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Democratic State Convention.

Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., February 6th, 1912.

To the Democrats of Pennsylvania:

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 MEER, Secretary.

Official Republican Primary Returns.

Last week the WATCHMAN published the official returns of the Democratic primaries held April 13th, but the Republican compilation was completed too late for publication, hence we publish it this week as follows:

Congress:	
William T. DeLoas	993
Charles A. Patton	1396
Alvah A. Shaffer	44
Assembly:	
C. L. Gramley	1485
Samuel Wigton	884
Delegates to National Convention:	
F. G. Boone (Roosevelt)	1667
L. W. Gleason	724
Gay B. Mayo (Roosevelt)	1594
William L. Swoope	651
Alternates to National Convention:	
A. J. Bond	611
G. W. Mattern (Roosevelt)	1751
Frank P. Slocum (Roosevelt)	1629
Delegate to State Convention:	
Harry P. Austin (Roosevelt)	1478
George N. Fisher (Roosevelt)	1357
James Fleming	231
William E. Hurley	730
Walter J. Kurtz	541
Levi Symmonds	81
William Wood (Roosevelt)	278
Chairman County Committee:	
Hard P. Harris	1087
Henry C. Quigley	1310

That Missouri "houn dawg" would better be careful if he visits Baltimore during the Democratic National convention. There will be a lot of Jersey men and Pennsylvanians there at that time and they just love to "kick a dawg aroun."

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

The York Bridge company completed the High street bridge last Friday and opened the entire structure for traffic; the workmen leaving the same day for York.

Bill Hollenback is recovering very nicely from the operation he recently underwent, in the German hospital, Philadelphia, and there is every reason to believe he will soon come out a perfectly sound man.

The congregation of the Eleventh street Methodist church, Clearfield, are well pleased with their new pastor, Rev. R. S. Oyer, who went there from Milesburg, and last Thursday night a public reception was tendered him and his family at which one hundred and forty people were present.

The Brockerhoff house office has been thoroughly done over so far as paint and paper is concerned. The woodwork is painted in white enamel with mahogany trimmings while the big feature of the paper is the thirty inch frieze representing coaching in England. The change in the office is so pronounced and attractive that considerable attention is given it by passersby.

Lewis Daggett opened his new cigar store and pool and billiard parlor in the Bush Arcade last Friday morning with Robert Hood in charge. The room has been freshly painted and papered and is equipped with two pool and two billiard tables. In addition to a full line of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes he also has a nice line of choice candy. Mr. Daggett will undoubtedly get a good share of the patronage of Bellefonte as he has gone to considerable expense in fitting up a pleasant and convenient room.

Soldiers and veterans will be very much in evidence in Bellefonte this (Friday) evening. It is the night for the regular army officer inspection of Company L, which will take place in the army at eight o'clock. It is also the night of the banquet of the Spanish-American war veterans, who will hold their fifth anniversary meeting here tomorrow. The banquet will be held at the Brockerhoff house and in addition to the one hundred or more members the inspection officers and twenty or more additional guests have been invited to be present. The business meeting of the veteran association, at which officers will be elected for the ensuing year, will be held at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

MRS. NANCY MEER PEARSON.—Who for twenty-three years had been a resident of Seattle, passed away Tuesday evening, March 5th, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Smith, at the advanced age of 83 years. Mrs. Pearson was born at Julian Furnace, in this county, in 1829.

Her father John Adams at that time and for years afterwards being proprietor of that then important iron industry. Some time in the fifties she married Wesley Meek, and resided near the place of her birth until the early sixties, when she with her family, removed to the State of Ohio, and in 1865, from there to Minnesota. In 1889, she went to Seattle, and has resided in that city continuously since that time.

Three generations of descendants survive her, represented by her son, John A. Meek, bailiff of police court, his daughter and grandchildren. Two other sons and two daughters, all but one residents of Seattle, are left. They are: Stephen G. Meek, Wesley E. Meek, Mrs. C. E. Smith, of Rainier Beach, and Mrs. Nannie R. Brosius, of Bismark, S. D.

Deceased was an earnest church worker and had been a member of the Methodist church since childhood. Funeral services were held at the Bonney-Watson chapel, Thirteenth and University street, Friday afternoon, March 8th, at 1:30 o'clock and were largely attended by friends who had learned to love and respect her for her amiable and hopeful disposition, her kindly acts and her motherly Christian character.

O'BRIAN.—Mrs. Nancy O'Brian, widow of the late James O'Brian, died at her home on Logan street some time during Friday night. Friday evening three of her daughters spent an hour or two with her and she retired to bed at ten o'clock in as good health as usual. When she failed to make her appearance at the usual hour on Saturday morning her daughter, Mrs. Harry Smith, who made her home with her mother, went to see what was wrong and found her dead. From the condition of the body she had evidently been dead for some time.

Deceased's maiden name was Miss Nancy Markle and she was born in College township sixty-eight years ago. All her married life was spent in Bellefonte and she had many friends who mourn her death. She was a member of the Lutheran church and was highly respected by all who knew her. Surviving her are four daughters, namely: Mrs. E. B. Greene, of Altoona; Mrs. Harry Smith, at home; Mrs. Thomas Hazel and Mrs. James Sticker, of Bellefonte; She also leaves three brothers and two sisters, as follows: John Markle, of Baltimore; Samuel, residing near Harrisburg; Joseph of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Caroline Mauch, of Roth, and Mrs. Leah Osman, of Lemont. The funeral took place from her late home on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

ALEXANDER.—William A. Alexander, a well known farmer of Union township, died at his home near Unionville at six o'clock on Monday evening after a lingering illness with pulmonary trouble. Deceased was born in Union township on May 17th, 1846, hence was 65 years, 11 months and 5 days old. He was a farmer by occupation and his entire life was spent near the place of his birth. He was one of the most substantial citizens of Bald Eagle valley, a good neighbor, a kind friend and one highly respected throughout the entire community. On April 27th, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Marshall who survives with two children, James M., of Wellsburg, W. Va., and Joseph, at home. He also leaves one brother and a sister, namely: Irvin Alexander and Mrs. Andrew Rowan, both of Unionville. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church and Rev. Ash officiated at the funeral which was held at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, burial being made in the cemetery east of Unionville.

BARTLET.—Mary Florence, a young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bartlet, of Coleville, died on Tuesday after a brief illness, aged 9 years, 6 months and 12 days. In addition to the bereaved parents a number of brothers and sisters are left to mourn their loss. The funeral was held from the house at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. W. Winey, of the United Brethren church, officiated and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

BRUSS.—Mrs. Mary L. Bruss, wife of David Bruss, died at her home in Potter township on Friday of last week, aged 68 years, 2 months and 29 days. She leaves her husband and two sisters, Mrs. John Bible, of Centre Hill, and Mrs. John Moore, of Centre Hill. Funeral services were held on Monday by Rev. J. Max Lantz and burial was made in the Spruce-town cemetery.

BRIGHTON.—Mrs. T. P. Brighton died at her home at Nittany on Thursday of last week after a lingering illness with dropsy. She was born October 18th, 1854, hence was 57 years and 6 months old. She is survived by her husband and a number of children. The funeral was held on Sunday burial being made in the Jackson-ville cemetery.

STEVENSON.—Eleanore May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stevenson, of Nittany, died last Thursday of pneumonia, aged 1 year, 7 months and 15 days. Burial was made in the Cedar Hill cemetery on Saturday.

DURST.—The death of the venerable George Durst, at his home at Centre Hall on Sunday night, marks the passing away of one more of Pennsylvania's widely known gentlemen. He had been in failing health for some time and a hardening of the arteries developed about the first of March and for six weeks he was confined to his bed able only to take liquid nourishment.

He was a son of George and Catherine Meyers Durst and was born in Pennsylvania on January 3rd, 1832, hence was 80 years, 3 months and 18 days old. He followed farming practically all his life and for many years occupied the farm three miles east of Centre Hall now owned by Henry E. Homan. Since his retirement from active labor he has lived in Centre Hall.

Fifty-three years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Sabina Shellenberger who survives with a son and daughter, namely: W. Howard Durst and Mrs. Alfred P. Krape, both of Centre Hall. Two brothers also survive, Cyrus, of Boalsburg, and Philip, of Potter township. Deceased was a faithful member of the Reformed church all his life and will be greatly missed by the church and the community. The funeral was held from his late home at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. R. Raymond Jones officiated and burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

REDDING.—Miss Margaret Redding died very suddenly at the Mountain house, Snow Shoe, at nine o'clock yesterday morning. She has been cook at the Mountain house ever since her brother Lawrence has been in charge and yesterday morning she attended to her duties as usual. About eight o'clock she suffered a stroke of paralysis which caused her death an hour later.

Deceased was born in Snow Shoe about fifty-four years ago and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Redding. Her entire life was spent in that town. She was a devout member of the Catholic church and a good christian woman. Surviving her are three brothers and one sister, namely: Lawrence, landlord of the Mountain house; James, of Clearfield; Henry, of Reynoldsville, and Miss Annie, who made her home with Lawrence. No arrangements have so far been made for the funeral.

LOSE.—Mrs. John Lose died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Benner, at Coleville, at three o'clock yesterday morning after a protracted illness with Bright's disease. Her maiden name was Ishler and she was fifty-nine years of age. Surviving her are her husband, one son, William Lose, of Coleville, and a daughter, Mrs. William Benner, also of Coleville. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, as follows: George Ishler, of Winburne; William, of New Winchester, Ohio; Mrs. Daniel Heckman and Mrs. William Sholl, of Bellefonte. She was a member of the United Evangelical church since girlhood. Funeral services will be held at her late home tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock after which the remains will be taken to the Meyers cemetery for burial.

MILLER.—Robert R. Miller, a former resident of Millheim, died at his home in South Williamsport on Tuesday morning of last week after several months illness with tuberculosis. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller and was twenty-eight years of age. He was a barber by occupation and is survived by his wife and an infant daughter; also his parents and one sister, Miss Ina Miller, at home. The remains were taken to Millheim where burial was made last Thursday.

SHIRK.—Mrs. Mary N. Shirk, widow of the late Robert Shirk, who for a number of years were residents of Milesburg, died in Williamsport on Sunday afternoon, aged ninety-two years. Her maiden name was Shank and she was born in Milesburg. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bavarr, of Milesburg, and a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Evans, of Williamsport. The remains were brought to Milesburg on Tuesday evening and the funeral held on Wednesday.

Trial List.

For May term of court, commencing May 20th, and continuing two weeks: George Confer vs. W. E. Hurley, sheriff. Frank Columbine vs. W. E. Hurley, sheriff.

Ada Fisher vs. W. E. Hurley, sheriff. Burrows Adding Machine Co. vs. Pittsburg & Susquehanna Railroad Co. Hannah C. Shoemaker vs. G. H. Lichtenhaller.

The Germania Co. vs. the Pittsburg & Susquehanna R. R. Co. Chas. H. Lucas vs. Wm. Kessinger. John Sebring Jr., vs. M. D. Kelly.

SECOND WEEK. Clement Dale vs. Israel Kauffman vs. Clayton Walker, E. Hancock and W. C. Walker.

Jno. N. Getz vs. College Hwd. Co. W. F. Frederica Piano Co. vs. Z. I. Woodring. Thomas Fishburne vs. College township. W. H. Bradford vs. Quaker City Coal Co.

J. W. Bruss vs. Roland C. Swisher and R. T. Comley. Phillipsburg Brewing Co. vs. Fred Eisenhauer, et al.

John B. Martin vs. Alfred Baum. Lillie Dale vs. Exr. Geo. Dale dec'd. First National Bank of Phillipsburg vs. Minnie W. Mapledon, et al.

College township vs. Thomas W. Fishburn.

SWARTZ—JENNOT.—Dean C. Swartz, of Beech Creek, and Miss Josephine Jennot, of Frenchville, Clearfield county, were married by justice of the peace W. H. Musser at his office in the Crider building on Tuesday of last week. The following day they were given a reception at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Alice Swartz, in Beech Creek, at which forty guests were present. For some time past the bridegroom has been relief operator on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad and expects shortly to be appointed permanently as operator in the Milesburg tower, and it is in that town the young couple will go to housekeeping.

NIXON—MYERS.—Sheridan Nixon, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nixon, of Phillipsburg, and Miss Roberta Florence Myers, of Tyrone, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the First United Brethren church in the latter place, at seven o'clock on Tuesday evening, by the pastor, Rev. T. P. Orner. Following the ceremony a reception was held and wedding dinner given the newly married couple at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Matt Dawson, in Tyrone. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon will make their home in Tyrone.

LEATHERS—RUCH.—On Wednesday of last week Jesse T. Leathers, of Howard, and Miss Almada May Ruch, of Northumberland, were married at the home of the bride's mother in that city by Rev. H. C. Michael, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church. They have gone on an extended trip through the Southern States and upon their return will take up their residence in Howard.

HOSTERMAN—STONEBRAKER.—On Sunday evening, at the United Evangelical parsonage in Millheim, John Harrison Hosterman and Miss Hazel Stonebraker, both of Haines township, were united in marriage by Rev. W. J. Dice.

Marriage Licenses.

Clyde Confer, of Howard, and Mildred Woodring, of Port Matilda. Iry W. Bartges and Margaret Ruhl, both of Spring Mills. Harvey C. Decker and Bessie M. Krise, both of Pottery Mills.

Calvin A. Confer and Sarah M. Vonada, both of Coburn.

John H. Hosterman and Hazel Stonebraker, both of Haines Twp.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

But a few of our farmers have cats sowed. Mrs. Etta Jacobs is visiting friends in the Mountain city. Postmaster Burkett transacted business in Tyrone Friday.

Fred Williams and wife spent Sunday at the G. B. Fry home.

Thomas Houtz is short a horse that died quite suddenly Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osman transacted business in town last Friday.

Earl Smetzer is happy over the arrival of a nice little girl, the first born.

Mrs. J. L. Murphy is housed up with a heavy cold and other ailments.

Postmaster Archev, of Pennsylvania Furnace, spent Friday at Tyrone.

Luther Miller is a sick man suffering with a complication of troubles.

Hamill Glenn spent Saturday in Bellefonte with his sister at the hospital.

Prof. E. C. Musser spent the Sabbath at his parental home in the Branch.

Charles Lytle, of Buffalo Run, transacted business hereabouts last week.

Claude Williams, of Penns Cave, mingled with friends at Pine Hall on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Homan was a Fairbrook visitor Tuesday, at the C. H. Meyer home.

Mrs. J. H. Lytle, of Bellwood, visited old neighbors and friends in this section last week.

Mrs. Frank Swabb and Mrs. Robert Condo were confined to bed the last ten days as grip victims.

Gay Hilliard, an old Civil War veteran, was quite ill last week with heart trouble, but is improving now.

Harry Musser is remodeling his house and when completed it will be the most modern on the Branch.

Rev. D. Y. Brouse, of Warriorsmark, will deliver the Memorial address here at 2 o'clock p. m. on May 30th.

D. C. Krebs and wife came over from State College to spend Sunday at the Mrs. Sallie Fortney home on Main street.

J. Cal. Neidigh, who had one foot crushed between car bumpers, is now at his parental home at Pine Hall slowly recovering.

Miss Ella Livingston, of Sauburg, was a welcome guest at the St. Elmo last week. Miss Gladys accompanied her home Saturday.

After an all winter stay in Bellefonte Mrs. J. G. Hess returned to our town and opened up her home on Main street for the summer.

J. L. Holmes is enlarging his residence on College avenue, which when completed will be one of the most comfortable and attractive in town.

Mrs. McCormick, of Hubersburg, is a welcome visitor at the Dannelly home on Main street to spend a few days with her grandmother, who is quite feeble.

Geo. Burns has been having hard luck lately. One of his big steers was gored to death and two others drowned in a nearby creek and later he was obliged to kill his best cow.

Dr. C. T. Aikens, of Selingsgrove, preached in the Lutheran church here last Sunday morning and at Gatesburg at 2 p. m., administering the Lord's Supper at each place.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goss and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Goss, all of Pittsburg, and Charles Goss, of Harrisburg, are being royally entertained at the Hon. J. W. Kepler home in the Glades.

Prof. and Mrs. Edward Walker are mourning the death of their little boy, who died Friday evening, aged about two years. Burial was made Monday at 2 p. m. in the Branch cemetery.

Miss Mary E. Homan, teacher of the Oak Hill school, is visiting friends in the City of Brotherly Love this week. Her sister, Miss Gertrude, has charge of the culinary department during her absence.

Rev. D. F. Kapp filled the pulpit in the M. E. church Sunday evening and administered the Lord's supper. The regular pastor, Rev. Pittenger, is visiting his parental home over in Fulton county.

Saturday evening while Clarence Irvin was attending lodge meeting his spirited gray horse broke loose and ran home, a distance of five miles, and strange to say landed without a scratch or a break.

SPRING MILLS.

Spring seems to be very backward in coming forward.

Mrs. Wm. McClellan, of Milton, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Runkle.

Miss Blanche Bartzes left on Friday last for Tyronne, where she has secured a position.

E. R. Evey and F. H. Thomas, of State College, were visitors in town on Saturday last.

Miss Rae Houtz attended her grandmother's funeral at Millinburg, on Sunday last.

Robert Musser, of Altoona, was here for a few days last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Musser.

Roland Gentzel and family and F. H. Pierce, of Altoona, were here for a few days last week visiting relatives and friends.

Wm. Peeler was quite ill all last week, but is now on the mend. Mrs. Lucinda Runkle has also been on the sick list for several weeks and her convalescence seems slow.

The Spring Mills Grange will hold a festival in their new hall on the evening of Memorial day. The committee of arrangements interm making it an attractive and inviting occasion.

Quite a pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Susan Burwell, on Wednesday evening of last week, when her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ruhl, and Ira Bartzes were united in marriage by Rev. Geesy, of Aaronsburg. Only the immediate relatives and a few friends were present. Congratulations.

Like all communities everybody here was shocked on learning of the wreck of the floating palace, the Titanic, with its fearful loss of life, in almost twice the population of our town. Unquestionably it is the greatest and most appalling ocean disaster in the world's history. Little else was talked of here for two or three days.

The main road through our town has two sharp curves where it is impossible to see the road a half a dozen feet ahead. At these points a sign is posted: "Danger, automobiles will go slow." Of course few auto drivers pay any attention to the request, as it is only a request, but go ahead at full speed. The notice is not sufficiently emphatic, but if it read: "Danger: automobiles must positively be driven slow, that would indicate a penalty for its violation, and might do some good. But possibly we will be forced to wait until a collision occurs and some one is killed, then very likely their reckless speed at dangerous points will be checked.

LEMONT.

Garden digging and house cleaning are now on, so everyone is busy.

The farmers have very little ground ready for sowing, as it has been too wet.

The trees are putting forth their leaves and the promise is for lots of blossoms, and we hope fruit.

The fishing is very poor in this part of Spring creek and it is hoped the State will put a few fish in near town.

Dr. H. H. Long, one of Berwick's hustling dentists, took time to come to town for a short visit among friends.

Prof. A. A. Fletcher, of Howard, the hustling school book agent, was in town last Friday looking up the College township school board.

Oren L. Grove circulated among friends in and about the town the fore part of last week and looks none the worse for the work that he is doing.

Dr. W. H. Fry was called to town to look after a horse that was suffering with azoturia, and in a day or two had the animal out of danger. The doctor reports having four cases of that kind during the winter.

Scores Trampled in Picture Show Panic.

More than a score of people are suffering with injuries as the result of being knocked down and trampled on in a panic and stampede in the Colonial moving picture theater in Phoenixville, Pa., which was caused by some unidentified person raising the false alarm of fire.

In the middle of the performance the electric lights went out, leaving the theater in total darkness. An usher in the theater struck a match to light a gas jet and as the match flickered up some one shouted fire.

Immediately in the darkness there was a wild stampede for the exits. Crazed with fear, a man leaped from the balcony and landed on Mrs. Fred Salath's and her little daughter, crushing them to the floor.

Up and down the aisles men and women fought to reach the open air. The unfortunates who fell to the floor in the scramble were ruthlessly trampled. Women fainted and children separated from their parents in the blind melee, screamed with fear.

The performers on the stage sought to quell the riot, going on in the black void of the theater by shouting that there was no fire and no danger, but their voices were drowned in the desperate conflict for self-preservation.

When the lights were finally turned on there were so many injured that the Hotel Washington and stores nearby were turned into emergency hospitals.

Following is a partial list of the persons who were injured and required medical attention: Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. John Stephens, Robert and John Stephens, Mrs. Bracelet, Mrs. Anstin, Mrs. William Williams, of Port Providence; Mrs. Fred Salath and her daughter, Robert Austin, Jr., Maurice Reber.

Cruiser Inside Breakwater With Decided List to Starboard.

It is reported in Los Angeles, Cal., that the United States cruiser Maryland was struck by a torpedo during target practice.

The torpedo is said to have pierced one of the plates, flooding a compartment. The Maryland is inside the breakwater and has a decided list to starboard.

Jersey Postmaster Cuts His Throat.

George Van Ness, postmaster and proprietor of the grocery store at Chesterfield, near Bordentown, N. J., committed suicide by cutting his throat at his home. Edwin Van Ness, a brother, committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn at Hamilton Square two weeks ago.

\$300,000 Fire at Chicago.

Fire, starting from an explosion in the basement, destroyed the five-story plant of the H. J. Heinz company in Chicago, and spread to an adjoining building occupied by S. L. Schwartz & Co., causing a loss of about \$300,000.

General Grant's Funeral April 26.

Lieutenant M. W. Howze, who was aide-de-camp to General Grant, announced in New York city that the general's funeral will be held on April 26. He stated that the report that the funeral will be held on April 19 is incorrect.

Will Adjust Differences.

Commissioner Neill and Judge Knapp Will Seek a Means For Amicable Adjustment.

The threatened strike of the locomotive engineers of the fifty railroads east of Chicago and north of the Ohio river has been averted, certainly for the present.

The offer of mediation made by Martha A. Knapp, presiding judge of the United States commerce court, and Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, was accepted by the railroad managers in New York, the presidents of the railroads having approved this action.

As the engineers, after having voted to strike, agreed to the mediation proposition on Monday night, this means that the amicable adjustment of the differences between the engineers and the roads rests with the federal representatives who offered their services. Should mediation fail, there is still a chance for arbitration, making the possibilities of a strike even more remote.

Captain James C. Stuart, vice president of the Erie railroad and chairman of the conference committee of the railroads which has been negotiating with the engineers since January, accepted the offer of Judge Knapp and Commissioner Neill in a short note which was handed to Commissioner Neill at the Hotel Manhattan. Soon after that Chief W. S. Stone and Deputy Chiefs Burgess and Cade called on Commissioner Neill, who informed them officially that the railroads had agreed to mediation. There had been some fear on the part of the leaders of the engineers that the railroads would insist upon arbitration or nothing.

According to the plans made, Commissioner Neill will have a conference with the conference committee of the railroad managers. Later Commissioner Neill and Judge Knapp will meet Chief Stone and the advisory committee of fifty chairmen. From the railroad managers Mr. Neill will obtain a statement of what concessions will be made to the men, if any, and the engineers will make known the terms they are willing to accept.

The railroad presidents and managers, it is declared, believe they can convince the arbitrators that they cannot advance the wages of the locomotive engineers without giving rise to appeals of other employes, and that to pay the men more would necessitate higher freight rates.

The Brotherhood has asserted its confidence in Judge Knapp and Commissioner Neill and credits them with ability to settle the controversy honorably for both sides.

If President Taft has taken a personal interest in the crisis he has remained in the background, delegating the good offices of the government to Judge Knapp and Commissioner Neill. The hand of politics has been suspected, but the evidence thus far is lacking.

Carnegie Married 25 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home, 1093 Fifth avenue, New York.

They spent the day quietly, opening and reading telegrams that poured in from all parts of the world, and in the evening entertained at dinner about thirty of those who attended their wedding twenty-five years ago. They received many gifts and the rooms were deluged with flowers sent by friends.

Mr. Carnegie and Miss Louise Whitfield were married on April 22, 1887, at the residence of Mrs. Carnegie's mother in this city. The bride was twenty-eight years old. Mr. Carnegie, already a millionaire through his connection with the iron business, was fifty-three.

Just before the wedding Mr. Carnegie settled upon his wife an income of \$20,000 a year and gave her as a wedding present the house at 5 West Fifty-first street.

Trunks With \$25,000 in Jewels Stolen.

Two trunks, which are said to have contained \$25,000 worth of jewelry, the property of S. I. H. Gilsey, of Cincinnati, O., were stolen from a dray standing in front of an office building in Atlanta, Ga. While the driver of the dray was in a nearby building the thieves, believed to be colored, mounted his seat and drove away. Later the police discovered the dray and five trunks several blocks distant, but Gilsey's trunks were missing.

General Land Office 100 Years Old