

BUTLER CITIZEN.

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FEBRUARY is the shortest of months, but it appears likely to get in as much weather as any of the rest.

SEVERAL communications, among them "Items from Mercer township," have to be omitted this week for want of space.

We are indebted to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, at Washington, through the Hon. S. H. Miller, for a copy of the "Compendium of the Ninth Census of the United States," Also to the Hon. A. K. Dunkel, Secretary of Internal Affairs, of this State, for a copy of his "Annual Report," as such, for year ending Nov. 30, 1881.

The distance from Butler to Pittsburgh, by the new Pittsburgh and Western railroad when completed, will not exceed 40 miles, while that on the present West Penn road by way of Freeport is upwards of 50 miles. It is estimated that an hour in time will be saved by travel on the new road from here to Pittsburgh.

ANOTHER amendment to the Constitution was proposed in the House recently by Mr. Bayne, of Pittsburgh. It is to the effect that postmasters and certain other officers be elected at the popular election by the people. This would be a sad thing for certain politicians, who succeed in retaining their positions and power, not so much on account of any service they render the people, but by the influence and strength they purchase by securing appointments for their supporters and beneficiaries.

HOW SHALL THEY BE CHOSEN? Below we give articles from both of the Republican papers of the adjoining county of Mercer on the subject of choosing delegates to the coming State Convention. We do so as the position of the question is just about the same in Mercer county as it is in Butler, and the arguments that apply to the one will apply to the other.

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GEN. GARFIELD'S FRIENDS AROUSED.

THE STALWART ATTEMPT TO BLACKEN THE FRIENDS OF GARFIELD RESENTED—A STRONG LETTER WITH PROMISE OF MORE.

Within the last two months a systematic effort has been made by certain alleged Republican newspapers, of the stripe designated as 'stalwart' or 'stalwarts' to belittle ex-Secretary Blaine and to attack all the prominent friends of the late President.

This is done for the purpose of killing off Blaine as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1884. These 'stalwarts' assume to represent the administration of President Arthur, whether by authority or not, is of course, unknown.

On the whole, it strikes us as an eminently wise measure, and we hope to see the proposition favorably acted upon by the County Committee.

GARFIELD MONUMENT.

The Savings Bank, of this place, has been requested to receive subscriptions to the Garfield Monument Fund. Books are now open at the bank for that purpose.

LAST SAD RITES.

On Thursday morning last the remains of the Hon. Samuel A. Purviance were laid to rest in Bellevue cemetery, Allegheny city, Pa.

PASSED THE HOUSE.

The Lower House of Congress, last week, passed a Congressional apportionment bill, fixing the number of members for future Congress at 325.

A Rightful Explosion.

At 8 o'clock this morning an explosion occurred in the City Hall, which was badly shattered and took fire and consumed.

A Blow at Polygamy.

The anti-polygamy bill as reported by Mr. Edmunds from the Senate judiciary committee has passed in the Senate.

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TRIAL LIST FOR SPECIAL COURT, COMMENCING 20th MARCH, 1882.

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