

BUTLER CITIZEN.

JOHN H. & W. C. NEBLEY, PROP'RS.

Republican State Ticket.

FOR STATE TREASURER, Hon. Samuel Butler, OF CHESTER COUNTY.

County Ticket.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER, J. Wesley Monks, OF MIDDLESEX.

The address of welcome at the reunion of the 140th regiment, to be held in Beaver on Tuesday next, 7th inst., will be delivered by ex-Chief Justice Agnew.

We have to decline some communications on account of no name of author being sent with them. It is strange that those sending such do not learn the rule in this matter.

HON. SAMUEL B. DICK, member of Congress for this district, was in town on Monday last. He reports having a pleasant trip to Europe, and that his health has been much improved thereby.

PENSION AGENT HERRON, at Pittsburgh, has adopted a rule requiring pensioners to call at the office for their money in the months of March, June, September and December, as by so doing they will save time and money for themselves and the office.

DAVID DOUGAL, Esq., was one hundred and one years of age on last week, 23rd ult. He is still out at his farm in Summit township, and is reported as enjoying his usual good health and always pleased to receive visits from and converse with any of his old friends from town. Soups and tea are his usual food. He has been totally blind for some time past.

In Pittsburgh the rise and in demand for iron has favorably affected all other branches of business, including the demand for houses to buy or rent. We see it stated that houses in that city that have stood unoccupied for some time past are now being rapidly sold or leased. This feeling of the revival of business is spreading through the country and will favorably affect real estate and all other interests.

Reunion of the 11th Regiment. An interesting account of the reunion of the 11th Regt. P. R. C. at the town of Indiana, last week, will be seen in another place. From Mr. Thomas P. Lardin, of Karns City, who was there with his old comrades, and from others present, we learn that the oration of Capt. Geo. W. Fleeger, delivered on the occasion, was very eloquent and appropriate and a highly creditable effort. The whole proceedings were very interesting, and the arrangements made for the reunion by the good people of Indiana reflect much credit on them, and were duly appreciated by all our Butler men of the old 11th.

Advance in Real Estate. The advance in prices generally, the balance of foreign trade still continuing in favor of our country, and the general prosperity that seems to be near at hand, has caused an advance also in real estate. We hear of several farms being bought in this county recently, and inquiries made as to the purchase of still others. Many wanting farms, and who hesitated as to buying, thinking prices would be still lower, are now securing farms and real estate, in anticipation of a still further advance in prices. For the past three or four years land was low in this county and many good farms were sold at a sacrifice, but from present appearances the bottom has been reached and a reaction for better prices commenced. There are many in this county still wanting farms, or who desire to invest their money in real estate, who will, of course, now buy or invest. There is no safer investment, lands being in fact about the only absolutely safe security for the putting of money into.

Death of Judge Woodward. Warren J. Woodward, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, died on the 23rd of September, at the age of 59 years. He was distinguished as a Judge of ability and a man of great moral purity of character. His death creates a vacancy that will be filled by appointment of the Governor until January 1, 1881, an election to fill his place not being held, under the law, until next year. Being from the eastern part of the State it is generally thought his successor will be taken from the same section. However, the names of many gentlemen throughout the State will doubtless be presented for the appointment. Our Bar here have signed a petition in favor of and warmly urging Hon. John M. Thompson, of this place. The Governor could appoint no able lawyer and if the appointment should be made from the west the selection of Mr. Thompson would be well received by the profession here.

Since writing the above we learn that the Hon. Henry Green, of Easton, Northampton county, has been appointed.

The Harmony Fair. On Thursday of last week we went down to the Harmony Fair and found in progress one of the best gotten up and most pleasant Fairs it has been our pleasure lately to visit. All the arrangements were well made and the display in every department, if not extensive, was very good. The good

people of Harmony and Zelenhope were generally present, as well as many from the surrounding country and from Beaver and Lawrence counties, all taking an interest and making everything agreeable and pleasant. It is not our purpose, nor indeed would we be able, to give names and particulars, but can only say in a general way that we enjoyed the visit and were well pleased with what we saw. The taxidermic department perhaps deserves a special mention, the art of preparing and preserving the skins of animals so as to represent their natural appearance, being done up with skill. It was generally admired. The displays of grains and vegetables, particularly the potato, were good, as were those of cattle, poultry, etc. The agricultural implements were many and some of them new. The ladies' department, Floral Hall, was tastefully arranged and contained a little of almost everything generally found there. Of flowers it had a very large and fine selection. Altogether the Fair was a success, and in a pecuniary way we understand exceeded former ones.

MECHANICS' LIENS. No. 198 extends the provisions of the mechanics' lien law to work done and materials furnished in the repair, alteration or addition to any building, or that liens may be had for payment of all debts contracted about new buildings, or the repair, alteration or addition to old buildings. The act does not apply to the case of any lessee or tenant who has done work or made repairs without the written consent of the owner or authorized agent of the property. Laborers for or about the construction of any engine house, tank, derrick or other improvement upon any leasehold for boring, drilling or mining, shall have a lien upon the machinery or improvements, oil wells and fixtures, for the price of the work done.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS. No. 14 relates to the mutual saving fund of building and loan associations, regulating the mode of charging premiums, bonus or interest in advance of withdrawals, of repayment and collection of loans, also restricting the power to levy excessive fines and defining the rights and liabilities of married women stockholders, and prescribing the mode of application to these associations of the bonus tax and registry laws for corporations. This is an important act, and those interested in these associations should make themselves familiar with its details.

SHERIFF'S INQUIRY. No. 37 reduces the number of men necessary to hold an inquisition in partition proceedings on real estate, in any County, when held by the Sheriff of a county, to six men instead of twelve.

RELIEF OF THE POOR. No. 59 authorizes any overseer or poor director of any poor district, in any county, to grant relief to or admit to the poor house of his district, without order or certificate from a Justice of the Peace or Alderman, any poor or indigent person entitled to such aid, and in no case shall such order be required or fees allowed to any magistrate.

REDEMPTION OF SEATED LANDS. No. 55 provides that where seated real estate is sold for non-payment of taxes the owner shall have the right to redeem the same as in the case of unseated land. No title by tax sale which shall have become absolute prior to the passage of the act shall be affected by its provisions.

REFERENCES IN SUIT BEFORE ALDERMAN. No. 66 provides that in actions brought before a Justice of the Peace, when the parties desire to appoint a Justice of the Peace as arbitrator, the magistrate shall write the names of seven disinterested citizens, from which list the parties (beginning with the plaintiff) shall strike off one name alternately until three are left, who shall be the referees.

PROTECTING PLANTS IN GRAVEYARDS. No. 68 makes it a penal offense for any person to pick or remove or to cause to be picked or removed, any plant, tree, shrub or flower, placed in any cemetery or graveyard, for ornamental purposes, or to willfully trespass upon any private enclosures in such burial places.

Germany and Russia. It is impossible for the official papers of Germany and Russia to change the conviction of the people that trouble is brewing between them. The cause of it is believed to be the jealousy and rivalry of their respective Chancellors. Bismarck has for years been the press as an agent in his work, and no one doubts that the fierce attacks which German editors have been making upon Russia and Gortschakoff were inspired by their Chancellor. An effort was made a week or two ago to throw the blame of the Russo-German war of War, but it failed. The war between the editors goes on unabated, and it signifies a danger which Germany at least is determined to be prepared for. Ten thousand men are at present engaged in strengthening the fortress of Thorn, which is called the Strasburg of the German eastern border. Thorn is a town of about 17,000 inhabitants situated on the right bank of the Vistula. It is doubly famous as the birthplace of Copernicus and the seat of gingerbread manufactures. It was founded in 1230 by the Teutonic knights, and having a military origin it had a military career.

Two Thousand Deaths From Scarlet Fever. Two thousand deaths from scarlet fever last year in New York, as well as Prof. Chandler lately reports—equal to the total mortality from yellow fever in the whole Union last year. This is not a pleasant statement to reflect upon. Our public schools must be held responsible for a large share of the propagation of this dreadful malady. It is a significant fact that as soon as public schools are closed for the summer vacation the mortality from scarlet fever diminishes. It continues at a low rate through the summer, but with the reopening of the schools the death rises again, and soon assumes a high average. The prudent course pursued by the Brooklyn Health Board in preventing convalescent children from attending schools until they have fully recovered, and of forbidding public funerals in all cases of contagious diseases, has been productive of excellent results. The sources of scarlet fever are less understood than they should be, and it seems an imputation upon the intelligence of both our sanitarians and physicians that means for its better prevention have not been devised.—Plumber and Engineer.

It is Worth a Trial. I was troubled for many years with Kidney Complaint, Gravel, &c; my blood became thin; I was dull and inactive; I could hardly crawl about; I was an old and worn-out man all over, and could get nothing to help me until I got Hop Bitters, and now I am a boy again. My blood and kidneys are all right, and I am as active as a man of 30, although I am 62, and I have no doubt it will do as well for others of my age. It is worth the trial.—(Father.)

The Business Boom.

THE ACTIVITY IN IRON, GRAIN, PROVISIONS, PETROLEUM, ETC., ETC. (Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette, Sept. 25.) The universal topic of conversation among business men, for the past few days, has been the rapid and extraordinary advance in many leading products, and the all-absorbing question is, whether the enhanced prices can be generally maintained, or whether things will go on at this lively rate for a while, and then recede to about the old figures. With a view to getting some light on this important question a representative of the Commercial-Gazette interviewed a number of leading gentlemen engaged in the various branches in which the activity has been developed, and it is gratifying to be able to state, that, except in the case of two or three articles, the general belief is that the present advance is a natural and healthy one, and will be maintained, in a large degree at least. The reason is, that prices had been unduly depressed by the paralysis which fell upon the iron and other leading industries during the panic, and that now, since the iron business has revived, calling into activity all cognate industries, the demand for the necessities of life has increased with the ability of the market to supply it, and that we have fairly entered upon an era of prosperity that must continue for some years at least. This view, of course, only applies in a general way, and must not be understood as covering purely speculative or spasmodic advances. A single product, as, for instance, wheat, is not forced up by the concentrated efforts of a few speculators, but by the normal value, and kept there for a while; but a reaction is sure to follow, and that part of the advance attributed to speculation will be lost, while that due to legitimate demand will be maintained. It is the opinion of the best informed persons in the business, then, that there is no reason to expect a "spurt" in oil—no reason in it. Oil is quite different from iron in this essential particular. Iron is scarce, while oil is overabundant. True, all these conjectures may be falsified by the logic of events, but this is the way it looks at present. The average consumption for the year will not exceed 40,000 barrels, and the production of the district is 60,000 barrels. There is a probability of a very considerable increase in production this month. Some persons think there is a falling off in the old portions of the Bradford region, and that there is a well defined limit to the producing territory; but this has not been demonstrated by any means. Practically, there is no limit to the product as yet. There has never been a region which produced as much oil in the same time, as the Bradford district. There is very little done now in Butler, Clarion and Venango—15,000 barrels per day being the yield. The McKean county region produces 45,000 barrels a day.

THE IRON TRADE. We have, from time to time, kept our readers fully posted in regard to the extraordinary advance in pig-iron, and how a little remains to be said in addition to what has already been reported. The advance, within the past three months, has been from twelve to fifteen dollars a ton, with a corresponding advance in manufactured iron. It must be borne in mind, however, that little if any advantage has yet resulted to manufacturers. The way as yet has been to raise the price of pig-iron, and many of them will have to close out the year's business before they can begin to realize an advance in prices. In some lines, as in stoves, the advance on the manufactured articles will scarcely keep pace with the increased cost of the raw metal, so that time must elapse before prices will adjust themselves to the way as yet has been to raise the price of pig-iron, and many of them will have to close out the year's business before they can begin to realize an advance in prices. 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