kauffman, 1 1/2 mile south west of Zion, along road leading to Pleasant Gap, at 10 a. m., will sell 8 horses, 5 cows, 7 young cattle, 2 sheep, 2 Chester white sows, pigs and shoats, all kinds of implements, etc. Jos. Neff, auct.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17—Robert M. Homan, 1/2 mile west of Zion, on main road, 3 horses—one is a quiet family beast; 2 fresh cows, brood sow and pigs, good, 2 horse binder, Hensch cultivator, double cornplanter, hay loaders and other implements. Jos. Neff, auct. Sale at 1 p. m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14—At the residence of John Carper, Sr., Linden Hall, the following will be sold at 1 p. m.: 2 horses, 2 cow, 2 horse wagon, plow and other farm implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13—W. F. Hassinger, one half mile north of Zion, at 1 p. m., one young driving mare, perfectly safe, good sound wagon, bed room suit, best Grand Perfect range, cupboard, chairs, carpets, and all kinds of household goods. Jos. L. Neff, auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12—H. S. Yearick, two miles east of Jacksonville, at 1 p. m., 2 work horses, 1 colt, 1 milk cow, 2 cow, 2 horse wagon, and all kinds of improved farm implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25—Joseph Shaffer, at Nittany, at 10 a. m., 4 work horses, 5 milk cows, 3 fresh, 3 brood cows, calves, brood sows, shoats, pigs, 2 two-horse wagons, spring wagon, reaper, Whittly mower, plows, and all kinds of implements, etc. Clark McClinton, auct, W. E. Shaffer, clerk.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14—C. S. Garbriek, in Zion, at 1 p. m., will sell 1 fine driving horse, 2 cows, top buggy, 4 shoats, 2 fat hogs, some sheep, household goods and a new set carpenter tools. Joseph L. Neff, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12—R. S. Wagner, 1/2 mile west of Mt. Eagle, at 1 p. m., one blooded stallion, 5 years old; two colts, seven cows, two-horse wagon, two hog shoats, American sulky cultivator and harrow combined, two-horse cultivator, etc. Joseph L. Neff, Auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21—A. V. Packer will sell at the residence of Margaret Packer dec'd, 2 miles north of Howard, Pa., at 1 p. m., 3 milk cows, young cattle, hogs, sheep, meat and lard, household goods, etc.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21—In Pine Grove Mills, at 1 p. m., by Jared Mowery, 1 cow, truck wagon, harness, household goods, lot of hickory wagon axles, 27 oak spokes and a lot of hickory and oak plank.

THURSDAY, Feb. 10—Seven miles north of Howard, on the John Cooke farm, by James Heaton, agent, all kinds of farm stock and implements.

That Proclamation. The proclamation of the Hon. Daniel Handsome Hasting, governor of Pennsylvania, urging the citizens of that commonwealth to plant trees and lay out forests on Arbor day, is full of sense and poetry, and there is more in it than meets the ear. On Arbor day every Pennsylvania Republican, who is not still a minion of the bog combine, will insert into the grateful soil a grain of mustard seed, emblematic of the promising boon of the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay, a boom to grow, to shadow the earth, to overspread the heavens; to reach even into Philadelphia. Beneath that boom Quay sits smiling at his own earned increment, winking placidly at the future and St. Louis, and tenderly fanned by the Pennsylvania Republican delegation and the house of representatives, always barring the Hon. John Dalzell.—Dana's Sun.

—At the time of going to press Wednesday evening, the weather indications were for about a foot of snow.