

BUTLER CITIZEN.

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Republican State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
JAMES A. BEAVER, of Centre county.  
FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT,  
WILLIAM H. RAWLE, of Philadelphia.  
FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,  
WILLIAM T. DAVIES, of Bradford county.  
FOR SECRETARY INTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
JOHN M. GREEN, of Butler county.  
FOR CONGRESSMAN AT-LARGE  
MARRIOTT BROUSIS, of Lancaster county.

COUNTY TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS,  
J. D. MCJUNKIN, Butler.  
(Subject to District Conference.)

FOR ASSEMBLY,

WILLIAM P. BRAHAM, Mercer township,  
JOSEPH T. DONLY, Butler.  
FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,  
ROBERT MCCULLING, Fatriev township.

TWENTY-EIGHT new buildings were put up at Renfrew on three days of last week. It begins now to look as if Renfrew would become a "city," according to old fashioned parlance and idea of a city.

Egypt is again the land of plagues. But now it is different from the old time of Moses. Then Pharaoh endeavored to prevent an excursion going out of his country, and now Pharaoh-Arabi, one from coming into his country.

SEVERAL new oil wells in the Bald Ridge district will be brought in as soon as the pipe lines are completed. The Smick well, near the Shidemantle, will probably be the first and is foretold as a great gusher. Leasing still continues and new projects are contemplated, some of them nearer Butler and some still south of present development.

An hour or two at the camp meeting last Sunday enabled us to hear a sermon in the woods, a prayer by a lady, and some of the peculiar singing of our Methodist brethren. Everything about the camp looked comfortable and orderly. One new feature we observed, that of a family having their cow with them, for fresh milk purposes, which we thought a sensible one. The camp broke up on Monday night of this week with the usual march around it and the usual parting ceremonies.

CAPITALISTS in the oil region propose to utilize the gas which flows from wells in the oil belt, which is nearly two hundred miles square. Some of these wells have been flowing steadily for over fifteen years, and the supply is practically inexhaustible. Among the large number of wells there are several, from either of which the city of Philadelphia could be lighted and heated. It is intended to convey this gas to the principal cities in pipes, which it is claimed can be done at a much less cost than gas can be manufactured.

The practice of levying assessments, for political campaign purposes, on all clerks and other employees of the Government, down to the very lowest of them, is perhaps the most demoralizing and degrading feature of our present party politics. It is being practiced in this State now, notwithstanding both of the Republican State Conventions in May last passed resolutions against it. It can never be justified. The money thus raised from poor clerks, etc., is generally for corrupt purposes, and is paid by them on compulsion, and under fear of dismissal from office in case they do not comply. An article on the subject from the Philadelphia Press will be seen in another place.

COMING COURTS.

The regular September Term of our Court commences next Monday, September 4. By the jury lists published in another place it will be seen it is to continue for three weeks, right along. On the first week the Grand Jury only will be in session for the purpose of hearing new bills and considering such other matter as may come before it. For the second week, commencing Sept. 11, traverse jurors are summoned, and the trial of cases, principally criminal, will be had. These cases embrace old ones on the docket and new ones found by the Grand Jury of the week before. Arguments on pending rules, exceptions, motions, etc., will also be heard this week, as well as new petitions, motions, etc.

The third week, commencing Sept. 18, is a special Court for the trial of civil cases.

It will thus be seen that many of the people of the county will be brought to Butler during these three weeks of Sept. Courts. The County Agricultural Fair coming off on the third week (Sept. 19, 20 and 21,) will add to the interest and number of people who may then be expected. It is always a pleasure to us to see the people of this county thus coming together, renewing old and making new acquaintances, one with another. There is another reason that always pleases us when Court comes. Many of our patrons live in the out townships and towns of the county, and these very generally call to see us if attending Court as jurors or otherwise. And, if not coming themselves, they embrace the opportunity of sending in their arrears on the paper, or part of it, by some neighbor who is coming in. We are living in the hope of seeing or hearing from many such old friends and subscribers, during the coming September Term of Court.

CONFERENCE.

The Conference of this Congressional district, Butler, Crawford and Mercer counties, are now in session at Greenville, Mercer county, having by an agreement between the candidates, assembled there on yesterday evening, Tuesday 29th inst. Of course we have none of the proceedings as yet, but have reason to believe that harmony will prevail and a nomination satisfactory to the district finally be made. The rights of our county to the present nominee will be duly urged and we hope to see duly acknowledged.

Mr. McJunkin has appointed to represent him in the Conference, the following Conferees: C. Walker, Esq., Chairman County Committee; A. L. Craig, Esq., ex-Chairman County Committee, and Dr. R. H. Pillow, member of the County Committee, of the Second ward, Butler.

FIGHTING IN EGYPT.

Fighting between the British and Egyptian forces commenced on last Thursday and continued Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The first battle was for the position of a fresh water dam or canal that was essential to the wants of the British troops. Accounts conflict as to the result, but the general news, by telegraph, gives the victory to the English, although it is admitted that Arabi's soldiers fought bravely and well. The English had to march through the deep desert sands peculiar to that country. The accounts of this first encounter remind one somewhat of the first engagements between the Union and Rebel forces of the late rebellion. To keep up with the interest of this war in Egypt the maps should be consulted for the localities and names of towns, etc. These often have a difficult spelling. During the late Russian-Turkish war we had to learn a good deal of the geography of those countries and now it will be interesting to turn our attention to old Egypt, whose people, we presume, think they are again afflicted with plagues worse than frogs or lice—the British.

Kick Out the Assessment Collectors.

Philadelphia Press, Aug. 24.—The Republican party has no easy task in the present campaign. It is divided in this State, it may be in New York, in Ohio it confronts a great social question, and in every State in the Union it has special difficulties to face. Its control of the next Federal House has been challenged by the blenders of its Speaker, the bad management of Congressional committees and an extravagance in which both parties shared; but for which there is a grave danger only one party will pay the penalty. At such a juncture, to insult the moral sense of the country and estrange its own independent vote by chasing down unpaid assessments in Department corridors at Washington is the work of a scoundrel. The Independent ticket will poll very few votes, much less than had east for Wolfe a year ago. In Blair county they may get 500 votes and no more, and our friends up there are positive that they will not get 300. Give them 500, yes, 500 votes," added Candidate Greer, as he hurriedly walked out Chestnut street in the direction of the Broad-street station of the Pennsylvania railroad.

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Candidates Appoint a Conference.

From the Titusville Herald, Aug. 23.

Hon. S. H. Miller, of Mercer, Rep-

resentative in Congress from this (the Twenty-sixth) Congressional district, and Hon. J. D. McJunkin, of Butler, arrived in town yesterday, to meet Senator Roberts for a mutual conference, to agree upon and fix the time and place for holding the Republican Congressional Conference, in this district. It did not take long to discover that each of the candidates had considerable private business of his own to attend to and each seemed desirous to arrive at as early a solution as possible of the question which was to be settled by the Conference, to-wit: which one should be the Republican nominee in this district. Finally, after referring to the calendar, and railroad time-tables, and then their list of engagements, it was mutually agreed and determined to hold the conference on Tuesday next, the 29th of August, at 4 p.m., at the National Hotel, Greenville, Pa. The names of the Conferees have not, as we learn, been selected as yet, and probably cannot be announced till it is ascertained by correspondence or consultation who can serve. After disposing of the business on hand, the party took a carriage and visited Senator Roberts' farm in the suburbs. In the evening Mr. McJunkin took the train for home. Mr. Miller remained all night and will start early this morning to rejoin his family, who are at the lake. During their brief stay a number of citizens renewed their acquaintance with Mr. Miller, and congratulated him on the way he had acted his part as the Representative in Congress from this district. Mr. McJunkin, who was formerly the representative in the Legislature from Venango county, is no stranger here, personally or by reputation for worth. The meeting of these rivals was cordial and harmonious in the highest degree, and we have only this to regret—that Titusville was not named as the place of conference, for the Doctor's powers of entertainment are well known.

**P. & W. Railroad.**

During last week the ties and rails

were laid on the P. & W. road at this

place, and will be continued this week

and until Renfrew is reached.

The difficulty with the Pennsylvania road, as to crossing their track here, we understand has been adjusted. The P. & W. at least do cross at present.

The pipe line being laid from Renfrew,

or Bald Ridge, to Carbon Centre, has not,

however, been so fortunate, the Pennsyl-

ylvania road being the crossing of

their road by the same. How this

war may end cannot now be stated.

It is important to the large production

of oil at the Bald Ridge territory that

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