

Announcements.

Terms strictly cash in advance. ASSEMBLY. We are authorized to announce Dr. S.S. Towler of Jenkins township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to Republican usages.

We are authorized to announce Jonathan Albaugh, of Hickory township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to Republican usages.

CONY TRINISTRER. We are authorized to announce Calvin M. Arner, of Tionesta Borough, as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to Republican usages.

We are authorized to announce John H. Legend, of Tionesta Borough, as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to Republican usages.

The rush to the Klondike is fully up to expectations. It can not be said that the present generation is lacking in faith.

SPAIN is profuse in her professions of sympathy. But that is not what is wanted. We want to know the cause of the explosion.—Blizzard.

THE Democrats over in Titusville elected their mayor at the recent election, and the Advance Guard, one of the Democratic organs joyfully proclaims the news with a rooster at the head, while the Bugle another Democratic organ thinks it's an awful calamity. The question now arises, which of these two Moscs' is telling the truth?

A WRITER in a New York paper says it is unconstitutional to make the United States singular. Technically he is right. The constitution framers deferred to the old state sovereignty notion, and said "the United States are." The Union armies and the Supreme Court, however, in knocking out secession and killing state sovereignty, proclaimed to all the world that the United States is.

TREASURY figures are assuming a brighter and more satisfactory condition. Receipts this month thus far have averaged over a million dollars a day and prospects are that next month will be even better. As the total expenditures of the Government average but a million dollars a day, it will be seen that the new law has already practically reached the point promised by its framers—an income equal to the expenditures.

ABOUT Pennsylvania's new capitol the Harrisburg Telegraph says: "It can be set down as a fact that the Capitol Building Commission will lose no time awarding a contract for the new State house after the Supreme Court has made a decision. A hearing in the injunction matter will probably be fixed by the higher court for next Monday at Philadelphia. The lawyers here do not doubt that the issue will be favorable to the Commission."

ECONOMY and prompt business methods are the rule of action in the National House of Representatives, which is controlled by the Republicans. Present indications are that the appropriation bills of the present Congress will be kept at the very lowest possible figure, and that the record for prompt action upon them will be an unusually good one. Ten of the appropriation bills have already passed the House, and it is expected the remainder will be disposed of very promptly.

THE Republicans of the country seem entirely willing to accept the gage of battle thrown down by the Democratic Congressional Committee in their declaration in favor of the proposition of the Chicago platform of 1896. Every Congressional convention and other utterance by Republican conventions or organizations during the present year has been clearly and distinctly in favor of keeping the currency of the nation at its very highest standard. The Republicans have welcomed an opportunity to meet the enemy upon the same battle ground in which they won their splendid victory of 1896.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY of the Navy Roosevelt says "the United States is tie with Germany for fifth place in naval power among the great nations." This is an effective answer to the ignorant writers and talkers who say that the United States would be an easy prey for Germany and the other nations of Europe in a war with any of those countries. The fact is, in the quality of its vessels and in general fighting strength, only two nations of the world—England and France—are ahead of the United States. However, the naval strength of the United States is far below what it ought to be. Liberal appropriations for the navy and for coast defence should be made, and the work on both vigorously pushed.

The Disaster to the Maine.

The destruction of the U. S. battleship Maine, in the harbor of Havana, by an explosion on the night of 15th inst. is still as much of a mystery as when first the disaster took place, although theory after theory has been advanced as to the cause. Our government has set on foot an investigation which should speedily develop something tangible, as it will be exhaustive in every detail. The country has thus far maintained a most commendable attitude of silent reserve and people of all shades of political belief have shown a disposition to await the inquiry which has been set on foot to ascertain the exact facts in the matter before expressing judgment.

The Spanish government has seemingly shown as much desire as our own to have the mysterious calamity cleared up, and to free itself of any blame, and until such time as the blame can be fastened where it belongs judgment should be suspended. Nothing can be gained by an attempt to inflame the minds of the people. A cool, systematic and businesslike investigation will in all probability reveal all, and then if it is found to have been the work of treachery on the part of the Spanish government the American people will not be slow to demand the fullest reparation.

On board the battleship there were nearly five hundred human beings, officers, crew and mariners, and more than one-half this number lost their lives, and many more are maimed for life by the terrible explosion which totally destroyed the great ship. Whether it came from within or without will doubtless be entirely demonstrated by the divers who have already begun the hazardous task of making thorough examination of the hull of the vessel under the direction of Captain Sigsbee of the ill-fated Maine.

Our Fighting Strength.

The loss of the Maine leaves us but one battleship of the second class, the Texas. Our present effective fighting strength is now as follows: Four battleships of the first class, one battleship of the second class, two armored cruisers, sixteen cruisers, fifteen gunboats, six double turreted monitors, one ram, one dynamite gunboat, one dispatch boat, one transport steamer, and five torpedo boats. Besides the five battleships of the first class, sixteen torpedo boats are under construction. In addition to these there are sixty-four other naval vessels, used for training, naval reserves and other purposes, also the auxiliary fleet, which consists of more than twenty subsidized steamers and a greater number of large merchant marine steamers, which are available in time of need.—Derrick.

STATE Chairman John P. Elkin is president of the state association of school directors. At the recent convention of the association in Harrisburg, Mr. Elkin made an excellent address in defence of State Treasurer Haywood and the Republican party with relation to the distribution of the school fund. The delay in the distribution of the school appropriation he accounted for in this wise: "When the appropriation was increased to five and a half million dollars there was a surplus in the treasury, and consequently the money appropriated to the schools was paid promptly at the close of the school year. Now, however, that surplus has been exhausted, and if the state were to pay over immediately all money appropriated by the last legislature to the school, charitable and eleemosynary institutions there would be a deficit in the treasury." State Treasurer Haywood is doing the only thing possible under the circumstances. He is making a pro rata distribution of the funds at his command.

Those sanguinary individuals, who are so hot on the scent for war, should endeavor to curb their impetuosity a little until the work of investigation has proceeded far enough to warrant action. In the first place, the chances are about even that the explosion on the Maine was the result of an accident. But in case it should be ascertained that it was caused by a torpedo, what would that prove? Certainly not conclusively that it was the work of the Spaniards. In the general discussion the possibility that it might have been the work of the Cuban insurgents themselves seem to have been overlooked. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that it served to widen the breach between Spain and the United States. Is it not entirely within the bounds of reason that the Cubans could see how such an occurrence would serve their cause? In any event it is just as well to not on Davy Crockett's advice and be sure we're right before going ahead.—Blizzard.

You can get it at Hopkins' store, if

MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD, the president of the World's and National Women's Christian Temperance Union, who had been suffering from an attack of influenza and gastric complications died at the Hotel Empire, in New York city, on Friday morning. Miss Willard had been ill for about three weeks. She had the best medical care and treatment that could be given, but in spite of all efforts she grew worse gradually until her death. The remains will be interred at Evanston, Ill., Miss Willard's former home.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He says that such ailments as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. Health & Killmer.

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TRIAL LIST.

List of causes set down for trial in the Court of Common Pleas of Forest County, Pennsylvania, commencing on the Fourth Monday of February, 1898:

- 1. John Confer vs. L. Hammond, M. Crosby, doing business as Hammond, Crosby & Co., No. 4, May Term, 1895. Appeal by defendant from J. P. Seth G. McArthur, trustee under the will of Abner Hammond, deceased, vs. Tionesta Gas Company, No. 44, August Term, 1897. Summons in ejectment. 3. Caroline L. Hoystradt et al., vs. Tionesta Gas Company, No. 45, August Term, 1897. Summons in ejectment. 4. Dodd, Mead & Co., vs. W. T. Hart, appeal by plaintiff from J. P. No. 58 February Term, 1897. 5. S. E. Church vs. W. J. Foreman, executor, summons in action of assumpsit. No. 9, Feb. Term, 1898. 6. The St. Albans Mfg. Co., vs. Tionesta Mfg. Co., Limited, summons in action of trespass. No. 1, Feb. Term, 1898. Attest, JOHN H. ROBERTSON, Prothonotary, Tionesta, Pa., January 31, 1898.

Confirmation Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in my office and will be presented at the next term of court for confirmation.

First and final account of Jacob Mercillott, administrator of Daisy I. Mercillott, deceased, of Marienville, Pa. Attest, JOHN H. ROBERTSON, Clerk Orphans' Court, Tionesta, Pa., January 31, 1898.



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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon. Charles H. Noyes, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the county of Forest, has issued his precept for holding a Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, at Tionesta, for the County of Forest, to commence on the Fourth Monday of February, being the 28th day of February, 1898. Notice is therefore given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables of said county, that they be then and there in their respective offices at ten o'clock A. M., of said day with their records, inquisitions, examination, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizance to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Forest County, that they may be then and there present against them as shall be just. Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of January, A. D. 1898. FRANK P. WALKER, [L.S.] Sheriff.

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TIME TABLE, in effect Oct. 10, 1897. Trains leave Tionesta for Oil City and points west as follows: No. 51 Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday, 12:00 noon. No. 61 Way Freight (carrying passengers), daily except Sunday, 4:30 p. m. No. 53 Oil City Express, daily except Sunday, 7:46 p. m. For Hickory, Tidouie, Warren, Kinzua, Bradford, Olean and the East: No. 99 Olean Express, daily except Sunday, 8:45 a. m. No. 32 Pittsburgh Express, daily except Sunday, 4:19 p. m. No. 60 Way Freight (carrying passengers to Irvineton) daily except Sunday, 9:50 a. m. Get Time Tables and full information from W. H. SAUL, Agent, Tionesta, Pa. R. BELL, Gen'l Supt. J. A. FELLOW, Gen'l Passenger & Ticket Agent, General Office, Mooney-Brisbane Bldg. Cor. Main and Clinton Sts., Buffalo, N. Y.

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Date, and Amount. Includes entries for James H. Fones, Treasurer, and various tax and fee items.

Table for James H. Fones, Treasurer, in account with the State of Pennsylvania for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like State tax on indebtedness and Mercantile tax.

Table for James H. Fones, Treasurer, in account with the Redemption Fund for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like State tax on individuals and State tax on real estate.

Table for James H. Fones, Treasurer, in account with Liquor Licenses for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like License fees and State tax on liquor.

Table for James H. Fones, Treasurer, in account with the Dog Tax for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like State tax on dog tax and State tax on dog tax.

Table for John H. Robertson, Prothonotary, in account with Forest County for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like Orders drawn and By fees.

Table for Frank P. Walker, Sheriff of Forest County, in account with Forest County for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like Orders drawn and By fees.

Table for P. M. Clark, District Attorney of Forest County, in account with Forest County for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like Orders drawn and By fees.

Table for W. M. Coon, Commissioner of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like Orders drawn and By fees.

Table for C. M. Whiteman, Commissioner of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like Orders drawn and By fees.

Table for Herman Blum, Commissioner of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 3, 1898. Lists items like Orders drawn and By fees.

Table for Forest County, Pa., showing expenditures for the year ending January 1st, 1898. Lists various categories like Assessors, Bridges, Prothonotary's fees, Sheriff's fees, etc.

Table for Forest County, Pa., showing the financial statement for the year ending January 1, 1898. Lists assets and liabilities.

FOREST COUNTY, Pa. Pursuant to law we, the undersigned Commissioners of Forest County, publish the foregoing exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of said County for the year ending January 1st, 1898. Witness our hands and seals this 21st day of January, 1898. C. M. WHITEMAN, [L.S.] HERMAN BLUM, [L.S.] County Commissioners. Attest, J. T. DALE, Clerk.

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