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COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR 1897. Table with columns: Precinct, Name, P. O. Address. Lists names for various precincts like Bellefonte, Centre Hall, etc.

HUGH S. TAYLOR, Chairman. WILLIAM J. KREPLER, Assistant Secretary.

EDITORIAL

WANTED—More prosperity and less confidence.

THE state legislature now goes to church regularly. This is a surprising state of affairs.

SPRING elections take place next Tuesday. It is exceedingly important to look after the local offices.

Gov. Hasting's says "I favor the retention of the capital at Harrisburg." So does most everybody else.

In case Ed. Chambers, Esq., should be defeated for Burgess we imagine he will institute a contest to find out how it happened.

SEVERAL years ago Edward Chambers was a candidate for Burgess of Bellefonte, and got it in the neck. History often repeats itself.

THERE are entirely too many attractions and amusements in Philadelphia for the capital to be moved to that city. The change would not be conducive to good morals.

THE democratic nominees on our borough ticket are all young men: F. E. Naginney, H. S. Taylor, W. J. Conley, John Trafford and Oscar Wetzel. They are good ones too.

H. S. TAYLOR is an energetic, bustling, reliable young man. As a tax collector it is generally conceded that he has been one of the most successful. That is the reason he was nominated.

THE process of counting the vote for sheriff is now on. It required two elections to inform A. Miller that he was not wanted as a public official. But that don't matter—he will not yield.

THE amount of destitution in all parts of the country is something alarming. Gold standard for twenty-five years and McKinley prosperity don't seem to harmonize with these things. Here is a state of affairs, that needs some explanation.

THE one reason why Hugh S. Taylor should be re-elected tax collector in this borough, is that he has been an efficient man in the place. This is one of the most important offices in the borough and the tax payer should consider well how he votes.

WE hear that another cut was made in the wages of the workmen at the lime quarries, near town. Last fall these same men marched in the republican parade and shouted for McKinley. Now they are reaping their reward. Where is that confidence?

THE politicians are now quarreling at Harrisburg over the prospect of a fat contract in rebuilding the state capitol. \$5,000,000 is the price generally named for a new structure. That will mean just double that amount when finished. Here is an opportunity for some chap to capture a nice wad.

Sometime Tuesday night robbers broke into the post office at Clearfield, blew open the safe, and stole between nine and ten hundred dollars worth of stamps and two hundred and fifty dollars in cash. A hole had been drilled in the safe and filled with powder, and the safe door was blown clear off its hinges. The authorities have no clue as yet as to who the thieves were.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Probability of a Record Breaking Legislative Session.

SOME IMPORTANT NEW MEASURES.

One of These Proposes to Permit Grape Growers to Manufacture and Sell Wine. The Heavy Demands of the Norristown Insane Asylum.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—The destruction of the state capitol buildings by fire on Tuesday of last week put a stop to state business. A vigorous and virile pretense of carrying on legislation as though there had been no break, was made by both branches. Bills were read in place and reported out of committee, but there were no committee meetings, no pretensions to continuous and successful effort. The fire, the future, the multitudinous uncertainties connected with the remarkable contingency of the week alone absorbed attention.

The legislators came together again this evening at Grace Methodist church, but will adjourn on Thursday until the Monday following the spring elections. During the recess the proposed changes in the church, the solons' temporary home, will be completed, and both bodies will continue their sessions without further interruptions. Neither house will do much, however, until after the inauguration of President-elect McKinley. The work of the committees has been retarded by the loss of many bills in the burning of the capitol building.

It is already a foregone conclusion that the present session will establish a record for length, although it is hinted that Senator Quay is desirous of shortening up his labors as quickly as possible. But the delays incident to the catastrophe are of such a character that the session cannot help but be protracted beyond the ordinary length, unless important legislation is neglected and the screws of dominant power be put on with their greatest tension.

Talk of an Excise Commission.

The liquor men of the state need to keep their eyes open for legislation that will seriously affect them. Indisputable authority says some radical measures in this line are to be introduced. There is strong talk in certain circles that an excise commission for the state would be an improvement upon the present method of issuing licenses by the courts. That there may be no uncertainty as to how the judiciary views the subject, it is broadly intimated that letters from a number of the occupants of the bench in the state will be presented, favoring this change in the established law when it is brought forth.

The power of an excise commission in the hands of a dominant faction in Pennsylvania politics, would be a greater lever than has ever been exercised, even in the control and manipulation of the state treasury. In the hands of designing and unscrupulous men it would be made a sword of Damocles to hang ever over the head of every wholesale and retail liquor dealer in the state, as well as the great brewers and bottlers of the commonwealth.

The laborers and skilled workmen of the state received their due share of excitement of the times. Representative Muehlbronner, of Allegheny, who represents the district in which the Western penitentiary is located, is the author of a bill which proposes to curtail prison industry in favor of honest outside labor. His bill, which has for its object a limitation of the number of inmates of prisons, penitentiaries, state reformatories, and other penal institutions, who shall be employed in the manufacture of goods, is a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or an imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Citizens Only on Public Works.

John H. Farr, of Lackawanna, who is regarded as the father of educational and labor legislation (the latter in so far as it relates to American citizens), introduced a bill which provides that hereafter none but American citizens shall be employed upon any work by the state or by any municipal corporation. Mr. Farr's bill also designates eight hours as a legal day's work. Although eight hours, under this bill, shall constitute a legal day's labor, it is provided that the workmen shall receive the full wages paid throughout the city and state. It prohibits the employment, absolutely, of aliens and provides for the removal from office of any offending official. Not only this, but an additional fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$100 shall be imposed upon the guilty official.

Every farmer throughout the state is interested in a bill presented by Colonel E. P. Gould, of Erie. Colonel Gould comes from a grape growing district. His contention is not for the quality and quantity of their Concord grapes. His bill is intended to permit growers of grapes to manufacture wine from grapes of their own raising which are not first class or marketable, and sell said wine to licensed dealers, without taking out or paying a license. The bill is a radical change in the law of 1891. Under this new act it is proposed to permit growers of grapes to manufacture wine from grapes of their own raising which are not marketable, and sell such wine in quantities of not less than one quart without taking out a license, provided that such wine is not drunk upon the premises where sold. In other words, any raiser of grapes can make his own wine and retail it by the quart to his neighbors, provided the wine is not drunk on the premises.

Norristown Asylum's Many Wants.

In view of the recent scandal at Norristown, growing out of the mysterious death of the insane convict McCue, the requests of that institution for state aid at this time are peculiarly interesting. The more or less official transactions uncovered by the Goben investigation of two years ago are called to mind in one item in the demand of the trustees for \$115,000 for the extension of the hospital plant and accessories. Blenheim palace, with all its superb appointments and lavish display, so far as known, never expended the munificent sum of \$10,000 for the building of a pigsty and a hen house. And yet that is the modest sum asked for by the Norristown hospital, so that its pigs and chickens may be properly cared for during the inclemency of winter and the heat of summer.

There are other striking calls made up on the diminishing revenues of the state by this institution which are just as interesting and peculiar. Thus, the sum of \$3,000 is asked for fruit and shade trees, vases and fountains. Whole farms of fruit and shade trees can be purchased for this sum in rural Pennsylvania. Then there is the demand for \$10,000 for a refrigerator and ice plant. The items in detail are as follows:

For the extension of the Waring sewage system, the sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary. For the equipping and the completion of the water plant the sum of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary. For two additional ward buildings, in lieu of present frame barracks, the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For rebuilding the pigsty and henry, the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary. For fruit and shade trees, shrubbery, vases and fountains, the sum of \$3,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For erection of barn for hospital proper, the sum of \$7,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary. For refrigerating and ice plant, the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

That the above items will attract unusual attention from the legislators who are pledged to economy and reform goes without saying.

The Talk of Capital Removal.

The proposed removal of the capital from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh has had the effect of stirring up the sluggish current of Harrisburg life as it has never been stirred up before. A paid fire department is a certainty. Not only has the volunteer fire department been notoriously inefficient, but the supply of hose has never been adequate to the demands of the city. Chief Gaverich, of the fire department, can give testimony to this fact.

Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon is working up sentiment regarding the proposed move of the capital to Philadelphia. He said to a reporter: "If the state capitol were located in Philadelphia it would be conveniently reached by many more people than it is at present, and for that reason I believe that if put to a vote of the people it would carry."

A great deal of adverse comment upon Harrisburg as a state capital has been largely due to the fact that members of the legislature and state officials have been regarded during the past twenty years as "outside barbarians" who are tolerated simply because of the revenue that they bring to the city. There is not a liberal instinct or a social qualification to recommend Harrisburg to anybody in the commonwealth as a state capital. Harrisburg apparently regards state officials, legislators and everybody having business within her borders as individuals who apparently are to be "worked to the limit."

Mr. Wannamaker's Suggestion.

The Hon. John Wannamaker, in a communication to a representative of Harrisburg, suggests a possible solution to the vexed question of the rebuilding of the Capitol in this city. The ex-postmaster general says: "An evidence of Harrisburg's good faith might be permanently demonstrated by her insuring the new Capitol building. A paid fire department will be, of course, regarded as an evidence of good faith on the part of her citizens; but if she wishes to impress upon the rest of the state her appreciation of the honor conferred upon her by the erection of the new state capitol in her midst, it can be most effectually done by her city officials guaranteeing the payment of the premium upon the utmost limit of insurance that can be placed upon the proposed new Capitol."

The great event of the week is the Tuesday evening reception to the members of the legislature, a feature of the reception being the presence in the receiving line of three visiting state executives. They are Governor Griggs of New Jersey, Governor of Maryland and Tunnell of Delaware, as well as Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Lyon, President Pro Tem. and Mrs. McCarrall and Speaker Boyer.

Chairman George Kunkel, of the house judiciary general committee, has prepared a bill making the wife a competent witness against the husband in actions for alienating the wife's affections and in cases for action for assault and battery.

Senator Walter Merrick, of Tioga county, has drafted an important piece of legislation which he offered when the senate reconvened this morning. It is an act to provide that when evidence shows conclusively by the certificate of a reputable physician or the superintendent of a state insane hospital that a man or woman is a hopeless lunatic, this shall be sufficient grounds for divorce.

Senator Walton's Taxation Scheme.

Senator Walton, of Greene county, has worked out a bill to reduce tax on real estate by making properties now taxable only for state purposes subject to local taxation, except school buildings. He has also prepared an act changing the system of paying the officials of Greene county. The senator's scheme is to pay them a fixed salary with a reasonable sum for expenses, and require the fees of office to be covered into the county treasury.

The rural members are quietly organizing to prevent the proposed reduction in the school appropriation. An informal meeting will be held during the week to outline a plan of action. William C. Smith, of Bedford, who led the fight in the house two years ago for a change in the system of distributing the school fund, is a leading spirit in the movement. He will not agree to any bill which gives less than \$5,000,000 to the schools. The countymen will also try to pass an act giving \$300,000 for township high schools.

There should be no thought of spending millions of dollars for a new capitol," said Mr. Smith, "a half million erected the large executive and library building, and that sum ought to be sufficient for a new state house. To rob the people in these hard times to build a gorgeous state house would be a crime that will not be excused by the voters."

THE CONTEST.

On Monday morning Examiner C. P. Hewes, Esq., and Clerks, R. T. Hunter H. C. Brew, with other assistants began work on the recount of the vote on sheriff. Nearly all the districts, up to Thursday morning, in which Mr. Miller's attorneys alleged gross irregularities were counted. No such condition of affairs was found. And to their utter surprise Mr. Cronister, it seems has thus far gained eight or ten votes and a number are still in dispute for the Hon. Court to pass upon. In Worth and Howard townships were so much was expected, Mr. Miller has lost.

Enough thus far has developed to show that there was not a bit of foundation for the charges and sweeping allegations. The petitioner's who made those affidavits are in a pretty plight. They made affidavits that were not justifiable, and the public can think of them as they deserve.

Thus far the indications are that Mr. Cronister's majority will be increased considerably.

Senator Quay's Eyelid.

Friends in this city of Senator Quay will be interested in knowing that that gentleman had an operation performed on his left eye last week to relieve the paralysis of the upper eyelid, the drooping of which has been gradually becoming more and more marked in late years. The Patriot says: The disease is known as ptosis and is a paralysis of the levator muscle of the upper eyelid. From the center of the affected eyelid an almond shaped section is cut with a sharp knife. The edges of the wound are then brought together and snugly sewed in position. For additional support the lid is stitched to the eyebrow by two cables of silk thread.

After the wound has healed all of the stitches are removed, and the eyelid, if the operation is successful, assumes an almost normal appearance. The operation, simple as it seems, is a difficult one and good results are not often obtainable.

Zion School Report.

Those who have not missed a day during the month are John Hoy, Roy Hoy, Willis Shaffer, Harvey Shaffer, H. Corman, John Corman, Lloyd Herman, C. Royer, Clayton Kauffman, Lillie Shaffer Mary Shaffer, Lizzie Shaffer, Lizzie Hazel, Amanda Yearick, Cora Corman and Lulu Hoy. The patrons are cordially invited to make us a visit and see what is being done. J. C. SHAFFER, Teacher.

Washington's Birthday.

Gregg Post, of this place will observe Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises on Feb. 22nd. During the afternoon a splendid turkey dinner will be served for 35 cents. The post restaurant will be kept open during the afternoon and evening serving delicacies. There will be good music and a well prepared programme for entertainment. Special rates will be given over the C. R. R. of Pa., and Bellefonte Central. Everybody invited to come.

Hugh S. Taylor was taken ill on Tuesday evening and is unable to be about. His friends will take good care of his candidacy for tax collector.

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed at public sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain message tenement and lot of ground situated lying and being in Point Lookout, Rush township, Centre county, Pa., described as follows to-wit: Beginning at point on the west line of public alley which said point is the common corner of this lot and owned by Mrs. Annie Seibert, thence along the line of the Seibert lot and in a westerly direction a distance of two hundred and sixteen feet to the bank of Moshannon Creek; thence down the course of the same by several courses and distances a distance of three hundred and nineteen feet to the corner of the lot of Long, thence in an easterly direction along the line of Caleb Long a distance of two hundred and eighty seven feet to the line of said public alley; thence in a southerly direction along the line of said alley a distance of fifty-seven and one half feet to the corner of lot of Mrs. Annie Seibert and the place of beginning, being lot No. 3 in Jeffrey Hove addition to Point Lookout. Having erected thereon a two story frame dwelling house with a one story addition and the necessary out-buildings, etc.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Richard Duncan, adm'r., etc. TERMS—No deed will be acknowledged until purchase money is paid in full. Sheriff's Office, W. M. CROWSTER, Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 9, 1897. Sheriff.

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All that certain lot of ground situated in the Borough of Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: On the north by Howard street, on the east by horse property occupied by Hook and Ladder company, and alley, and on the south by residence of Dr. Hiter and on the west by Allegheny street. Thereon erected a two story stone house and other out buildings. Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of J. C. Curtin and Etira I. Curtin, adm'rs., etc. TERMS—No deed will be acknowledged until purchase money is paid in full. Sheriff's Office, W. M. CROWSTER, Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 9, 1897. Sheriff.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Samuel Sankey, California, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed Auditor by the said Court to report a schedule of distribution of the funds in the hands of C. F. Hewes, administrator, etc., of the said decedent, and among those legally entitled to the same, will be at his office in Bellefonte, Pa., on Saturday, the 7th day of February next, at 10 a. m., for the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties in interest may appear and present their claims or forever be barred from coming in on said fund. J. W. ALEXANDER, Auditor.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Jeremiah Mayes, Jr., deceased, late of Patton township. Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will please do so without delay for the settlement, to the undersigned. DANIEL STINE, Administrator.

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(NOTE—In last week's issue the quotation for NEW WASH SILKS read "50c, 65c and \$1 a yard." That was made by the compositor and should have been 25c, 35c and 40c. It is due Boggs & Buhl that this correction, be made in this manner, as it was an injustice to them.—ED. DEMOCRAT.)

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