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THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION AND COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on SATURDAY, JUNE 11th, 1898, to elect delegates to the County convention.

Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 8 p. m. and closed at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the Court House, in Bellefonte, on TUESDAY, JUNE 14th, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate--Two candidates for Assembly, one candidate for Prothonotary and one candidate for District Attorney--elect five delegates to the State convention, to be held at Altoona, June 28th, 1898; elect three conferees to the next congressional caucus or conference, of the 28th congressional district, of which Centre county forms a part; elect three conferees to the next conference of the 34th senatorial district, to help select a State Senatorial candidate; elect a chairman of the County Committee, to serve from January 1st, 1899, to January 1, 1901; and to transact such other business as may appear before the convention in the interest of the party.

Table with columns for District, Name, and Party. Lists delegates for various districts like Bellefonte, Centre Hall, etc.

J. K. JOHNSON, Secretary. H. S. TAYLOR, Chairman.

EDITORIAL.

NOMINATE HON. GEO. A. JENKS.

Occasionally the opportunity presents itself for the democrats of this state to elect a governor. If all indications are not amiss just such a situation confronts us now. It remains for us only to present to the public a man for that office in whose ability and integrity the voters can repose the highest confidence.

HONEST POLITICS.

The platform this year in our state campaign need give no one any worry. To be a DEMOCRATIC platform it must re-affirm the Chicago platform, without any quibble or hesitation.

A HEALTHY SIGN.

A rather hopeful sign of the times was presented by the house of representatives, at Washington, last week. It was the passage, by a vote of 184 yeas to 11 nays, of a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution making a direct vote of the people alone the method of electing United States senators.

When President McKinley gives important positions in the army to politicians his sons he justly deserves the severest criticism.

The democratic primaries will be held on Saturday, June 11th, and the County Convention on the following Tuesday.

The republican state convention takes place on Wednesday next. After that Bellefonte postoffice appointment will be made.

The two Dale factions in Bellefonte were apparently pulling the same political string at the polls. 'Til will be interesting to see who will leave the most string.

To catch the Spanish fleet, keep up an effective Cuban blockade, protect the Atlantic coast and assist Dewey at the Philippines is about all the American navy can handle. They have done well thus far.

EVERY candidate for the Bellefonte postoffice is an enthusiastic Quay-Stone-Arnold man. Now watch how these chaps will be damning the above combination after the man is named for the position.

The past week has been an unusually good one for fakes in war news. Twice we had the Spanish fleet completely annihilated, to find that we were only bunched by false reports.

LAST week this paper predicted that John Wannamaker would carry Centre county against Stone. Further, this was about the only paper in the county that supported the Wannamaker move, and we had the help of all the good republicans.

Last week Editor Harter advised the republicans that when the Centre Democrat supported and advocated anything it was a safe course for them to do the opposite; on that ground it advocated Wannamaker's defeat. They took our advice.

CAN we ever be too thankful to Grover Cleveland and John G. Carlisle for filling up the Federal Treasury before they quitted office? Dingley has failed us. His revenue measure does not bring in additional cash. The war expenditure is cutting down the available cash on hand.

The democrats are little concerned about the selection of their state ticket this year. In the event of either Stone or Wannamaker's nomination a victory will be assured for us. Neither of these men can secure the united support of the republican party. The democrats will be sure to put up a good ticket.

The republicans in Clinton county have endorsed Judge Mayer for the third term as President Judge in that county. Judge Mayer is a democrat, and that is why this compliment is so remarkable. It is quite likely that his nomination will be made unanimous in the district which comprises the counties of Clinton, Cameron and Elk.

The effort of leading republicans in Bellefonte to give Gov. Hastings a slap in the North ward, by electing Quay delegates, was extremely inconsiderate. On the part of some it was the act of an ingrate. Despite the desperate methods used the Gov. still retains enough friends to show that he has political standing at home. Politics makes strange bedfellows and breeds ingratitude.

To catch the Spanish in the Caribbean sea is not just such an easy task as some would think. There is a vast expanse there of many hundreds of miles. They have fast cruisers and can keep away. Over such a vast territory and great distances it takes days to complete a move. For that reason it is prudent to give Sampson and Schley time. They promise to do something, if they only can bring the enemy into an engagement. Let us be patient and await results.

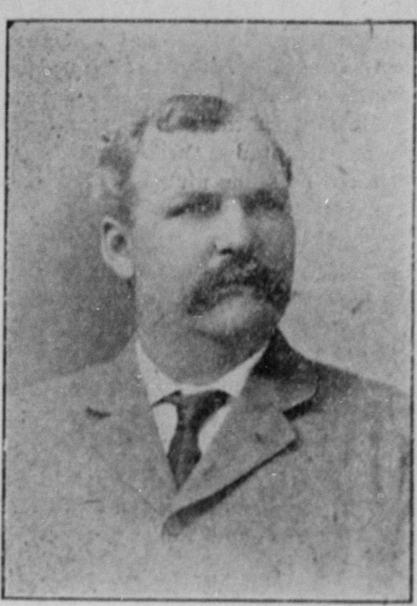
THERE is no doubt but that by prolonging the war a greater demand will be made for supplies of all kinds. It may be that peaceful-blockades and McKinley's kind-hearted-warfare will be appreciated by some fellows. It means more bonds too, and that just suits the goldites. Bombarding Havana and an active army on the island would put a check to these other schemes. If the war must be prolonged to give "Sons of Nobody" positions and republican heelsers fat army contracts.

The money lenders and Wall street sharks are now besieging Washington to make a big stake out of a bond issue. The patriots who make money by skinning the government during war times are the same class that forced the gold standard on the people. There are smacking their mouths over the prospect of another bond issue and leading republicans are favoring the measure. It is not necessary to issue bonds, but the McKinley administration is under obligations to these people.

MUCH severe criticism has been heaped on McKinley for the recent army appointments. Men who have spent their lives in military schools and camps were stood aside to make room for sons of the Blains, Harrisons, Brice, who have a political pull and rich relatives to push their claims. It has disgusted prominent heads of the army and they are not slow in denouncing the president for yielding to this class. It again demonstrates that the administration is controlled by the politicians and monied classes.

AMONG THE CANDIDATES.

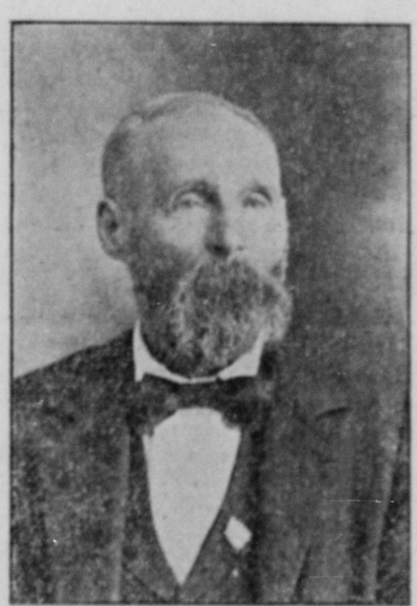
Herewith we furnish another installment of portraits and biographies of candidates seeking nominations on the Democratic County Ticket this year:



J. H. WETZEL, ESQ., of Bellefonte, was born in Cedarville, Ill., May 14, 1856, and is a son of John Wetzel. He moved to Bellefonte in 1859, where he resided since, excepting ten years, spent in the west.

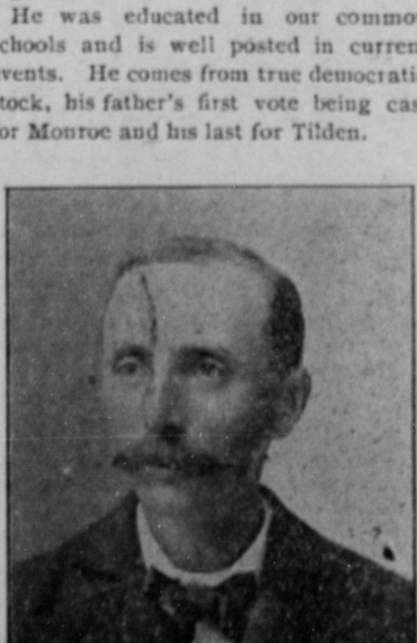
His education was obtained by attending the Bellefonte High school and academy where he prepared for college. He spent two years at Franklin & Marshall college, Lancaster, Pa., and taught two years in Bellefonte's public schools, then he went to Illinois and taught in college of Western Illinois, and at the same time completed his college course, being the first graduate of that institution. After that he took a law course in the State University, Iowa, graduating from that institution in 1886, and located in Nebraska until 1893 when he returned to Bellefonte. In the fall of 1897 he was elected County Surveyor, but it not being the proper time for the election of that office, he was not qualified.

Mr. Wetzel devotes most of his time to civil engineering and surveying. During the past few campaigns he has taken an active part in politics and is an effective public speaker.



Geo. W. KOCH, of Potter Twp. Geo. W. Koch was born in Gregg township Oct. 1st, 1834, and was one of nine sons who grew up to be voters. In 1854 George went to Illinois where he cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan. 1862 he enlisted in Company D 100 Illinois Regiment as a private, served three years and received an honorable discharge. In 1872 he came back to Potter township to his parents who were then old and remained with them until they both died. Since then he has been living in the old homestead, one and one-half miles east of Centre Hall and working at his trade which is plastering.

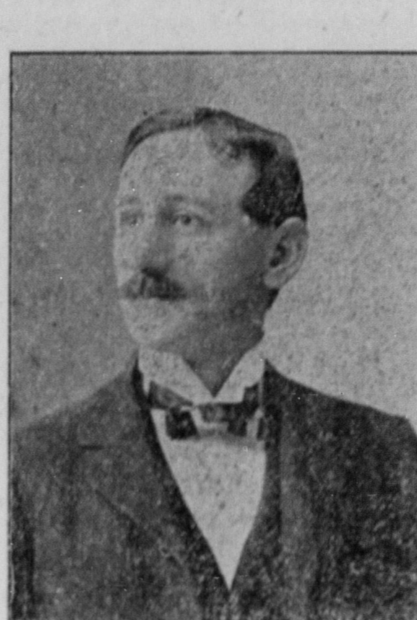
He was educated in our common schools and is well posted in current events. He comes from true democratic stock, his father's first vote being cast for Monroe and his last for Tilden.



CAMP THOMAS, CHICKAMAUGA, TENN. To the Democracy of Centre County: On account of my enforced absence from home it is impossible for me now to make a personal canvass, as I had intended, for the nomination for the office of District Attorney, and must consequently depend upon the good will of the democrats of old Centre to take care of my interests. If I am nominated I shall be truly grateful, and if elected I shall assume the duties of the office and perform them to the best of my ability and judgment.

Very respectfully, N. B. SPANGLER, May 21, 1898. A Peerless Liniment. As a pain destroyer and cure for rheumatism, Salvation Oil is the peer of all liniments. Mr. Wm. H. Brown, proprietor of Stribinger House, Cleveland, O., writes: "I suffered from rheumatism for twelve years and my last attack kept me in bed, unable to walk. I used Salvation Oil and soon was up and about. As a pain destroyer this liniment has no equal." Salvation Oil is sold everywhere for 25 cents. Try it and be convinced.

of 1883 owing to ill health he sold his office fixtures to Judge Orvis and retired from the practice of law. In 1888 with his brother James bought out H. K. Hicks and for 8 years under the firm name of H. A. McKee & Bro., conducted a hardware store in this place. In 1886 he closed out the hardware store and since that time has been engaged in settling up the hardware business and the estate of the late H. C. Love, of Tyrone. His wide business experience and legal training makes him well fitted for the office of prothonotary.



WM. G. RUNKLE, ESQ., of Bellefonte. The above is one of the young attorneys of the Centre County Bar Association, and is now seeking the position of District Attorney. Wm. Groh Runkle was born in Potter township and is a son of James and Catharine Runkle, and his boyhood days were uneventful, being confined to the routine duties of farm life. His education was attained in attending the public schools and at the Spring Mills and Centre Hall academies and Pa. State College. He taught school for eight terms in various parts of the county.

He entered the law office of J. C. Meyer, Esq., as a student, and in 1893 was admitted to the practice. For two years he served as secretary of the Democratic County Committee. He has been in the active practice of his profession for the past five years and has attained a prominent position in our courts among the young men of the bar.

The supreme court of the United States Monday decided the prohibitory oleomargarine laws of Pennsylvania and other States to be unconstitutional and void so far as they affect interstate commerce. The decision rendered only applies to the sale of oleomargarine brought into Pennsylvania from other States as a matter of interstate commerce, and does not apply to the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of the article within the State. The State would seem to have the right of prohibition as to the manufacture and sale of a product produced within its own limits. Whatever relief the decision gives as to these outrageous and nonsensical oleomargarine laws will be welcomed by the people. The laws have been a scandal and source of corruption in their administration, have brought the law-making power into contempt and have been dead letters as to their enforcement.--Record.

Two carloads of Furniture and Carpets to Southern California! This was a shipment made last week by Julius Hines & Son, and it is not the first time goods have been sent so great a distance by this firm, for they number their customers in every State in the Union, Canada, Mexico and Australia. Probably no mail order house in the world publishes such comprehensive furniture and carpet catalogues. The growth of Julius Hines & Son has been phenomenal and their reputation is as enviable as their methods. Thousands of testimonials from many different places attest the satisfaction of their customers. Of course, no one in this vicinity, where they are favorably known for half a century, is surprised at their far reaching enterprise, but it is nevertheless a subject for congratulation.--From the Sunday Baltimore Herald.

Mercantile Appraisement for 1898. The vendors of foreign and domestic merchandise will take notice that they are suppressed and classed 2nd by the undersigned, collector of mercantile and other license tax, for the year 1898, as follows: Class. Name. Place. Business. Tax.

Table listing mercantile appraisement for 1898 with columns for Name, Place, Business, and Tax.

Excursion Rates.

For the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg, June 1 to 3, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets on May 31 to June 2, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate 25 cents), good to return until June 6, inclusive.

Does This Tickel You. During the war scare we are not so terribly busy keeping tab on the Dons, but that we can accommodate you with a few bargain wecks. Until June 1, '98, we propose to give away dollars (50 to speak) by the following method:--12 of our fine cabinet size photos that cost you \$3.00, we intend to give both for the low figure of \$1.00. Now don't miss this offer, if you do you will kick yourself, and to end your sorrows go to war. Don't forget the place--Shaeffer's art studio, Allegheny street, Bellefonte, Pa. 20.

For \$1.50--You can get two weekly newspapers for a year--"The Centre Democrat" and either the "Pittsburg Post" or the "Cincinnati Enquirer." Our claim is to furnish the Most News for the Least Money.

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His "New Scientific Treatment" has cured thousands permanently by its timely use, and is considered by a simple professional duty to suffering humanity to donate a trial of his infallible cure. His science daily develops new wonders, and this great chemist, a candidate for the nobility for years, has produced results as beneficial to humanity as can be claimed by any modern genius. His assertion that lung trouble and consumption are curable in any climate is proven by "heartfelt letters of gratitude," filed in his American and European laboratories in thousands from those cured in all parts of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce J. H. Wetzel, Esq. of Bellefonte, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. We are authorized to announce R. M. Foster, of State College, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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PROTHONOTARY.

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