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J. K. JOHNSON,	PAUL FORNEY,	Secretaries.

## Democratic State Convention.

Democratic State Committee Rooms, Harrisburg, Pa., March 23rd, 1904.

To the Democrats of Pennsylvania:

In pursuance of the requirements of the rules governing the Democratic organization of the State and the action of the Democratic State Central Committee at a special meeting held in Harrisburg, on the 3rd day of March, notice is hereby given that the Democratic State Convention will meet in the Lyceum theatre at

HARRISBURG, TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon. The business to be transacted will be the nomination of

One candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court.

Two candidates for Electors at Large.

Thirty-two candidates for District Electors.

and to elect in the manner provided by the rules of the party:

Four Delegates at large to the National Democratic Convention.

Sixty-four District Delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

and to act upon such other matters, pertaining to the interest and success of the party in Pennsylvania, as may be brought before it.

P. GRAY MEER, J. K. P. HALL, Secretary, Chairman.

## County Committee Meeting.

The Democratic committee of Centre county, will meet in the Arbitration room in the court house on Saturday, the 9th day of April, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented for their consideration, as will best further the interests of the county Democracy, and bring strength, unity and harmony to our party.

H. S. TAYLOR, County Chairman.

## County Convention.

The delegates elected at the primaries on May 30th, 1903, to represent the Democratic party of Centre county in convention, will reassemble at the court house in the borough of Bellefonte, on Saturday, the 9th day of April 1904, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates to the Democratic state convention, to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., April 19th, 1904.

W. MILES WALKER, Chairman County Convention.

## H. S. TAYLOR, County Chairman.

## American Ocean Liner Meets With Two Mishaps.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20.—The American line steamship New York, Captain Young, from New York, March 12th, for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton, met with two mishaps to-day, grounding off Cape La Hague, France, in the early morning and later coming into collision in the English channel with the peninsular and Oriental steamship Assaye, under contract to the British government and used as a troop ship bound for Bombay with 500 soldiers on board. The New York was grounded while approaching Cherbourg at 2:30 o'clock this morning, during a fog. The sea was smooth, however, and the tide was on the flood and within an hour and a half the vessel was floated without assistance.

During the voyage up the channel a dense fog descended. When off Hurd's Castle, Eng., the Assaye suddenly appeared and it was found impossible to avoid a collision. The New York's bow crashed into the Assaye's starboard bow, tearing a great gap in that vessel. The New York's bow and stern were carried away and the latter was smashed into fragments. There was great excitement, but no panic on either vessel. The boats of the Assaye were lowered and the troops were mustered but the bulkhead of the troopship saved her. Both vessels were able to enter Southampton and the New York was docked at 4:30 o'clock for temporary repairs.

## Tyrone Had a \$30,000 Fire.

Flames Discarded Coming from Two Large Frame Buildings. Were Cause of Fire. By Hard Work on Part of the Firemen They Were Confined to Those Structures.

About 5:30 o'clock Monday morning fire was discovered in the second floor of the large two-story frame building, corner Logan avenue and Tenth street, owned by Mrs. Nancy Crawford, and occupied on the first floor by Edward Uhl, Jr., as a cigar store and pool room; Sprinkle Bros' meat market; C. C. Vanscoyoc & Co., cigars and tobacco, and on the second floor by Ambrose Miller, cigar and toby manufacturer. At the same time flames were seen emanating from the second floor of the two-story frame building adjoining, being part of the large department store of Templeton & Co. and occupied by them on the first floor as the grocery department and on the second story, house furnishing goods, matting, ladies' coats, etc. A large room on the first floor of this building was occupied by the millinery establishment of Misses Study & Bouse.

The entire fire department responded quickly to the alarm and by heroic efforts confined the flames to the two buildings named, fortunately the adjoining buildings on the east, that of the large dry goods department of Templeton & Co., was of solid brick sides and iron roof, otherwise the fire would have been more destructive. The fire was not got under complete control until about 8 o'clock, when both buildings were badly wrecked and the bulk of their contents totally destroyed. The fire more likely originated from the brick fire which was located on the dividing line of the Crawford and Templeton frame buildings. Shortly before 5 o'clock Mr. Vanscoyoc built a fire in his store, the pipes of which portion of the building the fire was first discovered.

The losses and insurance are as follows: Mrs. Nancy Crawford, \$2,100 insurance on the building, which will about cover the loss; Templeton & Co., \$2,000 insurance on building and \$6,000 on stock therein. The loss will total the insurance. Misses Study and Bouse had only a few days ago replenished their establishment with a full line of new spring millinery, etc. Their loss is a total one and will approximate \$4,000 upon which they carried \$2,000 insurance. C. C. Vanscoyoc & Co. had \$500 insurance; loss is covered. Sprinkle Bros. no insurance and loss hard to get at; between \$500 and \$1,000. Edward Uhl Jr., \$500 insurance, which will cover loss. Ambrose Miller, loss about \$2,000, being total, upon which he has \$750 insurance. The insurance losses are in companies represented in the agencies of Howard B. Calderwood, William H. Plenner, William F. Hiller and Peter A. Reed, the larger amounts with the two first named.

The several tenants have been put to great inconvenience owing to the scarcity of rooms suitable in which to get in a new supply and immediately resume business. They were hustling all day Monday, with what success we did not learn. The elder Bennett, of the New York Herald, remarked that a good fire generally improved a town. Plenty of room is now presented in this destruction, with all due respect to the opinions of the owners of the destroyed buildings and the ordinances relating to the erection of new buildings. The big fire of 1850 in Tyrone came from the northeast portion of town and was checked at Templeton's brick store. This one came from the northwest and stopped at the same building.

## Penner in Lonely Cave With Big Catamount for Companion.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 21.—While exploring a cave in a wood, James Skinner, of Muncy Valley, ran across a full-grown catamount, which snarled at him, but which did not dare approach because he carried pine torches.

Hurrying back to the mouth of the cave, Skinner found, to his astonishment, that a dead tree, under which he had crawled to get into the cave, had slid a few feet down the side of the mountain and effectually blocked the entrance. His utmost strength failed to move it, and he became thoroughly frightened. For three hours he kept his torches burning and thus prevented an attack from the catamount. Finally, when his available firewood had almost gone, it happily occurred to him to build a fire under the tree. He acted at once, and the blaze had been going less than half an hour when the tree broke and Skinner was able to crawl from his prison, nearly choked by the smoke.

## Quay Smokes 15-Inch Cigars.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Senator Quay likes to smoke cigars. He usually has one in his mouth when he is not in the Senate chamber and sometimes he then chews an unlighted one. A week or so ago his doctor told him he must stop smoking. "I can't," said the Senator.

"But you must," insisted the doctor.

"Can I smoke at all?" asked the Senator plaintively.

"Yes," the doctor replied, as if he was conferring a great favor, "you may smoke a half of one cigar each day, but no more."

"Well," said the Senator to-day, as he sat in his committee room, "it is now time for me to have my daily smoke."

He opened a drawer in his desk and took out a cigar 15 inches in length, and lit it and smoked it with relish.

## Labor Scarce in the Philippines.

Business Suspends Because of Unreasonable Rates Demanded by Help.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 20.—William Swarthout, editor of the Manila Times, president of the Merchants' Publishing company, of the Far Eastern Press club, and of the Manila Press club, was a passenger on the steamer Shawmut, arrived here to-day, bound for Washington to lay the grievance of certain white residents before Congress.

He says the great question now is the extreme scarcity of labor, the Filipinos declining to work at any price. Mr. MacCulloch, head of the biggest printing and publishing firm in the islands, was also on his way to San Francisco, to consult with regard to the supply of labor. His business has been practically suspended owing to the impossibility of obtaining labor at reasonable rates.

## World's Finest Big Gun Practice.

American Battleship Kearsarge's Crew Leads all Records.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—An officer on board the battleship Kearsarge sends to the Navy Department the following remarkable record made by that battleship in her target practice off Pensacola: One 15-inch gun made six hits out of seven shots in five minutes and 30 seconds; an 8-inch gun, 10 hits out of 10 shots in five minutes and 20 seconds; 5-inch gun, 18 hits out of 18 shots in two minutes.

This record is declared to be the best ever made by an American war ship, and, as far as the officials know, it has not been equaled in any foreign navy.

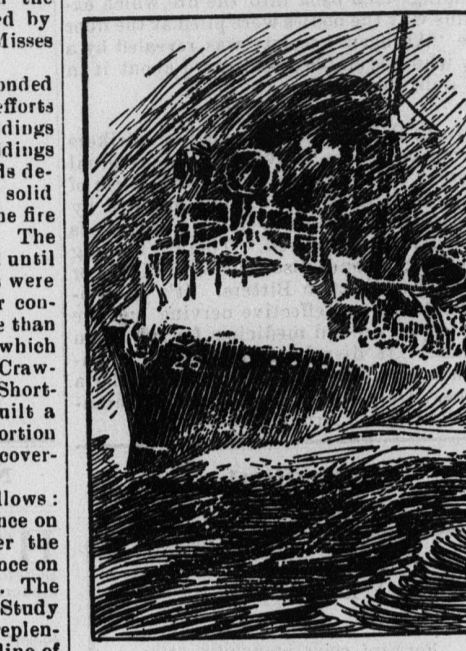
## Port Arthur is Again Bombarded.

Admiral Togo's Fleet Returns to Attack on Russian Stronghold.—The Torpedo Boats Repulsed Several Hours Later Fifteen Battleships Took Up Positions and Shelled the Town For Five Hours—Russian Commander Reports Five Killed and Nine Wounded.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—Another attack by the Japanese fleet on Port Arthur, beginning with operations by torpedo boats and ending with a bombardment by battleships and cruisers took place after midnight Monday.

The emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Lieutenant General Stoessel reports that at midnight of March 21 Japanese torpedo boats were discovered by our searchlights. Our guard ships and fort batteries opened fire upon them, the



JAPANESE TORPEDO BOAT IN WINTER OFF PORT ARTHUR.

firing lasting for 20 minutes. At 4 o'clock in the morning the attack was renewed.

"At 6:30 o'clock in the morning four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by the whole squadron of 11 ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron left the roadstead to meet the enemy.

"At 9 o'clock the enemy's battleships opened fire on Liaotshin, after which they took up a position behind the rocky eminence of Liaotshin and bombarded Port Arthur."

Viceroy Alexieff adds that he is waiting for details.

A later dispatch from the viceroy to the emperor says:

"According to a supplementary report from Lieutenant General Stoessel, the enemy's fleet consisted of six battleships and 12 cruisers. About 9 o'clock in the morning the fleet divided, the battleships and torpedo boats taking up a position between Liaotshin and Golubina bay (Pigeon bay), while the cruisers formed up in two divisions to the south and southeast of Port Arthur.

"At 9:20 the battleship Retvizin opened fire over the crest of Liaotshin against the enemy's battleships, which replied by firing on the town. Meanwhile our fleet formed up in line in the outer roadstead.

"About 11 o'clock in the morning the cannonade slackened, and the Japanese fleet, reuniting, drew off slowly to the southeast, and at 12:30 had disappeared.

"During the bombardment five soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. One soldier on the shore was bruised.

Another telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the emperor gives Vice Admiral Makaroff's report as follows:

"At midnight of March 21 two of the enemy's torpedo boats approached the outer roadstead, but were discovered by the searchlights of the batteries and fired upon by the forts and by the gunboats Bobr and Otravuz. They were obliged to retire.

"A second attack was made at 4 o'clock in the morning by three torpedo boats, which also were repulsed.

"At daybreak three detachments of the enemy's fleet, consisting of six battleships, six armored cruisers, six second and third class cruisers and eight torpedo boats, approached from all sides. At 7 o'clock our squadron commenced to leave the inner harbor, the cruisers leading, with the Askold flying my flag, at their head, and the battleships following.

"The enemy's battleships approached Liaotshin and fired 100 shells from their 12-inch guns at Port Arthur and 108 shells at the environs of the town.

"Our shells, fired at a range of 80 cables, were well placed. About 10 o'clock a Japanese battleship was struck by a shell and retired.

"We lost no men during the bombardment, which ceased at 11 o'clock, when the enemy's ships reassembled, and after passing along the outer roadstead, drew off without attacking our fleet."

## Port Arthur Bottled Up.

London, March 23.—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio, under yesterday's date, cables that it is rumored that the Japanese have succeeded in blockading the entrance to Port Arthur.

News is received from Newchwang that a south wind is dispersing the ice points, which means the beginning of active operations that at last will reveal the carefully concealed Japanese plan of campaign.

## JAPS' ARMY ADVANCING

Russian General Reports Occupancy of Yong-Pyoo by the Enemy.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The following dispatch has been received from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Mukden, March 22:

"General Mischenko reports that on March 17 our scouts approached Anju and observed on the left bank of the Cheng-Cheng river, opposite An-

ju, entrenchments made by the enemy. Up to that date the enemy had not appeared at Yong Pyoo (15 miles north-east of Anju). It is supposed that there is one Japanese division at Anju, and that the remainder of the first army corps is at Ping Yang.

"In consequence of the report that two squadrons of the enemy had arrived at Pak-Chon (15 miles northwest of Anju), 200 of our cavalry were dispatched for the purpose of preventing the enemy from crossing the Pak-Chon river. Our cavalry found three Japanese squadrons on the left bank of the river, but they withdrew towards Anju on the arrival of our detachment without fighting. The Japanese squadrons number about 190 each.

"On the night of March 19 two dispatch riders encountered a Japanese patrol between Kazan (about 50 miles west of Ping Yang) and Chenchu (about 12 miles north of Kazan). The patrol opened fire, but our dispatch riders escaped unhurt.

"According to a report, 3000 of the enemy's cavalry occupied Yong Pyoo March 19, and material for pontoon bridges has been placed in readiness north and south of Anju."

The advance of the Japanese shows that they are losing no time and that they are more rapid than the Russians expected. Nevertheless, the fortifications of Anju shows the Japanese operations are accompanied by all proper military precautions.

So far as the Russians are concerned they have no intention of attacking Anju, but the province of the 5000 or 6000 cavalymen under General Mischenko will be to harass and retard the Japanese in every way possible.

The authorities here believe that it will be only a matter of a short time when active land operations begin, but at first these will take the form of skirmishes, as the main Russian force remains in occupation of strategic points on the Yalu river.

## Japan Holds Up General Allen.

Seoul, March 22.—The Japanese have stopped Brigadier General Henry T. Allen, formerly chief of the Philippine constabulary, and now United States military observer with the Japanese army at Ping Yang, requesting him not to proceed nearer their outposts.

## CHINA WORRIES RUSSIA

Believes Her Neutrality Depends On Result of First Heavy Land Battle.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—In government circles there exists a strong belief that the question as to whether China will observe her neutrality undertakings will depend largely on the

## THE EDITOR HAD DUNS, ALSO.—An exchange says that a subscriber once received a dun through the post-office, and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it, and the editor showed him a few duns of his own—one for paper, one for type, one for fuel, and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came, because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come and help me out, and then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was related, paid up and renewed for another year.

## As 1904 is a leap year all the holidays for the year take a jump of one day. Election day will occur as late as possible in November, falling on the 8th day of the month. Memorial day and Fourth of July both fall on Monday. Labor day will be on Sept. 5th. Thanksgiving day will be on Nov. 21th, the earliest date possible for the observance. Christmas will fall on Sunday. The Lenten season was ushered in on Feb. 16th, a trifle earlier than last year. It will close on Easter Sunday, April 3rd. Palm Sunday will occur on March 27th and Good Friday on April 1st. The Advent season will commence on Nov. 27th.

## Mueller Bros., who had been doing business in Phillipsburg under the firm name of the Central Produce Co. for nearly a year, mysteriously disappeared from that place early Monday morning. In addition to ransacking a green grocery store in the Pierce building they had a bakery on Pine street. Last week they sold the stock in both places practically to depletion and early Monday morning loaded their personal effects and furniture onto their own delivery wagon and drove to Tyrone, where they took an early train for somewhere. The Phillipsburg Ledger says they owed everyone with whom they had done business and the only available assets will not amount to \$50.

## Judge Love was in Clearfield last week hearing testimony in the railroad case in which O. L. Schuonover, James Passmore, Charles H. Rowland and J. G. Platt, are the defendants and the Altoona & Phillipsburg Connecting Railroad company is the plaintiff. The plaintiff was represented by J. W. Newlin of Philadelphia, Gordon & Boniton and Smith V. Wilson, and the defendants by A. L. Cole, D. L. Krebs, Ex-Judge McEnally and W. S. Hammond, of Blair county. The case attracted considerable attention because that road, though running only from Phillipsburg to Ramey, has been a constant source of litigation ever since it was built. The defendants have a controlling interest in it and are determined to make it a road of some account if there is a possible way of doing so.

## Earthquake in New England States.

Boston, Dec. 21.—An earthquake this morning caused a tremor throughout the entire eastern section of New England. Beginning at St. John, N. B., the seismic vibrations traversed the state of Maine, causing some slight damage to buildings in Augusta, Bangor and Portland. The shock was felt plainly as far south as Taunton in this state. At Augusta, Me., lamp chimneys were broken and crockery was smashed. The vibrations lasted several seconds.

## Big Ice Gorge Breaks.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 21.—The ice gorge north of this city has broken and the ice is moving slowly down the stream. No danger is apprehended. The river is thirteen feet, six inches above low water mark to-night.

## ADDITIONAL TALENTS

J. A. Fiedler, the teacher of Mann's school at Romola, is preparing for quite an observance of Arbor day on April 8th. In addition to the planting of trees and a large program by the scholars Capt. H. S. Taylor and Senator W. C. Heine are expected to be present to add their oratory to that of the others.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Aroley, during the week:

Harry C. Fisher, of Blanchard, and Nellie Dunkle, of Pittsburg.

James C. Goodhart, of Centre Hill, and Sarah M. Lee, of Linden Hall.

John B. Miles and Blanche M. Ebberts, both of Martha.

## We notice in the evening Pajorianian, published at Watsonville, California, that Frank VanOrmer, our former Frank, is the president of The Farmer's Purchasing and Sales Agency, a new corporation that has lately opened an office in that place. His company is incorporated to carry on a general exchange business with farmers in the vicinity of Watsonville by means of a wagon route that will daily gather up their small produce and deliver at their doors any commodity they might need in lieu of cash.

## Today the big sale of the Isaac Tresler estate will be held near Linden Hall. On next Tuesday, the 29th, there will be two others worth your notice. On the Edward Poorman farm, 3 miles east of Clarence, W. A. Jacobs will sell all his stock and implements. On the same day, the 29th, D. G. Meek will have sale at his farm at Fairbrook, west of Pine Grove. While Mr. Meek's implements and equipment will be found to be in good condition, his cattle will be the special feature of this sale. He has always made a specialty of them and has some of the finest Guernseys and Holsteins in the county.

## On Tuesday evening the Lewisburg freight was near Pleasant Gap and running at a high rate of speed a set of car wheels that were in a box car on the train were started to rolling by the swing of the car in rounding a curve. They rolled through the door to the side of the track, then rolled back onto the rails, knocking the trucks out from under the caboose and letting it fall to the track, where it slid along until the train crew could be stopped. There were several of the train crew in the caboose at the time, but they jumped and were not hurt.

## THE ENTIRE ENTERTAINMENT WAS UP TO THE standard of St. John's excellence and the nicety with which even the tiniest toys performed their parts was a glowing testimonial to the patient, gentle hands that coached them.

## SOME ONE APPRECIATES IT.—For several weeks the WATCHMAN has been devoting a column or more, weekly, to a discussion of the International Sunday school lesson. It is edited by one of the acknowledged Bible authorities in the world and was secured with the hope that it would be of use to Sunday school teachers, advanced scholars and other christian workers.

## We have asked several times for some expression as to whether it is needed or appreciated and had just begun to feel that WATCHMAN readers had no use for such information when along comes a card from G. B. Snyder, from Pittsburg, containing the following:

"In the matter of expositions upon the International Sunday school lessons, two Sunday school teachers in heathen Allegheny county are getting much good from the copy coming in my name and trust this valuable feature of your most excellent paper may be continued."

## We appreciate Mr. Snyder's response and hope that others who may find the feature helpful to them will advise us, when an opportunity presents.

## APRIL CHANGES.—Possibly because April 1st happens to be Good Friday the moving fever seems to have struck the town a week earlier than usual. J. Kyle McFarlane is now located in Monroe Armory's house on east Linn street. Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Miss McCalmont and Miss Annie Shortlidge moved into the Daggets house on the same street on Monday. E. H. Richard has taken possession of the Orvis house and Will Chambers is moving into the house vacated by the Richards. Mrs. Tanner has moved her boarding house from Bishop street into the Brew property on Spring street. Frank Frazer is now housekeeping in the Shortlidge house on Thomas street, and Oscar Peters is moving into the Morrison house on Spring street which the Frains vacated. Paul Sheffer is leaving the Potter house on north Spring street to reside for the summer with his parents on Curtis street. Mrs. William Dawson has rented the John Wagner property on Spring street but will not get possession of it until after the sale. John H. Meyer has moved from the McQuiston house on west High street into one of the Stitzer houses opposite the court house. Ex-sheriff Brungart has moved from Bishop street to Centre Hall. Mrs. Brungart's old home, Mrs. Margaret Brochbill is leaving the Aaron Williams property on Howard street and has taken rooms in the Rush Larimer house on east High street. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stover and their family are going to Altoona next week and Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Smith have shipped a lot of their goods to Howard.



YUAN SHI KAI, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF CHINESE ARMY.

result of the first heavy land fighting. A big victory by the Russian army, it is believed, will insure the quiescence of the Celestial empire, but there are grave fears as to what might happen in the event of a signal Japanese success in the early stages of the land operations.

The recent naval success of the Japanese has not greatly impressed the Chinese, but if the Russians should sustain a really disastrous defeat on land the Chinese might suddenly be aroused, whether with the connivance or even with the consent of the Japanese, against Russia and perhaps against all foreigners.

Russia's present plans are based on the appreciation of the supreme importance of the first land battle, and no fighting on a large scale will take place, if it possibly can be avoided, until the Russians feel morally certain that they can deal the enemy a crushing blow.

Captain William V. Judson, United States military attaché to the embassy here, has arrived and will proceed to the front as soon as possible to observe the military operations for his government.

## Another Cut in Grain Rates.

Philadelphia, March 22.—The New York railroads having met the latest cut in ex-lake freight rates from Buffalo, the railroads entering this city have announced a further cut of four mills to go into effect next Saturday. This applies only to wheat, flaxseed and barley. A cut of four mills on corn, rye and oats would have placed these grains on the free list. The new rates are as follows: Wheat and flaxseed, 2 mills; corn and rye, 3 1/2 mills; barley, 1 mill, and oats, 4 mills.

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