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Democratic County Committee Meeting.

In compliance with the provisions of Rule five of the rules governing the Democratic party in Centre county...

TUESDAY, THE 15th OF AUGUST, 1911 AT 10 A. M.

in the forenoon, to transact such business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

A. B. KIMPORT, Chairman.

Bellefonte, Pa., July 25th, 1911.

The Keystone Party Anniversary.

The Keystone party of Pennsylvania celebrated the first anniversary of its organization at a dinner in Philadelphia, a few days ago.

Mr. BERRY assured his associates at the feast that he "is in the game to the finish." In other words, the blandishments of VANCE McCORMICK and GEORGE W. GUTHRIE have not allured "the graft exposer" from his obligations or fooled him into following them.

In view of this incident it is safe to predict a good many disappointments in this State in the near future. In every county where mercenary impulses have taken the place of political principles men have rushed to the support of McCORMICK and GUTHRIE in their conspiracy to complete the destruction of the Democratic party.

The Abernathy boys started from New York, the other day, to ride horse back to San Francisco in sixty days and out of that fact arises the hope that the ROOSEVELT worship is ended on this side of the Rocky mountains.

Another Stain on Roosevelt.

The testimony in relation to the Harvester trust has put another indelible stain upon the ROOSEVELT administration. It has been shown beyond the shadow of a doubt that ROOSEVELT and his Attorney General were fully informed with respect to the exploiting of GEORGE W. PERKINS and J. PIERPONT MORGAN, in which the farmers of the country were the helpless victims.

Mr. BONAPARTE frankly pleads guilty to the indictment but alleges that he "postponed action out of respect for the Senate." The Senate had asked the bureau of corporations for information on the subject and BONAPARTE imagined that the performance of his duty would interfere with the Senatorial purpose.

The truth of the matter is that the ROOSEVELT administration was an inexhaustible fountain of corruption. It fairly exuded venality. A confessed murderer, a convicted perjurer, a traducer of men and a common scold, ROOSEVELT was incapable of any act free from selfishness.

The President and the Hole.

In the zeal of a subsidized organ the esteemed Philadelphia Ledger makes a spectacle of itself in trying to shield President TAFT from impending dangers. It assumes, justly or otherwise, that the dominating purpose of the Senate is to avert that result.

"This is a sharp test for Mr. UNDERWOOD and the Democrats," remarks our Philadelphia contemporary. "Was their own bill providing for a 20 per cent. reduction a sincere and honest measure, expressing the deliberate convictions of the Democrats? If they believed that their own bill was for the best interests of manufacturers, producers, and consumers and for the treasury, are they willing to surrender over night their conviction to enable Mr. LAFOLLETTE to put Mr. TAFT in the wrong?"

The Democratic bill clearly expressed the Democratic purpose to decrease the "indefensible" tariff tax on wool and woolens. It would have achieved that result by reducing the rate from about 80 per cent. to something like 20. But the insurgent Senators are unwilling to go so far and offer a measure which fixes the tax at about 35 per cent.

It is more or less cruel and properly somewhat impolite to put the President of the United States into this sort of a "hole." It would have been much nicer for the Democrats in Congress to say, inferentially, to His Excellency, "we understand your embarrassment and have no aim in the present session of Congress other than to extricate you from your troubles, the result of your own folly and hypocrisy. Therefore we will enact your Canadian reciprocity bill into law and adjourn. This will enable you to pose as the friend of the people and fulfil your obligations to the trusts, which will make it possible for you to 'catch them coming and going in 1912."

That would suit our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary to a "T." The western wolves who raise sheep and the eastern pirates who make clothes could have had at least another year of good stealing and the patient people could have continued to suffer through another rigorous winter. But the Democrats in Congress haven't looked at the matter through such lenses. They introduced and passed a bill which would have given considerable relief and they propose to complete a measure which will be a long stride in the right direction, or else put the President "in a hole." It will be up to him to keep faith with the trusts or serve the public, and whichever he does will be disastrous for him.

The Standard Oil company announces that it will dissolve on the 1st of December in accordance with the mandate of the Supreme court but it must not be assumed that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will stop milking the American public. The shares of the companies which compose the Standard conspiracy will be distributed, but under some other form of agreement competition will be prevented.

J. M. Cunningham Withdraws.

Although the fact has been generally known among his friends and political advisers that J. M. Cunningham had decided to withdraw from the race for the nomination for county treasurer no official announcement of the same was made until Monday of this week when he sent to the papers the following letter:

DEAR SIR: I wish to notify you that I have this day withdrawn as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Centre county, and you will, therefore, discontinue my name in your paper. I have been contemplating this action for several weeks, and my withdrawal is caused by important business which requires my close personal attention.

It might be here stated that Mr. Cunningham's reason for withdrawing is exactly as he says, purely business, and has nothing to do with party strife within the county as the Republican newspapers would try to make it appear.

The announcement of Mr. RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG's candidacy for mayor of Philadelphia is public notice of a political fight in that city which will proceed to the bitter end. BLANKENBURG never surrenders and is as hard to kill as a cat.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

STITZER.—Bellefonte lost another of its well known residents in the death, shortly before five o'clock on Sunday evening, of Henry Y. Stitzer, at his home on east High street. Mr. Stitzer had not been in good health for a number of years but was able to be up and around and was out on the street only a week previous to his death.

Deceased was a son of William Stitzer and was born in Millheim, this county, February 23rd, 1837, so that at the time of his death he was 74 years, 6 months and seven days old. At an early age he was apprenticed to a merchant tailor in Mifflinburg, with whom he learned the tailoring trade. His leisure hours he devoted to study and finally managed to attend the Mifflinburg Academy during one summer session.

During the battle of Gettysburg he was one of the emergency men called out by Governor Curtin and served in the militia eight weeks, in Captain Boal's company. He was the oldest living ex-deputy sheriff in Centre county, having served from 1863 to 1866 under sheriff Richard Conley. In 1865 he was elected district attorney and served two terms, or until 1872. When he retired from that office he bought the Livingston book store, where The Index is now located, and conducted it until 1895.

On Christmas day, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah M. Hess, of Boalsburg. They had no children but were both father and mother to two whom they took into their home, reared and educated, namely: Mira E. Shaffer, now Mrs. H. A. McKee, of Wilkensburg; and R. P. Nightingale, who died when twenty years of age. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and she survives to mourn her loss.

BECK.—David Beck died at his home at Chatham's Run, Clinton county, Tuesday morning, after a long illness with Bright's disease. He was born near Hublersburg, this county, December 31st, 1837, hence was past seventy-three years of age. When a young man he located at Mackeyville where he lived until fifteen years ago when he moved to Chatham's Run. He was a farmer by occupation and a substantial, progressive citizen.

Surviving him are his wife and two sons, Harry at home, and R. C., of St. Mary's. He also leaves an adopted daughter, Lizzie, at home, and three brothers and one sister, namely: W. F. Beck, of Lock Haven; Charles and Israel, of Nittany valley, and Mrs. Harriet Stabley, of Rosecrans. The funeral was held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in Ziegler's cemetery, at Chatham's Run.

GARLAND.—Miss Annie E. Garland, a daughter of the late David and Margaret Garland, of Bald Eagle, died quite suddenly on Sunday evening. She had been a sufferer with tuberculosis for some months but was up and around all day Sunday until in the evening when a hemorrhage of the lungs caused her death within ten minutes. She was about twenty-two years of age, and a woman with a bright and genial disposition.

Surviving her are the following brothers and sisters: Albert, of Swissvale; William, of Sinking valley; W. H., of Pittsburg, and Miss Gertrude at home. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Rev. Gilbert, of Port Matilda, officiated at the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Bald Eagle cemetery.

VERNES.—George W. Vernes, of Williamsport, the veteran inspector of the Pennsylvania railroad police, died in the Hamot hospital, Erie, last Saturday morning, after less than a week's illness with pneumonia. Mr. Vernes had gone to Erie to assist the officers in that place in rounding up the highwaymen who held up a fast express at Five Mile curve on the P. and E. division and was taken sick on the job. Deceased was about sixty years old and was well known in Bellefonte. He was one of the best known members of the Masonic fraternity in the central part of the State and was high up in the order. He was also a member of the Williamsport Lodge of Elks. The remains were taken to Williamsport for burial.

CAMPMEETING.—The fifth annual camp or brush meeting will be held in Moyer's Grove, between Tusseyville and Potters Mills, Saturday night and Sunday, August 19th and 20th. The Rev. Thomas A. Elliott will have charge, with other clergymen assisting. Everybody welcome.

CALHOUN.—After years of suffering with rheumatism and other complications Mrs. Caroline Porter Calhoun died at her home in Tyrone on Wednesday evening aged fifty-five years. She was born and raised in Clearfield county and when twenty years of age was married to John Bush Calhoun, in Snow Shoe, where she lived until two years ago when she moved to Tyrone to make her home with her son. Her husband died a number of years ago, but surviving her are a son and a daughter, Norman A., of Tyrone, and Mrs. Annie Shope, of Liverpool, Ohio. She also leaves her aged mother, Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, of Snow Shoe, and three sisters, namely: Mrs. Laura Hevler, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. Bertha Askey, of Philipsburg, and Mrs. Georgianna O'Connor, of near Philipsburg. Burial will be made at Unionville tomorrow (Saturday.)

RUPERT.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rupert, of Rosecrans, Clinton county, but formerly of Blanchard, are mourning the death of their five years old son Roy, who died on Monday night. Last Friday the boy was out in the woods with some little companions and ate what he thought were some tea leaves. He became ill shortly afterwards and all efforts of attending physicians to save his life proved unavailing. The leaves were evidently poison of some kind. The funeral was held yesterday, the remains being taken to Blanchard for burial.

KLINE.—Henry Kline died at the Bellefonte hospital early last Friday morning of valvular heart trouble and rheumatism. He had been in the hospital only a week or two for treatment and as late as Thursday evening was sitting up at the window. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Kline and was about twenty-one years of age. Surviving him are his wife but no children. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

BLANCHARD BOYS HAD TO SETTLE.—The Village Inn, Blanchard's only hotel, is conducted by Mrs. J. I. DeLong and her daughter, Mrs. Martha Fore. On the evening of the Fourth of July these two with several other ladies were sitting on the front porch when they were very much annoyed by a number of young men throwing firecrackers among them, just to see them jump. The ladies protested but the young men persisted and kept the ungentlemanly sport up to a late hour in the night.

Several days thereafter each one of them received a notice from Squire W. H. Musser, in this place, that information had been made before him of their conduct and that it would save them money to appear and settle the case. The young men simply ignored the notice and on Wednesday of last week constable Roy Leathers, of Howard, went to Blanchard with a warrant and placed the young men under arrest, all of them giving bail for their appearance before Squire Musser for a hearing on Monday.

The young men were Christ Singer, Milford and Reuben Heverley, Port and Blair Kunes. They all appeared before the Squire on Monday and after hearing the evidence he fined them each one dollar and costs. As the costs in the case were quite heavy it cost each young man \$6.50 on his evening's fun.

The borough authorities have finally undertaken the repair of east Lamb street, which for years has been the roughest and most neglected thoroughfare in the town. To prevent washing on the hill during hard rain storms a large terra cotta underground sewer is being put down on the north side of the street from the corner at Joseph L. Montgomery's residence up to almost opposite Penn street where a connecting sewer will be laid across the street to drain the surface water from the south side of Lamb street and Penn street. This will carry away all the water off of the two streets with the exception of the small amount that will collect and drain on the hill itself. When this work is completed, if the street is then properly graded and the right kind of a top dressing put on that thoroughfare will be in a better condition than it ever was before.

Misses Annie M. and Mary E. Brown, of Lock Haven, daughters of the late W. E. Brown and sisters of Mrs. J. Kyle McFarlane, on Tuesday moved to State College where they purchased a desirable property last spring. It is a large house located on south Allen street and it is the purpose of the Misses Brown to give accommodation to about eighteen members of the various musical clubs of the college at the opening of school in September.

The Masons opened their camp at Curtin on Monday for the regular two weeks outing for members of the fraternity only, not even their wives or sweethearts being eligible as guests. This (Friday) evening they expect to have a corn roast and on Sunday a big chicken and waffle dinner. From this it can be seen that nothing is considered too good for a Mason.

In today's paper will be found the announcement of Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, as a candidate for the nomination for County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket. This makes one more good man the Democrats will have to pick from in selecting their candidates.

HARVEY—BUDINGER.—The wedding of J. Ellis Harvey, of Orviston, and Miss Edith Budinger, of Snow Shoe, which took place at six o'clock last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Budinger, was a quiet, unostentatious affair, only the immediate members of the two families being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. F. Ruch, pastor of the Snow Shoe Methodist church, and the attendants were Miss Blanche Budinger, as bridesmaid, and Dr. Harry T. Harvey, of Atlantic City, as best man. Following the regulation wedding dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harvey left in an automobile for a tour through the east.

The bride is quite well known in Bellefonte. She is a graduate of Birmingham Seminary and is a bright, vivacious young lady. The bridegroom is a son of the late W. I. Harvey, of Lock Haven, and for several years has been the general manager of the Centre Brick and Clay company, at Orviston, where they will make their home. The WATCHMAN extends congratulations and best wishes.

SUNDAY—EVERTS.—A wedding notice which reached this office too late for publication last week was that of Wilbur Sunday, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Miss Mary R. Everts, of Pine Grove Mills. The young people left the latter place on Saturday evening, July 22nd, ostensibly for a drive, so far as their many friends knew, but in reality went to Lemont where they were united in marriage at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. W. K. Harnish. From there they drove to Oak Hall where a wedding supper was served at the home of their brother-in-law, Arthur Peters.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Everts, of Pine Grove Mills, and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sunday, of Pennsylvania Furnace. Both are well known and popular young people and have the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness and success.

SHERRY—STREICHER.—Leo A. Sherry, a former Bellefonte boy, and Miss Bertha Streicher, of Pittsburg, were united in marriage in the Corpus Christi Catholic church of Pittsburg, two weeks ago, by Rev. Father Bean. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. LaJune, the latter being a sister of the bride. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sherry, of this place, and formerly worked in the WATCHMAN office. He now holds a good position in the Smoky city, where they will make their future home.

BERKHEISER—SCOTT.—At "Hill Crest," the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, of Philipsburg, their daughter, Irene Mae, was married at noon on Tuesday to Walter G. Berkheiser, of San Francisco, Cal. Rev. R. P. Miller, of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of guests from Philipsburg and surrounding towns.

HOSPITAL NOTES.—During the past week the following persons were discharged from the Bellefonte hospital: Mrs. Linn S. Blackford and little son; Mrs. Charles R. Kurtz and little son; Mrs. Charles Lukenbach, and Vernon Cowher, of Bellefonte; William Keen, of Pleasant Gap; Miss Lulu Johnson, Howard; Lewis Kline, Milton; Herman Spicer Dix Run; Mrs. Mary Wilkins, Linden Hall. Theodore Tressler, aged nine years, of Bellefonte, was admitted Wednesday morning for treatment for a fractured clavicle sustained in falling from a wagon. There are now twelve patients in the hospital. Miss Belle Simmons, of Dennison, Ohio, has entered the training school for nurses.

During the past week the Bell telephone was removed from the hospital because the company declined to furnish continued free service to the institution, so that hereafter persons desiring to communicate with the hospital will have to call on the Commercial phone.

TO LOCATE AT STATE COLLEGE.—Morris Hurwitz, who for two and a half years past has been the efficient manager of Claster's clothing store in Bellefonte, will within a short time locate at State College, where he will open a clothing, shoe and general ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing store. He has secured a room in the Gray building, adjoining the Hartswick shoe store. Mr. Hurwitz expects to leave on Monday for New York to purchase a complete new stock for his own store. Since coming to Bellefonte he has made a host of friends who wish him much success in his new venture. He is an aggressive, hustling business man, and his courteous, gentlemanly bearing assures him success. Mr. and Mrs. Hurwitz will store their household goods and board until next spring, when they expect to locate in State College.

Among the residents of Centre county who have a kick coming this year are the apiarists. Ordinarily all the bees that are kept in this county can find an abundance of blossoms and flowers to work on from early in the summer until late in the fall, but this year has been an exception. The clover fields did not blossom this year as usual and the life of all kinds of flowers was brief so that the bees have had a hard time of it and the honey crop will be the shortest in years. Some apiarists declare they will not be able to gather more than half the quantity of former years. The only thing the bees will yet have to work on is buckwheat, and inasmuch as so little of it is grown in the county it will not count much in the honey crop.

Our Correspondent's Opinions.

This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or statements. The real name of the author must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

How Do You Know It?

Boiler Explosion Sank Battleship Maine?

First will kindly refer to my letter published in your last weeks paper, relative to the writer's engineer experience on the action of steam in contact with cold water on board of ship, and claimed boiler explosion, was from this cause these four last words are an error, and should read that "caused violent cannonade shaking the ship terrible."

The official statement "of the Captain and one of his ship crew that immediate accompaniment of explosion there were 'violent cannonade shaking ship violently.'" This formulated my opinion from a rare personal event of forty years ago to wit: on board of ship having two Scotch type of boilers of about ten feet diameter by twelve feet long with internal diametrical fire box flue and return flue to horizontal tubes to front breaching of stack, the owner of advance C. E. and mechanical engineer, well knowing the dangerous effects of expansion on internal stay bolts and rods and longitudinal straight cylindrical fire box plate, (now corrugated) we left the harbor with steam on one boiler, and then decided to go further and requested that steam be admitted slowly into the cold boiler and probable the assistant engineer opened main steam valve excessive, that caused a terrible cannonade that indicated a force of moving the boiler from the keel, and no wait for countermand order to close valve, except a running gait to be sure of speedy accomplishment, and fire slowly to steam heat. The immediate let go of one high pressure Scotch boiler on the Maine would blow hole through ship keel, the weakest part of ship, and the incoming waters to the various compartments, penetrated by steam and live coal, would cause the cannonade and probable second explosion by breakage through magazine.

In my estimation there were no other explosive, in volume, on board but steam that would cause general death of those below deck and the cause of the disaster would be equity test of boiler material; two-thirds of boiler explosions are caused for want of water and on battery of boilers cylindrical with one water feed to the whole, there are water ways when not having special equalizing steam pipe for one pressure on the whole.

Public safety demands, there be at the bottom of water glass a drainage pipe and valve within standing reach of every fireman to open the valve quarter turn and close to behold sure lowering and rising of water in glass tube, a procedure very seldom used. The fatigue of the tropics and the vile use of cigarettes, benumbs the intellect and the latter should be prohibited from use in public service.

JAMES WOLFENDEN.

Lamar, Pa.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER VISITS BELLEFONTE.—State highway commissioner E. M. Bigelow accompanied by first deputy Joseph W. Hunter and Arthur Clark arrived in Bellefonte shortly before noon on Wednesday under escort of Col. John A. Woodward, of Howard, who met the party at Lock Haven and piloted them to Bellefonte via the Bald Eagle valley. They had dinner at the Bush house but owing to the fact that so few of the citizens of Bellefonte knew of their presence in town their visit was a very quiet one.

Before leaving, however, Mr. Bigelow was accompanied on a drive around town, and especially over the new state road, by contractor R. B. Taylor. He complimented the latter on the appearance of the road through the town, which he pronounced a good job. From here Mr. Bigelow and his party went up the Bald Eagle valley to Vail and from there across the mountain to Philipsburg and Clearfield.

Mr. Bigelow is on a trip to the western part of the State but he is evidently desirous of covering the ground as quickly as possible and not out for the purpose of inspecting all the routes for the state highway as prescribed in the Sproul good roads bill. All told there are nine converging routes in Centre county and of this number he covered only two on his trip on Wednesday. Perhaps, however, he will return at a later date and inspect the others.

Pure food commissioner James Foust has ordered prosecutions by the wholesale throughout the State for the violation of the pure food law. There are two hundred and fifteen cases all told and about two-thirds of them are against milk dealers and dairymen for handling milk and cream that is below the prescribed percentage of butter fat. A number of these prosecutions will be brought against Centre county dealers, but just whom has not yet been revealed. A number of cases are also to be brought against dairymen for selling skimmed milk which is not marked as such.

BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.—The passenger department of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, at Bellefonte, Pa., will until August 15th, receive bids for the various stand privileges at Hecla park, account of the Centre-Clinton county business men's picnic, Tuesday, August 22d, 1911. These will include restaurant, ice cream, novelties of all kinds, and any other proper privileges for such an occasion.