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DEM. COUNTY COMMITTEE, 1903.

Table listing Dem. County Committee members by District, Chairman, Postoffice, and Townships.

EDITORIAL.

A NEW apportionment bill introduced in the lower house at Harrisburg, if passed, would give Centre one member instead of two as at present.

THE extent to which the President, attorney general Knox and congress will go in curbing the trusts will be to fire a few rounds of blank cartridges at the monsters and then quit.

THE appointment of the Deputy Attorney by Gov. Pennypacker did not come to Bellefonte as had been expected.

THE Kansas City Journal says that the meanest man in Kansas has been found at Wellington. He hired a negro boy to carry a ton of coal upstairs.

A BILL has been offered in congress to raise the President's salary from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per annum. To put up salaries has been a mania for years although there are plenty of good men that will accept any office for the salaries before they were as high as they now are.

TARIFF trouble seems to be brewing more violently than ever in the republican party. The western republicans are for tariff reform and proclaim it openly.

—Watson town hand made Oil Grain Lad and Congress. \$1.75. Yeager & Davis.

TO TAX BACHELOR AND SPINSTER.

Assemblyman Cohen's bill providing for the taxation of celibates, both male and female, is a measure designed to promote the marriage institution in the State and calculated to put tax-dodging on a co-operative basis.

Precedents for a bachelor-tax idea have been numerous in the states. The assessment of spinsters is a new thought which lays its author open to accusations of ungallantry.

If all the men and women celibates of the country were taxed according to the rates suggested at Albany the yield would fall a little short of half a billion dollars.

CLEARFIELD EX-COMMISSIONERS.

The Clearfield county auditors wound up their report with a surcharge of \$75 against the outgoing county commissioners.

One of the auditors, R. E. Shaw, Democrat, refused to sign the report, because, in his opinion, the surcharge was not large enough.

THE GOOD OLD WAY.

The best cooking school for a daughter is her mother's kitchen, more especially if the latter is reasonably proficient in that which is both an art and a science.

A girl that will gad around the street after fads and frivolities, from morn to late at night and think to make up for it by attending a dozen or more lessons in so-called cooking class.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

There has been a gain in church membership in the United States during the past year, but it has not kept up with the increase of population.

THE HESSIAN FLY.

Professor Surface Makes a Complete Investigation of the Insect.

Two years ago Professor Hamilton, as secretary of agriculture, engaged Professor Surface to make a complete investigation of the Hessian fly in Pennsylvania.

Among valuable results are the following tables: Planted in August and first week of September, 100 per cent infested.

Planted during second week of September, 80 per cent infested.

Planted during third week of September, 26 per cent infested.

Planted during fourth week of September, 12 per cent infested.

Planted after fourth week of September 0 per cent infested.

This shows what time to plant wheat in order to avoid the fall brood of the fly.

Another table shows actual average yields according to time of planting to be as follows:

Planted before second week of September, average, 15 bushels per acre.

Planted during third week of September, average, 20 bushels per acre.

Planted during fourth week of September, average, 18 bushels per acre.

Planted during first week of October, average 16 bushels per acre.

Planted during second week of October, average, 27 bushels per acre.

Planted during third week of October, average, 21 bushels per acre.

This shows that the lowest average yields were obtained from those fields that were planted earliest.

This report will be published at once as a bulletin of the Pennsylvania state department of agriculture.

In his preliminary report as secretary of agriculture, Professor Hamilton says,

"This report should be circulated by the thousand in this state, and its suggestions should be acted upon."

If this were done it would result in the saving of many thousands of dollars annually by our farmers.

SUBSCRIPTION LAWS.

Seven Compiled From Decisions Rendered by United States Court.

Many newspapers have from time to time requested information concerning newspaper subscription laws.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscription.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals the publisher may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the post office to which they are directed they are responsible until they have settled their bills and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office or removing and having them uncalled for is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it.

7. The latest postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest any one for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it.

It will be seen that many disputed points are disposed of by these decisions, which are certainly only just.

How to meet the tariff and trust grievances of the people is just now disturbing the republican leaders.

One-third of the republican rank and file is openly taking the democratic idea that the tariff needs reforming and the trusts should be curbed.

Another third of the party is of the same opinion but as yet is only manifesting itself in marmering, while the other third, siding with the millionaires, is out and out for robber tariff and trust domination.

The latter are rowing the party craft.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. FRANK UHL:—Died at her home at Romola on Wednesday morning 28th, after being a patient sufferer for the past few weeks with fever.

MRS. MATTERN:—widow of the late John Mattern, died at her home in Matternville Tuesday morning, after a brief illness, aged 68 years.

MAX GILBERT:—The 14-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Fulton, of Explain, a suburb of Pittsburg, died Feb. 3, of whooping-cough and pneumonia.

JOHN F. REESMAN:—died at the home of his son, Aaron, in Lebanon, Mo., January 19. He was very well and favorably known to many of the older residents of Nittany valley.

MRS. NANCY BODLE:—widow of Benjamin Bodle, of near Fillmore, died at the Bellefonte Hospital, Thursday night, 29th, her age being about 70 years.

MRS. SUSAN SMITH:—died at the home of her son Harvey Smith, at Penn zial, Saturday 24th, aged sixty-five years, two months and one day.

MRS. ALBERT RHODES:—Died at her home in Bellefonte, Friday afternoon of paralysis. She had apparently been in the best of health up until Friday morning when she became ill.

MRS. AUSTIN CURTIN:—Died at at Roland, last Thursday morning. She had been ill but a few days. Her maiden name was Rachel Fraser and she was born about sixty-five years ago.

JACOB P. SHOFF:—a highly respected citizen of Miesburg, died at his home, Tuesday morning from infirmities incident to old age.

HARRY ANDREW GEBRET:—died in the Bellefonte Hospital Monday evening, after an illness of several weeks duration. Gangrene is given as the cause of death.

MRS. MARTHA J. BARNHART:—widow of the late John Barnhart, died Wednesday morning 28, at the home of her son-in-law Wm. M. McClure, in this place.

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL W. HALL:—died at their home in West Union, Iowa, on Monday eve after a short illness of grip. Their deaths occurring scarcely an hour apart.

Mrs. Kline. They are survived by their family of nine children. The only surviving members of Mr. Hall's family are his brother J. Newlin Hall, of Howard, and his sister Mrs. Hannah Barnhart, of Red Oak, Ia., one brother Samuel F. Kline, of Howard, is the only surviving member of Mrs. Hall's family.

Changes Needed.

At the opening of Northumberland county criminal court Monday Judge C. R. Savidge directed remarks at the Legislature. Addressing the grand jury, he spoke of the needs of new law to meet the requirements of the day relative to putting costs on the parties who deserve to get them and enforcing their payment.

He told of drafting a bill, in connection with several other judges, and personally going to Harrisburg, but it was lost by one vote in the House. The legislative mind apparently could not grasp the urgency of the matter, he said.

The judge criticised the constable law, which required one man to visit all licensed places in a township, and yet made no provision for his pay for so doing and consequently the law is a dead letter.

Physically, he further stated that the county was in desperate financial straits, that the September sessions cost \$25,000, and the December sessions a like amount.

Judge Savidge is right. There is good sense in his ideas.

An exchange says the question is often asked, "How much coal is there in an acre?" So much coal land has been leased and bought that the question is pertinent. A cubic foot of coal makes a bushel. An acre is a little over 200 feet each way, or 43,560 square feet, equal to 43,560 bushels in one vein.

—Mrs. J. A. Aiken has returned from her trip to Chicago where she visited friends. —Men's \$3.50 Cordovan shoes, now \$2.75. Yeager & Davis.

Some people are always busiest when there is nothing to do. It is a relief to meet a man who doesn't know any funny stories.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of FREDERICK HOUSER, deceased, late of College township. Letters of administration having been duly granted on the above estate they would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

NOTICE FOR VIEWERS.

Notices hereby given that sundry citizens of the county of Centre, who present their petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Centre county, on Saturday, the 7th day of February at ten o'clock a. m., representing that the Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngmans townships, Centre county, where the same intersects with the Centre and Kishacoquillas Turnpike Company, and extending eastward through the township of Potter, and village of Spring Mills, through Greig township and Haines township, Centre county, to the summit on Four Mile Run, in said last named township, and being at the boundary line between Centre and Union counties, is for the entire distance above named, located in the best interests of people of the county for said turnpike to become a Public Road, free from tolls and toll-gates, and praying the Court to appoint a jury of five reputable citizens under the provisions of the Act of Assembly, approved the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1887, and its several supplements; said jury to view and condemn said turnpike for public use, free from tolls and toll-gates, and to assess the damages to which the owners of said turnpike may be entitled.

N. B. SPANGLER, ATT'Y for Petitioners.

ORPHANS COURT SALE.

Estate of JOHN S. HOY, late of Marion township, deceased. By virtue of an order issued out of the Orphans Court of Centre county and to us directed there will be exposed at public sale on the premises at Adona, in Potter township, Clinton county, Pa., at 1 o'clock p. m., on MONDAY, MARCH 2nd, the following:

FARM OF 105 ACRES. Containing 105 and 1/2 acres, more or less, being a single tract of land located partly in Potter township, Clinton county, and partly in Marion township, Centre county, through which passes the boundary line between said counties, and which said premises are occupied by John C. Wilson, the same being bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north, by land of Henry Zeigler; on the east by land of Jacob Fisher and Johnathan Bennison; on the south by land of Sarah Hunt; and on the west by land of Anna M. Tilghman and Perry McDowell, containing 105 and 1/2 acres, more or less, thereon erected a 2-STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, bank barn, and other outbuildings.

Said farm is under a good state of cultivation, contains a good orchard, water and other conveniences. Note.—The above farm is sold free and clear of the lien of a certain mortgage, given by Joseph Willis to Samuel Bell, now deceased, dated April 17th, 1891, and recorded in Clinton county in Mortgage book, D, at page 91.

TERMS OF SALE.—10 per cent of purchase money to be paid on day of sale; balance of the 1/2 on confirmation of sale; one third in one year, and the remaining one third in two years with interest deferred payments to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises.

Z. W. HOY, J. A. HOY, N. B. Spangler, Att'ys for executors, Bellefonte, Pa.

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