

**BUTLER CITIZEN**

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Entered at the Postoffice at Butler as  
second-class matter.

The Legislature will not probably  
adjourn before the 26th inst.

There are at present four corps of  
railroad engineers in this county mak-  
ing surveys.

The Temperance and Greenback  
tickets promise to mix matters up, po-  
litically, in Ohio this fall.

Subscriptions are being raised for  
the benefit of the widow of John  
Brown Mark Twain gave ten dollars.

The national debt was decreased \$9-  
690,900, during the month of April.  
At this rate there will be no national  
debt in fifteen years.

WHEATLAW REID, editor of the New  
York Tribune, was married last week.  
Tuesday evening, to Miss Elizabeth  
Mills, a daughter of D. O. Mills, whose  
wealth is estimated at over \$5,000,000.

Business at Coalville, on the line of  
the S. & A. road, is said to be lively,  
200 tons of coal being mined per day,  
with the prospect of increasing the out-  
put to 500 tons by July 1st. The com-  
pany are also erecting 100 coke ovens.

FATHER MAHONEY, of Erie, still con-  
tinues to attract scores of people from  
all parts of the county, afflicted with  
disease, and who implicitly believe in  
his influence with the Almighty to pro-  
cure a complete cure. He has now 164  
patients.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD has determined  
to clean out the recalcitrances of Star  
Route Service. Such a performance,  
if done thoroughly, will be highly ap-  
preciated by the people. Hunt the  
thieves down and punish them when  
discovered.

There is a bill in the State Senate to  
refund \$10,000,000 of the State debt at 4  
per cent. A motion was made to sub-  
stitute 3 1/2 per cent, the same rate as  
paid by the national government. This  
motion carried, but Mr. Greer, our Sen-  
ator, voted against it. Why?

At the international Exposition at  
Melbourne, Australia, the United  
States received a larger portion of the  
awards than any other nation, and also  
a larger percentage of the first degree  
of merit. Quite a number are given for  
the exhibition of Philadelphia parties.

GLADSTONE, responding to a plea  
from the Irish bishops for amendments  
to the land bill which shall have for  
their object the betterment of the  
laborer, expresses himself as not only  
willing but earnest to frame a bill  
which shall deal justly and perm-  
anently with the whole Irish people. He  
is not sanguine, however, of satisfying  
everybody and holds out but faint hope  
of amendment to the bill as it stands.

Not the least satisfactory feature of  
the movement which the President is  
making to clean out the dirty stable of  
the postal contracts—but, in fact, one of  
the very best features—is the fact that  
he has an Attorney-General who will  
press forward with sincerity and  
earnestness in the duty which is im-  
posed on his department. Mr. Mac-  
Veagh is not one of those who are mar-  
tred with Brady's stick. He does not  
depend on to work up carefully and  
completely whatever cases properly  
come into his charge against any of  
those implicated in the crooked prac-  
tices which the Postmaster-General is  
unearthing.—Record.

ATTENTION is directed to the call for  
a convention of the Teachers' Associa-  
tion, of this county, in Butler on the  
26th and 27th insts., at which Dr.  
Higbee, the newly appointed State Su-  
perintendent of public instruction, will  
be present and lecture. From what  
we learn of Dr. Higbee from Prof. Tins-  
man, who was a pupil of his for four  
years, and from other sources, we do  
not hesitate to say that a rare treat  
may be expected from him. His repu-  
tation as a scholar and orator is among  
the highest in the State. The teachers  
of this county will be especially inter-  
ested in hearing Dr. Higbee, and we  
have no doubt they will make it a point  
to be present. The lecture will be on  
the evening of the 27th, inst., subject,  
"The problem of life which education  
aims to solve."

A NOTICE appears in the Democratic  
Herald, of this place, for a meeting of  
the Democrats of this county in their  
respective districts on Saturday, June  
11, to send two delegates from each  
district to a county convention to be  
held in Butler on the following Mon-  
day, June 13th, to nominate a county  
ticket. This will be a week after the  
Republican nominations. The Demo-  
crats still nominate by the old delegate  
system. The following are the candi-  
dates announced in the Herald for  
nominations:  
Associate Judge—William C. Bry-  
son and Samuel P. Irvine, Esq.  
Sheriff—Thomas Donoghue, George  
W. Shaffer and Harvey Osborn.  
Prothonotary—Alexander Russell  
and Thomas Cratty.  
Commissioners—Sam Brown, Thos.  
L. Wilson, William Denny, James  
Gibbon, James B. Pringle, Alfred G.  
Riddle, William S. Ziegler, William  
Polhemus and James Collins.  
Register and Recorder—John Mc-  
Lure, John R. Sutton, Eli S. Fleeger,  
G. W. Jamison and Alfred Aggas.  
Treasurer—Robert McElhenny, Au-  
gustus Bowers, John Lawall and Geo.  
Risher.  
Clerk of Court—William T. Mech-  
ling, Eli Graham and J. L. Kelly.  
Auditors—John M. Louden, J. W.  
McKee and John I. Wilson.  
Coroner—John Benoit.

**LOOK TO THE SENATE.**

DISPATCHES from Harrisburg say that  
the friends of the Joint Resolution pro-  
viding for an amendment to the State  
Constitution prohibiting the manufac-  
ture and sale of liquor, have little or no  
hope of its passage by the Senate. The  
bill should have come up on first read-  
ing on Monday night, but a sufficient  
number of Senators absent themselves  
to prevent a quorum, and no action was  
taken. Nearly all the Democratic Sen-  
ators were absent. To reach the bill,  
except in the regular order, will re-  
quire a two-thirds vote and this cannot  
be secured. It is considered highly  
probable that it will not be considered  
on final passage this session. The  
method used by the opposition to pre-  
vent its consideration is cowardly, and  
gives just cause for the indignation ex-  
pressed by its friends—Venango Cit-  
zen.

As Mr. Greer, our Senator, was home  
here last Monday week, and conse-  
quently could not have been present at  
that Monday evening's session, it is  
fair to presume that he was among the  
"absent" Senators that prevented a  
quorum and any action on the bill.

JEFFERSON, Madison, Hamilton and  
James Wilson, all in the Convention  
that framed the national constitution  
and all of whom were upon and ex-  
pounded it, laid it down as the proper  
and only rule that should guide the U. S.  
Senate on the question of confirming  
the appointments of the President was,  
is the person proposed by the Presi-  
dent a fit and worthy one. If so, he  
or they should be confirmed as a mat-  
ter of course. If not, they should not  
be. But Mr. Conkling and other pres-  
ent Senators seem to think the ques-  
tion should be, is the person named by  
the President a friend of ours. If so,  
all right; and if not, we will refuse to  
confirm him, and we will keep up a  
dead-lock on all nominations until we  
have our own friends. President Gar-  
field has broken up this business.

**DEAD-LOCK BROKEN.**  
The dead-lock in the United States  
Senate was broken last week by a skill-  
ful movement of President Garfield  
Among the nominations sent to the  
Senate by the President for confirma-  
tion was that of Judge Robertson as  
Collector at the port of New York.  
This nomination did not please Koscoe  
Conkling, one of the Senators from the  
State of New York, and he undertook  
to prevent its confirmation by the Sen-  
ate. The President had also made  
other nominations for that State which  
were pleasing to that Senator, and up-  
on the "Lordly Koscoe" displaying  
such hostility to one of his appoint-  
ments, and aiding to keep up a dead-  
lock to prevent that particular appoint-  
ment from being confirmed, the Presi-  
dent withdrew the other appointments  
he had made, so that they should not  
be confirmed. This will have the  
effect of bringing the dictatorial Sen-  
ator to terms.

In old times the only inquiry of the  
Senate in regard to the appointments  
of the President was, "is the appointee  
capable and honest." But now a new  
rule seems to be the fashion, and what  
is termed "senatorial courtesy" exists.  
By this rule some Senators require  
that all appointments in their State  
must be acceptable to them, and if they  
are not they will refuse to confirm  
them. By combining one with another  
under this system of log-rolling, called  
"courtesy to Senators," the Senate  
could reject all appointments of the  
President. This would virtually make  
the Senate the appointing power instead  
of the President as the constitution con-  
templates. Instead of appointments  
being made "by and with the consent  
of the Senate," they would be made  
by and at the dictation of the Senate.  
President Garfield has chosen to respect  
the constitution and the rights it gives  
him, and the people will stand by him.  
He deserves all praise and support for  
frustrating Conkling's plans and letting  
that Senator and all other Senators  
know that he is the appointing power.

The situation in Russia is terrible.  
A reign of terror exists. The Czar is  
a prisoner in his palace, and St. Peters-  
burg is a camp of government detectives,  
spies and soldiers, all on duty to de-  
velop and counteract the plots of the  
Nihilists. The Grand Duke Nicholas  
has been imprisoned for life, it having  
been proved that he was directly con-  
nected with the revolutionists. In  
nearly every regiment of the army the  
Nihilists have made converts and their  
agents are secretly, yet certainly, de-  
moralizing every branch of the public  
service. To such an extent has the  
spirit of unrest and disloyalty impreg-  
nated the army that the government  
knows not whom to trust, and all in  
authority are surrounded by detectives  
who report their every act. Practically  
Russia has no government. The will  
of the Czar has been the law of the  
land, but his edicts are no longer  
received with respect, or executed.

The Nihilists recently issued a pro-  
clamation regarding the execution of  
the assassins of the Czar, as follows:  
"The verdict against the nihilists  
who have just received the martyr's  
crown, was dictated, as well as confirm-  
ed, by the Czar. The first act of his  
autocratic will thus has been the  
hanging of women. Without waiting  
for his coronation he has sprinkled his  
throne with the blood of the champions  
of national rights. Over the graves of  
our colleagues we will continue our  
efforts after the liberation of the people;  
we will no more be deterred by the  
gallows than were Salvoief and the  
other champions of the last reign. At  
the event of the thirteenth of March  
the executive committee informed the  
emperor, the only means of reverting to  
the path of peaceful development, was  
by an appeal to the people. Judging  
by his example the supreme power has  
been elected to appeal to the hangman. So  
it is. The committee detests pronoun-  
ing any judgment on the general policy  
of the emperor, but it declares that re-  
actionary policy will lead to consequen-  
ces more disastrous than the event  
which took place in March. The man-  
ifesto concludes by appealing to all  
who would shake off slavery to co-op-  
erate in the struggle for liberty.

**RAILROAD MOVEMENTS.**  
The present railroad movements  
hereabouts promise much of interest to  
our town and county, and may be sum-  
med up as follows:  
Engineers for what is known as the  
great air-line road passed through this  
county last week. The enterprise con-  
templates a direct or air-line route from  
New York city to Chicago and Omaha  
in the west. At first this might seem  
an enormous undertaking. But when it  
is understood that existing roads on  
the line, or as near as can be had to the  
same, are to be connected with and  
used, the project does not seem so  
great. It is stated that present local  
roads can be used almost from New  
York to the Allegheny river. From  
that river to New Castle or Youngstown  
Ohio, a road will have to be built. The  
direct line of the same passes within  
ten miles north of Butler. This is what  
was being surveyed last week, the sur-  
veying party passing between Union-  
ville and Sunbury this county. They  
secure grounds for depots and stations  
as they pass along. Mr. Jay Gould,  
the great and wealthy railroad king,  
is said to be at its head, and great con-  
fidence is expressed that work will soon  
be commenced on the road.  
Surveyors were also, last week, mak-  
ing a preliminary survey from New Hope  
on the Shenango and Allegheny road,  
to this place. A charter for this road,  
we notice was obtained recently, un-  
der the name of the Connoquessing  
Valley road, a name by the way that  
we think had better be changed, as  
situated in a place where many of the  
voters of the county are gathered, it is  
generally known as the "Connoque-  
nessing Valley." But, under whatever  
name, we predict that this road, if  
made, will be one of the best paying in  
the whole country. Coal is its chief  
object, and it opens up a vast field of  
that in this county. A track for coal  
has already been laid from New Hope  
station, Cherry township, to Coalville,  
about three miles this way, and hun-  
dreds of tons of coal are now carried  
out daily. When it reaches this  
place, it connects with the West Penn.  
of the same gauge, and thus passenger  
travel to Pittsburgh without change of  
cars, will be afforded to most of the  
northern end of this county. Mr. J.  
D. Kirkpatrick, of Mer county, and who  
is engaged as agent for obtaining  
rights of way, was in this place last  
week and states that several routes  
will be surveyed from Coalville to this  
place and the one chosen that will be  
best and on which the rights of way  
are most freely granted. As to obtain-  
ing rights of way, we presume this  
road will have no difficulty, for so far  
as we have learned, our people are  
waiting an opportunity to aid the en-  
terprise.  
Movements for the Narrow Gauge  
connection between here and some  
point on the Pittsburgh and Harmony  
road, also continues, and reports are  
that work will certainly commence  
soon. A survey through the northern  
end of our town was made last week,  
one having been made in the southern  
end, along the creek, some days ago.  
There is no longer any doubt of having  
a narrow gauge between here and some  
point near Evansburg, and when com-  
pleted it will be the shortest route to  
Pittsburgh, by some fourteen miles,  
from this place. We hope soon to be  
able to record the fact that actual work  
has commenced on this much needed  
connection.

The following letter of a citizen of  
this county expresses the very general  
feeling among the Republicans of this  
county on the subject to which it  
alludes, and we therefore copy it:  
CONKLING AND THE ADMINISTRATION.  
To the Editors of the Commercial  
Gazette.  
Allow me in a few words to express  
my approval of the stand you have  
taken in regard to the confirmation of  
Judge Robertson. While the Senate  
has the unquestionable right to reject  
any appointment the President may  
make, yet that high prerogative should  
be exercised only when the appointee  
is considered inefficient. As Senator  
Conkling has plainly stated that he  
puts this whole matter on personal  
grounds, he is prostituting his high  
office to an unworthy purpose. I have  
been a stewart all my life, but I will  
not be led into opposition to President  
Garfield's administration by Mr. Con-  
kling or any other Senator or class  
of men. The Republican party is not  
intelligent and patriotic to submit to  
any such imperial dictation. If Mr.  
Conkling persists in this course, and  
repeals his case on the flimsy grounds of  
personality towards Judge Robertson,  
I will result in one of two things—either  
Mr. Conkling will have his locks shorn  
for their strength, or else the Republican  
party will be hopelessly divided; and  
as for me, give me the old party in  
preference to any man in it. I know  
it is the wish of every Republican in  
this vicinity that Senators Cameron  
and Mitchell will vote for the confirma-  
tion of Judge Robertson. I hope you  
will stand by the position you have  
taken. Very truly,  
H. E. PAINE.  
PARKER'S LANDING, PA., April 29, 1881.

**PAKER'S LANDING, PA., April 29, 1881.**  
**Connoquessing Valley Rail-  
road.**  
HARRISBURG, May 4.—A charter was  
granted at the State Department yes-  
terday to the Connoquessing Valley  
Railroad, fourteen miles in length, with  
a capital stock of \$500,000. The road  
is run from Butler, where it will con-  
nect with the West Penn Railroad, to  
some convenient connecting point on  
the Shenango and Allegheny Railroad.  
The line will lessen materially the dis-  
tance of transportation of bituminous  
coal from the Mercer district. J. W.  
Blair, of Greenville, is President of the  
road.

**School Directors Convention.**

Pursuant to law, the School Direc-  
tors of Butler county met in the Court  
room, May 3d, 1881, for the purpose of  
electing a County Superintendent. An  
organization was effected by the elec-  
tion of Hiram R. A. Millin, President,  
and Hon. Geo. H. Graham, A. D. Weir  
and Frank M. Eastman, Secretaries.

Mr. Millin thanked the Convention  
and made a few appropriate remarks,  
calling upon the directors to lay aside  
partisan feeling and act for the best in-  
terests of public education.

Roll being completed, showed 242  
Directors present.  
Nominations for County Superin-  
tendent being in order, James H.  
Murtland, of Petrolia, D. F. McKee,  
of Fairview, M. L. Campbell, of Venango  
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1st ballot—McKee, 101; Murtland,  
102; Russell, 35; Campbell, 1.  
2nd ballot—McKee, 107; Murtland,  
104; Russell, 31.  
3rd ballot—McKee, 110; Murtland,  
105; Russell, 28.  
4th ballot—McKee, 111; Murtland,  
111; Russell, 20.  
5th ballot—McKee, 101; Murtland,  
106; Russell, 35.  
6th ballot—McKee, 114; Murtland,  
113; Russell, 9.  
7th ballot—McKee, 117; Murtland,  
116; Russell, 9.  
8th ballot—Murtland, 126; McKee,  
116; Russell, 1.  
James H. Murtland having received a  
majority of all the votes cast was  
declared duly elected.

As evidence of qualification Mr.  
Murtland procured permanent certifi-  
cate from J. P. Wickersham, State  
Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
dated January 7, 1878.  
Adjourned.  
R. A. MIFFLIN, President.  
FRANK M. EASTMAN,  
Geo. H. GRAHAM, Sec'ys.  
A. D. WEIR,

**A CARD.**

To the Republican Voters of Butler  
County:  
Being a candidate in the Republican  
rank for the office of County Commis-  
sioner and having heard in a year-  
book that I took no interest in the  
canvass now in progress, I take this  
method to contradict any such report.  
The reason I am not personally can-  
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