

CENTRE HALL REPORTER

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LOCAL ITEMS.

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This copy of the REPORTER we issue gratis to our subscribers. The paper will appear in its regular and enlarged form in a week from this.

We ask the kind indulgence of our friends for a few days—until we get fixed—when we will promise them a paper welcome at the fire-side.

Political Constellations.

With giant strides we are approaching the period of an incipient struggle for the election of a President, in which may be noticed among some of the prominent politicians some peculiar turns, which must be viewed from a political standpoint. Strange and surprising developments will not be so rare as in times gone by, when party was not arrayed against party with the same degree of bitterness and animosity which characterise parties at the present time.

The two political parties now mainly differ upon the question of reconstructing the southern states. The radicals endeavor to effect this by exceptional measures, which are to serve them the double purpose of securing their permanent control of the government. The Democratic party demands that the work of re-construction be perfected according to the requirements of the Constitution, by the untrammelled action of the southern people themselves. All other great questions—the finances, the conversion and reduction of the public debt, the specie system—are not, strictly speaking, party questions, as we find prominent members of both parties advocating them.

The principal step leading from the one into the other party, rests upon a condemnation of military rule and a suspension of the Constitution—or, upon the other hand, a defense of the same. In the approaching presidential-campaign there will be no lack of prominent politicians, who will choose the one or the other of these steps. Already are such indications presenting themselves. We instance the Cincinnati Gazette, the recognized organ of Chief-Justice Chase, which publishes an article upon the position of the Judge, which becomes the more interesting, with the growing importance of his position as the head of the highest tribunal in the land and at the present moment as president of the impeachment court, before whose bar President Johnson has been summoned to appear.

Subsequent to last fall's election in Ohio, the Gazette declared that Mr. Chase never favored negro suffrage in Ohio, and would not vote for it, and that he pronounced himself a conservative and not a radical. Consequently he disclaimed any responsibility for the defeat of the radical ticket in Ohio. And now the same journal announces that Mr. Chase does not at all harmonize with Congress as regards the military subjugation of the south. That he is opposed to the re-construction laws, because they inaugurate a military despotism, and has steadily favored impartial and not universal suffrage. The article then goes on as follows: "Should the Democracy nominate him upon his own platform, he would in all probability accept the nomination, although he has made no positive declaration to that effect."

This article may be viewed as a very distinct knock at the democratic door, as if to inquire whether Mr. Chase cannot, under certain conditions, receive admission. Such are the movements in the political constellation! And this one will not have solute as its companion. The growing inclination on the part of the republican party to disregard the Constitution and Justice and its leanings towards forcible measures, will yet open the eyes of many an able statesman before the presidential election comes off.

It is out of the question, however, that the Democracy will nominate any other than a ripe statesman from its own ranks as their candidate for the next presidency.

Democratic victories still keep coming in, as elections are held. The latest we chronicle as follows:

On 20th ult., the democracy carried the borough of York, Pa., by 396 majority, which is the largest democratic majority ever cast by that town.

On same day the democracy carried Bedford by 65 majority—a gain of 41 over last fall.

At the election in Middletown, Cameron's home, the democracy gained 121 votes since last fall.

The democracy carried the borough of Lebanon last week, by 30 majority, a gain of 110 for the democracy.

Our representatives at Harrisburg, Mr. Shugert of the Senate, and Mr. Meek, of the House, have our thanks for pub. doc's.

Our neighbor, John Shannon, esq., met with an accident, on last Saturday afternoon, which might have proven fatal to him. While engaged in throwing down hay from his mow, a board upon which he stood, broke, and Mr. S. fell down a distance of some nine feet, striking upon a log with his head and face, receiving some serious cuts and bruises.

We notice that the following persons have made application for taking the benefits of the bankrupt act: Wharton Morris, of Boggs township; Wm. Reed, of Milesburg; Wm. L. Musser, of Penn township, and Ritzman & Keller, Centre Hill. April 16th is the day fixed for creditors to appear before the bankrupt commissioner, with their sworn accounts, at his office in Bellefonte.

The Messrs. Bell, masons, on Monday, 30th ult., broke ground for the erection of the fine brick dwelling which our friend Jacob Dinges is having built this spring, and which, when completed, will be one of the marked improvements of Centre Hall. Our neighbor across the street, Mr. Alex. Shannon, will also have his new frame dwelling loom up on Church street this week, and ready to "flit" into it shortly. We are informed that some half dozen other gentlemen intend putting up houses during the summer, in our beautiful and thriving town, which will add considerably to the stir and business of it.

By the way, we might as well hint in this connection, at the decided improvement it would be to have at least one side of our street supplied with a pavement along its whole length. Let our citizens talk over this matter and resolve to do it.

Our old and never-to-be-forgotten home, ancient Aaronsburg, we observe, will not be on the stand-still this summer. The firm of Myers & Mingle are about erecting a fine store-house, and Mr. Wm. Harter is tearing down the old Clingman property and will put in its place a new and neat dwelling house.

A bill has passed the state senate, prohibiting the catching of fish with any kind of nets in Penns, Pine and Elk creeks, in Centre county.

We see by a letter from Mr. Meek, that an act has passed both houses, authorizing the Centre Hall Water Company to increase its capital.

Also, a bill has passed the House, compelling all rail-ways in Centre co., to fence in their roads.

The following hotel stands change landlords with the 1st of April:

Abs. Harter, at the Narrows House, (Stitzer's), moves about one mile farther east, and opens up a new hotel stand.

Mr. Elias Miller, of Madisonburg, has purchased the above mentioned Stitzer stand, and a son of his, Mr. Harvey Miller, becomes the new landlord.

Mr. George Miller, formerly of the Old Fort Hotel, has purchased the Condé hotel property, at Woodward, and is now "mine host" of that old stand.

Our old friend and prince of landlords, Jonny Russel, has left the Great Western Hotel, near Lewisburg, and now occupies the old and well-known stand at Aaronsburg, formerly so popular under his management.

Mr. Franklin Hosterman takes possession of the well known Penn Hall Hotel, formerly kept by M. H. Guise.

Mr. John Spangler, after one year's absence, has again moved back into the Centre Hall Hotel, just vacated by Messrs. Stumpf & Keller, and greets his old friends with his accustomed smile and accommodating manner.

Our friend, Col. Keller, we understand, will take charge of the Hotel at Yeagertown, and his whole soul will undoubtedly be found with him, as usual.

There may be other changes, which have not yet come to our knowledge.

We never before saw as much moving in this county, as was done this year from beginning of March to first week in April. The sledding was most favorable for that kind of work, during fore part of March, and since has been pleasant and spring-like, and the roads remarkably fine condition for this time of the year, and it struck us as tho' everybody wished to have a "flitting" of their own.

Quite a number of families have left our county. John, Jacob, William and widow Oliver, with their families, Michael Bower and Michael F. Hess, with their families, all from Haines tp., have gone to Illinois. Jacob Frederick, Samuel B. Stover, and his son Alexander, all with families, from same township, have moved to Union county. Martin Dreihelms, an old farmer of Penn tp., and Fred. Seltzer, and W. Kerchner, and other families from Potter tp., whose names we have forgotten, have gone to the west. We wish them all success.

Adam K. Stem and Michael Pauly, with their families, have also left Potter tp. for the west.

Rev. Engel, from Ohio, has become pastor of the Geo. Reformed church of Rabersburg, lately under the ministerial care of Rev. Mr. Hofmeier. The installation ceremonies of Rev. Engel took place a few weeks ago at Rabersburg.

Since the above was in type we learn that the following citizens of Potter township, with their families, are ready for the west. Mr. Israel M. Stover, Mr. Francis Fleisher and Mr. Jacob Gehlert.

We regret to learn that Mr. Freas of Columbia Co., father of Dr. Freas, of Aaronsburg, was accidentally run over by a wagon one day last week, while assisting in moving, and was fatally injured that he expired in two hours thereafter.

INCENDIARISM IN BRUSHVALLEY.—We learn with regret that some evil disposed persons have spread conster-

nation among our quiet neighbors in Brushvalley, by burning down property and committing robberies. We furnish the following in brief as related to us:

On last Friday night the store of John W. Sholl, in the east end of the valley, was set on fire and burned to the ground with all its contents. The incendiaries, it appears, entered the upper story by means of a plank which communicated with Mr. Sholl's new dwelling and the store standing in close proximity. The store was set on fire in the upper story. Mr. Sholl, as accustomed, slept in the store-room below, and had with him a large and faithful watch-dog, but the villain or villains conducted their hellish work so quietly, that neither Mr. S. nor his dog were aroused, until by the crackling flames when too late to save anything but their lives. The building was of brick and new. We have not yet ascertained Mr. Sholl's loss, but it is partially covered by insurance in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Centre Co.

Another.—The dwelling house of James Wert, in the lower end of the same valley, was consumed by fire, one day last week. We were unable to ascertain the origin of the fire. No insurance.

MORE INCENDIARISM.—Two ineffectual attempts were made on last Saturday night, to set on fire the stabling connected with Mr. Daniel Harter's Hotel, at Rabersburg. The first attempt was made about 9 o'clock, but a timely discovery frustrated the plan by an early quenching of the flames.

About midnight the stables were again found to be on fire, but fortunately the discovery was timely enough to put out the fire, and prevent a most disastrous conflagration. The object, it is supposed, was to draw away the attention of the citizens by a fire, and in the confusion caused thereby, a favorable opportunity would be offered the scoundrels to rob other houses.

Certain individuals, we are told, are suspected of being guilty of these crimes. Suspicious looking strangers were seen prowling through that section.

ROBBER.—On Sunday last thieves entered the house of Mr. S. Condo, near Rabersburg, whilst the family were attending church, and robbed it of \$150 in money.

Mr. Wm. Wolf, from near Penn Hall, is now canvassing the lower townships to solicit subscriptions for the following interesting work, viz:

Alex. H. Stevens' great work, "The War Between the States"; "Smith's Dictionary of the Bible"; "Dr. Chase's Family Receipt Book," and other valuable works, which are doubly worth the price and should be found in every family. Mr. Wolf has engaged in this business for the benefit of his impaired health, and we ask for him the hearty encouragement of all upon whom he may call.

The work on the railroad between Lewisburg and Northumberland, has been commenced, and quite a number of hands are at work a short distance below Northumberland bridge. We also learn that an additional subscription of \$100,000 has been obtained in New York City, and from parties from whom still further aid may be expected.

During the past winter, up to the 22d inst., according to Mr. G. T. Zahn, of Lancaster, it snowed thirty-five times, making a depth of sixty-one and a half inches. When it snowed two or three times during one day, it was called but one fall.

The lock on the stable of David M. Zook, in Manno township, Milliflu county, was broken open on Tuesday, night, 17th inst., and two valuable horses stolen, the one a bay seven years old this spring, the other a sorrel from 10 to 12 years old, both with stars on their foreheads. \$600 have been refused for these horses. One of them was stolen some years ago and recovered in Perry county. A note was left on the door, stating that two weary foot travelers had borrowed the horses and that the owner could find them at Milroy next day; but this ruse did not take, although the tracks led that way for a few rods, but then turned and went up the road. It is strongly suspected that a party before implicated, and reported dead, had a finger in the transaction, and if so it is hoped the reward of \$200 for the thief and horses will fetch him.

Prof. W. H. GUTELINS, of Franklin, and Marshall College. Students will find this Institution one of the best, in this section of the State, to fit themselves for college.

A planter residing a few miles from Montgomery, Ala., relates an incident which entirely portrays the fitness of the negro, as a class, for the exercise of suffrage, and should silence all who doubt the propriety of that Congressional legislation bestowing it. While in the very act of gathering his last cotton crop, which was in a condition requiring immediate picking, a committee representing his hands one day informed him that they must all go to Montgomery that day following, and that at the same time they desired the use of a mule team and wagon. Alarmed at the losing a day in the gathering of his crop, he anxiously inquired why they must be absent, and for what purpose they needed the wagon, to which the chairman or speaker of the darkey delegation replied:

Well, Boss—de truffis dis: We's bin deformed that the suffrage is to be issued to-morrow, and dat we must all be dar to get our share, and we want de wagon to foch it over."

Knowing full well that to object was unless the planter resorted to a ruse to save his crop, and to prevent a wagon load to "suffrage" lying around loos on the plantation. He took out of his pocket a letter, and told the delegation that it was sent him to be

read to them, from the Superintendent of the railroad, announcing that the car containing their suffrage had broken down on the route, and would not be in Montgomery for a week from that date. By this deception he saved his crop, as the negroes returned to work, regretting, however, that they were to be deprived of their "suffrage" for another week.

A movement is on foot to connect England, Australia, India and China by a submarine telegraph.

Brigham Young is a widower to the extent of five wives, fallen a prey to pneumonia.

The Johnstown "Tribune" (radical) is strongly opposed to Andrew G. Curtin for Vice President.

A techy husband told his wife they could not agree, and must divide the house. "Very well," said she, "you take the outside."

A Clearfield co. paper says: "All lumbermen have been busily engaged for the past ten days in rafting in their lumber and getting ready to run the same to market. The recent high water has, however, put a stop temporarily to rafting. As soon as the water gets low enough a considerable amount of lumber will be started to market."

Young, the Norway Savings Bank robber, was sentenced the other day to nine years imprisonment.

Three persons bound for Halifax were arrested yesterday in Portland, Me., on a charge of robbing Adams Express Company in Pennsylvania.

The large storage and commission house of Messinger & Co., Warsaw, Ill., was burned on Tuesday. Loss \$50,000.

The Metropolitan Mills, a hotel and some small houses, were burned down in Springfield, Ill., involving a loss of \$20,000.

An extensive fire occurred in La Crosse, Wisconsin, the other day. Loss \$150,000.

A large axe-pole manufactory in Scranton, Pa., was destroyed by fire last week. Loss \$30,000.

Summer is very week over the prospect of losing his re-election to the Senate.

On the morning of 22nd ult., a fire, on Bemhoff Run, destroyed 4,600 bbls. of tanning and 2,100 bbls. of oil. The Philadelphia, Shenando, Steele, and Getty wells are the principal losers.

At Russellville, Ky., on Friday, the banking house of N. Long & Co., was entered by five men and robbed of \$9,000 in currency and an unknown amount of private deposits. They shot Mr. Long and knocked him down. He subsequently recovered and gave the alarm. General shooting commenced, during which a Mr. Owens was slightly wounded. The robbers escaped to Frankfort.

H. J. Johnson has just married his former wife, Mary J., in Cleveland, after a year of divorce and 26 days.

Governor Ward, of New Jersey, unwilling to approve of the Harsum Cove bill, allowed it to become law without his signature.

DEATHS.

On 20th ult., in Haines tp., of drovys, Susan Louisa, daughter of David Korman, aged 7 years, 2 months and 26 days.

On 22nd ult., in Millheim, Miss Harriet, daughter of Solomon Long.

REGISTERS' NOTICES.—The following accounts have been examined and passed by me, and remain filed of record in this office for the inspection of heirs, legatees, creditors and all others in any way interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county, to be held at Bellefonte, for allowance and confirmation, on Wednesday, the 29th day of April A. D. 1868.

1st. The account of S. G. Stine and G. W. Stine administrators of &c., of Samuel Stine, late of Halfmoon township, deceased.

2d. The account of Francis Jordan, Guardian of Adam C. Shadel, minor child of Martha Shadel, late of Centre county deceased.

3d. The account of Conrad Singer administrator of &c., of Peter Wensel, late of Snow Shoe township, deceased.

4th. The account of Jesse Jordan administrator of &c., of George Jordan, late of Potter township, deceased.

5th. The account of David Gilliland Guardian of Anna E. Stahl minor heir of the estate of David Wass, late of Potter township, deceased.

6th. The account of these notices will appear in our next weeks issue.

NOTICE.—Persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned, and not wishing to pay cost, will please make immediate settlement.

S. G. SHANNON, Centre Hall, Mar. 31 1868.

PENN HALL ACADEMY.—This popular Institution is situated in the pleasant and healthy village of Penn Hall, will commence its summer session in April, under the management of Prof. W. H. GUTELINS, of Franklin, and Marshall College. Students will find this Institution one of the best, in this section of the State, to fit themselves for college.

TREASURER'S SALES, OF UNREDEEMED LANDS FOR TAXES FOR 1867, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an act of Assembly passed the 12th day of June, A. D. 1815, entitled "An Act directing the mode of selling unsecured lands, in Centre county," and the several supplements thereto, there will be exposed to public sale or outcry, the following tracts of unsecured lands in said county for the taxes due and unpaid thereon, at the court-house in the borough of Bellefonte, on the 2nd Tuesday of June, A. D. 1868.

Benner Township.

Acres. Per. Warrantee Name. Taxes.

120 John M. Hale..... \$1 80

James Steel..... 7 65 270

J C Fisher..... 4 40 433

Peter Wilson..... 5 16 216

Eleanor McCormick..... 6 16 40

Peter Wilson..... 1 01 433

Kearney Whorton..... 3 90 40

John Bell..... 15 30 40

Thomas Johnson..... 15 30 40

Wm Irwin..... 15 30 40

Robert Patterson..... 15 30 216

William Hoffman..... 7 65 216

Dan L. Love..... 7 65 433

Dan L. Smith..... 7 65 40

Samuel Young..... 7 65 40

John Irwin..... 15 30 40

Wm Brown..... 15 30 40

James Reed..... 15 30 393

Abraham Young..... 15 30 40

Haines Township..... 15 30 40

Michael Gratz..... 2 82 433

Simon Gratz..... 2 82 433

John Simpson..... 2 82 433

Henry Antis..... 5 00 40

Heppner Harris..... 1 56 40

John Mackey..... 5 00 40

Benjamin Young..... 4 20 40

Wm Mackey..... 3 18 217

Peter Swineford..... 4 20 217

John Kiddle..... 2 80 216

Mary Barr..... 2 80 433

Wm Harrison..... 2 80 433

Liberty Township..... 2 80 433

Sarah Custon..... 19 50 40

Job W. Packer..... 13 00 40

Robert Irwin..... 25 38 40

Stephen Stevenson..... 13 20 40

John Danworthy..... 13 20 40

Benjamin Benham..... 19 30 312

Dan L. Fletcher..... 6 50 60

Peter Leitze..... 25 28 3

Christian Smith..... 25 28 3

Robert Irwin..... 12 74 40

John Potter..... 12 86 40

Jeremiah Jackson..... 13 28 325

John Jackson..... 46 63 40

Dan L. Krauss..... 13 00 40

Wm Hays..... 9 10 433

James McGhee..... 2 21 40

John Gratz..... 2 21 40

Simon Lingie..... 4 87 1 of

Hugh Shaw..... 2 73 412

Christian Neslerode..... 4 23 1 of

Thomas Swineford..... 5 86 1 of

James Parsons..... 6 13 287

Alex Hamilton..... 2 24 40

Miles Township..... 3 93 40

Henry Toland..... 4 24 40

Sam'l Norton..... 4 24 40

Dan Williams..... 4 24 40

Wm Harter..... 4 00 200

Richard Parker..... 3 93 134

Jeremiah Parker..... 3 93 134

Dan L. Fletcher..... 6 50 60

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