

COUNTY CONVENTION P. O. S. of A. The Northern and Southern Districts Hold Their First Joint Session.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America in Columbia county has heretofore been divided into three districts—the northern, comprising the Camps located above the river; the southern, comprising those between the river and the mountains to the south, and the northern Schuylkill, comprising those in Columbia county south of the mountains.

In response to an invitation from the northern district a joint convention of the northern and southern districts was held in the camp rooms of Camp 540, Catawissa on Tuesday. It is expected that all the camps in Columbia and Montour counties will soon be united in yearly conventions.

Over one hundred delegates and members of the order were assembled when the convention was called to order by C. S. Waltz, of 540, and the opening ode was sung with spirit, followed with prayer by Brother Unangst, of 105.

An address of welcome was delivered by Burgess I. H. Seesholtz, of 540.

Hon. J. U. Kurtz, of 105, Berwick, was unanimously chosen President of the convention; W. C. Thomas, of 635, Iola, and Wilbur Harder, of 540, were chosen Secretaries; the following Vice Presidents were elected: C. J. Fisher, 540, Catawissa; C. E. Whitenight, 319, Bloomsburg; W. H. Hayman, 635, Iola; Millard Eves, 336, Millville; George T. Morehead, 105, Berwick; Chas. Ripple, 23, Canby; C. H. Kingsbury, 684, Millville; Geo. Miller, 374, Rohrsburg; H. H. Brown, 17, Light Street; J. W. Harvey, 672, Elk Grove; D. J. Lewis, 123, Benton; W. J. Smith, 551, Stillwater; W. Kingsbury, 503, Jonestown; Ellis Lowery, 397, Lime Ridge; C. W. Houseman, 205, Roaringcreek; D. W. Snuman, 485, Mainville.

There being no representatives present from camps at Espy, Newlin and Beaver Valley, no Vice Presidents were elected from those camps. Master of Forms, Chas. McAlister, 105; Past President, A. R. Chapman, 503; Vice President, J. W. Perry, 672; Conductor, Henry Stettler, 319; Chaplain, Philip Unangst, 105; Inside Guard, John Barber, 551; Outside Guard, Elwood Yocum, 374; Treasurer, I. H. Seesholtz, 540.

The chair appointed the following committees: On credentials—J. E. Snyder, 684; S. T. Lewis, 635; Geo. Unangst, 105; on resolutions, E. H. Brown, 17; B. F. Ryan, 540; D. F. Pealer, 551; J. W. Perry, 672; Millard Eves, 336.

Statements of the condition of the various camps in the district were listened to by the convention. The reports showed the order in a healthy condition, financially and otherwise. Berwick is the banner camp, having a membership of 399, with a \$12,000 opera house nearly paid for.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on credentials reported the following camps represented: Bloomsburg, 319; Catawissa, 540; Iola, 635; Millville, 336; Berwick, 105; Canby, 23; Millville, 684; Rohrsburg, 374; Light Street, 17; Elk Grove, 672; Benton, 123; Stillwater, 551; Jonestown, 503; Lime Ridge, 397; Roaringcreek, 205; Mainville, 484. Espy, Newlin and Beaver Valley camps were not represented.

On motion of I. H. Seesholtz it was decided to hold another joint convention on Feb. 22, 1899, and that date be fixed as the regular meeting of such joint conventions. The vote was 27 to 3. Bloomsburg was selected as the place of holding the next convention.

At the suggestion of President Kurtz an advisory committee of five was appointed to take into consideration all matters looking to the best interests of the order in the county, and advising when required. The committee is as follows: H. A. Myers, 635; H. V. Hower, 684; U. Myers, 540; G. T. Morehead, 105; H. H. Brown, 17.

Camp 672, Elk Grove, was reported in a peculiar position. The population there is transient, being chiefly employees in the lumber enterprises in that neighborhood, the membership of the camp is mostly of the same class, and while there are members enough in good standing, plenty of money in the treasury, a full outfit of paraphernalia and candidates ready, they cannot get enough of the members there at one time to hold sessions, elect and initiate members. The cases of Espy and Elk Grove camps were referred to the advisory committee for action. Vice Presidents to be ex-officio members of the advisory committee.

On motion of J. W. Perry the right hand of fellowship was extended to Brother W. C. Sholes, Berwick, with the wish that he experience a speedy recovery from his illness. Mr. Sholes is the father of the county convention idea.

The committee on resolutions presented their report, which with some amendments was adopted. The resolutions are as follows: WHEREAS, The United States is

receiving emigrants of all classes, including those who have no love or respect for our free institutions... Resolved, That the P. O. S. of A., of Columbia county, in convention this day assembled, request and urge our member of Congress to use his voice and vote in the passage of the bill now pending before Congress for the restriction of emigration.

Resolved, That we recommend that the Camps of this county secure the erection, according to law, of flags over the various schoolhouses in their districts.

Resolved, That each member present endeavor to secure at least one good, patriotic citizen as a member of this grand and patriotic order in the year 1898.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the suffering Cubans their brave efforts to secure their freedom, and heartily recommend those who are in authority in our country to use all honorable means looking to the speedy termination of the war in liberty's favor.

Resolved, That, with all people of the United States, we deeply mourn the dreadful destruction of the battleship "Maine"; that we extend to the sorrowing friends of its victims of that disaster our deepest sympathy; that, if the investigation in progress discloses any connection therewith on the part of the Spanish government, we will heartily support any measures that our authorities may adopt to call that government to account.

The Secretaries were directed to send a report of the convention's proceedings to each of the county papers and the Camp News.

A collection was taken up to defray the postage and stationery expenses of the convention.

It was decided to invite the Montour county camps to unite in convention with Columbia county on Feb. 22nd, 1899, at Bloomsburg.

The thanks of the convention were extended to Camp 540, Catawissa, for the hospitalities shown the convention.

Before adjournment the convention ate in a half minute's meditation of the catastrophe that occurred at Havana harbor, closing with three cheers for old glory as she went down flying in a foreign harbor, after which the convention adjourned. It was most impressive.

EVENING SESSION.

There was a large attendance at the evening session of members of 540, their wives and sweethearts, visitors and friends. The following is the program:

- Selection.....Prof. Hampton's Orchestra.
Prayer.....Rev. G. M. Klepfer
Selection.....Prof. J. T. Berger.
Opening Address.....Dr. L. B. Kline
Selection.....Orchestra
Address.....Hon. J. U. Kurtz
Welsh Song.....A. H. Kline
Address.....Hon. Wm. T. Creasy
Selection, "Patriotic Medley".....Orchestra.

Refreshments. One minute speeches at the call of the Chairman.

The orchestra came in for a generous share of praise and the speakers were given evidence that their efforts were appreciated. Fred Ikeler, the orator of the evening, fully maintained his reputation as an eloquent, polished speaker, giving the company a most acceptable and appropriate address.

The first joint convention will long be remembered by all who participated.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The district comprising the territory north of the river, known as the Northern District of Columbia County, held their session at 1:00 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and selecting the next place of meeting.

The meeting was called to order by District President H. A. Myers, of 635, Iola, and the following officers chosen: Secretary W. C. Thomas, 635, Iola; Treasurer, Moses McHenry, 551, Stillwater.

Jonestown was selected as the next place of meeting of the northern district convention, on the third Saturday of July.

SOUTH SIDE CONVENTION.

The district convention of the south side was held immediately after the noon adjournment, District President H. V. Hower in the chair. Wilbur Harder was elected Secretary. The convention will be held in July.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Estate of J. R. Beans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of J. R. Beans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Andrew L. Fritz, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned Administrator of Mary C. Gruver, deceased, will expose to sale the following described real estate: VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south-east side of Third street, in said Town, twenty-five and one-sixteenth feet west from line of lot of lands of the Catholic church and running thence westwardly along said Third street thirty-five feet, more or less, to an alley, thence southwardly along said alley to line of land of S. C. Shive on the rear of the premises hereby conveyed; thence along the same eastwardly thirty-five feet, more or less, to line of land of the Catholic church aforesaid; thence northwardly by the same to the place of beginning, containing twenty and fifteen sixteenths perches of land, more or less, on which are erected a two-story FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, AND STABLE.

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