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CENTRE COUNTY MAJORITIES

The Official Count Makes Few Changes

COMMENTS ON THE RESULT

Gen. Hastings Gets His Full Share of Blame And More—A Large Vote Was Polling—Various Appointments to be Made—A Few Echoes of the Campaign.

The official count of the vote in Centre county was made last Thursday and the complete and corrected returns will be found on page 3 of this issue. The various democratic candidates carried the county by the following majorities:

STATE TICKET:

Creasy, St. Treasurer	446
Mestrezar, Supreme Court	198
Reily, Superior Court	275

COUNTY TICKET:

Brungart, Sheriff	551
Speer, Treasurer	425
Archey, Register	51
Heckman, Coms.	541
Meyer, Coms.	342
Tibbens, Auditor	166
Beck, Auditor	110
Irvin, Coroner	166

REPUBLICANS ELECTED:

Robb, Recorder	571
Riddle, Coms.	102
Allison, Auditor	57

In calculating the majorities of the candidates for Commissioner and Auditor it was made on comparison with the vote received by the lowest man; the one defeated.

The entire vote cast for State Treasurer is within about 100 of that cast last year for Governor, when it was \$340, and Jenks had a democratic majority of 756. That year Swallow the prohibition candidate received 614 votes. This year there was a prohibition vote for Caldwell of 163. These figures show that both parties were well organized and succeeded in getting their voters to the polls.

Our republican friends were considerably disappointed over the result in Centre county; as all along were exceedingly confident of electing their county ticket, and made a vigorous and hopeful fight to the finish. They brought every voter home from far and near, no less than 250 being furnished with transportation for that purpose. Conveyances were provided in all districts to bring in the indifferent voters, yet they could not win, for the simple reason that they did not have the votes.

On the other hand the democrats were well organized and their vote was gotten to the polls.

A FEW COMMENTS.

We herewith give a few extracts from some of the republican papers in the county upon the result of the election.

From the Philadelphia "Ledger":

"We predicted that Hastings would 'lead' the county into the trenches of the enemy as he has, but we would like to know what he is to get for it. The Republicans out here would also like to have the Philadelphia Press explain why this end of the county, that they have denounced as a Quay strong-hold should be the only place in the county to support the ticket nominated by a Hastings convention."

DID HASTINGS TELL IT ALL?

"I noticed by yesterday's Philadelphia Press that Ex-Governor D. H. Hastings attended the meeting of the insurgents in Philadelphia Tuesday, where there was much congratulation among the 'chiefs' as to what had been accomplished, etc. It is to be earnestly hoped that he told them all that he had accomplished in this election in Centre county, in order that they might judge as to the actions of the man who is posing as the leader of Centre county's Republicans, and who will ask all of the rank and file of the party to help him down the iniquitous Quay."

A STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN.

From Bellefonte Republican:

"The election on Tuesday in Centre county must be acknowledged as a democratic victory. Perhaps the most resistless excuse is that we failed to secure a sufficient portion of the popular vote. The republican county ticket as a whole was an admirable one and it is lamentable indeed that the Republicans of the county failed to give it honest and loyal support. It is all over now and there is no use in kicking against fate."

Brother Harter felt scurvy and broke loose in his usual style. The following are a few choice extracts that are amusing:

From the Keystone Gazette:

The County Democratic; Due to the Unconcern of Republican voters—The County Endorses a Campaign of Blackguardism and Abuse * * * We have met the enemy and we are their * * * It was as unexpected as it was uncalculated * * * It will be very difficult hereafter to get good men to serve as candidates on the republican ticket in Centre county for the reason that the average man does not care to have his name besmirched by the Democratic blackguards before the election and then suffer defeat at the polls through the neglect of their own people, etc.

The State College Times has little

comment except in bold type, across the front of the first page the following appeared: "Hastings scores another Touchdown—Democratic Victory in Centre."

Why the Philipsburg and State College papers blame the Republican defeat on Gen. Hastings we cannot say. One of the republican candidates informed the writer that Hastings had gone down into his pocket and paid for the transportation of over 250 voters who were out of the county; this was his share of the campaign work and certainly was a very liberal one. On the other hand it is asserted that the Chambers, Love, Dale combination sulked in their tents when asked for assistance.

SOME STRAY ECHOES.

Sheriff-elect Cyrus Brungart was in town on Monday and is looking happy. He has engaged Orvis, Bower & Orvis as attorneys, and Harry Jackson as his deputy.

J. K. Thompson was in town last week and appeared to take his defeat, for County Treasurer, good naturedly. He intimates that he will try it again in three years.

The atmosphere in the commissioner's office is quite chilly these days when the republican members are present. In fact it is real frosty, so much so that cordial greetings are a thing of the past. If you examine the vote in Spring and Union townships you will readily understand the whys and wherefores.

Mr. Donachy, the republican janitor, thinks he should be allowed to hold his position for three full years, until June next.

James B. Stroh came so near getting the desired plum in the Register's office that it will be a discomfort to think about it.

Ever since the election, Daddy Spear has been as frisky as a three-year-old. He attributes his handsome vote to work done for him by the ladies all over Centre county, who were interested in his success and thought him just a bit the nicest candidate on either ticket. This feature of his campaign was the strongest, and he believes elected him and, for reasons known to himself, does not want his wife to know a word about it, how it happened.

Bought 1600 Acres of Land.

E. M. Huyett of Centre Hall last week succeeded in closing negotiations with the estate of the late W. A. Thompson, at Potters Mills, whereby he becomes owner of 1600 acres of mountain land. The tract extends from Potters Mills south and is covered with a fine growth of timber. The transfer also includes several houses and build on the tract to keep three mills busy cutting for four or five years. Mr. Huyett has now in his possession about 2200 acres of land in that section, part of which is cleared. Three mills are running steadily with orders ahead to keep them working for several months. In addition to this E. M. Huyett on Tuesday closed a deal with Wm. Boal for an additional hundred acres.

Distilleries Closing.

The two liquor distilleries in the county, John Mullinger's at Pleasant Gap, and Noah W. Eby's at Woodward, are about to close down and the gaugers, at Glenn, at Woodward, and Brooks, at Pleasant Gap, have been discharged from the internal revenue service, at a salary of \$3.50 per day. When the stock on hand at any distillery falls below 5,000 gallons, the government takes charge of the plant and a clerk from the district revenue collector's office comes on when any of the liquor is desired to be taken out of bond. These distilleries have been the oldest in the county, and long established.—Reporter.

House Burned.

On Wednesday afternoon 8th, about four o'clock, a house occupied by Charles Nolen, and owned by Joseph Long, of Flemington, located about two miles below Jacksonville, caught fire and burned to the ground. Part of the household goods were saved. Mrs. Nolen who was sick at the time, was carried out on a bed through the flames.

Fire at Loganton.

Fire broke out Wednesday afternoon 8th, in the barn of W. C. Weber at Loganton and the building was destroyed in a very short time. The fire was prevented from extending to the adjoining barns of J. C. Berry, J. B. Barner and Rev. C. F. Garrett by the efforts of citizens. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Going to Chicago.

Harry L. Camp, for several years the travelling representative in the eastern states for Rueckheim Bros., of Chicago, extensive candy manufacturers, has received a notable advance in position, having been promoted to be superintendent of salesmen of the firm. He formerly was a Bellefonte boy.

The upper hand is usually known to the other hands as the foreman.

STUFFING BALLOT BOXES

How Large Majorities are Made in Philadelphia

STARTLING EXPOSURES MADE

Republican Healers From Washington Imported to Hold Elections and Make False Returns—Caught in the Act—Prominent Republicans Implicated.

One of the most startling political sensations of the year was the exposure in Philadelphia that the republicans had been importing thugs and criminals to hold their elections and stuff their ballot boxes to help swell the republican majority in the state. The arrest and prosecution was brought about by the North American, John Wanamaker's paper, which had a detective among the ballot box stuffers and made the information. The case is complete and justifies the assertion that Philadelphia never holds an honest election.

The details of the Philadelphia crime are of very great interest, showing to what extent frauds on the ballot-box have been made a fine art, reduced to a system and easy of accomplishment.

In the first place the ballot stuffing was engineered by machine office-holders under the direction of one of the Quay bosses in Philadelphia.

The conspirators actively engaged in the crime were scoundrels picked up in Washington and "steered" by a McKinley office-holder at the Federal capital who was appointed by Quay influence. These men were provided with railway passes to Philadelphia, their hotel and whisky bills paid, and in addition they received \$15 a day.

Arriving in Philadelphia they were introduced to the Quay managers, who gave them instructions. They were made election officers by false personation. They were provided with official ballots duly marked for Barnett to the number of 200, and on the opening of the polls, appearing at the division as election officers and taking possession, their first act was to deposit in the ballot-box the fraudulent republican ballots representing fraudulently registered names.

Then the list of voters commenced at 201, and the sportive scoundrels under various names deposited little less than a hundred more false republican ballots. The official returns of the division stood on state treasurer: Barnett, 332; Creasy, 5; Barnett's 332 votes were 208 more than the legal votes cast in the division. The returns were duly signed and sworn to by the bogus election officers, being part of the force recruited in Washington by the Republican machine. These scoundrels were arrested just as they were taking the cars to return to the National capital. The crimes of which they were guilty in promoting the conspiracy of the machine managers are summed up by the Philadelphia "North American" as follows:

- COLONIZATION.
- REPEATING.
- IMPERSONATION.
- BALLOT STUFFING.
- CONSPIRACY.
- BRIBERY.
- PERJURY.

That is an interesting record, is it not? There is no certainty that the villains will get their deserts. Sent to jail by an honest magistrate to await further proceedings, they were hurriedly bailed out in small amounts on the hasty order of a machine magistrate and the bail bonds duly signed by machine politicians and office holders. Then they got out of Philadelphia.

In the course of the hearing the fact came out that this same Washington gang of repeaters has been regularly employed for several years in the same line of business, and last year came over to Philadelphia and did splendid work for Stone, helping to poll and count the sixty or seventy thousand fraudulent votes Stone got in Philadelphia. No one need be in doubt as to Stone's reasons and motives in vouching the constitutional amendment designed to secure honest registration, elections and returns. The governor of Pennsylvania, shameful to relate, has reduced himself to the level of this gang of organized rascality. He has profited by it in the past, and has trampled the constitution under foot to maintain it in the future. He should be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors and pitched out of the exalted office that he dishonors. There is a call for that from the best men of all parties, but of course it cannot be accomplished short of a sweeping revolution in political affairs next year. To all appearances Stone is safe in office, hedged by the contempt of the reputable citizens of the Commonwealth.

Prosperity.

We understand that nine new houses are to be built at Sandy Ridge at once, showing that prosperity is on the increase in that place. The brick works there is a busy place just now.

BOTH WARS ARE A DISGRACE.

Carnegie Talks of the Filipino and Boer Struggles—Sees Prosperity Ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie arrived from Europe last week from their summer vacation. When Mr. Carnegie was seen by the Pittsburg Post correspondent he took the first opportunity of denying the report that he intended to become a subject of Great Britain.

Mr. Carnegie then spoke about the wars at present being waged by Great Britain and the United States, and said: "The war against the Boers is most infamous and unjust. It was brought about by England's lust for domain, and is on a par with our attack on the poor Filipinos. These two attacks are a disgrace to both branches of our race. The people in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State have a right to rule themselves. One war is an attack on an existing and another on an embryonic republic.

"It is worse for us to attack the Filipinos than for England to attack the Boers for we fall from a greater height, as we believe in government by the consent of the governed."

"What is the feeling in Europe regarding our Philippine war?" was asked.

"There is a feeling of sorrow on the part of our friends and of rejoicing on the part of our enemies," was the reply.

"The latter feel that at least they have got us into a trap. Our friends feel that we have been false to the great principles of the rights of man, which are the essence of republicanism."

"Is there much feeling in England against the war in the Transvaal?"

"The best men in England have spoken against the war, and everywhere it is deplored except by those whose interests are served by it," said Mr. Carnegie.

"They are a small clique of jingoes, headed by a statesman, who, I am sorry to say, sees in the war a chance to fortify his position."

Mr. Carnegie entertained decidedly optimistic views of the business outlook and the prosperity of the country, saying: "I can only look at the business outlook here from abroad, which is sometimes a good point of view. I believe that nothing can stop 1900 from being a year of great prosperity, always provided that in view of the present excited state of the world and the danger of war being getting war, the United States keeps out of the struggle. Now that this country has foreign possessions there is more danger than ever."

Plethora of Doctors.

Dr. S. C. Jacquemin, of Blossburg, Pa., a dentist, was in town this week looking over the place with the intention of locating permanently here. Along with Dr. Jacquemin is a medical practitioner from Philadelphia who it is said also has an eye on Centre Hall. Should he arrive yet and with Drs. Lee, Hosterman, Emerick, Park, Alexander and Dr. Riter, we'll bet there's not a town of its size in the county that will sport as many titled healers than will Centre Hall.—Reporter.

Clinton County.

The official returns of Clinton county show the following majorities: Creasy, D., 265; Brown, R., 1; Reily, D., 71; Loveland, sheriff, R., 103; Leshar, probatory, R., 570; Noble, county treasurer, D., 129; McCurdy and Boone, D., and Jones, R., commissioners; Darrale and Hanna, D., and Kuetzing, R., auditors.

Local Institute.

Local Institute District No. 4, comprising the township of Taylor, Worth, Half Moon, Patton, Union, and Unionville boro., will hold an institute at Scotia, on Friday evening and Saturday Nov. 17 and 18. A local teachers' institute will be held at Clintondale on Friday evening and Saturday, November 17 and 18.

Another Relic.

The flag carried by the Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers through the American-Spanish war is to be sent to Harrisburg, where it will be placed in the flag room at the State capitol. The flag is worn by service at Chicamauga and Lexington. A new one will be issued to the regiment.

A Philadelphiaer With the Boer Army.

Norton King, son of Contractor Harry King, who went to South Africa a couple of years ago, has written to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Andrew Beck, stating that he has joined the Boer army. Philadelphia boys are pretty well scattered over the world's battlefields.—Journal.

Clearfield County.

The only thing the Democrats of Clearfield county got was county treasurer, Weaver, by 209. The balance went the other way. The more the Democrats fight over there, the larger the Republican majorities grow.

Fire at Karhaus.

At Karhaus Thursday, 9th, fire destroyed the store, dwelling, barn and other buildings owned by W. B. Potter. A portion of the goods was saved.

A METEORIC DISPLAY

Scientists and Astronomers Patiently Waiting.

A GREAT SHOWER OF FIRE

That Occurs Only at Rare Intervals—Time of Its Appearance Not Definitely Known—Leonids Explained—Will be a Wonderful Sight.

Amateur astronomers are possessing their souls in patience until experts shall decide what day this week they may expect the much heralded meteoric show—those millions of flashing Leonids that will flash into view and burn to nothing about thirty miles above the earth's surface. Early reports had it that the sky spectacle might be expected about one hour after midnight Monday. Professor Young, of Princeton, is quoted as fixing the probable time for 1 a. m. next Friday. But Pickering, of Harvard, who is looked upon as being high authority, has issued this bulletin:

The time of appearance of the November meteors is somewhat uncertain. In 1799 they appeared in the night between November 11, 12; in 1833, on November 12, 13, and in 1866, on November 12, 13, and in 1866, on November 13, 14. This year, therefore, we might expect them early in the morning of Wednesday, November 15. On the other hand, two English astronomers, Messrs. Stoney and Downing, from a careful discussion of the paths of these meteors, predict their appearance on the morning of Thursday, November 16. In 1833 the principal shower lasted five or six hours; in 1866, for less than one hour. In any case, comparatively few meteors may be expected before midnight. It would be safest, therefore, to watch the northeastern sky on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and, if many meteors are seen before midnight, a greater number may be expected later.

These meteors are not falling stars, as many people suppose. They are small masses of matter, such as rock or metal. These are flying through space in a large oval orbit in a procession millions of miles long. They appear to emanate from a point, or radiant, in the constellation of Leo, inside the curve of the "sickle." For this reason they are called Leonids.

Century by century they grow less in number as they become more scattered along the orbit in which they travel, or as they are destroyed. Their total number is enormous. The late Professor Newton calculated that about 200,000,000 might be seen from the earth's surface under favorable conditions.

The Leonids are not visible until they come within a distance of about eighty miles of the earth. The terrific speed at which they travel when they meet the earth's atmosphere causes a friction which burns them up. The light of their burning makes them visible from the earth. They burn up before they get nearer to the earth's surface than thirty miles. Not one of them has ever been known to reach the earth.

Made Old Bruin Tumble.

While hunting near Williamsport Monday, Samuel Keltz and Fred Sterling encountered a large bear which was carrying a trap fastened to one of its front paws. The bear was in an angry mood and attacked the men, who emptied their rifles at him, but failed to end his life. They then used their rifles as clubs and succeeded in killing the bear, which weighed 300 pounds.

Too Many Eloping Couples.

It is stated that within a year over 200 eloping couples from Pennsylvania have been married in Binghamton, N. Y. Several cases of bigamy having developed, the Ministerial association of Binghamton has decided to refuse to marry any more Pennsylvanians unless such proof is furnished as would be required for a license in their own state.

Oath Administered by Telephone.

One day last week Squire Rosser, of Mill Hall, administered oath of affirmation by telephone. Squire Rosser had a case for trial in which the defendant was too ill to appear and wanted a continuance. Dr. Goodman, of Loganton, was called up by telephone and Squire Rosser administered the oath, the two men being twelve miles apart.

A 60-ton Piece of Ore.

Recently at one of the ore banks near Scotia, operated by the Bellefonte Furnace Co., the workmen came across and mined a lump of iron ore which by itself weighed sixty tons and exactly filled two cars. Of course this monster lump had to be broken into smaller portions before it could be handled.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Signs of the times—I. to XII.
Open all night—the folding bed.
The blush of a queen is a royal flush.
Attend many swell gatherings—dentists.

Golden opportunities do not always glitter.
The manicure's living depends mostly on tips.

A house of pressing business—the cider mill.

The infant prodigy at four may be a fool at forty.

The scale of justice must be a sort of trial balance.

There are tricks in all trades pertaining to horses.

An envelope isn't far-trimmed because of its seal back.

Is a spanking breeze supposed to punish a saucy ship?

Some men are too lazy to do anything but run into debt.

Don't worry about slander; it will rub off when it gets dry.

True charity begins before your own wants are supplied.

"English jokes ought to be taxed as 'imported dry goods.'"

A successful poker player attributes his good fortune to pot-luck.

The man who rents rowboats has seen the last rows of summer.

The sleeping infant should always be placed on the retired list.

The more a man loaf the more wages he expects when he works.

In a restaurant it is necessary for the customers to come to order.

The church collection box accepts money of any denomination.

Life is a game of cards in which the rich people get a good deal.

The man who swaps horses learns that there are tricks in all trades.

Employees of the Mint do not object to being paid in their own coin.

It sometimes happens that a man's opportunity is his misfortune.

Good fortune seldom travels around in an automobile looking for you.

The girl of the period likes to bring a man to the vital question point.

Self-preservation may be nature's first law, but lying is a close second.

The man who is looking for trouble doesn't have to advertise for it.

A soft heart and a hard head make a combination that is hard to beat.

A man's mind sometimes runs to the contrary—a woman's always does.

Take a day off occasionally and your years will accumulate more slowly.

A man may not pay his bills that are due, but he answers his billet-doux.

When a man is making money people expect him to pay for what he gets.

Some people's ideas of fooling away their time is to attempt to write poetry.

A calico dress is no disgrace to a woman. Boston is such an intellectual place.

Even the bakers there study Brownin. Monkeys do not have to talk to tell fibs. They have another way of distorting a tail.

Some people go through life looking as if they were sorry they had ever started.

A wise man knows when to withdraw, but a fool never knows when he is beaten.

Unless a man has confidence in his imagination he should never pose as a theorist.

We don't see how the photographer can keep a picture a secret. He has to expose it.

"I'm all run down," said the clock. "I wonder if I could get a spring tonic on tick."

It wouldn't be profitable to the professional elocutionist to be unspeakably handsome.

The patient usually has more confidence in his physician than the latter has in himself.

Scales cannot last forever. The best of them must lose their balance and become weigh-worn.

It is no disgrace to work for a living, but the living some men get for their work is disgraceful.

The feathers do not make the song bird, but many a man has made a goose of himself with a single quill.

Speaking of "ferocious whiskers," that must have been the kind Daniel had when he bearded the lions in their den.

The church organist is the most conceited of musicians. At any rate, he always makes a big blow about his playing.

Don't be mean enough to test an old maid school teachers' knowledge of grammar by asking her to decline "man."

A girl never believes a man when he tells her he isn't worthy of her love, but before she has been his wife for a year she discovers that he has told her the truth.