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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

THE MEETING CONVENED IN THE OPERA HOUSE, TUESDAY.

W. T. CREASY ENDORSED FOR STATE TREASURER.

The Democratic County Convention convened in the Opera House on Tuesday at eleven o'clock. The attendance was not very large, hardly a third of the seating capacity being occupied.

The meeting was called to order by County Chairman, John G. McHenry of Benton, who stated that under the rules, the chairman of the last convention would be the presiding officer of this convention, but that inasmuch as he was not in attendance, another man would have to be chosen.

A temporary organization was then perfected by electing R. G. F. Kshinka of Briar creek, chairman. G. M. Quick of Bloomsburg reading clerk and Frank Miller of Bloomsburg and M. W. Brennan of Centralia, secretaries.

The reading clerk read the list of townships, and the return judges, who occupied the front seats, answered to their names and handed in the returns.

The first named is the Judge of Election, the second and third the Inspectors and the fourth the Committeeman.

Beaver—C. Z. Schlicher, Simon Hons, F. Hauch, Samuel Klingaman.

Benton Boro.—A. Merton, H. H. Kline, B. Foulk, H. O. McHenry.

Benton Twp.—J. O. Hartman, E. G. Albertson, E. L. Evans, A. E. Hartman.

Berwick N. E.—Wm. Mumey, Cyrus Smith, H. E. Rupert, Clem Nugent.

Berwick S. E.—I. S. Chamberlin, Harvey Stackhouse, W. I. Sult, J. C. Fairman.

Berwick N. W.—Wm. Grozier.

Berwick S. W.—John Stevens, M. A. Markle, D. N. Smith, F. M. Smith.

Bloom 1st—Wm. Barrett, Jr., John Watson, George Knorr, Charles Pensyl.

Bloom 2nd—J. E. Welliver, Benj. Burrows, Charles Hess, Frank Baum.

Bloom 3rd—J. S. Williams, George B. Martin, W. H. Hassert, Guy Jacoby.

Bloom 4th—Edward Sterner, Thomas L. Jones, Well Kashner, Peter Jones.

Briar creek—R. G. F. Kshinka, S. W. Adams, Henry Bower, Gideon Michael.

Catawissa Twp.—Henry J. Miller, Alfred Hower, Emerson Creasy, D. H. Fetterolf.

Catawissa Boro.—M. B. Creasy, H. B. Schuck, C. E. Smith, W. H. Barwick.

Centralia 1st—John Langon, Patrick Gingley, Martin Collier, Patrick Fogarty.

Centralia 2nd—Edward Cuff, John Rooney, John Walsh, John Grady.

Centre—John DeLong, J. J. Davis, Charles Whitenight, A. C. Creasy.

Cleveland—C. E. Stine, Haines Yost, C. E. Kern, C. E. Kern.

Conyngham E. N.—Richard Fuenal Pat Joyce, Pat Cane, John McDowell.

Conyngham W. N.—W. F. Rhoads, Clinton Smith, Samuel Houck, Emanuel Levan.

Conyngham W.—Hugh Breslin, Geo. W. Karvner, Nerl —, Geo. Fernen.

Conyngham S. W.—Nicolas Ditchey, Conyngham S. E.—John Mohan, Peter McHale, Bernard Monaghan, Jno. Walsh.

W. E. Johnson, C. S. Ely. Montour—I. H. Hagenbuch, Lloyd Fry, William Mensch, Frank Giger.

Mt. Pleasant—Hiram Bogart, F. P. Davis, J. K. Mordan, P. A. Kline.

Orange—C. W. Turner, J. W. Hilday, G. M. D. Herring, J. B. Montgomery.

Pine S.—E. C. Stackhouse, Benj. Lohr, D. C. Bogart, T. B. Gardner.

Pine N.—C. R. Kinney, M. J. Kessler, H. E. Watts, P. W. Sones.

Roaringcreek—Oscar Hower, Kimber Long, Charles Runge, Charles Kreisher.

Scott E.—C. F. Bomboy, W. B. Savage, —, W. E. Dieterick.

Scott W.—J. D. Terwilliger, J. W. Betz, E. A. Brown, Charles Johnson.

Sugarloaf—Irvin Diltz, B. Vansickle J. F. Lamont, G. B. Homer.

Sugarloaf S.—John Klingler, T. A. Ruch, B. F. Fritz, J. M. Larish.

It was moved and seconded that the chair be authorized to appoint a committee on resolutions after which an adjournment was taken till 1:30 p. m.

The return judges were all given tickets for dinner at the Grand Restaurant.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

It was just 1:45 when Chairman Kshinka called the afternoon session to order. The first in order was the selection of a permanent chairman.

It was moved and seconded that the temporary organization be made permanent. Carried.

The Committee on Resolutions then made the following report:

In convention assembled, the representatives of the Democracy of Columbia County respectfully submit the following to their fellow citizens.

1st. The principles underlying our government guarantee to its citizens equal rights, the protection of life and property.

2nd. We hold that the doctrine enunciated in the Democratic Platform of 1896 represents the true and fundamental principles of our Government as designed and formed by the founders, and we believe that the rights of the people can only be maintained by carrying out those principles.

3rd. The combination of wealthy men for the purpose of manipulating the product of the farm, mine and shop is a menace inimical in their operations to the rights and best interests of the people.

4th. We charge the Republican party with having created and fostered trusts and combines which levy tribute upon the people and which are destroying that competition which alone can protect both producer and the customer.

5th. We charge the leaders of the Republican party with having looted our State Treasury—with having systematically manipulated the people's money in the interest of private individuals—using the same to speculate with and withholding it from rightful claimants.

6th. We charge the Republican party with having passed obnoxious laws, favoring private individuals, corporations and combinations and with preventing the enacting of wholesome and needed laws and with detaching a just and equitable tax law which would have provided ample revenue to defray all legitimate expenses of the State Government, Eleemosynary institutions and school appropriations.

7th. We charge Governor Stone with usurping the power which under our Constitution rightfully belongs to the Legislative branch of our State Government, he thus arrogating to himself, powers, dangerous to and subversive of our constitutional rights.

8th. Recognizing the fact that the success of a political party largely depends upon the personal of the National Committee we are particularly fortunate in possessing as our State Representative upon that Committee that able, honest and fearless Democrat Col. Jas. M. Guffy, and we heartily endorse the wise course pursued by him in the National and State campaign and we earnestly urge that he continue to represent us upon that Committee.

9th. The Democratic members of our Legislature as a body are deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which they managed their forces and which resulted in the defeat of the most corrupt politician Matthew S. Quay and in the defeat of much bad legislation.

10th. We recognize in our Representative William T. Creasy an honest and fearless champion of the people's rights and we highly commend him for his heroic effort in forcing the passage of an equitable tax bill in the lower House, and further commend him for his untiring watchfulness in preventing the passage of obnoxious

laws. Recognizing therefore those sterling qualities in him which constitute the true and patriotic Representative of the people we urge his nomination for State Treasurer.

11th. We highly commend the masterly and able manner in which our County Chairman, John G. McHenry conducted the last campaign. He has proved himself to be a true Democrat, one who is amply equipped to serve the people in whatever capacity his services may be required, and we bespeak for him that consideration which a grateful Democracy is ever ready to extend to its faithful servants.

The committee on revision of rules reported the following amendments; changing the titles of inspectors to clerks; changing meeting of County committee to second Tuesday of June; regulating the printing of tickets; and an amendment securing to the south side one commissioner, representative and auditor, and every third term the office of sheriff and treasurer. The committee is composed of John G. McHenry, A. J. Derr, Wm. T. Creasy, Charles E. Randall and R. G. F. Kshinka. Their amendments were adopted without a dissenting vote.

After the reading of the votes by townships, the chairman announced that the following having received a majority of the vote cast were declared the regular nominees of the party: Prothonotary—W. H. Henrie; Register and Recorder—Jno. C. Rutter, Jr.; District Attorney—John G. Harman; County Treasurer—Jeremiah Snyder; Commissioners—Wm. H. Fisher and William Krickbaum; Auditors—William Bogart and G. H. Sharpless.

The following having received all the votes were declared delegates to the State Convention: C. E. Randall, M. W. Brennan, S. W. Adams, C. W. Turner, C. H. Dildine.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

It was one of the most orderly conventions of recent years. All the motions made were adopted without any resentment, and everything passed off very nicely and in order.

Democratic Primaries.

The primary election on Saturday, created quite a bit of interest in Bloomsburg, owing to the fight made for some of the offices. The contest for District Attorney, Prothonotary and Register and Recorder, were very warm, and the polls were surrounded by friends of each candidate, from the time they opened until they closed.

The following election officers were elected in the several districts of Bloomsburg:

First Ward: Judge—Wm. Barrett. Inspectors—John Watson, Geo. Knorr. Committeeman—Charles Pensyl.

Second Ward: Judge—John Welliver. Inspectors—Benj. Burrows, C. M. Hess. Committeeman—F. P. Baum.

Third Ward: Judge—J. S. Williams. Inspector—G. B. Martin, Wm. Hassert. Committeeman—Guy Jacoby.

Fourth Ward: Judge—Edward Sterner. Inspectors—Thos. L. Jones, Wellington Kashner. Committeeman—Chas. Campbell.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened at 2 p. m. on Thursday, with his honor E. M. Dunham and Associate Judges Fox and Kurtz, on the bench.

Charles H. Wells admitted to practice at the Bar of this county.

Shuman vs. L. & W. Coal Company. Verdict for the plaintiff for \$3,510. Defendant to pay 63 per cent., or \$2,210.30.

General Fire Extinguisher Co. vs. Magee Carpet Works et al. Rule to show cause why plea shall not be withdrawn and mechanic's lien stricken off, etc. Argument of above rule. Rule discharged.

A Very Gratifying Result.

The vote accorded John C. Rutter Jr., on Saturday for Register and Recorder is a splendid tribute to his popularity, throughout the entire county, and especially so in Bloomsburg, where he carried every ward by good majorities. Indeed the result in this town should be very gratifying to him because it is the home of four of the other candidates for the same office.

Lawn Festival.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival on the church lawn Thursday, June 15th. Everybody most cordially invited.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon June 22.

TOWN COUNCIL.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD LAST THURSDAY NIGHT.

A Nine-Mill Tax: Rate Proposed and Carried Unanimously—Other Business Transacted.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomsburg Town Council was held in the Council Chamber Thursday evening of last week. The President and six members were present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bloomsburg Wheelmen presented a petition soliciting the assistance of Council in the construction of a bicycle path between Bloomsburg and Rupert. The cost to the town not to exceed \$100. On motion of Mr. Hartman the petition was accepted. The Solicitor instructed to draw up an ordinance.

It was moved and seconded that the town borrow \$1,000, the Treasurer to negotiate the loan within 90 days.

Committee on fire and water is given authority to decide the matter of Water Company furnishing larger mains on Main street.

Flushing of the plugs is referred to same committee.

It was moved by W. L. Demaree, and seconded by T. L. Smith, that the Goodwill Fire Co. be furnished with six gum coats and six pair of gum boots.

Sewer in alley, from Fifth street to Fourth street, to connect with the property of N. S. Pursel and houses of Mrs. Frank Pursel, referred to committee on highways with power to act.

On motion of T. L. Smith, and seconded by F. B. Hartman, a 9-mill tax rate was proposed and carried unanimously.

Louis Gross was awarded contract to furnish 18 police hats at \$1.75 each.

Pavement of Mrs. Miller, of West Main street, reported in bad condition.

Paul E. Wirt asked Council to change grade of crossing on Main street at postoffice alley, if he lays same. Referred to committee on highways.

M. P. Lutz asked Council to allow insurance agents within fire lines. Privilege granted.

Fire alarm system discussed and the Viaduct Electric Telegraph and Fire Alarm Co.'s system adopted.

Crossing at Main street, from Hennessy's to Hickey's, and Mrs. O'Blosser's, reported in bad condition. Referred to committee on highways, to report at next meeting.

Petition for fire plug, at corner of Third and Barton streets, referred to committee on fire and water.

C. L. Cronin appointed a member of committee on fire and water, in place of J. S. Blue, resigned.

Complaints entered regarding tenants in property of J. K. Pensyl.

Grading West street referred to committee on highways.

Electric lights out 94 hours, amounting to \$2.25. Not taken from bill.

Crossing over Railroad street, from Vanderville's to G. Smith's, reported in bad condition. Referred to street commissioner.

Gutter on Iron street reported in bad condition. Referred to committee on highways with power to act.

Building permits granted B. F. Sharpless, addition to barn at residence; Edwin H. Ent, house on West street; Charles B. Lutz, barn on residence lot, on Market street; C. H. Sharpless, house on Centre street.

The following bills were read and orders directed to be drawn:

W. F. Hartman..... \$ 45.00
Lock Haven Clay Works..... 25.00
J. C. Brown..... 25.00
M. T. Oehl..... 25.00
Theodore Colmer..... 17.00
American Car and Foundry Co..... 43.75
Bloomsburg Electric Light & Power Co..... 43.12
Police officers..... 80.00
John F. Jones..... 9.75
Moyer Bros..... 1.75
Bloomsburg Water Co..... 96.97
Creasy & Wells..... 4.11
J. A. Hutchins & Co..... 43.75
C. W. Hassert..... 12.00
Hartman & Hassert..... 30.83
Hornum & Co..... 7.05
Thomas Gorrey..... 15.12
L. Hagenbuch..... 12.50
Bloomsburg Steam & Electric Light Co..... 11.95
American Fire Engineering Co..... 1.80
J. C. Brown..... 48.75

George A. Clark, of Market St., probably holds the record for bicycle riding, in this vicinity at least. Last week he rode five centuries in as many days. Altogether this season he has ridden over 3,000 miles. George is thoroughly imbued with the sport, and may be seen spinning along at a lively rate, even in the warmest part of the day.

We are selling
A SILK FRONT SHIRT
at a special price. They are \$1.00 and 75c. grades,

For . . . **50c.** See Window.

GOLF HOSE, BICYCLE HOSE, SWEATERS, BICYCLE TROUSERS,
And everything for wheelmen. We also have a nice line of Serge Coats, good things for bicycle riders, or even to wear for dress.

WASH CLOTHING.
Children's Wash Suits, Men's Duck and Crash Suits, or Trousers.

OUR LINE OF
SUMMER CLOTHING
IS STILL COMPLETE.

BEN GIDDING,
Clothier,
Bloomsburg
The Leader Department Store.

Lawns. 3c. to 25c.
Linsens, for dresses.
You never saw their equal for 25 cents.
Madras. Large assortment PK's 15 to 25 cents.

WANT TO
GET HOT?
Buy flannel underwear, but if you want to be cool, use
CRASH
for your skirts. 20c. per yard.

CARPET BARGAINS.
Just received—500 sample lengths, 42 inches long. Cotton, 15c apiece, wool, 25c, tapestries, 50c apiece.
MATTINGS.
All mattings 10 per cent. off, to close out what we have. Large assortment. No other dealer carries the stock we do.
BRUSSELS.
We are still selling our best 10-wire Brussels for 75c. Others want 85c for same makes and patterns.
ALL WOOL EXTRA SUPERS.
Anything we have in stock, to close out, 55c.

Children's Hats.
Were 40c, now 25c.
Were \$1.00, now 75c.
Were 1.35, now 98c.
Were 1.50, now \$1.15.

Ribbons.
—o—
No. 40 All-Silk Taffeta,
10 Cents.
Cheap, is it not? Special prices on ladies' neckwear. Large assortment belts and belt buckles.

SHIRT WAISTS.
Large assortment, to suit all tastes and pocketbooks.
CRASH SKIRTS, 39c and 75c. LINEN SKIRTS, 99c.
WRAPPERS.—Not only low in price, but neat and tasty in fit.
HOSIERY.—Prices, 5c up. Best Lisle thread underwear, 25c. Knee pants, for ladies, 25c.

Upside Down.
For Fly Time.
Screen doors and windows. Good goods at low prices. These are in our grocery department.

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