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Democratic Primary Election and County Convention.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, June 1st, 1901, to elect delegates to the County Convention.

Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 p. m. and close at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 4th, 1901, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate one candidate for Prothonotary, one candidate for District Attorney; five delegates to the next Democratic State Convention; to elect a chairman of the County Committee, to serve from January 1st, 1902, to January 1st, 1903, and to transact such other business as may appear before the Convention in the interest of the party.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled as approved and ratified by the Democratic County Committee on the 22nd day of April, 1901, is as follows:

Table listing delegates by district: Bellefonte, N. W., S. W., Centre Hall, Howard, Millburg, Milheim, Philipsburg, etc.

WM. J. Singer, Secretary. JOHN J. BOWER, Chairman.

Just Where It Belongs.

The Philadelphia Press, that in profession is always for reform and in practice always for the state ring, cries out that to hold the Republican party responsible for the defeat of ballot reform, is "exceedingly unfair and is not justified by any of the facts."

And pray, wherein is it unfair, or why is it not justified?

Has not the Republican party absolute and undisputed control of every department of the state government?

Has it not three-fourths of the Representatives in the House?

Has it not three-fourths of the Members of the Senate?

Is not the Governor a Republican?

And cannot they if they see proper, enact any legislation that suits their purposes or meets their approval?

And if they have the power to, are they not responsible for the failure, or refusal, to act. Surely no sane man can see this situation in any other light.

The fact that a respectable minority of that party demands, and is willing to vote for, ballot reform in no way relieves the responsibility resting upon the Republicans of the State. It only emphasizes the wrong and disgrace that the Republican party, as a party, is inflicting upon the people. It is simply evidence that the better class of Republicans do not and cannot control the actions of their party organization. It is an acknowledgment that they do not and cannot shape the policies it enforces. It is proof that the party is wrong; that its legislation is vicious; and that its purposes are evil; and that its continuation in power is neither for the welfare of the people nor to the credit of the State.

The Republican party is responsible for what it does, not for what an impotent minority of those who vote its tickets think it should do.

And as an advocate, a supporter, and a mouth-piece of that party, the Press should have the courage and the manliness to stand up and shoulder its own share of that responsibility. Without its support, and the support of those who profess to believe as it preaches, the Republican ring, which is the Republican party in this State, would not have the power to commit the wrongs that decent people have cause to complain of.

An Event of Sacred History.

BELSHAZZAR the King made a great feast to a thousand of his lords and drank wine before the thousand.

BELSHAZZAR, while tasting the wine, commanded to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father NEBUCHADNEZZAR had taken out of his temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink therein.

They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of brass, of iron, of wood and of stone.

In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the King's palace.—Daniel, 5th chapter, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 verses.

On Tuesday evening at Horticultural

hall, Philadelphia, there occurred the nearest parallel to BELSHAZZAR'S impious feast that the history of the world reveals. QUAY, with a thousand of his followers, gathered about him sat to a banquet and drank out of vessels of gold and praised the gods of gold and silver and iron and wood and stone and vice. For hours they revelled in the luxuries that surrounded them and rioted in the flesh-pots of power. The crimes of politics were extolled quietly, if not in the speeches that were sent to the public and the example of the event was atrocious.

There is no evidence of the appearance of the fingers of a man's hand or of the writing over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace. There is no record that in that night the king of the machine was slain. But there are indications without end that the BELSHAZZAR of this feast "has been weighed in the balance and found wanting;" and signs in abundance of the division of his kingdom which, if not misleading, assure us that it will not be parcelled among his princes, lords or followers. The Medes and Persians will fall upon the whole outfit at the coming gubernatorial election and the parts will be scattered about among the various state prisons.

—If JOHN G. PLATT, who has lately become owner of the Philadelphia Bituminous Record, makes as much of a success out of his newspaper enterprise as he has out of the wholesale grocery business we will all need to take a few lessons from him. His declaration that he will not flirt with fickle Centre county politics is most disappointing, however, for Mr. PLATT has the right colored hair to make a good fighter and once upon a time he knew enough about politics to get a seat in a convention that another man had been chosen to fill.

Appeal to the Public.

Jacksonville Sufferers are Sadly in Need of Money.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 13.—The following bulletin has been issued by the Jacksonville relief committee:

"To the people of the United States: We, the undersigned, representing the people of Jacksonville, wish to express to the people of the United States the hearty gratitude of the people of this city for the way in which they have responded to our needs. The relief committee of Jacksonville sent out a statement some days ago in answer to the numerous inquiries which the committee have received. It was then too soon to estimate the extent of the damage or to estimate the extent of the needs of the people. It is now ten days since the great fire and we are beginning to realize the greatness of the calamity which has befallen us. We have received many generous donations in the way of food and clothing, but we find ourselves confronted with the need of tearing away the debris and maintaining order and discipline, trying to prevent sickness and caring for those who are sick. It is impossible to render 10,000 or more people homeless without extreme suffering. It is impossible to meet all the wants of the sick. We are compelled to acknowledge our inability to cope fully with the situation. Only those who have been in the city can realize the nature of the distress of many who have been turned out of houses and homes, can appreciate the danger of sickness from the huddled condition of the people, making the situation here alarming. It will take a very large amount of money at the smallest estimate to care for the actual needs of the people and put the city in a proper condition. Our duty compels us to call upon the generous and always ready people of this country for assistance in this, our hour of need."

[Signed] "C. E. GARNER, Chairman Jacksonville Relief Committee, "J. E. T. BOWDEN, E. G. REED, Mayor "Bishop of Florida."

Militia Called Out in Albany, N. Y. Riot Follows the Efforts of the Union Traction Company of that City to Resume Operations on its Lines.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 14.—A thousand National Guardsmen and a hundred mounted men will occupy Albany streets to-morrow and attempt to force a riotous crowd to let the cars of the Union Traction company run with non-union men. The twenty-third regiment of Brooklyn, the Tenth battalion of Albany and the third signal corps will make up the complement of men. They will be reinforced by 200 special deputies, 200 policemen and over a hundred Pinkerton detectives.

It is feared that the blood shed and riotous scenes of to-day will be repeated with much greater fatality. The results of to-day are: One man dying, fully twenty or thirty injured, eighty men out of 500 brought here by the company induced to desert, the trolley lines cut, cars demolished, and the police almost powerless to control the thousands of men patrolling the streets. The company, however, insists that it will run cars with protection, and it is said late to-night that 300 new non-union men are in a train near the city waiting for the troops to make their entry safe.

Eight men have been arrested for rioting, two only of whom were strikers. At midnight three companies of the Tenth battalion took their station at three important points.

The Albany Strike.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 15.—Edward M. Hoffman, of Elmira, adjutant general of the National Guard and chief of the governor's staff, died suddenly to-day in this city. He was in consultation with Major General Roe, commander of the National Guard, concerning the disposition of the troops called into service to quell the disturbances incident to the street railway employees' strike, when he was taken with a faintness. He was assisted to his room, but died before a physician could be called. General Hoffman was about 50 years of age.

"French Mary" Takes Poison.

PITTSBURGH, May 14.—Mrs. Mary Leonard, better known as "French Mary," a vivandiere of the Civil war and one of the most picturesque figures produced during the rebellion, committed suicide last night by taking poison.

Mrs. Leonard served through the war with the One Hundred and Fourteenth Pennsylvania volunteers, doing remarkable service in a number of battles, for which she received conspicuous mention and a medal for bravery.

Mrs. McKinley's illness. It Causes an Expected Change in President's Itinerary. Was Taken to San Francisco in a Special Train the Mistress of the White House Was Hurried to the Home of Friends in the California City. Her Condition is not Serious.

The sudden illness of Mrs. McKinley has caused an unexpected change in the itinerary of President McKinley. The state of Mrs. McKinley's health Sunday morning was such that the President had to leave Delmonte and bring his wife to San Francisco city immediately, to the home of Henry T. Scott, where she will have rest for a few days and where a specialist could be consulted if necessary. A special of two cars and a locomotive was made up from the President's special and at 12:30 o'clock the President, Mrs. McKinley, Miss Barber, the President's niece, Secretary and Mrs. Cortelyou, Dr. Rixey and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Scott, left Delmonte for San Francisco, leaving the remainder of the Presidential party at Delmonte. Only a few hundred persons greeted the party on their arrival. Their coming was not generally known, and only those who chanced to be around when the special arrived greeted it.

The President to avoid the crowd that was expected to assemble at the Southern Pacific depot at Third and Townsend streets, left the train with his party at Valencia street, a station in the southern part of the city. When the train, consisting of baggage car and the President's coach, stopped at Valencia street, Mrs. McKinley was carried in a steamer chair by two colored porters from the private car to a closed carriage in waiting. She was heavily veiled and the President and Dr. Rixey followed close behind. Mrs. McKinley was gently placed in the carriage and the President and Dr. Rixey took seats in the same vehicle. The President was quite pale and looked serious. The rest of the party followed in carriages. Mr. and Mrs. Scott had arrived at their residence ahead of the President and were waiting to receive their distinguished guests. Mrs. McKinley was again lifted out of the carriage and placed in an invalid chair and carried into the house.

Secretary Cortelyou, when questioned concerning Mrs. McKinley's condition, said there was nothing alarming in her present indisposition. It was the impression, however, of those who saw Mrs. McKinley that she was very ill and in her present state may result in an entire change of programme. Should his wife's health improve, the President will carry out his intention to attend the celebration at San Jose to-morrow. If, however, her condition is not better than it is today, the President will not leave his wife's side, but will allow the cabinet officers and others of his party represent him at San Jose.

At 6 o'clock to-night Dr. Rixey made the following statement: "Mrs. McKinley stood the trip from Delmonte much better than I expected. Her condition is not serious. She will stay here a week and will have perfect rest. I think by that time she will be able to continue the journey. She has been gaining strength all afternoon."

Mrs. McKinley bruised her hand while the train was rounding a sharp curve in Texas and she has suffered considerably from the action since. Her delicate health has aggravated the injury and Dr. Rixey was twice compelled to lance it. The lancing relieved her very much for the time being.

In San Francisco.

Hearty Greeting Extended to the President and His Party.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Mid the booming of cannon and the blowing of whistles, President McKinley made his official entry into San Francisco this afternoon. The presidential train was met by a committee of citizens, headed by Mayor Phelan and Irving M. F. Scott, the builder of the Ohio. The party was escorted to carriages and driven to the reviewing stand in Van Ness street.

The President's escort from the depot to the stand consisted of about 6,000 regular and volunteer soldiers, veterans of the Mexican and Civil wars and uniformed secret societies. After reviewing the parade the President was driven to the Scott residence.

The decorations throughout are elaborate. Flowers, bunting and flags have been used in profusion. Thousands of people from out of town welcomed the President to the city. Governor Geer, of Oregon, assisted Governors Nash and Gage in the official receptions scheduled.

The Ohio contingent will attend the Berkeley commencement exercises in a body to-morrow. After the launching, Saturday, Governor Geer will go around the bay on the tug Reolante, and on Sunday he will start for home.

On Friday evening the Missouri society will tender a reception to the Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, at which the Secretary will be presented with a silver mounted out-glass loving cup.

Mrs. McKinley Very Ill.

Her Condition Such That She is Conscious Only at Intervals. Death Not Thought to be Near. There is no Abandonment of Hope That She Will Rally, But Her Weakened Condition Causes Apprehension. President Abandons His Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—At seven o'clock to-night Mrs. McKinley was no better. She has taken nothing but liquid nourishment for several days and her extreme weakness excites much apprehension. The attending physicians are to hold another consultation about ten o'clock. The members of the cabinet who were to have attended the entertainment given by the Bohemian club to-night, sent their regrets. The President, late this afternoon, cancelled his engagement for the banquet which was to have been tendered in his honor to-morrow night by the Ohio society of California.

CONSCIOUS AT INTERVALS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—After dinner to-night, the members of the cabinet called at the Scott residence. They report Mrs. McKinley's condition unchanged. When she is conscious she recognizes the President and asks for him. She is not regarded as in immediate danger of dissolution. There is no abandonment of hope that she will rally for the next week, but her condition there could not fail to be apprehension lest the spark of life might go out.

CABINET MEMBERS APPREHENSIVE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—10 P. M.—The members of the cabinet are very apprehensive that Mrs. McKinley will not rally. Her physicians have yet not been able to check the intestinal trouble and her enfeebled condition mitigates against her. But at the Scott residence at this hour it was stated that there was no immediate danger although a change for the worse would not be unexpected. After the consultation to-night Dr. Rixey and Dr.

Three Free Trips to the Great Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

The Watchman's Unparalleled Offer of a Summer Outing.

Opportunity Open to All, Young and Old, Rich and Poor. The Chance of a Life Time to See Buffalo, the Great Exposition and Niagara Falls Without a Cent of Expense.

The great Pan-American Exposition which will open at Buffalo on May 1st is expected to surpass, in many ways, the marvels of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893. Already the attention of the entire civilized world has been directed toward it and millions of people from all parts of the globe will gather there this summer to enjoy the wonders of this grand show that is being especially designed to usher in the New Century.

Are you going? If not, why not? The trip need not cost you a cent. The WATCHMAN will send you as its guest for a week and guarantee you one of the most delightful times you have ever had.

The only conditions are these: You must get a few new subscribers to the WATCHMAN between now and July 1st. At that time the three persons who have secured the greatest number will be awarded the WATCHMAN'S trips.

There is no trickery by coupons in this plan. All we want to know is the names of the persons undertaking to secure the trip. As they send in new subscriptions they will be credited with them and on July 1st the announcement of the winners will be made, with the number secured by each one. This will show to all contestants that the award has been fairly made.

No matter how many new subscribers are secured, the prizes will be awarded just the same. If a person sends in only two new names, with the accompanying \$1 for each one of them for a year's subscription in advance, and if nobody else should care to enter the contest he or she will be sent to Buffalo just the same as if hundreds of new ones had been secured.

The chance is open to every person in Centre county. And a very little trouble might win some one of them such a trip as they have never taken in their lives before.

1st Prize.

To the person securing the greatest number of new subscribers to the WATCHMAN at \$1.00 per year in advance between now and July 1st, 1901, we will give railroad transportation, board for one week at a good hotel and tickets of admission to the exposition grounds during the entire week. Winner to select the time of going.

2nd Prize.

To the person securing the second highest number of new subscribers to the WATCHMAN before July 1st, 1901, we will give railroad transportation to Buffalo and tickets of admission to the exposition ground, good for one week, during the great Pan-American Exposition.

3rd Prize.

To the person securing the third highest number of new subscribers to the WATCHMAN, at \$1 per year in advance before July 1st 1901, we will give railroad transportation to Buffalo and return at any time during the great Pan-American Exposition.

Where Big Car Shops Will Be Located.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 15.—The Jersey Shore Herald this morning issued a special edition in which it declared that it had indisputable information that the proposed New York Central and Hudson River railroad car shops will be located at Oak Grove, Pine Creek township, Clinton county.

The shops will be the largest on the New York Central system and the freight yards will also be on a mammoth scale, so as to accommodate increased traffic. The big yards will have a capacity of handling 8,000 cars daily and the whole plant will be commensurate in its proportions.

Pennsylvania Railroad Special Excursion to Pan-American Exposition.

On Thursday, May 23rd, 1901, the Pennsylvania railroad company will run a special excursion to Buffalo on account of the Pan-American Exposition, from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, and adjoining territory. Round trip tickets, good going only on train leaving Washington 7.50, Philadelphia 8.30 and Baltimore 8.50 a. m., Harrisburg 11.35 a. m., and on local trains connecting therewith, and good to return on regular trains within seven days, including day of excursion, will be sold at rate of \$9.00 from Philadelphia, \$10.00 from Baltimore and Washington, \$8.40 from Harrisburg, \$5.65 from Williamsport, and proportionate rates from other points. For specific time and rates, consult local ticket agent.

George Washington Relics.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—About thirty of the George Washington relics, which have been in the national museum for years, to-day were turned over to Miss Mary Custis Lee, of Virginia, representing her brother, George William Custis Lee, to the relics. These relics consist of blankets, sets of china, including one given to Mrs. Washington by General Lafayette, and other souvenirs. They do not include the swords, camp chairs and a large amount of other war relics now in the museum. They will be sent to an address to be designated by Miss Lee.

Dandelion Wine.

Four quarts of the yellow blossoms, four quarts of water, grated rind of two oranges, grated rind of one lemon; boil all together for 20 minutes; then strain and add four pounds of sugar, and when lukewarm add three quarts of a leaven of yeast; let stand in an open vessel four days; then strain and bottle tightly.

Pine Grove Mention.

Jack Frost laid his icy hand on vegetation Tuesday morning.

The venerable W. A. Tanyer is visiting at State College.

The Ward street band is giving street concerts these nights.

Lot Kimport and Charley Fisher transacted business here Saturday.

Clem Dale and wife, of Houserville, spent Sunday with L. K. Dale in the Glades.

Miss Sue Dammley, who has been confined to her room for weeks, is able to be out.

Several of Wallace Musser's children, who have been ill with diphtheria, are reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have returned to their home in Clearfield after an all winter's stay here.

Miss Annie Homan hid herself to Bellefonte Monday to suit herself with a new spring hat and its beauty.

Miss Mary Port is preparing for a two months' visit at her brother's, Rev. W. C. Dunlap's, in Montoursville.

Dr. R. M. Krebs has been obliged to suspend his manufacture of grinders on account of having smashed his finger.

The Pine Hall Sabbath school will hold a festival on Decoration evening at the home of Wm. A. Dougherty for the light fund.

Quite an extensive front porch has been added to the Wm. Musser home that is now awaiting a new coat of paint.

Supervisors Hess and Meyers have the stone crusher running full blast and in consequence better roads are already in sight.

Frank Fisher, a medical student at the University in Philadelphia, came home Saturday to look after a little business that needed his attention.

Master Willie Tressler, who has been quarantined for some weeks on account of scarlet fever, is improving and will soon be able to be out.

The ground has been broken for the I. O. O. F. hall on the north corner of the diamond. The building will be completed as soon as possible.

Mrs. Cora Wagner accompanied by her bright little daughter, Elsie, are down from Altoona visiting the Wagners and Kimports in Pennsylvania.

Hirshfelder remained in attendance.

Secretary and Mrs. Hay joined the President at 9:30 o'clock. When the members of the Bohemian club learned to-night of the alarming nature of Mrs. McKinley's illness, the elaborate entertainment that had been planned was abandoned out of respect to the President.

THE HOUSE CLOSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—At 11 o'clock Secretary Cortelyou, in reply to a request for a bulletin on Mrs. McKinley's condition, sent word that there was nothing to give out. Her condition was unchanged. The house is quiet within. Outside only the police detail and representatives of the Press are on guard.

SLIGHTLY BETTER.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—At 11 p. m., Dr. Hirshfelder left the Scott residence. At that time Mrs. McKinley was reported to be slightly better. A few moments later Dr. Rixey, who had been in constant attendance for over twenty-four hours, retired to get a little rest.

FURTHER TOUR ABANDONED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Owing to the very serious character of Mrs. McKinley's illness, the President this morning definitely decided to abandon his contemplated northwestern tour and to return to Washington direct, or as soon as Mrs. McKinley shall be able to stand the journey.

MRS. MCKINLEY WORSE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Mrs. McKinley's condition at this hour, 2:25 p. m., is such that she may die any moment.

Chicago Gave Dowie Two Hard Reverses.

CHICAGO, May.—On account of the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. H. Worthington Judd, police and health officials emphatically declare that John Alexander Dowie and his fellow "healers" will be held to answer for that and the death of her baby, if the law can reach them.

In addition to this hard blow at Dowie's action of the juvenile court in refusing to turn Mabel Christensen, the 2-year-old girl who was so tragically burned in last Sunday's fire in South Chicago, over to her father, a follower of Dowie, has given rise to the belief that the law's latitude has never been tried in dealing with Zion.

The people of Englewood are indignant over what they call the inhuman treatment given Mrs. Judd in her last hours by Dowie and his adherents. There are mutterings on every side in the vicinity of the Judd home. Aristocratic though the neighborhood is there is talk of lynching in the event that the chief overseer of Zion appears south of Sixty-third street.

China and Her Heavy Load.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—A cablegram from Mr. Rockhill, our special commissioner at Peking, received at the State Department today mentions the receipt by the ministers of the response of the Chinese envoys to the ministers' demands for indemnity. The dispatch indicates directly that the Chinese represent that an annual payment of \$10,000,000 is the full extent of their power to pay on indemnity accounts. It will take thirty years to discharge the debt at that rate without interest. Mr. Rockhill makes no mention of the subject of interest, nor does he touch upon the means by which the money is to be raised by China or say who is to guarantee a loan necessary to be made. It appears that the Chinese feel themselves obliged to submit to the powers in this question of indemnity, as in all other things, and though realizing their own inability to assume this indebtedness of 450,000,000 taels they feel obliged to make the effort. Mr. Rockhill has been instructed to continue his efforts to secure an abatement of the total indemnity but in the present disposition of the powers little hope of success is entertained.

Warm Times at Base Ball Game.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, May 13.—The Americans and Cubans played ball here today. The Cubans won by a score of 11 to 10. During the enthusiastic demonstrations which followed hundreds crowded on the field and a jibant Cuban attempted to pull down the American flag to half mast. The American players interfered and a lively scrimmage followed. A squad of rural guards drew their machetes and charged the crowd, crying "Viva la bandera Americana" ("Long live the American flag.")

The guards arrested the offender, who declined intentional disrespect to the flag, and said it was a thoughtless joke. He was released. No one was seriously hurt.

De Wet Takes the Field Again.

LONDON, May 13.—General De Wet, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, has resumed operations and is reported to have crossed into the Transvaal with 2,000.