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Democratic County Convention. The delegates elected at the primaries on June 4th, 1904, to represent the Democratic party of Centre county in Convention, will reassemble at the Court house in the borough of Bellefonte, on FRIDAY, MAY 12th, 1905, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., May 24th, 1905.

Second Week of April Court. Court convened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and after disposing of a number of rules, petitions and motions the first case on the civil list called was that of W. H. Runkle, use of Peter Smith vs G. L. G. Goodhart, administrator of etc., of Mary Slaak, deceased, James Kimpfort and L. W. Kimpfort was taken up. This case is from Potter township and it appears that early in 1902 Samuel G. Slaak sold his personal property to his wife, Mary Slaak, on a bill of sale, the purchase price thereof being credited on a note held by Mrs. Slaak against her husband.

HICKS' FORECAST FOR MAY.—The first storm period is central on the 6th. Threatening barometer readings and rapidly rising temperature will be noted in western parts as early as the 4th, with great and growing humidity and increasing storm conditions generally. It is almost certain that a phenomenally warm wave for the season will appear at the same time, and a series of very severe and violent storms will pass eastwardly over the country from about Friday the 5th to Monday the 8th. Vicious lightning and thunder, with down-pours of rain and hail will attend these storms. Tornadoes are very probable in many localities. A sudden reaction to very cool will follow in the track of these storms, bringing frost to most parts of the country in central and northern sections.

The second storm period is central on the 12th, 13th and 14th. Marked thunder storms will occur on and touching the 14th, followed by sudden change to very cool. The third storm period is central the 17th, covering the 16th to 20th inclusive. Look for an ominous fall of the barometer about the 17th, with corresponding increase of temperature, all followed by violent and wide-reaching storms of rain, hail and thunder. In every probability a daily cycle of heavy rains and thunder storms will set in at this time, repeating themselves about the same hour of the day and night for several days in succession. Almost to an absolute certainty there will be tornadoic storms here and there over the stormic belt, during this and other May storm periods. The series of storms at this third storm period will terminate in a wide and sweeping storm of rain, wind and thunder, and be followed by change to much cooler.

The fourth storm period is central on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th. It is entirely probable that the daily series of thunder and rain storms, started at the third storm period, may continue into this reactionary period. In such event, the general crisis or culmination of storms will come on and touching the 24th and 25th. In any event, storm conditions will be increased on these dates. Behind the storms will follow rising barometer and change to cooler—much cooler in northern and northwestern States.

The fifth storm period extends from the 27th to the 31st, being central on the 29th. The storms of this period will develop as early as the 28th in western parts, and falling barometer with more rain and thunder will advance eastward over the last three days of May. Rising barometer and change to cooler will keep close on the heels of storms moving eastward.

Looking Backward. From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. Judge Davis, of Philadelphia, probably recalls the fact that if it hadn't been for some help from the ballot-box stuffers it would not be lawyer Davis and Judge Budd.

Additional Locals. Frederick K. Foster is nursing a very sore left hand, the result of a bad wound with a rusty pen knife. Philip Garbrick has withdrawn his application for a wholesale liquor and beer license, in this place.

Hon. W. C. Heinle was elected a trustee of the Central State Normal school at Lock Haven, on May first.

Master John Kline, son of Mrs. John Kline, of west Curtin street, fell on a piece of glass, Monday evening, and cut a gash in his arm that it required several stitches to close.

On Sunday evening, April 30th, at the Spring Mills M. E. parsonage, Clement Herr Long, of Madisonville, and Miss Lydia V. Waltz, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage by Rev. G. W. McIl-nay.

Supt. Rine and his force of workmen have completed the laying of that section of the twelve-inch water main between Bishop street and the Diamond. All connections have been made and the ditch filled up, a fact the business men along that section are heartily thankful for.

Jacob Thomas, a hardware man and lumber dealer of Patton, has just put forth the claim that about three months ago he was buncoed out of \$5,000 by three men who alleged they had a valuable tract of timber and coal land to sell, and after inveigling Thomas into the woods held him up and robbed him.

On Sunday Max Hayes, Budd Armstrong, Brown Elliott and S. M. Bickford, with a few friends of Lock Haven, came to Bellefonte in three Franklin cars and made a run to Tyrone by way of State College. On the return trip Hayes and Armstrong reached Bellefonte about 6 o'clock in the evening with their machines all o. k., but Elliott and Bickford, on account of tire punctures did not arrive here until 11:30 Sunday night. Frank Graham went along as pilot.

The Academy improvements are progressing very satisfactory, thanks to the generosity of the Bellefonte friends of the institution and the old students from a distance. About four hundred dollars are needed yet to guarantee the completion of the plans as conceived by Oglesby Payne, of Philadelphia. The names of those contributing to this worthy enterprise will be recorded in the centennial history of the Academy. Many who are friendly to the Academy will regret when it is too late that they have not materially aided in this good work.

HOLMES—MINNICK.—Clyde C. Holmes, of Lamar, and Miss Cora Minnick, of Nittany, went to Lock Haven, last Saturday, secured a license and were married at the United Evangelical parsonage, by Rev. M. F. Fosselman.

SWIRES—CRAFT.—Joseph Swires, of Phillipsburg, and Miss Bertha Craft, of Point Lookout, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Craft, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, of last week, Rev. R. P. Miller, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The groom is a son of Burgess Swires and is treasurer of the Gowland Manufacturing company.

REESE.—James Reese, son of the late Henry and Martha Reese, of Boggs township, died last Thursday from the effects of spinal disease contracted during sickness in his early life, which left him partially paralyzed and much disabled. Notwithstanding his affliction he did such work as he could until about three years ago when he grew much worse and for the past year was entirely disabled, requiring constant care and attention, though he endured his suffering with patient, christian fortitude. Deceased was 35 years of age and is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Nancy Tate, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Lawrence Crider, of Altoona; Martin, conductor on the Snow Shoe railroad; Harry, of Connelville, and Charles and Joseph Reese, of Boggs township. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. Zeigler officiated and interment was made in the Messiah church cemetery.

FOSTER.—Edward Foster died at his home in Bush Addition, at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon from paralysis with which he was stricken that morning. Mr. Foster worked at the match factory, had eaten his breakfast and was just ready to start to the factory when he fell to the floor unconscious, lingering in that condition until death ensued at the time above stated. Deceased was 52 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foster, and was born in Bellefonte. He was married to a Miss Stewart, a step-daughter of the late Mrs. Harriet Linn, who survives with the following children: Samuel, of Beaver Falls; Harriet and Sarah, at home. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the house, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

MCKINEL.—Harry Andrew, the five-year-old son of David and Edith McKinell, of Tyrone, died Sunday morning, from inflammation of the bowels, having never recovered from serious burns sustained last February. The family formerly lived in Bellefonte, having moved to Tyrone only last September, and their friends here sympathize with the parents in their affliction. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on the 1.25 train, Tuesday afternoon, for interment in the Union cemetery.

Philip J. Bugbe died recently at his home in San Jose, Cal., after an operation for a growth of foreign substance near the heart. Deceased was the husband of Mary Meyer, sister of Mr. D. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall. His wife and two daughters survive.

HART.—Mr. William Hart, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Bellefonte, died at his home on east Bishop street at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning, after a three week's illness with acute softening of the brain. Up until his late illness Mr. Hart had always been the picture of good health and rugged manhood and, despite his 68 years of age, looked as if he might live a score of years to come. Thus his death was a great blow to his family and friends. Deceased was born in Cornwall, England. When twenty years of age he came to this country and located in Michigan. There he studied the profession of a mining engineer and for a number of years followed that business in that State. More than forty years ago he came east to Bloomsburg where he lived until 1889, when he moved with his family to Bellefonte. For several years he was interested with H. C. Valentine and others in the operation of the Gatesburg ore mines. When these were closed down in the early nineties he became the local sales agent for Wanamaker & Brown, gents clothing, of Philadelphia, in which business he was engaged until his death. When but a lad in his teens Mr. Hart became a member of the church of England and after coming to this country he joined the Protestant Episcopal church. He enjoyed quite a reputation as a vocal musician, having for twenty-seven years been a member of the choir in the Episcopal church at Bloomsburg and since coming to Bellefonte a member of the choir here.

He was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Webb who, with the following children survive: Hattie, George, and Elizabeth, at home, and Samuel, of Harrisburg; also two brothers, George and Samuel, and one sister, Mrs. Martha Iregoland, of Linden, Wisconsin. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the house. In the absence of Rev. George Israel Brown the services were conducted by Rev. Ambrose Schmidt. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

CONFER.—Mrs. Prudence Confer, wife of David Confer, died suddenly at her home near Howard last Friday evening, from heart disease. Deceased was 72 years old and a most estimable woman, who stood high in the esteem of the community in which she lived. She was the mother of fourteen children, twelve of whom with her husband survive, as follows: William, of Clearfield; Mrs. John McKean, Romola; D. D., of Orris; Mrs. James Sliker, Milesburg; Mrs. Ida Solenberger, Howard; Mrs. Joseph B. White, Beech Creek; Andrew D., Sylvester, A. G. and Thomas E., of Howard; Mrs. Anna Walker, of Orris, and John, of Romola. She also leaves sixty-seven grand-children and twenty-two great grand-children. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, services being conducted in the Disciple church of Blanchard, by the pastor, Rev. H. I. Dudley. The attendance was very large. The pall-bearers were her six sons, Andrew, Thomas, A. G., Wm., D. D., and John. Interment was made in the graveyard opposite the church.

RODGERS.—Mrs. Mary A. Rodgers, wife of James Rodgers, died at her home at Point Lookout, near Phillipsburg, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, of injuries sustained in falling from a chair while papering a room. Deceased was 41 years of age and prior to her marriage was a daughter of Lewis Pluebell, of Asheville, Cambria county. She was the mother of eleven children, five of whom, with her husband survive. She also leaves three brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. J. Clero officiating.

WHITE.—Thomas F. White, a well-known resident of Morrisdale Mines, died in the Clearfield hospital, Tuesday of last week, after an operation the day previous for liver trouble. Deceased was about 55 years old and was born in Ireland, coming to this country about 35 years ago. For the past thirty-one years he had been a resident of Morrisdale. He is survived by a wife and seven children, viz: Mrs. Frank Boyd, Munson; Thomas, John, Patrik, Mary, Margaret and Theresa, at home. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Rev. Father Fisher officiating.

MEYER.—Frederick Meyer died at his home in Penn Hall, last Thursday evening, aged 72 years. He is survived by one son, Calvin, and one daughter, Mrs. Jerry Albright, both of Penn Hall; also one brother, John Meyer, of Tusseyville. The funeral was held on Sunday morning, the services being conducted by Rev. F. F. Lanfer. Interment was made in the Salem cemetery.

KLINE—KAUF.—At 11 o'clock last Thursday morning Arthur E. Kline, of Millheim, and Miss Blanche B. Kauf were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kauf, of Bush Addition, by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt. Miss Annie M. Kauf was bridesmaid while Geo. W. Kline was the best man. Mr. and Mrs. Kline will go to housekeeping in Altoona.

LUTHERAN EVANGELIST COMING.—Rev. Dr. L. L. Sieber, known throughout the country as the "Gettysburg Evangelist," will be in Bellefonte the next two weeks and will conduct evangelistic services in the Lutheran church, beginning Sunday morning, May 7th, and continuing every evening during the week and three times on Sunday until May 21st. Dr. Sieber has been engaged in evangelistic work the past ten years and has been eminently successful.

A PRIVATE SANITARIUM.—The rumors current for some time that Drs. Henderson and Carlin of Phillipsburg, were about to open a sanitarium in that place are now confirmed, the gentlemen having leased the handsome Holt property on east Presque Isle street for that purpose. The place is an ideal one, and sick people could scarcely help but take a new lease of life under the lovely surroundings they will have there.

EWING.—Jeremiah Ewing, an old veteran of the Civil war died on April 23rd, at his home in Morrisville, in Stone valley, after an illness of many months' duration with stomach trouble, aged 64 years.

Deceased was a son of James and Esther Ewing, and was born on the John Arthey farm in Spruce creek valley. He is the last surviving male member of that once well known family while but one sister, Mrs. B. J. Laporte, of Phillipsburg, is yet living. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company E, 45th regiment P. V. I., and served all through the war, as brave a soldier as ever carried a gun. He was nicknamed by his comrades "Garibaldi," a name he carried until his death. He was four times wounded in battle but continued active service after each recovery. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Catharine Smith, of Marengo. They had two children, Porter and Annie, both of whom are living in Illinois. In 1883 he was married for the second time, his wife being Miss Annie Powell, of Ferguson township. Three children were the result of this union, Royer, Ellen and Margaret. He was a member of the Methodist church and a loyal and much loved neighbor and citizen.

The funeral was held on Wednesday April 26th, Rev. Ranyan officiating.

ROYER.—Mrs. Anna Royer died at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Cummings, of Millheim, last Saturday afternoon. Deceased was 54 years of age and is survived by three children, as follows: Mrs. Ida Ryan and Ernest, of Millheim, and Mrs. Bessie Koch, of Lewisburg; also three brothers and two sisters, John, George, Mrs. Susan Cummings and Mrs. Jane Walizer, of Millheim, and B. F. Royer, of Mill Hall. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church, on Tuesday, by Rev. G. W. McIl-nay, assisted by Rev. I. N. Blair. Interment in the Union cemetery at Millheim.

DALE.—John Dale died at his home near Houserville, last Friday after a long illness, aged 76 years. He is survived by his wife and nine children, as follows: Martin, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Geo. Behers, of Valley View; Samuel and Wesley, of DuBois; Mrs. William Embenizer, Mrs. Grant Coble and Mrs. John White, all of Houserville, and John, of Lemont. Deceased was a consistent member of the U. B. church the past fifty years. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. David Davis officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at Houserville.

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DAVID O. ETTERS ELECTED COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.—Owing to the fact that county superintendent C. L. Gramley withdrew his name as a candidate for reelection on Monday, the convention of school directors on Tuesday was devoid of that excitement that always surrounds an exciting contest, and yet there was just enough of the sensational connected with the gathering to make it interesting; in fact, perhaps a little too interesting for some.

There were just 173 directors present when Sup't. Gramley called the convention to order at 12 o'clock. Dr. W. W. Andrews, of Phillipsburg, was elected chairman and after he had ascended the rostrum and thanked the directors for the honor conferred upon him, Mr. Gramley arose and begged the privilege of the floor for a few minutes, in which he stated to the convention that after having been elected four times he had been induced to allow his name to be used as a candidate again this year and he had yielded and done so; but that on Monday he had withdrawn from the contest and was not a candidate before the convention. Speaking further Mr. Gramley said:

"For twelve years and seven months I have served as your county superintendent; four times you have elected me and for this I thank you, as well as for the trust reposed in me. I have always tried to the best of my ability to do my duty as I understood it. I may have erred at times, as anyone is likely to do, but if so it was an error of judgment and not intentional. The incoming superintendent will find that he has to be firm—did I say firm? I have been charged with being dictatorial, but a man can't listen to the personal appeals of all, if in his judgment it interferes with what is for the best interest of the schools; the best for your boys and girls. I might not have made a speech here today but when I am charged with being dictatorial; when I am charged with having written anonymous letters—a thing I never did, as I am neither afraid nor ashamed to sign my name to anything I write; and when I am even charged with having been drunk, then I am here to defend myself, my name and my character. And I want to say right here that any gentleman who says he ever saw me under the influence of liquor is not a gentleman, as the accusation is false as false can be. Anyone who knows me knows that I am fanatical on the temperance question. I neither touch, taste nor handle the stuff, and I will here offer to pay \$100 to any charity, charitable institution or hospital you may name if any man here or in the county can produce the proof satisfactory to any reasonable body of men that I was ever intoxicated; provided he will agree to pay \$25 to the same if he fails to do so."

Mr. Gramley's drastic talk was the more surprising because entirely unexpected and it is hardly necessary to say that there wasn't anyone present who took up the cudgel he threw down. At the close of Mr. Gramley's speech D. F. Fortney Esq., arose and introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, By the school directors of Centre county in convention assembled, that we approve of the course pursued by C. L. Gramley who, for more than twelve years has been the superintendent of the schools of the county and has therefore had the entire supervision of the schools and the policies pursued in their advancement. We endorse his course as being progressive, active, energetic, industrious, ever looking to the improvement and the growth of the schools under his supervision. We commend the manner in which he discharged all the duties of the office; and his efforts to elevate the grade, standing and efficiency of the teachers in the county is to be commended as gratifying in the highest degree to the school directors of the county.

The resolution was promptly seconded and in support of its adoption Mr. Fortney made a brief speech in which he further extolled the good work of Mr. Gramley, declaring that he had personal knowledge of the work of every superintendent in the county except the first one and, while it was no disparagement to any of them, it could truthfully be said that Mr. Gramley was the most progressive and aggressive of them all; and that the present high standing of all the schools in the county was mainly due to the advanced methods inaugurated by him and pursued under his direction. The resolution passed without a dissenting vote and Mr. Gramley arose and said "Thank you."

The convention was then fully organized by the election of S. M. Smith, of Centre Hall, and Dr. O. W. McEntire, of Howard, secretaries, and Mr. G. G. Fink, of Huston, reading clerk. The roll call showed 173 directors present. When the chairman announced the convention open for the nomination of candidates for the county superintendency Hon. W. C. Heinle nominated David O. Etters, of Bellefonte, and Dr. O. W. McEntire nominated Milford K. Fletcher, of Liberty township. Etters was elected on the first ballot, the vote standing as follows:

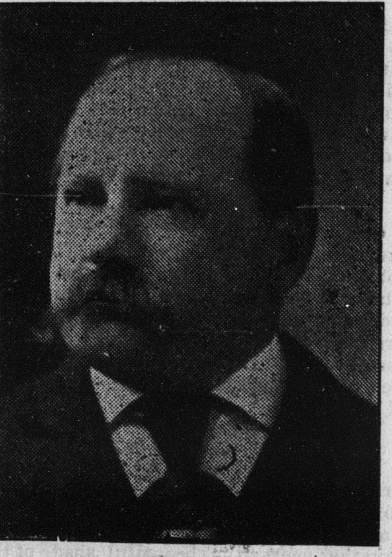
Etters.....136
Fletcher.....36
Both the successful and unsuccessful candidates were called upon for brief speeches, after which the convention adjourned.

A MATHIMONY SOCIAL.—All persons of the Methodist or any other church in the town who were not at Mrs. S. A. Bell's "Matrimony Social" Tuesday evening, missed an evening of great sport. The house was crowded to its limit with nothing to mar the success of the evening save the non-appearance of the men who were advertised to describe their ideal woman—it may have been that they had no ideal or again from a lack of news. However, be it as it may the social was a great success, both socially and financially, and the thirty-two dollars realized by the women went far towards compensating for the absence of some bashful young men. The Logan fire engine house being just across the street from Mrs. Bell's home, and because she is their veritable "good angel," the boys added their very liberal patronage to the financial success of the event and Harry Tibbets contributed some exquisite flowers that were later sent up to Green and Dillen, with a liberal supply of cake.

While dragging logs in a lumbering camp, in the mountains west of Pat. Gerrity's, last Friday afternoon, Reuben Foust, of Pottery Mills, met with a painful accident. The horse he was driving stumbled and fell on Mr. Foust, crushing his ribs and breast bone and injuring him internally. Latest reports, however, say he will recover.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, A. G. Arthey: Jared B. Ripka and Lizzie M. Lingle, both Spring Mills. Harry E. Woerner and Estella M. Gross, both of State College. Arthur E. Kline, of Altoona, and Blanche Kaup, of Bellefonte. Thomas D. Decker and Annie M. Rager, both of State College. Clement Herr Long, of Madisonburg, and Lydia V. Waltz, of Spring Mills. Daniel Morgan Bartlett and Nora A. Solt, both of Bellefonte.

Miss Maggie Krebs is ill with pulmonary trouble. Miss Laura, daughter of James I. Reed, is a very sick girl. John Miller and Jacob Reed transacted business at Petersburg, on Wednesday. Butcher Kimpfort, of State College, was a Boalsburg visitor over Sunday. Jacob McCellan transacted business in Bellefonte and Milesburg Saturday. Mrs. G. S. Moore and daughter Mary visited relatives in Boalsburg Saturday. The cats are all sowed and some of the foremost farmers are done planting corn. Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Osman, of Altoona, have been visiting down Pennsvalley the past week. Mrs. Edward Witmer has been a very sick woman the past week, suffering with catarrh of the stomach. Miss Nancy Snyder, who has been quite sick with stomach trouble for months, is some better now. Mr. Harris Bloom, who has been confined to his bed all winter, is better and able to be about the house. John Strouse and wife, of Linden Hall, spent Sunday evening at the well known Strouse home at Pine Hall. J. D. Nearhood spent Saturday in and about Tyrone. He has his eagle eyes on a big timber tract in that section. Luther Peters, of Oak Hall, with his lady friend spent the first day of the week with his brother Jim, in the Glades. John P. Wagner, wife and little Daniel, of Altoona, came down to visit Centre county friends and do a little trout fishing. Prof. M. E. Heberling spent Sunday with Uncle Joe, who has been confined to his room for weeks with rheumatism. Mrs. Cyrus Goss and son Fredrick drove over from State College to spend Sunday at Hon. J. W. Kepler's home, in the Glades. George, son of G. W. Garbrick, a motor-man in the Garden city, is home suffering with a bad foot caused by stepping on a rusty nail. Mrs. Lizzie McMahan, of Charter Oak, spent Sunday at the Deemer Pierce home at State College, as brisk as a girl in her teens. Mr. Charley Isenberg, contractor and lumberman, who is stocking the saw mill at Shingeltown, complains of a scarcity of help. H. H. Goss and wife spent Sunday at the Felty home on the Branch. It was their first outing since they moved from town to the old farm home. John Porter Lyon and Isaac Mitchell and ladies, of Bellefonte, enjoyed the cool air, Sunday, on an automobile run at full speed to and from Heartsease, the well known home at Penna. Furnace. Rev. E. W. Illingsworth departed recently for his new field of labor in the Masters vineyard, he having accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church, at Somerset, Pa. The family will go later. Mr. C. L. Croyle and wife, of State College, started for California last week with the intention of making the Golden State their future home. We hope they will never regret their move toward the settin' sun. Dr. James Murray, of Edinburg, Scotland, has been the guest of Rev. Illingsworth, whose acquaintance the Doctor made while the reverend was in Edinburg last summer. The Doctor is an accomplished gentleman and perfectly delighted with his visit. He is arranging to send his son to our beloved county to attend College. Amos Nolan, of Altoona, is busily engaged putting the machinery of the Shaver's Creek creamery in good repair. They expect to run it at full capacity this season. Mr. J. C. Biler will have charge of the concern. He is a very competent creamery man and an expert butter maker. The output at the plant at Bellville the last month was over eighteen thousand dollars worth, and there is no reason why the Shaver's Creek concern won't pay.



DAVID O. ETTERS.