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Democratic State Convention.

Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., February 9th, 1912.

In pursuance of the rules governing the Democratic party of Pennsylvania and agreeable to the action of the Democratic State Executive Committee at a special meeting held in the Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, on the last day of February, 1912, notice is hereby given that the Democratic State Convention will assemble in the Majestic Theatre, at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, May 7th, 1912, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The business to be transacted at said convention will be:

The nomination of one candidate for Auditor General.

The nomination of one candidate for State Treasurer.

The nomination of six candidates for Electors at large, and to elect in the manner provided by the rules of the party.

Twelve delegates and twelve alternates at large to the National Democratic Convention.

and to consider such other matters, pertaining to the interests and success of the party in Pennsylvania, as may be brought before it.

WALTER E. RITTER, Chairman

P. GRAY MEEK, Secretary

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

RYNDER.—Theodore Porter Rynder passed away on the evening of Saturday, March 16th, at the home of his son Lee, in Washington, D. C. Interment was made in the Arlington cemetery, Washington, on Tuesday.

The above brief notice reached this office yesterday morning and it marks the passing away of a man of unique personality. Mr. Rynder, who was past seventy years of age, for many years lived at Milesburg, this county. In his early life he was a Republican but when the Greenback party was organized early in the eighties he became an ardent supporter of same and for years was chairman of the party in Centre county. He realized that the party was fighting for a lost cause but he conscientiously believed in the doctrines promulgated and he spent his time and money fighting for its principles for a number of years. When the Greenback party finally died out and the Peoples Socialist party sprang into existence Mr. Rynder became an earnest advocate of its standard. His entire life was spent in fighting for political reform and legislation which he conscientiously believed would improve the conditions of the working man. He left Bellefonte in the latter eighties and located in Erie where he edited a paper for a number of years. The last few years of his life were spent in Washington where his son holds a good position.

YEARICK.—Elias J. Yearick died at the Lock Haven hospital on Monday night of cancer of the liver. Last fall he was one of a party who spent two weeks deer hunting in the Scootac region. He became sick shortly after his return and was ill all winter at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. K. Miller, in Lock Haven. He was taken to the hospital several weeks ago but his case was too hopeless for an operation.

Deceased was fifty-nine years of age and was born near Hublersburg. When a young man he learned the carpenter trade and followed that occupation a number of years. Later he went to farming in the lower end of Nittany valley and also conducted a dairy. A number of years ago he gave up farming and followed his trade as a carpenter, first in Mill Hall and later going to Pittsburg where he lived until last fall. Surviving him are five children, three brothers and four sisters. The remains were brought to Hublersburg on Wednesday morning where funeral services were held in the Reformed church by Rev. W. E. Harr, after which burial was made in the Hublersburg cemetery.

WEAVER.—Mrs. Alice Weaver, widow of the late D. H. Weaver, died at her home in State College on Monday, March 4th, after an illness of only five days. She was a daughter of J. Irvin and Mary Ross and was born at Pine Grove Mills on August 4th, 1850. On Christmas day 1870 she was married to D. H. Weaver who died several years ago but surviving her are four sons, George, of New York city; Morris, of Altoona; Walter, of Pine Grove Mills, and Foster, of State College. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters, namely: J. H. Ross, of Linden Hall; E. C., of Lemont; Mrs. James Lytle, Mrs. Agnes Krebs and Mrs. George Glenn, of State College. Rev. Sasserman had charge of the funeral which was held on Thursday morning March 7th, burial being made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

DUNKLE.—Following an illness of many weeks with a complication of diseases Mrs. Amos Dunkle died at her home near Farmer's Mills on Wednesday of last week, aged sixty years. She was a daughter of William Weaver, deceased. Surviving her are her husband and three children, Lot and Albert, of Petersburg, and Mrs. Hiram Grove, of Bellefonte. One brother, Charles Weaver, of Linden Hall, also survives. The funeral was held last Saturday morning, burial being made in the Union cemetery at Farmer's Mills.

Shall We Have a United Party?

Chairman Ritter Replies to Mr. Guthrie and Accepts His Proposals, But Insists that They be Carried Out in a Manner that will Obey the Law and the Rules of the Party. Leaders of Both Factions to Withdraw and New Men to be Selected in Their Places. Up to Mr. Guthrie to Answer.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., MARCH 19, 1912

HON. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, Pittsburg, Pa.

My Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 12th, enclosing me copy of resolution passed at a meeting over which you presided at Harrisburg, on that day.

I appreciate with you the importance and necessity for united and sincere party harmony in the State. It would seem that there would be no reason or occasion for any continued dissension or discord in party ranks. The coming primary elections admit of a popular referendum of our disputes to the decision of the voters of the party, and to the expression of their will, all can and ought to bow in hearty atonement. There should be but one organization and we should hold but one convention. No Democrat should be driven out of the party. Rather should all be invited to join with us in our efforts to better civic conditions in our Commonwealth. We need a united party now if we ever needed one.

At this particular time I feel that you and I can perform an important part in arriving at such a conclusion as will inure to the lasting good of our party in the State. It may be necessary for us to make some sacrifices. This is of small concern however, when the general welfare is to be considered. The public cares but little for the individual. It is more concerned over the practical means that can be employed to conserve the public good.

It seems to me that there are but few points of difference between us and none in fact but what can be easily overcome if such is sincere in his desire to effect true party union.

I conceive that the main issues involved in the controversy relate,

First. To the organization and conduct of the coming State Convention.

Second. To the selection of National Committeemen for Pennsylvania.

Third. To the personnel of the State Organization.

The spirit of your letter indicates that you are anxious for a complete and lasting harmony. I am equally desirous for such a consummation. Under such circumstances we ought easily to reach a conclusion. Our efforts should cover all the matters in controversy, in order that we reach complete results.

As to your proposition for one convention let me suggest:

(1) That but one convention be held and that it convene at the Majestic Theatre in Harrisburg on Tuesday, May 7th, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon. This being the usual place and that the usual hour for holding State conventions in that city.

(2) That the convention so assembled be called to order by myself and without comment or reference to the subject of party differences, now existing, and that it be at once turned over to the temporary chairman.

(3) That the Temporary Chairman be selected by you in your answer to this letter from the three following named persons, to wit: Hon. Rush Gillan, President Judge, of Franklin county; William A. Glasgow Jr., Esq., of Philadelphia, or Charles J. Reilly, Esq., of Williamsport, and that upon your making a selection you unite in presenting his name to the respective Executive committees of which we are ex-officio chairmen, and that we join in asking them to confirm our selection for Temporary Chairman of the Convention. I have suggested the names of these three gentlemen, without consultation with them, because neither of them has been at all identified with the recent internal troubles of the party, and because the Democracy, honesty and fairness of each is so well known throughout the State that I have felt sure the selection of either would be acceptable to the Convention. I believe any one of them would feel it a duty to accept the position should we so request him.

(4) That the Temporary chairman so chosen select and suggest the other officers for the temporary organization of the Convention and that we ask the Executive committees to confirm such selection.

(5) That the Temporary chairman and Secretary so selected and agreed upon, with you and me make up the roll of delegates to the Convention in accordance with the certificates of the County Commissioners of the several counties of the State and that such roll be reported to the Convention as the list of delegates entitled to participate in the preliminary work of the Convention. This would be a simple duty, not admitting of favoritism.

(6) That the Convention thus organized proceed to a permanent organization and to the further work of the Convention in accordance with its untrammelled will and the rules of the party.

This substantially meets your suggestion as to a single and harmonious Convention.

I believe the adoption of the provisions outlined would insure a legal convention in so far as the nominations to be made by it are concerned, and that they are eminently fair and just to all parties concerned, and without the possibility of factional advantage.

AS TO NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN.

An equally serious matter with the holding of the convention and one that has caused and will cause more bitter discussion and feeling in the party is that of the National Committeemen.

I feel that this is a serious subject for consideration in these negotiations. Col. Guffey, the present National Committeeman, is sincerely anxious to see our differences settled and the party firmly united. To this end he has declared privately and publicly that under no circumstances will he again be a candidate for, nor will he accept the position of National Committeeman.

Mr. Palmer has claimed title to this position. His claim has been passed upon and rejected by the Democratic National committee. He is now a candidate for the office, for the next term. His candidacy and his claim of title have already aroused unfortunate contention. I believe his continued candidacy or his selection would mean continued party discord. With yourself he has been most active in the rival organization of which you claim to be the chairman. As part of the general scheme for party unification I now ask that Mr. Palmer make a declaration as pronounced as that made by Col. Guffey that he will not be a candidate for National Committeeman at the Baltimore convention.

AS TO STATE ORGANIZATION.

The State Central Committee under the Party Rules will convene in July to select a State Chairman whose term of office will begin on the first Monday of January, 1913. Let me suggest as a further part of this plan that you preside at that meeting. That neither you nor I be candidates for the Chairmanship at that time. That after an election is had under the party rules we both immediately tender our resignations for the remainder of the term for which we claim to have been elected and ask the committee to select the new chairman as elected to fill the vacancy thus created from that date until the time when his term would otherwise regularly begin to wit, in January, 1913.

I feel that these suggestions are fair and equitable and that they will fully cover the points that are now at issue in the party throughout the State. Col. Guffey has already by his declaration eliminated himself from the controversy. I am willing to relinquish the position of Chairman, which I now hold, for the sake of party harmony. I ask you and Mr. Palmer to meet us on this common ground. I would have you believe that the great mass of Democrats throughout the State want a united party, and are more concerned over that result than they are as to whether you or I be State Chairman or whether Mr. Palmer be National Committeeman. Let us make the concession for the common good.

I am further convinced that such action at this time may save some Congressional and Legislative districts to our party.

If you and Mr. Palmer are willing to do your part and you will signify that fact in your answer to me, the chapter of our party troubles will be ended and a method for party harmony based on the will of the Democratic voters declared at the primary elections, will be established.

I shall be very glad to meet you at any convenient time for promptly carrying into effect a result so much desired by all true Democrats in order that the party energy may hereafter be directed as it should be, solely to the party's and the country's welfare. I am,

Very truly yours,

W. E. RITTER, Chairman.

McCAFFREY.—Miss Caroline Gertrude McCaffrey died last Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat. McCaffrey, in Lock Haven, of valvular heart trouble. She had been ill for almost a year and had been confined to the house since last August. Deceased was 38 years and 8 months old and in addition to her parents is survived by one sister, Mrs. John B. Critchfield, of Lock Haven. Requiem mass was held over the remains in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. Father Jerome L. McQuillen, after which burial was made in St. Mary's cemetery. The Lock Haven Democrat of Monday paid the following tribute to the deceased:

Miss McCaffrey possessed a kind, cheerful, unselfish disposition and was a devout christian woman, who until she became ill was always at her place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception and took a prominent part in the affairs of the church. She was a musician of ability and in past years was a contralto singer in the church. She was a stenographer and bookkeeper, and until compelled to give up her duties by illness held a position in the business office of the Democrat, and always performed her duties in a most conscientious manner. Her death will leave a void in the home and in the large circle of her friends, but their loss is her gain. She has gone to enjoy the reward of her immaculate or perfect life on earth.

Goss.—Adam Goss, an old Civil war veteran, was found dead in the factory of the Wilson Chemical company, Tyrone, last Wednesday night. He was employed there as night watchman and failing to make his customary rounds of the buildings Emory McClintock made a tour of investigation and found Goss dead in his chair.

Deceased was a son of John and Elizabeth Goss and was born at Port Matilda, this county, on January 28th, 1841, hence was 71 years, 1 month and 15 days old. When a youth his parents moved to Blair county and at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted at Huntingdon in Company A, 110th regiment. He served until the close of the war and participated in many hard fought battles. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Bull Run by Col. Moseby but was later exchanged. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles LaPorte, of Juniata, and Mrs. Blaine Bashore, of Altoona. He also leaves one brother, Daniel, of Bellwood. The funeral was held from the Methodist Episcopal church of Tyrone, of which he was a member, at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. W. Hartman officiated and burial was made in the Grandview cemetery.

JONES.—Mrs. Rebecca Jones, wife of Alfred Jones, died quite suddenly at her home in Philipsburg last Thursday evening. She had been in poor health a year or more but that day was able to be around until four o'clock in the afternoon when she was seized with a sinking spell and died within fifteen minutes.

Her maiden name was Miss Rebecca Bailey and she was born at Stormstown about seventy years ago. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bailey, well known residents of Halfmoon township, but who later moved to Philipsburg. Deceased was united in marriage to Alfred Jones in March, 1861, and he survives with three children: Mrs. W. W. Andrews, Paul and Edward Jones, all of Philipsburg. One brother, Samuel Bailey, of Morrisdale, also survives. Dr. C. T. Aikens, of Selingsgrove, had charge of the funeral which was held from her late home on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

BEAVER.—Following a general decline as the result of her advanced age Mrs. Mary Beaver died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Thompson, at Centre Furnace, on Saturday, March 10th. Her maiden name was Armstrong and she was born in Union county in 1823, hence was about eighty-nine years old. She was twice married. Her first husband was Rev. Elliott, a well known preacher of Clearfield county, and after his death she married Mr. Beaver. He has been dead many years and since his death the deceased made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. William Thompson, at Centre Furnace. She was a member of the Methodist church and always took a prominent part in all church work. Rev. J. McK. Reiley had charge of the funeral services, which were held the following afternoon and Monday morning the remains were taken to Lewisburg for burial.

LYKENS.—On Wednesday morning Mrs. William Lykens, of Warriorsmark valley, died after an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. She was born at Centre Line, this county, seventy-nine years ago, and was a sister of the late George Gensimore, who died just two weeks ago. Her husband died fourteen years ago but surviving her are nine children and one sister. The funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon, burial to be made in the Burkett cemetery at Warriorsmark.

BAILEY.—W. Harvey Bailey, of near Penn Hall, died very suddenly on Tuesday morning of heart failure, aged fifty years. His wife and five children survive, as follows: Margaret, Frank, Edward, Carrie and Bruce. He also leaves one brother and four sisters, namely: Louis, of Salona, Mrs. Joseph Alters, of Bellefonte; Mrs. A. F. Bower, of Aronsburg; Mrs. Long, of Nittany valley, and Mrs. Mowery, of Youngstown, Ohio. The funeral will be held today.

Our Correspondents' 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.

Let Knowledge Shine to Brighten Labor.

Editor Democratic Watchman:

Appreciating your open journalism to save life by utilizing labor most intelligently, to produce commercial commodity more honorable and beneficial than tobacco; we have vast mountain sides and basins inviting the cultivation of grapes and hops and the garden products of cottage homes; adjacent to the source of all-year-round employment for every villager, able worker, and of the most invigorating procedures to cure tuberculosis and stomach trouble, by the out-door employment and the where with all to make home brews of roasted barley and hops and pure grape juice wines that will cure nervous prostration and make pure blood, that cures many infirmities by nutritious food, free from drugs.

Debates and investigations by our agricultural colleges to make known to the people our resources to save life and make bright and useful lives, by intelligent labor to supply our own markets, are in order for immediate action for its greatest achievements; and I am awaiting the State College reply to my written appeal for information relative to home, open brew of beer that don't intoxicate, submitted to the faculty, with sample pint bottle, March 2nd, and no acknowledgment.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES WOLENDEN, Lamar, Pa.

March 18, 1912.

IRVIN.—James Irvin, formerly of Nittany valley, this county, but for several years past residing on a farm near Provo, Utah, died on March 9th. He had been at work that day as usual and shortly after dinner he died very suddenly while sitting in his chair, acute heart failure being the cause. He was born near Inasmill, County Termanic, Ireland, on January 19th, 1848, coming to the United States with his parents in 1852, locating in Little Nittany valley. He lived there until the death of his parents about five years ago when he went west. The remains were brought east to the home of his sister, Mrs. William Orr, near Jacksontonville, and on Friday of last week funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at that place, Rev. E. F. Faust, of Howard, officiating. Burial was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

COLE.—After a long illness with a complication of diseases Miss Laura Cole died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Irvin, at Baileyville, on March 4th. She had been sick for a number of years and had undergone several operations. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Cole and was born at Loveville forty-seven years ago. Her early life was spent in Halfmoon township and after the death of her parents she made her home with her sister, Mrs. Daniel Irvin. She was a member of the Lutheran church and a good christian woman. Surviving her are two sisters and one brother, namely: Mrs. Daniel Irvin, of Baileyville; Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick, of Tyrone, and John Cole, of Altoona. The funeral was held on March 6th. Rev. R. M. Campbell officiated and burial was made in the Lutheran church cemetery at Centre Line.

SPRING MILLS.

The road between Spring Mills and Penn Hall is in a terrible condition. The recent heavy rains washed the high fields along the road, covering the latter with mud from six to eight inches deep. It is a task for a team to get through. Of course pedestrianism is out of the question. The supervisors had better get a move on.

Prof. U. A. Moyer will commence a session of eight weeks of High school in the Academy building on April 8th, for advanced scholars and those desirous of becoming teachers. The studies include many of the higher branches of learning and the general instructions are on a plane equal to a college. Mr. Moyer is well known as a profound scholar and a polished gentleman, and no doubt will secure a large class.

The Spring Mills Rural Telephone company was organized here last week. The officers are W. O. Gramley, president; C. A. Krape, secretary, and John Smith treasurer and solicitor. In the company are quite a number of our most influential and active citizens. The line will connect with the United States Telephone company with exchanges at Millheim, Centre Hall, Zion, Bellefonte and State College. The company will give telephone service to stores and residences at the rate of \$16.00 for the first year. This includes the phone and service, and \$12.00 a year after that time. By April first they will have installed about thirty phones in Spring Mills. Subscribers are applying daily for service. Nearly all the Bell phones are out of Pennsylvania, and what is more to the point, they will remain out. The Bell company evidently struck a huge snag when they tried to bamboozle the people of this valley. Our folks don't mind being slightly fooled occasionally, but to a bare-faced and outrageous skin game they have decided objections.

Prof. John G. Rossman, superintendent of the schools at Stuttgart, Ark., had a group of the pupils of twenty-two schools photographed. The view represents seven hundred pupils and teachers, the line extending quite a distance along the edge of a sloping lawn. Evidently the photographer understands his business for it is a beautiful and artistic piece of work. Every face is so clear and distinct that any of the scholars or teachers can be recognized at once. The professor mailed a copy of the photograph to his parents here, merchant H. F. and Mrs. Rossman, as a picture of his "little family" in the South. Of course, he was formerly of our town, and two or three years ago accepted a position in one of the schools at Stuttgart, and by his commanding abilities and polished manners, advanced rapidly and became popular as a citizen and instructor. These qualifications were soon discovered, as they elected him superintendent of all the schools without opposition, a position he still occupies. It is always a pleasure to notice the progress and successful career of any young man, particularly when he is a native of Centre county.

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest in Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

The Union teacher's training class of Howard completed its course of study, taking the final examination March 8th. After the examination Mrs. T. A. Fletcher, in whose home the class met that evening, gave a reception to the class, serving lunch which was dainty and substantial. Her two daughters, assisted by their aunt, Miss Schenck, and Misses Dorothy Weber and Hilda Wagner, two girl friends, assisted Mrs. Fletcher. A most delightful occasion it was. Friday evening, March 15, the graduating exercises of the class were held in the Methodist church. Each member read a paper on some appropriate theme and the address of the evening was given by Rev. R. S. Taylor, subject, "The Teacher's Teacher." The diplomas issued by the State Sabbath School association were presented by the teacher of the class. A large number of people interested in the advancement of the work of the church in its various branches were present to witness this graduating of the first Teacher's class of Howard. It is hoped that this is but the beginning of the systematic training of Sunday school teachers. The following persons comprised the class: Rev. R. S. Taylor, Mr. J. F. Herr, Mrs. C. M. Fox, Mrs. T. A. Fletcher, Mrs. H. A. Robb, Mrs. E. F. Faust, Misses Mary E. Allison and Madeline Cooke. Rev. E. F. Faust, teacher. The average grade of the class during their course of study was 99 per cent. These persons represent the Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed and Evangelical churches.

HIGH VALLEY ITEMS.

Rumor says that Harry Rider has purchased part of the Emanuel Vonada timber tract for \$600.

Some people in High valley have just discovered that the State will not sell any of its growing timber.

Visitors to our valley on Sunday last were Mr. Henry Eisenhuth with Mrs. Eisenhuth and their adopted daughter.

The fact that no rubbage grows or prospers up in High valley accounts for the fact that all its citizens are Democrats.

High valley had no potatoes last fall and some of its good people have been short of them many-a-time during the winter.

Howard Eisenhuth has purchased the property in Gregg township formerly known as the George Broom homestead. Consideration \$800.

The ice on the north side of the mountain road coming up to High valley, makes traveling very dangerous. We hope that by this time next week it will be different.

If a man steals an overcoat and sells it to another on the purchase he had for larceny or receiving stolen goods. If so, then if I cut a load of wood on another man's land and sell it can the purchaser be held responsible for the same. If so, I would advise those who cut wood on J. T. Eisenhuth's property to stop that work.

Anarchist Fires at King of Italy.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel of Italy was made by an anarchist named Antonio Dallas in Rome.

The king was fortunate enough to escape the shots fired at him from a revolver. They were several in number and were aimed from a very short distance. One of his majesty's bodyguard, Major Lang, however, who was in the immediate vicinity of the king, was wounded.

The would-be regicide chose for his deed the anniversary of the birthday of the late King Humbert, the father of the present king, who died the victim of an assassin's blow at Monza, on July 29, 1900.

The attempt on the king's life was made as his majesty and Queen Helene were going from the palace to the Pantheon to take part in the annual memorial service in honor of the king's father. The royal carriage was preceded and followed by an escort of cuirassiers.

The procession was passing along the Via Lata when three shots rang out from amid the crowd. The soldiers following the carriage immediately dashed forward, and as they did so their commander fell from his horse.

The wounded officer was moved to one side by some of his men, while others hurried up to the royal carriage, where they found the king and queen sitting calm and unmoved.

Dr. Wiley Was Forced Out.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley has resigned his position as the chief chemist and pure food specialist of the department of agriculture after twenty-nine years of service for the government, because he feels that his hands are tied in the fight for the enforcement of the pure food law.

In a statement to the public Dr. Wiley announces that the fundamental principles of that law have one by one "been paralyzed and discredited."

Dr. Wiley, it is understood, will be at the head of the "health department" of Good Housekeeping, a magazine.

Despite the fact that rumors had been current for several weeks that the government's pure food expert was about to leave the service, the actual news of his resignation came as a big surprise to official Washington.

Crying Baby Saves Family.

Smoke awoke Corinne, the two-year-old daughter of Joseph Paine, of Shenandoah, Pa.

Her screams aroused the parents, who found their home burning fiercely, the lower floor being a mass of flames. The family of six barely had time to escape in their night clothing.

Michael Paine and Anthony Galles, two boarders, jumped from the second story window. The fire spread to the next house, the residence of Frank Galloway, who saved much of his clothing and furniture before his home was also ruined.

Convention Railroad Rates.

Fares to the big national conventions in Chicago and Baltimore were fixed at two cents a mile by the Central Passenger association.