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Democratic Caucus.

The Democrats in every election district in Centre county are requested to meet at the usual places for holding caucuses on Saturday, January 22nd, 1910, for the purpose of nominating candidates for township, ward, borough and precinct offices, to be voted for at the February election. The result of the caucuses must be returned to the County Chairman so that the same may be filed with the County Commissioners not later than January 26th, 1910.

W. D. ZERBY, County Chairman.

FATHER RUMBERGER'S REMINISCENCES.

His Recollections of the "Watchman," and the Kindly Words He has to Say of It.

Editor Watchman:

The first issue of your valuable paper in 1910 marked the 55th anniversary of the birth of the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN and believing it might be interesting to most of your readers, I will give a brief sketch of the birth and infancy of your much esteemed paper as I remember it.

In the fall of 1854, my father lived on the Green farm now occupied by Col. G. Dorsey Green—one mile west of Filmore. One day, I think in September, the venerable Shannon McCormick, of Ferguson township, now deceased, came down the road on horseback. My father and I were on the front porch. He called us out and told us that he was soliciting subscribers for a new Democratic newspaper to be printed in Bellefonte, as the Centre Democrat of that day had gone "hoof and nail" over to the Republican party, or rather to the Know-nothing party, which meant the same, and left the Democrats without a paper in the county, save the Centre Berichter, published in Aaronsburg. This veteran "died in the wool" Democrat spent days and days riding over the county in the interest of this new project. Finally enough subscribers were secured to insure its publication. My father subscribed for it then and there and from the date of its first issue, which was about the first of January, 1855, the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN was a welcome weekly visitor in my father's home as long as he lived.

Its first editors and publishers were Henry Hayes and Wein Forney and its first office in a little wooden building just below where Joseph's store building now stands on Allegheny street. Hayes and Forney conducted the paper for a couple of years and were followed by James S. Hall, a son of Miller Hall, one of the leading Democrats of the county. His connection with it was very brief and S. S. Seely, whom I well remember, then assumed charge. In a short time he associated with himself in its publication J. S. Barnhart, a member of the large and influential family of Barnharts, then residing within the county and of whom but few now remain. About the beginning of the war Seely and Barnhart quit its publication and to save the paper Messrs. S. T. Shugert, John T. Hoover, John Hoffer, Cyrus T. Alexander and Samuel Strohacker paid up its debts and assumed ownership. I do not remember the names of all the editors or publishers it had during the next short season but recall those of Col. Wm. H. Blair, Joe W. Furey and Cyrus T. Alexander, all deceased. For a number of years after its issue it fluctuated between success and failure.

A Sternberg was "running" a clothing store in a room near where the Index book store in the Reynolds building is located. One day I purchased a suit of clothes from "Sterny" and when I donned my new outfit, as is natural, I jammed my hands in every pocket and in one of the pantaloons pockets I found a neatly folded sheet of legal cap paper. On examination I found it to be an article of agreement for the sale and transfer of the WATCHMAN outfit from John Hoffer to P. Gray Meek. I do not remember the date but think it was in the early sixties. Mr. Meek thus became editor and proprietor of the WATCHMAN and from that day the success of the Democratic paper was assured, continuing to grow in favor with the people, until now it has become one of the cleanest, most influential and best edited local newspapers in the State, keeping pace neck and neck with most of the more pretentious newspapers of our large cities.

After the matrimonial noise was slipped around my neck in 1859, I subscribed for the WATCHMAN and from that date to the present time, it has been a welcome weekly guest in my home and I hope it will continue to be until time with me shall be no longer. Thus the WATCHMAN and I are both entitled to our golden wedding anniversary which will occur about April first. No presents.

G. W. R.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Sherwood E. Hall, of the Bellefonte Academy, who two weeks ago underwent an operation for appendicitis, is getting along splendidly, and if he continues improving in the future as he has in the past he will be able to leave the hospital in a week or so.

DUKE.—Alexander B. Duke died at his home in Woodland, Clearfield county, last Wednesday evening of general infirmities, and the history of his life is one of considerable interest. He was 94 years, 4 months and 26 days old and was born in Uniontown. He came to Centre county when a young man and located in Philipsburg when three houses and an old tavern constituted the town. He hauled material for the old Hardman Philips screw factory and for a number of years was a teamster on the old pike driving the route from Milesburg to Caledonia, Clearfield county. From Philipsburg he went to Clearfield, thence to Tyrone and finally to Woodland where he worked at the fire brick works until age compelled his retirement.

He came of revolutionary stock, both his grandfathers having died during the struggle for independence, one at Monmouth and the other at the battle of Cowpens. That he inherited their patriotic sentiments as well as fighting spirit is evidenced by the fact that he was a member of the old "Centre Guards" who, in 1847, started for the south-western frontier to participate in the war with Mexico but peace was declared before they reached the front. When the war of the rebellion broke out he enlisted as a private in company A, Forty-ninth regiment, and served from the beginning of the war, under Generals McClellan and Hancock until he was severely wounded at the battle of Gaines Mills, in the seven day's fight in the Wilderness, which incapacitated him for further service and he was honorably discharged.

Mr. Duke was twice married and was the father of sixteen children, nine of whom with twenty-four grand-children and fifteen great grand-children, are living. He was buried at Woodland on Saturday afternoon.

VAUGHN.—Geo. Vaughn, an old and well known resident of Rush township, died at the home of his son Thomas, at Sandy Ridge on Monday afternoon of general infirmities. He was eighty-eight years of age and was born in Taylor township. When a young man he located near the headwaters of Cold stream and engaged in lumbering, an occupation he followed until the forests were practically denuded of their virgin timber. He was an honest, hard working man and had the esteem of all who knew him.

His wife died seventeen years ago but surviving him are the following children: Thomas, Daniel and David, of Sandy Ridge; Henry, of Hollidaysburg; Mrs. William Steller, of South Philipsburg; Mrs. Wesley Stonebraker and Mrs. Weston Stonebraker, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Zeb Copelin, of Philipsburg, is an only surviving sister. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Stumptown cemetery, near Osceola Mills.

FISH.—Following a several year's illness with Bright's disease John Henry Fish, a well known resident of Philipsburg, died shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday night.

He was born in Philadelphia and was 67 years, 9 months and 15 days old. He located in Philipsburg when a young man and for a while worked at his trade as a cooper but later went to work in the old Mohanshann tannery and was there for twenty-two years. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of John W. Geary Post, of that place. His wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Mary Alice Lingenfelter, died about nine years ago but surviving him are the following children: William, of Powell; Ralph, of Denver, Col.; Charles, of Altoona; Mrs. John Shontz, Edward and Miss Mabel, all of Philipsburg. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

SHUEY.—After an illness covering a period of many weeks Mrs. Catharine Shuey died at the home of her son-in-law, Adam Krumrine, at State College, last Saturday morning. Her maiden name was Garbrick and she was born not far from Bellefonte over seventy-four years ago. When a young woman she was united in marriage to Felix Shuey and for many years the family occupied the old Shuey homestead near Shiloh. Mr. Shuey died a little over a year ago and since then the deceased made her home with her children. She was a member of the Lutheran church all her life and was a good christian woman.

Surviving her are two sons and two daughters, namely: George, on the old homestead, at Shiloh; John, also of Shiloh; Mrs. George Tressler, of Brush valley, and Mrs. Adam Krumrine, of State College. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Shiloh cemetery.

HAMPTON.—Viola Pearl, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hampton, died at the home of her parents on east Lamb street last Saturday morning. She had been a sufferer for five weeks with whooping cough but the direct cause of death was pneumonia. She was aged two years and eleven months. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made in the Sunnyside cemetery.

CRONMILLER.—Mrs. Margaret Cronmiller died on Wednesday at her home at Houserville, after a protracted illness with infirmities due to her advanced age, she being past seventy-five years old. She is survived by three sons and three daughters. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

ST. CLAIR.—Unionville lost one of its oldest and best known residents last week in the death on Friday of Andrew Jackson St. Clair. For twenty years past he has been postmaster at that place and on Thursday was apparently in good health and assisted at the work in the postoffice. In the evening he complained about not feeling very well and a physician was summoned who diagnosed his ailment as a slight attack of pleurisy. He grew worse toward morning and when the physician was again summoned, between five and six o'clock, he found that death had already ensued, heart failure being the direct cause.

Deceased was born at Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland county, on October 24th, 1838, thus at the time of his death being 71 years, 2 months and 20 days old. When a young man he learned the trade of a shoemaker at which he worked until the breaking out of the Civil war when he enlisted in Company E, Fourth Illinois cavalry and fought under Gen. Grant at Pittsburg Landing and Fort Donnellson. He served four years in the department of the Mississippi then came east and for six months, or until the close of the war, was with the Second Pennsylvania cavalry. Shortly after the close of the war he came to Centre county and located in Unionville where he followed his trade of a shoemaker. Twenty years ago he was appointed postmaster and has held the office continuously ever since, proving a most faithful and capable official. He was a member of the George L. Potter Post, of Milesburg, and for over forty years was a member of the Methodist church.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and one daughter, Mrs. Anna Bullock. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Isabel Smith, of Northumberland county. Rev. J. D. Oyster officiated at the funeral which was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Unionville cemetery.

ALTERS.—James Monroe Alters died at his home on east High street at an early hour on Tuesday morning of tuberculosis of the bronchial tubes, after an illness of some months.

He was born at Spring Mills and was about fifty-five years of age. Eight years ago he, with his family, moved to Bellefonte and had lived here since. Up until his late illness he followed the occupation of a stonemason. He was a member of the United Evangelical church, and a good citizen in every way. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Thomas H., Mrs. Frank Young, Ella, Ruth and Grace, all of Bellefonte. He also leaves these brothers and sisters: Joseph, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Susan Greenleaf, of South Dakota, and William, of Altoona.

The funeral was held from the United Evangelical church at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. J. F. Hower officiated and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

MCQUILLAN.—Mrs. Anna McQuillan, an aged and highly esteemed resident of Bellefonte, died on Tuesday evening at her home on east Burrows street, from general infirmities. She was past eighty years of age and for many years had been a resident of this place. She was a member of the Catholic church all her life and a devout christian woman. Surviving her is one daughter, Catharine. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church at ten o'clock this morning, interment to be made in the Catholic cemetery.

WHITEMAN.—Mrs. Alexander Whiteman, and this place a former resident of Philipsburg, died at the home of her son Frank in Chicago, on Tuesday last week. She had been a sufferer with heart trouble for several years but the immediate cause of her death was an acute attack of stomach trouble. She is survived by two sons, William and Frank.

R. A. Beck is in receipt of an invitation to attend the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Motchman, of Philipsburg. Mr. Motchman will be remembered as the manager of the Standard Scale works when they were located in Bellefonte.

The Misses Mary and Henrietta Butts, formerly residents of Bellefonte, had quite a scare during the disastrous fire in Philadelphia, Monday, in which three women lost their lives. The fire was at the rear of their home on Sansom street and damaged it considerably.

Dr. George F. Harris has leased the room in the Gardner property recently occupied by Henry Kline's shoe store, which will be fitted up into a suite of offices for his occupancy on April first; he having given up his present office in the old Curtin homestead now owned by the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks.

On Thursday of last week Hon. J. H. Wetzel received a telegram announcing the death of his brother-in-law, William Stoner, of Nelson, Neb. This was the third brother-in-law of Mr. Wetzel to die within seven months, the other two being Samuel Vonada, of this place, and Jeremiah Lee, of near Hublersburg.

MCCURTIS-BURKINS.—A rather belated wedding announcement is that of John R. McNitt, of Milroy, and Miss Mary M. Burkins, of Potters Mills, who were married in Hagerstown, Md., on November 25th, by Rev. R. A. Shoyle, of the Presbyterian church. They have gone to house-keeping at Milroy.

On Sunday morning a fire occurred from a defective chimney in the house on Logan street occupied by the Richards family. The fire department was called out but the flames were extinguished before they gained much headway or any great damage was done.

A very exciting game of basket ball was played between the Wyoming Seminary and Bellefonte Academy teams in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Saturday evening, the Academy boys winning by the score of 27 to 22. This was the Academy team's first game at home and they showed considerable strength.

Lieutenant Colonel William F. Barber, of the Twelfth regiment, has announced the appointment of H. Laird Curtin, of Curtin, late commissary sergeant of the disbanded Fifth regiment, to be battalion commissary of the Twelfth regiment. And thus one by one the staff officers of the good old Fifth are being assigned to duty.

Business at the plant of the Yeager swing factory is gradually improving and the force of men now employed there are working full time. Small shipments are being made every few days and a number of orders have been received for the next spring and summer trade, and the indications are for considerable more work in the future.

The ambulance for the Bellefonte hospital recently purchased from the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, arrived on Monday. Inasmuch as it is a second hand vehicle it is now at McQuestion's for a few minor repairs and repainting. The ambulance is not equipped with a stretcher but has a cot, and a seat for physicians and nurses.

The delegation of the Philadelphia Merchant's association which will make a tour of the eastern and central part of the State from February 1st to 4th, will be in Bellefonte on the 2nd from two to three o'clock in the afternoon and will be received by the members of the Bellefonte Merchants association. There will be from sixty to seventy men in the party.

A number of changes in officials of the Pennsylvania railroad company were announced on Monday and among them was that of Joseph J. Rhoads from division engineer of the Philadelphia Terminal division to engineer of the Middle division with headquarters at Altoona. The change went into effect on January 15th and Mr. Rhoads will move to Altoona this week.

The new credit rating book issued under the auspices of the Bellefonte Merchants' association, was received from the publishers by members of the association last week. It contains in the neighborhood of three thousand names of people of Bellefonte and Centre county and naturally there are a great many who are very much interested in finding out just what kind of a rating they have been given.

Mrs. Agnes Smith, a former matron of the Sigma Nu fraternity house at State College, recently brought suit against the twenty-five student members of the fraternity to recover a claim of eighty dollars she alleges are due her as wages. A hearing was set for last Saturday before justice of the peace J. M. Keichline and, as none of the students appeared in their own defense, judgment was given against all of them.

There are yet a few people in Bellefonte who have not gotten a full supply of ice hauled for the coming season, and shipments are still being made from Hecla to meet the demand. The Hecla ice now is from fourteen to seventeen inches thick and remarkably clear. With the abundance of ice put up this winter there ought to be no trouble next summer in getting an unlimited supply of ice cream, iced tea, iced lemonade and high balls.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Musser, who have given up the lease on the house they occupy on Spring street, expect after April first to go camping on Mr. Musser's lumber job up Bald Eagle valley and will spend the summer there. Mrs. Shutt has rented the Benjamin Shaffer house on Howard street and with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor will move there after April first while Mrs. Samuel Hazel will move into the house to be vacated by the Shutt and Taylors.

On Tuesday afternoon a Buffalo Run farmer coming to Bellefonte came across a demented German woman in the road near the Dorsey Green place. He got her in the sled and brought her to Bellefonte, finding her lodging with Mrs. Alice Showers, on Bishop street. The woman's peculiar actions frightened Mrs. Showers and she appealed to the police. They took turns in watching her on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning the commissioners bought her a ticket and sent her out of town. She declined to tell where she came from.

Telegraph operator L. A. Freeman, who works for T. S. Strawn, the broker, has had quite a serious time the past few days. A week or so ago his nose began to bleed and he had great difficulty in getting it stopped. Since that it has been bleeding as much as half a dozen times a day and on Monday night it bled so profusely that a physician had to be called. Tuesday he had the same trouble and Wednesday he was so weakened by the loss of blood that he was compelled to stay in his room at the Broker's house. Yesterday, however, he was enough better to go to work again.

Marriage Licenses.

Chas. F. Ramer, of Milroy, and Sude D. Bottorf, of Colyer.

Herber G. Nichols, of Osceola Mills, and Violet E. Garman, of Filmore.

Harry Fenton and Caroline Wilson, both of Philipsburg.

Walter G. Rupp and Mary Kramer, both of Aaronsburg.

Ray Dill Gilliland, of Ridgway, and Margaret J. Stuart, of State College.

Arch Milliner, of Philipsburg, and Edyth Hull, of Tyrone.

John P. Shook and Katie E. Rachau, both of Spring Mills.

The spring primaries for the nomination of candidates for borough and township officers will be held tomorrow afternoon throughout Centre county. The proper conduct of local affairs is of just as vital importance to any community as is the conduct of our state and national governments. Therefore Democrats all over the county should turn out and see to it that only the most capable men are nominated, and thus they will be assured of success at the polls in February.

Misses Helen Ceder and Jennie Haiper will open their dancing school for children for the second quarter next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the hall of the public building on Howard street, and all children are invited. The first quarter given by these young ladies was a pronounced success in every way and the one opening on Monday promises to be even more successful.

It is reported that John C. Miller, formerly of this place but who for some time past has been editor of both the Barnesboro Star and Patton Courier, will in the near future sever his connection with both papers. Just what he expects to engage in in the future is not known.

Potter-Hoy Hardware Co. now having big inventory sale.

Real Estate Transfers.

Abraham L. Paul et. ux. to James Metzger et. al. Jan. 12, 1910, tract of land in Liberty Twp.; \$5,000.

A. D. Lingle et. ux. to D. F. P. Heckman, Jan. 3, 1910, tract of land in Gregg Twp.; \$200.

Susan R. Reighard to Anna R. F. Lynch, Dec. 2, 1909, tract of land in Penn Twp.; \$1.

William Minich et. al. to Jennie Minich, Dec. 17, 1909, tract of land in Aaronsburg; \$40.

Rachael Spotts et. bar. to Harry Greist, Oct. 11, 1909, tract of land in Union Twp.; \$400.

Bellefonte Trust Co. Adm. et. al. to D. G. A. Harshberger, Apr. 26, 1909, tract of land in Worth Twp.; \$150.

E. E. Smith Adm. to Stewart W. Ripka, Oct. 20, 1909, tract of land in Gregg Twp.; \$800.

Nora S. Scott et. ar. to Wilson Willington Feidt, Jan. 11, 1910, lot in Ferguson Twp.; \$800.

Mrs. Wealthy A. Wood to Nora S. Scott, Jan. 11, 1910, lot in Ferguson Twp.; \$1.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Miss Bessie Mertz is visiting the Meyers family at Fairbrook.

John E. Everhart is sporting a new sleigh he bought in Tyrone.

Miss Anna Dale and mother were visitors at the William Rocky home Monday.

D. A. Grove, the popular horseman at Lemont, was here in quest of stock Friday.

Harry Musser laid by his saw and hatchet for a week's jaunt to Cresnon and Altoona.

Harry McGirk, of Altoona, has been visiting friends in and about Lemont this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Corl were Sunday visitors at the D. H. Krebs home in the Glades.

Hamilton Glenn and wife sleighed to Buffalo Run Sunday and spent the day at the Sellers home.

William Grazier, an up-to-date farmer at Guyer, was here Monday buying cattle but found them scarce.

Henry L. Dale and chum, Mr. Musser, sleighed to Centre Hall Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

W. E. Markle, of Axe Mann, spent last week at the home of his old neighbor, John Williams, at White Hall.

J. W. Fry and friend sleighed to Shingletown Sunday and took tea at the Hoover home where everybody is welcome.

J. H. Ross and Henry Gingerich, of Linden Hall, were in our town a while Friday on their way to Shaver's Creek for horses.

Edward Marshall, one of the big farmers down Buffalo Run, spent Monday with his boom friend, Will Tate, near Centre Hall.

You don't want to miss the chicken and waffle feast given by the M. E. ladies this and tomorrow evenings in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Goheen sleighed to Tyrone Saturday where Robert transacted business while Mrs. Goheen did some shopping.

W. R. Wolf, of Altoona, agent for the Incandescent Light and Stove company, was looking up business hereabouts last week.

William Meyers took a sled load of school children to George Rowe's home Tuesday evening where they were royally entertained.

Jos. H. Heberling, after being housed up all winter with rheumatism, ventured out Saturday to spend the day with Harry Ebbs, at Guyer.

Ben Everhart, of Franklinville, was here Tuesday for stock. He bought some hogs and a team of mated grays from E. W. Hess at the \$300 mark.

Robert Leech took Horace Greeley's advice and has gone west to grow up with the country. We only give him thirty days to return to his native home, Shingletown.

George Koch and father have dissolved partnership. The elder Koch is going into the hotel business at Boalsburg and George will till the broad and fertile acres of the Prof. Rothrock farm near Boalsburg.

George Neuhoff is in hard luck again. About a month ago he had three of his ribs broken in a lumber job. Last week he resumed work but was again put out of business by being caught between two logs and squeezed badly.

At a recent meeting of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post, No. 272, G. A. R., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past commander, J. W. Sunday; senior vice commander, C. H. Martz; junior vice commander, John Lightner; adjutant, W. H. Fry; quartermaster, J. G. Heberling; surgeon, J. G. Tyson; chaplain, H. W. McCracken; officer of the day, C. B. Hess; officer

of the guard, W. D. Port; sergeant major, W. C. Goodwin.

When Samuel Frank went to his barn Thursday morning he found his best horse dead in its stall.

John Geist and wife, of Altoona, were visiting old friends at Bellefonte the early part of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Woods, of Indianapolis, Ind., are visiting at the Dr. G. H. Woods home here.

Mrs. Bessie Crier, after a weeks visit at Geo. Johnsons, returned to her home in Harrisburg Tuesday.

Miss Anna Mary Goheen has been visiting her brother, Dr. G. B. Goheen, at Coalport, the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy last week.

Samuel Everhart enjoyed the excellent sleighing Sunday and spent the day with his mother near Franklinville.

After a three months visit at Morgantown, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lemon returned to their home at Gatesburg last week.

Rev. R. J. M. Campbell is holding a series of revival meetings and is being very ably assisted by Rev. Woodcock, of Birmingham.

John F. Kimport and wife were called to Reedsville, Monday, on account of the illness of Samuel Gilliland, who is suffering a partial stroke of paralysis. He is a former Centre county man and his friends hope for his recovery.

Last Saturday evening a large number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of C. H. Seibert to give him a surprise reminder of the fact that it was his fifty-fourth birthday anniversary. They were bearing presents and postcards and baskets well laden with a choice variety of good things to eat. Hon. John T. McCormick was master of ceremonies.

SPRING MILLS.

Fine sleighing parties out every night.

Street lamps are again talked about, but there it will end. Possibly when Penn Hall lights up, why then we'll follow. It would never do to lead.

The shirt factory here will be established and operations will commence at an early date. The misunderstanding about the building has been adjusted.

J. B. Howard, of Tamaqua; J. L. Cassidy, of Tyrone; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Aurrand, of Blair county, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Maize, of Lock Haven, were registered at the Spring Mills hotel on Monday last. Landlord Wood says that business is improving.

Last week Rob Hettinger had his horse and sleigh hitched at the station when an incoming freight train scared the horse which broke loose and made off at a fearful speed, coming in contact with the mail sled of O. P. Corman reducing it to fire wood, while the sleigh was about in the same condition. The horse was captured below the postoffice.

The communication published in last weeks issue of the WATCHMAN, in reference to the nomination for a full term of Magistrate Jamison is a very explicit and truthful statement of the case. After questioning the office under the circumstances he did, he is unquestionably entitled and deserving of a nomination and election. This is conceded by all fair minded, honorable men, and I have very grave doubts about his having any opposition, as no Democrat knowing all the circumstances of the case would be so inconscient as to make a contest and cast a reproach on his party. I hear, daily, Democrats and Republicans remark that "Seuire Jamison is good enough for them, and faithfully add—why not let him alone. I am free to say that not to accord him a nomination—tantamount to an election in this Democratic Gibraltar—would be rank injustice.

LEMONT.

Mrs. Charles Houser is still living and it is hoped will recover.

Schreck Bros. have succeeded in putting out more than a car load of sleighs.

There was a jolly sleighing party from town drove down to Hecla last Friday evening.

The venerable George Dale is slowly improving and it is hoped that he will soon be around again.

Maurice Bohm and wife are busy looking after the welfare of the young son that came to their home recently.

Simon Kline and wife returned home Friday, after enjoying a three week's visit among friends in these parts.

The weather has been cold and snowy this past week and at this time the sleighing is the best that we have had for years.

The Commercial Telephone company are having a few large poles hauled to plant here in town and on the State College line.

Mrs. Carrie Houts returned from Altoona, Monday afternoon where she was taking care of her sister, Mrs. Clifford Close, who is seriously ill.

The Stirring of the Giant.

From La Follette's Magazine.

Democracy is stirring the world as never before. In England, for instance, the fight led by Lloyd George to transfer part of the heavy load of taxation from the head of the poor to the colossal land and liquor monopolies of the lords and to abolish poverty by taxing land into use, seems destined to bring about a revolution in English institutions. In this country the people's fight against Aldrichism and Cannonism in national politics, and corruption and misrepresentation in local politics—against what Judge Lindsey calls "The Beast"—is assuming new proportions. A new congress will be elected during the year. The fight will come close to you. It is of supreme importance that you be prepared for it and take part in it.

Editor Acquitted of Libel.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., January 18.—E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor of the North American, of Philadelphia, was today acquitted of libel, which charge was brought by Paul W. Houck, of Shenandoah, representative in the state assembly, and clerk to the county commissioners. The costs were placed upon the prosecutor.

The indictment was based upon a publication in the North American last August in relation to the effect that ballot boxes were stuffed in the polling places on the day of the primary election; either that or they were stuffed the night before behind the prescription desk in Paul Houck's drug store.

John R. Walsh Goes to Prison.

CHICAGO, JANUARY 18.—John R. Walsh, 72 years old, after winning his way from newsboy to the control of millions of dollars in banks, railroads, newspapers and coal fields, tonight left for the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, to begin a five years' sentence for misapplying the funds of the Chicago National bank, of which he was president at the time of its failure three years ago.

The start for prison followed a denial by the United States circuit court of appeals of his petition for a new trial on the ground of alleged misconduct by the jurors who found Walsh guilty.