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The Judge of a New York district Court, at a marriage ceremony which he recently performed, introduced a new form which will, it is prophesied, please the ladies. He asked the bride if she promised to obey her husband in all things 'right and reasonable,' to which she responded promptly, 'I do.' 'May your last days on this earth be your happiest, and may you love and cherish each other always,' was the parting benediction of the Judge, after pronouncing the couple husband and wife.

Of Interest to County Officers.

Auditor General A. Wilson Norris has issued a circular to the various county officers of the State, which explains itself. It says: 'In view of the past delinquencies of a number of county officers entrusted with the collection of State revenues and liability of this department to ensure therefore, it is my attention to insist that in the future all such officers shall make returns and payment on the first Mondays of January, April, July and October of each year of moneys collected by them, as provided in an act entitled 'An act relating to accounts of several county officers of this Commonwealth, approved May 14th, 1874, and an act of March 31st, 1876' Where monthly or quarterly returns and payments are not made, I shall direct an agent, appointed by me, to examine the accounts of the person or persons so failing to make returns and payments, and on his report proceed to make settlement for the amount due to the Commonwealth and to which amount will be added 50 per centum as specified in the aforesaid act. If the delinquent be a County Treasurer, I shall also feel it my duty to bring his case to the attention of the Governor.'

Newspapers vs. Education.

We can safely say that since the creation at no time in our world's history has the education of the masses attained to so high a standard as at the present time. That is to say, education is no longer confined to the few able to pay for it, but facilities are open for any one so inclined to acquire a thorough knowledge of what is transpiring around him, and information on any and every subject is easy to obtain. There have been influences at work to bring this about, but none have figured so conspicuously or taken so active a part as the ordinary newspaper, and this has been done so quietly that a good many people are not aware of it.

Formerly the arts and sciences, and various other branches of education were firmly locked within the walls of a Harvard or Yale, or some other institution of learning, and only those possessed of the wherewithal were able to gain a thorough and practical education, but the newspaper has swept all these barriers away, and at the present time the press is furnishing within the means of the poorest information in these arts and sciences and mechanism, so that any one having a common school education can perfect himself and master any branch of useful and practical knowledge he may feel disposed to take up.

What has been the result of this? Go among the poorer classes of society and you will soon find out. Formerly an orator from the above institutions was looked up to by the masses with feelings bordering reverence, and anything he'd chose to say was generally received as gospel, and if he got his ideas somewhat mixed and made statements which he could not well maintain, he could congratulate himself there was no one competent to gainsay. But what a difference there is at the present day. In any assemblage of people venture beyond plain and positive facts, there are plenty dressed in homespun, with pants tucked in their boot-tops, who are able and ready to criticize. We can find many men pushing a wheelbarrow who can quote Shakespeare to a nicety, and others handling a pick and shovel who can locate the planets and are thoroughly versed in astronomy. So we could continue in all branches of education, and all

this has been brought about principally by the newspaper. Now and then we find some narrow-minded, bigoted and egotistical people who condemn the press, and occasionally come across one who makes it his boast that he never reads a newspaper. Such people are a century behind the age, and for our part we say give us more papers of the right kind, and let the good work of education go on.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened, Monday, Feb. 27, 1888, Present, Hon. J. C. Bucher, President Judge, and Hon. S. A. Wetzel, J. A. Smith, Associate Judges. Tipstaves appointed were Geo. S. Snyder, Benjamin Moyer, J. S. Stetler and Wm. Napp. Elias Hummel vs. Susannah Hummel, divorce awarded. The executors, administrators, guardian accounts and the widow appraisements were all confirmed as advertised, except those herein after mentioned.

In re estate of John Miller, dec'd., Levi Fisher appointed guardian of Eve Ann Miller, minor of said decedent. In estate of Jacob K. Smith, dec'd., Samuel Belick was appointed guardian of James W. Smith. In estate of Elizabeth Erb, dec'd., Order of sale granted.

In re estate of Benjamin Meiser, dec'd., report of auditor was confirmed. Returns to orders of sale were confirmed in estate of Valentine Landenslager dec'd., and Jacob Baumgardner dec'd.

In estate of Simon B. Strasser dec'd., report of master was confirmed. In estate of Samuel Moyer, dec'd., Citation awarded. In estate of Samuel Kratzer, dec'd., returns to writ of inquest confirmed and rule on heirs granted.

In estate of Amelia Kratzer dec'd., return to writ partition confirmed. Joseph Huff in trust &c., vs. James F. Rose, Auditors report confirmed and the Proth'y ordered to pay money out. In estate of Charles Rhoads, dec'd., Norton Glover was appointed guardian of the minors of said decedent.

In re estate of Pelly Romig, dec'd., Auditors report confirmed. In estate of Henry C. Shaffer, dec'd., order of sale granted. In estate of Charles Rhoads, dec'd., order of sale for the real estate granted to Norton Glover guardian &c.

In re estate of Simon B. Strasser dec'd., exceptions to Auditors report filed. In estate of Elizabeth Shetterly, dec'd., inquest amended. In estate of Jacob K. Smith, dec'd., Jeremiah App. J. P. Kantz and Solomon App were appointed commissioners to partition the real estate of said decedent and value the same.

In estate of Peter Kerlin, dec'd., O. H. Kestetter was appointed guardian of Levi and Barbara Kerlin minor children of said decedent. In estate of Thomas Youngman, dec'd., return to order of sale granted.

In estate of Joseph Ramer, dec'd., exceptions were filed to auditors report. In the case of the commonwealth vs. W. Moyer and Jacob Moyer, the defendants plead guilty to the charge of Larceny, they were sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 costs and to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail respectively 10 and 15 days.

Commonwealth vs. John Watmore; the defendant plead guilty to the charge of adultery. The defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00 and undergo an imprisonment of two months in the county jail. Same vs. Benjamin Shaffer Deft also plead guilty to the charge of adultery, and received the same sentence with exception that fine was \$5.00.

Same vs. Henry Roush, the defendant plead guilty of fornication and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs of prosecution. In the matter of a Public Bridge in West Beaver township the report of viewers was approved by the grand jury and confirmed n. si.

Elizabeth Bailey et al for use of F. E. Bailey, vs. John K. Hughes, the verdict was for the plaintiff in the sum of \$820.05, reasons for new trial filed. The Commonwealth vs. Lewis King, the defendant was indicted for an assault and acquitted on the grounds of insanity.

Philip Schnee vs. Henry Gemberling et al, in this case the verdict was for the defendant in the sum of \$396.99. In re estate of Abner Middlewarth, dec'd., order of sale granted. In re estate of Henry Smith dec'd., Return to order of sale confirmed.

Reuben Dresser, Sheriff acknowledged deeds to David S. Sholly, George Shottsberger, Levi Fisher and M. S. Brabaker. Noah Smith vs. John P. Kearns, verdict for plaintiff for \$84.50, reason for new trial. Friday, March 2, 1888 court adjourned until April 3, 1888.

Peter Herdic Dead.

James P. Herdic received a dispatch from New York on Friday afternoon announcing that his uncle, Peter Herdic, had died that morning at the Hotel Glenham, where he had been stopping for several weeks past.

Mr. Herdic will be remembered as the great 'Lumber King' of the West Branch valley, and was at one time reported to be worth not less than four millions of dollars, but the panic of 1873, which caused real estate to depreciate in value, caused the collapse of all his enterprises, and he went into voluntary bankruptcy. Some time since he was discharged from bankruptcy, but was greatly broken down in health, resulting from the severe mental strain to which he was subjected during this trying ordeal. He, however, rallied and had almost regained his wanted vigor about three years ago, when he engaged in business again, constructing water works in different parts of the country—at Cairo, Ill., Orlando, Fla. and Huntington and Selinsgrove in this State.

Mr. Herdic had but recently begun to operate in Williamsport again, and there are several buildings—store rooms and dwellings—now in course of erection under his direction. He had bright hopes for the future, having recently been successful in a suit in the Philadelphia courts, the preliminary steps to the recovery of nearly half a million dollars worth of securities given by him to John G. Reading and others, as he (Herdic) claimed to be held in trust.

In the death of Mr. Herdic Williamsport sustains a deep loss. A progressive citizen, whatever may have been said against him by his enemies, it cannot be denied that had it not been for Peter Herdic Williamsport might now have been nothing more than a village of a few thousand inhabitants.

The cause of Mr. Herdic's death was paralysis, resulting from a fall on the ice on the street in Huntington about a month ago, which rendered him unconscious for several hours at the time. Ever since that time he had complained of a pain in his head, but, as was usual with him, he paid little or no attention to the matter until he was forced to take his bed in New York, whither he had gone to visit his family, who had been spending the Winter in that city at the Glenham Hotel, kept by W. B. Barry, formerly of the Park Hotel, this city.

Mr. Herdic left Williamsport three weeks ago last Friday, going to Philadelphia, and from thence to New York. When he started to return to Philadelphia his friends noticed that he was not himself, and tried to prevail on him to remain, but he reasoned that he had business in Philadelphia and Williamsport that needed his attention, and refused to heed their pleadings; but he had got no farther than the elevated railway station when he changed his mind and returned to the hotel, and went to bed, remaining there until his death.

The fall he received produced a severe contusion of the skull on the left side, and the natural result of paralysis of the right side of the body followed. This was first noticed by the dragging of the right foot when he started to leave the hotel on the occasion above referred to. The very best medical skill of the metropolis was called in requisition and everything that advanced science could devise was resorted to save him, with the exception of trepanning, which latter was not deemed safe owing to his greatly weakened state. Such eminent physicians as Dr. Hinkle, of Columbia, Pa., and Dr. McKenzie, Draper and Sogwin were among the medical gentlemen summoned, who held many consultations and did everything possible to save the noted man, but of no avail.

His death was a calm and peaceful one; he suffered no pain, but continued to sink gradually and entered the great unknown without a struggle. His business affairs were found to be in excellent shape, and all of his enterprises now in operation will be continued in the same course marked out by the talented projector. All the building operations begun in this city will be completed as Mr. Herdic had designed, but many of the plans he had marked out for the future will necessarily be dropped.

The family arrived in the city last evening at six o'clock over the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, bringing the remains of the great financier and operator, which were taken immediately to his late residence, corner Elmira and Fourth streets, where they will no doubt be viewed by thousands of our citizens. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. George C. Foley, Williamsport, O. H. 3rd.

Written for the Post.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

METHODS WHICH PROMOTE DISCORD. MARSHAL DILL, HIS DOG BEAL AND DEMI-JOHN. The democratic party of Snyder county had but recently become a unit (as was demonstrated last fall), and this largely through the efforts of F. E. Bower, Esq. Our intense democracy and unmeasurable desire for success alone prompt us in denouncing the methods employed by Marshal Dill and his satellites, on Tuesday last, in his efforts to out-trick the party in this county by denouncing the methods employed by Marshal Dill and his satellites.

The facts are: A large majority of the delegates were in favor of and instructed for F. E. Bower, Esq., as delegate to the State Convention. Two districts having seven votes were not represented, Chapman and Union. Dill's rhetoric and demi-John inspired John C. Kreitzer to represent and cast the four votes of Chapman without credentials or the shadow of authority, and against the instruction of the district. It was an easy matter to inspire a fellow who had not even attended the election to represent and cast the three votes of Union without credentials or authority against instructions!

Instructed delegates from other districts were induced to, first get a plastic substitute, then sneak into a corner, thus disregarding the expressed will of their constituents. Nor did it stop here. A gallant, one-legged soldier, holding a petty little office, was given to understand that it would be to his interest not to go into the convention. Threats of National Administration displeasure—and meat-axe were freely indulged in. This is our first lesson in bull-dozing, and the expressed will of the Democratic party of Snyder county has been completely overturned and we are virtually told that we are not capable of managing our party affairs, but that Union county, and that portion of the National Administration located in the city of Philadelphia, must come here and run the party in a direction wholly against our wishes, and in a manner distasteful and humiliating.

The Civil Service law (which promoted the election of Cleveland) was openly violated and the reform pledges we made to the county disregarded. In appealing to you, Democrats of Snyder, we have no personal interest to serve, but our unswerving and life long loyalty to our party impels us to ask you, First, are we not capable of managing our own party affairs? Second, is bull-dozing by outsiders to be ingrafted in our systems of rules and regulation? Third, will the party hereafter select delegates to mis-represent and defeat its will?

If this is the lesson we are to learn from Marshal Dill & Co., we shall profit by it and henceforth prepare to meet them on more equal terms. F. E. Bower, Esq., always has been a loyal Democrat and a staunch supporter of Cleveland and his administration, and for this reason there was no ground for such unwarrantable conduct. He is manly, intelligent, dignified, and honorable, and hence cannot be used as a tool—it was said 'we cannot use him for our purposes'! Whence came those 'protests from abroad'? It is not, who our representative is, but the contemptible manner in which we have been treated and the bad blood engendered in our ranks. Democrats give this careful consideration. Yours truly in DEMOCRACY.

The Primary.

S. H. Orwig writing to the Lewisburg Chronicle, offers some suggestions regarding the use of money in Union county which are equally appropriate in this county. He says the Primary Election is regulated by law, and offences against that law are punishable by fine and imprisonment.

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are held which it would seem are not so fully recognized as to deter the over ambitious and unscrupulous from subjecting themselves to the penalties.

The candidate for nomination who offers a day's wages, or any other consideration large or small, to a voter for his vote or influence at the primary election, may be convicted of bribery; and the voter who takes the pay subjects himself to a fine of \$300.00 and imprisonment not exceeding three months.

The Act of Assembly of June 8, 1881, is one of the election laws of the Commonwealth, and any person violating it falls under the disqualifications imposed by the Constitution Art. 8, Sec. 9.

In several of the counties of the State this law has been enforced and sustained by the Supreme Court. The fact that it has heretofore been a dead letter in Union county, is no guarantee to any one that it will not be enforced hereafter.

To pay \$20.00 over the bar for a box of cigars worth \$2.00, with the indirect purpose of influencing voters is within the constitutional prohibition, and punishable under the Act of Assembly.

It is impossible to anticipate all the devices which may be invented to evade the law: It is sufficient for the citizen and voter to know that his vote is not an article of merchandise, or for barter and, for the Candidate to know that there is no indirect way by which he can make his money available to secure his nomination or election without subjecting himself to the penalties of the law. And if he can successfully conceal his violation of the statute law of the state he has yet before him the ordeal of committing willful perjury before he can enter upon the discharge of the duties of an office which he has procured in violation of the constitution and the laws of the land.

Instead of answering each individual inquiry in relation to the canvass now in progress, let this suffice for an answer to all.

Candidate Cards.

ASSEMBLY. TO THE REPUBLICANS OF SNYDER COUNTY. Feeling myself entitled to one more term in the legislature, and acting upon the kindly suggestion of many representative Republicans, I hereby respectfully submit my name as a candidate for Assembly for re-election—Subject to the rules of the Republican Primary on the 24th inst. A. S. BELFRICH.

PROTHONOTARY.

The two term rule being recognized by the Republicans of Snyder county, I therefore announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Prothonotary and respectfully submit my candidacy to the party. W. W. WITTENMYER.

REGISTER AND RECORDER.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SNYDER COUNTY: The time having been set for holding of the Republican Primary Election, to wit: Saturday, March 24, 1888, I hereby present my name as a candidate for the office of Register and Recorder, pledging myself if successful to retire from the office at the end of my second term. Respectfully soliciting your support I am Yours, Very truly H. J. DUCK.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF SNYDER CO. Gentlemen—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, promising that if an elected I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Yours truly, H. E. MILLER, JR.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

EDYOR POST.—You may announce my name as a candidate for the office of Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican Primary on the 24th. I have always been a conscientious supporter of the Republican party and, being a resident of Penna. township—which is entitled to the nomination—I respectfully solicit the support of the party. Very truly yours, MARCH 1, 1888. L. E. PAWLING.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

EDYOR POST.—Please announce my name as a candidate for Jury Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican Primary on the 24th inst. Respectfully, MARCH 1. Z. TAYLOR GEMBERLING, of Penna.

EDYOR POST.—Please announce the name of W. H. Wolfe of Middlebrook Twp., as a candidate for Jury Commissioner. Mr. Wolfe has been a life long republican, a soldier in the late war and in every way qualified for the office. MIDDLEBROOK.

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