

## BUTLER CITIZEN.

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

The project in Congress to reduce  
the Internal Revenue taxes has virtual-  
ly failed.

The Venango county Bar endorses  
Maj Brown for the Republican nomi-  
nation for Judge of the Supreme Court.  
Nearly the whole of western Pennsylv-  
ania has now spoken out in his favor.

A NUMBER of Democratic members  
of Congress voted against the bill to  
suppress polygamy. This would seem  
to indicate they rather sympathize  
with the Mormon idea.

REV. SAMUEL JOHNSTON, of Har-  
mony, this county, has resigned his  
pastorate of the Presbyterian church  
of that place and Whitestown, and is  
about to remove to Kansas.

PETITIONS are flowing in for the par-  
don of Sergeant Mason, convicted by a  
Court Martial for shooting at Gettysburg.  
The ground is taken that a military  
court had no right or power to try  
him in a time of peace, and if it had  
that the sentence of eight years to  
hard labor in a penitentiary is exces-  
sive and unjust.

DR. JOHN W. WALLACE, of New  
Castle, was in town last week, attend-  
ing Court as a witness in the case of  
the Commonwealth vs. Miss Smith,  
(now Mrs. Bollinger). His evidence  
was very important in the case and  
had more to do with the result of the  
same than that of any other. He was  
supported in his medical opinions by  
Dr. Cowden and other physicians, who  
were also called by the defense.

THE "BLACK DIAMONDS"—Mr. Al-  
fred Agass, of Centre township, brought  
to the CITIZEN office last week some  
lumps of the fine coal found on his  
farm. The specimens fairly glisten  
with bitumen and his farm, like many  
more in Centre, Clay, Cherry, Concord,  
Washington, Marion, Venango, and in  
fact, nearly all of the upper end of this  
county, is underlaid with this fine  
bituminous coal. Our county is one  
of the richest in the State in this val-  
uable fuel.

IN THE CITIZEN this week, under  
the head of "State Politics," we give  
articles from various papers, reflecting  
the different shades of opinion existing  
as to State candidates and State issues for  
this fall. Our object in doing so is to  
give the Republicans of this county,  
and especially the members of the pres-  
ent Republican County Committee, all  
the information we can as to the pres-  
ent run of politics in this State. The  
Committee is called to meet on the 7th  
April inst., and as they will have,  
very probably, important work to do,  
it is all important that they be  
thoroughly posted on all current politi-  
cal issues, and have a proper insight as  
to the nature and bearing of the same on  
candidates that may be proposed for  
our suffrage or votes.

## CANDIDATES, ETC.

We have been enquired of as when  
announcements will be made this year;  
and have also been requested to an-  
nounce several names for the Assembly  
as soon as any other names are an-  
nounced. In an article in other place  
we have referred to what we suppose  
is the apparent holding back as to an-  
nouncements, to wit: awaiting the ac-  
tion of the County Committee meet-  
ing on April 7, which will fix the time  
for the primary election. When that  
is fixed we presume candidates will  
be duly announced. We have a Con-  
gressman, two Assemblymen and two  
County Commissioners to elect this fall.  
Only one County Commissioner can be  
voted for, however, by any one voter.  
Quite a number of gentlemen will be  
announced for the Assembly or Legis-  
lature.

## THE LAW FOR PRIMARIES.

We had intended to publish this  
week the law passed by the late Legis-  
lature for the regulation and govern-  
ment of primary elections in this  
State, but will have to defer it until  
our next. It is something new in the  
line of law making, and is just now of  
interest to all political parties. What-  
ever might be the decision of the  
courts, if its constitutionality was  
brought before them we need not dis-  
cuss now. It will be binding upon all  
parties at their primary meetings, con-  
ventions, etc., until it is declared in-  
valid. We published it last winter,  
at the time it was enacted, but will do  
no again in order that the Republicans  
of this county may be made fully  
aware of its requirements, and be thus  
able to act accordingly at the next pri-  
mary, whenever that may come.

## MERCER COUNTY.

The Republican County Committee,  
of Mercer county, met last week and  
fixed May 1st for the holding of their  
primary election this year, and the fol-  
lowing day, May 2nd, for their County  
Convention. The selection of delegates  
to the State Convention was postponed  
until the meeting of the County Con-  
vention on May 2nd. The law passed  
at the last Legislature, regulating the  
holding of primary elections, was dis-  
cussed and a committee appointed to  
report rules, in accordance with the  
provisions of the law, for the conduct-  
ing of the primaries.

Hon. S. H. Miller, member of Con-  
gress for this district, was strongly  
commended on his course in Congress,  
and a resolution passed tendering him  
a renomination by the Republicans of  
that county if he again became a can-  
didate.

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEET-  
ING.

About the first thing the committee  
will consider when it meets on April  
7, is whether it will elect the delegates  
to the Harrisburg State Convention of  
May 10, or whether it will pass that  
duty over to the next committee, aris-  
ing out of the next primaries. If the  
present committee elects the said dele-  
gates, then the next primary may prob-  
ably be put at a period beyond the 10th  
of May—probably in June sometime.  
But if the present committee think they  
should not elect the delegates to the  
State Convention, and that that matter  
ought to be referred to the people and  
come more directly from the people  
than it can from the present committee,  
then the primaries will probably be  
fixed in the early part of May, at a  
date prior to the 10th of May, the date  
of the State Convention. In other  
words; if the present committee, when  
it meets on April 7th, proceeds to  
select the State delegates, then there  
will be no necessity for fixing the pri-  
mary election of this year before the  
date of the State Convention, May 10.  
This for the reason that it, the present  
committee, will have done all the work  
that required action relative to the  
State Convention, and consequently the  
coming primary need not have, and  
will not have, any relation, as to time,  
with the State Convention. On the  
other hand, if the present committee,  
when it meets on April 7, should be of  
opinion that, inasmuch as the members  
of it were chosen nearly a year ago,  
and without reference to or possible  
knowledge of the political questions or  
candidates that have arisen this year,  
there should, therefore, be a direct ap-  
peal to the people on all such new or  
present questions, then, if this view is  
taken, the committee on April 7, will  
very likely name the early part of May  
for the primary, in order that it may  
come off before the State Convention,  
and in order that the delegates be ap-  
pointed by the County Convention  
springing from the next primaries.  
Owing to the many new questions and  
State candidates that have arisen this  
is the view and course that many  
think should be taken by the coming  
committee.

We have thus stated the position as  
fully and fairly as possible, so that can-  
didates, committee men and all, may  
understand the situation.

## ENDING OF MISS SMITH CASE.

## INTERESTING SCENE IN COURT.

The case of the Commonwealth  
against Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith,  
now Mrs. Bollinger, of Cherry town-  
ship, this county, was given to the  
jury about 11 o'clock last Saturday.  
We might here explain that she was  
indicted under her maiden name, as  
the offense charged was committed be-  
fore her marriage. The jury was out  
but a short time, returning before the  
noon adjournment of the Court with a  
verdict of not guilty. When this was  
announced quite a scene followed. The  
jurymen who rendered the verdict,  
upon being discharged from their long  
and patient labors, immediately assem-  
bled around Mrs. Bollinger and con-  
gratulated her very heartily on the re-  
sult of the trial. This was followed  
by the congratulations of her relatives,  
neighbors and friends, to such an ex-  
tent that the desire to congratulate the  
young woman became very general.  
There were tears seen in the eyes of  
brave, stout men, as well as in those  
of the women present. Altogether it  
was an unusual scene to happen in a  
Court room after a trial, and many  
present were deeply affected. The  
jury further prepared a copy of their  
verdict, and each one signed his name  
to the same, and then, in a body, called  
upon the lady at her stopping place  
and in due form presented it to her.  
This will be a keepsake to her worthy  
of all regard and preservation. The  
names of the jurymen are as follows:  
H. W. McConnell, Slipperyrock twp.;  
Daniel Denny, Winfield twp.; Adam  
Dumbach, Jr., Centre twp.; W. M.  
Porterfield, Allegheny twp.; M. W.  
Shannon, Conemaugh twp.; John  
H. Flick, Clinton twp.; Samuel Brown,  
Mercer twp.; J. C. Patterson, Worth  
twp.; Isaac Meeks, Washington twp.;  
Walter A. Monks, Middlesex twp.;  
George Morrow, Slipperyrock twp.;  
M. B. Rowan, Penn twp.

This trial, in some of its phases, was  
perhaps the most remarkable one ever  
held in the county. The trial was for  
what might be considered infanticide.  
Many things pointed to Miss Smith as  
the mother of a dead child found under  
the coat house of her home. But many  
other things, and the testimony of ex-  
perienced physicians, all concurred in  
saying that she was not its mother. If  
it was a conspiracy to injure her—the  
placing the dead body of an infant  
where found—then it was the most wicked  
and depraved act ever committed in  
this county. But we hope now to  
hear no more of this matter in any  
way. We join in congratulating all  
that so deep a stain has been removed  
from one so young, so fair and so  
well connected by marriage and in  
society.

## GOVERNOR QUESTION.

Center, Clearfield, Jefferson and  
Lycoming counties, have instructed  
their delegates to the State Conven-  
tion in favor of Gen. Beaver as the  
Republican candidate for next Gov-  
ernor.

Chester county has instructed their  
delegates in favor of the Hon. Sam-  
uel Butler for Governor.

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## STATE POLITICS.

## JUDGE AGNEW.

Some Important Extra-Judi-  
cial Opinions from  
the "Veteran."

HARRISBURG, March 13.—Ex-Chief  
Justice Agnew, being asked by the  
Dispatch correspondent whether he  
agreed with the decision of the Supreme  
Court affirming the constitutionality of  
the Salary act, said that he was not  
prepared to state his opinion on the  
subject, not having given the requisite  
examination. But he strongly in-  
dicated that in arriving at a decision the  
debates in the Constitutional Convention,  
which authorized the Legislature to  
fix its salaries for the session, should  
have been consulted to determine what  
was the intention of that body. The  
fact that the decision of the Supreme  
Court was rendered so close to its  
action in annulling the middle and  
western districts, to enable the judges  
to sit almost permanently at Philadelphia,  
he thought, had much to do with the  
unfavorable comment passed on the  
action of the Supreme Court on the  
salary question. As to the constitu-  
tionality of the act fixing the compensa-  
tion of members of the Legislature,  
there was a great diversity of opinion,  
some of the most legal minds main-  
taining that there is a conflict between  
the Constitution and the law, and  
others equally well calculated to judge  
entertaining a different opinion.

## REGIONS THE PUBLIC VIEW.

Judge Agnew was surprised in his  
disapproval of the action of the  
Supreme Court in changing the several  
districts so as to have nearly all the  
counties in the State thrown into the  
eastern district. He considered it a  
violation of the spirit of the law which  
empowered the Supreme Court to form  
new districts, although the act might  
be stretched to include the power which  
the Court exercised. Under the law  
of 1868 dividing the State into four  
districts, many abuses arose which  
gave the Supreme Court great annoy-  
ance. Counties which were dissatis-  
fied with their assignment frequently  
had themselves transferred by special  
legislation to districts which suited  
them better. The effect of this was  
that the business in the eastern dis-  
trict was overcrowded, making it al-  
most impossible to dispose of it in the  
time allotted for sitting in Philadelphia.  
To cure this defect the Supreme Court  
had the Legislature pass an act giving  
exclusive control over the several dis-  
tricts. Judge Agnew, who was then  
Chief Justice, undertook the arrange-  
ment of the districts under this law,  
and with a view of properly assign-  
ing the counties, he wrote to all the  
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who have not yet received government  
aid and their condition is so deplorable  
that something must be done.  
The government, of course, is doing every-  
thing possible for the relief of the suf-  
ferers, but I tell you the sight of a  
family would be a glorious picture to  
a great many people I have recently  
seen. Every man says the situation  
is indescribable. I can only repeat the  
expression:—

A CATFISH IN THE PARLOR.  
The Cairo (Ill.) correspondence of  
the St. Louis Globe-Democrat furnish-  
es the following in the course of an in-  
terview with a merchant of Columbus,  
Ky., relative to the flooding of the  
town:—  
"How high did the water come?"  
"Well, the Belmont Hotel was built  
above high water mark of 1867, the  
highest flood ever known, and the  
water was two feet deep in the house.  
Why, the proprietor actually caught a  
large catfish in the parlor on the ground  
floor."

St. Louis, March 14.—The South-  
eastern Committee of St. Louis is  
issuing a circular appeal to the  
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again brought into use. The poor  
people were nearly starved, and when  
food was given them they ate raven-  
ously. There are hundreds of people  
who have not yet received government  
aid and their condition is so deplorable  
that something must be done.  
The government, of course, is doing every-  
thing possible for the relief of the suf-  
ferers, but I tell you the sight of a  
family would be a glorious picture to  
a great many people I have recently  
seen. Every man says the situation  
is indescribable. I can only repeat the  
expression:—

A CATFISH IN THE PARLOR.  
The Cairo (Ill.) correspondence of  
the St. Louis Globe-Democrat furnish-  
es the following in the course of an in-  
terview with a merchant of Columbus,  
Ky., relative to the flooding of the  
town:—  
"How high did the water come?"  
"Well, the Belmont Hotel was built  
above high water mark of 1867, the  
highest flood ever known, and the  
water was two feet deep in the house.  
Why, the proprietor actually caught a  
large catfish in the parlor on the ground  
floor."

St. Louis, March 14.—The South-  
eastern Committee of St. Louis is  
issuing a circular appeal to the  
citizens generally for money, food,  
clothing, medicines and anything that  
can be of service.

The officers and passengers of the  
steamer City of Baton Rouge, which

arrived here yesterday from New Or-  
leans, say that the river has an av-  
erage width of the forty miles nearly  
all the way from Cairo down, and with  
the exception of some sixty miles above  
and below Vicksburg the levees are  
either washed away or are covered  
with water and are of no particular  
benefit.

The Government steamer Anita,  
which left here yesterday with a quan-  
tity of provisions on board for the suf-  
ferers from the Mississippi floods, will  
go direct to Memphis, where she will  
be taken in charge by an army officer.  
Probably Major Benyard. She will  
then proceed to Friar's Point, from  
which place a number of boats will be  
sent out over the submerged bottoms.  
The people, now huddled together on  
bits of broken levees and other dry  
spots, but still surrounded by water,  
will be transported to places where  
they can be provided for.

MEMPHIS, March 17.—A Helena,  
Ark. special says: The destitution  
now prevailing in the sunken lands of  
Upper St. Francis River is unequalled  
in the annals of disasters which have  
been visited upon man. These people,  
all whites, have received no help of  
any kind. Hundreds of families are  
living upon rats, eating dead animals;  
floating carcasses are seen in every di-  
rection with large slices cut from them  
by these starving creatures, who grasp  
at everything, no matter how revolting.  
The Strong, a small river, running  
out from the St. Francis, with the Lit-  
tle River, and other points are thickly  
settled with whites, who are on rafts,  
scaffolds and logs. Families are huddled  
together like animals, praying  
for food. For a distance of 300 miles  
no land is to be seen. The river con-  
tinues falling at Helena, but the over-  
flow in the city remains about the  
same.

## NOTICE.

Meeting of Republican County  
Committee.  
The members of the Republican  
County Committee are requested to  
meet in the Arbitration room in the  
Court House, at Butler, on Friday  
April 7th, at one o'clock sharp, for the  
purpose of fixing a time for holding the  
primary election and transacting all  
other business that may properly come  
before it. A full attendance is desired.  
A. L. CRAIG, Chairman.

March 15, 1882.  
The following are the names of the  
members composing the present County  
Committee:—

Allegheny tp., James S. Craig,  
Adams tp., Miles Covert,  
Brady tp., Conrad Snyder,  
Butler tp., Thomas Douglas,  
Butler tp., John Burkhardt,  
Butler tp., Samuel Irwin,  
Cherry tp., J. E. McCoy,  
Clay tp., S. P. Painter,  
Clearfield tp., P. Fennell,  
Fairview tp., John B. Davis,  
Concord tp., L. Christy,  
Conemaugh tp., Alex. Stewart,  
Conemaugh tp., J. Jacob Fry,  
Cranberry tp., N. B. Duncan,  
Donegal tp., J. B. Orison,  
Fairview tp., Thomas Jamison,  
Fairview tp., W. P. Robert McClung,  
Forward tp., Thomas Graham,  
Franklin tp., Samuel Moore,  
Jackson tp., Elias R. Boyer,  
Jackson tp., W. H. Weekbecker,  
Lancaster tp., W. J. Suggs,  
Lancaster tp., J. N. Kirtland,  
Marion tp., Wm. Carson,  
Mercer tp., W. W. Johnson,  
Middlesex tp., Samuel Leelle,  
Middletown tp., Fred Bauder,  
Oakland tp., Robert Hamilton,  
Parker tp., W. J. Beatty,  
Penn tp., Nathan Brown,  
Slipperyrock tp., Jos. Dougherty,  
Summit tp., John Ennis,  
Venango tp., J. L. Chambers,  
Washington tp., Samuel Smith,  
Washington tp., J. B. Peacock,  
Worth tp., J. N. Moore,  
Butler tp., J. W. Walker,  
Butler tp., 2nd ward, A. J. Black,  
Centerville borough, C. W. Coulter,  
Fairview borough, Thomas Hays,  
Kane City borough, Joseph Thomas,  
Millertown borough, J. B. Shoveller,  
Petrolia borough, M. B. Benedict,  
Prospect borough, C. S. Sullivan,  
Saxenburg borough, J. Hartman,  
Sunbury borough, A. Meehling,  
Zelienople borough, W. A. Cunningham.

## MARRIED.

BROWN—STARR—On March 15th, 1882,  
at the residence of Joseph Starr, by Rev.  
W. H. E. Robinson, Mr. N. L. Brown and  
Miss Starr, both of Penn township, Butler  
county, Pa.

## DEATHS.

MCCURDY—At his home at Kinsman, Ohio,  
March 13th, 1882, Mr. John McCurdy, in  
the 75th year of his age, oldest son of the  
late James McCurdy, Esq., of Butler county,  
ALBERT—In Franklin township, this county,  
on Sunday morning, March 19th, 1882,  
Mrs. Sarah Albert, wife of Mr. William H.  
Albert, aged about 70 years.

The deceased was a faithful member of  
the Prospect Lutheran Church for a  
period of about forty years, of which church  
he was one of the original founders.  
McDEVITT—On Thursday evening, Feb.  
23, 1882, at his residence near West Liberty,  
Butler county, Pa., James McDevitt, in his  
66th year.  
He was one of the oldest citizens of Brady  
township.

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