

# THE CITIZEN.

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## Republican Announcements.

Election Saturday, May 16-1 to 7 p. m.

Delegate to State Convention.

THOMAS J. GRAHAM, of Penn twp.

JAMES M. MAXWELL, of Butler.

A. M. MCCOLLAGH, of Fairview twp.

For Jury Commissioner.

S. T. DODD, of Fairview borough.

A. O. EHRHART, of Butler twp.

T. W. D. KENNEDY, of Mars.

S. M. McCLELL, of Butler, formerly of

Worth twp.

DALE THOMAS, of Connoquessing twp.

formerly of Fairview twp.

HENRY A. WAGNER, of Jefferson twp.

Third run.

## CURRENT EVENTS.

Up the time of the attack upon the

liberty of the press, the Legislature

did not do so badly. The court legis-

lation it adopted is generally considered

good; and it is to be hoped that the new

road law, which creates a State Road

Department, and appropriates money

for its support, will not be without re-

sult.

If the Governor vetoes the bill lib-

erty will be little cause for com-

plaint, and whether he does or not its

passage, and the storm of indignation

that followed, did some good in the

squelching of several franchises, dan-

gerous to the public health, and

which were immediately

dropped by the "gang."

When the new Roads Department

is at work, we suggest that they

consider the matter of new surveys

entirely new roads. For instance one

cannot get out of Butler, at present, on

a public road without climbing a hill,

whereas a road up a valley, and around

the hill would do far better.

The expenditures of the Postoffice

Department of the National Govern-

ment will be about a hundred and forty

millions for the coming year, and Post-

master General Payne has begun a re-

organization of his department, and also

an investigation of alleged abuses,

which will be watched with interest by

the public.

Several of the trains between But-

ler and Allegheny now make the run in

one hour and twenty minutes, which

considering the crookedness of the road,

is remarkable. All the railroads all

over the country are straightening their

road beds, and going in for faster time,

and the rage has also spread to travel

on the ocean. A new German passenger

steamer, lately launched, makes the

run in an hour on her trial trip. A knot

or two miles is 200 feet longer than a land

mile, and 24 knots means about 25 miles,

which is pushing a large boat through

the water at a tremendous gait.

A prominent physician stated, lately,

that the corset was largely responsible

for appendicitis, but he forgot that

more than women suffer from dis-

eases of the vermiform appendix.

The subject is interesting from the

notable increase in the number of cases,

and some physicians now place it among

the "germ diseases." The terrible in-

cidence seems to be everywhere.

The New Castle Tribune, which led

off in the fight against Wallace, says it

will not support a Wallace candidate,

a Brown candidate or a Matt Quay can-

didate for Judge, next year.

## The Salus-Grady Bill Hearing.

Some five hundred newspaper men

of the state appeared before the Govern-

or in Harrisburg, Tuesday, for the purpose

of protesting against the Salus-Grady

negligence bill. The hall of the House

where the hearing was held, was crowd-

ed and the arguments for the newspaper

publishers were made by Chas. Emory

Smith of the Philadelphia Press and

Rep. Thomas V. Cooper, while the

arguments for it were made by two

paid Philadelphia lawyers.

In commenting on the hearing the

Pittsburgh Dispatch says: "It must not

be forgotten that the publications of

the promoters of the bill com-

plain were not negligently made. They

were made deliberately. If they were

malicious or false the present libel law

offer every opportunity for redress.

Making malicious crimes will not pre-

vent the intentional commission of

crime. Nor will making negligence in

publication a subject for punitive dam-

ages prevent the publication of delib-

erately written articles. In other words,

if newspaper publishes in the public

interest a careful and deliberate arti-

cle of a public official or a public act

that would not be in violation of the

existing law, which prohibits malicious

or false publications, the new law mak-

ing negligence a crime will not serve to

prevent it. But it will, by placing in

the hands of the newspaper, a shiver

and backslider a weapon for ven-

dition, serve to stifle and suppress

legitimate criticism. Thus it will not

injure to the public, whose liberties

depend upon the freedom of the press,

and ruinous to the newspaper interest

as an agency for the dissemination of

news of public interest."

The Governor has not yet made

known his decision.

At the meeting of newspaper men

in Harrisburg, Monday evening, a per-

manent organization was effected and a

committee appointed to look after any

## ACCIDENTS.

Harry Brenneman of W. Cunn-

ingham street, was caught in the shaft of

a drill machine, whirling around twice,

his clothes torn completely off, arm

broken, thigh torn and head, neck and

breast cut. He is in the Hospital and is

getting along nicely.

In Allegheny last Sunday afternoon a

crowded street car dashed down Federal

street, and wrecked a freight car. The

brake refused to work. A dozen people

were hurt.

Harry Campbell, Jr., of Venango

township, had his neck broken, last Fri-

day, by some logs falling upon him, and

he died almost instantly. He was haul-

ing logs to the saw mill on his father's

farm, at the time, and the wagon and

logs were

Joe Barry of the Car Works had a

shoulder dislocated, Friday.

Wm. Campbell, Jr., aged 4 years, fell

and broke an arm, Thursday.

Forward township had a couple of

accidents, last week. While some boys

were serenading, somebody touched

the trigger of a revolver too hard, and

the bullet hit the neck of a boy, near

heel and penetrated his foot. Miss

Willie Fehl swept the floor and put

the debris in the stove, and the stove

exploded and flew out, and tipped

Willie's arm from her elbow to

shoulder.

A big negro—six feet four, and weigh-

ing about 300—had a remarkable experi-

ence at the new Flick building on E.

Wayne St. yesterday.

He is a carrier there, and had just

reached the top with a load of mortar

when he fell. He fell head first, and

the ladder he was on the 34 and 35

floors, through the joists of the 1st

floor, and fell into a pile of water in the

cellar.

The men hurried down expecting to

find a man dead, and when they found

him, they wanted to look out as he

might fall on them next time, and went

back to work.

Thomas Yates of the 3rd ward fell

head down into one of the pits in the

Car Works, Monday, and fractured his

skull. He is recovering, and will be

discharged, Tuesday.

Sam Vanderlin had a hand split open

by one of the "bull" machines, Tuesday.

E. C. Connessan, a fireman on the

Pittsburgh and Western railroad, was

killed near Bakersburg Monday morn-

ing. On account of a weak coupling

the engine parted from its tender and

knocked him to death. He was about

50 years of age, and was married.

Eight persons were killed and 10 in-

jured, Tuesday, in a collision be-

tween a passenger train and a freight

train near Bakersburg. The freight

train was carrying a load of lumber.

Robert N. Hotchkiss, of Meadville, has

been identified. Seven bodies, appar-

ently those of three men, three women

and a child, were buried beyond recog-

nition in the fire which followed the

collision. The bodies were found in the

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## DEATHS.

HOPKINS—At her home in Butler,

April 18, 1903, Charlotte Hop-

kins, aged 15 years.

BUTLER—At his home in Marietta

April 16, 1903, James H. Butler, aged

43 years.

KELLY—At her home in Butler,

April 16, 1903, Mrs. Julia Ann, widow of

Wm. D. Kelly, aged 80 years.

COYLE—At his home in Allegheny

township, April 16, 1903, infant son of

J. C. Coyle.

YATES—At the Hospital, April 21,

1903, Thomas Yates, aged 21 years.

Mr. Yates was injured, Monday, at

the Car Works. His body was taken to

Allegheny, his former home.

BADGER—At the home of her mother,

Mrs. M. J. Drake in Worth twp.,

April 8, 1903, Mrs. Mary B. wife of

Wm. C. Badger, aged 72 years.

Her death was a shock to her many

friends, as her sickness (pneumonia) de-

veloped rapidly and she lingered but a

few days.

Mrs. Badger was an active church

worker and was a great help to her

husband in his ministerial work. In her

last hours on earth she was greatly con-

soled by the words of the first part

of the 13th chapter of St. John, which

she read to her a few hours before her

death.