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### Plain Speaking Demanded.

Political platforms this year, so far at least as the currency question is concerned, are likely to be something more than glittering generalities. There is a demand for distinct expression which the platform makers cannot disregard.

Within both the great political parties, active discussion of the relations of silver to the currency is in progress. At most of the state conventions called for the choice of delegates to the national conventions, this subject has been up for careful consideration and sometimes for animated debate. In one or two instances, the conventions have not only formulated their views in resolutions, but have pledged the delegates chosen to stand by those views in the national gathering of the party.

In the past, those who have held differing lines upon the currency have usually been content if the party platform was so framed that it could be given an interpretation favorable to them. They have not been disturbed because it was also susceptible of an interpretation favorable to their opponents.

Expert jugglers with words have had little difficulty in drawing resolutions which could be made to mean one thing in one state, and the opposite thing in another state, to the peace and content of all concerned.

This year, such devices will not suffice. Both sides to the controversy insist that the form of utterance which politicians know as a "straddle" will not do. They want a declaration not only favorable to their view, but condemnatory of the opposite.

The contests now in progress over state platforms, and the close scrutiny to which these platforms are subjected will be intensified when the national conventions meet. There will be a more than ordinary strong movement, in both the Republican and Democratic parties, for a platform which shall not play with words but shall say something. This will be inconvenient to compromisers, but platforms should be definite and sincere and not shams.

### Seven State Elections.

Seven States will hold elections this fall prior to the general election in November. Two of the states will elect members to the National House of Representatives, in addition to local officials, while the others will elect local officials only.

Vermont will hold a general election September 1 for the election of Governor, State officials, Legislature and county officials, and the members of National House of Representatives. Maine will hold an election September 14, and will choose a Governor, a Legislature and county officers, the Legislature selecting the higher state officers. At this election the members of the National House of Representatives will also be chosen.

Arkansas will hold an election September 7, at which will be chosen all State, county and municipal officers, from constable to Governor, with chief justice of the Supreme court, associate justice and Legislature.

In Alabama, August 3 has been set aside for the election of Governor, other state officials, the Legislature and some of the county officers. The contest will be principally between the Populists and Democrats.

In Florida an election will be held October 6 to choose a Governor other state officials, a majority of the county officials, all of the lower House of the Legislature and half of the state Senate.

Georgia will hold an election October 7, at which will be chosen everything except the federal officials. It is said that the Governor and the other state officials will doubtless be renominated.

Hamilton Disston, a prominent citizen and Republican politician of Philadelphia, was found dead in his bed last Thursday morning. His life was insured for over a million dollars, he being second largest insured man in the country. John Wanamaker is the leader in this respect in the United States.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular May Term. Associate Judge C. G. Murphy Presided.

The regular May term of Court met last Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The lateness of the hour of convening was caused by the absence of President Judge Ikeler on account of death in his family. Associate Judge Millard was serving as a Juror in the United States Court at Pittsburgh, and hence court could not convene until the arrival of Associate Judge Murphy. Upon his arrival at 11 o'clock he took his place on the bench and court was opened. J. G. Freeze Esq., presented the following resolution which had been signed by nearly every member of the bar:

Resolved: In view of the severe family and domestic affliction which has befallen the President Judge of this Court, in the death of his brother, and of his daughter-in-law now lying unburied, that it is the judgment and desire of the Bar of Columbia County to continue the civil list over the Term; and to transact only such business in the other courts as can be done by the Associate Judges; and that an order to that effect be entered upon the minutes of the Court.

Thereupon the court ordered the following record to be placed on the Court minutes.

"Upon resolutions adopted by the bar the civil list is continued, and the clerk is directed to notify all Jurors summoned for this week, and next week not to appear, as no jury causes will be tried at the present term of court and only such business will be transacted as can be done before the Associate Judges."

The list of Grand Jurors was called and M. V. B. Kline of Catawissa was appointed foreman, and B. B. Freas, of Bloomsburg tipstaff.

The charge to the Grand Jury as delivered by Judge Murphy was a clear and plain statement of their duties, and the law governing their transactions.

The returns of the Constables were taken and the newly elected ones properly inducted into their office.

Aside from a few motions and petitions which were of no particular public interest no business was transacted.

### COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED.

John K. Miller Chosen on the First Ballot.

The School Directors of Columbia county met in convention in the Court House last Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent to serve for the coming three years. There were four candidates in the field, and up almost to the time of the meeting it was thought that the election would be a close one.

The convention was called to order by County Superintendent Johnston, who stated that the object of the meeting was the fixing of the salary of the County Superintendent and also electing a person to fill the position. He said he had written to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in regard to the salary question and that the following was his reply:

HARRISBURG, April 21st, 1896.  
SUPT. WM. C. JOHNSTON,  
Jerseytown, Pa.

Dear Sir: The Act of Assembly governing the compensation of County Superintendents fixes a specific salary on certain conditions to which each superintendent is entitled under the law. If the convention votes a salary in excess of the amount fixed by law, the additional compensation thus voted is deducted from the appropriation made for the support of the public schools, each district bearing its pro rata share of the expense in this way. The salary voted by the last triennial convention in 1893 does not hold good for the ensuing term of the superintendency, beginning on the first Monday in June, 1896. If the convention desires to continue the payment of this amount, it can be done only by the official action of the convention itself as it is not bound by the action of a preceding convention.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN Q. STEWART,  
Deputy Supt. of Public Instruction.  
D. A. Shultz of Madison township was elected chairman. C. E. Geyer was also nominated but declined. Mr. Shultz thanked the convention for the honor they had conferred upon him. Torrence Smith of Benton was elected secretary and C. E. Geyer of Catawissa, and J. W. Evans of Berwick were elected assistant secretaries, and also to act as tellers.

The first business which occupied the attention of the convention was the fixing of the salary. A motion was made by C. C. Evans of Berwick, and seconded by John O'Donnell of Centralia that the salary remain the same as last year \$1250. Chandler Eves moved to amend by making it \$1000, the amount fixed by the Legislature. He was informed by Mr. Evans that the Legislature did not fix the salary at \$1000 but at \$450 for each school in the county, which with the present number of schools in the

county would make \$1060. Thereupon Mr. Eves said he would withdraw his amendment and make it the amount fixed by the Legislature. Dr. L. B. Kline of Catawissa advocated the larger amount and in a clean cut speech set forth his views on the question. A vote being taken, the amendment fixing the salary at \$450 for each school in the county was carried by a vote of 80 to 56.

C. C. Evans stated that he had intended to place in nomination for the office his friend Mr. Garr, of Berwick, but inasmuch as the convention had reduced the salary he respectfully withdrew his name.

M. C. McCollum, in a neat speech nominated John K. Miller. J. W. Reese nominated Boyd Trescott and Dr. L. B. Kline nominated C. H. Moore. The roll of directors was called, and John K. Miller was elected on the first ballot, the vote being Miller 94, Trescott 39, and Moore 21.

Up to this time everything had proceeded harmoniously, and every one was in the best possible humor. The former County Superintendent being called upon read a prepared speech the substance of which was an allusion to his trouble with the Bloomsburg School Board.

County Superintendent elect Miller in a few remarks thanked the directors for the honor they had conferred upon him, and said he would use every effort in his power to merit the confidence they had reposed in him. Whereupon the convention adjourned.

### Give Him the G B.

The public is cautioned against a traveling fraud who has already victimized people in a number of towns in the state. He claims to be an agent of the government, and going to the houses of veterans says that the department is about to give orders for several thousand blue army shirts. Wishing to give the wives of the veterans a chance to make a little money, the government has decided to give the shirts out to soldiers' families to make up. When he receives an order for the shirts the agent looks over the sewing machine in the house and finding that the stitch is not just right offers to change it for a dollar, the money to be given back when the material for the shirts is delivered by an assistant. His victims are now looking for the assistant.

### Look out for Them.

A neat swindle is being worked with great success in nearby towns, and Hazleton residents are hereby cautioned. A woman book agent appears and goes from house to house leaving books for examination. Next day a man calls to see if the books are wanted. A few days later the woman agent appears again, and on being told that the man has taken away the book weeps copiously, says the villain has been collecting her books all over town pleads poverty and so on, and accepts the proffered compensation.—*Hazleton Sentinel.*

## Misery

To all who are in depths of despair the following letter may come as a beacon light, pointing the way to health and safety. Truly, it is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Just read the voluntary statement of Mr. Owen:

"For six or seven years of my life I did not live, I merely existed. I was in a deplorable condition, suffering from a complication of evils. I was so constipated that a week, or sometimes two weeks, would pass without a movement of the bowels. I had no appetite. Had become so

## Melancholy

that I was scarcely off the farm in six years. I even contemplated making an end to my miserable existence.

"This is the stage where a man becomes disgusted with doctors and medicines of all kinds. If this should reach the eye of any such, it is written in the hope that just such persons will read it, believe it and be benefited by it. A friend had half a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and persuaded me to take it, with some of Hood's Pills. I experienced so much benefit I took two bottles more, and, thank God, I am

## Cured

sound and well. I am 61 years of age, but feel thirty years younger. I truly believe Hood's Sarsaparilla was sent as a means to heal my body. I cannot say too much for Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills." J. W. OWEN, Henderson, Mercer Co., Pa.

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# JOHN R. TOWNSEND, AND Hatter.

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### APPEAL FROM COUNTY STATEMENT.

A petition was filed in the court of Columbia county on April 21st, appealing from the report of the auditors at the last settlement, setting forth reasons for the appeal. The petition is signed by William Krickbaum, Thomas Mordan, J. A. Breisch, Alfred Irvin, J. L. Girtton, E. T. Boyer, R. C. Howell, J. M. DeWitt, Wesley Morris, Joseph Weiss, T. U. Sweppenheiser, Joseph Hartzel, J. D. Shaffer, and William Wintersteen.

The petition was ordered filed by the court.

### Associate Judge.

From the many assurances of support given me I am induced to announce myself as a candidate for Associate Judge to succeed Hon. C. G. Murphy. I trust I am well enough known, at home and abroad—county and state—by my labors for the party and its organization, that I need not say "I am still a democrat." I submit my case to a jury of peers—the people—trusting they will give judgment for the plaintiff. I pledge you faithful service.

E. M. TEWSBURY

Catawissa twp.,  
May 6th, 1896.

We notice a continual rush of customers at the Boston Clothing House just opened opposite the St. Elmo Hotel Bloomsburg Pa. No doubt the people of Columbia county know when they get a good thing, and it is only right for everybody to save all possible at times where money is not so plenty, to get clothing and everything in Mens' and Boys wear for nearly half the price as that House is selling at don't very often happen in this part of the country.

### Of Interest to Fishermen.

As to so-called private streams the Supreme Court has decided that unless the fish have been propagated by a man living along a stream that stream is not private. Fish that are merely put in a stream to grow are not private. Neither is a pond private that is not wholly on man's land. A man, whose ground only partly surrounds the pond cannot claim the fish in it, and all his signs forbidding trespassers amount to nothing.

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It may be a little early to do your spring papering, but not too early to look over our large stock now ready for your inspection. In spite of the fact that the manufacturers charge us from 10 to 20 per cent. more than last year, we will sell at last year's low prices, and in some cases even lower.

Window curtains of all kinds; Room and picture moulding always in stock.

WILLIAM H. SLATE

EXCHANGE HOTEL BLDG.

## GET THEE BEHIND ME!

That is what this week says to last week, May says to April. It's a very good thing that the month just passed did not have much reputation to lose. As it is, it will be remembered chiefly for its own capricious weather and our own great bargains. Her clouds had but one silver lining and THAT WE FURNISHED.

### To Gown the Town.

That is our ambition. Not in a careless slip shod, sell-at-any hazard manner, but want to sell you stylish, durable up-to-date materials at about the price of the mean sorts. Come in and see if we're honest about it.

All wool novelties in Persian effects 38 in. wide, 50c.  
Silk and wool mixed novelties, 42 in. wide, 80c. the yd.  
All wool novelties, this season's creations, in dress patterns, 38 in. wide, 85c. and \$1.00.  
The latter reduced from \$1.35.  
Light suitings, just what you want for summer, 38 in. wide, 50 and 56c.

### Wash Dress Goods.

Our line of wash dress stuffs are not equaled in this section. We carry more exclusive designs than any other house. We show you the same designs as Arnold, Constable & Co. of New York, are showing, and other large importers in the larger cities. Linen Batiste, the most stylish of all this summer's goods 32 in. wide, 25c.  
Other linen goods at different prices.  
Gismonde silk 24 in. wide, 10c. the yd.  
Dimities, in almost endless varieties of styles, 30 in. wide, 12½ to 35c.

### The Kid Glove Selling

goes right on. Not a store in this town that has a more liberal glove policy than we have. We're careful about the fit, the skins, and in fact we are careful about everything pertaining to this important branch of our business. Want to make a customer of you.

Crown black kid gloves, none better and every pair guaranteed \$1.50.  
Light kid gloves in all the popular shades, guaranteed, \$1.50.  
Tan and brown kid gloves, a rare bargain, ought to bring \$1.00, 75c.

## Pursel & Harman, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

### DECIDED!

It has been decided by E. Jacobson, proprietor of the great Boston Clothing House, to open one of the branches at Bloomsburg, Pa. The Boston Clothing House have the facilities for selling every thing in the line of men's and boy's wear for about half the price charged by other dealers. People in need of clothing will do well to wait for the opening which will take place on Saturday, April 18, opposite the St. Elmo Hotel.

E. Jacobson, Prop.

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Get the most generous patterns you can, select the best materials you can, have the garments made by your own seamstress, figure the cost, then compare with the ready made article as bought and sold by us, and our word for it, you'll never be at the trouble of having your "Lingerie" made up again. Just five items here; they'll stand for a stock full:

Night gowns, full sleeves, large sailor collars, with trimming around, square front, 75c.

Night gowns, plaited back, tucked yoke in front, high and low cut, full sleeves, \$1.00.

Skirts, made of fine muslin with flannel and embroidered edge, \$1.25.

Drawers, plain tucked 28c.

Drawers, with tucking and trimming, 50, 65, 75 and 80c.

Corset covers in all styles, 15, 25 and 50c.

### Groceries.

Are you fond of ham? Do you want a small ham that you are not bothered with the bone in it? We offer you  
Armor's Boneless ham at 12½c.

Brooms, that are good brooms, we can recommend them at 25c., were 35c.

20c., were 30c.

15c., were 25c.

Blackwood's boneless herring in boxes, 16c.

Salted banquet, cream milk cheese wafers, always on hand and always fresh 18c. the lb.

We have always on hand and in first class condition the following cheese:

Imported Swiss, Imported Roqueforte, Club House, Neufchatel, Meadow Sweet, and Full Cream New York State.

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