CORRESPONDENTS' REPORT

Sentiment Gathered on the Judiciary Nomination.

BUT ONE NAME MENTIONED

The Democratic Nomination for President Judge Discussed-Replys From Different Sections of the County Reported

Last week The Centre Democrat invited its regular correspondents to answer the following:

"Whom should the Democrats of Centre county select as their candidate this year for President Judge."

The idea was purely our own; no one was consulted as to the propriety of our course, and no instructions were sent correspondents other than published in last week's issue. We mention this for the benefit of the few who placed an improper construction upon our course.

There is no one office, in the whole category of public service, that is as important to the people as the judiciary, for upon the sanctity of our courts rests the whole fabric. This coming year the voters of Centre county will be called upon to select one to preside over our courts for the next ten years. Both leading parties will make nominations, and for that reason we deem it wise that thoughtful people deliberate over this matter in due time so that when the primaries come, in the latter part of next May, they will be properly informed and enabled to act intelligently.

Some have termed this feature a mistake-liable to cause trouble, etc. On the other hand, the publisher has an abiding faith in the integrity of the people, and always believes in free discussion of all matters that are of interest to the public; and has the greatest confidence in their judgment, when clearly and accurately expressed. For these very reasons we have no apologies for this article, and herewith give a verbatim report of all the answers received this week, from the regular correspondents:

PORT MATILDA :- A careful canvass among the democrats of Worth township shows a preference for Ellis Orvis as their candidate for President Judge.

UNIONVILLE :- I have consulted a ing the Judgeship, and the unanimous opinion was: Eilis L. Oivis, Eiq., would be the proper choice of the convention for the high and honorable position of President Judge of Centre county. We believe his nomination would be followed by an emphatic election, and, if elected, as he surely will be, he will know no politics in dispensing justice and would hold the scales of justice evenly, without regard to caste or position in life. One of the ablest lawvers at the bar, he is eminently fitted for the high calling. It is a case of the office seeking the man. By all means give us Ellis L. Orvis for Judge. The people will see to his elec-

Howard:-The judiciary question, here, seems to have out one side to it, so far as the democratic nomination is concerned. The only name mentioned in this connection, so far as I can learn, is that of Mr. Orvis; and the entire community seems to consider him not only the logical candidate, but the Saul who stands head and shoulders above the crowd in point of qualifications, natural and acquired, and regard his nomination as the expected thing, which should and will happen.

NITTANY :- Most of the democrats of this place think Ellis L. Orvis would be the right man for the Judgeship of Centre county. Mr. Orvis has some very warm friends through here, and is fully capable of filling the office; and, if nomi nated, would get the majority of the voters here.

RUNVILLE:-The sentiment among the democrats of this place is strong for Ellis Orvis, for candidate for President Judge.

GEORGETOWN, (Penn twp.) :- You would like to know the sentiment of this community as to whom the democrats of Centre county should select as their candidadate this year for President Judge. It points to Ellis L. Orvis, and I think he would make the strongest candidate that the party can nominate; and, if nominated. Penn township will do her share in

POTTER TWP :- I take great pleasure in giving an outline on the Judgeship: We,as solid democrats of North Precinct of Potter township, prefer the election of Ellis L. Orvis; he is a true-hearted man, and is about the ablest man in the democratic field to fill the office. I am one of those whe believe there is an opportunity for democratic success in the Judge-ship by nominating Ellis L. Orvis.

LIVONIA, (Bast precinct Miles twp.) :-In reply to the question as to whom the democrats of Centre county should select as a candidate for President Judge, the democrats at our end of the valley would reply "Orvis, of Bellefonte, means," and our reasons are ; that we consider him to be by far the most competent man that could be chosen in every way, and because we think he deserves

Centre County Bar, a vision appeared: I saw a young man just in the prime of life, standing as it was upon a foundastone of truth, which in my mind is one | Henry Holtz and Joseph A. Gray.

of the first principles of any profession, nd especially so on the seat of justice, h lips that are not afraid to speak

An, right above the lips is a member e face that indicates firmness on eith er side are two other members that are the interpreters of an honest heart, and a mirror to an untarnished soul, while the upper part of the structure indicates knowledge, an indispensible quality for the high office. This is a man whom, if county, its citizens can be proud of; he inherited qualities from his father which are not found elsewhere in the county; his name is a familiar one, Ellis L. Orvis.

KOREA JOINS JAPAN.

The Korean government has announced its intention to join her forces with Japan against the Russians. The Koreans have a small army and of little importance, yet in many ways can assist the Japs. The Chinese are becoming aroused and her armies and navy is being prepared, for what purpose is not definitely stated, but they are not very friendly towards Russia. Thus far none of the European nations have become involved in the war.

It is stated that Vladivostok has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday. Vladivostok is the great Russian naval station on the Gulf of Peter the Great, of the Sea of Japan, the most important strategical point in both the Russian naval and land operations. Japaneese troops are marching swiftly and in great force into the interior of Manchuria.

BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR.

Fifteen Japanese warships appeared before Port Arthur, Monday morning and opened a furious bombardment. The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan and four torpedo-boats steamed out to meet the attack, but were forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition, the Novik was badly damaged, and a Russian torpedo-boat was sunk.

The battle-ship Retvizan, which took part in resisting the attack from the place in the harbor where she lies, was damaged again. The bombardment lasted two hours, when the Japanes fleet withdrew in perfect order. The Novik, Askold and Bayam had all been damaged by Japanees attacks and been repaired. The Japanes have made a great combined attack by sea and land on Port Arthur, fighting is going on; there have been further naval losses.

Although every preparation has been ade in Port Arthur to withstand a fierce number of leading democrats concern- and persistent siege, there is little hope that the Russians can make a long de-

Soon after the Japanese invest the town by land, the Russians will have to capit plate, even if not one shot is fired.

Hunger will do much more to force surrender than will shot and shell.

The Japanese fleet's repeated attacks have produced a condition approaching demoralization among the soldiers of the

SMALLPOX AND FROST.

Reports received from the troops along the route to Harbin show a disheartening condition of affairs. Disease is rife among the soldiers.

A small-pox epidemic is raging in East Siberia and has spread among the residents, vaccination being unheard of in the army;

Pneumonia and bronchitis are claiming many victims and already thousands of men have been rendered unfit for service by frost bite. :

At every station soldiers partially frozen are being left behind, in most cases without oither medical attention than that afforded by rough and ready service that the villagers can supply.

The first shots of the war on land were exchanged Sunday at Ping | Tang. A small detachment of Russian infantry, evidently scouts, appeared to the north. ward of town. The Japanese outpost opened fire from a range of 1,700 metres and the Russians retired. The Japanese are constantly strengthening their position and increasing their forces in Korea. See page 2 for other war news.

Hunted Deer With Dogs. A justice of the peace at Karthaus, Clearfield county, last week dismissed the cases of sixteen members of a hunt ing party who had been arrested charged with violating the state game laws, hunting deer with dogs, near Karthaus last fall. Two deputy game wardens are again working on the cases and say they will re-arrest every one of the hunters. The re-hearing will be held at Clearfield, March 10th. Detective Jos. Rightnour has the case in charge.

A National Bank for Spangler.

On Monday the First National Bank of Spangler, was organized with a capital of \$50,000. The stock was largely oversubscribed. The following officers were elected: Colonel J. L. Spangler, presi-COLVER :- As I took a retrospective dent; John C. Reed, vice president; James view of the democratic members of the A. McClain, cashier; directors, I. L. Spangler, John B. Reed, Harry F. Bigler, Philip Dougherty. L. F. Sims, L. tion as solid as a rock, with the corner Orlando Helfrick, H. J. Hinterleitner, nouncement of his serious illness was a necessary." This would prove a great

RESULT OF

LICENSE COURT

Held in Bellefonte on Tuesday of this Week.

While 15 Were Held Under Advisement Until March 22-One License From Philipsburg

eration. All others were granted excepting one, that of Andrew Rusnak, Snow Shoe, wholesale liquor:

TAVERN LICENSE.

lellefonte—
W. L. Daggett, West ward
Horton S. Ray, South ward
C. M. & C. B. Garman, South ward
George L. Doll, South ward
D. B. Newcomer, South ward.

Philipsburg—

Wm. J. Ramsey & F. W. Grebe, 2nd ward
Mary Walton, 2nd ward
Wm. B. Price, 1st ward
Christopher North. 2nd ward
*Thomas Barnes, 7nd ward
James Pa-smore. 2nd ward
*Joseph Peters, Jr., 2nd ward
*Joseph Peters, Jr., 2nd ward
*Trank Test, 2nd ward
Tempest Slinger, 2nd ward
*Thomas F. Street, 2nd ward
*Enoch Hugg, 7nd ward
J. L. DeHaas. Howard borough
James W. Runkle, Centre Hail borough
John M. Reish, Milheim borough
Simon R. King, Milheim borough
George B. Uzzle, Snow Shoe twp
John G. Uzzle, Snow Shoe twp Philipsburg-John G. Uzzle. Snow Shoe twp.
S. B. Shaffer, Miles twp.
James S, Reish, Potter twp.
Isaac Shawver, Potter twp.
C. L. Beck, Penn twp.
Philip Drumm. Gregg twp.
J. Edward Miller. Rush twp.
Wier Rhoom, Rush twp. *Wier Bloom, Rush twp.
*Andrew Sommerville, Rush twp.
Alois Kohlbecker, Boggs twp.
*R F. Emerick, Walker twp.

DISTILLER. Noah Eby, Haines twp. WHOLESALE LIQUOR AS BREWER & MFG. *Weist & Baldenhofer, Philipsburg, 2nd wrd. WHOLESALE BEER

Jesse K. Cox, West ward. Matthew Davies, Philipsburg, 2nd ward. WHICLESALE LIQUOR.

Andrew Rusnak, Snow Shoe twp.—refused. David Chambers, Snow Shoe twp. *James Black, 2nd ward. Samuel Rogers, 2nd ward. *Orin Vail 2nd ward. Rush township.

*D. W. Schnar.
Harry Washburn.
*Garneld Foice.

32 licenses were granted, 15 held under advisement notil March 22nd with opportunity to take testimony on same, and one refused. "

A REMARKABLE KILL.

Skillful taxidermy has preserved a grouse, at the throat of which hung a on the wing by C. K. Sober, of Lewis burg, Pa., during a hunting trip in the White Deer Mountains of the Blue Ridge, says Field and Stream.

Mr Sober, who is a wealthy lumber-State Game and Forestry Commission, in a letter to Field and Stream, describes this remarkable kill as follows :

"I was out hunting ruffled grouse. It fly from the ground among a clump of about fifteen yards from me and seemed to rise from the ground in a labored manner. While it was partly hidden by the underbrush, I noticed that it appeared to be retarded in its movements, and its plumage, especially about the neck and underparts generally, seemed to hang loosely. I supposed the feathers of the bird were wet, and this accounted for its curious flight and odd appearance when on the wing. I shot the bird when about thirty yards from where I stood, on the wing, and on going to where it fell I found it dead, and a large weasel clinging to it. The weasel had caught the grouse by the neck, and when the bird flew was clinging to its body. The bird had been instantly killed by the shot, but the bloodthirsty weasel was unharmed by the shot pellets."

John M. Dale Stricken.

Wednesday morning at about 3 o'clock John M. Dale Esq., one of our prominent young attorneys, was taken seriously ill and since then has been in a critical conof apoplexy. He was in an unconscious condition during the day and one side of the body appeared to be helpless from great surprise to our community.

148th REUNION.

Last week the famous 148th Regiment held an important meeting in Bellefonte, which was in session at time of going to press. Wednesday, sessions were held About Some Early Temperance in the G. A. R. Post rooms, where they revised and prepared much material for their forthcoming history of the regielected to fill the highest office in Centre 32 APPLICATIONS GRANTED ment, which was the purpose of the gathering.

> The meeting in the court house on Wednesday evening was largely attend-Refused-General Remonstrance ed. Gen. Beaver presided, an interesting address was made by Burgess W. Harrison Walker which was responded The annual session of court for consid- to by Adjt. J. W. Muffly, of DesMoines, ering applications for liquor license in Iowa, who is compiling the history. The this county, was held on Tuesday. The other speakers were: Rev. Wm. Gemmel, attendance was small as no special re- of Allenwood; Dr. H C. Holloway, Capt. monstrances were filed, excepting the H. S. Taylor, Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., Hon. one from Philipsburg which was of a W. C. Heinle, and Clement Dale, Esq. general nature, and its character seemed | Thursday morning another business sesto find little sympathy with the court. sion was held. Gen. Beaver announced The following is the list of applicants. that a solicitor had been appointed to Those having a star (*) preceding the canvass this section for the forthcoming name were held over for further consid- book, the price of which would be \$2 50. Following are the names of those present

Regimental Staff Officers. Col. James A. Beaver, Bellefonte. Lieut. Col. James Weaver, Milesburg. Adjt. J. W. Muffly, DeMonies, Iowa. Q. M., S. D. Musser, Scranton.

Company A. Thos. E. Royer, Rebersburg. Henry Meyer, Rebersburg. J. P. Meyer, Lock Haven. Company B.

Jacob Sunday, Penna. Furnace. James Barger, Roland. Constance Barger, Roland. Samuel Bryan, Roland. Company C.

Amos Garbrick, Bellefonte.
Lemuel H. Osman, State College.
William Harpster, Houtzdale.
James Knox, Bellefonte.
Christ Lowry, Bellefonte..
Andrew Whitehill. Lemon
David Ross, Port Matilda, Company D.

George Boal, Centre Hall.
M. Gemmill, Allenwood.
Charles F. Speaker, Williamsport.
Nathaniel Brown. Spring Mills
David Fortney, Bellefont.
William Heberling, Benore.
S.D. Musser, Scranton. Company F.

David Behers, Benore.
William Lightner, Petersburg.
H. S. Nolder, Petersburg.
Samuel Barthurst, Roland.
Henry Heaton, Yarnell.
Aso. P. Leightley, Yeagerstown, Pa.
M. H. Mackey, Altoona.

Company G. John Stuart, State College, D. W. Miller, Pine Grove Mills. W. A. Ishier, Beilefonte, Joseph L. Harpster, Port Matilda. James A. Thompson, Stormstown, J. I. Condo, Spring Mills, Wm. Bailey, Stormstown.

Company H. D. W. Woodring, Bellefonte. George W. Farnsler, Port Matilda. Samuel Orris, Milesburg. Herman Miller, Bellefonte. Charles Gherret, Bellefonte. Henry Montgomery, Bellefonte. D. H. Bumgardner, Brookville. W. H. Shultz, Milesburg. Alfred S. Smith, Milesburg.

Company I. R R Lyle Brookville. Company K. J. F. McNoldy, Altoona. G. G. Walters, Pittsburg.

Double Holidays.

Bank clerks and others employed where holidays are scrupulously observed have reason to congratulate themselves on a series of singular coincidences in the calendar of 1904. Every one of the holidays with the exception of weasei in a death grip, when shot while Thanksgiving Day, is on a day of the week that will give him two successive days of absence from work. Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22nd; Memorial Day, May 30th; July 4th and Labor Day, all fall on Monday. This will give a bank man and member of the Pennsylvania | clerk as well as numerous people other. wise employed Sunday and Monday free from work. Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Surday, and will be observed with a similar result. The preceedwas raining very hard. I beard a grouse ing Saturdays will be a half holiday for persons engaged in numerous occupalaurei and red brush. The bird was tions, and this will materially extend the period of leisure.

FIRES.

One night recently the beautiful home of D. G. Meek at Fairbrook, Centre county, came near going up in flames. G. Frank Fry is the tenant. The family had retired as usual but had not been in bed long until Mrs. Fry scented smoke and going down stairs found the fire place and mantel all in a blaze. Fortunately the water was close and plenty and the fire was soon put out.

The beautiful home of Rev. N. H Schenck, located about a mile northeast of Howard, was discovered to be on fire last Thursday, but fortunately the flames were extinguished before much damage resulted. The fire originated from one of the lanterns placed in the attic to keep the water pipes from freezing.

A Sensible Order. It has been decided by the Post Office Department that when no one is on duty in a post office, as is the case during dition from what is reported as an attack | certain hours on a holiday, the postmaster may allow the lobby to remain open under the following condition: "When the screen work extends to the paralysis in consequence. At this writ- ceiling, and all doors, windows and ing, Wednesday evening, there was no wickets connecting the lobby with the noticable improvement in his condition working portion of the office are securely and recovery is in doubt. Prior to this locked the Department will grant post-Mr. Dale had been about, apparently masters permission to leave the lobby enjoying his usual good health. The an- open as long as the postmaster may deem convenience to the public.

OUR HISTORICAL

REVIEW

Organizations.

WERE SHY ON ELECTION DAYS

When The Frst Postoffices Were Established in the County-Short Sketch of a Prominent Citizen of the County.

Temperance Societies were organized in the county at an early day. There was a county organization and a number of local temperance socities. The county organization, it seems, was kept up right along but of the local organizations the most had but a few years' existence. At times the subject of temperance was quite animated and even went into the political cauldron. The temperance party invaribly had a ticket in the field course are, in the long run, glad to befor county as well as state officers. The come letter carriers. temperance advocate at all times seemed to be numerous and earnest, but, strange to tell, when it came to voting there were only from 200 to 300 votes cast for their ticket out of a professed following of about 1200. They did not vote as they talked.

In 1832, February 7th, a temperance society was formed in Ferguson and Potter townships, at a schoolhouse in Boalsburg, with S. Miles Green, Esq., as president; vice-president, George Sheneberger; secretary, Jacob Bergstreser; treasurer, Thomas Raney; George Boal, George Jack, John Gilliland, John Boal, and James Larimer, managers.

The Lick Run Temperance Society was organized March 11th, Rev. D. Mc-Kinney, president; Thomas McCalmont vice-president; H. W. F. Schulze, secretary; William McCalmont, David Smith, and John Milliken, managers.

The Centre County Temperance Society met April 23d, Thomas Burnside, presi dent; William Pettit and Henry Vandyke, vice-president; Rev. James Linn, secretary; managers, Dr. John Harris, Dr. Daniel Dobbins, Dr. Charles Coburn, James Gilliland, John Bigler, Isaac Mil-Patton.

the county, as per the records at the post- al Corbin, to pay a very high tribute to the office department, were:

Aaronsburg, April 1, 1798. James Dun-

can, postmaster.

postmaster. Boalsburg, April 10, 1862. James Huey,

postmaster. Centre Furnace, July 1, 1799. Gen. John Patton, postmaster, died in 1802. tribute was paid to General Young. James Johnston was postmaster, Oct. 1, 1814. and Chriswell Whitehill, May 4, 1818. This office was discontinued June

Half-Moon, Oct. 1, 1817. Joseph B.

Shugert, postmaster. Lamar, Jan. 20, 1832. Joseph Gamble,

postmaster. Logan, Feb. 25, 1820. John Zimmer

man, postmaster. Milesburg, March 13, 1797. Joseph

Green, postmaster. Mill Hall, April 1, 1811. Benjamin the most generous praise.

Harvey, postmaster. Millheim, Dec. 2, 1826. Daniel Keen, Nittany, Oct. 30, 1825. John Snyder,

Jr., postmaster. He declined, and H. F. W. Schultze appointed in May, 1830. Old Fort, late Earlysburg (no date) 1833, Catherine Withington, postmaster.

Penn's Valley, Jan. 1, 1815. John Robeson, postmaster. Philipsburg, July 1, 1813. John Lorain,

postmaster. April 3, 1815, W. P Dewees, Pine Grove Mills, April 12, 1812.

Stephen Davis, postmaster. Potter's Mills, April 1, 1811. James Potter, Jr., postmaster.

Dec. 24th, 1831, Valentine Ertle, an aged man, was committed to jail of Centre county for the murder of his own son. Both were under the influence of liquor and the father grappled the son by the throat and choked him until he fell and, it is believed, instantly expired. He wa tried at April term, 1832, on indictment for murder; Macmanus, deputy attorney general, conducting the prosecution s the defense being conducted by Messrs. Blanchard and Potter. The jury found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and the court sentenced him to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary; but in consideration of his advanced age the court recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the Governor. In passing sentence Judge Burnside remarked that in every case which had been tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions the present term within his judicial district, the testi mony showed that intemperance had prompted to the commission of the of

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY. Bright Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

NATURE CONVERSE.

Said the river to hill: "Can't you check my current's flow? 'Though I'm in the running still, I am feeling pretty low."

Said the hill unto the river: "Shut your gaping mouth, you clam, I'm a very cheerful giver, But I never give a dam."

Said the river in reply : "Don't be keeping up the bluff. Roll a bowlder from on high, A little bowlder is enough."

"When I get a little bolder," Said the hill, "than now I am. I may drop the bluff, you scolder, But I'll never give a dam."

The claims to wisdom of owls and a multitude of men rest upon their looks, and nothing more.

Some men who take a post graduate

A maiden fair, with sun-kissed hair, ' came tripping down the street her face serene, her age 16-gee whiz, but she was sweet. On the sidewalk slick she came down quick, with a jolt that shook her curls, but the words she used must be excused-for she's one of the nicest girls.

MILES AND OTHERS.

When General Miles retired from the head of the army after forty years of faithful service he was dismissed with a formal and cold-blooded order issued by a discredited subordinate. There was, at the time, very general criticism because of the absence in this order of all ecognition of General Miles' distinguished services.

It was explained by the champions of Mr. Roosevelt that the order issued on the occasion of General Miles' retirement was in keeping with orders issued on

similar occasions. Subsequently, however General Corbin, who has had considerably more experience at a Washington city desk than he has had upon the field of battle, was ler, L. K. Torbett, J. Sitman, and James transferred from his Capital City post to the command of a division of the army. The Roosevelt administration took oc-The earliest postoffices, established in casion, upon the mere transfer of Generservices he had rendered to the American

Later Lieutenant General S. B. M. Bellefonte, April 1, 1798. James Harris. Young, chief of staff, retired and instead of a formal order, as was issued in General Miles' case, a general order was issued at the direction of President Roosevelt in which order an enormously high

> Yet some of Mr. Roosevelt's friends seem to seriously undertake the effort to convince the American people that the snub administered by the Roosevelt administration to general Miles was not deliberate

> It seems that under this administration men like Dewey, Miles and Schley, who have been conspicious in serving the American people, have come in for deliberate snubs, while men who are comparitively unknown are the recipients of

Better Let It Alone.

The most startling prosecutions of the Dairy and Food Commissioner are those postmaster. May, 1830, John Snyder, just instituted in Philadelphia against wholesale and retail dealers for selling whisky a large ingredient of which is the deadly wood alcohol. It is the testimony John Benner, Jr., postmaster; March 23, of the most expert chemists of the State, and of the world as well, that wood alcohol induces paralysis, blindness, heart failure and many minor affections, according to the quantity used, and that it is rapid and debilitating in effect no matter how carefully it is employed in beverages. Yet it is asserted that sixty per cent. of the liquors analyzed under direction of the Dairy and Food Department were thus adulterated and warrnats have accordingly been issued for the arrest of many dealers.

> About one hundred thousand dollars will be expended in the erection of new churches in Altoona the coming season. The First Methodist congregation will erect a handsome church, costing about \$50,000 on the site of the old one. The Simpson Methodist congregation will rebuild and remodel the present structure and \$15,000 worth of improvements will be made. The Second United Brethren church has purchased two lots in the Bast End and a new church will be erected as soon as the cold weather breaks up. St Joseph's Catholic church will be the name of a new church which the German Catholics will build during the summer on the corper of Crawford avenue and second street. A new edifice will be erected by the Mt. Zion Baptist church where the old one now stands, at Fifth avenue and Twentysecond street. The building will cost between \$3,000 and \$4.000.