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EDITORIAL.

SENATOR PENROSE is for prohibition because public sentiment is drifting that way. He knows that it is policy to drift with the current, even if he is not in sympathy with the movement.

THUS FAR 1908 has had a sorrowful record for great fires, flood losses, and accidents resulting in the loss of many lives and this or sea and land. If during the balance of the year, each month closes with a list of casualties, such as January and March have on the diary, 1908 will stand at the top for awful casualties.

THE coming year of 1908 will be an eventful one in political history. In the selection of candidates and the election of a president there will be many new elements in the campaign, that will materially affect both great parties.

AFTER reading the article on front page headed "Lest We Forget," it would seem in place to offer the following suggestion to our friend Chairman Keller, who last fall attempted to give advice on "panics and business depressions."

INSIDE of a few weeks families were called to mourn the death of over three hundred children by fire. First came the Boyertown horror in which 165 young people perished by burning of one opera house.

THE anti-Penrose feeling is beginning to assert itself in many counties of the state, among republicans; Pittsburg, the counties of Blair, Lancaster, Snyder, Union, Northumberland and York, are among those actively engaged in the work of having delegates sent to the republican state convention pledged against Penrose.

THE period for filing petitions of candidates seeking the nominations to be made by the electors of the several political parties at the spring primaries, Saturday, April 11, is on.

THE NEBRASKA PLATFORM. The platform adopted by the Nebraska state convention upon which the presidential candidacy of William J. Bryan was launched, declares for a revision of the tariff, for legislation restricting and regulating railroad rates and transportation, for further remedies against trusts and for revised monetary system, an unmistakable utterance denouncing the contribution of campaign funds by corporations, and against the watering of stocks, and for a state license law governing the control of products, and a law compelling corporations to sell to all purchasers, in all parts of the country, on the same terms, after making due allowance for cost of transportation.

Never in the history of Burnham, near Lewistown, were the conditions so unpromising as they are at present. The pay roll which contained some five thousand names has been reduced to one thousand. Many houses are empty and rents have taken a big drop.

TIRED OF BOODLERS.

Among the new announcements to be found in this issue is that of W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of Bellefonte, for congress, who now seeks the nomination on the Democratic ticket in this 21st district.

The 21st Congressional District is composed of the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Cameron and McKean. The present congressman is Capt. Barclay, of Sinnemahoning, who was elected two years ago, and is seeking another term.

At an informal conference of party workers in the district, the congressional situation was discussed, and as no pronounced democratic aspirant was found, the assurance was given that if Centre county would name a candidate the other counties would endorse the nomination.

That may sound unwarranted, but by the time the campaign is over things may be quite different to Mr. Barclay. The people of this district are growing tired of being made the tools of rich men.

Little more can be said for Barclay. He is a millionaire, and never would have been recognized—were it not for his boodle which he threw out with a lavish hand.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company had 35,000 of its own idle cars on the side tracks between Pittsburg and Philadelphia last week.

Civil War Expenses. Pennsylvania will soon get her old Civil War accounts with the Federal Government finally straightened out in a bill that was favorably reported by the House committee on war claims if passed by Congress, as it probably will.

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THE second annual meeting of the Christian Cemetery association, of Bellefonte, was held in the Christian church, March 2. The president appointed M. Swartz, T. J. Bechdel and W. J. Harter to audit the treasurer's account.

OVER THE COUNTY.

John Dauberman, an esteemed citizen of Centre Hall, is still confined to bed from his illness.

John S. Dauberman, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Centre Hall, has been seriously ill.

Superintendent D. O. Eiters was in Pennsylvania recently where he found the schools in excellent condition.

David M. Weaver, of Bellwood, a former Centre countyman, is just recovering from a long and serious illness.

On account of illness Dr. Schuyler was unable to fill the pulpit the Centre Hall Presbyterian church, on Sunday.

W. M. Grove, A. C. Ripka and John Hull were appointed a commission to divide Harris township into two election districts.

Miss Mary Tanyer was elected to teach the Centre school, in Ferguson township, for the unexpired term. Maggie Peters resigned.

The 39th annual convention of the Centre county Sunday School Association will be held at State College May 20th and 21st, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner V. Hosterman and children, of Lancaster, have been guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, in Centre Hall.

Samuel Stover, of Centre Hall, who has been in delicate health ever since last fall, is not improving; in fact, his condition has become alarming.

Thursday Elmer Stump moved from Potters Mills to the Dubbs property, near Rhoneywede, and next spring will assist Cloyd Brooks in tilling that farm.

A musical treat will be given by the Millinburg Glee Club in the Boal Hall at Bellefonte tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the Rebekah Lodge.

The East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church closed at Shamokin Tuesday evening. The following are nearby appointments: Pennsylvania, E. E. Haney; Sugarvalley, J. W. Romberger.

Miss Cora Sweetwood, formerly of Centre Hall, but who has been located in Philadelphia for some few years recently underwent operation at the Jefferson Hospital, the seat of the trouble being her throat.

From Howard comes this information that J. F. Condo is having considerable trouble with his eyes of late.

A. F. Kreamer has been appointed by the court to serve as overseer of the poor for Millheim borough in place of M. S. Fiedler, who was elected this spring.

Joseph Gilliland, of Lock Haven, has announced his candidacy in Clinton Co., for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer.

John H. Behrer, of Waddle, and Lewis Beck, of Snyder, accompanied by their lady friends, Lillie Beck and Meechley, of Nittany, were visiting friends in the city of Williamsport recently, and were pleasant callers at Rev. J. Davis. John H. can we congratulate you?

The residence of M. D. Kelley, the wealthy coal operator, of Snow Shoe, was the scene of a very elaborate surprise party the other evening.

While on his way to the United Evangelical church the other evening, Harry Hubler, of Centre Hall, slipped and fell on the brick walk in front of the home of Aaron Thomas.

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A large lynx made its appearance in West Branch valley recently and caused great excitement. It was chased by the Long Brothers from the Fisher farm across the farm owned by Phillips, Vonada and Yearick and in through Greens Gap to Sugar valley.

E. E. Hagerty, the Phillipsburg baker, contemplates locating next fall at Ashville, N. C., on account of the milder climate, which is more conducive to the health of himself and family.

We received \$1, Feb. 16th, from Route 2, Spring Mills in payment on subscription for "Mrs. Eva Bartley."

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Mr. and Mrs. John Todd, of Phillipsburg, who went to Virginia about six weeks ago in the interest of Mr. Todd's health, have returned home, the latter being much benefited.

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RECENT DEATHS.

JAMES AUMAN—One of the oldest residents of Tyersville, died Saturday of dropsy, after a lingering illness. Deceased was aged 84 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wannick—wife of Andrew Wannick, died Sunday at home in Jersey Shore, from a complication of diseases. She was born in Pennsylvania, and her age was 75 years, 10 months and 3 days.

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