

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Proceedings of the Reconvened Convention,
Held at Harrisburg September 10th.

The convention was called to order at one o'clock last Thursday by state chairman Garman, in the Opera House at Harrisburg. Captain John B. Keenan of Greensburg was elected chairman and made a speech. He said:

"In beginning I should perhaps apologize to the convention," he said, "for disobeying the orders of the caucus at Chicago and voting for Bryan. The Chicago convention not only changed a great many men's minds on the currency question, but it also changed the minds of a great many men on other questions. We in the East believed that in the East the star of Democracy was ascending. But we found at Chicago that the Democrats of the West and South were the courageous and patriotic men of the country. We found there the Eastern Democrats assembled for the purpose of accomplishing the election of McKinley. There is a great difference of opinion as to which Jefferson the Jeffersonian Democracy of Pennsylvania is named after. Some think it is Thomas Jefferson, while others believe it is Jefferson Davis.

"The Republicans make the pretense that they are in favor of international bimetalism. This is a fraudulent pretense, however, as no speaker advocates bimetalism, and no date is fixed when bimetalism is to take effect. On the other hand the Democratic party declares freely and frankly for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and offers to the people a definite plan for the improvement of the financial condition, which is worse to-day than at any time for fifty years. We are criticized for abusing the supreme court. Gentlemen, we do not unduly criticize the supreme court. The supreme court criticizes itself.

Mr. Keenan made an able defense of the income tax. He said this law protected the poor man; and the rich man, who gets his wealth from the efforts of the workmen, surely has no cause to complain. "If the Populists of the South and West are good enough for the Republicans to combine with," Mr. Keenan went on, "I believe the Populists of the North and East are good enough for the Democrats to combine with. I want to see the common enemy fought with the most effective weapons and I therefore believe the position of the Democrats in Pennsylvania would be strengthened by the fusion with the Populists which is now offered us.

"Before election day comes the gold men of Pennsylvania, irrespective of party, will be united on one ticket in every close congressional district, and I therefore urge that the silver men do likewise. This will result, I know, in carrying many a doubtful district for the cause of silver."

Nearly an hour was spent in making up the roll on account of the large number of substitutes. Colonel William Hayes Grier, of Columbia, raised a lively breeze when Lancaster county was reached by challenging the right of Mr. Given to name a substitute. "Given is chairman of the state committee of the so-called Jeffersonian-Herr-Most-bankers' party," said Colonel Grier. This declaration was greeted with loud cheering and applause.

"He is here," continued Mr. Grier, "but has not the courage to appear as a delegate and name in his place a printer from his newspaper shop named Guy W. Ferguson, who is a gold bug simply because he is ordered to be one. Lancaster also contests the seat of George B. Willson, who was a delegate to the Indianapolis convention. Surely there is no room here for a man who participated in that convention."

Chairman Keenan referred the colonel's objection to the credentials committee. That body met at the close of the recess and recognized the justice of Grier's claims by promptly unseating Ferguson and Thome.

When the call of the roll was completed Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming, moved that all contests be settled on the floor of the convention. He explained that if his motion were adopted there would be no need for committees on credentials and resolutions and that it would expedite business. William J. Brennan, of Pittsburg, objected to dragging the contests into the convention and insisted on the appointment of resolutions and credentials committees. Speeches on the motion were also made by a half dozen delegates, then it was defeated and the convention took a recess for an hour.

When the convention reassembled Mr. Ritter presented the report of the resolutions committee. The first spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm was at the mention of Bryan's name in the reading of the platform. Delegates and spectators all over the hall rose in one body and cheered, waved their hats and clapped their hands. This was kept up for fully five minutes. The convention was wild with joy during the reading of the platform.

The platform as adopted follows:

STORY OF AN EPILEPTIC.

A Wealthy Woman of Sodus Bay Relates a Thrilling Experience.

A Sufferer for Thirty Years—Treated by Eminent Specialists—Relief from an Unexpected Source.

There is scarcely a child in Western New York, who has survived eight summers, who has not spent at least several months of that time at one of the many beautiful resorts of Sodus Bay. It is here that the canoe clubs spend their annual outings, it is here that the yacht clubs of Lake Ontario hold their annual regattas, and it is here that the Soldiers' and Sailors' associations hold their annual reunions. But in this case as among all others, where gaiety and sport seem to abound so richly, there are often persons who have little interest in their surroundings, beautiful and comfortable as they may be, because of the dreadful effects of some terrible disease which afflicts the unfortunate patient the more severely, because instead of claiming one for a speedy victim it makes life one continual torture by dragging through months and years of lingering pain.

A Journal reporter has heard many reports of wonderful recoveries brought about by a wonderful and effective remedy, and among the more recent cases that of the complete recovery of Mrs. Sarah L. Christian, who resides on the "Bay Shore" several miles beyond Bount Castle. And in order to satisfy himself that the reports of these recoveries in that vicinity were reliable, he set out last Thursday morning about 7 o'clock for Lummisville, the post office address of Mrs. Christian, deciding to spend the day among the beautiful scenery surrounding the bay and to satisfy his curiosity as to the quality of the cure. The drive through Wayne county was a most delightful and exhilarating one and at 2 o'clock he found himself driving along the shore of the bay toward a large residence, the walls and roof of which could just be seen protruding from a clump of magnificent trees, the house having been lately visited by the frosts of October. Suddenly he came upon a broad drive leading to the handsome residence, bounded on either side by double rows of stately elms and with a hillside covered with a large orchard for a background. However impressed he was by the beauty and magnificence of the scene, with the chill blue waters of the lake in front, lashed into a thin white spray by the breeze of the lake, it was not nearly as impressive as the scene which followed as the door opened in response to the call from the "knocker" and the reporter was ushered into the tastefully furnished drawing room by a handsome, healthy lady of about forty-five, and as he noticed the calm look of satisfaction which over spread her face as he announced his mission he was convinced at once that the tale about to be told would be an interesting one.

In response to the preliminary question she said that she "was very glad the reporter had called as she was willing that all afflicted in like manner should know of her recovery and find the same relief that she had found."

She said further: "When I was a mere child five or six years of age I contracted the measles while at school one day and through an untimely exposure to a draught I caught a severe cold and was quite ill for many weeks, and when I was again able to be about I was an epileptic and also subject to severe spells of nervous prostration. At this time my parents did not consider the matter very seriously, thinking that I was merely outgrowing the symptoms which now claimed me as their prey. But as time wore on and I became no better they began to see their folly and the family physician was called and consulted anew as to the best course to pursue in my case. He prescribed for me and examined me regularly, but this medicine was of little avail and I found myself growing more nervous and dreading the spells when I should be overcome by my trouble. After they became convinced that he could afford me no relief they called in physicians from neighboring villages and for a time perhaps the new prescriptions and change of treatment would have a good effect, but it was only a matter of one or two months when I would find myself worse off than when I began the treatment. This matters ran on, and no one knows how intensely I suffered at times and

how much I wished that I might leave it all behind. After marrying Mr. Christian, he decided that the hundreds of dollars which my parents had expended on me had been wasted and decided to place me under the care of a physician with more experience and a greater name. This was done and when he failed to help me another was consulted, until tiring of physicians of general practice, my husband placed me under the care of an eminent specialist. But this treatment was as fruitless as the previous ones had been, and we were obliged to give it up after spending many hundreds of dollars and much time. My condition grew rapidly worse, and I became so weak that I was hardly able to be about the house, and generally was confined to my bed at least three days per week.

"It was one day in October, about four years ago after spending my life in hours of untold agony and dreariness, that as I was recovering from a very severe attack of the epilepsy, and was lying upon a lounge in my room weak and discouraged and exceedingly nervous, that my husband handed me a paper seeking to divert my attention from my condition for a few moments. After looking the first page over in a listless manner my eyes caught the heading of an article and carelessly I read of the recovery of a woman in New England by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. At first I did not feel interested for I had reached a point where I never expected to find even the slightest relief for my tired body and mind. But I soon discovered that the symptoms in this case had been similar to my own and I handed the paper back to my husband asking him to read it and as a result of our reading the testimonial he decided to procure a package of the Pink Pills the next day, which he did. I then began taking them with great regularity according to the directions, and though the first package effected no marked change in my condition we thought there was a slight improvement, and he purchased another. Well, you see I had reached a point where the specialist failed to benefit me and my condition was desperate you can imagine. But after I commenced on the second package there was a marked improvement, and it continued until in about three months after I first began taking them I felt better than I could ever remember having felt before. Continuing to take them during the winter months I became entirely cured of the epilepsy and when spring and summer came I was in as fine a condition for enjoying the sports of this beautiful spot as any one who came here. I am completely cured from my former attacks and though sometimes subject to slight nervous spells I always find ready relief from one or two of Dr. Williams' Pills. I always keep them in a convenient place, and my children, too, are often benefited by this, to me the most wonderful and blessed remedy ever put up."

And in order to clinch the story the reporter inquired if she would be willing to take her affidavit and to confirm the story beyond all doubt, to which she readily assented.

SARAH L. CHRISTIAN,
CORNER OF WAYNE.

Mrs. Sarah L. Christian, being duly sworn says that the foregoing statement according to the best of her knowledge and belief is true.

MRS. SARAH L. CHRISTIAN,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October, 1895.

GEORGE D. YORK,
Notary Public.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain in a condensed form all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in cases where they called in physicians from neighboring villages and for a time perhaps the new prescriptions and change of treatment would have a good effect, but it was only a matter of one or two months when I would find myself worse off than when I began the treatment. This matters ran on, and no one knows how intensely I suffered at times and

On behalf of those we represent we enter our earnest protest against the action of this body accomplished and proposed.

We speak for those members of the Allentown convention constituting a large proportion of that body who refuse to surrender Democratic principles or to accept the substituted heresies of Populism.

We deny the right of this convention to change a line of the body of sound Democratic doctrine unanimously proclaimed at Allentown by the authorized convention of our party.

We protest against the unlawful organization of this body in violation of party rules, and against your arbitrary action in unseating lawful delegates for the offense of fidelity to Democratic principles and the substitution of others whose only claim to recognition lies in their abandonment of Democratic doctrines.

We especially protest against your substitution of the so-called Chicago platform for the Allentown declaration of principles.

We conceive the declarations of the Chicago convention to be unpatriotic, vicious and undemocratic.

On all the pressing questions of the hour they violate Democratic doctrine, subvert Democratic precedent, falsify Democratic history, and trample on Democratic purposes and aims.

For one hundred years under the teachings of Jefferson, Jackson, Benton, Tilden and Cleveland our party has maintained an unbroken front in the battle for sound money, correct financial principles and the sanctity and inviolability of private and public obligations.

All the legislation to be found on the Federal statute books, securing the blessings of sound currency to our people is the fruit of Democratic thought and enacted by Democratic administrations.

All schemes for the issue of fiat money for the debasement of our currency and consequent repudiation of

obligations have come from our political opponents and against constant and consistent Democratic resistance.

We have ever denounced and opposed all such propositions. In this opposition we propose to continue to the end.

We are ready to battle with those who have stolen the name and the banners of our party and would prostitute them to the purposes of Populism and repudiation.

We denounce the action of the Chicago convention in refusing to endorse the wise, pure and patriotic administration of Grover Cleveland.

In relieving the people from oppressive tariff laws, in purifying the civil service, in maintaining untarnished its financial credit he has served his country and brought honor upon his party. In refusing to recognize and applaud these public services of a Democratic president the convention but discredited itself and honored him by contrast.

Conceding to the citizen the greatest freedom in criticism of the judicial action, we denounce the threat to reorganize the supreme court of the nation, to make it subservient to party behests as little short of revolution and a most dangerous attack on a coordinate branch of government, which affords the people the surest safeguard against political fanaticism.

We believe that honest labor striving for the highest measure of reward is entitled to sympathy and support in all its proper efforts to that end.

We believe that organized labor is not responsible for the disturbances of the peace so often attendant upon such movements; nevertheless we regard the maintenance of public order and peace, the suppression of riot and the protection of property and life as one of the first and most important functions of government.

When unlawful assaults are made against federal laws it is the right and the duty of the federal government to protect itself and enforce its laws without dependence upon the consent of any state.

To establish this principle the war against the rebellion was fought and won at too great a sacrifice to permit it to be questioned now.

If disregarding our protests and the rights of the Democracy of Pennsylvania this convention insists upon engrafting these undemocratic doctrines in your platform, we reluctantly, but unalterably declare that we cannot follow it in this dishonoring and disastrous venture.

Ex-Congressman Sowden offered a resolution unseating National Committeeman Harity. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, The delegates to this convention assembled at Allentown, April 29, 1896, elected delegates to the national Democratic convention, which delegates selected William F. Harity as a member of the national committee, and

WHEREAS, The said William F. Harity has publicly declared that he has retired from politics and he has not participated in the deliberations of the said committee since his election.

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Hon. James K. Jones, the chairman of the national Democratic committee, is hereby requested to exercise his prerogative under the rules governing said national committee, declare a vacancy and appoint a successor to the said William F. Harity, who will be in hearty sympathy with the Chicago ticket and platform, until such time as the state central committee shall fill said vacancy, under rule 12 of the rules governing the organization of the party in this state.

The introduction of this resolution created another exciting scene and dozens of delegates were on their feet at once, endeavoring to make motions. Finally Magistrate Charles P. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, was recognized, and he moved that it be laid on the table. Mr. Howley, of Pittsburg, the chairman of the Allegheny county delegation, seconded the motion. An aye and nay vote was taken, which resulted 171 ayes and 167 noes, and the resolution was tabled.

D. C. DeWitt, chairman of the committee on part of the state Democratic committee to confer with the People's party state committee, presented the following report:

We, the sub-committee of the Democratic state committee, appointed to confer with the executive committee of the People's party, report as follows: The said committee of the People's party have submitted the following:

To the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, greeting.

We, the undersigned, executive committee of the People's party of Pennsylvania, clothed with plenary power by the state convention of said party, held in Pittsburg, August 5, 1896, with a view to insuring the electoral vote of Pennsylvania for William Jennings Bryan for president, do respectfully submit for your consideration, the following proposition:

If the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, through its authorized representatives, will agree to place upon its electoral ticket this year, the names of four (4) representative Popu-



"Check it!"

**Battle Ax
&
PLUG**

If he had bought a 5 cent piece he would have been able to take it with him. There is no use buying more than a 5 cent piece of "Battle Ax." A 10 cent piece is most too big to carry, and the 3 cent piece is nearly as large as the 10-cent piece of other high grade tobaccos.

"He that works easily works successfully." 'Tis very easy to clean house with

SAPOLIO

Papers are Useful Things.

"Give us a few exchanges, will you boss, please?" was the request of a tramp as he poked his nose into our office the other morning. His face, neck and hands were as brown as a Westphalia ham, and he was of the genus that makes the same request a hundred times a year. Newspapers are useful to tramps. These cool nights, when they sleep out under the stars, a newspaper is a welcome addition to their clothing. Put on under the coat or other garment it affords a great deal of protection against the chilly atmosphere. Besides this, a late daily newspaper makes a good swap for a breakfast with some farmer back from the railroad, where newspapers are none too plenty.

One advantage of taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla to purify the blood is that you need not infringe upon your hours of labor nor deny yourself any food that agrees with you. In a word, you are not compelled to starve or loaf while taking it. These are recommendations worth considering.

Don't Use Hot Iron on Your Hair. Young girls seem to have only two modes of arranging the hair from which to choose. It is unwise to use the iron or the crimping pin on the hair of growing girls; the most fashionable women understand this, and insist until the debut has been made, a girl must wear her hair in one of the two styles; it may be parted and braided in two plats tied with narrow ribbon, or it may be rolled off the face, braided in one plat, looped and tied with a black ribbon after the Cadogan fashion.—September Ladies' Home Journal.

Resolutions authorizing the state chairman to select a resident secretary in the city where the state committee's headquarters are located and giving the state executive committee power to fill any vacancies on the ticket that may occur were adopted, and after the selection of the nominees the convention adjourned.

DeWitt C. DeWitt, of Towanda, and Jerome T. Ailman, of Juniata, were nominated by acclamation for congress-at-large. Mr. Ailman takes the place of Benjamin C. Potts, of Media, and Mr. DeWitt that of John M. Braden, of Washington, both of whom have withdrawn. Ailman was nominated for congress-at-large by the Populists at their state convention recently at Pittsburg.

The vacancies caused by the withdrawals of William M. Singery, Philadelphia; George W. Guthrie, Philadelphia, and James Denton Hancock, Franklin, electors-at-large, were filled by Thomas Delahunty, Philadelphia; Thomas Sterrett, Sterrettania, and Louis N. Ireland, Allegheny. The last two are Populists and were recommended by the state committee of the People's party. Mr. Delahunty is a Democrat.

The Populist electors on the ticket as constituted by the convention are Dr. John J. Taylor, Philadelphia, and Robert A. Thompson, Indiana. John H. Kennan, Philadelphia, was substituted as an elector for Samuel Dickson; James J. King for John M. Campbell; Michael Delaney, Chester, for Mayor John B. Hickson; Thomas McCullough, Philadelphia, for James J. Ryan; Samuel W. Black, Pittsburg, for Judson J. Brooks, and Charles D. Kaier, Schuylkill, for Charles F. King.

Don't Use Hot Iron on Your Hair.

As if a brick were lying in my stomach" is the description by a dyspeptic of his feeling after eating. This is one of the commonest symptoms of indigestion. If you have it, take Shaker Digestive Cordial. Not only this symptom, but all the symptoms of indigestion are cured by Shaker Digestive Cordial. So many medicines to cure this one disorder. Only one that can be called successful, because only one that acts in a simple, natural, and yet scientific way. Shaker Digestive Cordial. Purely vegetable, and containing no dangerous ingredients, Shaker Digestive Cordial tones up, strengthens, and restores to health all the digestive organs. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 a bottle.