

Democratic Watchman

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Democratic County Committee

Chairman A. B. KIMFORT

DISTRICT NAME POSTOFFICE

Table listing Democratic County Committee members by district and name.

Democratic Committee Meeting

In accordance with the rules of the party the Democratic county committee met in the arbitration room in the court house at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning.

In addressing the committee Mr. Kimfort stated that while the meeting had been called on the third Tuesday in August, there was really no good reason for a meeting at this time because of the change in the primary laws, and as there was no especial business to transact he would be glad to have a report from every committeeman present on the condition in his precinct.

Col. H. S. Taylor spoke for the North ward of Bellefonte and he was followed in turn by every man present. While all told of an unusually quiet condition, politically, they felt confident that when the time came the party would come to the front with one of its old-time campaigns that always assured victory.

After all the committeemen present had been heard from several well known Democrats made brief addresses in which they predicted a sure victory this fall, if the party workers see to getting out the full vote on election day.

Before adjournment Hon. J. W. Kepler introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That Rule 5 be amended as follows: That the county committee be convened at any and such time deemed necessary in the judgment of the county chairman; or said committee can be convened upon a petition to the county chairman signed by twelve members of the committee.

The purpose of the above amendment is to do away with the necessary work of holding a committee meeting on the third Tuesday in August, as is now peremptory under the rules; and which is entirely unnecessary under the changed conditions made by the new primary law. Under the above amendment it will be possible to convene the committee whenever it is necessary or convenient to do so. The resolution passed by a large majority but before it becomes effective it will have to be ratified by the Democratic party in a public mass meeting.

Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN proposes to look up the records of gentlemen who aspire to the Democratic nomination for President next year with the view of instructing the public as to how to vote on the question. Mr. BRYAN is likely to have his labors for his pains. The average Democrat doesn't care what Mr. BRYAN thinks of men and measures in this year of grace. He is a mischief-maker but happily has lost his power of harm.

What is the real difference which door the prospective bride of Colonel JOHN JACOB ASTOR enters upon the life of shame for which her parents have fitted her. They all go out at the same door anyway.

"Crow" BROWN returned to Bellefonte last Saturday and the local political campaign is on in dead earnest.

The Campaign Publicity Bill.

The campaign publicity bill has been passed by both branches of Congress and is now in the hands of the President. Probably before this issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its destination it will be approved and in force as a law. This is a most gratifying consequence of the Democratic victories of last fall.

The passage of this legislation ought to have come sooner, however. It is welcome, of course, because it will check a great evil. But if the measure had been enacted into law fourteen years ago BRYAN instead of MCKINLEY would have been elected President, the Spanish war would have been averted, ROOSEVELT would have remained in private life or at least subordinate public station and the trusts would never have obtained a firm foothold in the country.

If the campaign publicity bill had been enacted previously to that election the chances are that GEORGE W. GUTHRIE and VANCE C. MCCORMICK, who now assume to rule the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, would probably not have contributed to the corruption funds of the Republican machine in 1896, 1900 and 1908. Their generous contributions were insignificant, it may be said, as compared with those of CARNEGIE, ROCKEFELLER, JUDGE GARY and GEORGE W. PERKINS, but they were sufficient to indicate that the gentlemen were bitterly opposed to the election of a Democrat to the Presidency and the incidental curbing of the trusts.

—Maine will have two Democratic Senators in Congress in the near future, a thing which hasn't happened before for more than sixty years. Really it begins to look as if the deluge started last fall will cover the entire country in the near future and in the event that PENROSE loses control of the recreant Democrats who bolted the ticket last fall, Pennsylvania may get into the procession.

An Excellent Example.

The resignation of Fish Commissioner WILLIAM E. MEEHAN, ought to be the beginning of an exodus from the "Hill," at Harrisburg. MR. MEEHAN is a shining example of official unfitness. During the several years that he has been at the head of the Department of Fisheries he has managed to spend a vast amount of the State's money to little purpose.

There are others in Harrisburg, however, quite as inefficient as MEEHAN. The Forestry Department, for example, is worse than useless under its present management. ROBERT B. CONKLING has become a pest at every recent session of the Legislature on account of his constant importunity of Senators and Representatives to enact laws which will increase his power over the citizenship of the State and multiply his opportunities to harass the public.

The Factory Inspector and the executive officer of the Game Commission make themselves equally obnoxious in the same way and the people of the State would relish with infinite satisfaction the announcement of their retirement to private life. These men have all been in office so long that they have come to believe that the people are their servants and are under some sort of obligation to obey their mandates.

Postmaster General HITCHCOCK is going into ecstasies over the success of the postal savings banks. Nobody ever doubted that they would draw deposits for the backing of the government makes them substantial. But when a money squeeze comes and the postal savings banks become a pneumatic tube to carry the currency of the country into Wall Street, the public will take a different view of the subject.

An attempt to hold a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee at Harrisburg on Wednesday last, by the little coterie of factionists parading themselves as "reorganizers," resulted in the presence of but one single member of that Committee—MR. W. K. MEYERS of Harrisburg. The other eight regularly elected and reorganized members refused to have anything to do with it.

STROHM.—After weeks and months of illness, a good part of which time he was entirely helpless, James B. Strohm died last Saturday morning at his home in Centre Hall, as the result of paralysis. When sheriff W. E. Hurley was induced into office in January, 1909, he appointed Mr. Strohm his deputy. Several months thereafter Mr. Strohm arrested a man in the upper part of the county and in the vicinity of Port Matilda the man made a dash for liberty while the train was in motion. A struggle ensued on the train platform with the result that Strohm was thrown off the moving train and sustained a broken leg, the prisoner escaping. It was three months before he recovered and was able to be around on crutches, but it was not long until he was again taken sick and later he was stricken with paralysis, the result no doubt of his broken limb, and for the most of the past year he was not only helpless but unable to talk.

Decayed was a son of Michael and Catharine Strohm and was born on the old hestested farm near Centre Hall about fifty-seven years ago. His parents gave him a good education and when he grew to manhood he engaged in teaching school, a profession he followed in the winter and in the summer helped on the farm. He was a Republican in politics and early in life took considerable interest in the various campaigns in the county with the result that he was appointed commissioner's clerk on March 9th, 1889, by John C. Henderson and John Decker to succeed W. R. Mattern, who died on March 4th, of that year. In 1890 he entered the race for county commissioner, and was elected in the election in November and sworn into office the first Monday of January, 1891. He was re-elected in 1893 and served out his full two terms. After his retirement from office he resumed school teaching and later took up his home in Centre Hall. He followed that profession until appointed deputy sheriff by Mr. Hurley. He was a man of very pleasing appearance, suave in manner and one who made friends wherever he went.

He was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Evans, of Potter township, who survives with three children, namely: Rufus T., who is connected with the International Correspondence school of Scranton and is now in London, Eng.; Mrs. A. E. Person and Mrs. Ammon Burkholder, of Phillipsburg, N. J. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Myra Kerr, of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. W. W. Bayard, of New York city.

Mr. Strohm was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. J. Max Lantz had charge of the funeral which was held on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

PIERPOINT.—The death of Mrs. Jennie Curtin Pierpoint, wife of James Pierpoint, which occurred in a private sanatorium near Philadelphia at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, was learned with regret by her many friends in Bellefonte. It is probably three years ago since she suffered a nervous breakdown and although she would recover to a certain extent at times she never regained complete health and several months ago she entered a private hospital where it was hoped that specialists would be able to benefit her. Only two weeks ago word was received in Bellefonte that she was somewhat improved so that the announcement of her death came as a surprise.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Reynolds and was born in Bellefonte about forty-nine years ago. Her mother was a sister of the late Governor Andrew G. Curtin. She was united in marriage to James Pierpoint, about twenty-six years ago, and their wedding in the Episcopal church was one of the fashionable events of that year. Mr. Pierpoint at the time was in charge of the Scotia ore mines for Carnegie & Co. A few years after their marriage they moved to Pittsburg and later located in Philadelphia where they have since lived. Mrs. Pierpoint was a woman of a bright and cheerful disposition and had many friends in Bellefonte and throughout the State who will mourn her death.

She was the last survivor of a family of five children, and is survived by her husband and three sons, namely: Thomas R., Robert William and James Reynolds, the youngest of whom is nineteen years old. The remains will be brought to Bellefonte tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 4:20 o'clock and taken direct to the Episcopal church, of which she was a member, where funeral services will be held, after which burial will be made in the Union cemetery.

DEER.—John H. Derr, a well known carpenter of Phillipsburg, fell down stairs last Thursday evening and broke his neck, causing almost instant death. He had worked all day Thursday as usual and after spending an hour or so down town after supper went home and to bed before nine o'clock. His wife was sitting on the front steps and shortly after nine o'clock heard a fall in the house and going in found her husband lying at the foot of the stairs unconscious. A physician was hastily summoned but by the time he arrived life was extinct and an examination showed that his neck had been broken in the fall. Mr. Derr had evidently gotten out of bed for something and in the dark got to the stairway by mistake.

Decayed was born at Milton and was 50 years, 10 months and 21 days old. He had been a resident of Phillipsburg the past twenty-three years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Lewis Russ, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Howard Frank, of Clymer. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

WION.—Daniel Wion, a well known and esteemed citizen of Centre Hall, died on Sunday after an illness of four weeks with paralysis of the throat. He was born in Millin county and was 79 years, 6 months and 16 days old. When a young man he moved to Pennsylvania and engaged in farming, an occupation he followed until a few years ago when he retired. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Frank, living near Bellefonte; Mrs. Annie Reish, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Ida Carson, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Sarah Brooks, of Centre Hall, and Miss Margaret at home. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran church and an active member of the Grange. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

KUNES.—Mrs. Beulah Kunes died at her home at Runville on Wednesday of last week, of paralysis, with which she was stricken last October. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, namely: W. T. Kunes, of Runville; Harry, of Bush Hollow; Mrs. Ada Resides, at home, and Mrs. Mary Spotts, of Unionville. Burial was made on Friday in the Advent cemetery.

THE HOSPITAL TELEPHONE.—Last week the WATCHMAN published the facts relative to the removal from the Bellefonte hospital of the phone of the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania on the grounds that the company could no longer furnish a free phone to that institution. Saturday evening the writer was told by manager W. S. Mallieu that the phone was back in the hospital, although he did not state on what terms.

Since that time we have been informed that the phone was put back on the agreement of Mrs. T. R. Hayes to pay for same, otherwise it would probably not be there.

The telephone company put up the claim that under the interstate commerce law they could not furnish free phones to any individual or institution. If this is so, why is it that free phones are furnished in Lock Haven and also in Bellefonte?

The Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania and its predecessors have had a franchise in Bellefonte for thirty years, without paying a cent of tax for the privilege of using the borough streets and alleys for their pole service as they see fit. And now they refuse to give the hospital, which is very much a Bellefonte institution, phone service unless the hospital or a private individual guarantees the pay for same. Under such a condition it would not be more than right that the company be made pay a tax on its poles and all other privileges it enjoys in the town, and council should take the matter up for consideration.

THREE PEOPLE HURT IN ACCIDENT.—Shortly after nine o'clock on Wednesday evening there was a mixup out at the Nittany furnace in which a young man by the name of Grove, from Jacksonville, and two young ladies were quite badly bruised up but fortunately not seriously injured. Grove and the young ladies were driving out the pike from Bellefonte in a one horse buggy. Messrs. Lambert and Gettig, of Pleasant Gap, were coming into Bellefonte in a buggy driving two horses. Right on the sharp turn at the furnace a big automobile came along on the way to Bellefonte and the headlights so blinded the drivers of both vehicles that they did not see each other with the result that they had a head-on collision. When the horses bumped into each other they naturally became frightened and became practically unmanageable. The harness became entangled and finally the buggy wheels became locked and Grove's buggy was dragged backwards fifteen or twenty rods and finally upset. All the occupants were thrown out and both Grove and the girls sustained some bad bruises. They were helped up by people living in that locality and after their injuries were attended to as well as possible their buggy was righted and fixed up so they could return home. The automobile was a strange machine and the driver of same did not have manhood enough to stop and see how bad the accident was, though he was not to blame, according to eye-witnesses.

SHOOK—KERR.—Announcement has been made of the marriage of James Ambrose Shook, a former Bellefonte young man, and Miss Nellie Susan Kerr, of Huntingdon, the ceremony having been performed in New York city on August ninth. The bride for several years has been stenographer to the president of Juniata College and is quite an accomplished young woman. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school and has since been engaged in teaching. He is now located at Pottstown, Pa., where the young couple will be at home after August twenty-fifth.

WATKINS—PARKS.—Edward L. Watkins, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Sarah Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Parks, of this place, were married at the U. B. parsonage on Thursday of last week by Rev. C. W. Winney.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—John W. Smith, of Allport, and Mary E. Hoover, of Kylesport. Nathaniel Boob, of Millheim, and Sarah E. Strohecker, of Rebersburg. Samuel W. Vonada, of Spring Mills, and Lizzie E. Keen, of Coburn. George Strobert, of Loganton, and Grace Seese, of Coaldale.

FORMER CENTRE COUNTIAN SHOOTS HIMSELF.—Steele S. Crissman, at one time one of the best known residents of Phillipsburg, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at his home in Moxham, a suburb of Johnstown, some time early Saturday morning.

Mrs. Crissman and children were visiting friends in Somerset, so that Mr. Crissman was the only one at home and when the body was found at 8:30 o'clock on Saturday morning, it was already cold, so that death must have occurred some hours previous. Just what led Mr. Crissman to take his own life is hard to determine. Of late he had been troubled with weak eyes and it is said that a Philadelphia oculist told him it was only a question of time until he would lose his sight entirely. In addition, it is alleged, he was one of three druggists in Johnstown who were recently arrested for selling whiskey illegally. The men were caught in a net spread by three "reform" detectives who themselves were later arrested for accepting hush money and two of whom were sent to the jail at Ebensburg for trial. Both things evidently preyed upon his mind and last week in company with several friends he took an automobile trip through the hot sun and it is the opinion of the physicians that he either suffered a sun stroke or his brain was affected by the heat, which led him to commit the act. The only tangible evidence was a sealed note to his wife in which he said: "They are after me." Who or what he meant is not known.

Mr. Crissman was born near Tyrone, Blair county, and was about fifty-seven years of age. Most of his life was spent in Phillipsburg, where he was engaged in the drug business. He was a staunch Republican and for years was recognized as the leader of his party over the mountain, and was always to be found in every Republican county convention, where his voice was as familiar as the peal of the town clock. He left Phillipsburg about nine years ago and went to Windber and opened up a drug store, going to Johnstown one year later. Some six years ago he located in Moxham and had built up such a thriving business there that he was building an addition to his store at the present time.

While living in Phillipsburg he was married to Miss Ada Hall who survives with two children, Steele S. Jr. and Doris; also one step-daughter, Mrs. C. H. Suppes. He also leaves his aged mother, Mrs. Margaret H. Crissman, and the following sisters: Mrs. Edward Horn, Mrs. Lyle, Misses Laura, Sarah and Minnie, all of Phillipsburg. The remains were taken to Phillipsburg, where burial was made on Monday.

BIG NIGHT FOR MOOSE.—Moose are becoming more plentiful in Centre county every day, though up to this time the Pennsylvania Legislature has not enacted a law providing for an open season for killing them. Of course this is only natural, because the Centre county Moose are all two-legged and minus the big horns that characterize the real thing in the shape of a Moose. But they are Moose, all right and patriotic members of the Bellefonte Lodge of the Local Order, and they had a big time of it in Bellefonte on Wednesday night. The occasion was the initiation of thirty-three new members, and then there are a number who have been voted into the lodge who could not be present for initiation.

On account of the large number of initiations and the excellent turnout of members it was necessary to secure the armory as a place to do the work, as it was the only building in town big enough to afford the new Mooses a good opportunity to ride the goat. The Bellefonte lodge now has over five hundred members and very few of them were absent from Wednesday night's meeting. The initiation services at the armory were enlivened with music by an orchestra and a few choice selections by a quartette. When all the new members had been properly put through the crowd marched to the Moose home on Spring street where a very palatable lunch was in waiting for all.

Mrs. G. Murray Andrews dinner Wednesday night was given in honor of Mrs. George Field and her sister Miss Lucy Stone, of Coatesville, Mrs. Hollander of Ohio, and Mrs. John W. Codding, of Towanda, Pa., who are spending some time at the Bush House, while visiting with friends in town.

Lloyd M. Reich and family, who started five weeks ago on an automobile trip to the Pacific coast, are now located on a truck farm a mile from Indianapolis. When they reached that place the owner offered to sell the farm, stock and all and Reich bought it.

Real Estate Transfers.

Cyrus Brungart sheriff to F. W. Crider, Aug. 28th, 1902, tract of land in Snow Shoe township; \$1100. H. S. Taylor sheriff to F. W. Crider, Feb. 2nd, 1903, tract of land in Bellefonte; \$200. David B. DeLong to Jacob H. Bechtel, Aug. 8th, 1911, tract of land in Curtin township; \$3000. Ernest M. Brickley et al to John C. Brickley, Sept. 1st, 1910, tract of land in Curtin township; \$1. Wm. L. Foster et al to J. S. Martin, Nov. 30th, 1908, tract of land in College township; \$850. Harry E. Harter et ux to Susan E. Harter, Feb. 7th, 1911, tract of land in Marion township; \$27. Susan E. Harter trustee to Harry E. Harter, Feb. 10th, 1902, tract of land in Marion township; \$27.

Jury List for September Court.

Following is the jury list drawn for the September term of court, which will begin on the fourth Monday, September 28th:

Table listing Grand Jurors for 4th Monday of September and Traverse Jurors for 1st Monday of October.

The District Attorneyship.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Aug. 16, 1911.

To the Democratic Voters, at the Primaries Held September 30th, 1911. Having announced myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of District Attorney, I wish through this medium, to give the Democratic voters a statement of, and argument why, I am asking their suffrage at this time. In prior years the voters of this county have singled out for this office the man who, at the time of his selection, for the office, the office would most benefit; they have not taken one who was not in need of the office from a financial view, nor have they taken the man who has had the benefit of long years of practice or the association with others who have an established practice, not the man who has other things upon which he can depend until he may be established nor have they selected that person who is able to spend the most money in securing the nomination.

Following this I would say, I am the youngest Democratic member of the Centre county bar, practicing alone, although I have been in active practice for more than ten years. That I have never held public office, either local or county. That I must depend upon my own efforts for such success as I may have or attain. That the office I am now seeking would be the greatest benefit to me in securing the experience and library necessary for the practitioner.

I will try to see the voters between now and the primaries, but should I not be able to do so I would ask that you recognize my failure to be a lack of funds rather than of will. With this statement I rest my case with you, assuring you that if nominated and elected, you will receive a fair, full, honest and courteous administration of the office. Very respectfully yours, S. KLINE WOODRING.

—Don't dose your chickens. —Don't get too large a setting for the hen. —Keep your hen houses dry and secure from the damp winds. —Be sure your hen actually wants to mother a flock before you set her.