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The Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR, GEORGE A. JENKS, of Jefferson. FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, WILLIAM H. SOWDEN, of Lehigh.

Democratic District Ticket.

For Congress, J. L. SPANGLER, Subject to the Decision of the District Conference. For Senate, W. C. HEINLE.

Democratic County Convention.

Assembly: ROBT. M. FOSTER, State College. J. H. WETZEL, Bellefonte. Prothonotary: M. I. GARDNER, Bellefonte. District Attorney: N. B. SPANGLER, Bellefonte. County Surveyor: H. B. HERRING, Gregg Twp.

Teddy Roosevelt's Degradation.

If any office seeker ever deserved a sound thrashing at the polls it is TEDDY ROOSEVELT, who appears to have gone into the war more for a political purpose than from a sense of patriotism.

ROOSEVELT always posed as an opponent of PLATT'S machine practices, but he turns his back upon the Independents, among whom he was but recently a leader in opposition to the boss system of politics.

The true character of this Rough Rider also appears in another incident. Since PLATT has put his brand on him objection was made to his nomination for the reason that he was not a resident of New York.

When TEDDY is shown to be a character of this kind it is not surprising that he should be willing to bear the impress of PLATT'S branding iron, if thereby he could secure the nomination for Governor.

Arnold Was Nominated

The Republican congressional conferees for the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district met at DuBois, on Thursday evening, to go through the formality of placing W. C. ARNOLD, of that place, in nomination for Congress.

The nomination was a formality that had to be observed and in addition to such deference to political usages it gave the new Napoleon of Centre county Republicanism an opportunity to preside and vote for a man whose nomination he had so strenuously opposed at a former conference.

Clearfield, Centre and Clarion voted for ARNOLD, Elk voted for DOLLIVER and Forest voted for COOK.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, who appears to be the smartest colored man whom that race has ever produced, has confirmed the belief of many in his superior intelligence by using plain language with which to rebuke his fellows for their ignorant presumption in wanting to fill high places before they are competent to fill humble ones creditably.

The Clinton-Lycoming-Potter-Tioga congressional conferees met in Williamsport, on Saturday, and named J. F. STRIBBY Esq., of that city, as the Democratic nominee for Congress.

The Sale of Post Offices.

That the machine leaders, and particularly the boss, are becoming disturbed by the progress which the Democratic reformers are making in the campaign is evidenced by the uneasiness they are showing.

This was an unnecessary display of blackguardism on the part of the machine boss, who assumed to be indignant over a charge different from that which Mr. SOWDEN made. While it may not be shown that QUAY has been directly engaged in selling post offices, there is evidence that the sale of post offices is part of the corrupt system by which QUAYISM maintains its power.

That gentleman, in the following rejoinder, makes sufficient answer to the blackguard term which QUAY applies to him: 'I never charged that Matthew Stanley QUAY went into my district and personally entered into a barter and sale of the federal post-offices or any other office, but my charge was that his henchmen, who are doing his work in every county in the State where they have no Congressmen, are selling, at least in my county, post-offices to those people who pay them the highest possible price.'

It can do but little harm. The amount of service the Philadelphia Times may be able to render the QUAY machine by the "green goods" game it is playing in supporting SWALLOW, will depend upon the number of Democrats it may fool into voting for the Prohibition candidate for Governor.

It cannot be believed that the Times has any concern for the Prohibition cause, and there can be no other conclusion than that, for a purpose designed to serve its own interest, it proposes to act the stool pigeon by using the remnant of its Democratic reputation as a decoy that may mislead Democrats to vote in a way that will benefit the Republican boss.

The President could not have chosen a more honorable nor conscientious man for the war probing board than Gen. BEAVER is. It is a matter of pride to this community that our townsman has been called upon to act with that important commission and it is our hope that the General will deviate neither for fear nor favor but go straight to the source and find out who has been guilty of the atrocities practiced upon our citizen soldiery.

It is costing a little more time to do it but Uncle SAM is raising Spanish gunboats with about the same facility that he sunk them some months ago. The Maria Teresa is the latest boat that the sea has given up.

Chickamauga's Horrors.

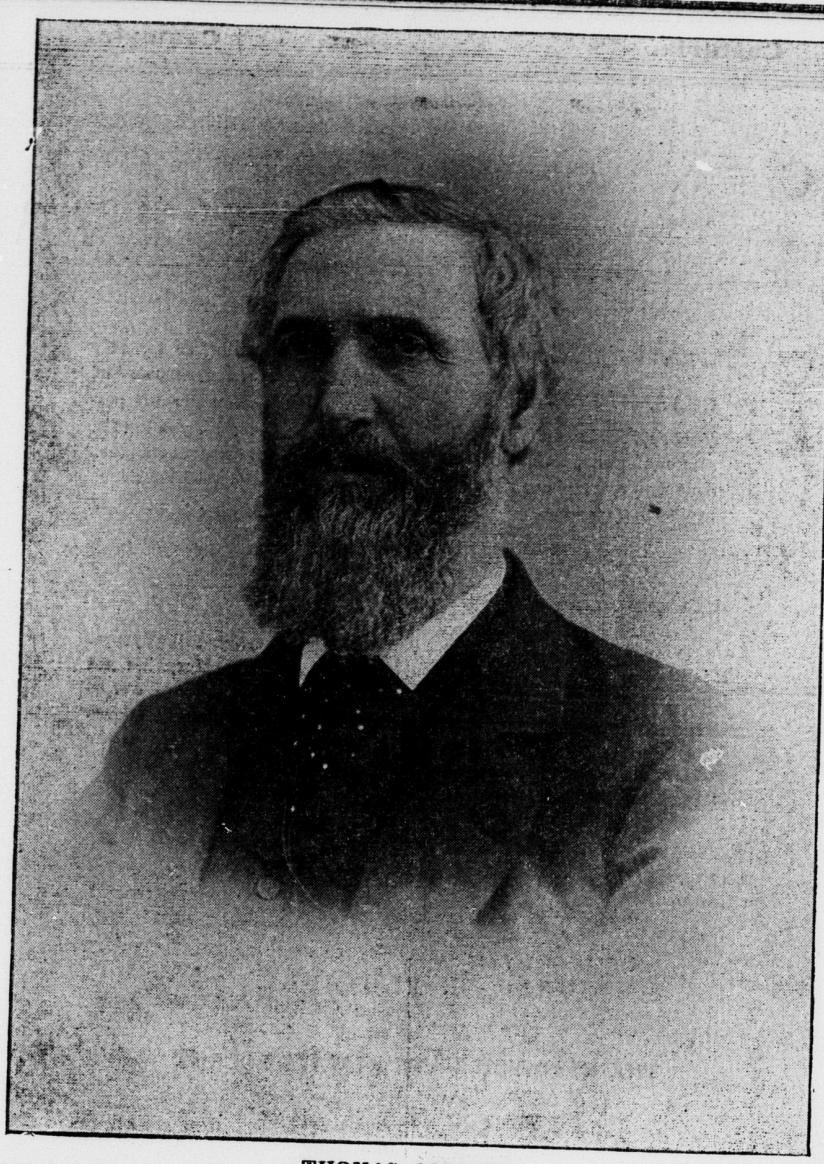
PHILADELPHIA, September 25.—Rev. Cyrus T. Brady, archdeacon of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of eastern Pennsylvania and chaplain of the First regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, in a sermon to the volunteer camps which were under his supervision at Chickamauga, where his regiment was stationed for a long time.

"I personally saw men left in camps for thirty-six hours without any medical attendance whatever. 'I saw men in those hospitals suffering from fever with the rain beating down upon them. 'I saw men committed to the care of unskilled attendants, when it was absolutely impossible for them to receive anything like the attention they deserved. 'I saw men suffering from fever, lying with their mouths open and their mouths filled with flies.'"

In conclusion the archdeacon said: 'I wonder if I dare, being still in the government service, say more. There is much for me to tell it, but perhaps this will suffice. I had not intended to touch upon this phase of our experiences at all, but when I think that these things have taken place in this, the richest, greatest, and presumably, the most advanced nation on the face of the earth, I cannot hold my peace.'

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Christmas Endeavor State Convention.

The Pennsylvania railroad company announces that for the Christmas Endeavor state convention, to be held at Harrisburg, October 4th to 6th, it will sell excursion tickets on October 3th to 6th, good to return until October 10th, from points on its line in the State of Pennsylvania to Harrisburg and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip to parties presenting card orders issued by the Pennsylvania railroad company. These card orders should be obtained of the nearest transportation agent.



THOMAS COLLINS.

From a photograph by Broadbent & Taylor, Philadelphia.

The Death of Thomas Collins.

The Country's Oldest and Greatest Railroad Contractor Passes Away at His Home in This Place—Prominent in the Business and Political Circles of the Country.—Taken to Ebensburg for Burial.

Thomas Collins died at his home in this place shortly after three o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness that had its beginning in May last. While he was not confined to his home nearly all of the time the severe cold that he caught while looking after some contracts he had near Gallitzin seemed to hang to him and aggravate the kidney trouble with which he had suffered slightly for several years.

High mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul in St. John's Catholic church on Tuesday morning by Rev. McArdle, assisted by Revs. Boyl, of Johnstown, and Rosentheil, of Tyrone. The body was taken to the old home at Ebensburg, on a special car Tuesday morning, where it was buried in the Collins lot in the Catholic cemetery in that place.

The pall bearers were P. Gray Meek, Joseph Ceader, C. M. Parrish, Joseph L. Montgomery, John Potter, Wm. Lyon, D. Judge and Dr. George F. Harris.

Thomas Collins was born in Munster, Cambria county, March 8th, 1824. He was the son of Peter and Sarah Collins who had emigrated to that locality several years previous to his birth. The vicinity of Munster was then known as the Irish Settlement in the State and was nothing more than a wild and untitled mountain region, with a few log houses in which the hopeful settlers lived, while they tried to clear tracts of land for agriculture.

The elder Collins were poor but thrifty people and having such a large family the boys all learned very early in life what hard work is. Thomas found very little time for school, but the bit of learning he was able to pick up during the four months term of district school, they had those days, stood him in good stead and his natural intelligence improved upon it until he was regarded in the community as a young man of superior knowledge.

He worked on his father's farm until he secured a position as a clerk in a store at Wilmore, Cambria county, being only thirteen years old at that time. Though his wages were small he saved nearly everything he earned and was able to help his father out of several financial straits brought on by unprofitable contracts. In addition to farming the elder Collins did various kinds of contract work and it was not long until the boys were associated with their father in business of a more extensive nature than their little farm. The first contract the father took was on the Lewisport and Bellefonte turnpike in this county. The second one was the pike running from Newry into Hollidaysburg and it was while working on this that he traded a wheel-harrow for the lot of Hollidaysburg now stands. In addition to the lot he got enough stone off of it to macadamize the road he was building.

Though broken in health and almost penniless they were not discouraged, but at once went to work and in a short time were again engaged in filling large railroad contracts in this country, and in a measure retrieving their fallen fortune. In 1866 the Collins brothers came to Bellefonte and began the construction of the Buffalo Run railroad, a short branch designed to open up new iron ore deposits, and owned entirely by themselves. Late in the same

year they purchased a tract of land near the town and thereon erected a large blast furnace. The furnace was blown in during the winter of 1887-88 and continued in operation about three years, when, because of the low price of iron, it was closed down.

As a firm the Collins have been justly called the "Kings of Contractors" it is generally conceded that during their lives they have built more miles of railroad than any other firm in the United States. There is no definite knowledge of the exact extent of their work, but a careful estimate places it in the thousands of miles. In all their career as contractors and employers of large bodies of men, they never had a strike among their employees or any labor difficulty of any kind.

Though railroad building was the business that Tom Collins seemed to know by instinct, his thoughts often turned to issues of a different sort. He was always more or less active in politics, not for personal gain nor elevation, but merely for the satisfaction of seeing his principles successful. In 1871 he conceived the idea of starting an independent Democratic paper in Philadelphia and persuaded his brother Philip that there would be money in such an enterprise.

Politically the Collins have all been Democrats, but as a politician Thomas Collins figured more prominently, perhaps, than any of his brothers. He was elected to the Legislature from Cambria county, serving in the session of 1852. He was a national delegate to the Chicago convention which nominated Cleveland in 1892, and an attendant and advisor at almost every state convention that has been held within the Commonwealth for thirty years past.

He was married to Miss Ellen Murray, of Harrisburg, but she died about ten years ago without issue. Deceased was seventy-four years of age, but was possessed of such rare vigor and indomitable energy that up to the time of his recent illness he did not appear to be near that old.

Surviving him are his sisters, Mrs. Ellen Shoemaker and Misses Sarah and Elizabeth Collins, all of Bellefonte, and Peter Collins, of Philadelphia.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard is Dead.

He Died at Half Past 4 O'clock Wednesday Afternoon at His Daughter's Residence.—His Death Without Pain.—The Remains Will Be Conveyed to Delaware and the Funeral Services Will Be Held Saturday in the Old Swedish Church at Wilmington.—His Wonderful Constitution Showed Great Vitality.

DEDHAM, Mass., Sept. 28.—Thomas F. Bayard died at half past 4 o'clock this afternoon at Karlstein, the summer residence of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel D. Warren, after an illness of six weeks. His death was without pain. His wife, his two daughters, Mrs. Warren and Miss Florence Bayard, and his son, Thomas F., Jr., saw him draw his last breath, and his third daughter, the Countess Lanenhaupt, was on her way to Dedham.

The remains will be conveyed to Delaware and the funeral services will be held Saturday in the old Swedish church at Wilmington. Karlstein lies off the Dedham road. Here, toward the middle of August, came Mr. Bayard to be the guest of his daughter and son-in-law. He was sick, but it was given out that his illness was merely due to declining years. He steadily grew weaker, however, and had spells of semi-unconsciousness and of delirium. A consultation of physicians was held on Aug. 26th and they agreed that Mr. Bayard was suffering from arterio-sclerosis and a general breaking down, incident to age. He suffered no pain to any noticeable degree and the chief tendency was to sleep.

Reduced Rates to Pittsburgh via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Knights Templar Triennial Conclave.

On account of the Knights Templar triennial conclave, to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 10th to 14th, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets from stations on its line to Pittsburgh and return at rate of single fare for the round trip, with minimum of 55 cents. Tickets will be sold October 8th to 13th, good to return until October 17th inclusive. The return limit of tickets from Harrisburg and points east thereof can be extended to October 31st upon depositing same on October 13th to 17th with the joint agent at Pittsburgh and the payment of fifty cents.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Main's show will exhibit in Lewisburg on Saturday.

Red raspberry bushes in the yard of W. A. Tobias, at Millheim, are producing their second crop for this season.

The Hope horse company of Lock Haven is to have new uniforms. They will be of blue cloth.

It is rumored that W. L. Goodhart, of Millheim, manager of the new Commercial telephone lines, intends moving to Bellefonte.

Joseph Ceader has purchased the stone building on North Allegheny street, recently owned by the Hale estate, and will build a fine residence there.

Dr. H. C. Holloway, the pastor, and Clement Dale Esq., are representing the Bellefonte Lutheran church at the synod of Central Pennsylvania in session at Port Royal this week.

The members of the Epworth League gave their annual reception for the old folks of the congregation last evening. Excellent refreshments were served and the affair passed off very pleasantly.

The store in Beech Creek, formerly owned by George Williams Jr., has been purchased by Messrs. H. C. and A. Williams and will be run under the firm name of Williams & Williams.

Miss M. R. Graham has just returned from New York city, with a stylish line of millinery. She invites the public to call and examine the latest styles in millinery.

ONLY THREE BUCK-TAILS IN CENTRE COUNTY.—The ranks of the famous old Buck-tail regiment is fast thinning out and to-day but three survivors are living in Centre county. They are David Glenn and Isaac Freeze, of Bellefonte, and A. J. Graham, of Philipsburg.

R. A. Bumiller, editor of the Millheim Journal, is, we are sorry to say, in a serious condition. He was a typhoid fever convalescent but was stricken with paralysis last Sunday and there is very little hope for his recovery now.

Al Pletcher, of Nittany Hall, who is the very efficient teacher at Lanar public schools, is so much in favor with his scholars that last Monday morning when he went to his room a pretty cushion was lying in his chair. It was a present from the young ladies and a sensible one that is calculated to make his work more comfortable.

BELLEFONTE'S STUDENTS AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.—Of the 262 students now registered at The Penna. State College, 48 are from Centre county. Of these H. A. Blair, C. G. Harper, C. M. Harris, W. A. Ishler, J. C. Rodgers, and A. W. Van Tries are from Bellefonte and B. C. and C. N. Fisher are from Zion. Fifty-five counties of the State, nine other States, and Venezuela are represented.

Moshannon Commandery K. T., with members from Clearfield, Philipsburg and Houtzdale, will attend the conclave at Pittsburgh in good style. They have engaged the Clearfield cornet band to accompany them. They have signed a contract to pay the Merchant's hotel \$500 for their entertainment while in the city. Pullman cars will convey them and take it all in all they will be strictly in it at the conclave. Nearly all the married members will be accompanied by their wives.

The only jury case that was tried at the special term of court held here this week was that of David Rothrock Adam of Henry Rothrock, Dec'd., Thomas Rothrock, John Rothrock and Alice R. Long vs Henry Rothrock Jr., with notice to John Woods, George Garbick, Sara Kelley, William Kelley and David Kelley terra tenants. A scire facias on mortgage to recover balance of unpaid purchase money. Verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of \$5,345.94, of which amount \$5,048.42 is widow's dower interest. Judge Bell, of Hollidaysburg, presided during the session, which ended yesterday morning.

HOWARD'S BIG TIME TO-DAY.—The citizens of Howard are going to have a great time to-day in honor of the Centre county soldiers, who are to be feted all day long. The jubilee will begin with a parade this morning at 10:30 and after the parade there will be speeches by Judge Love, D. F. Fortney, Rev. A. P. Wharton, Rev. Manly, Rev. Sechrist and Capt. Taylor.

A banquet will be served about noon and then the balance of the day is to be given over to pleasure. The organizations that are expected to be in line are Co. B, Gregg post and the Undine band from Bellefonte, Blanchard post No. 302, Milesburg post No. 361 and Philipsburg post No. 90. Everybody is invited to Howard and you will all have a great time if you go.