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## Democratic State Ticket.

**Auditor General,**  
**ROBERT E. CRESSWELL**, Cambria county.  
**State Treasurer,**  
**WILLIAM H. BERRY**, Delaware county.  
**Congressmen-at-Large,**  
**GEORGE B. SHAW**, Westmoreland county.  
**JOSEPH HAWLEY**, Allegheny county.  
**GEORGE R. MCLEAN**, Luzerne county.  
**E. E. GREENAWALT**, Lancaster county.

## Democratic County Ticket.

**Congress,**  
**JAMES GLEASON**, Houtzdale.  
**Legislature,**  
**ROBERT M. FOSTER**, State College.

## Reorganizers Control

### Democratic Convention

By a Vote of 109 to 73 the New Order of Things in Pennsylvania Democracy Went into Effect at Harrisburg on Tuesday.

### THE REGULARS WENT DOWN WITH BANNERS FLYING.

HARRISBURG, May 7.—With colors flying, the Old Guard of the Pennsylvania Democracy today went down to defeat before the reorganization movement, leaving behind but a single marker of a trophy won in the conflict. They forced through the convention binding instructions to the national delegates-at-large to stand by the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson for the Presidential nomination so long as his name shall be before the Baltimore convention.

By clinching this rider on the resolution endorsing the Wilson candidacy the friends of ex-Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, smoked out the men who have been suspected of having secured support of the New Jersey Governor. The resolution had been smothered in the meeting of the Committee on Resolutions; but the men suspected of double dealing did not dare to show their hand in open convention, and the binding instructions cannot be evaded since it is now written into the official record.

Aside from this, it was a field day for the Guthrie-Palmer-McCormick wing, and the slate went through without a scratch. The majority persistently claimed last night by the Old Guard vanished early this morning, when many delegates who had personally pledged themselves to support Judge Gordon for permanent chairman of the convention, and also for national committee man, hopped aboard the reorganization band wagon, deserted their old companions-at-arms and permitted the badly strained old machine to drop out of existence.

### FIGHTING SPIRIT VANISHES.

The first test vote showed 73 votes for Judge Gordon for permanent chairman to 109 for Joseph O'Brien, of Scranton, and this banished any thought of fight, the rest of the convention being as smooth as a summer sea, with the new forces in full control.

From top to bottom it is a new deal ticket, headed by E. E. Cresswell, of Johnstown, for Auditor General, and William H. Berry, of Chester, for State Treasurer, and standing on a platform little if any less radical than the so-called progressive declaration of principles promulgated last week by the Film-Koosvelt Machine after it had smashed the ranks of the Penrose-Taft outfit. These names are on the finished ticket put forth without a whimper of opposition after the modified steam roller had been demonstrated.

**Congressmen-at-Large**—George B. Shaw, Westmoreland; Joseph Howley, Allegheny; George R. McLean, Luzerne; and E. E. Greenawalt, Lancaster.  
**Delegates-at-Large**—A. Mitchell Palmer, Monroe; Vance C. McCormick, Dauphin; L. W. Reiff, Berks; Roland S. Morris, Philadelphia; George W. Guthrie, Allegheny; Charles S. Duncan, Adams; W. W. Bailey, Cambria; E. J. Lynett, Lackawanna; Charles R. Kurtz, Centre; John A. Thornton, Philadelphia; Henry H. Wilson, Beaver; and Fred C. Kirkenald, Luzerne.

**Alternate Delegates-at-Large**—H. S. Meyers, Butler; Samuel S. Leiby, Perry; Frank B. Rhodes, Delaware; John S. Shirley, Clarion; W. Frank Walters, Cumberland; O. L. Fehr, Northampton; E. J. Lichtenwalner, Lehigh; Charles D. Stucker, Dauphin; L. N. Spencer, Lancaster; David Wallerstein, Philadelphia; S. E. Walker, Warren; and William M. Fairman, Jefferson.

**Electors-at-Large**—T. J. Duncan, Washington; N. R. White, Tioga; M. D. Kittell, Cambria; J. J. Buckley, Delaware; John B. Henning, Wyoming; and F. B. Isherwood, McKean.

District electors were also selected but this list was not completed, the delegations from the Second, Fourth and Twelfth Congressional districts not announcing their selections. So far as completed, the list is:  
District Presidential electors—First, Daniel F. Carlin; Third, Thomas J. McGinnis; Fifth, Michael J. McArdle; Sixth, James J. Ryan; Seventh, G. L. Bettew; Eighth, J. J. King; Ninth, Max J. Bucher; Tenth, S. B. Price; Eleventh, John H. Foy; Thirteenth, Jacob Waidlich; Fourteenth, C. A. McCarty; Fifteenth, Wilson Kistler; Sixteenth, M. J. Clemens; Seventeenth, G. A. Harris; Eighteenth, C. G. Rauch; Nineteenth, A. B. Clark; Twentieth, J. A. Bittinger; Twenty-first, J. F. Weaver, Jr.; Twenty-second, C. D. J. Strobeck; Twenty-third, Charles W. Walker; Twenty-fourth, W. K. Hagus; Twenty-fifth, Sebastian S. Henne; Twenty-sixth, D. J. Pearsall; Twenty-seventh, David Neale; Twenty-eighth, J. B. Seigens; Twenty-ninth, James Hanlihan; Thirtieth, C. H. Arnold; Thirty-first, Patrick J. Barry; Thirty-second, G. W. Acklin.

**HARMONY, AFTER THEY GOT IT.**  
It was a convention remarkable for its small size and for the most complete control exercised by the reorganizers.

There was also significance in the cheerful acquiescence of the defeated minority to the new order of things, the general declaration of loyalty to the ticket and the promises of support.

Timid and worried to the last, the victorious Democratic reorganization leaders scarcely realized the completeness of their conquest, and were the personification of caution, firmness and determination in every act, until the final will of the State convention was solemnly registered by vote. Every avenue of possible escape for their cornered quarry was closed tight, and with clock-like precision the prearranged program was carried through to the end.

Their steam roller was far more artistic both in design and execution, than that which laid low the Old Guard of the Republican Machine last Wednesday; but it got in its deadly work with the same efficiency and disregard of consequences. All the appearances of deliberation, fairness and kindly consideration for the unfortunate victims of its power were preserved throughout the day, but its path was nevertheless strewn with the crippled forms of obstructionists.

The fight was really won in committee rooms, where came the first tests of strength, and, accordingly, the first definite sentence of death for the Old Guard, Philadelphia's stalwart braves died hard, and they furnished the real fireworks of the day's proceedings, both in committee and on the floor.

The morning session developed an ugly feeling that promised a long, drawn-out convention. The 182 delegates made a poor showing on the ground floor of the Majestic Theatre, while the first gallery and boxes were filled and the top gallery only held one of the two noisy brass bands that played alternately whenever opportunity offered.

Regular State Chairman Walter E. Ritter called for order shortly after noon, and regular Secretary P. Gray Meek read the official call for the convention and the roll of delegates.

The first dispute arose over the credentials of some of the delegates and immediately the various convention committees were appointed and retired to consider these matters, as well as the platform. Then the convention took a recess.

**THE CONVENTION RECONVENES.**  
It was almost 5 o'clock when Chairman Glasgow announced that the committees were at last ready to report. By this time it was known that the Old Guard was in a hopeless minority, and every effort was exerted to keep down the jubilation of the majority, in order that as few scars as possible should be left by the steam roller.

Then John H. McGee, of South Bethlehem, presented the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization, naming Joseph O'Brien, of Scranton, as chairman, and John D. Connelly, of Clearfield, for secretary, and the only struggle of the day in open convention was on.

The veteran Fiske Conrad, of Tyrone, moved to amend the report by substituting the name of James Gay Gordon for that of Joseph O'Brien. Briefly the old war horse spoke in eulogy of Judge Gordon, recalling the service he had done his party as far back as 30 years ago; dwelling upon his eminent legal ability, his tried political wisdom and his conspicuous capacity to represent the Keystone State in the higher councils of his party.

On the roll-call the question was made a straight issue between Gordon and O'Brien, representing the Wilson old guard and the new deal respectively, and the new deal won a decisive victory—109 for O'Brien, 73 for Gordon.

The committee report was adopted. There was applause when the result was announced, and an outburst even more hearty when Judge Gordon briefly moved that the election of his opponent be made unanimous, which was agreed to, and the fight that at one time threatened to become hopelessly bitter was over.

On taking the gavel Chairman O'Brien was given a greeting that was warm and seemed genuine. He did not waste much time, but got promptly down to work after having delivered in his address, to which he returned thanks for the honor conferred, an honor made all the more valuable because it had been wrested from a man of the high legal ability and pure Democracy of Judge Gordon, a foe many would have deemed invulnerable, and he denied having a feeling of animosity toward any man in the convention, and proclaimed high hope that the Democrats of Pennsylvania would carry the banner to the polls and wrest the grand old State from the grasp of her plunderers.

He scored the Republican party for its mismanagement of public affairs, and its many broken party pledges, and pleaded for Democratic harmony that would build up a party able to meet any foe and command respect and victory.

### AN UNEVENTFUL WIND-UP.

Cresswell and Berry were named by acclamation for Auditor General and State Treasurer. Congressman W. B. Wilson presented the slated 12 names for national delegates and alternates, and Magistrate E. K. Goode, of Philadelphia, placed Judge Gordon in nomination for a place among the delegates-at-large. There was a cheer for the Judge, who, however, quietly advanced to the front of the stage and said:

"I can render no further service, since the amendment to the resolution of instruction offered by my friend, Mr. Ryan, has been written into the official record of this convention. I only ask that the men who go to Baltimore shall carry to victory the banner of Woodrow Wilson; I care not who gets the honor, if Wilson shall get the votes, and I ask that my name be withdrawn."

The delegates, alternates, electors-at-large and Congressmen-at-large were named by acclamation.

Most of the district electors named by the delegates from the Congressional districts were ratified, and the delegates filed out into the driving rain. There was an exchange of compliments more or less hearty between the convention warring factions, and the 1912 convention passed into history.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

—Among the nineteen Seniors of the Annville High school, who will graduate May twenty-third, is Miss Mary Love Campbell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Campbell, of Linden Hall. Miss Campbell, who will return to her home in Centre county, immediately upon graduating, has spent two years at Annville, living while there with her uncle and aunt, Prof. and Mrs. Stein, of Annville college.

**CORL**.—Mrs. Catharine Corl, widow of the late Benjamin Corl, died at her home at White Hall on Tuesday morning at two o'clock, after a long illness with heart trouble. Her maiden name was Miss Catharine Roush and she was born at Hartleton on January 10th, 1853, hence was past 59 years of age. Her parents came to Centre county when she was a young girl and in 1881 she was united in marriage to David Young, of Boalsburg. They had one son, George, who survives. After the death of her first husband she married Benjamin Corl in 1885, who died quite suddenly in 1893 while on a hunting trip on the Allegheny mountains.

One daughter, Miss Mary Corl, survives as the result of her second marriage. She also leaves three step-children, Henry Corl, at home; Mrs. Philip Grenoble, of Pine Hall, and Mrs. Zeigler, of DuBois. She also leaves one brother and three sisters, namely: William H. Roush, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Hannah Martin and Mrs. Avoline Yoder, of Grand City, Mo., and Mrs. Isabelle Roder, of Elmira, N. Y. Rev. S. C. Stover will have charge of the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, burial to be made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

**AUMAN**.—Having lived to the ripe old age of 93 years, 7 months and 20 days William Auman died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rebecca J. Blosser, at Potters Mills, on Wednesday morning. His death was the result of a general breaking down of the system. His wife died a number of years ago but surviving him are seven sons and four daughters, as follows: Elias and Jeremiah, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Philip, of Johnstown; Peter, of Spring Mills; Frank and Uriah, of Penn township; William, of Millheim; Mrs. Rebecca J. Blosser, of Potters Mills; Mrs. John Zerby, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Miles Barker, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Mrs. Ellen Klinefelter, of Wadde. Funeral services will be held at nine o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning, burial to be made in the Cross church cemetery in Georges valley.

**REYNOLDS**.—Mrs. Nora Reynolds, wife of John Reynolds, died quite suddenly on Saturday at her home in South Phillipsburg, as the result of heart trouble. Her maiden name was Miss Nora Roller, and she was born at Buffalo Run forty-one years ago, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Koller. She had been a resident of South Phillipsburg the past nineteen years and had won the love and esteem of a host of friends who deeply regret her death.

Surviving her are her husband, a half brother, Joseph Griffin, of Rush township, and an aunt, Mrs. John Smith, of Chester Hill. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church in Phillipsburg at ten o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. Father Kumerant, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery at Osceola Mills.

**MARTIN**.—Mrs. Lora Martin, wife of James Martin, formerly residents of Jacksonville but the last few years living at State College, died on Thursday of last week aged 57 years, 2 months and 7 days. She is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter, as well as five brothers and three sisters, she being the second one to die out of a family of ten children. She was a member of the Reformed church at Jacksonville for many years and a good christian woman. The remains were taken to Jacksonville on Saturday and buried made in the Reformed cemetery. Rev. E. Faust, of the Nittany valley charge, had charge of the services.

**KREPS**.—Mrs. Rose Krebs, wife of Harry V. Krebs, died at her home in Altoona at five o'clock on Sunday morning of tuberculosis. She was thirty years old and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church. Surviving her are her husband and one daughter, Florence; also two sisters and one brother namely: Norman and Kythia McClellan, of Lemont, and Allan McClellan, of Bellefonte. Funeral mass was held at the Sacred Heart church, Altoona, at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning after which burial was made in the Calvary cemetery.

**HOUTZ**.—The venerable John Houtz, for many years a resident of Benner township, died on Tuesday morning of general infirmities aged about eighty-two years. He was a farmer all his life and took an active and prominent part in the affairs of the community in which he lived. Surviving him are his wife and a number of children, all grown to manhood and womanhood. The funeral was held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

**CONDO**.—In February Israel Condo made sale of his farm stock and implements at his home in Marion township and moved to Scotia to make his home with his nephew, Ira Condo. Last Saturday morning he suffered a stroke of paralysis and died about noon. He was sixty-eight years of age and well known throughout little Nittany valley. The remains were taken to Jacksonville on Monday afternoon and burial made in the Reformed church cemetery.

**MECHTLEY**.—John, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Mechtley, of Benner township, died on Tuesday after a brief illness with pneumonia. The funeral was held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

**HAINES**.—Following a brief illness with pneumonia Philip Haines died at his home in Boggs township on Monday. He was 71 years, 1 month and 24 days old. He served during the Civil war as a member of the Thirtieth Pennsylvania cavalry and after the war was over he returned to Centre county and engaged in farming an occupation he followed the remainder of his life. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Frank Peters, of Union township, and a son, Frank Haines at home. The funeral was held from his late home yesterday morning, burial being made at Unionville.

**FUNK**.—Mrs. Anna Funk, wife of Oliver Funk, died on Wednesday morning at her home at Spring Mills of paralysis, with which she had been afflicted for some time. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Musser and was born in Pennsylvania, being 35 years and 22 days old. She is survived by her husband and two young children, Nevin and May Ruth. She also leaves her parents and a number of brothers and sisters. Rev. Jones will conduct the funeral services which will be held tomorrow (Saturday) forenoon, burial to be made in Georges valley cemetery.

**REIFSNYDER**.—Following a lingering illness with a complication of diseases William H. Reifsnyder died at his home at Millheim on Tuesday morning, aged 68 years, 10 months and 18 days. He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, namely: Harper, at home; John W., of Linden Hall; Evans, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. J. W. Tressler, of Centre Hill. Rev. W. J. Dice had charge of the funeral services which were held at 9:30 o'clock on Friday morning, burial being made in the Union cemetery at Millheim.

**JONES**.—Mrs. Susan Jones, wife of Peter Jones, died at her home at Shingleton on Tuesday night after three months illness with cancer of the liver. She was forty-five years old and is survived by her husband and four children. Her maiden name was Miss Susan Shuey and she was born and grew to womanhood in College township. Her death is a severe blow to the bereaved husband and children. The funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon, burial to be made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

**CRONISTER**.—Dallas Cronister, a brother of ex-sheriff W. M. Cronister, died quite suddenly yesterday morning after being sick only about two hours with cramp in the stomach. He was about fifty-seven years of age and was a farmer by occupation and one of the best known men in upper Bald Eagle valley. He is survived by his wife and eight children. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

—There are many good newspapers published, but none that is quite as good as the **DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN**. Try it.

—The Penn-Princeton straw hat game last Saturday had a few imitators at State College, as several students from that institution came to Bellefonte Saturday evening wearing new straw hats. The Bellefonte young man, however, was a little more cautious.

—This has certainly been a rainy, stormy week. It began to rain on Sunday night and there was very little let-up until Wednesday morning. Wednesday afternoon another hard storm passed over the county, during which considerable hail fell. Up in Ferguson township and down Pennsylvania the storm was unusually severe, but no great damage was done. It has had the effect, however, of delaying all kinds of farm work, so that the farmers are behind in their oats seeding and preparations for corn planting.

—At the regular services in the Disciple church at Blanchard, last Sunday morning, Rev. W. H. Patterson tendered his resignation to take effect not later than the first of September, and as much sooner as the congregation can secure a new pastor. The pastor's resignation was made to enable him to accept a call extended by a charge at Canton, Bradford county, which will not only afford him a wider field of labor but an increase in salary of two hundred dollars a year. Rev. Patterson has been pastor of the Blanchard church the past five years and his parishioners there are loath to part with him.

**THE ACADEMY MINSTRELS**.—Several years ago when it was announced that the Bellefonte Academy students would put on a minstrel show the people of Bellefonte were more or less skeptical as to the result, but at their first performance they demonstrated their ability as black-faced artists and commendable amateur comedians. Each year since then they have given a performance and everyone was more than worth the price of admission. Their performance this year will be next Friday and Saturday evenings, May 17th and 18th, and those in charge of the troupe declare that they will be bigger and better this year than ever. Quite a number of the songs and most of the jokes were specially written for this performance, so that they will be entirely new to a Bellefonte audience. Entirely new costumes and scenic effects have also been devised and everything has been planned to please as well as entertain the audience. The after part, "Deacon Jones' Wife's Ghost," is a very laughable climax to a full evening's entertainment.

**CHILD INJURED BY LIGHTNING**.—During Wednesday's storm a bolt of lightning struck the house at the McCoy-Linn Iron works occupied by Samuel Lucas and after shattering the chimney and tearing off a lot of plastering coursed across the floor and struck the feet of Mr. Lucas' six year old daughter Myrtle, tearing off her shoes and splitting open one foot. The child was also slightly stunned and the only wonder is that she was not killed outright. A physician was summoned who had the girl brought to the Bellefonte hospital where her injured foot was given proper attention. There were other children in the room but none of them were even stunned.

**EVERHART—REED**.—Samuel K. Everhart, of College township, and Miss Grace Reed, of Pennsylvania Furnace, went to the Presbyterian parsonage at the latter place last Saturday morning and were quietly married by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Campbell. The same day they went to Phillipsburg to spend part of their honeymoon visiting the bride's uncle, Mr. T. L. Crust. The bridegroom is a prosperous young farmer of College township and occupying the Everhart farm, where the young couple will go to housekeeping.

—The many friends of ex-county commissioner Daniel Heckman will be sorry to learn that he was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday morning and now lies at his home on east Lamb street in a rather serious condition, with very little hope of a permanent recovery. He was working in the garden at the time he was stricken and his wife was the only other person at home. As soon as she discovered his condition she called on some of the neighbors and got him into the house and in bed and summoned a physician. An examination disclosed the fact that his entire right side was badly paralyzed, and being a man almost seventy years of age his condition is causing his friends considerable anxiety.

### PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. J. G. Strayer was a Tyrone visitor Saturday.

Henry L. Dale visited friends in the Mountain city on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fishburn spent Sunday at the Reed home.

J. L. Barwell and daughter Viola are sick with bronchial trouble.

H. C. Flinders, of Halfmoon, transacted business here Tuesday.

Some corn has been planted though there is much promise to do.

James Irvin, of Warriorsmark, was a Baileyville visitor over Sunday.

Mrs. H. D. Meek spent Saturday in Altoona on a shopping expedition.

Wm. Bair is building an addition to his home on East College avenue.

Johnston Archey, who has been ill the past month, is around again.

Miss Bertha Corl spent several days with her sister Maude, near town.

Linn Archey, of Mt. Union, spent Sunday with his parents at Graysville.

Mrs. Milo Campbell spent part of last week at her home at Warriorsmark.

Nihart, the village blacksmith of Baileyville, fitted to Bellefonte Monday.

Samuel Tate is nursing a broken arm he got twisted in a manure spreader.

Miss Ruth Borest is in Altoona for a two weeks visit among her many friends.

Miss Esther Nearhood, of Spruce Creek, visited friends at Pine Hall last week.

Geo. Everts, the veteran sheep shearer, is on his job and is soliciting orders.

On May 13th, the teachers examination will be held in the old Academy building.

Mrs. Maggie Housman, of Altoona, did business between trains at Scotia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bailey and little Warren have been housed up with tonsillitis.

Mrs. John Mattern is under the doctor's care, suffering from a complication of troubles.

John Charles moved his saw mill to the Bathgate farm and is cutting a nice pile of pine.

After a lay-off with scitica John Shoop is again on his route distributing Uncle Sam's mail matters.

Dr. J. Baker Krebs and party of anglers spent several days along the banks of the rippling Stone Creek.

E. C. Blake, of Halfmoon, is in the lightning rod business and has equipped a number of buildings in the valley.

After a two weeks visit at their parental home in Franklin county Rev. J. S. Pettinger and wife returned last Friday.

J. Cal Neidigh, who is rusticating at his parental home at Struble, is fast recovering from his injuries received last winter.

John Reynolds was a passenger last Tuesday for Tyrone where he had some thirty jobs of roofing awaiting his coming.

Rev. S. C. Stover will deliver the Memorial sermon to the G. A. R. Sunday, the 26th, at 10 a. m., in the Bethel church here. Everybody is cordially invited.

A severe rain and wind storm with some hail passed over this section Monday when lightning struck Ben Lytle's home, knocking down a few and doing other damage.

A five legged lamb is attracting the attention of passersby at the Lloyd Frank farm. The extra leg is well developed and is attached to the right front quarters. The toes are like that of a dog.

John Reynolds figured in a runaway last week-While driving leisurely along the road the spring wagon became uncoupled, throwing him to the ground when the horse ran away with the front carriage. The animal stopped by neighbors before he was much injured.

The vacuum washer is something new, what that necessary is simply to put the clothes in the boiler with the washer, sit on a rocking chair and wait twenty minutes and the clothes are washed. Astonishing! The next invention no doubt will be a machine to rinse the wash, hang it on the line to dry, and then iron the clothes.

On Sunday afternoon Claude Williams drove down to Centre Hall to visit friends and on the way home that night he upset down over the bank in the neighborhood of Linden Hall. His buggy was so badly wrecked that he was compelled to seek shelter for the night at a farm house. The accident happened because of the extreme dark night, and he was not the only one to suffer as it is reported that an automobile went over the bank the same night, but who was driving the machine could not be learned.

## With the Churches of the County.

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

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.**  
Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9½ E. High street.

Next Sunday will be "Mother's Day" and at 11 a. m. the Knights of the Golden Eagle will attend services in St. John's Reformed church. Rev. Dr. Schmidt will deliver a sermon appropriate to the day and the occasion.

### LEMONT.

Claud Hoy is now able to be out again. The state put in more fish on Saturday along Spring creek.

Mrs. J. B. Mayes, Mrs. Jacob Herman and John Kuhn are quite ill at this writing.

The G. A. R. Memorial services will be held in the U. E. church Sunday, May 26th.

Jacob Shuey spent Wednesday last week at the home of Charles Johnstonbaugh.

Irvin J. Dreesse spent on Tuesday evening for Virginia, to look after some business.

May 1st the mercury stood at 30 degrees with a light frost but there has been warmer weather since.

William Coble and wife are rejoicing over the fine son left at their home by the sterck this last week.

Mrs. Daniel Keller, who was getting better from a long siege of typhoid fever, is now down with pneumonia.

John Charles had his saw mill moved from Boalsburg to John Bathgates, where he intends doing some sawing.

The services held in the Methodist church Sunday for the L. O. O. F., were well attended and each one was well pleased.

The farmers have been busy getting ready to sow oats and plant corn, but the continued wet weather is keeping them back.

Milton Carver moved from the George Roan house to one of the College tenant houses on the farm bought of William Johnstonbaugh.

M. A. Williams caught a California trout measuring fifteen inches and weighing two pounds, which is the largest reported for these parts this season.

### SPRING MILLS.

James Schock, of New Berlin, made a business trip here on Monday last.

Cleaning up has commenced here in earnest. Above every second family has a large fire in the yard burning up the rubbish.

Wm. Pealer, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving quite rapidly. Mrs. Lucinda Runkle, who has also been quite ill for several weeks, is convalescing.

During the few days of fine weather our farmers have been very busy working from early morn 'til dewy eve, to finish plowing and make ready for planting. Its getting late, too much April work left over for May.

It is generally reported that Bryan is looking around and quietly working to be the "dark horse" in case there should be any trouble in the Democratic convention next month—perhaps. If the Democrats want to lose the Presidency all they need to do will be to nominate Bryan. Even that monumental and sickening fraud, Roosevelt, would defeat him. A vast majority of the Democratic party are sick and tired of Bryan.

**M. E. Church May Life Amusement Ban**  
"The American people are too far advanced longer to be restricted by church rules as to what their amusements shall be. The rule prohibiting dancing, card playing, gambling and going to theaters, circuses and horse races, therefore, should be abolished."

This is the gist of a report presented to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in Minneapolis, Minn., by the board of bishops.

In recommending this radical change, the twenty-four active bishops stipulated that the church, however, should not be indifferent on these subjects, but that the people should be left to judge for themselves what is right or wrong in amusements, having before them only the injunction of John Wesley, which forbid "the taking of such diversions as cannot be taken in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The bishops declared the church reiterated its opposition to theater going and gambling, but the rule in force since 1872 could not fix a point between the turf and the stock market.

**Drop Coatesville Lynching Case.**  
Lewis Denthorpe, of Phoenixville, Pa., who was placed on trial in the Chester county court in West Chester, Pa., charged with second degree murder in connection with the lynching of Zach Walker at Coatesville last August, was acquitted by a jury.

The commonwealth asked for the acquittal of five other defendants, who were then discharged. Among them were Chief of Police Umstead of Coatesville, and Stanley Howe, a policeman. Last fall six men were acquitted by juries.

**Negro Attacks Girl in Coatesville.**  
For the fifth time within six months Coatesville, Pa., has experienced the excitement attending the attack of the colored man upon a white woman, when seventeen-year-old Lillian Hassen, a clerk in one of the local department stores, was attacked on her way home from work. The attack occurred in the center of town and the colored man escaped because Miss Hassen was so overcome that she was unable to tell her story until several hours later.

**Ptomaine in Ice Cream Fatal.**  
After being unconscious for twenty-four hours, Ethel Lewis, twenty-one years old, of 2149 Montrose street, Philadelphia, died at her home. After eating ice cream, Miss Lewis and her sister and two brothers became ill. The sister and brothers recovered, but Ethel's condition grew steadily worse until Wednesday, when she died. Her death was caused by ptomaine poisoning.