

BUTLER CITIZEN.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1884.

Republican State Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT, JAMES G. BLAINE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ROBERT T. LINCOLN.

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE, GEN. E. S. OSBORNE, Of Luzerne county.

Republican Regular Primary.

The Republican voters of Butler Co. are requested to meet at their respective places of voting in the several districts on Saturday, May 24, A. D. 1884, between the hours of one and seven o'clock P. M. of said day to vote by ballot for the following officers, viz: One person for Congress, one person for Judge, one person for State Senate, two persons for Assembly, one person for Sheriff, one person for Prothonotary, one person for Register and Recorder, one person for County Treasurer, one person for Clerk of Courts, two persons for County Commissioners, two persons for County Auditors, one for Coroner and one person as Return Judge. Said primary election to be held under the law governing the primary elections, and the rules in force on the same subject within the Republic of the United States. The returns of the County Convention which shall convene in Butler on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1884, at one o'clock P. M. where the aggregate vote for each person shall be declared, and those having the greatest number of legal votes shall be declared nominated for the office which he was a candidate. A strict enforcement of the rules of the party is enjoined.

JAS. BARR, Chairman. ALBERT MEHLING, Sec'y. W. P. JAMESON.

The grave of John Brown, the great champion of the colored race, has no monument over it and a movement has been started to erect one, by general contributions throughout the country.

The creditors of the firm of Brown, Bonnell & Co., of Youngstown, O., and who have large coal interest in this county, have come together and made a satisfactory arrangement for payment of the debts of the old firm.

They are obtaining immense gas wells in Washington county, this State. One, "a gusher," was struck last week at the depth of 3,068 feet. We get them in this county at 500 feet less than that. It looks as if gas would soon be as important a production as oil and come into general use for heating purposes.

A NOTABLE CONVENTION of representatives of the colored people of this Nation was held in Pittsburgh last week, at which the interests, prospects and future political course of that race were discussed. They complained of the treatment of both political parties toward their people, but the general sentiment among their speakers was to remain with the Republican party for the present. They seek the educational advancement of their race, which is a matter of much importance to this Nation.

A NEW way to get a case continued, that you do not want to try, is to find some objection to the manner in which the jury wheel has been filled. Court was compelled to discharge all jurors, witnesses and parties and adjourn the Court this week, simply because the attorney of a defendant, who did not want the case against him, tried, made an objection to the manner in which the jury wheel had been filled. By consent of the parties any trial could go on, and any such defect thus cured, but if objected to, the only thing the Court can do is to adjourn the court. The attorney acting in this way should be made pay the costs the county has been put to. The Court in this instance was in no manner to blame.

Nearly all of the States have now held their conventions and chosen their delegates to the Chicago National Convention, for the nomination of Republican candidates for President and Vice President.

Maine, the adopted State of Blaine, again unanimously endorses him for the nomination. Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Oregon, California, Colorado, Maryland, West Virginia and Nevada have instructed their full delegations for him. Wisconsin and other States are divided. From old Virginia there are two sets of delegates chosen, one straight Republican, for Blaine, and the other, led by Mahone, for Arthur. Edmunds has Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island and a scattering vote in other States. Arthur will have the vote of most of the Southern States.

The friends of Blaine now count up 357 votes for him on first ballot. It takes 411 to nominate, and it is supposed the balance necessary will soon come to his aid. We do not see how his nomination is to be prevented, and it can only be done by a combination of the friends of all the other candidates, which would seem impossible. With either of the other prominent candidates, Edmunds, Logan, or Sherman, out of the way, Blaine's nomination would follow. The names of Hawley and others will be before the Convention, but if Blaine, the people's choice, is again set aside, we think the nomination will go to Lincoln.

The Convention meets on June 3, and its proceedings will be looked to with great interest.

COMMUNICATED.

For the Citizen.

The Eagle has seen fit to abuse me for the last two months; I don't know that I have done anything to merit the wrath of Thomas Robinson. Since I am getting the blame I want to state some facts in regard to the Judicial canvass.

In 1879 the First National Bank of Butler with a capital stock of \$50,000 failed for over \$100,000.

The following persons are still indebted to that bank in the amounts stated: Charles McCandless \$7,000; John M. Greer 12,500; Thomas Robinson 3,570; Howard Colbert 4,644; Alex Mitchell 4,500.

More than enough to build a new Court House. The National Banking Act forbids any person or firm to become liable to any National Bank for more than 10 per cent. of its capital stock. Ten per cent. of \$50,000 would be \$5,000. The law limited McCandless and Greer's liability to \$5,000 each, yet the bank failed with one owing \$70,000, the other \$12,500; one 14 times, and the other more than twice the amount allowed by law.

The Eagle says Greer is an honest man and a good lawyer. A good lawyer knows the law—an honest man does not knowingly violate the law. How does the Eagle reconcile Greer's honesty with the fact that he owes the National bank \$7,500 more than the law says he ought to owe?

The men whose disregard of law and reckless speculations squandered the funds of the bank are all for Greer. These howling Greer supporters don't own a dollar's worth of property in their own names, but they are the legal holders who have paid up their liabilities in full are opposed to Greer.

This is a strange coincidence. The speculators who squandered the money of the depositors are wanting one of their number for Judge. The honest men who had not borrowed more money than the law allowed are against Greer.

John M. Greer is incompetent to fill the great office of Judge. A dozen lawyers at the Bar are far above him in point of ability. He is not even a fourth-rate lawyer. He is a politician and a mind slow to comprehend legal principles.

When Charles McCandless was Greer's law partner he said he could never trust him to prepare the papers in an important case.

In nearly every case where he has been concerned the Court has been obliged to assist him by allowing him to amend his papers. Now, why do I say so? Because I know it is true.

The Eagle has occupied an official position for the last ten years that somebody else should have filled. Let that be as it may. Any man who has brains enough to learn short hand writing is competent to form an intelligent opinion as to the relative ability of lawyers who try cases which he reports. I have reported the civil and many of the criminal cases tried in Court for the last ten years.

John M. Greer can tell a funny story, can talk to a jury, or at a political meeting, but when it comes to arguing legal principles before a Court he is a lamentable failure.

Col. John M. Thompson is a great lawyer. He can win John M. Greer up and stand him on his head in the trial of any case. There are also other able lawyers at the Bar. In the hands of such men what would an incompetent man like Greer do on the Bench?

McCandless and Robinson boast that they have made Greer what he is. Ten years ago Greer admitted he was indebted to McCandless for all that he knew. He don't know much law. Who would he naturally go to for law—McCandless. Every man in this county may be on trial for his life, liberty or property in the next ten years. Suppose the person against him should employ McCandless; would he not fix up the law to suit his side of the case?

Then the great fixer, the man who is on hands always to set up things, the scheming politician of Butler county—Tom Robinson, where would he be? Would the man who puts his hand to his mouth and whispers in people's ears forget to set up matters with the Court? Then we would have these men in power. They might put up signs as follows:

CHAS. McCANDLESS, Attorney, learned in the law, and Confidential Advisor of Judge Greer.

THOS. ROBINSON, Attorney, unlearned in the law and the General "fixer" for Greer's Court.

This is no fanciful picture. Will men who have not hesitated to do what the law forbids or who have betrayed trusts heretofore refrain from making money out of their power over an incompetent Judge?

Now let Tom Robinson and his Eagle boil over with rage. It is not nearly so dangerous as cannon balls, minnie balls, sabres, &c.

Anything that I have done or not done will not be an answer. Abusing me will not make Greer competent. Think of this. Lay aside all prejudice. Don't run the risk of letting an incompetent man get on the Bench.

his personal rights, his property and the transmission of goods and possessions to his posterity, to see to it, that the Bench be filled by one who has the legal ability and is wholly fit and competent to interpret and administer the law.

You never knew of a good carpenter or an artisan in wood take green lumber, or a young green stick or sappling, and put it into the construction of a building, or use it in his trade or business, but he first uses the appliances—the kiln—to thoroughly dry it and after it becomes well seasoned, then it is of utility and advantage. And so it is, I should think, with a professional man; the raw, crude, inexperienced lawyer, or the lawyer who has constantly dabbled in the field of politics and always on the run for office, his mind is only equal to and like green lumber, unfit for anything until properly seasoned, by age, diligence, plodding study; and knowledge, like lumber, ought never to be used until well seasoned.

Some years ago I heard the soldiers friend, Andrew G. Curtin, make a speech in Butler, and he used this language: "If you want to poison a lawyer, my friends, put him into politics and it will do it effectively."

I had not intended Messrs. Editors, to write so long a letter when I picked up my pen, but when one gets to writing on such important public matters it is difficult to refrain.

A FARMER.

Sunbury Items.

The West Sunbury Academy, under the management of Prof. W. W. Logan, is in a more flourishing condition at the present time than it has been for years, having fifty in attendance besides the music scholars and the class in Tagigraphy. The citizens are usually interested in the welfare of the school and are determined that the good work shall advance.

The village school opened Monday, April 28, with Miss Ada Glenn as teacher. We congratulate the Board for making a selection so pleasing to all.

Albert Meehling, Esq., has moved from this place to Prospect where he will be engaged in the hotel business. The old Sawyer property, cornering on Main and State streets, has again changed hands. Mr. O. Bryson, of Hilliard being the purchaser.

Messrs. Breaden & Conway are doing a still larger business than ever. Mr. Breaden is now in the East making extensive purchases for the supply of their summer trade.

The class in short-hand writing under the management of Prof. W. W. Logan is progressing rapidly.

Mr. J. B. Sproull, of Annandale, was in town this week calling on his friends. We were all glad to see you John, and hope you will call again.

We would think from the number of boxes Pryor & Son were rolling into their store the other evening that they would be obliged to pull down their store room and build greater.

The sound of the tin wagon is again heard in the land, as Rhoads & Christie's tinners rush recklessly over the rough roads, as he goes forth on his roofing, spouting and "nassing" expedition.

The West Sunbury Academy will have the honor of sending fourth its first graduate, M. T. Baker, at the close of its present session. He intends entering Lincoln University this fall. The best wishes of his friends will follow him.

The base ball club has again organized and are ready to accept challenges from any of their neighboring clubs. We would like to hear from the North Washington boys.

A. C. U. T. OBSERVER.

Centre Township. May 5th, 1884.

EAGLE CITIZEN.—Can you explain why the Eagle in its frantic efforts to boost an incompetent man for Judge, deems it necessary (as a recommendation) to parade his record in the army before the people, while the same paper pitches into Judge McJunkin and takes him to task for appointing and retaining as Court Stenographer a man who enlisted when a mere boy, fought (as they are compelled to admit) gallantly through the war for the Union and left an arm upon the battle-field? Not only this, but he was the most prominent applicant from the county for the position, and so far as the writer knows the only man in the county competent to fill the position. Why then the inconsistency, the army record of one man to be used to help him in a position, even his friends admit him incompetent to fill, while the army record of another man must be overlooked, etc., in order to prejudice the community against Judge McJunkin? The "jewel" consistency seems to be wanting in the composition of the editors of the "Buzzer." Perhaps the editors are angry because the Stenographer draws a larger pension than their delicate looking little pensioner candidate, who button-holes everybody to vote for him for Judge.

Mr. Robinson, "O" Robinson, Crutcher, who was on an island during the war, but might as well have been as to have been moving from Penn. tp. to the borough of Butler, continually changing his residence about the time of the draft (as was then currently reported) is now very loud in behalf of the soldier; provided, their widows do not interfere with her or his family getting post offices, etc., or their brothers interfere with his being attorney for the Commissioners, a position everybody knows he is incompetent to fill.

Let the people see to it that political tricksters do not get control of their Courts of Justice.

White Oak Point School. MERCER TWP., APRIL 22, 1884.

MESSENGERS.—Hoping that some "Spectator," as is usually the custom, would have given you a detailed account of the closing exercises of the White Oak Point School. I have kept silent, but, seeing their extreme modesty has prevented their giving publicity to their generosity, and having been the recipient of a great many tokens of their regard in exhibiting their deeds that others may see and practice their virtues. The busy season having overtaken us before the expiration of the term, we thought best to close quietly and devote the time to work rather than in preparation for display. Our plans were badly executed, for about ten o'clock A. M. the patrons of the school began to assemble, each with well filled baskets whose contents the dinner hour revealed. After dinner and the usual pleasantries

of the occasion, the school was again convened and I showed their appreciation of the honors conferred by doing the best they could under the circumstances. Shortly before closing, Master Clarence Orr rose and came to the front bearing a mysterious package, which, in a neatly worded speech, he presented to the writer, as a token of the love and good wishes of the school.

Wholly unprepared for such a turn of affairs, words suitable for a reply were not at command. May the sweet remembrance of like deeds brighten their future years and their lives be living embodiments of purity, goodness and truth.

The following were not absent during the term: M. J. LIEBOWITZ, of Prospect boro. JOSEPH HARTMAN, of Donegal twp. M. A. C. E. ANDERSON, of Butler boro. JOHN S. CAMPBELL, of Cherry twp. W. P. BRAHAM, of Mercer twp. ISAAC MILLER, (late of Co. 4th Pa. Cavalry) of Allegheny twp. J. H. SHANNON, of Franklin twp.

For Sheriff, W. C. GLENN, of Sunbury borough. S. P. EAKIN, of Allegheny twp. PETER KRAMER, of Middlesex twp. W. M. BROWN, of Forward twp. COL. O. C. REDD, of Allegheny twp. JAMES L. BADGER, of Fairview township. GEORGE MOON, of Slipperyrock township.

For Prothonotary, W. M. SHIRA, of Washington township. JOHN D. HARRISON, of Clinton twp. JOHN W. WEIGEL, of Zelenhope borough.

For Clerk of Courts, REBECCA MCLENNAN, of Butler borough. S. B. CROSS, of Washington, late of Allegheny twp. W. P. JAMISON, of Fairview borough. JOSEPH ELLIOTT, of Jefferson twp. JOHN F. SHANNON, of Connoquessing twp. ISAAC MEALS, of Washington twp.

For Register and Recorder, LEWIS WOLFORD, of Cherry twp. JAMES RANKIN, of Penn, formerly of Fairview township. W. H. WALKER, of Butler borough, late of Clinton township. M. H. BYERLY, of Jefferson twp. J. S. WICK, of Sunbury borough. JAMES S. CRAIG, of Allegheny twp. H. W. CHRISTIE, of Butler borough. L. L. HENRY, of Butler borough.

For County Commissioners, A. J. HUTCHINSON, of Centre twp. S. DEEY, of Wyaloff twp. RUDOLPH BAHRHART, of Lancaster, formerly of Fairview township. JOHN BLACK, of Butler borough. ALEXANDER STEWART, of Connoquessing twp. WILLIAMSON BAKER, of Penn twp. G. W. HAYS, of Middlesex twp. J. C. BRADDER, of Clay twp. SAMUEL McCLENNAN, of Butler borough. W. W. McQUITTEN, of Brady twp. JOHN M. THURNE, of Parker twp. JOHN F. CROWL, of Harrisville borough.

For Treasurer, ISAAC A. DAVIDSON, of Slipperyrock twp. JOHN O. COULTER, of Clay twp. ISRAH MCCALL, of Clinton twp. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, of Butler borough. PHILIP SHERMAN, of Clinton twp. C. B. REBY, of Connoquessing twp. JAMES S. WILSON, of Centreville. JAMES A. McMARLIN, of Adams twp. JAMES J. CAMPBELL, of Fairview twp. JOHN D. KAMBER, of Concord twp. DAVID CURRY, of Butler borough. DR. W. R. COVENS, of Cherry twp. HIRSH RANKIN, of Penn twp. W. J. WELSH, of Jefferson twp. ANOS SEATON, of Venango twp. THOS. GARVEY, of Muddy creek twp. J. C. KISKADON, of Allegheny twp. JOSEPH F. CAMPBELL, of Fairview twp. H. D. THOMPSON, of Centre twp.

County Auditors, (two to nominate). E. E. MATROFF, of Clinton twp. R. A. KINZER, of Concord twp. DR. W. R. COVENS, of Cherry twp. JOHN M. CHAMBERS, Jr., of Clay twp. W. P. BROWN, of Concord twp. CYRUS CAMPBELL, of Clay twp. L. G. MOORE, of Franklin twp. J. H. PRIZE, of Washington twp. J. W. RICE, of Butler twp, formerly of Jackson. S. S. MAXAY, of Fairview twp. JOHN H. CHATHAM, of Petrolia.

For Coroner, WILLIAM CALDWELL, of Butler twp.

Clay Township Road Report. Auditor's Report of Clay Township Road Fund, April 21, 1884, S. P. Painter and N. M. Barclay, Supervisors.

Whole amount of worked tax \$1,837 08. Amount of tax worked \$1,812 71. Exonerations 24 37. Total \$1,837 08.

Zenas McMichael, Treasurer of Road Fund, in account with Clay township \$284 53. Balance from last year \$284 53. Amount received from H. J. Brown, Collector for 1883 218 37. Total \$787 43.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For County and District Offices.

ELECTION MAY 24, 1884. For Judge, EREZEEZ McJUNKIN, of Butler. JOHN M. GREER, of Butler.

For Congress, GEO. W. FLEGER, of Butler. DR. WM. LIVING, of Evans City.

For State Senate, A. L. CAMPBELL, of Petrolia.

For Assembly, (Two to nominate). J. M. LIEBOWITZ, of Prospect boro. JOSEPH HARTMAN, of Donegal twp. M. A. C. E. ANDERSON, of Butler boro. JOHN S. CAMPBELL, of Cherry twp. W. P. BRAHAM, of Mercer twp. ISAAC MILLER, (late of Co. 4th Pa. Cavalry) of Allegheny twp. J. H. SHANNON, of Franklin twp.

For Sheriff, W. C. GLENN, of Sunbury borough. S. P. EAKIN, of Allegheny twp. PETER KRAMER, of Middlesex twp. W. M. BROWN, of Forward twp. COL. O. C. REDD, of Allegheny twp. JAMES L. BADGER, of Fairview township. GEORGE MOON, of Slipperyrock township.

For Prothonotary, W. M. SHIRA, of Washington township. JOHN D. HARRISON, of Clinton twp. JOHN W. WEIGEL, of Zelenhope borough.

For Clerk of Courts, REBECCA MCLENNAN, of Butler borough. S. B. CROSS, of Washington, late of Allegheny twp. W. P. JAMISON, of Fairview borough. JOSEPH ELLIOTT, of Jefferson twp. JOHN F. SHANNON, of Connoquessing twp. ISAAC MEALS, of Washington twp.

For Register and Recorder, LEWIS WOLFORD, of Cherry twp. JAMES RANKIN, of Penn, formerly of Fairview township. W. H. WALKER, of Butler borough, late of Clinton township. M. H. BYERLY, of Jefferson twp. J. S. WICK, of Sunbury borough. JAMES S. CRAIG, of Allegheny twp. H. W. CHRISTIE, of Butler borough. L. L. HENRY, of Butler borough.

For County Commissioners, A. J. HUTCHINSON, of Centre twp. S. DEEY, of Wyaloff twp. RUDOLPH BAHRHART, of Lancaster, formerly of Fairview township. JOHN BLACK, of Butler borough. ALEXANDER STEWART, of Connoquessing twp. WILLIAMSON BAKER, of Penn twp. G. W. HAYS, of Middlesex twp. J. C. BRADDER, of Clay twp. SAMUEL McCLENNAN, of Butler borough. W. W. McQUITTEN, of Brady twp. JOHN M. THURNE, of Parker twp. JOHN F. CROWL, of Harrisville borough.

For Treasurer, ISAAC A. DAVIDSON, of Slip