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FREELAND, SEPTEMBER 9, 1897.

Democratic County Ticket.

The Democrats of Luzerne county were fortunate this year in having none but strong and reliable men to select from in making their ticket, and the result is that they can go before the voters in the coming campaign with full confidence in the nominees. It is customary after conventions are held for the newspapers which are affiliated with the party to give the candidates laudatory notices and extol their characters and records, and this, sometimes, when the praise is not fully deserved. However, this year the Democrats have a ticket which Democratic newspapers and Democratic workers can give their unqualified endorsement, without reservation of any kind, for the nominees are as clean and honorable a set of men as any whose names have ever graced the banners of the old party in this county.

Colonel T. R. Martin is a man whose ability, integrity and sterling worth should have been recognized years ago by the voters of this county. He stands in the front rank of Luzerne's legal profession, he has the necessary experience to fit him for the important position and his honesty of purpose is a requisite which is sadly needed in the office to which he aspires. As district attorney Mr. Martin would be allowed the opportunity to give the public full benefit of his talent, and the standing of the office would, under him, be raised from the fee-grasping squalor into which it has fallen in recent years.

He is a Democrat whose services to the party are second to none in Luzerne, who has helped more Democrats to fame and fortune than any other man in the county, and gratitude from his beneficiaries alone should win him the election. But better still is his record as a man—and this is what will attract thousands of Republican votes to him and makes his election seem already assured.

Paul Dasch needs no introduction to the voters of this vicinity. His residence among them gives him a better idea of who he is and what he is than words can express. He is one of those whose presence acts as a sort of inspiration upon all about him. There is a magnetism in his nature which makes friends for him among those whom even he does not know. His cheerful and hopeful spirit will add materially to the hopes of his companions. Apart from all this, he comes from good Democratic stock, is well-educated, and in his hands the slip-shop methods now prevailing in the prothonotary's office would be routed.

Edward Lynch, the candidate for clerk of courts, is a young man who is respected by all the people of his town, Plymouth. Everybody in the third district knows him as a capable, intelligent and honest man who has by hard work equipped himself for life's battles. He deserves the support of the party.

The ticket throughout the county has met with endorsement everywhere, and the indications are that an aggressive battle will be waged by the workers for its election.

Washington, September 7, 1897.

The president, in one of his little show talks, while junketing around Lake Champlain, proclaimed that prosperity had come to the West and would soon visit the East, and then, like a great practical politician, would spread all over the country to remain and bless the people while Hannibal rules and reigns. The immediate cause of this jubilant assertion was the sudden and unexpected part in wheat, caused by the short crop of other countries, which he attributed to the Hanna-Reed robber-arrif. The president doubtless stopped over with exultation at the changed condition, seeing that his great farmer friends who had so liberally "contributed" were reaping such a bounteous harvest in gigantic profits. For instance, there is Farmer Pierpont Morgan, who generously and magnanimously came to the rescue of the Cleveland administration, and with the patriotic and disinterested aid of Banker Rothschild, saved the nation, raised a crop of 5,000,000 bushels of wheat in a few days which netted him the modest little sum of \$750,000; Farmer Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, scored a profit in the same length of time of \$728,000; Farmer Francis, Cleveland's secretary of the interior, pocketed \$210,000; good Farmer Armour, who butchers for the continent and "lards the lean earth," "all for charity," pulled in \$350,000; Farmer Flower, the man of allopaidic dollars and homeopathic sense, was considered enough to pick up \$125,000 before the supply was exhausted, to feed the famine-stricken millions; Farmer John Cudahy stopped packing pork for a few days to pocket \$280,000; while an innumerable number of other favorites of the trusts gathered in their millions. That was all well enough for the trusts which farm the farmer, but where does the tiller of the soil come in?

The Spanish minister is still keeping the revenue cutters of the United States busy hunting for Cuban filibusters. He informed Secretary Gage that the filibusters had abandoned Florida as a starting point and were preparing to send several expeditions from the Carolina coast, and Secretary Gage obediently issued an order to the commanders of all revenue cutters in Southern waters to keep an extra close watch on the Carolina coast for filibusters. This sort of work must be more or less disgusting to the officers and men in our revenue marine service, but they have no choice in the matter. They must obey the orders of the secretary of the treasury, even if those orders are dictated by the Spanish minister.

Maj. Moses P. Handy has been appointed by President McKinley as special commissioner to the Paris exposition of 1899 to report on the amount necessary to be appropriated by congress for the government exhibit. He is allowed \$25,000 for his junketing excursion and a retinue of secretaries, clerks, experts, etc. How is this as an unnecessary expense, when all such arrangements could have been consummated through our ambassador to France? The Hanna administration bids fair to rival the billion-dollar congress of Tom Reed if such junketing trips as these are to continue.

A Kentucky Democrat, John G. Woods, of Louisville, has put a portion of the administration on pins and needles by bringing a suit against the postmaster general to prevent his removal, without cause, for a position in the classified civil service. He obtained a temporary restraining order against his removal, and the hearing was to have taken place Saturday, but the governor asked for a continuance of one week, and got it. The case will probably be appealed to the United States supreme court no matter how it may be decided.

According to advices just received, Senator Burrows has spent the entire summer in trying to smooth the way for his own return to the senate, and in placing obstacles in the path of Governor Pingree, who thinks he would fill that senatorial chair much better than Burrows does, and he is not yet easy in his mind. Pingree has got Burrows where he has all the other Michigan Republicans—afraid of him.

The receipts of the government for the month of August, under the Dingley tariff law, were \$6,538,582 less the receipts for August, 1896, under the Wilson tariff law. It may be that the claims of the Republicans as to the revenue-producing qualities of the Dingley tariff will be realized at sometime in the future, but the above figures show that they are, as yet, a long way from being realized.

The Republicans are showing how confident they are of carrying Ohio by colonizing voters there from West Virginia and other adjacent states. The Democrats are fully aware of what is being done in that line, and Boss Hann's henchmen will find it much easier to carry men into Ohio and give them temporary work than it will be to register and vote them.

The secretary of the interior has received a letter from J. G. Brady, governor of Alaska, in which he expresses the opinion that the estimated amount of gold in Alaska is not overestimated.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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President Faure returned to France from St. Petersburg and was enthusiastically greeted at Dunkerque and in Paris. Ten minutes after he had passed the Madeleine a bomb exploded within the railing of the church. No one was injured. The bomb thrower is thought to have been insane—return from the primaries in South Carolina indicate that John L. McLaughlin is the popular choice for United States senator—The Pennsylvania Democratic state convention declared the seat of William F. Harris in the national committee vacant and chose James M. Guffey to fill the place. A free silver platform was adopted, and candidates for auditor general and state treasurer were nominated—Julia S. Campbell tried to shoot George B. Moore, a real estate dealer in New York, with whom she had lived for 13 years as his wife, after discovering that he had deserted her for another woman—Miss Bessie M. Cohn was perhaps fatally injured by being struck by the guard rail of a cable car in New York which a conductor carelessly dropped as she stepped aboard. She was left unconscious on the sidewalk, and the conductor escaped on his car—The Brooklyn police arrested John Ellein of 265 Moore street on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of George Stetz, the sexton who was killed and robbed in a church—A young woman who registered as Miss Blanche Wilson of New York committed suicide in the Victoria hotel in Chicago—The Automobile club of Paris is organizing a race of motor cars from Paris to St. Petersburg—When playing with matches in an old outbuilding in Fort Wingate, N. M., used as a storehouse, little Alice Winstone and Harry Arnold, aged 3 and 4 years, set fire to a can of oil, causing an explosion. Alice was burned beyond recognition. Harry was badly burned about the head and will die—John Roach, one of the oldest citizens of Yonkers, N. Y., was instantly killed by falling 20 feet through a trapdoor in the porch of his home.

Thursday, Sept. 3.

The Citizens' Union of the boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens and Richmond formally nominated Seth Low for mayor of the Greater New York. The Brooklyn committee of 50, after an ineffectual attempt to secure delay, stood aloof and took no part in the nomination—The Hawaiian senate has been called to meet in special session on Sept. 6 to consider the annexation treaty in conference—According to semi-official advices received in Washington, Japan is secretly negotiating with the diet of the Greater Republic of Central America for control of the Nicaraguan canal project in defiance of the United States—The sale of bills of exchange on Calcutta, Bombay and Madras was suspended for ten weeks by the British secretary of state for India—Rapid progress is being made in the organization of expeditions to punish rebellious tribesmen in India—The mayor of Toulon, France, was stabbed by a Corsican and seriously wounded—Four persons were killed and many seriously injured by the wreck of a train on the Brighton railway, near Tunbridge Wells, England—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, received a public welcome on his return to Ottawa from the queen's jubilee—Twenty-four residents of Fairfield county, S. C., charged with whipping and driving out Mormon elders and their converts, have been bound over for trial—Tramps are said to have robbed the drug store of John Parker, Jr., at St. Louis, and stabbed the proprietor, Fred Laurer, and Mary Clark, a waitress, was assaulted at Savin Rock, West Haven, Conn., by Stephen Jackson, a colored man, who drowned himself to escape pursuers—The "wild man of the pipe road" at Mount Vernon, N. Y., held up the carriage of Frank R. Chambers of New York, but by whipping the horses the occupants escaped—Hugo Lieberhardt, reputed son of a Chicago lawyer, was confined in a cell on the cattle steamer Mohican at Boston as a stowaway—Max Felehterman, laborer, was killed by the breaking of a derrick in New York—Rev. T. M. Kilahy, pastor of St. Stephen's R. C. church, Brooklyn, died in that city.

Friday, Sept. 3.

Colonel George Bliss, a prominent New York lawyer and politician, died at Watkield, N. Y., of typhoid fever. He was 72 years old. His wife, Josephine, and Mullin of Watertown, N. Y., died suddenly in his room at the University club in New York—General Ignacio Andrade, the Liberal candidate, was elected president of Venezuela—President McKinley attended a reunion of the survivors of his old regiment at Fremont, O.—Postmaster General Gary formally ordered William B. Schran formally presented a fully equipped six-story clubhouse to the workmen of Yonkers, N. Y.—It was estimated by The Mark Lane Express of London that the deficiency in the world's wheat supply would be 14,000,000 quarters—The court martial at Barcelona, Spain, sentenced Barril, the anarchist, to 40 years' imprisonment—It is reported that Herr Krupp's offer of \$25,000 for Dr. Peters' next expedition to Africa has been withdrawn—President McKinley left Canton for Somerset, Pa., where he is to visit his brother, Abner McKinley—A British state secret just revealed indicates that Queen Victoria averted war between Great Britain and the United States over the seizure of the Confederate envoys Mason and Sittell on a British vessel in 1861—Fred J. Titus of the Riverside Wheelmen, New York, won the final heat in the Quill club's two mile handicap race at Manhattan Beach, defeating Eddie Bald among others. The prize was \$1,000 in gold—Veterans of the Army of the Potomac unveiled a monument to commemorate the valor of the Seventy-third Volunteer regiment of New York, or the Second Fire Zouaves, at Gettysburg—It is tacitly understood at the state department at Washington that General Lee's leave of absence from Cuba means his resignation—Three tramps were burned to death in the jail at Conway, N. D., when it is believed they tried to escape by burning a hole in the wall—A Washington train near Forest Hill, Md., struck a bull, derailing 10 cars, killing a tramp and fatally wounding the engineer—Fire from a cinematograph caused a panic in the Orpheum Variety theater, San Francisco, but no one was much hurt—St. Louis men have proposed to ask John Philip Sousa to write the words and music of a national hymn for organized labor.

Saturday, Sept. 4.

Five people were killed and 25 or 30 injured by explosions of natural gas in Broad Ripple, a suburb of Indianapolis—Secretary Gage issued instructions

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Wednesday, Sept. 1.

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Tuesday, Sept. 7.

New Orleans physicians reported a death in that city from yellow fever. Health authorities of several Southern states quarantined against Ocean Grove, Miss., where the disease is prevalent—Residents of Herber, Ariz., and Southport, N. C., threaten to take into their own hands the work of driving out two peculiar bands of religious fanatics who are growing in influence in those places—An eagle had a fierce fight with a bull pup which he attempted to carry away from the kennels of J. Peterson Morgan, near Highland Falls, N. Y.—William B. Schran formally presented a fully equipped six-story clubhouse to the workmen of Yonkers, N. Y.—It was estimated by The Mark Lane Express of London that the deficiency in the world's wheat supply would be 14,000,000 quarters—The court martial at Barcelona, Spain, sentenced Barril, the anarchist, to 40 years' imprisonment—It is reported that Herr Krupp's offer of \$25,000 for Dr. Peters' next expedition to Africa has been withdrawn—President McKinley left Canton for Somerset, Pa., where he is to visit his brother, Abner McKinley—A British state secret just revealed indicates that Queen Victoria averted war between Great Britain and the United States over the seizure of the Confederate envoys Mason and Sittell on a British vessel in 1861—Fred J. Titus of the Riverside Wheelmen, New York, won the final heat in the Quill club's two mile handicap race at Manhattan Beach, defeating Eddie Bald among others. The prize was \$1,000 in gold—Veterans of the Army of the Potomac unveiled a monument to commemorate the valor of the Seventy-third Volunteer regiment of New York, or the Second Fire Zouaves, at Gettysburg—It is tacitly understood at the state department at Washington that General Lee's leave of absence from Cuba means his resignation—Three tramps were burned to death in the jail at Conway, N. D., when it is believed they tried to escape by burning a hole in the wall—A Washington train near Forest Hill, Md., struck a bull, derailing 10 cars, killing a tramp and fatally wounding the engineer—Fire from a cinematograph caused a panic in the Orpheum Variety theater, San Francisco, but no one was much hurt—St. Louis men have proposed to ask John Philip Sousa to write the words and music of a national hymn for organized labor.

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NOVEL SHOWER BATH.

A Device Combining Exercise and the Morning Ablutions.

At the recent cycle show in Paris, a prominent English bicycle manufacturer presented a novelty called a "Velo-Douche," which is an eminently practical device for combining exercise and the morning ablutions. Many wheelmen have doubtless often desired to obtain a shower bath after violent exercising on the wheel, so as to obtain the sedative effect of the brisk reaction. Many bicycle and athletic clubs are provided with every facility for obtaining this end, but such means are not always at the disposal of the rider, especially in the country.

The device which we illustrate is really a combination of the home exerciser and shower bath, and it enables the rider to obtain any amount of exercise desired with or without the bath. The machine consists of a shallow tub to which is secured a framework carrying a bicycle saddle, a handle bar, pedals, sprocket wheels and chain. The resemblance to the bicycle goes no further. The small sprocket wheel which is driven from the large sprocket on the main shaft by the medium of a chain is secured to a small rotary pump which is fastened at the rear of the frame. The suction pipe of the pump ends near the bottom of the tub and the discharge pipe is curved as shown in the engraving and ends in the sprinkler arrangement common to all shower baths. A cock half-way up the discharge pipe permits of the water being turned on to the sprinkler or through the hose and nozzle, depending on whether a bath is desired or not.

It is, of course, perfectly possible to obtain the exercise without getting wet, the pump furnishing the resistance necessary for the exercise and the water which is pumped being discharged by means of the rubber tube and nozzle. When the rider has exercised sufficiently, he can reach backward and turn the cock so as to let the water pass upward and out of the sprinkler. The harder he pedals, the larger the stream.

It is possible to direct a stream of water on any part of the body by means of the nozzle connected with the rubber tube. The tub can be divided into two compartments, one containing hot water and the other cold water, and the cold and hot douche may then be used at will. The device could be made to set in any ordinary bathtub. It would seem that the "Velo-Douche" has a future for use in the cycle clubs, riding academies, sanitariums and in the army.—Scientific American.

USE OF TOE CLIPS.

They Are of Real Value in Spite of Old Traditions.

Many cyclists scorn the use of toe clips as the fad of the seorcher. That is where they err. A sense of security is invaluable to the cyclist. If he is well seated and feels certain of a firm hold upon grips and pedals, the difficulties and annoyances of rough riding are greatly lessened. The toe clip, as applied to the old-time wheel, was a most dangerous thing for road use, and affected only by daring riders who fancied imitation of the racing man the chief end of cycling existence. But the invention of the "safety" and consequent passing of the "header" advanced the clip to a leading place among accessories and gave it new importance. The common assertion that the toe clip is dangerous may be regarded as wholly due to lingering memories of bruised heads and bloody noses, primarily caused by misplaced confidence in the apparatus in the early days of its use on the high bicycle. The only fall a sane rider can get from a safety is a side fall, the bad results of which cannot be much increased through a use of toe clips.



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BICELES IN AUSTRALIA.

American bicycles are the favorites in Australia, according to the report of Mr. Maratta, United States consul-general at Melbourne. Last year Victoria imported \$1,478,715 worth of bicycles, which sold there at prices ranging from \$55 to \$145 each. The American wheels secured the highest price, and are best liked. It is the practice of some dealers to sell wheels on time payment for the exact amount of the monthly suburban railway tickets, so that at the end of a certain time the buyer seems to obtain his bicycle free of cost. All the leading American wheels are represented by agencies in Australia, and there is complaint that the trade is overdone, receiving 35 per cent. more bicycles in proportion to population than any other country.

PLANTS USED IN COMMERCE.

In Europe at the present day about 4,000 plants are collected for commercial purposes, 420 of them being sought for their perfume. There are gathered 1,124 species of white flowers, 951 of yellow, 823 of red, 594 of blue and 508 of violet, and 187 of the white flowers have pleasing odors, 77 of the yellow, 84 of the red, 34 of the blue and 13 of the violet.

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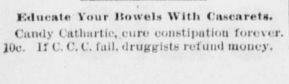
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