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Democratic County Committee for 1905.

Table listing Democratic County Committee members for 1905, including names, precincts, and addresses.

Democratic State Ticket.

FOR STATE TREASURER, WILLIAM H. BERRY, of Delaware county. FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JOHN STEWART, of Franklin county. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, JOHN B. HEAD, of Westmoreland county.

The County Ticket.

For Sheriff: ELLIS S. SHAFFER, of Miles Twp. For Treasurer: DR. FRANK K. WHITE, of Phillipsburg. For Register: HARRY J. JACKSON, of Bellefonte. For Recorder: JOHN C. ROWE, of Phillipsburg. For Commissioner: JOHN L. DUNLAP, of Spring Twp. C. A. WEAVER, of Penn Twp. For Auditor: JAMES W. SWABB, of Harris Twp. S. H. HOY, of Jenner Twp. For Coroner: DR. P. S. FISHER, of Walker Twp.

Taxes Will Have to be Raised.

As a result of experimenting with an incompetent Board of County Commissioners the property owners of Centre county—already overburdened—have an increase of taxation staring them in the face. The truth of the matter is that this year there would have been an increase of half a mill had Messrs. MILLER and BAILEY not been candidates for re-election. They know better than we can tell you that they have run the expenses of the county way beyond its income and the only alternative is an INCREASE OF TAXATION. It will have to come, no matter who is elected, but are you willing to put back into office the men who have made it necessary and run the risk of the taxes going still higher?

A few years ago from \$60,000 to \$85,000 were regarded as ample to meet all the demands, but since MILLER and BAILEY have had charge the expenses have grown fifty per cent. higher and during the last fiscal year reached the UNHEARD OF SUM OF \$90,000.

No one could raise an objection to this if there were a single plausible reason for it. The county has actually decreased in population, expensive litigation that once piled great court costs on us has, for the most part, disappeared even to the extent that very often there is but one week of court whereas formerly there were always two and sometimes three. Public improvements are less today than in years gone by, yet in the face of these incontrovertible facts the expenses have been going steadily upward.

Why is this? Certainly there can be no other causes than those of EXTRAVAGANCE and MISMANAGEMENT. We shall have more to say of the former later and shall confine ourselves now to the charge that MISMANAGEMENT RULES IN THE OFFICE OF OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TODAY. In proof of this assertion we need but refer to the last annual statement of the present Board.

In it they estimate the county expenses for the current year at \$73,000.00, while the greatest possible income the county can have will be in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00. Here will be a deficit of \$13,000.00. How will it be paid except by RAISING YOUR TAXES.

In the above statement we accept the estimate of the Commissioners as covering all the funds needed, but if their estimate in all departments falls as far short as it does for bridges the expenses this year will reach the unprecedented mark of \$100,000.00. If you refer to your statement you will find the following item appears on the estimate of expenses:

"Bridges.....\$8,000.00"

We want to inform the tax payers of Centre county that already this year the Commissioners have spent or contracted to spend for bridges and bridge improvements the sum of \$10,055.00 an increase of twenty-five per cent. on this item alone—and we challenge successful contradiction of this statement, and the end is not yet.

If they are as far off in all the estimates as they are in this, one of the smallest items, you can look for the expenses of the county this year to run up to \$91,250.00.

Think of it! Try to figure out for yourself where the money to settle is to come from unless your taxes are raised. You are paying 3 mills on the dollar now and would have been called on to pay 3 1/2 mills this year had MILLER and BAILEY not been afraid to raise the millage when they are asking your vote for re-election. They knew the condition of affairs. They knew they could not make ends meet on 3 mills but they were afraid to go before you with a 3 1/2 mill levy and have deceived you with the hope of getting back into office for another term.

This is not the only deception they have practised on you. Another glance at their last annual statement will show that they endeavored to leave the impression that there was a balance of \$10,864.03 in the county treasury on January 29, 1905. So there was in theory, but let us tell you that at the same time they were showing you this handsome balance as an evidence of their competency there was a county note for \$10,000.00 lying in one of the banks in Bellefonte. So instead of having a balance of \$10,864.03 they actually had only \$864.03, if they had that much.

These are some of the business methods of the men who are now asking you to re-elect them to office. We do not ask you to take our word, for all you need do is take up their last statement and figure it out for yourself. The assessed valuation of the property in the county this year is \$11,936,912. On this they have laid 3 mills—\$10.73. If they get it all it will amount to \$35,810.73. Add to it the proceeds from the sale of unseated lands, liquor licenses, state tax returned, Commissioners and Treasurers sales and the available unpaid balances on the old duplicates and you will find that the results are exactly as we have given above. Go to the Commissioner's office yourself and you will learn that our estimate on the bridge item is absolutely correct.

After convincing yourself the facts are, as we say they are, would you consider yourself as either practical or sensible to vote for men who either RUN YOU HOPELESSLY IN DEBT OR RAISE YOUR TAXES.

How Can They Do It?

According to the statement certified over the signatures of ABRAM V. MILLER and JOHN G. BAILEY published in March last and setting forth the county receipts and expenditures for the preceding year these Commissioners made an estimate of \$73,000.00 funds needed for conducting the county's affairs during 1905. In the budget appeared the following item:

Bridges - \$8,000.00

Everybody will understand that it means that they intended making bridge improvements during this year to the amount of \$8,000.00. How well these Commissioners plan, rather how far short of practical they are, will appear when we tell you that already they have built one bridge that has cost \$7,000.00. We refer to the High street bridge over the race in Bellefonte. In addition, they have pledged themselves to build a bridge over Beech creek that will cost nearly as much more, running the actual expenditure nearly double their estimate, without anything for repairs.

Now, if their estimate of \$73,000.00 to carry them through the entire year is as much off as this one part of it—and there is no reason to believe that it is not—the first of January next the taxpayers may find that it has cost in the neighborhood of \$146,000.00 to run the county for a year. Of course it will scarcely amount to that, but who can tell? There is no certainty about anything this Board does and for that reason it should be relegated to some other place than a position to squander the people's money as if it grew on thistle bushes.

It is really more than we can understand how Messrs. BAILEY and MILLER figure. They expect to made ends meet and ask the voters of Centre county to re-elect them to office when their inability to properly manage the county's business must be apparent to all.

The County Race at the Fair.

For years the Fair Association has been trying to have a good race for county horses. Not until this year have their efforts met with success. When the event was announced a few men signified a willingness to enter and now nearly a dozen of owners of good road horses are going to drive them in the race Wednesday afternoon.

While the spirit of the race is mere sport and a natural pride the owners take in the speed of their horses the prizes offered will be quite worth the effort and any one who wants to enter the race can do so up until the time of starting. No entrance fee is charged and all the horses must draw a four wheeled wagon, as it would not be fair to permit the use of a sulky unless all could have them.

This will be the feature attraction of the week because the average person enjoys a race far more when they know the horse and driver and know that there is no jockeying in it. The county race will be run Wednesday afternoon. Don't fail to be there to see it.

Among the entries that are sure are: Lewis Wallace, Milesburg; Bruce Lingle, Milesburg; W. J. Woodring, Port Matilda; C. W. Lytle, State College; George L. Robinson, Clarence; T. G. Leathers, Mt. Eagle, and Henry Lowery, Bellefonte. There are a number of other gentlemen interested who will probably be in at the start. It should be remembered that not a horse that will go in this race has ever been tracked or raced for money.

Wednesday afternoon is the time, remember that.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, September 20. The National Purty Conference will be held in La Crosse, Wis., October 17-19.

The National Rural Letter Carriers' Association held their annual convention at Indianapolis.

H. W. Dennison and six members of the Japanese peace mission sailed from Seattle for Japan.

The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held at Pittsburgh November 13.

Wade S. Stanfield has been appointed United States district attorney for the northern district of Indian Territory.

John Vercavage, of Pittsburg, who was arrested at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for drunkenness, hanged himself in his cell and was dead when found.

Thursday, September 21. Autumn Arbor Day in Pennsylvania will be observed on Friday, October 20.

Admiral Dewey has returned to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., where he spent the summer.

The Brotherhood of Railway Car-men of America will hold their next biennial convention in Chicago.

Frederic Laurence Knowles, the poet, author of "On Life's Stairway" and "Love Triumphant," died at Roxbury, Mass., of typhoid fever.

The Noel construction company, of Baltimore, was awarded the contract to erect the administration building at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., at their bid of \$59,000.

Friday, September 22. Baron Nathaniel Rothschild's will was probated in London. He leaves \$5,000,000 to charity.

Three men were fatally injured in the old county court house, Chicago, which is being torn down.

Two hundred persons were hurt, three seriously, by the collapse of a band stand at Belleville, Ill.

From Idaho and California 29,000 cars of oranges have been sent east during the season just closed.

Andrew Carnegie will give Smith College, Northampton, Mass., \$125,000 if an equal amount is raised.

Saturday, September 23. The University of Chicago has established a four-year course in "railway education."

Fifty children engaged in a race riot in Pittsburg and 15 colored boys were badly beaten.

Derby & Co., New York Jewellers, in Malden Lane, were robbed of \$1000 in silver plate by burglars.

Former Governor Charles T. O'Farrell, of Virginia, died at Richmond from nervous prostration.

Rufus Blynon, a negro, was executed at Ardmore, I. T., for beating his 8-year-old stepdaughter to death.

John Reid, 17 years old, who fatally shot a man at Sulzer's Harlem River Park, New York, came near being lynched. He was intoxicated.

Monday, September 25. A Bloomsburg, Pa., concern has just shipped 400 school desks to Cape Town, South Africa.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson has been nominated for a third term by Cleveland Democrats.

For assault on a woman and the murder of her baby, Frank Brown, colored, was lynched at Conway, Ark.

The Commercial Club at Topeka, Kan., is planning a world's fair for 1911 to mark the state's semi-centennial of admission to the union.

Though an engine on top of him at Bethlehem, Pa., had to be lifted by jacks to release Conductor Walter Myers, he was unhurt, but his shoes were in pieces.

Tuesday, September 26. In a quarrel over a girl at Maysville, Ky., Henry Edwards was shot and killed by Clarence Turner.

Fifty Filipino students arrived in Chicago, preparatory to entering various western colleges and universities.

The biennial convention of the supreme lodge of the Improved Order of Knights of Pythias was held at Washington.

When Woman Shops.

There is a curious twist in woman's nature that forbids her to go shopping at the sales alone. She wants a length of lace, a cheap skirt, a blouse. She has the money in her pocket for the purchase. But she must have companionship. She arranges to meet other women who have either no money or no needs, and the companionship, having lunched together, go joyfully to the purchase—a curious illustration of the altruism of woman.

One may perhaps indicate the contrast—which may be to the feminine advantage. A woman wants a new hat. She issues invitations to intimate friends to come and see her buy one. A man wants a new hat. The selfish beast never dreams of inviting his male friends to spend an afternoon in seeing him suited and fitted. Probably there is no man living who, being in want of a new evening suit, gave a friend the delight of helping him in the choosing of the cloth, the measuring and the final fitting. And yet there are those who think women have not so good a time as men!—London Chronicle.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

"Dreamland." A beautiful show of illusions, posturing and vaudeville, has been booked among the other attractions for the fair next week.

A mate twenty-one years old with twin colts at her side is nothing short of a curiosity yet there will be one at the Great Centre County Fair next week.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Archey: Martin L. Reiley and Rose Mallin, both of Phillipsburg.

John Jackson and Lena A. Champ, both of Phillipsburg.

E. Thomas Saylor, of Spring Mills, and Ida B. Vonada, of Madisonburg.

Jacob Kershner and Mary Heaton, both of Unionville.

Geo. L. Casher and Oeie Zimmerman, both of Phillipsburg.

Wm. D. Forshey and Fanny L. Musser, both of Phillipsburg.

Charles Batcheler and Caroline Doughty, both of Phillipsburg.

Thomas A. Eters and Sarah E. Blair, both of Bellefonte.

DEATH OF SAMUEL STAMM.—Samuel Stamm, a life-long resident as well as the most prominent citizen of Loganton, died on Saturday, September 16th, after five months illness with dropsy, aged 69 years, 9 months and 10 days. The funeral occurred on Tuesday following his death, services being held in the United Evangelical church by his pastor, Rev. H. T. Searle.

Deceased was the fifth child of David and Elizabeth Stamm. He was born on the old Stamm homestead east of Loganton on Dec. 6th, 1835. He had two brothers, Jacob and David, both of whom preceded him to the other world. He also had three sisters, Katie, Lizzie and Mary. Of these the last two remain to mourn his departure. Mrs. Elizabeth Henney, of Millheim, and Mrs. Mary Frantz, of Loganton.

The original Stamm family moved to Sugar valley from Centre county about 74 years ago. When Mr. Stamm was about 12 years old the first Sunday school in that valley was organized by Mr. Levi Conser in the old school house now occupied by the post office. Samuel was one of the first Sunday school scholars. The lessons were mostly studied in German. Ever since that time he has attended the means of grace regularly.

May 27th, 1862, he was married to Miss Sarah Decker, of near Hubersburg. This union was blessed with five daughters, the first of whom died at the age of 1 year and 7 months. The following survive him and deeply mourn the loss of a well beloved husband and father: The widow and Mrs. George Herman, at home; Mrs. Carl Janon, of New York; Mrs. C. C. Mizner, of Wayland, N. Y.; and Mrs. James R. Lytle, of McKeesport, Pa.

At the time Mr. Stamm was married he took charge of the farm and cultivated it several years, when he moved to Loganton and went into the store business, which he continued until a month before his death. He was universally considered an honest, straightforward business man.

RILEY.—William Riley, an old and respected resident of Phillipsburg, died early Monday morning, of dropsy, aged 74 years. Deceased was born in Ireland but came to this country forty-five years ago and settled in Phillipsburg where he lived until his death. His wife died about 12 years ago but surviving him are eight children as follows: Patrick, living in Iowa; William and Martin, at home; Richard, of Rockwood; Edward and Thomas, in the west; Mrs. Jones, of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. Ed. Mulligan, of Pittsburg. Funeral services were held in Sts. Peter and Paul's church, at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, after which the remains were taken to Ocoela for interment.

GEO. A. BERRY.—Well known to many readers of the WATCHMAN in the vicinity of Lemont, died at his home in Braddock, on Friday, 22nd inst. He was the son of Dr. Geo. A. Berry who, during his life time was one of the most noted physicians of the county, and was born at Lemont in 1848. After attaining manhood he began the practice of law at Ebensburg, Cambria county, where he accumulated considerable of a fortune in the oil business. In 1885 he removed to Braddock where he resided until his death.

Jury List.

List of Jurors Drawn for November Court.

The following named persons have been drawn as jurors to serve at a special term of court, commencing Monday, Nov. 20th.

TRAVELERS JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

Table listing Travelers Jurors for the first week, including names and addresses.

GRAND JURORS.

Table listing Grand Jurors, including names and addresses.

TRAVELERS JURORS FOR REGULAR TERM, BEGINNING NOV. 27th.

Table listing Travelers Jurors for regular term, beginning Nov. 27th, including names and addresses.

DECEMBER.

Table listing Jurors for December, including names and addresses.

Don't Get Mixed.

Every day will be a great one at the fair next week. There will be something different each day so don't imagine that Thursday will be any better than Wednesday or Friday, because it will not. All will be good days and, besides, the great county race will be run on Wednesday.

If you are not already possessed of one of those stylish and becoming hats now seen at Joseph's do not miss this last day of the fall showing for the hats are too pretty to remain long in the store.

In Memory of May Belle Bargas.

CONTRIBUTED.

A dear young mother is called away. From those whom she loved sublime. At the close of that beautiful life we hope She enters a happier clime.

Where no care or sorrow or wasting pain Can cloud our dear ones brow, Neath God's eternal bowers we hope Her spirit is resting now.

In cares that remain for us to bear Let us be true and faithful be. The time will come for us to go, The same dear face to see.

Be robed and ready that He may send From His beautiful home above, An angel of light to show us home, To mansions of endless love.

Where in His presence we all may dwell And rest in His infinite love. Till then, dear one, we say "farewell," If faithful, we'll meet above.

EMMA B.

Pine Grove Mention.

J. P. Wickersham did up our merchants on Tuesday.

The frost is on the pumpkin but the fodder is not all in the shock.

Mrs. David Rider is having her farm house repaired both inside and out.

Mrs. Albert Hoy is having her home beautified with a new coat of paint.

L. H. Osman is sporting a new driver—a high stepper he is training for the fair.

Miss Bessie Scholl, of Bellefonte, is being entertained at the Fishburn home in the Glades.

Our Reformed neighbors are arranging to make some little repairs to the Bethel church.

A nice little girl baby put in its appearance at the Wm. K. Goss home last Tuesday evening.

George Bell, of Spruce Creek, was shaking hands with old cronies here the beginning of the week.

Squire Keller has been repairing the gearing in the grist mill and it is running on full time now.

Mrs. A. M. Brown with her daughter Rebecca were entertained at the parsonage on Saturday.

G. W. O'Bryan and wife spent several days near Zion visiting their daughter, Mrs. Homer Decker.

After a weeks visit among Pennsylvanians friends, Harry Stewart returned to his home at Sandy Ridge.

J. M. Keichline, of Bellefonte, was here the beginning of the week seeing after his earthly possessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber, of Mechanicsburg, are being royally entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lytle's home.

Budd Glenn, of the Branch, Sundayed with his uncle, Will Glenn, on the Major Ross farm just west of town.

Edward Sellers is attending the Lewisburg fair this week, where he has a large lot of machinery on exhibition.

Merchant W. S. Ward is having a heating plant put in his home and store. Krumrine, of State College, has the contract.

Grandmother Bishel, of Boalsburg, is spending a month at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John W. Miller, on Main street.

There will be preaching services in all the four churches next Sunday by some of the visiting ministers attending conference.

After a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Bell, at Spruce Creek, grandmother Goss is back in her winter quarters.

A. M. and S. B. Brown shipped a car load of horses to the city on Tuesday. They were a choice lot of roadsters and ought to bring fancy prices.

Miss Elva Dixon, Miss Olive Hart, of Iowa, and Miss Ella Rhone, of California, were entertained at postmaster Hess' home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dreiblebis with their daughter, Mrs. Jacob Krumrine, of State College, were visitors at the J. D. Dreiblebis home Saturday.

Mrs. Poffenberger and sister, Mrs. Cameron, of Harrisburg, are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. S. Ward, of Bellefonte, much delighted with their outing.

Samuel Kimpfort, who has been sick in bed for the past two weeks with nervous prostration, is better but improvement seems to come so very slowly.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson with her interesting family came in from Clearfield to spend a few days at her parental home, the well-known Lytle home near State College.

Hon. J. W. Kepler was away on a trip through the Clearfield coal district, this week, in the interest of the large milling trade in which he is interested.

Thus far in the season John W. Miller claims the belt as a coon hunter. Last Friday night he came in with four large coons he captured in one tree, O. K.

Capt. J. M. Kepler is keeping a close watch over his large bronze turkey gobble that is hatching a nest of eggs which the Captain hopes to be out by Thanksgiving.

P. M. Corl and wife, are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy to swell the Democratic ranks of Ferguson. The Corl register shows thirteen voters, and still they come.

The public sale of Joseph Meyers, at Gatesburg, was fairly well attended but bidding was rather slow so that crayer Geo. Waite was obliged to do a lot of extra shouting to get even ordinary prices. Joe is bent on living in the Smoky city, to which place his goods were shipped on Monday.

Our town is in holiday attire with open doors to greet the clergy and many strangers who are in attendance at the Evangelical Lutheran Conference of Central Pennsylvania now in session in the Lutheran church here. The first session was held on Wednesday evening, the conference to last over Sunday. The conference is composed of ministers and lay delegates of the counties of Centre, Perry, Juniata, Snyder, Union, Clinton and Mifflin, synodical business will be transacted at the day sessions. Wednesday evening, communion sermon by Rev. J. M. Reaick, of Centre Hall. Thursday evening, education, by Rev. W. M. Reaick, of West Milton. Friday evening, missions by Rev. J. H. Musselman, of Newport. Saturday evening, systematic beneficence, by Rev. J. L. Stoncyber, of Boalsburg. Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. W. H. Dalbur, of Belleville. Sunday evening, ordination, by Prof. T. C. Houtz, of Selingsgrove. By special train all the strangers within our gates will visit State College this Friday afternoon.