

## CANDIDATES.

HOW THEY LOOK AND WHO THEY ARE.



J. HENRY COCHRAN.

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His Election to the State Senate Con-  
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### HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

From a Log Cutter to One of the Largest  
Employers of Labor in This State.  
Fair, Just, Popular, Charitable and  
Strong in His Party.

The nomination and election of J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport, as the next senator from this district, is conceded by all who are familiar with the situation. The district is composed of the counties of Lycoming, Montour, Columbia and Sullivan. Montour county has instructed for him, and he has no opposition in Columbia, and he will, of course, receive the endorsement of Lycoming, at its convention in August.

The candidacy of Mr. Cochran is remarkably well received and it is already apparent that as to his party lines will not be considered when voting time comes.

Mr. Cochran came to Williamsport from Maine in the year 1862, then in the 18th year of his age, and first found employment in Clearfield county as a log chopper at \$20 per month. He continued work as a woodsman and as a log driver until 1864, when he obtained employment on the boom at Williamsport, rafting out logs as a day laborer. A year or two later he associated himself with his brother, Joseph W. Cochran, and, as the firm of J. W. Cochran & Brother, engaged in the business of stocking logs for various mill owners in Williamsport. In the spring of 1866 he took up his residence in Cameron county, for a number of years having his home in the log camps, where the stocking operations were being carried on. The firm of J. W. Cochran & Brother is known to all lumbermen on the river and was more than ordinarily successful in its business operations. In 1880 Mr. Cochran and his brother entered into partnership with E. R. Payne, of Williamsport, forming the well known firm of Payne, Cochran & Co. In 1885 he made Williamsport his permanent residence, although it had been his business headquarters for more than 15 years before.

In 1874 he was one of the organizers of the Lycoming National bank of Williamsport, and for 13 years he was one of its directors. In the year 1887 he formed a co-partnership with E. R. Payne, J. W. Cochran and H. C. McCormick and established the banking house of Cochran, Payne and McCormick, which soon became, and continues to be, one of the largest and most prosperous banking institutions in this part of Pennsylvania. In 1883 the firm of Payne, Cochran & Co., purchased a controlling interest in the Susquehanna boom, at Williamsport—the same boom on which the subject of this sketch had worked as a day laborer 19 years before. He is also interested in many of the manufacturing establishments of Williamsport and has extensive lumber interests in other States, notably at Ashland, in the State of Wisconsin.

His business operations it will be seen are very extensive, as much so

as any man in this part of the State, and, from being himself a laborer, has for many years been a very large employer of labor. Those who have worked for him at one time or another, are to be found in almost every community in the lumbering districts of the State, and none can be found who would not testify to his uniform fairness, and to his extreme liberality in time of need.

Notwithstanding the constant demands of business Mr. Cochran has found time to take an active interest in the Williamsport hospital, he being president of its board of managers. He is also a member of the State board of managers of the Huntingdon Reformatory, having been appointed by Gov. Pattison about two years ago.

He has never been a candidate for any public office except the office of county treasurer of Cameron county, to which he was elected in 1877. His popularity was shown by the fact that although his party was in the minority in the county, and his Republican opponent an unobjectionable man yet Mr. Cochran received more than three-fourths of all the votes in the county, in several districts not a vote being cast against him.

He was a delegate to the national Democratic convention in 1892, and has many times represented his county in State conventions. In the councils of his party he has for many years been regarded as one of the safest and most judicious advisers. Mr. Cochran, in the community in which he lives, is known as one of the most liberal of contributors to all public enterprises and charitable institutions, while his unostentatious acts of private charity and his help of the poor and needy are known to his nearest friends as being even more liberal. He became a candidate for senator after upwards of 2,000 of the Democratic voters of Lycoming county had requested him by letter to do so. From present appearances he will be elected practically without opposition.

The Democratic party, and the people of this senatorial district, regardless of party, are to be congratulated upon the fact that they are to have so able a representative in the senate of Pennsylvania.

### FIRE.

What might have proved to be an expensive fire, both to the employers and the employed at the Car Shops, on Wednesday, was luckily discovered in time to be punctually extinguished. Sparks from the fire necessary to generate steam ignited some shavings through a neglected aperture in a wall which the incessant heat had somewhat cracked and crumbled. Whistle blew the alarm and someone said the fire-bell rang.

The experiment of a midsummer engagement at the Opera-House has not proven very satisfactory so far financially. But the company is a success. All who saw them last night say we have had none better. They will play An Arabian Night Thursday night, The Prodigal Son, Friday, and The Clemenceau Case again, on Saturday night. All who miss these performances make a mistake. Seats on sale at Slate's Book Store. Prices 15, 25 and 35 cts.

### THAT ROAD-VIEW ACROSS THE RIVER.

There has been much comment upon a petition recently presented to the court, asking for the appointment of viewers to open a new road on the other side of the river at the end of the new bridge, said road to go under the Pennsylvania Railroad track, and to vacate the road reported by a recent set of viewers crossing the railroad at grade. If the law applicable to this case were better understood by the public, it is likely that there would have been no criticism of the action of the attorney who presented the petition, nor of that of the court which appointed the viewers. The Attorney, Grant Herring Esq. is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. to prevent, if possible, a grade crossing at that point, and there can scarcely be a doubt in the mind of any reasonable man, that such a change is desirable. Every grade crossing is a dangerous thing. Scarcely a day passes that the newspapers do not record fatal accidents at such crossings, and it is for the good of the public, as well as to avoid expensive litigation, that the railroad company desires to have the roadway pass under their tracks instead of across them at grade.

The act of assembly under which this petition was presented reads as follows:

"The court of quarter sessions of every county of the commonwealth, on being petitioned to grant a view for a road within the respective county, shall have power, and are hereby required, in open court, to appoint, as often as may be needed, three persons &c. to view the ground proposed for such road, and make report of their proceedings to the respective court &c."

From this it appears that no specified number of petitioners is required; the petitioners are not required to be residents of the township, nor even of the county, and it matters not whether they are property owners or voters. The court is required to appoint viewers on such a petition, having no discretion in the matter. It may be that the law in this respect needs amending, but as the proceedings in this case are strictly in accordance with the law as it stands on the statute books, neither the attorney nor the court should be misrepresented nor unjustly censured in a matter where no wrong was done or intended, and in which, so far as the application is concerned, the safety of the traveling public is the ultimate object in view.

### CAMP-MEETINGS NEXT.

The twenty-third annual gathering of the Mountain Grove Camp-Meeting Association will commence July 31st, and continue until August 9th.

The tenting and other accommodations are excellent. There are 204 wooden tents 9x18 feet in size, and a commodious two story building 20x60 feet, has been erected near the boarding tent fronting on Avenue A.

Rev. John Horning, of Shamokin, will have charge of the preachers tent. As has been the custom for several years past, the gates of the grounds will be closed on Saturday night at 12 o'clock and remain closed during the Sabbath.

The religious services will be in charge of Rev. E. H. Vocum, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Danville District.

The opening sermon of the camp will be preached on Wednesday, August 1st, and the meeting will be closed on Wednesday evening August 8th.

We are not a dog-fancier, and hence we are not overcome with grief while making the announcement that eight members of the canine race have recently succumbed to the effects of eating something that did not agree with them. They can be well spared, with several hundred more; but we do not approve of this method of disposing of them. Poisoning dogs is not only inhuman, but dangerous. There are a few, a very few, dogs in town that are worth something, and these are just as likely to find the poisoned bait, as the worthless curs for which it is intended. It is strange how valuable a dog becomes as soon as he is dead. Just shoot one and let the owner know it, and he will want anywhere from five to fifty-dollars damages for the loss of his valuable animal, although nine-times out of ten, that same owner has lied to the assessor in order to escape the payment of a one dollar tax on the dog. So it goes.

The company at the Opera House the remainder of this week is first-class. Don't fail to see them.

### BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Prof. Cope, Dennis and Detwiler rode from here to West Chester on their bicycles. Miss Natalie J. Foulke is now visiting Philadelphia friends.

Miss Schwat of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Gidding on East street.

Miss Louise Hutchison will sing a solo at St. Paul's church on Sunday morning.

Miss Sadie Coffman is spending a week in Wilkes-Barre visiting relatives.

Mr. A. B. Tyson is now in New York enjoying an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Neal are sojourning at New Philadelphia.

C. C. Peacock went to Philadelphia Monday night.

Mrs. Wm. Chrisman and daughter spent Saturday among friends at Jamison City.

Mrs. Joseph Shaffer was a recent visitor to Cabin Run, visiting her father, A. C. Hagenbuch, who resides there.

Mrs. Crist, the aged and respected mother of Will. L. Crist, who is engaged on the "Daily," is in a very feeble condition.

Mr. Benjamin Johns, a Normal graduate, we notice has already got into position as teacher at Moccasin, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Slate are boarding at the Exchange Hotel until their new house is completed.

Miss Martha Moyer is the owner of a handsome driving outfit, consisting of a pony and phaeton.

Mrs. L. T. Sharpless is now entertaining Misses Hattie and Laura Robbins, of Wilkes-Barre.

Minnie Penman and Gertie Hower will represent Bloomsburg in the Cincinnati Christian Endeavor Convention.

Among visitors to Bloomsburg from abroad, we mention Miss Edna Roup and Miss Emma Gerringer, of Danville.

Miss Louise Hutchison of Kingston, and Miss Josephine Nicely of Wilkes-Barre, are the guests of Mrs. C. W. Funston.

Mrs. Almira Kellam, of Elizabeth City, N. J. is now among friends and relatives in the country.

Miss Jean Waller now takes her young friends out riding with a burro and cart. The motive power is adorned with a russet harness.

Miss Ida Miller and Miss Anna Faust, two of Frackville's young ladies, spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Cora Miller, on Seventh Street.

Mrs. H. L. Goss, of Cambra, who recently sustained injuries from falling down the back steps at her home, is now fairly convalescent we are pleased to report.

F. M. Pealer, of Van Camp, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Gramps, of California, were among town visitors on last Saturday.

Mrs. C. S. Williams and son Harry, of Harrisburg, who have been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brad J. Russell, returned to her home on Thursday of this week.

Esquire Hiram, of Benton, we noticed among town visitors on Monday. Mr. Hiram is in the somewhat animated race for sheriff.

Mrs. Sanford Runyan has returned to Jerseytown to visit her parents. Mr. Runyan is the gentlemanly and efficient help engaged by Cummings & Verdy in their chewing gum factory on Market street.

Prof. Albert will be occupied all this month in conducting institutes. He is now in Anderson, South Carolina, and will go to Seacott and Columbia in the same state, and to Asheville, North Carolina.

Mr. P. E. Wirt, who in his younger days discovered that "the pen is mightier than the sword," is now able to go abroad and enjoy a practical demonstration of the fact, while country editors are still wrestling with this same idea in vain.

Mrs. Dr. Ikeler and her two daughters from Three Rivers, Mich., accompanied by two lady companions, Miss Rebecca Ikeler and Miss Moore, of Normal Hill, favored the COLUMBIAN with a friendly call on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ikeler and her husband, the Doctor, have many friends and relatives in Columbia and Luzerne counties.

### A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

At this season of the year it becomes necessary to bring our stock of summer goods down to low-water mark, so as to carry but very few over until next spring; and, in order to accomplish that purpose, we have made our prices so tempting that those having any idea whatever of investing in clothes would find it to their advantage to call now. A saving of from \$3 to \$4.00 on a suit is not to be sneered at these hard times, and that is just what you can do by calling on J. M. Gidding & Co., the clothiers.

The Mayor of Bloomsburg recently issued a complaint about defective sewerage in the southwest portion of the town, inviting the citizens to examine for themselves and then report or advise the Council as to what should be done. Defective sewers are a constant menace to the health of all obliged to inhale the contaminated atmosphere at any time but more particularly so in summer. Look after the sewerage.

Over three hundred people attended the excursion of the Episcopal Sunday School up the B. & S. on Wednesday.

The Presbyterian Sunday School had a picnic at Rupert on Thursday. They went down in Buckalew Bros. rigs.

The clothing buyers of this vicinity are gathering at Lowenberg's,

## The Big Summer Clothing Sale

is the great attraction.

Only Lowenberg's could have the outlet for so much summer clothing. The great confidence reposed in them by the people gained only by years of honest faith between buyer and seller is fully merited and public confidence is being amply repaid by

### PRICES MARVELOUSLY LOW.

Never before in the clothing history of this section has summer clothing been sold so cheap. Men's beautiful fine serge suits sold by other stores at \$13.50.

Our Price, \$8.50.

Men's elegant all wool suits (wool that's all wool and not all cotton) considered cheap at other stores at \$10.00.

Our Price, \$6.00.

You will open your eyes when you see our boy's long pants suits (ages 10 to 20) for \$2.00 and \$3.00. Easily worth double the money.

Just think of it, children's whole linen suits 25c.

Men's and boy's light weight coats 20c.

Light weight goods for large men in abundance.

These are prices that makes the goods move, at the great leaders of the clothing business in Bloomsburg.

## LOWENBERG'S

Next to the Central Hotel.

Ask to see our men's suits for \$3.00 and \$5.00. They will astonish you.

## Russet Shoes

Owing to the lateness of the season, we still have a large stock of

### Russet Shoes and Oxfords.

and, in order to make sure of closing all out before the season is over, we are offering several lots at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to see them if you are thinking of buying a pair of RUSSETS.

## W. C. MCKINNEY.

Clarks' Building, Main Street.

## BOOTS AND SHOES. JONES & WALTER

Are now prepared to meet the wants of the people in foot wear. Our stock is full and complete, comprising some of the best makes in the country. We guarantee prices to be as low as the lowest, and our goods to be as represented. Our motto:

"Honest Goods at Fair Prices."

Call and see us. We will try to please you.

### JONES & WALTER.

Dentler's old stand, Main Street, Bloom.

## FRANK SHELHART

## MERCHANT TAILOR.

Main Street, Opposite St. Elmo Hotel.