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DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.

A Great Outpouring of the People to Hear Jenks and Sowden.

THOUSANDS AT BENTON.

The Bloomsburg Opera House Packed at the Opening of the Campaign.

The opening of the campaign by the Democrats on Friday last was a success in every respect. All the preliminary arrangements were carefully made by committees duly appointed at a meeting of prominent Democrats held at the Headquarters. It was intended to leave here at one o'clock p. m. on Friday, reaching Benton at two, but the speakers, Geo. A. Jenks and W. H. Sowden, candidates for Governor and Lieut. Governor respectively were in York on Thursday night, and unfortunately missed connection at Harrisburg and did not arrive here until 2:36 p. m.

A special train on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. R. started immediately after their arrival, and a delegation of a hundred, with the Bloomsburg Band went to Benton. All along the line the number was increased. Reaching Benton at 4 o'clock, a vast concourse of people greeted the candidates and the visitors at the station. Carriages were in waiting, and a procession was formed by Chief Marshal, which included the Bloom Band, Benton Band, and a long line of marching Democrats.

Besides Messrs. Jenks and Sowden of the State candidates, there were present Lieutenant R. K. Polk, candidate for Congress, Hon. J. Henry Cochran, candidate for State Senator, Robert R. Little, candidate for Judge, Wm. Chrisman and W. T. Creasy, candidates for Assembly.

A meeting was at once organized in the large hall in the McHenry House, with Hon. Russel Karns as Chairman. Speeches were made by Messrs. Jenks, Polk and Sowden. It has been some years since so large and enthusiastic a meeting has been held in Benton. All the arrangements there were in charge of County Chairman J. G. McHenry, and everything passed off in fine shape. At 5:45 the train returned to Bloomsburg.

Bloomsburg Meeting.

At eight o'clock the meeting in the Opera House was called to order by Chairman J. G. McHenry, who made a brief address at the opening of the campaign. Every seat in the hall was filled and there was scarcely standing room in the aisles. Col. J. G. Freeze was elected President, and the following Vice Presidents were appointed:

C. G. Barkley, J. K. Lockard, Harry Rhoades, Peter Jones, William Gigger, John Kelley, Paul E. Wirt, Jno. R. Townsend, Thos. Gorrey, C. A. Kleim, C. E. Savage, Guy Jacoby, Geo. A. Herring, W. F. Stohner, Amos Dreibellis, Elijah Cromley, Samuel Pugh, Dr. Redeker, C. R. Buckalew, Dr. Harter, J. H. Maize, Wm. Kramer, John G. Harman, John Taylor, Henry Yost, W. W. Black, Louis Cohen, John Tracy, Reuben Hess, Wm. Barrett, Charles Housel, Michael Casey, John Welliver, M. E. Stackhouse, Amos Savage, Stephen Knorr, Frank Baum, Geo. W. Sterner, C. B. Ent, Wm. Karshner, W. H. Snyder, Charles Reimard, Robert Buckingham, C. A. Small, W. T. Creasy, Chas. Turney, Wm. Mensch, Ed. Hartman, Stephen Pettit, William Bogart, Chas. Mensinger, Peter A. Kline, Eli Schneidman, P. A. Fetterolf, A. W. Snyder, M. A. Bibby, Geo. Crossley, Curtis Furman, C. Z. Schlicher, Lon Kressler, Hiram Hetler, S. B. Rhawn, Justice Sittler, B. F. Zarr, L. H. Boody, F. P. Davis, M. V. B. Kline, David Mauser, Geo. Mourey, Chas. Harris, Dr. Montgomery, Eli Ohl, Squire N. P. Moore, H. D. Quick, J. M. Layman, Pierce Kiefer, Amos Wanich, J. S. Grimes, Jno. N. Gordon, Chas. E. Randall, W. H. Rhawn, C. L. Hartman, W. H. Fisher.

The following persons were appointed secretaries:

J. C. Rutter, Jr., Jno. K. Bittenbender, W. H. Henrie, R. R. Zarr.

After a selection by the band, overture to "Poet and Peasant," which was very well rendered, Col. Freeze introduced Hon. Geo. A. Jenks as the first speaker. Among other things he said:

THE PEOPLE'S DUTIES ABSORBED.
"The wrongs to which we have been subjected must be worked out through the Democratic party, and through it alone. Therefore, I say to you that your zeal should be warm in the cause of Democracy, because we are called

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.



RUFUS K. POLK, of Montour County.

upon to deal with subjects that are of vital importance. The very fundamental principles of our Government are being sapped, little by little, by fraud and force, by duplicity and modes which it is often very difficult to detect, but of which in your own conscience you are all fully aware. There has arisen in our midst a danger which did not exist until within the past 25 years.

There has been a combination of a most deadly character established in our State by virtue of which the people are to be deprived of their respective obligations and duties. Its name is Quayism. With Quay personally we have nothing to do. Our concern is with Quay, the officer, and with Quay the representative of a combination of persons who have said: 'The inheritance is ours.' Let us slay the heirs, and then we will take possession of the inheritance ourselves."

THE QUAY OLIGARCHY.

Mr. Jenks dwelt at some length, and with particular force, upon Senator Quay's work while a member of the Pardoning Board that freed the men convicted of bribery in connection with the Riot Damages bill passed by the Legislature of 1878. This action, he said, had brought such odium upon the men who were concerned in it that Quay retired for a time from public life. During that period of retirement the Beaver statesman concocted the scheme upon which he founded the powerful combination with the help of which he controls the political destinies of Pennsylvania. Continuing, Mr. Jenks said: "Thus was built up over you an oligarchy which could not be overthrown by the honest men in the Republican party."

PENNSYLVANIANS WHO FOUGHT VAINLY.
"Charles S. Wolfe, one of the noblest of Pennsylvanians, with courage that was equal to any occasion, with energy and zeal which carried away his life in an impetuous struggle, tried to overcome this, and was crushed in the attempt."

"Judge Stewart, of Franklin County was also overthrown by the tidal wave of Quayism."

"Magee, Martin and Governor Hastings endeavored to over throw it in 1895. Martin was particularly the leader of Philadelphia, with all its population and strength; Magee was a practical leader of Allegheny County, with all its power, and Governor Hastings purported to represent the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and they likewise struggled in vain with this autocratic power of Quayism."

"This one man makes your laws now, and all that you have a chance to do is to obey them."

"It is not a matter of no importance to you whether or not your State is extravagant in its administration of your affairs. Your all is pledged, if necessary, to support the Government. The amount of expenditures of the State Government in 1893 for State, county and local purposes, I believe, excluding the municipalities which cost more, was \$50,000,000. This comes down to you at last. No matter in what form it may have been disguised from time to time, you have it to pay. Then the National Government has an expenditure of \$500,000,000 per year, one-twelfth of which comes from Pennsylvania. That would be about \$40,000,000 additional. Take this

out of your business when it is not necessary to take it, and I say that it is clear robbery. Ninety millions of dollars is \$15 per head for every man, woman and child in this State.

THE PEOPLE GETTING POORER.
The clear average earnings of the citizen, beyond that which is necessary to keep him in life, will not reach \$90 per year, so that you see; instead of becoming wealthier, although we have the best piece of land on the face of God's earth, we are growing poorer, and you cannot stand such taxation.

"Let me give a few illustrations of extravagance as compared with the last Democratic administration. Let us take the Banking Department, which, during the last year of Governor Pattison's last administration, cost about \$18,000. The same department, under Governor Hastings last year, cost \$124,000, and I cannot call to mind a single instance in which the Banking Department has ever discovered a bank that was likely to break until it had broken, and the newspapers told of it. There was, in fact, really no Constitutional power to organize that department at all. They talked of having a department of Mining, but they found that the Constitution would not tolerate that department and they dropped the scheme."

INCREASE OF QUAY'S ARMY.

"Any subterfuge that can be employed or invented, by means of which more people can be employed in Quay's army, is always given the greatest encouragement. About \$12,000,000 was the estimated actual expenditure for all State expenses under Pattison. It was something over that in the succeeding year of Hastings, but now, in 1897 and 1898, the estimate of expense is \$17,000,000. When the officers who are thus increasing your expenses are endorsed by the convention that nominated the Republican ticket, which you are asked to vote, I ask you, is it right, and would you as men vote for such men if it would endanger your private business interests?"

"Be you Democrat or Republican, stand up and answer, 'I will not. I will at least put someone in charge of my State affairs who can look over the books and see how all this waste and extravagance is brought about.' Take all this into consideration and do right as God gives you light. Then you will have done your duty."

Lieut. Polk was loudly called for by the audience, and he responded in a brief talk. He does not pretend to be an orator, but what he says is right to the point.

Hon. W. H. Sowden was then introduced, and though it was growing late, he held the attention of the large audience from start to finish. He is an old campaigner, and his speeches are sledge hammer blows at the opposition.

Captain P. DeLacey, candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, reached here in the afternoon, and made the closing speech. He is an old soldier, and wears a medal of honor. Mr. Sowden was also a soldier, and was wounded at Antietam.

The large attendance at these meetings shows that the people are interested and aroused, and the outlook for a good old-time majority in Columbia county is very encouraging.

THE COUNTY FAIR

Takes place this week, and, as usual, will, no doubt, be the event of the year. Our Going Out of Business Sale can be attended while you are here. You'll make enough on your Clothes, Shoes and Hats, to pay for all your pleasure for yourself and family. No such low prices were ever heard of for such fine quality goods.

\$30,000 Worth of it to Select From.

Suits and Overcoats of \$15.00 quality, G. O. of B. Price, \$11.00	
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Boys' Suits, Overcoats & Reefers, \$5.00 " " " 3.75	
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Hundreds of pairs of Fine Shoes, for men, boys, misses and children, must be sold out completely. W. L. Douglas Shoes. Strong, serviceable, stylish. \$4.00 quality, \$3.00; \$3.00 quality, \$2.50; \$2.50 quality, \$1.90. Women's 3 and 4 shoes. Fine Shoes (small sizes), 98c.

Children's Toques, Fall styles. 50c. kind 39c.; 39c. kind, 25c. Children's Tams, 50c. kind 39c.; 25c. kind 19c. Men's Wool Merino Hose, 12 1/2c. pair. Boys' Waists, in wool or wool-mixed, cheaper than mothers can make them. Splendid wool ones, 50c. and 75c.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR.—Fleece Lined, Natural Wool, Camel's Hair, including the celebrated "Luzerne" Hygiene. Shirts, 34 to 48; drawers, 30 to 46. \$1.75 quality, Going Out of Business Price, \$1.25; \$1.00 quality, Going Out of Business Price, .75. 1.50 " " " " 1.15 75 " " " " .59. 1.25 " " " " .89 50 " " " " .39.

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The White Front,

Nearly Opposite Court House.

Two Doors Below Postoffice.

POLK FOR CONGRESS.

R. K. Polk, the Democratic nominee for Congress, is a practical business man. He has lived in Danville twelve years and was Montour county's choice for the nomination. That county deserved the nomination by right of rotation, never having had a nomination in this district. He is popular at home and was always popular with his men, employing large numbers when he was Superintendent of the Montour Mills. His soldier record is of the best, his men speaking of him with high regard on account of his kindness and thoughtfulness for them. Although his regiment did not get to the front, the boys and officers deserve as much credit as those who did. They exposed their lives to disease for their country, which has been more fatal in the recent war than Spanish bullets. Every Democrat can vote for R. K. Polk, knowing that he will go to Congress and represent their wishes by his vote.—Sunbury Democrat.

The Ballot This Year.

Considerable talk is indulged in by voters concerning the arrangement of the ballot this year. It is safe to say for the information of all that it is not likely to be as large this year as it was two years ago, when it contained thirteen columns. This year there will be nine or ten. Just exactly which it is hard to say. The arrangement will be very nearly in the following order beginning at the right:

Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, People's Liberty, Honest Government Citizen's, and a blank column in which any names may be written of persons for whom the voter desires to vote who have not been formally nominated.

Caution.

There is a tough crowd in town. Keep your doors and windows well secured at night, and in the day time while there is no one at home.

A Prohibition meeting at which time Hawley will speak, is scheduled to be held at Berwick Friday evening.

Mystery in a Death.

While passing down one of the back streets, in Shickshinny, last Wednesday evening, Chief of Police Hartman was startled by the discovery of a woman, lying on the sidewalk, apparently dead. An examination, however, revealed the fact that life was not entirely extinct. Dr. Hughes was at once sent for, but he was unable to save her life, and she died at about one o'clock Thursday morning. Her identity was unknown, until a telephone message from Danville conveyed the information that the dead woman was Mrs. Harry Mauer, and had left her home in that city the day before.

On her person was found a ticket from Danville to Kingston. Her identity was established through Station Agent A. M. Gearhart by means of the ticket to Kingston purchased at Danville. An inquest was held over the remains at Shickshinny and the post mortem examination revealed that she had died of alcoholism.

The Fair.

Everything is in readiness for the greatest and grandest fair in the history of the Association. Buildings have been enlarged for the accommodation of exhibitors, and the track improved, and never has the outlook been more encouraging. Special trains on all the railroads entering Bloomsburg will bring thousands of visitors. Be with the crowd and spend a day at the biggest fair of them all. The race program is as follows:

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2:37 Class, Trotting.....	Purse \$300
2:15 Class, Pacing.....	" 300
2:30 Class, Pacing.....	" 300
3:00 Class, Trot or Pace, Horses owned in County by Farmers, at least 30 days.....	150
FRIDAY, OCT. 14, 1898.	
2:30 Class, Trotting.....	Purse \$300
2:34 Class, Pacing.....	" 300
2:29 Class, Trotting.....	" 300
SATURDAY, OCT. 15, 1898.	
Free for all, Trotting or Pacing.....	Purse \$100
2:30 Class, Pacing.....	" 300
2:34 Class, Trotting.....	" 300
\$50 purse added to the horse making the best time under the present track record 2:14 1/2	

East Fifth street is being covered with crushed cinder.

"A Jolly Irishman," or more appropriately a "bum Irishman" played to a deservedly small audience at the Opera House Saturday evening. The less said about it, the better. One of the most disgusting features, apart from the show, was a crowd of four young men, if such we can call them, who made themselves very conspicuous by indulging in all sorts of cat calls, vulgar remarks, and yelling at every performer who made his or her appearance on the stage. If the manager of the Opera House would look to the comfort and enjoyment of his patrons he would see to it hereafter that such "stuff" is refused admittance. Out of respect for their parents we will not mention any names.

The managers of the Milton Fair felt very dubious on Tuesday of last week, when the sky assumed the appearance of a steady two or three days' rain. It cleared off nicely, however, and the exhibition was a very successful one. Thursday was the biggest day the Society ever had in point of attendance. The exhibits, also, were said to be far ahead of former years. We congratulate the managers and hope that the Bloomsburg Fair this week will be as successful.

Mrs. Dr. Bitner, of Allentown, formerly Miss Martha Runyon, met with an accident last week, by which she had her arm broken. While riding with her husband in the country a tug broke, letting the horse nearly out of the thills. The horse ran, and the Doctor told his wife to jump, as that seemed to be the best thing to do. She did so, and fell on the ground with the above result. When last heard from she was getting along nicely.

Our enterprising lumber firm, Creasy & Wells have engaged W. H. Taylor formerly of the "Art Staff" of the Philadelphia Inquirer to give a daily chalk talk at their booth in the exhibition building on the fair ground this week. You will be delighted to see him sketch.

The public schools are closed this week, on account of the Fair.