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Caucus Meeting.

Democratic caucus meetings will be held in every election precinct of Centre county on Saturday, January 23, 1909, at an hour to be designated by the local party chairman, for the purpose of nominating precinct, township and borough officers to be voted for at the coming February election.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

DEATH OF HON. HARRY R. CURTIN.—It was just about two o'clock yesterday morning when Hon. Harry R. Curtin breathed his last at his home at Curtin and his death naturally, is a source of great sorrow to the multitude of friends who, even though they knew of his severe illness, clung to the hope that his former rugged constitution would be able to withstand the ravages of the disease and he would recover, at least in part, his old-time health.

Harry Roland Curtin was a son of John Curtin, and was born in the home in which he lived his entire life and where he died, on January 12th, 1850, so that he was just 59 years and 9 days old. His family has been one of the best known and most distinguished in the history of Centre county. His grandfather, Roland Curtin, was a native of Ireland and came to this country during the time of the French revolution.

Shortly after that he was appointed a special agent under Robert P. Porter for gathering statistics concerning iron and steel. A year later he was appointed administrator of the Constance Curtin estate, a business he had charge of until his death.

In politics he was a Republican and always a faithful worker for his party. For this he was rewarded in 1894 by the nomination for the Legislature and at the election that fall was elected by over five hundred majority. He served one term and made an able Representative. On January 1st, 1907, he was appointed one of the pure food commissioners of the State by Governor Hastings.

On June 9th, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia G. McMeen, of Milesburg. She survives with four children, as follows: Joseph McMeen, John C., Hugh Laird and Catharine. Mr. Curtin was a member of the Baptist church and of the various Masonic organizations in this place. The funeral will be held from the house at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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DEATH OF PETER COLLINS.—Peter Collins, probably as widely known as any man in the State today, died at the home of his sister, Miss Sarah Collins, on east Curtin street, at 4:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon. For many years past Mr. Collins, with his family, made his home in Philadelphia. Some three or four months ago he contracted a severe cold. A general breaking down of his system followed and early in December he came to Bellefonte in the hope that the change would prove beneficial. He continued to grow worse however and just before Christmas his daughter, Miss Nannie, came to Bellefonte and with him constantly. For two weeks prior to his death it was evident he could not recover, his condition being such that he was conscious only part of the time. Realizing that his end was near his wife and other three daughters were summoned and arrived early last week, all being at his bedside when he breathed his last.

The funeral was held on Monday. The body was taken to the Catholic church at 7:30 o'clock in the morning where mass was said and the services conducted by Rev. Father McArdle, assisted by Father O'Hanlon. From here the remains were taken on the 9:05 train west to Summit, Cambria county, where the same afternoon they were interred in the family lot where repose the remains of his parents.

Peter Collins was a son of Peter and Sarah Collins and was born in Somerset county in 1830. His parents emigrated from Ireland and located in Munster township, Somerset county, when the Pittsburg pike was the main highway between the east and the west. Some years later they moved to Ebensburg and then to Summit, Cambria county, where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. When a comparatively young man Peter Collins became associated with his two brothers, Thomas and Philip, in the contracting business, their specialty being the building of railroads.

Among their early railroad contracts were building sections of the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, the Bald Eagle Valley, the Ebensburg branch, the Indiana branch and various other roads. In 1876 an American Syndicate was formed to build a railroad from Bolivia to connect with the Amazon river in Brazil, a project started under an English syndicate four years previous but which had been abandoned because of the disease laden forests and swamps of that country, and the Collins brothers were selected to build the road because of their national reputation.

Thomas and Peter Collins went there personally to direct the work. About 900 men left this country for the Brazilian scene of operations and less than one-third ever returned. Among this number were the Messrs. Collins, James T. Young, of Johnstown; C. S. d'Inville, of Cresson; George W. Creighton, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad; C. E. Preston, now superintendent of the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and a number of others yet living.

The first ship to sail on this expedition was the Merideta from Philadelphia, which carried the engineering corps and the stores for the men who were to follow. The Metropolis left Philadelphia a short time later having on board a large number of men who had contracted to work on the job, but off Cape May the vessel sank and 194 lives were lost. Later the Richmond set sail for Brazil and it was on this boat that Mr. Young and Thomas Collins took passage.

The Richmond had better luck than the Metropolis, but afterward the men, including Peter Collins, wished they had met the same fate. All of them had the "breakbone" fever. Starvation stared them in the face. The men were reduced to skeletons and were almost naked. Their condition for a long time beggared description. To make matters worse the contractors had trouble in collecting for what they really did accomplish and were unable to pay their men. In fact through some technical juggling in the English courts they never received any settlement for the work and consequently lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It was while on an expedition for food in the interior of Brazil that Peter Collins was wounded by an Indian arrow from which he never fully recovered. In common with practically all the others Peter Collins narrowly escaped starvation. Monkeys were part of their diet and it was frequently difficult to obtain even this nourishment. The men looked like skeletons when they, one by one, finally succeeded in making their way back to this country.

Upon their return to this country they continued in the contracting business, finally associating with their nephew, Thomas A. Shoemaker, of this place, who was the head of the firm originally started by his uncles and of which Peter Collins was a prominent member, until he finally went into the business for himself. Their last enterprise in this locality was in 1887 when they built the Bellefonte furnace, then designated the Collins furnace, and the Bellefonte Central railroad. This venture did not prove as good a one financially as they anticipated and they finally disposed of it as a sacrifice.

For years Peter Collins made his home in Philadelphia, where he was compelled to live a quiet life on account of the wound received and privations suffered while in Brazil. Of the once so well known Collins

family Peter was the last survivor of the male members of the family while his sister, Miss Sarah, is the sole survivor. Mr. Collins, however, leaves a wife and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Westcott, Mrs. Gallagher, Misses Nancy and Bertha, all of Philadelphia; and his nephew, Thomas A. Shoemaker, of this place.

UNDERWOOD.—Mrs. Susan Underwood, one of the best known women of Union township, died at the home of her son-in-law, R. Orlando Way, in Halfmoon township, on Sunday. She had been confined to her room and bed for several months as the result of general infirmities and her death was not unexpected.

She was a daughter of William and Mary Taylor Irwin and was born in Union township September 6th, 1821, thus being 87 years, 4 months and 11 days old. She was a member of the Society of Friends and for many years was an elder in that church. She was not only a good christian lady but a kind, motherly woman who was a friend to everybody in time of need and who was loved by all who knew her.

She was married to Jesse Underwood in October, 1839, who died a number of years ago, but surviving her are the following children: Isaac, of Bellefonte; Jason and Owen, of Unionville; Warren, of Woodbury, N. J.; Mrs. R. Orlando Way, of Halfmoon township; Zephaniah, of Sunbury, and William, of Philadelphia. She also leaves one brother, William Taylor Irwin, of Union township.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Way, in Halfmoon township, at ten o'clock yesterday morning after which the funeral cortege went to Unionville where final services were held in the Friends meeting house at two o'clock in the afternoon. Burial was made in the Unionville cemetery.

SUNDAY.—Lewis Sunday was found dead in bed at his home near Centre Hall last Tuesday morning. He retired on Monday evening as usual and when Mrs. Sunday awoke on Tuesday morning she spoke to her husband and receiving no reply grasped his arm to awaken him and was horrified to find him cold in death. He had evidently been dead several hours and Mrs. Sunday and her little babe had slept beside the body all that time unconscious of Mr. Sunday's death. Mr. Sunday was sixty-six years old, and had not been in the best of health for some time past. He is survived by his wife and six children. The funeral was held on Friday morning, interment being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

ROSS.—Miss Sarah Ross, an aged maiden lady who made her home with the family of James Lytle, at State College, died last Saturday afternoon. She had been an invalid for several years and her death was the result of a complication of diseases. She was about seventy-four years old and was born, raised and lived her entire life in Ferguson township. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and a woman who had the love and esteem of all who knew her. Funeral services were held at the house on Sunday afternoon and on Monday morning the remains were taken to the Ross cemetery, near Marengo, for interment.

STUNBAUGH.—Mrs. John Stunbaugh died in the Altoona hospital last Friday evening, after less than a week's illness. Her maiden name was Lykens and she was born at Enna Furnace, Blair county, forty-two years ago. Surviving her are her husband and three children; one sister, Mrs. Ellie Stine, of Scotia, this county, and six brothers. Owen, of Altoona; William, Calvin, Nelvin, Isaac and Harry Lykens, all of Scotia. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, interment being made in the Rose Hill cemetery, Altoona.

CALLAHAN.—Wharton Morris Callahan died at his home in Philadelphia last Friday night after an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. He was born at Hubersburg over fifty-eight years ago and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Callahan, deceased. He is survived by three sons, Lot and Charles, of Sandy Ridge, and William, of Philadelphia; also one brother, John, of Cold Stream, and a sister, Mrs. E. C. Bergstresser, of Hubersburg. The funeral took place at two o'clock on Monday afternoon.

ONLY.—Mrs. Elijah Only, one of the best known residents of Philadelphia, died on Wednesday evening of last week after several months' illness with cancer. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Green and she was born at Valentine's Forge over sixty-eight years ago. She was married to Mr. Only in 1864. She was the mother of thirteen children, four of whom with her husband and one stepson survive. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

KINNEY.—William Kinney, who lived in the Ridges about a mile north of Port Matilda, died on Monday evening of last week of typhoid fever, after a brief illness. He was aged 95 years, 4 months and 18 days, and is survived by his wife and one child. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, the remains being taken to Julian for interment.

CARNEE.—Daniel Carner, a native of Centre county, died in Altoona on Sunday morning of paralysis. He was born in Walker township, this county, in January, 1831, but most of his life was spent in Blair county and in Ohio. The remains were taken to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where his two sons and one daughter reside, for burial.

RAPP.—Mrs. Mary Meitz Rapp, widow of the late Jacob Rapp, died at her home on south Allegheny street a few minutes after nine o'clock on Monday morning, of infirmities due to her advanced age. She had been in failing health for a year or more but had been confined to her bed less than a week.

Deceased was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 8th, 1821, hence was 87 years, 9 months and 10 days old. In 1843 she was united in marriage in the town of her nativity to Jacob Rapp and a few years later the young couple emigrated to this country. Fifty six years ago they came to Bellefonte and this has been their home ever since. She was a devout member of St. John's Catholic church and a woman universally esteemed by all who knew her.

Her husband died several years ago but surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Lena Brown, of New York city, and Miss Mary at home. The funeral was held from the Catholic church at ten o'clock yesterday morning, Rev. Father McArdle officiating at the services. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

REESE.—Mrs. Aereena Reese was found dead in bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Hogg, in Philadelphia, on Sunday morning. She went to bed Saturday night in her usual health and her death was evidently the result of heart disease.

She was born in Boggs township and was a little past seventy-seven years old. Some years ago she moved to Charleroi, where she had made her home since, her death occurring while she was on a visit to her daughter. She was a member of the Methodist church and a good christian woman.

Surviving her are five daughters, as follows: Mrs. Andrew Hogg, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Anna Stevenson, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. Sellers, of Milesburg, and Misses Josephine and Sarah, at home in Charleroi. The remains were brought to Milesburg where the funeral was held at ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

ULRICH.—Daniel Ulrich died at his home in Millheim on Thursday evening of last week after a lingering illness of paralysis. He was 62 years, 10 months and 24 days old and is survived by his wife and three daughters, namely: Mrs. Carrie Erle and Mrs. Elsie Zetby, of Spring Mills; and Mrs. Tacie Noll, of Rebersburg; he also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Michael, George and Mrs. Sarah Orndorf, of Millheim; David, of Elkton, S. D.; Aaron W., of Penn township; Mrs. Kate Auman, of Potter township, and Mrs. Hettie Catberman, of Warriorsmark. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, interment being made in the Fairview cemetery.

REESER.—Mrs. Anna Baylor Reeser, wife of William Reeser, formerly of this place but now of New Winchester, Ohio, died quite suddenly on Monday, though at this writing no particulars of her death have been received. She is survived by her husband and two children, Alice and James. The funeral was held yesterday.

MA'S NEW HUSBAND.—In "Ma's New Husband," which comes to Garman's, tomorrow (Saturday) evening, playgoers are promised a farcical musical treat of the merriest kind. It has scored heavily in other cities in which it has been played and from all accounts has proven a vogue for all who care entertainment of a light, clean, snappy and lively type. No less than eighteen musical numbers, everyone of them new, are on the program. Prices, 25 to 75 cents. A special matinee will be given tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, for which the price of admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

The Bellefonte Steam Heating company has been up against a hard proposition the past week. When the weather began to grow cold last week one of their boilers sprang a leak and had to be out until. And then in quick succession others followed until five of their largest boilers were out of commission. A large force of men was put to work and kept at it day and night and all day Sunday until now they have gotten things in pretty fair shape again.

Have you noticed the bargains M. C. Gephart, the music dealer, is offering in pianos and organs in his advertisement in the WATCHMAN? If you have not and are in need of a musical instrument of any kind it will pay you to go see Gephart. New pianos, little-used pianos and good second hand pianos are being sold at dirt cheap prices. Better bargains were never offered in Bellefonte before.

W. A. Moore, general manager of the Nittany Iron company, has placed an order for one of the new twenty-horse power Ford runabouts to be delivered as early in April as possible. Frank E. Nagney is also considering trading his old machine in and getting one of the new 1909 models.

Lemost.

C. A. Houtz and family are at present down with the grip.

Mrs. D. G. Meyer transacted business in Bellefonte Wednesday.

Miss Ella Houtz is at present visiting among friends in Tyrone.

Jacob Klinger is not quite so well at present and it is feared is growing worse.

William F. Lytle has been on the sick list the last week but is getting better at this writing.

Fred Miller went down to Smullton, Monday, where he will spend a few days with his parents.

Charles Mayes, of Watsonstown, buried

his six months old child in the cemetery at Bousburg, last Thursday.

George Hettinger moved from Millheim to the C. D. Houtz house, along Nittany mountain, near the saw mill, as he is working for William Baumgardner.

Wednesday night brought snow and Saturday and Sunday three or four inches more and Tuesday morning was the coldest of the season, the thermometers standing 6° to 12° below zero.

Ray Hoy and wife, were entertained at the home of E. F. Hoy, Monday evening, and the callibumpkins did not forget to render some of their choice music to help make the cold evening lively.

Pine Grove Station.

The mercury tallied 18° below zero on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Maria Gos is visiting the J. N. Bell home at Spruce Creek.

Harry Shugert visited friends at McAlevey's Fort Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neidigh enjoyed a sleigh ride to the county seat Monday.

Mrs. Mary Harper is out of town visiting her son Gordon at Rock Springs this week.

Clark Henderson is in bed with his left leg broken by a rank of cord wood falling on it.

George Dunlap with his bride will occupy the Bubb home on Water street after April first.

Miss Etta Keller, of Philadelphia, is making a month's visit among her many friends here.

J. H. Peters and James Harpster sleighed over to Buffalo Run Tuesday morning of horses.

Mrs. Joseph Strouse spent last week among friends at the home of her birth, McClure, Penna.

Postmaster Barr will leave his old home and occupy the William Keller property on Main street next season.

Miss Maggie Mitchell fell on the ice last Friday, breaking her left hip and now is in quite a serious condition.

Samuel Houser and wife, of Houserville, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hess, on the Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harper with their little daughter are all down with typhoid fever at their home on Tadpole.

E. B. Isett and wife left Monday for a long visit in the Sunny south. They will spend a month of their time in Florida.

David P. Henderson and wife were passengers west Tuesday morning for a six weeks' visit among friends in the Sucker State.

Marcella Sankey, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Evans, of Spring Mills, composed a jolly sledding party to State College on Wednesday.

Wesley Fike, Nathaniel Krape's right hand man on the farm, had his right arm broken by a horse squeezing him against the trough, early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Levi Garber is visiting relatives in Altoona and Hollidaysburg, where she will meet her relatives from the far west whom she has not seen since she was a girl.

George Behrens and wife enjoyed the excellent sleighing to town Monday, and were wreathed in smiles, owing to the arrival of a little granddaughter at Harry Behrer's home last week.

Among the sick are Mrs. Samuel Bressler, the venerable William Jackson, Harry Harrah, William Brouse, Virginia, daughter of Charles Dale, who is quite ill with pneumonia. John Rupp, ex register of Centre county, was operated upon at his home in Bousburg last Sunday morning and is getting along nicely.

The sixty-first annual banquet of Pennsylvania Lodge, 276, I. O. F., was held in their spacious hall last Friday evening, where one hundred and thirty persons partook of the splendid feast. The evening was a most enjoyable one to all and the spirit of good cheer and brotherly love prevailed. That old war horse, J. G. Huberling, presided. Rev. J. S. Shultz was the speaker.

The new undertaking and furniture firm which succeeded J. B. Heberling, is named Tate & Randolph. They took possession of the old stand on Monday morning. Mr. Heberling has gone to State College to form a co-partnership with Mr. Restrick, of that place. We are sorry to lose him and his family, but hope the firm which succeeds him will be able to make it go, as Mr. Tate has been in the business for three years and his partner, R. E. Randolph, is a hustler.

The snow storm of Saturday night last repaired the roads again—which were about played out for sleighing and sledding.

Dr. P. W. Leitzel, of Portland Mills, formerly of this place, made us a visit of a few days last week, a guest of Wm. Pealer.

Magistrate Herinz, who was recovering from a prolonged illness but had a relapse last week, is again able to be up and about.

After an illness of many months with cancer, Mrs. William Graden died on Monday morning last. Interment on Thursday.

Wm. Rossman, an employe of the Penna. R. Co., at Millburg, who was brought home suffering with pneumonia two weeks ago, is improving quite rapidly.

Some of our folks are making preparations for moving day, while others are looking around to secure dwellings. There will be quite a number of changes here this spring.

Commercial agents like a bump on a log, were quite plentiful here last week. All report business on the road as being fair.

Spring stocks can be placed only at a considerable advanced date, and the buying then, is very cautious. Merchants seem, and possibly wisely, too, to be sailing close to the shore.

Between midnight and one o'clock on Thursday morning fire was discovered in the store room occupied by Andrew Corman. His son who with his family occupies the dwelling part of the building, was awakened by the smoke and in discovering that the store room was on fire immediately aroused his family and summoned assistance and by prompt and hard work soon had the fire under control; not, however, until the entire stock was damaged and ruined by fire, smoke and water. The fire started under one of the counters and its origin is a mystery. Loss, possibly \$1,500, partially insured.

Howard.

Joseph Diehl and C. M. Muffley were Bellefonte visitors on Monday.

The fall of snow on Saturday night gave everybody a job on Sunday morning.

George D. Johnson was a Milesburg and Bellefonte business visitor on Tuesday.

Col. John A. Daley boarded the train on Wednesday to do shopping in the county seat.

A sled load of young folks from Lock Haven spent Saturday night at Lotz Neff's home.

Inaac Williams sold his cow to Mr. Orrin Allison and purchased another one from J. W. Beck.

A. G. Hill is said to be quite a poet. He composes a few stanzas from every tower where he works.

Twelve degrees below zero on Tuesday morning. That is the kind of weather to suit the ice man.

Dr. O. W. McEntire was a Mount Eagle visitor on Tuesday. There seems to be quite a lot of sickness there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haagen's daughter, Ida and family, who had been home visiting since June, returned to their home in Pittsburg on Saturday.

On Tuesday night about forty of the young people of this place drove to the home of undertaker Weitzer, at Milesburg, and had an enjoyable time.

U. S. Senators Elected.

SALEM, ORE., Jan. 19.—Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain was today elected United States Senator on the first ballot. He succeeds Senator Charles W. Fulton.

DES MOINES, IA., Jan. 19.—By a vote of 112 to 40, Albert E. Cummins was today elected to a six years' term in the United States Senate, over Claude R. Porter, Democrat.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 19.—M. N. Johnson received the vote of the Republicans in both Houses of the Legislature today for United States Senator, to succeed H. C. Hansbrough. The Democrats voted for John Cashel.

DENVER, COL., Jan. 19.—Charles J. Hughes, Jr., Democrat, of Denver, was elected United States Senator by the Colorado Legislature today, to succeed Henry M. Teller. Mr. Hughes received the full Democratic party vote in both Houses.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Jan. 19.—United States Senator Reed Smoot was re-elected today by the Senate and House voting in separate session.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Jan. 19.—James P. Clark was today elected by the Arkansas Legislature, to succeed himself as United States Senator.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., Jan. 19.—Thomas P. Gore, Democrat, was elected by the Oklahoma Legislature to succeed himself as United States Senator. Dennis T. Flynn received the Republican vote.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 19.—Coe I. Crawford, the Republican primary selection for United States Senator, today received 134 votes to 15 for Andrew E. Lee, the Democratic candidate. The vote was taken in each House separately.

OLYMPIA, WASH., Jan. 19.—Wesley L. Jones, Republican, today received a majority of the legislative vote for United States Senator.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 19.—William J. Stone today was elected United States Senator to succeed himself. The vote in each House was: Senate—Stone, 23; McKinley, 11. House—Stone, 65; McKinley, 70.

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 19.—United States Senator Frank B. Brandegee was today re-elected by the General Assembly for the full term of six years.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 19.—By a strict party vote the Legislature today re-elected Jacob M. Gallinger United States Senator.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19.—The combined vote of the Legislature, each House voting separately for United States Senators today, resulted; Overman, Dem., 126; Adams, Republican, 34.

Dived Under Ice to Save Drowning Boy. Albert Brown, a youth of Port Republic, near Atlantic City, N. J., a mainland town, dived under the ice of the millpond there and saved the life of Tillman Hewitt, an eight-year-old boy, who had broken through while sliding. Brown carried the boy to the shore, where both were pulled out. Port Republic citizens will report the brave act to the Carnegie medal commission.

Mrs. Eddy Donates \$500 to Hospital. Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the head of the Christian Science movement, approves of hospitals. The officials of the Newton hospital, near where her new home in Boston is situated, were surprised by the receipt of a \$500 check from Mrs. Eddy to aid them in the gift of a new building. The news of the gift created a mild sensation.

Found New Case of Cattle Disease. A new case of foot and mouth disease appeared in Lancaster county, Pa. The case developed last week, but was kept quiet. State Veterinarian Pearson has gone to Lancaster to have the animals killed and a quarantine established.

Banker Gets Three Years. T. S. Anderson, former president of the defunct Davies County Bank and Trust company, at Owensboro, Ky., was found guilty of swearing falsely to a statement of the bank's condition and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Boy Acquitted of Murder. Luther Andrews, fourteen years old, was acquitted in the Norfolk, Va., circuit court on the charge of murdering Elizabeth K. Merrick, aged eleven years. He accidentally shot her with a shotgun that he thought unloaded.

Mother and Three Children Burned. The wife of Arthur Cary, a negro, living near Neenah, Westmoreland county, a., and her three small children were burned to death in their home. The mother was ill at the time and was unable to leave the house.