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## STRAY SHOTS

Topics of Interest. Here, There, and Everywhere.

Apropos of what was said last week about extravagance in granting pensions, we clip the following from the Philadelphia Times.

Our pensions paid since the close of the war in 1865 to the close of the fiscal year, 1896-7, aggregate \$2,004,172,841.

The entire cost of maintaining the army and navy during the four years of our civil war was only \$3,027,793,391, or about one-third more than has been paid in pensions since the war closed. It is reasonable to assume that on our present pension basis the country will pay more for pensions than it paid for the entire cost of four years of war.

A generation after the war closed, the number of pensioners on the pay roll of the government is nearly 250,000 larger than the number of soldiers and sailors actually engaged in the war at any one time from its beginning to its close.

If these pensions were entirely honest there would be less discontent among those who pay the cost of them, but it is a well-known fact that a very large portion of them are dishonest, and tens of millions are paid annually to those who rendered no special service to the government and have no just claim upon its bounty for pensions. The one important duty the soldiers of the country have not performed to themselves is that of purging the pension list of bummers and pretenders.

It is claimed now that the new rules were not adopted by the Democratic county convention last week. The rules can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the convention. The ballots used at the delegate election contained at the bottom a place for the voter to express his choice of the manner of nominating, either by the delegate system or by the highest vote, but there was not a full vote on the question, many of the voters failing to express a choice. There are many other changes in the new rules, on which there was no expression of choice, and no place on the ballot where a choice could be indicated. This expression of choice by the voters was not binding on the convention, but merely to indicate the wish of the people, and the delegates were free to vote as they pleased. It appears from the proceedings that no vote was taken by the convention on the change of rules. A motion was made and seconded that the new rules be adopted. Some discussion followed, and then without putting the question to a vote, chairman Kshinka announced that as the vote at the polls was overwhelmingly in favor of a change, the new rules were adopted. The rule in force at the time of this action is as follows:

"These rules or any one or more of them may be altered, amended, or rescinded at any regular convention by a vote of two thirds of the whole number of delegates to the convention."

As there was no vote at all by the delegates, it may become a serious question whether the rules have been changed, and whether the nominations next year of President Judge, Senator, Congressman, and Representatives, are to be made under the old or the new rules.

It is in no spirit of quibbling nor of opposition to the new rules that these remarks are made, but because we believe it would be a dangerous precedent to establish that the long-existing rules of the party can be changed in some other way than that prescribed by the rules themselves.

A communication on this subject is printed on another page.

### Centralia's Boom.

The carpenters employed in erecting the new breaker at Centralia are working night and day and it will soon be completed. The work of sinking a new shaft at the old Continental colliery to reclaim a rich deposit of coal is progressing rapidly. These two collieries will give employment to almost 3,000 men and boys and will be a boom to Centralia.

The official report that 85 per cent. of the men in the navy are Americans by birth or naturalization is gratifying to national pride and, probably, a guarantee of national safety, so far as it goes. It is natural for men to fight better for their own country than for another, and, therefore, it is well that battle ships shall be manned by their own nationality.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

### GOOD ATTENDANCE.

J. U. Kurtz, Nominated for Associate Judge, Drawford for Jury Commissioner and Davis for Coroner.

H. A. McKillip, Chosen County Chairman.

The Republican County Convention convened in the Court House Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

The retiring county chairman W. D. Beckley called the meeting to order and instructed H. A. McKillip to read the convention call, after which nominations for temporary chairman were in order and R. S. Bowman of Berwick, and R. C. McCollum of Scott were named. The roll was called, and the delegates voting after their names were announced. The vote was as follows:

Bowman 60. McCollum 35.

Bowman was declared elected and took the chair. He addressed the convention for a few minutes, thanking the delegates for the honor of being allowed to preside over the meeting, and using the words of the great commander, Grant "Let us have peace," announced that he was ready for nominations.

A. L. Rinard and W. E. Rinker were chosen secretaries, with A. W. Duy, as reading clerk.

The chairman called for the roll of delegates, who responded as follows:

Beaver—Philip Raybuch, C. W. Stead.

Benton Boro.—C. A. Edson, I. E. Patterson.

Benton Twp.—J. E. Edson, N. W. Hess.

Berwick N. E.—H. F. Trough, L. G. Hagenbuch.

Berwick S. E.—F. A. Witman, Harry Wanich.

Berwick N. W.—R. S. Bowman, W. E. Ehns.

Berwick S. W.—J. H. Catterall, Eli Sherwood.

Bloom 1st—J. C. Brown, C. W. McKelvey, Sr., W. E. Rinker.

Bloom 2nd—Geo. T. Christ, Chas. Coffman, Sam'l Pursel, Wm. Hehl.

Bloom 3rd—Jacob Stiner, Roy Ralston, H. Gearinger, Chas. Savitts, H. D. Edgar.

Bloom 4th—Chas. Turney, B. F. Sharpless, Dan Kashner.

Briar Creek—W. L. Houck, W. W. Furman.

Catawissa Boro.—O. D. L. Kostenbauder, A. L. Rinard, L. J. Albus, Geo. A. Schmink.

Catawissa Twp.—Henry Roberts, Jerry Sassaman.

Centralia 1st—Jno. White, Walter Haas.

Centralia 2nd—G. W. Davis, W. W. Heffner.

Centre—E. Ringrose, T. D. Strouse.

Cleveland—John Parker, C. Honoberger.

Conyngam W.—Alfred Barr, Ed. Jasper.

Conyngam S. E.—Jas. Garrity, Wm. Dunlavy.

Conyngam S. W.—G. W. Shaffer, Al. Fetterolf.

Conyngam E. N.—A. J. Barrett, O. McDonough.

Conyngam W. N.—Elmer Manhardt, J. Kostenbauder.

Fishing Creek E.—P. J. Weaver, J. J. Mather.

Fishing Creek W.—Wm. Pursell, Jas. Trump.

Franklin—Jerry Kostenbauder, Thos. Mensch.

Greenwood E.—W. P. Ikeler, D. Albertson.

Greenwood W.—P. Patterson, J. C. Parker.

Hemlock—B. T. Pursel, J. S. Neyhart.

Jackson—Z. A. Butt, E. F. Strauch.

Locust—M. S. Parker, Aaron Yoder.

Madison—J. E. Cottner, Wm. Greenly.

Main—C. I. Keyser, Harry Low.

Mifflin—A. B. Yohe, C. W. Bowman.

Millville—W. C. Eves, M. N. Moser.

Montour—E. E. Mears, S. B. Bowman.

Mt. Pleasant—Clint Crawford, J. J. Crawford.

Orange—H. Schaeffer, L. C. Williams.

Pine N.—H. T. Greenly, A. Bennett.

Pine S.—R. M. Potter, G. U. Moser.

Roaring Creek—I. W. Cherrington, Wm. Hampton.

Scott E.—O. D. Price, N. W. Fowler.

Scott W.—Jerry Williner, Wm. Robins.

Sugarloaf N.—U. Golder, Taylor Meeker.

Sugarloaf S.—R. E. Hess, J. W. Sutliff.

### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Beaver—C. B. Noetling.

Benton Boro.—C. A. Edson.

Benton Twp.—J. E. Edson.

Berwick N. E.—H. F. Traugh.

Berwick S. E.—F. A. Whitman.

Berwick N. W.—R. S. Bowman.

Berwick S. W.—J. I. Catterall.

Bloom 1st—H. A. McKillip.

Bloom 2nd—A. W. Duy.

Bloom 3rd—W. D. Beckley.

Bloom 4th—Daniel Karshner.

Briar Creek—W. L. Houck.

Catawissa Twp.—Wm. Whitmer.

Catawissa Boro.—Adam Truckenmiller.

Centralia 1st—William Griffith.

Centralia 2nd—D. E. Keller.

Centre—Z. T. Fowler.

Cleveland—John Parker.

Conyngam E. N.—A. J. Barrett.

Conyngam W. N.—J. Kostenbauder.

Conyngam W.—Frank Stevitts.

Conyngam S. W.—Alf. Fetterolf.

Conyngam S. E.—Wm. Dunlavy.

Fishing Creek E.—J. M. Buckalew.

Fishing Creek W.—Jas. Trump.

Franklin—E. C. Mensch.

Greenwood E.—J. W. Mather.

Greenwood W.—P. K. Patterson.

Hemlock—John Neyhart.

Jackson—Z. A. Butt.

Locust—C. S. W. Fox.

Madison—R. G. Greenley.

Main—Harvey Lome.

Mifflin—Geo. Zimmerman.

Millville—F. W. Heller.

Montour—E. E. Mears.

Mt. Pleasant—J. J. Crawford.

Orange—J. O. Ikeler.

Pine N.—H. F. Greenley.

Pine S.—W. H. Hayman.

Roaring Creek—I. W. Cherrington.

Scott E.—M. R. Miller.

Scott W.—Joseph E. Zigler.

Sugarloaf N.—Ezra Stevens.

Sugarloaf S.—J. N. Pennington.

On motion of J. C. Brown the temporary organization was made permanent.

The chairman appointed the following five persons as a committee on resolutions: J. C. Brown, C. A. Edson, Geo. W. Davis, Jno. J. Mather and W. L. Houck.

Nominations for Associate Judge were now in order and J. U. Kurtz of Berwick was the unanimous choice.

Mr. Kurtz being called upon for a speech came forward and his talk of a few minutes was loudly cheered.

Mr. Leshar asked permission of the floor, which request was granted. He said the name of J. U. Kurtz was above reproach that the convention in nominating him for Associate Judge had certainly made a wise selection, and asked all the republicans of the county stand together and make one grand effort in order to secure his election.

The names of J. J. Crawford and J. J. Hayman were mentioned for Jury Commissioner, and the chairman announced that the standing committee would make the nomination at the meeting to be held after the convention.

For Coroner, L. W. Davis of Centralia was nominated without opposition.

J. C. Brown then read the report of the committee on resolutions.

No further business, the convention adjourned, after which the standing committee held a meeting for the purpose of electing a county chairman. It was rather expected that there would be a big fight between H. A. McKillip and Fred K. Crissman for County Chairman, but when the time came Crissman was not in sight and McKillip was unanimously elected. Thus Quay secures another victory.

### WALKED IN THE CANAL.

Burrow Parks, nine-teen years of age, son of James Parks, of Eighth Street was drowned in the canal above the old Neal furnace Wednesday morning. The young man had been subject to violent fits and it is supposed that one of these spells was the cause of the act. The body was recovered from the water. There was no inquest held, as the Squire thought it unnecessary. James Parks, the father of the young man who went up the creek at the time, but was sent for at once, and arrived home in the afternoon.

### OCEAN GROVE.

For those desiring to visit Ocean Grove (Asbury Park) during Camp Meeting no better opportunity offers than to go on Pennsylvania Railroad Excursion Wednesday, August 25th. Rates are low and accommodations first class.

## THE RACE MEET.

C. W. Krick's Fast Time.

### LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Saturday was a beautiful day and about twenty-five hundred passed through the gate at the Columbia County Fair grounds to witness the third annual race meet of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen. A strong wind on the stretch was the cause for considerable loafing but the finishes were all very fast. C. W. Krick of Sinking Springs, won the three mile handicap, which was the most exciting race ever seen here. He started from the scratch and finished in 7.11½, being only 1½ seconds away from the world's amateur record.

One of the special attractions was J. N. Gibbons, a member of the University team. His trick riding was a highly enjoyable feature of the meet. Harry Beckley, son of W. D. Beckley, of this town, also gave a very clever exhibition of trick riding.

In the stewards' race, between John Green and Dave Boughton, the former was an easy winner. The race was two miles and Green was easily a half mile ahead of Boughton at the finish. Davy was somewhat out of humor at the result of the race and he challenged his rival for another half mile. The challenge was accepted, and the two started off at a speedy gait. Davy led for about the first quarter, but a severe pain in his side, he says, prevented him from keeping up the push, and he was badly beaten. Following is the summaries:

One Mile Novice.—Eleven starters. First, Chester Lee Miller of Bloomsburg; second, D. A. Hall; third, George Grey of Danville. Time 2:38½.

Half Mile Open.—First heat nine starters. First, Earl Bovee of Binghamton; second, E. L. Van Valkenburg of Pittston; third, Robert V. White of Scranton; pace, C. W. Krick of Sinking Springs. Time 1:08.

Second heat—nine starters. First, Chas. E. Coleman of Scranton; second, F. P. Gstaider of Allentown; third, C. G. Stewart of Harrisburg; pace, H. C. Jewell of Bloomsburg. Time 1:08.

Final heat—first, Robert V. White; second, Chas. E. Coleman; third, Earl Bovee. Time 1:21½.

Two Mile Lap Race.—Eleven starters. First, C. W. Krick of Sinking Springs; second, E. L. Van Valkenburg of Pittston; third, Craig Stewart of Harrisburg. Time 5:04½.

Five Mile Handicap.—First heat eleven starters. First, J. C. Dawkins of Scranton, 120 yards; second, George Harry of Berwick, 90 yards; third, W. L. Fullmer of Williamsport, 80 yards; fourth, D. A. Hall of Sunbury, 130 yards. Time 2:12½.

Second heat—ten starters. First, C. E. Coleman of Scranton, 35 yards; second, A. J. Seifert of Harrisburg, 60 yards; third, G. M. Sarvey of Berwick, 130 yards; fourth, H. C. Jewell of Bloomsburg, 80 yards. Time 2:19.

Final heat—first, George Harry of Berwick; second, Chas. E. Coleman; third, H. C. Jewell. Time 2:20½.

Mile Open.—First heat seven starters. First, C. W. Krick of Sinking Springs; second, E. L. Van Valkenburg of Pittston; third, B. F. Keller of Scranton; pace, Craig Stewart of Harrisburg. Time 2:55½.

Second heat—six starters. First, Earl Bovee of Binghamton; second, Robert V. White of Scranton; third, H. P. Strong of Scranton, pace, Wm. McMichael of Berwick. Time 2:18½.

Final heat—first, C. W. Krick; second, Craig Stewart; third, E. L. Van Valkenburg.

Three Mile Handicap.—First, C. W. Krick of Sinking Springs, scratch; second, C. G. Stewart of Harrisburg, 30 yards; third, E. L. Van Valkenburg of Pittston, 100 yards; fourth, Frank Ratchford of Williamsport, 175 yards. Time 7:11½.

Mrs. Paul E. Wirt gave a very pleasant dance on Thursday evening in honor of Fred and Ralph E. Lum of Chatham, N. J., who are visiting her son Karl. Among those present from out of town were Miss Helen Magill, Danville; Miss Marie C. Packer, Sunbury; Miss Esther Kendig, Lancaster; Miss Maude Patterson, Berwick; Miss McHenry, Stillwater; Miss Lillian Rischel, Catawissa; Miss Gillies, Ithaca, N. Y.; Mr. Fred Lum, Mr. Ralph Lum, Chatham, N. J.

C. S. Furman has been awarded a medal of honor for bravery at Devil's Den, Gettysburg. He was a member of Company A, Sixth Penna. Reserves, and he and five others captured twelve rebel sharpshooters.

# GIDDING'S

## August Reductions

Are now the rule throughout our store.

### STRAW HATS.

50 cent kinds	=	39 cents.
75 " " "	=	50 " "
\$1.00 " "	=	75 " "
\$1.25 and 1.50 kinds	=	\$1.00

### BOYS' WASH SUITS.

\$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50 grades, 75 CTS.

Special prices on Golf Hose and Sweaters, to close.

### Men's soft bosom Shirts, white collar and cuff bands, 39 cts.

### Medium weight Men's Suits, suitable for cool weather, at Special Prices.

# Gidding's

### BASE BALL.

Reviewing the work of the home team last week it was not so bad after all. It is true they lost three straight games away from home, but they redeemed themselves to a considerable extent by lowering the colors of Williamsport on Friday and Sunbury the leaders on Saturday. The attendance at the games, while fairly good is not near as large as the quality of ball the boys are putting up deserve. The management is sinking money, procuring players that can play fast ball and if possible bring the pennant to Bloomsburg, but the town people, or some of them at least think that good players can be had and the salaries paid without any gate receipts, as many men, who it is known are receiving a salary of \$60 and \$70 a month are viewing every game from the outside of the fence. We all want to see Bloomsburg finish the season, and the only way to help the management along is to pay a quarter, go through the gate, and give those beautiful young trees on the outside of the fence a chance to grow.

We defeated Williamsport on Friday very easily. Lloyd started in to twirl for the visitors, but it only took two innings to convince him that he had run up against a circumstance, and Pop Ansell took his place. The latter did fairly well for two innings, but the Birds soon got on to his curves and the way they straightened them out for the old man caused a depressed look to cover his face, and I don't think its any guess work to say that "Ans" old boy was glad when the game was over. Smith of Wilkesbarre, took charge of the pitcher's box for us, and the cranks are all of the opinion that he will do. There were four home runs made, Seavers, Goodhart, Patchen and Watts each having one to their credit. Score:

Bloomsburg	140012304-15173
Williamsport	011000010-394

Batteries, Smith and Patchen; Lloyd, Ansell and Hickey. Umpire, Stovey.

Saturday's game was unquestionably the best played here this season. A large crowd was present and they certainly received their money's worth. Although we had a lead of four runs up to the seventh inning, the ninth

looked very bad indeed, in that inning the visitors secured three hits in rapid succession, which filled the bases with nobody out. The next man up struck out, the second hit a hot grounder to Watts who threw the runner out at first base, while the third ended the suspense by hitting one high in the air, and was gathered in by Chamberlin, in right field. The game was a heartbreaker all the way through, and caused a great deal of uneasiness among the "fans." Score:

Bloomsburg	100001200-470
Sunbury	00000011-2103

Batteries, Hepting and Patchen, Gartside and Reber. Umpires, Lipp and Everson.

### CAMP CONTENT, Aug., 16th, '97.

Camp life continues pleasant, with fine weather, and plenty to do to keep away dullness or monotony. Visitors arrive almost daily either from the country near by or the County Seat, with so many inhabitants longing for just such a cosy, cool retreat as this island has been proven to be. Owing to the departure of two families,—those of C. B. Gunton, and Rev. McLinn for Bloomsburg the camp was very thinly populated for two days,—last Thursday and Friday; Mr. Quick and his household being the sole occupants, but now the absentees are beginning to come in again and the expression upon their arrival is, "O it seems like coming home again."

The fish, or the swim through the day. A pleasant ride in the boat, playing croquet or pitching quoits, sitting down to tables laden with good things to satisfy the appetite, gathering dry wood for the linger campfire around which the campers sit and talk or sing in the evening, make up the pleasures and occupations of the day or night.

The temperature must be many degrees lower on this island with its thick shades, rippling waters and almost constant breeze, than outside places, for the difference in the open field not far away, is very noticeable.

Altogether we shall, I am sure, be all sorry when the time comes to pack up and leave this most pleasant and restful spot, and if our lives are spared, another season will find us more eager than this, to renew the experiences of camp life.

M.