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COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR 1897.

Table listing names and addresses of county committee members for 1897, including Prefect, Name, P. O. Address, and various district representatives.

HUGH S. TAYLOR, Chairman. BOYD A. MUESS, Secretary. WILLIAM J. KEPLER, Assistant Secretary.

EDITORIAL

CONFIDENCE don't improve your bank account. Never will.

It is not likely that Chamber's will ask for another contest.

If you can't get an office, steal it—a contest. That is modern politics.

OUR friend Chamber's says he did not seek the office of Burgess, and the office did not seek him.

THE sheriff contest thus far has proven a pronounced fake, and unnecessary expense to the county.

THE next man who says contest in this county will want to take a sneak. The people will not tolerate such nonsense.

OUR friend Al Dale is still hopeful that some other name than Hastings will be at the head of the post-office department.

It is but a short time until the inauguration of McKinley and the post office aspirants are preparing for their journey to Washington.

THE suspense still continues as to what Gov. Hastings will get from McKinley—the Postmaster General seems to be one of the few prizes left.

THE struggle in Cuba continues and the insurgents are defiant and determined as ever. All offers from Spain for a cessation of hostilities have been rejected.

GAS has been found in a test well near Karthaus, during the past week. Should that lead to the development of a gas field, Centre county would truly be a favored locality, abounding in rich deposits of coal, iron, ores and natural gas.

THERE is little danger of the state capitol being removed from Harrisburg, to Philadelphia, or any other point. Harrisburg is the capitol city and will remain so.

SPRING elections are over and the sheriff contest is practically settled so that for the next few weeks the only topic of interest will be the inauguration.

THE Bradley-Martin bill given in New York last week was a gorgeous affair costing in all, no less than one-half million dollars. It is no wonder that we have anarchists, socialists and dangerous elements in our larger cities.

THE war clouds are again gathering in the far East. The Turks have been persecuting Christians on the island of Crete, in the Mediterranean, and the small Grecian province has boldly stepped forth and with her army and navy declared that these barbarities must cease.

PROBING THE TRUSTS.

Senator Lexow at the head of a Committee composed of New York Senators and Representatives is now engaged in probing the trusts. His committee is giving particular attention to the American Sugar Refineries company, of New Jersey, commonly known as the "Sugar trust," and to the "Coffee trust."

Concerning the "Sugar trust," Senator Lexow's Committee has secured information which shows that the American Sugar Refineries company is a trust pursuing all the odious methods for the suppression of competition, maintenance of prices and limitation of product which have caused the enactment of anti-trust laws in the Federal congress and in the State legislatures.

And none the less startling are the disclosures regarding the "Coffee trust" whose original company paid 100 per cent on a capital of \$150,000, and when it had formed combinations and stifled competition, paid fifty per cent on its capital of \$1,500,000.

UNFAIR INTIMATION.

Last week the Gazette stooped low enough to intimate that the democrats had set the court house afire for the purpose of destroying the ballots and boxes, and thus prevent the count and conclude the contest. That intimation is unfounded. It is unfair. It is unbecoming to any paper that makes pretensions for decency.

SENATORIAL APPORTIONMENT BILL.

A senatorial apportionment bill of the state has been prepared but whether it will go through in its present shape is a serious question. Many radical changes are made, which changes are made necessary so as to come within the constitutional provisions.

Poor Man Declines \$12,000.

John Brobes died at Cross Forks Wednesday 10th, and his death brings to light a strange story. He was the patient of an envelope, and the day before he died he declined an offer of \$12,000 for his patent right.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Grace Church Has All the Features of a Capitol Building.

NEED OF INCREASED TAXATION.

Measures Which Propose a Revenue from the Great Natural Resources of the Commonwealth—Opposition to Increasing the Burdens of the Farmers.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Feb. 15.—There has been a great transformation in the improvised quarters of the legislature in the past few days, and Grace Methodist Episcopal church at the present time presents in its interior all the features of a capitol building.

There has been much discussion among the members of both branches of the legislature on a number of questions of importance to the state, and the deep interests that is taken, and the many plans proposed would lead a person to conclude that, after all, the fire was a blessing in disguise.

Why Minerals Should be Taxed.

It is contended by some of the members that the citizens of Pennsylvania have made a mistake heretofore in not exacting a state tax on the more important minerals mined and produced within the limits of the state.

Disposition to Move Cautiously.

There is a disposition among the members to move cautiously in the beginning of an effort to construct a new capitol building. It seems to be the desire to consult the people generally, and if possible ascertain their desires as to the amount that should be expended, and not build a structure that would be unpopular among the majority.

Additional Taxation Proposed.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Bliss, of Danville, imposing additional taxes, all of which shall be retained in the state treasury for the use of the commonwealth: One mill to be imposed on personal property, except public loans liable to taxation under the act of 1889 and 1891.

Mr. Keller's bill to grant an appropriation of \$200 to purchasing suitable medals for the members of the Juniata cavalry, which afterwards became Company A, First Pennsylvania cavalry, in commemoration of their being the first company to offer service to Governor Curtin in the breaking out of the civil war.

The first company to offer service to Governor Curtin in the breaking out of the civil war, will be contested by a company from Millfin county, who have the records to show that they have very strong claims for this honor.

Opposed to Moving the Capitol.

The bill introduced by Senator Thomas proposing the removal of the capitol to Philadelphia has few friends, the general sentiment among the members favoring its retention in Harrisburg.

The most important committee since the fire is now considered the committee on buildings and grounds, in both senate and house. Heretofore this committee has been conspicuous for the little amount of work that was required, but the destruction of the old capitol building has given them new importance.

In the senate there are but ten members, while there are 25 in the house. The fact of the little importance of this committee led to the appointment of a number of anti-Quay members.

There does not seem to be many applicants for the position of state treasurer. Few seem to care for the experience and responsibility connected with that office.

A Tour to Balm Florida.

The elegant special trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad Jacksonville tours are fitting introductions to this delightful land. The next tour, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York and Philadelphia under personal escort February 23.

A Little Philosophy.

Dais a lot ob' triangulation Goin on this heah plantation Bout nos' anyting de white folks talk about. Ebery brack or yellor nigger Dat hab reach five feet or bigger Hab gatter hab his say er else he pout.

Select School.

S. M. Weber will teach a term of select school at Rebersburg, beginning Monday, April 19th, and continuing ten weeks.

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New all wool American Dress Goods.

—widths ranging 32 to 40 inches—25c, 35c and 40c—choice goods with sterling worth and style that show American makers have no equal in the world to-day as producers of good goods to sell at intermediate prices—values for the money that concern the pocketbook of every woman who is planning for nice new gowns or separate skirts for herself, or for children's dresses.—Samples ready to send as soon as you write for them—we'll also be glad to enclose you samples of the fine

New Suitings.

50c to \$1.50 a yard—stylish Novelty and elegant goods. The collection of New Wash Goods is, we think, the most extensive you'll find anywhere—fine Foreign Novelties, 20c to \$1.25 a yard. Large lines of choice American Wash Goods, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12c and 15c.

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Lace Curtain Sale going on.

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