

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1898.

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

The weather. Andrew Hackley is sinking a well on his property. Judge Dunham is having his well sunk a few feet deeper. John V. Finkle is lowering the bottom of his well, this week. Isaac Lowe of Laporte twp., was on business in town Monday. A. L. Dyer of Lopez was transacting business in town Friday. E. F. Ives of Eagles Mere, was a business man in town Wednesday. The Baptist congregation have purchased a new bell for their church. Supper and ice cream will be served in the park on Thursday evening. John Kutz of Hughesville is in town this week selling the Tivy and Elite wheel. There will be a social dance in Kennedys Hall Thursday evening. All are cordially invited. Prof. Wandall, formerly of Forksville, was in town Tuesday visiting the Normal School. Landlord Kennedy gave a party of his guests a pleasant drive to Eagles Mere Saturday morning. Miss Lizzie Dempsey who was attending the Summer Normal was taken to her home ill last week. Mr. Marvin Mericle, wife and grandson, of Spencer, N. Y., are visiting with E. L. Place and family. Mrs. G.W. Watkins of Towanda, is the pleasantly entertained guest of Mrs. Thos. J. Ingham this week. Hon. Russel Karns and family returned from Benton Sunday, where they have been spending several days. Mrs. C. H. Jennings accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jennings to Laporte Saturday to witness the ball game. Mr. Myron P. Meracle and wife of Highland Lake, brother of Mrs. Wm. Place is visiting at E. L. Place this week. Messrs. A. P. Starr, N. J. Schaffer, Clyde Weliver and Chas. Crawley of Muncy Valley, enjoyed a drive to the county seat Sunday. Mr. Frank Kuhns, of Ricketts, is spending a few days vacation at this place, enjoying the mountain air in a comfortable manner at the Commercial Hotel. St. John's P. E. Church. There will be Divine service with sermon at this church on Sunday next, the 31st inst., at 4 o'clock p. m. The Rev. J. McAlpin Harding, of Trenton, N. J., will officiate. The dance given in Kennedys Hall last Thursday night was largely attended by a merry crowd of young people who enjoyed the dreamy waltz and fascinating quadrille immensely until a late hour. There ought not to be a scarcity of stamps for revenue purposes. At the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, the force is working twenty-four hours a day, and from 8 o'clock Friday morning 1,713 employees printed from new plates, 21,200,000 stamps. In another column will be found the report of the First National Bank of Dushore. It is a very good one considering the times. It is seen by looking back to the report published one year ago, that it has gained in deposits \$44,245.17.

ENLISTED FOR THE WAR

A Remarkable Meeting of the Republican State Committee.

ALL FACTIONS AND NO FACTION.

The Republican Party is lined up shoulder to shoulder with an enthusiasm unknown for years—unusual interest of national leaders at Washington in Colonel Stone's Majority.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, July 26.—It is the custom to speak of political gatherings as "harmonious," unless there is some thing like an open disturbance; but the meeting of the Republican state committee here was much more than this. It was a visible and unmistakable notice to all observing persons that whatever has been in the past or may be in store for the future of rivalries within the party, there is room for only one kind of Republicans in Pennsylvania this year. The primary occasion of the meeting was to name a Republican candidate for judge of the superior court, to succeed the late Judge Wickham. The position was conceded to western Pennsylvania, as Judge Wickham was from Beaver county, and the superior court bench is otherwise heavily tilted toward the east, he having been the only member who could see the sun set behind the Allegheny mountains.

The selection of Common Pleas Judge William David Porter, of Allegheny county, by Governor Hastings, for the temporary appointment, had clearly indicated him as the likely nominee, and so there was no room for thrilling excitement in connection with the distinct business for which the state committee was called together.

Yet, instead of the perfunctory gathering of a mere quorum, it was the best and most representative meeting of the committee that has been held for years. Chairman Elkin, in his unusually happy opening remarks, fairly rang the keynote of the meeting when he congratulated those present on the comprehensive character of the assemblage, and said that in selecting the executive committee for the conduct of the campaign, he had endeavored to include "men of all factions and of no faction."

Of the recent chairmen of the state committee, Quay was the only absentee. Cooper, "the golden haired angel of reconciliation," looking older since he has shifted his ambitions toward congressional politics, exchanged congratulations with Andrews, who succeeded him in the chairmanship. Gilkeson, who was the central figure ex-officio of the civil war of '95, sat within ten feet of ex-Congressman Robinson, who took a most conspicuous part against him in the final acts of that dramatic struggle, while General Frank Reeder, another ex-state chairman and never more popular in the fighting line of the party than since he followed the flag of party loyalty out of public office, sat side by side with George M. Van Bonnhorst, who is next friend to Chris Magee.

Then there was Magee himself, nominating Judge Porter, who had been chairman of the Republican county committee which faithfully supported Delamater in 1890, and Porter's nomination was made unanimous on the motion of Judge Henderson, of Crawford county, who was defeated for nomination to the supreme bench by Judge Dean, and chiefly through Magee's efforts in the state convention.

As the names of the executive committee were announced from the platform every syllable was cheered. It was recognized upon the instant that when such men of prominence in the old inter-factional fights as Congressman Connell, of Scranton, who is a representation of the most trusted leadership of the party; Senator Magee, who has the heart of the party with him in Pittsburgh; Lieutenant Governor Lyon and ex-Postmaster James S. McKean, of the same county, who have never before been on the same side of the party street with Magee; Senator Durham and Charles F. Kindred, of Philadelphia, side by side with David H. Lane, who, although a loyal friend of David Martin, has been untiring in his efforts to promote the harmonious union of all sorts of Republicans which was demonstrated at this meeting; Horatio B. Hackett, who is as close to Martin as an undershirt; and W. J. Scott, who was for Wanamaker so long as there was room in the Republican party for a Republican to be for Wanamaker—when such men as these were named as the men who were to be trusted with the advisory conduct of the campaign in co-operation with the state chairman it was notice to whom it may concern that Pennsylvania Republicans are enlisted for the war, and that there is once more a common party front.

Judge William David Porter, the nominee for supreme court judge, by the way, is deserving of more than a passing mention. His brother, George McC. Porter, took a prominent part in the creation of the war state of West Virginia, and was speaker of its first house of delegates. Although a western Pennsylvanian, he is a graduate of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, having been a student under the lamented Sharswood. After two terms in the office of district attorney, although he had been chairman of the Republican county committee which carried Allegheny county against Pattison, the sentiment of the bar was so vigorously for him that Governor Pattison appointed him to a seat on the common pleas bench, and he was nominated for re-election by both the Republican and Democratic parties on the expiration of his appointive term.

He has shown himself a strong man on the bench, and his elevation to the superior court has been generally commended. To those who have not closely followed Colonel Stone's career in congress, it may be a surprise to know the warm interest which his fellow members take in his gubernatorial candidacy. Here, for instance, are extracts from two letters which State Chairman Elkin has received from well known Republican leaders, who recognize the national importance of this election in Republican states like Pennsylvania. This is from Speaker Reeder: "I do not take the trouble

or the liberty to say anything in commendation of Colonel Stone. He has been in congress. He is able, competent and has attended to his business here in a manner which reflects credit upon his constituency."

The brilliant senior senator from the president's state, Joseph B. Foraker, writes: "The Republicans of Pennsylvania are to be congratulated on their good fortune in having such a splendid candidate for governor. William A. Stone is a typical representative of the best type of Republicanism. In congress he is universally esteemed for his many good qualities as a man and as an American. He is a most worthy leader at this particular time. His abilities meet the requirements of the period, and I predict for him and the Republicans of your state a triumphant victory in November."

And these are only samples of scores of similar letters from national leaders. GEORGE H. WELSHONS.

PEACE PROPOSAL FROM SPAIN.

It Was Presented at Washington By the French Ambassador.

Washington, July 26.—Spain has taken the first step in the direction of peace. Ambassador Cambon, of France, called at the White House, and, in behalf of Spain, submitted a proposition.

Spain's communication is general in terms and does not make any distinct propositions as to Cuba, the Philippines or any other possession. It is simply a request that peace negotiations be opened. No armistice is proposed.

Muncy Valley.

Some of our town people spent Sunday in Laporte and Eagles Mere, and some didn't go who expected to.

Messrs. Ira and J. G. Cott of Lincoln Falls were in town on Tuesday looking after J. G's. Interest for the nomination of Sheriff.

Heyman Herr is building a large clothing store on his lot in town, and the lumber has been placed on the adjoining lot for another one. Lots of clothing stores.

Mr. Wm. Johnson of near Unityville was found dead in bed last Monday morning.

At the Baptist church next Sunday evening Rev. E. R. Powell will preach on the subject,—Education, the Opportunity and the Obligation. A cordial invitation is extended to all. S. S. at 11 a. m. C. E. at 7 p. m. Preaching at 8:00 p. m.

The Musical College at Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., is now in session and will continue without vacation until the holidays, giving young people an opportunity of attending a term of six weeks or more at a trifling expense, and can be admitted at any time. For Catalogues and information address,

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In the Mexican Household. The arrangement of furniture is much more formal than in the United States. It is a very common sight to see a splendidly furnished parlor with a row of straight-backed chairs all alike with their backs against the wall and as close together as they can be placed clear around the room.

Heavy single doors, such as are used in the United States, are practically unknown in Mexican houses either at entrances or between interior rooms. All doors open in the middle and are fastened with bolts top and bottom. Exterior doors are always fitted with glass panels, for they also serve as windows. All such doors opening on the street or open court are fitted with solid shutters that are folded at the sides out of sight when not in use.

A good Mexican cook relieves the mistress of the house of worry and responsibility in a manner that is almost unknown in the United States. The cook is given so much a day, and with this amount she will purchase each morning all the provisions for the day, including even the staples that are usually bought in large quantities in other countries. On a dollar a day a cook will provide a very good table for a family of three or four, and get enough beans and tortillas and chile to set the servants' table besides. They can really do better than their mistresses, because they can usually drive sharper bargains with the marketmen of their own class, and they have more patience to haggle over the last penny.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Dushore, Pa., At close of business, July 14, 1898.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various financial items and their values.

Train Stopped by Insects.

A peculiar incident occurred a short time ago to a Scotch express, which really caps the story of the mouse which got into the brake apparatus of a train and soon brought it to a complete standstill.

While on a steep incline a mile or so from Invershin, the train suddenly slowed up and eventually stopped. After an examination it transpired that myriads of midges had been swarming near the ground, and being crushed by the wheels of the train, had left the rails in a very slimy condition, preventing the engine from gripping the rails, and so stopping it. Although several dodges were tried, among them that of throwing earth along the line, the train was unable to proceed until it was divided into sections and drawn up the incline piecemeal. This incident caused a delay of nearly an hour.

Sherman's Ample Supply of Whisky.

George A. Sheridan, after one of his campaigning tours in Ohio, told a story of his experience with John Sherman. "We had been making speeches at Xenia one wet, cold night," said Sheridan, "and on our way back to the hotel Senator Sherman said: 'Sheridan, I believe a little whiskey is a necessary for us to prevent contracting colds.' It is almost needless to say that I agreed with him and expressed my regret that I had none with me. 'Don't worry about that,' said the senator, 'I have an ample supply. We will go to my room and get it.' We went to Senator Sherman's room and he produced from his valise a four-ounce vial of whiskey and a teaspoon. Pouring out a teaspoonful he handed it over to me to take it, as he had no doubt I needed it. After I had indulged in one spoonful Sherman took a spoonful himself, recorked the little bottle and returned it to his valise. Surely, there is one man who considers whiskey a medicine and not a beverage."

Winning a Diploma in China.

It is an odd way in which a Chinaman obtains a medical diploma. It seems that a brass man, full of holes, and pasted over with paper, is set up. Then the candidate is given a pin, and if he can perforate the paper immediately over a certain number of the hidden holes he immediately becomes qualified to set up as a doctor.

Left-Handed Animals.

It is well known that left-handedness has often been observed in animals. According to Vierordt, parrots seize objects with the left claw by preference or exclusively. The lion strikes with the left paw, and Livingstone gave it as his opinion that all animals are left handed. Prof. Jordan has recently verified the statement with regard to parrots. He found that this bird makes a readier use of the left claw for climbing than the right.

Turkey's Postal System.

Although Turkey some years ago engaged a German official to reorganize its postal system, it has not yet been able to win the confidence of foreign residents, who continue to make use of the Austrian, German, English, French and Russian postoffices in preference to the Turkish.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Mary McCarty, late of Elkland township, deceased. Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, Administrator in the estate of Mary McCarty late of Elkland township, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement. DOWNS, ATTY. JOSEPH PARDOE, Admrs. THOS. MCCARTY, Admrs.

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Williamsport & North Branch Railroad TIME TABLE. IN EFFECT TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1898.

Table with columns for NORTHWARD and SOUTHWARD, listing stations and train times.

EAGLES MERE RAIL ROAD.

Table with columns for a.m. and p.m., listing train times for various stations.

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