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For Vice President,
THOMAS R. MARSHALL, of Indiana.

Democratic State Ticket.

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Democratic County Ticket.

Congress,
JAMES GLEASON, Houtzdale.

Legislature,
ROBERT M. FOSTER, State College.

Wilson's Attitude Toward Smith.

Governor WILSON might easily have closed his eyes to the spectacle represented to the country in the candidacy of JAMES SMITH Jr., for the office of Senator in Congress. The election of Mr. SMITH would be a long step backward, but the Governor might have plausibly pleaded that as a candidate for President it would be safer for him to remain quiet and let things take their course. No doubt Mr. SMITH would have greatly appreciated such an attitude upon the part of the Governor. But WOODROW WILSON isn't built that way. He is under moral obligations to champion the cause of the people against political machines and the fact that the SMITH machine carries a Democratic label makes no difference.

JAMES SMITH Jr., was a Senator in Congress when the WILSON tariff bill was under consideration and injected into that measure such provisions in the interest of monopoly that GROVER CLEVELAND was compelled to withhold his approval from it. President CLEVELAND permitted it to become a law, it is true, for the reason that bad as it was in some respects it was better than the law in force at the time of its passage. But for SMITH and a few others, however, a real tariff reform would have been enacted and the ruthless robbery of the people by exorbitant tariff taxation would have ended then and forever. Such a law would have achieved results for good that must have been felt instantly.

Since that former Senator SMITH has been serving the trusts in various ways. We do not believe now and have never believed that he was perfidious to his party ticket at any time, but it is practically certain that he has invariably been on the side of monopoly and a man so aligned can't be trusted as a representative of Democracy. For these reasons Governor WILSON, Democratic candidate for President, is right in declaring himself against the election of SMITH as a Democrat to the Senate. It may cost him some votes, for SMITH is resentful, but it will fulfill his public obligations and satisfy his conscience and that will be recompense for any loss to a self-respecting man.

—ROOSEVELT may be able to make some people believe that the heresies he is promulgating are the principles for which THOMAS JEFFERSON contended, but we notice that no Democrats in Vermont were fooled by such oratorical rubbish.

Woodrow Wilson Club Organized.

The Presidential Boom Launched at An Enthusiastic Meeting Monday Evening.

At an enthusiastic meeting held in the grand jury room at the court house Monday evening, the Woodrow Wilson club of Centre county was organized and the first gun fired in the presidential campaign in this county. The meeting was called to order by county chairman A. B. Kimpfort, and on motion Hammon Sechler was elected temporary chairman and W. D. Zerby temporary secretary. The following names were subscribed to the roll of membership, all of whom were present except Amos Garbrick and David Foreman:

D. Paul Fortney, A. B. Kimpfort, Amos Garbrick, Arthur B. Lee, M. I. Gardner, David R. Foreman, J. Frank Smith, W. Francis Speer, Earle S. Orr, W. D. Zerby, J. D. Miller, H. N. Meyer, D. F. Fortney, Hammon Sechler, J. M. Keichline, W. C. Heine, H. S. Taylor, Edward Brown, W. C. Rowe, Maurice Yeager, Sidney Krumrine, P. H. Gherity, J. Mac Heine, N. B. Spangler, S. Kline Woodring, Ellis S. Shaffer, Charles R. Kurtz, John McSulev and J. Kennedy Johnston.

A permanent organization was completed by the election of the following officers: President, D. Paul Fortney; vice president, P. H. Gherity; secretary, W. D. Zerby; treasurer, Hammon Sechler. On motion of S. Kline Woodring the constitution as approved by the Woodrow Wilson League of Pennsylvania was adopted.

The following gentlemen were named as an executive committee: M. I. Gardner, H. S. Taylor, Maurice Yeager, H. N. Meyer and J. Frank Smith. A finance committee was also selected as follows: Hammon Sechler, chairman; Sidney Krumrine and J. D. Miller.

Another meeting was to have been held on Wednesday evening to hear the reports of the committees and decide on the selection of permanent quarters, etc., but owing to the fact that a number of members went to Williamsport to attend the convention of the State Federation of Democratic clubs no meeting was held.

While the Woodrow Wilson club of Bellefonte has been organized by Democrats, naturally, it is not the purpose to make it distinctly a Democratic organization. Every voter in Bellefonte and Centre county who believes in good government, is in favor of the principles enunciated in the platform adopted at the Baltimore convention, and more especially in favor of Woodrow Wilson for President and Thomas R. Marshall for Vice President, are urged to join. Their past political preference will be no bar to their membership.

The cause espoused by Wilson and Marshall has to do with the reduction of tariff on the real necessities of life, the lessening of the expenses of conducting our national government, and everything that the common people advocate and for that reason the people at large should rally to their support. One way to do this is to join the Woodrow Wilson club and boom his cause. There is no membership fee. All the expenses will be met by voluntary contributions looked after by the finance committee, so that the lack of money need keep no one from becoming a member.

GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

The prospects for the successful opening of the Grange encampment and fair were never more promising than they are at present. Every arrangement will be completed by Saturday, the 14th of September, for the opening of camp and the reception of camping parties who have engaged tents.

The railroads are prepared to bring hundreds and thousands by regular trains during the entire week.

THE PROGRAM.

Saturday, September 14th.—Opening of camp for the reception of tenters and business men. 7:30 p. m., grand opening entertainment in the Auditorium.

Sunday, September 15th, 2:30 p. m.—Harvest Home services in Auditorium. Anniversary address by Hon. N. B. Crichtfield, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania.

Monday, September 16th.—Opening of exhibition and placing of exhibits. 7:30 p. m., moving picture entertainment.

Tuesday, September 17th.—Soldiers reunion. 7:30 p. m., entertainment in the Auditorium.

Wednesday, September 18th, 1:30 p. m.—Address by Hon. Wm. T. Cressy, Master of State Grange; Hon. Robert S. Conkline, Commissioner of Forestry; and some member of the Chestnut Tree Blight commission. 7:30 p. m., moving picture show.

Thursday, September 19th, 1:30 p. m.—Address by Hon. E. B. Dorsett, lecturer of the State Grange; Hon. A. L. Martin, Director of Industries; Hon. James Foust, Dairy and Food Commissioner; and Hon. H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist, followed at 3 p. m., by an orchard demonstration on the farm of S. W. Smith, twenty rods west of the camp ground. 7:30, grand display of moving pictures, all new. Change of program every night.

Friday, September 20th.—General sales day and closing of the exhibition in the evening.

RAILROAD TRAIN SERVICE.

Excursion rates will be given over all railroads in Pennsylvania, including Baltimore, Maryland, and Elmira, New York.

SPECIAL TRAINS.

Special trains Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 17th, 18th and 19th, will leave Bellefonte for Grange park at 10 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. each day; and return to Bellefonte, leaving Grange park at 9:45 p. m. Special trains will also leave Grange park for Coburn at 7:30 p. m. Trains stop at all stations.

—Mrs. Margaret Garman fell down the stairs at her home at Curtin, last Saturday, sustaining injuries serious enough that she was brought to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment.

PONTIUS.—After an illness that extended over a period of two years or more, during which time he suffered one or two strokes of paralysis, Harry B. Pontius died at his home on Curtin street on Tuesday evening.

Deceased was born at Laurelton, Union county, on January 14th, 1840, hence was aged 72 years, 8 months and 6 days. He was educated at the Aaronsburg academy and the Jacksonville seminary and when the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company E, 142nd regiment in August, 1862, and served until the close of the war, making a splendid record as a soldier. He came to Bellefonte in 1867, and was an expert book-keeper, worked for various firms in that capacity. For a number of years prior to his illness he was engaged in selling nursery stock. He was a Republican in politics and for twelve years was one of the county auditors and was also a borough auditor for a number of years. He was a member of the Bellefonte Lodge No. 153, I. O. O. F., for forty four years and was secretary of the organization for many years. He was also a member of Gregg Post No. 95, G. A. R., and for a number of years the post quartermaster. He was a member of the Reformed church since early manhood and a man who had the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Before coming to Bellefonte he was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Albert, of Lewisburg, who survives with one daughter, Miss Jennie. Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt will officiate at the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

WOOMER.—Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Woomer, wife of Joseph Woomer, died at her home at Bald Eagle last Saturday afternoon. She had been in failing health the past two or three years and five months ago suffered a stroke of paralysis which was the direct cause of her death.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Henry and Catharine Woomer, early settlers of Bald Eagle valley, and was born at Bald Eagle on March 28th, 1839, hence was 73 years, 6 months and 10 days old. On August 19th, 1858, she was united in marriage to Joseph Woomer who survives with the following children: T. Blair, of Tyrone; Mrs. Amos Nearhoof, of Bald Eagle; Mrs. H. B. Summers and Mrs. Sharron Daugherty, of Clearfield; Mrs. Harry White, of Tyrone; Ira F. and Mrs. Harry Bryan, of Vail. She also leaves one brother, Theodore, of Houtzdale, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Copenhaver, of Bald Eagle.

When a young woman Mrs. Woomer became a member of the Methodist church of Bald Eagle and was a constant communicant all her life. Rev. W. F. Gilbert had charge of the funeral services which were held in the Bald Eagle Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, after which burial was made in the Bald Eagle cemetery.

HOUSEMAN.—Squire John S. Houseman, a well-known resident of Potter township, died at his home near Colyer on Tuesday morning. He had been ailing all summer, but his condition had not been considered serious until he was stricken with paralysis a short time before his death. Deceased was born in Pennsylvania and was 67 years, 5 months and 9 days old. He was a farmer by occupation most all his life and a progressive, up-to-date citizen. For fifteen years or longer he served as justice of the peace of Potter township. He was a man of considerable intellectual ability and his career as a justice was unblemished. He was a member of the Evangelical church and an exemplary, christian gentleman. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Susan Royer, and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hostler, of Centre Hill. The funeral was held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Evangelical cemetery at Colyer.

HEVERLEY.—Leo Heverley, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heverley, died in the Bellefonte hospital about three o'clock last Thursday afternoon. He was taken sick the night previous with appendicitis and that morning taken to the hospital for an operation but the disease had made such rapid headway that the physicians pronounced the case hopeless at the time the operation was performed. He was between three and four years of age and a most lovable child, so that his parents are almost heartbroken over his death. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

GARMAN.—Margaret Elizabeth, the three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Garman, of Buffalo Run, died on Saturday night after a brief illness. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon. Rev. C. W. Winey, of the United Brethren church, officiated and burial was made in the Meyers cemetery.

EISENHOWER.—Ethel Fay, the seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Eisenhower, died at her home on Jail hill on Monday morning, after a brief illness with spinal meningitis. The remains were taken to Sunbury on Wednesday for burial.

GENTZEL.—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gentzel are mourning the death of their infant daughter, Mildred M., which occurred last Thursday, after a brief illness. The remains were taken to Zions for burial on Saturday morning.

LONG.—Mrs. Harrison Long died on Wednesday morning of last week at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. Thomas Mann, in Howard, of general debility, the result of her advanced age which was ninety-seven years. Brief funeral services were held at the Mann home in Howard on Friday morning and from there the remains were taken to the church on Marsh Creek where services were held by Mrs. Wilson, of Lock Haven, and W. H. Long, of Howard. Burial was made in the Marsh Creek cemetery.

LEATHERS.—After being a sufferer for a number of years past with heart trouble and other complications Mrs. Joseph Leathers died at her home at Mount Eagle last Friday evening. She was fifty-eight years of age and is survived by her husband and five children, namely: Mary, John, Ethel, Belle and Roy. She also leaves three brothers and one sister. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Curtin cemetery.

JUSTICE.—Eugene E. Justice, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Justice, died on Tuesday, aged twenty-two days. Burial was made on Wednesday in Meyers cemetery.

BRADERIC—HAMILTON.—Quite a pretty wedding took place in St. John's Catholic church at ten o'clock last Saturday morning when Edward M. Broderic, of Oswego, N. Y., and Miss Mary A. Hamilton, of Bellefonte, were united in marriage at high mass by Rev. Father P. McArdle. The attendants were Miss Louise Armor as bridesmaid and Clarence Hamilton, a brother of the bride, as best man. A large number of friends of the bride were present to witness the happy nuptials.

The ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on Howard street, where the decorations of golden rod and chrysanthemums were most lavish, the work of intimate friends and neighbors, and a wedding breakfast served to about forty guests and later Mr. and Mrs. Broderic were driven to Milesburg in an automobile leaving on the 1.25 train for a brief wedding trip to eastern cities.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus R. Hamilton, of east Howard street, and is a pleasing and accomplished young lady. Her gifts, which were many, included silver, glass, china, and mahogany. Mr. Broderic during the past two years has been an instructor in the engineering department at The Pennsylvania State College and it is at that place the couple will make their home. The WATCHMAN extends to Mr. and Mrs. Broderic sincerest congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

HUMMELL—WILLIAMS.—A wedding announcement that came as quite a surprise to the people of Bellefonte was that of Miss Lucretia G. Williams, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of this place, and V. Lorne Hummell, of Harrisburg, which took place at Niagara Falls last Saturday. Announcement of the engagement of Mr. Hummell and Miss Williams had been made recently and the wedding was to have taken place in October. Miss Williams went to Harrisburg last week to visit relatives and Mr. Hummell having a business trip to Niagara Falls Miss Williams consented to accompany him and be married there.

The bride is quite well known in Bellefonte and is popular among the younger set. Mr. Hummell is a former student of the Bellefonte Academy, after which he took a year in the University of Pennsylvania and is now in business in Harrisburg where the young couple will reside.

McGOWAN—LOSE.—A quiet little wedding took place at the Catholic parsonage, at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, when Joseph McGowan and Miss Jennie Lose, two well known young people of this place, were united in marriage by Rev. Father McArdle. Miss Elizabeth McGowan, a sister of the bridegroom, officiated as bridesmaid and Arthur Beezer acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan left on the evening train for a brief wedding trip to Williamsport and other places. The WATCHMAN extends congratulations and best wishes.

MORRISON—HOSTLER.—A quiet wedding at the United Brethren parsonage last Saturday evening was that of C. E. Morrison and Miss Helen G. Hostler, two well known young people of Altoona. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Winey, at 7:30 o'clock. The young couple spent the night in Bellefonte, leaving for their home on Sunday.

EVEY—TRESSLER.—Wayne Evey and Miss Ida Tressler, both of State College, came to Bellefonte last Saturday and at seven o'clock that evening were united in marriage at the parsonage of the United Brethren church by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Winey.

—James R. Kinsloe, once a resident of Bellefonte and later associated with his father, the late R. A. Kinsloe, in the publication of the *Wage-earner's Journal*, in Phillipsburg, has just been chosen secretary of the Winona, Minn., Association of Commerce, at a salary of \$3,000 a year. He quits the Harrisburg office of William L. Bear & Co., brokers, to take up his new position.

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.

Is Patton Afraid to Speak Out?

BELLEFONTE, PA., Sept. 10, 1912.

Editor *Watchman*—

Mr. Patton in 1910 made certain requisite declarations of principles to the Prohibition party in this district and as a Republican candidate was endorsed or nominated by the Prohibitionists. He could not have remained neutral and received this endorsement or nomination. So far as we can learn, he either made the same declaration this year or did not retract from his position in 1910, for he contested at the primaries for the Prohibition nomination in April, with W. H. Watts, of DuBois. Mr. Watts defeated him and was therefore the Prohibition candidate for Congress in this district.

We do not know why Mr. Patton failed to receive the Prohibition endorsement this year. His Penrose servility in traveling through the district with John K. Tener and applauding the utterances of Mr. Tener from the same platform upon which the Penrose candidate was speaking, may have caused a revulsion of sentiment and a doubt as to Mr. Patton's sincerity among the Prohibitionists. At any rate, he was defeated.

Now comes the rub. If he could and did make the necessary promises or pledges to secure the Prohibition nomination or endorsement two years ago, by what rule of reason or right can it be possible for him to stand nominated on the Republican platform this year and offer to accept the Bull Moose endorsement under conditions of strict neutrality as between Taft and Roosevelt?

He is the only voter in the Twenty-first Congressional district among the Republicans and Bull Moosers who stands in a position so weak and contemptible that he dare not publicly and in the presence of voters, voice his sentiments, his convictions as either being against or for Taft or Teddy. He wants the red-corpusled voters of this district to select him as their representative in Congress in face of a mediocre record at Washington and upon a declaration of neutrality upon burning issues of the hour that are splitting the Republican party from stem to stern. But, anyway, there is no neutrality in this fight. Neutrality as between Taft and Teddy is a two-edged sword that cuts away the support of both the real Taftites and the sincere Bull Moosers.

ONE WHO ADMIRES MANLINESS.

Work of the Woman's Club.

The sewing school, the direct outcome of the efforts of the Woman's Club, has come to stay. The board of school directors, recognizing the merits, gave their hearty co-operation and furnished tables, chairs and a sewing machine to further the work.

Those fortunate people who, at the close of the schools last May, visited the exhibit of 500 pieces made by the children, were greatly surprised to see the progress of one year. The parents and friends owe a special expression of appreciation to Mrs. John Porter Lyon, chairman of the educational department of the Woman's Club; to Miss Ida Green, for her successful instruction and to the faithful teachers, all of whom cheerfully gave their time, interest and attention to this splendid work. The hour spent in sewing Monday afternoon was not the only time given to the girls as one instance will suffice to show. A music teacher told the chairman that after the sewing school was organized she always found her pupils busily engaged in sewing while awaiting the arrival of the teacher.

The following course in sewing in the public schools for 1912-'13 will show the scope of work to be covered:

Grade 5.—Ability to thread needle. Habitual use of thimble and energy, and knotting thread. Ability to tell warp-wool, cotton and linen. Practice of stitches. Basting even and uneven. Running stitch. Back stitch. Buttons, one two-eyed, one four-eyed and one shank button. Top-sewing. Over-casting. Outline stitch. Plain hemming. Articles made: One sewing bag or sewing apron, with child's name in outline stitch; one hemmed dish towel; one doll kimono; one doll dress.

Grade 6.—Practice of stitches. Deep hem. Gathering. Plain felt. Bias stitching. Putting on band. Button hole. Placket. Feather stitch. Practical work on child's flannel shirt, feather stitches. One white apron. Stocking darning.

Grade 7.—Practice of stitches. Darning and patching. Sewing on hooks and eyes. One diagonal woolen tear darning. Darning with piece underneath. One plain set-in patch. One figured or checked hemmed-in patch. Practical work on child's waist, buttoned at back. Other articles selected by child and approved by teacher.

Grade 8.—Practice on taking bust, waist, sleeve, neck and skirt measurements. Cutting from patterns. Care and use of sewing machines and attachments. Practical work on underwear and a simple wash dress.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

BELLEFONTE WOMAN'S CLUB.

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Payment for Praising the Lord.

EDITOR DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN:—

I am asked "What do you think about hiring singers and paying them money for the services of song in the house of the Lord?"

Such questions I always bring for final appeal to the Holy Scriptures. What saith the Scriptures?

I find no case on record in the Bible where men-singers or women-singers received any monetary compensation for doing song service in the public worship of God.

The Scriptures, in my view of them, plainly teach that the exercise of praising the Lord should be a heartfelt, joyous expression of gratitude to the One

"From Whom all blessings flow"
The Levites were specially appointed "To stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even." 1 Chron. 23:30. For this service they received a support sufficient for a needed livelihood without wages or salary.

Coming to the New Testament, under the christian dispensation, this subject is placed on the clearest light. See 1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 5:9; Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:11; James 5:12.

In these sacred oracles there will be found no reference to a paid service in the public worship of the Lord. In a long lifetime I have witnessed what I prefer not to express particularly in the case of too many who were paid for their part in divine worship, with no apparent uplift or spiritual benefit flowing from such a course in the conduct of religious services. MISSIONER.

THE COMET.—In going through some old papers recently postmaster Harry Valeatine found a copy of *The Comet*, a little four page paper that made its debut in Bellefonte on June 13th, 1857. It was published monthly by Levi D. Read and James B. Cook and the object seems to have been merely to give its publishers a vehicle through which to work off their surplus facetiousness.

It was probably called *The Comet* because that was the year in which one of those flying, fiery orbs illumined the skies every night and struck terror to the timid heart lest its course might meet up with that of old Mother Earth, with disastrous results to the latter.

Just to give you an idea of what was regarded as funny stuff for a newspaper in those days we refer to one of its stories about a young couple who had just been married in Bellefonte. The groom was rather egotistical and self important and spoke continually of everything about the new home as "my" this and "my" that. The bride rather resented this constant reference to everything as his only and suggested that he speak of their possessions as "ours." An altercation ensued in which the bride showed how handy she was with the poker, with the result that the groom was beaten into such a condition of humility that on the following Sunday morning he ventured to ask his wife if "we might wear our clean linen breeches to church this morning." Hoop-skirts were in vogue then. *The Comet* called them circumbendibus institutions and had much to say about them, as well as tight breeches, because they both impeded locomotion. What the *Comet* editors would have had to say about the twenty-two inch hobble skirt of today can only be conjectured.

About the only reference to anything of a local nature we find in the old paper is mention of the fact that excavation was being made in front of the court house with a view to surrounding the yard with an iron fence. That fence is probably the one that is now enclosing the Big Spring. It also commented most unfavorably on the architecture of a house that Samuel Linn Esq. was then having erected "near the turnpike leading from this place to Milesburg." As a matter of fact it was the first house on Linn street and stood on the western half of the grounds that now surround the home of Col. W. F. Reynolds. It was later the Milliken home and was torn down when the Reynolds home was built.

BIG BARN BURNED.—During Saturday's hard storm, between twelve and one o'clock the large barn on one of the new penitentiary farms at Rockview was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, together with all the adjoining outbuildings and their entire contents, with the exception of the livestock, which was all gotten safely out. In the barn were eighty tons of hay, all of this year's grain crop, one wagon and a number of farming implements. The only water supply was from a well and cistern and it was with difficulty that the farm house was saved through the diligence of a bucket brigade. The eight prisoners brought from the western penitentiary early in the week worked side by side with other men to save the house and were just as earnest in their efforts as any of the crowd.

The farm has been occupied this year by James Neese and family and he is a big loser in the destruction of his crops, although he carried some insurance. The barn, which was the largest on the penitentiary site, was also partially insured. The bungalow occupied by warden John Francis and family is only a short distance from the burned buildings and it was feared for a time that it would take fire from the heat, but luckily it did not.

—Nevin Wetzel has accepted a position with the Curwensville Construction company as timekeeper and left on Wednesday for Ironville, near Tyrone, where the company has a bridge contract.