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## Democratic County Convention.

It has been some years since so much interest has been shown in the Democratic county convention, as in that held on Tuesday last. A large number of people were in attendance and when the convention was called to order in the Opera House at eleven o'clock every seat was filled, and many were standing in the aisles.

In the absence of County Chairman Chrisman, the convention was called to order by C. A. Small, secretary, who requested C. E. Randall of Catawissa, to take the chair. Mr. Chrisman entered at this time, and the returns were presented and the list of delegates prepared. At this point the first exciting incident of the convention occurred. Mr. Small, secretary of the county committee, attempted to speak but Chairman Chrisman stopped him and directed him to read the call for the convention. This was done by Mr. Small who immediately after proceeded to claim that as William Chrisman was related to one of the candidates for Prothonotary, and as he was a candidate himself, it became the duty of the secretary to act as chairman and that he would now receive nominations for temporary chairman. Mr. Chrisman denied being related to any candidate and vehemently stated that he did not intend to be sat upon by anybody, that he was there as chairman to run this convention. This statement was received with prolonged cheering by the delegates. Then Mr. Chrisman stated that he would receive nominations for temporary chairman. Mr. Rhawn nominated C. E. Randall, and R. G. F. Kashinka nominated Col. J. G. Freeze. There was considerable confusion, but Mr. Chrisman put the vote and Col. Freeze was declared elected. Col. Freeze took the chair and stated that he had only to say that he hoped the proceedings of the convention would be conducted decently and in order. The next business in order was the election of temporary secretaries and a reading clerk.

The following persons were nominated for Secretaries: William Gerrity of Centralia, W. W. Hanly of Berwick, and A. J. Barrett of Centralia. They were all elected. John M. Clark of Bloomsburg was elected Reading Clerk. The chair then stated that the next business in order was the calling of the election districts and the names of the delegates. The reading clerk read the list as follows:

### DELEGATES.

Beaver—B. A. Shuman, Sam'l Klingman.  
Benton Boro.—Ira McHenry, Clyde Hirliman.  
Benton Twp.—W. A. Tubbs, Brit Cole.  
Berwick N. E.—Clem Nugent, George Karchner.  
Berwick S. E.—Henry Jones, James Pegg.  
Berwick N. W.—James Meredith, John Sarley.  
Berwick S. W.—W. W. Hanly, Geo. Clemens.  
Bloom 1st—J. G. Freeze, Thos. Gorrey.  
Bloom 2nd—D. R. Coffman, Charles Sterner.  
Bloom 3rd—J. R. Townsend, W. H. Housel, Ed. Row.  
Bloom 4th—Thos. Jones, Chas. Cox.  
Briarcreek—R. G. F. Kashinki, Samuel Adams.  
Catawissa Twp.—Zach Kreisler, W. H. Leiby.  
Catawissa Boro.—W. H. Rhawn, C. E. Randall, P. W. Gordon.  
Centralia 1st.—Wm. Gerrity, Cornelius Carr.  
Centralia 2nd—Patrick McGinly, Freeman Yeager.  
Centre—Simon Sittler, Levi Remly.  
Cleveland—Obediah Yocum, Edward Rhoads.  
Coryngham E. N.—Peter Lavelle, B. J. Doyle.  
Coryngham W. N.—Samuel Keller, Francis Rhoads.  
Coryngham W.—Hugh Breslin, Patrick Gallaspy.  
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Fishingcreek E.—David Wenner, Isaac Fahringer.  
Fishingcreek W.—J. S. Campbell, A. J. McHenry.  
Franklin—Ambrose Hile, Jacob Artley.  
Greenwood E.—A. J. Derr, C. H. Dildine.

Greenwood W.—C. A. Kitchen, Robert Beagle.  
Hemlock—H. Deighmiller, W. D. Howell.  
Jackson—B. F. Fritz, M. B. Hess.  
Locust—W. J. Helwig, James M. Leiby.  
Madison—C. A. Kramer, J. H. Hartman.  
Main—J. Bauman, Jos. Hartzel.  
Mifflin—T. H. Kingsbury, W. B. Hetler.  
Millville—M. G. Smith, A. H. Neyhard.  
Montour—Wm. Long, Thos. Sullivan.  
Mt. Pleasant—David Ikeler, P. A. Kline.  
Orange—Chas. Turner, M. Me-gargel.  
Pine N.—Jos. Sweeney, D. W. Robbins.  
Pine S.—Jacob Rider, B. Lore.  
Roaringcreek—David Long, F. Levan.  
Scott E.—Eli Schneidman, W. Wanich.  
Scott W.—James Terwilliger, Isaac Reichart.  
Sugarloaf N.—Fred Getz, J. H. Vansickle.  
Sugarloaf S.—W. T. Herrington, F. P. Hartman.

On motion of Thos. Gorry the chair appointed a committee of five on contested seats, consisting of Mr. Kashinka of Briarcreek, Mr. Terwilliger of Scott, A. J. Derr of Jackson, W. W. Hanly of Berwick, and W. H. Housel of Bloom.  
Mr. Rhawn stated that he wished to contest the vote of Main township, as he held an affidavit of 65 voters in that township that they had voted for W. H. Henrie, and the returns showed otherwise. Referred to committee on contests. There were two sets of returns from South East and South West Conyngham, and these were also referred to the same committee. The convention then adjourned until 2.30.

At 3 p. m. the delegates assembled again, and a great throng filled the hall. The heat was intense, and everybody took their coats off, and the fan man disposed of hundreds of fans to the sweltering crowd. Before business began, Col. Freeze called attention to the fact that those who were tabulating the vote did not have the returns from Locust township, and requested the person holding them to report at Mr. Buckalew's office. Then the crowd perspired and fanned and waited. The work of tabulating the votes of so many candidates was long and tedious. The committee on contests also had a big contract on hand and at 4 o'clock, no business being ready for the convention, many people started to leave the hall, when Col. Freeze stated that the court house bell would ring when the committees were ready to report. It was after 5 o'clock when the court house bell rang, and soon the hall was more crowded than at any other session. Col. Freeze called for the report of the committee on contests, which was read by the reading clerk. It was as follows:

Cox in 4th district Bloom was thrown out and Charles Hassert seated.  
In Main township the correct vote was stated, the effect of which was to give Henrie a delegate, he not having one under the vote first returned.  
In S. E. and S. W. Conyngham districts it was recommended that both districts be thrown out, as irregular. A motion was made to adopt the report seriatim, which was lost. A motion to adopt it as a whole was carried.

The temporary organization was continued as the permanent organization. The first office to be voted for was Congressman. Andrew L. Fritz having the entire convention vote was declared the nominee. Mr. Townsend offered a resolution empowering Mr. Fritz to select his own conferees.  
District Attorney was next taken up. W. A. Evert received 31 votes, and John G. Harman 62. Harman was declared the nominee.  
For Register and Recorder, C. B. Ent received the entire vote of the convention and was declared the nominee.

### REPRESENTATIVE.

W. T. Creasy was chosen on first ballot.  
2ND BALLOT.  
Chrisman 52 Redeker 29  
Young 11  
William Chrisman was declared the second nominee.

### TREASURER.

Croop 41 Hess 3  
Fleckenstine 42 Smith 3  
No nomination. Hess withdrew.

2ND BALLOT.  
Croop 42½ Smith 3  
Fleckenstine 43½

3RD BALLOT.  
Croop 44½ Fleckenstine 44½  
Being a tie vote, the rule provides that the one having the highest popular vote shall be the nominee. This was found to be as follows: Croop 1759; Fleckenstine 2190. G. S. Fleckenstine was therefore declared the nominee.

PROTHONOTARY.  
Henrie 45 Quick 44  
W. H. Henrie was declared the nominee.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.  
Fox 43 Tewksburg 6  
Rittenhouse 19 Fisher 21

SECOND BALLOT.  
Fox 45½ Rittenhouse 19  
Fisher 24½  
James T. Fox was declared the nominee.

COMMISSIONERS.  
Gordon 58 Fisher 46  
Krickbaum 41½ Reichart 36½

2ND BALLOT.  
Gordon 64 Fisher 56½  
Krickbaum 62

John N. Gordon and William Krickbaum having received a sufficient number of votes were declared the nominees.

COUNTY SURVEYOR.  
Chas. M. Moore was unanimously nominated by acclamation.

AUDITORS.  
Boyd Trescott and W. F. Stohner were unanimously nominated for county auditors.

The convention adjourned at 7 p. m. This was the largest and one of the most exciting conventions ever held in Bloomsburg.

### Remedy For Insect Bites.

During the hot days in the summer months people living in the country often suffer a martyrdom through the stings of insects. They should at once put on an application to draw out the inflammation. Flour, for instance, is very good, and soon allays the pain and reduces redness and swelling. Another remedy is to cover the skin with a little soap and water, letting the lather dry on the skin. A small quantity of menthol mixed with alcohol is excellent as a lotion for the stings of wasps, gnats and nettles. Many people use little sticks of butter of cocoa, a very soothing cosmetic. The leaves of the scented verbena plant are said to keep off unpleasant insects, and washing with vinegar and water or syringa-flower water preserves the skin against their onslaughts. Honey and water, too, allays the irritation produced by them. Use a teaspoonful of honey in a quart of boiling water, applying it to the spot while the liquid is tepid.

### ANNUAL REUNION.

The 13th annual reunion of the survivors of the Sixth Regiment P. R. V. C. will be held at Bloomsburg on Thursday, August 27. Headquarters at Exchange Hotel. There will be a reception at 10 a. m. at Knights of Malta Hall, and a business meeting at 2:30 p. m. Camp fire at 8 p. m. in the Opera House. C. S. Fornwald is President and Capt. H. J. Conner, Secretary of the association. At the camp fire the program will be as follows: Prayer by Rev. C. H. Brandt; music; Address of welcome by J. C. Brown; Response by Rich Holgate of Scranton; songs, recitations &c; Benediction.

### Plenty of Snakes.

Snake stories are ripe now and we clip the following from an exchange showing how plentiful the rattlers are in Centre county: On Dry Ridge one day last week three men who were huckleberrying walked into a den of 75 to 100 rattle snakes and were completely surrounded by them, all showing fight. The men were armed with shot guns and at once opened fire, with the result that 40 snakes were killed, while the others scampered to hiding among the rocks. Several deaths have occurred from the bites of these poisonous snakes, and few people have courage to venture on the mountains in search of berries.

The credit for the trolley car in the bicycle parade belongs alone to F. S. Nagle of Espy, and the prize was awarded to him. We stated differently last week, according to information given us; and now cheerfully make the correction.

### COAL BREAKER BURNED

The big breaker at the Logau Colliery, Centralia, was destroyed by fire Saturday. The loss is \$90,000, partly insured.

At an early hour the watchman at the colliery saw smoke and flames issuing from the top of the breaker. He immediately gave the alarm and in a short time a large crowd of people were at the scene. The men employed at the mine made a strenuous effort to save the building, but it was a mass of ruins in an hour's time. A number of men were working about the colliery most of the night, and it is believed that they ignited the oiled timbers by a spark from their lamp or carelessness with matches.

The building was erected in 1886 by L. A. Riley & Co., and furnished employment for about 900 men and boys. This list, however, has been reduced to about 500 the past few years owing to the worked-out condition of the mines, and a few months ago passed into the hands of the Lehigh Valley Coal & Iron Company.

Why is it that the result of the vote in Centralia and the Conynghams cannot be ascertained until the day of convention? Every other district is reported promptly, but these are always held back, and it is generally understood that this delay is made so that the delegates can ascertain who needs their votes the most, and is willing to pay the highest price for them, and then the returns are made up accordingly. This thing goes on year after year, and beyond a little grumbling no one makes any effort to put a stop to it, and instead of being punished for their violation of the law, they are encouraged in it by getting their price out of some set of candidates each and every year. The rule requiring that the tally of votes and list of voters shall be returned to the convention, should be amended so as to require that these returns shall be made to the county chairman on Monday morning, and that any returns not so made, will not be admitted to the convention. A number of the mountain delegates were on hand last Monday, but it was impossible to find out who they were instructed for. The truth is that the rules of the Democratic party, and the laws of the state are annually violated and something ought to be done to put a stop to it. This sort of political debauchery ought not to be permitted to go on. It is a disgrace to the party, and decent men are getting disgusted at the wholesale corruption that has crept into our system of delegate elections. The laws are stringent enough; what is needed is a wholesome example by the prosecution of a few men who ignore the laws and debauch the primaries. In this direction reform is certainly needed in this county.

If a prize were offered to the county in Pennsylvania that could produce the greatest number of murderers, Luzerne county would undoubtedly win that prize, as at present there are 14 murderers confined in the county prison at Wilkes-Barre. Of this number three have been convicted and sentenced, and now await execution; three have been convicted but not sentenced, and eight are awaiting trial. Besides these two others have pleaded guilty of manslaughter.

The luxuries of a trip to the Sea Shore during the heated month of August can be fully realized at a minimum cost by taking the Pennsylvania Railroad Excursion August 20th. Atlantic City is the most accessible point as it can be reached without transfer through Philadelphia by purchasing tickets via the new Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all rail line from points in Pennsylvania.

Clem Weiss had a narrow escape from drowning on Wednesday. He was attending the Sunday School picnic at Rupert, and in company with Barton Lazarus and Arthur Ohl jumped in a boat on the canal, above the mill bridge. By some means the boat was upset, and all were thrown in the water. Two of them swam ashore but Weiss could not swim, and before he was rescued he was unconscious. Dr. Purman succeeded in resuscitating him in a few moments.

Lloyd Gearhart, a young man of Mainville, fell from the train near Mountain Grove last Saturday, and was badly bruised though not severely hurt. His hat blew off while he was passing from one car to another, and in attempting to catch it he fell off the platform.

## J. M. Gidding & Co.

Everything in summer goods at cost to make room for fall shipments.

We are now receiving daily new shipments of fall merchandise. The "Amphion" is the name of the best \$2.50 hat ever sold in town. We are retailing it at \$1.90 in the new fall shapes. Colors, black, and brown.

We also received this week five different shapes of Derby hats:

The "Bradford,"  
The "Durston,"  
The "Lorando,"  
The "Philadelphia,"  
and Young Bros. New York Hats.

All being the very newest shapes out, \$3.00. When you want your new hat come and see our stock if only to get posted.

New fancy front shirts with white bodies just received.



### A Well Known Landlord Dead.

Daniel Morris, the well known landlord, died at his home in Catawissa township Wednesday morning last week at 8 o'clock, after an illness of a little over two weeks, aged 66 years. His last illness started from the cutting of a corn, from which blood poisoning set in and was soon complicated with other diseases. The funeral took place on Friday at 10 o'clock, interment at Trinity M. E. church, Rev. G. S. Womer officiating.

Deceased was born in Bloody Run, Bedford county, coming to this section of the State when a young man as a stage driver between Sunbury and Pottsville by the way of Bear Gap. In 1857 he moved to Numidia, and with but short intervals had lived in the valley ever since. He has been engaged in farming, dealing in horses and mules, and keeping hotel during his residence in this county, and was probably as well known to the public as any man on the south side. He was twice married, and is survived by thirteen children. He was a genial, big-hearted man, and his death will be deeply mourned by a host of friends.—Item.

### Sleeps in Two Counties at Once.

There is probably but one person in the State of Pennsylvania, says the Philadelphia Record, who can boast that he sleeps with his head in one county and feet in another. Joseph Wilson, of near Allentown, who is at the present time studying at the Philadelphia school of Design, claims that when he is at home he rests with his head in Lehigh county and his feet in Northampton. He says the house he lives in stands on the dividing line of the two counties and his bed lies directly across the line. There is also a bed in the same house which is bisected from head to foot by the county line, so that two persons may lie side by side in it and yet be in two different counties.

The last excursion to Southern New Jersey Sea Shore points via Pennsylvania Railroad August 20th will no doubt be well patronized. The rates are extremely liberal considering the accommodations offered.

### A Big Dividend.

Those who subscribed to the fund for the entertainment of the State Teachers' Association, were surprised last Friday to receive a letter enclosing a check for 57 per cent. of the amount subscribed. The committee on finance consisted of W. S. Moyer, Dr. Reber and J. M. Clark. The amount subscribed was \$554.25, and the amount expended, \$238.33.

The Lucky Holder of Ticket 16119 Which Won Gidding & Co's. Pony Outfit Has at Last Appeared.

Last Friday morning bright and early a youngster of 11, Gene Robison together with his brother and father came into Gidding & Co's. establishment and held out ticket 16119 which won the pony outfit they had so generously offered as an advertisement. He drove the pony home and it is now a fixture of Espy.

### One Letter Wrought the Havoc.

A certain bachelor editor of a northern Iowa town is in a predicament, so an exchange avers, as the result of a careless proof-reader. Having occasion to apologize to his readers for a delay in issuing his paper, he wrote: "We beg the indulgence of our readers for being a day late this week. Our failure to get out on time was on account of the physical demoralization of the editor, caused by sleeping too close to the boarding-house window." The cussed compositor set the last word "widow," and the proof-reader failed to discover the omission of the "n."

Those desiring to go to Atlantic City on the Pennsylvania Railroad Excursion August 20th will remember the opening of the new Delaware River Bridge Route makes it possible for Excursionists via Pennsylvania Railroad to go through to Atlantic City without transfer through Philadelphia.

A policeman captured a pug dog without a muzzle last Saturday morning, and took it to the pound. Whose it was, and whether it was claimed or killed, we did not learn.

The Girton family reunion is being held to-day at Rupert.