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REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

CONVENTION HELD ON MONDAY.

Fight Over Commissioner Was Bitter, But Nehemiah Kitchen, the Organization Candidate Wins Easily.

The Columbia County Republican primaries were held on Saturday afternoon between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock. The only office for which any fight was made was that of County Commissioner, between Nehemiah Kitchen of Greenwood township, the present incumbent and organization candidate, and Oliver T. Wilson of Bloomsburg, an anti-organization candidate. The result which is an overwhelming victory for the organization, is a complete surprise to the anti's who were quite confident of victory.

THE CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the call of County Chairman H. A. M'Killip the convention assembled in the Opera House on Monday at 2 o'clock p. m. The attendance was larger than usual. The meeting was called to order by H. A. M'Killip, who after stating its object, asked for the nomination of a chairman, whereupon E. B. Guie of Catawissa was chosen. The organization was completed by electing W. J. Crispin of Berwick, and C. E. Kreisher of Catawissa township, secretaries, and E. E. Straub reading clerk. A. W. Duy was then instructed to call the roll, the delegates answering to their names.

Beaver—Phillip Raybuck, Nathan Rice.

Benton Boro.—John S. Baker, W. A. Butt.

Benton Twp.—J. E. Edson, W. S. Laubauch.

Berwwick N. E.—O. C. Young, Jenkin Evans, sub. H. F. Traugh.

Berwick S. E.—Chas. Fritz, sub. C. D. Eaton, M. J. Crispin.

Berwick N. W.—James Lee, John Wright, Jr.

Berwick S. W.—Ell Sherwood, James Evans.

Bloom. 1—J. C. Brown, R. D. Young.

Bloom. 2—Robert Morris, Roy Swentzel, sub. John Scott, Jerry Geese.

Bloom. 3—H. D. Edgar, sub. R.L. Runyon, B. H. Vannatta, Joseph Witts, Isaiah Hagenbuch.

Bloom. 4—C. F. Deatrick, W. J. Shutt, sub. Jacob Stiner.

Briarcreek—John Chrisman, sub. Freas Fowler, Goodwin Klinetob.

Catawissa Twp.—Geo. L. Murry, W. W. Gensel.

Catawissa Boro.—Adam Truckenmiller, R. C. Smith, O. P. Kostenbauder, John Overdorf, sub. E. B. Guie.

Centralia 1—John White, John W. Goldsworthy.

Centralia 2—W. G. Gittins, Geo. W. Davis.

Centre—L. B. Hughes, Wm. McAllister.

Cleveland—C. E. Krisher, F. J. Delbough.

Conyngham E. N.—John Sones, Peter Lenihan.

Conyngham W. N...sub. Harvey George, Edward Hoffman.

Conyngham W.—Robert Taylor, Adam Friday.

Conyngham S. W.—W. L. Raudenbush, Charles Hordaugh.

Conyngham S. E. James McHale, James Ferity.

Fishingcreek E—Samuel Harrison, A. W. Jones.

Fishingcreek W.—Wm. Pursel, sub. John Kitchen, J. F. Trump.

Franklin—Sylvester Hower, Thos. Mensch.

Greenwood E.—J. M. Sutliff, R. E. Parker.

Greenwood W.—J. C. Parker. Jos. Lawton.

Hemlock—Willits Beagle, Hugh Appleman.

Jackson—E. J. Sones. sub. John W. Knouse.

Locust—C. S. W. Fox, Jos. Stokes.

Madison—Chas. Coleman, sub. R. G. Greanly, Albert Girton.

Main—C. L. Keyser, W. R. Reicheldeifer.

Mifflin—A. L. Foulk, G. E. Zimmerman.

Millville—H. W. Kisner, H. B. Wolf.

Montour—G. W. Mears, sub. S. B. Bowman. W. M. Monroe.

Mt. Pleasant—Joe Patterson, E.M. Crawford.

Orange—C. W. Trump, M. F. Conner.

Pine N.—A. L. Greenly, F. G. Whitmoyer.

Pine S.—T. L. Watts, Wm. Dirk.

Roaringcreek—A. W. Leiby, W. Cherrington.

Scott E.—W. A. Trembley, sub. M. R. Miller, F. H. Ringrose, sub. W. A. Snyder.

Scott W.—Chas. Shaffer, J. Welliver.

Sugarloaf N.—Harry W. Miller, A. W. Vaughn.

Sugarloaf S.—Roland E. Hess, G. W. Sutliff.

The audience followed the roll call with comparaeively little interest. At its conclusion came the most appetizing portion of the proceedings, the nominations for County Commissioner Nehemiah Kitchen and Oliver T. Wilson were named. The vote was then taken, resulting in a jughandled victory for Kitchen, he receiving 78 delegates to 17 for Wilson. The announcement was received with prolonged cheering.

The other nominations were easily and hurriedly made. They were as follows: County Treasurer, John W. Fortner, of Centralia. Prothonotary, C. C. Yetter, of Bloomsburg. Register and Recorder, Geo. W. Mears, of Rupert. District Attorney, A. W. Duy, of Bloomsburg. County Auditor, Z. A. Butts, of Jackson. State Delegates, C. E. Geyer, Catawissa, and Jenkin Evans, Berwick.

The Committee on reaolutions made the following report:

"The Republicans of Columbia County in convention this day assembled, express their unqualified approval of the wise and statesmanlike administration of President William McKinley, that has brought unexampled prosperity to the country, and has in one short year waged to a successful conclusion a foreign war; we endorse his determination to maintain and defend the flag in every clime where it has been planted through the heroism and valor of our sailors and soldiers.

We emphatically endorse the stalwart and businesslike administration of Governor William A. Stone.

We heartily commend the Hons. M. S. Quay ond Boies Penrose for their earnest support of the Administration, their successful party leadership, and their zealous support of all legislation beneficial to the State which they have so faithfully represented in the highest legislative body of the Nation.

We endorse the ticket this day nominated and pledge it our united support."

On motion duly seconded the resolutions were adopted as read.

Jas. C. Brown offered an amendment to the party rules, changing the time for holding the county convention from August to April, carried.

This ended the business, and the convention adjourned.

At a meeting of the committeemen held immediately after the convention, H. A. M'Killip was re-elected County Chairman. He thanked the members of the Committee for the honor, and stated that A. W. Duy was re-elected as secretary.

In case of any vacancy on the ticket the Chairman and Secretary, are empowered to fill the same.

TOWN COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting Held to Consider the New Fire Alarm System.

The President and all the members were present at a special meeting of the Town Council, held Tuesday evening.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering Harry Chamberlain's bill of $1693.00 for the construction of our new fire alarm. The contract price was only $1628.00, the $65.00 additional being the cost of an extra box. The matter was thoroughly discussed, every member airing his views, after which it was decided to secure a competent electrician, and have him inspect the system and report to Council. It was moved and seconded that C. C. McCabe, of the Electric Light Company, be engaged to do the work.

Other matters pertaining to the alarm system were talked over, such as passing an ordinance, imposing a fine for false alarms, the effectiveness of a general alarm, and a more rapid stroke, and several other things, but there was no decision reached on any of them.

Pavements in front of H. W. Watts' Market street property, and Henry W. Vanderslice's property, on East Fifth street, reported in bad condition. New pavements are ordered to be put down within twenty days, or the same will be done by the town, and the usual penalty added.

Permission was granted Reformed Church to connect with sewer, and congregation to be exonerated from taxes for the same.

Moved and seconded to construct a brick crossing over Market street, in front of Lutheran church.

SUPT MILLER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

HON. NATHAN C. SCHAEFFER,
Harrisburg, Pa.

My Dear Sir :—

The year, in review, presents no radical departures, either in architectural advancement or pedagogical energy. We are confident, however, that a spirit of progress is in our midst, if allowed to base our conclusions upon the keen foresight our directors and patrons show in the appreciation of thoroughly equipped teachers. Unless they are fully prepared, teachers of provisional attainments are subjected to embarrassing criticism in communities where they find employment, because of the demands made upon them through the influence of their well trained predecessors. Surely, in this we can find encouragement. Educational standards are never raised, except when they are demanded by progressive citizens, who are familiar with the needs of schools.

A lack of taste is shown in some districts concerning the matter of school-room decorations. We hesitate to report that our schools are being used as a means of distribution for political truck. Pictures of candidates, buttons, and electioneering devices, are placed in the hands of both teacher and pupils to further the interests of public aspirants. How is a child to distinguish between historical characters and ambitious candidates when their pictures appear side by side upon the walls? It is a good thing to put the schools into politics, but by all means let us try to keep politics out of the schools. Wouldn't it be better—more artistic and productive of better results—to decorate the walls with well chosen pictures, representing some of the best art productions? When we consider that copies of the world's most famous paintings can be bought as low as one cent each, what excuse is there for decorating the walls of our school-rooms with anything short of those productions which have a culture value? Often teachers aspiring to better positions and higher salaries could, with profit, supply themselves with such pictures.

A few districts have been urged, and are thoughtfully considering a plan, to place under the care of each teacher, at the beginning of the school term, the sum of ten dollars, to be expended during the year for the little extras constantly demanded by wide-awake workers. Directors are not always in a position to anticipate or understand the needs of the different teachers in different schools, and this plan furnishes a good test of a teacher's ideals and general ability to adapt means to ends, while at the same time the confidence thus imposed in the teacher must prove beneficial. Much money is needlessly expended in the exchange of text books, which could be materially decreased if a plan of this kind were adopted.

In many respects the year has been a decided improvement over the preceding one. We look forward to steadily increasing progress and more favorable conditions.

Respectfully,
JOHN K. MILLER.

Christian Endeavor Rally.

The Christian Endeavor Rally of Columbia and Moutour Counties will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, this town, Monday afternoon and evening, August 28. A pleasing feature will be the appearance of Rev. Clarence E. Eberman, President of the State C. E. Union. Following is the program:

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30—Song Service. Led by Mr. C. D. Lynn
2:45—Devotional Service. Rev. M. E. McLinn

OPEN PARLIAMENTS.

3:00—Evangelistic Work..... .....Opened by Miss Persing
3:40—Junior Work..... .....Opened by Miss Cunningham
4:20—Good Cittzenship..... .....Opened by Rev. C. M. Aurand
5:00—Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

8:45—Song Service. Led by Mr. C. D. Lynn
8:00—Devotional Services..... .....Rev. W. I. Stearns, D. D.
8:10—Address..... Rev. C. E. Eberman, Pres. S. C. E. U.
Offering.
9:00.....Closing Words and Benediction

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Bi-County Union at the close of the afternoon session to perfect arrangements for the Convention in October. The officers of the Union together with all presidents of local societies constitute the executive committee.

Entertainment will be provided for delegates attending from a distance.

BLOOMSBURG WHEELMEN.

Fifth Annual Race Meet on Saturday a Success.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen held their Fifth Annual Race Meet on the Fair Grounds, Saturday afternoon. The day was a perfect one, scarcely a cloud being visible. The attendance was not quite as large as on former similar events. Six hundred would probably cover all the admission tickets sold. Will F. McMichael proved himself superior to the other riders, capturing the Mile Open and Half Mile Open with ridiculous ease, and had it not been for over-confidence on his part he would have won the Three Mile Handicap.

There was some dissatisfaction expressed over the Australian Pursuit Race, owing to unfamiliarity with the rules governing a race of this kind. The contestants are stationed at different places on the track, as in a Handicap Race, and a rider is counted out when he allows himself to be passed by another. When the race was called Saturday there were six starters. W. F. McMichael was scratch man. When the signal was given to "go" McMichael quickly overtook three and then dropped out himself, leaving the race between George Harry of Berwick, and Dave P. Care of Williamsport. Harry passed the Grand Stand in the lead on the eleventh lap, when some one yelled "you're out." He rode only a short distance further and stopped, as did also Care. Nobody appeared to understand why Harry had been counted out, and for a while great excitement prevailed. Matters were finally adjusted by both riders agreeing to run the race over. It was nip and tuck for several laps when Care satisfied that he was unable to hold out against Harry's endurance, gave up and conceded him the race. The list of events follow:

Half-mile Open.—First Heat. George Harry, Berwick, first; George Burthart, Wilkes-Barre second; Frank J. Stoecker, Milton, third; David P. Care, Williamsport, pace. Time 1.07.

Second heat, Charles Harry, Berwick, first; Elmer J. Williams, Wilkes-Brrre, second, Andrew Gaffney, Wilkes-Barre, third; W. F. McMichael, Berwick, pace. Time 1.05½.

Final heat, McMichael, first; Care, second Burthard, third. Time 1.06½.

2.40 Class Race —First heat, Ray Hubler West Pittston, first, Joseph J. Weber Pittston, second; J. W. Wands, Milton, third. Time 2.24.

Second heat, Andrew Gaffney, Wilkes-Barre, first; W. E. Eckert, Berwick, second; Thomas J. Wands, Milton, third. Time 2.24.

Final heat, Hubler, first, Gaffney, second; Eckert, third. Time 3.19.

Boys' race, one mile, T. J. Wands, Milton first; J. W. Wands, second; W. A. Rabb, Bloomsburg third. Time 2.55½

One Mile Open—First heat, D. P. Care Williamsport, first; G. B. Hart, Wilkes-Barre, second; George Harry, Berwick, third. Time 2.23½.

Second heat, W. F. McMichael, Berwick, first; Charles Harry, Berwick, second; Thomas J. Wands, Milton, third. Time 2.34. Final heat, McMichael, first; Care, second; George Harry, third Time 2.49.

Pursuit race, five and one-half miles.—Won by Charles Harry, of Berwick, in 15.59.

Boys' race, local,—W. A. Rabb, first; Frank Bibby, second; Daniel Stiner, third. Time 3.10.

Three mile handicap.—Charles Harry, Berwick, 75 yards, first; David P. Care, Williamsport, 100 yards, second; W. F. McMichael, Berwick, third. Time 7.19.

Bicycle Race at Berwick.

On August 26th the Berwick wheelmen will hold their race meet which was postponed on account of rain on June 24th. The list of events is a fine one. Besides the novice, half mile and one mile open and three mile handicap, there will be an Australian pursuit race, open to all; also trial for track record paced by a Quad. The match race between two quad teams should prove quite a novelty as it is the first time such a race has been arranged in this section of the state. For entry blanks or any other information, address Edward Schenke, Secretary, Berwick, Pa.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened for a short session Monday, at 9 o'clock a. m., with His Honor Robert R. Little presiding.

Gen. Fire Ex. Co. vs. Magee Carpet Works. Rule to show cause why proceedings of writ of Vend Ex. should not be stayed. Order of Court filed. Rule made absolute, &c.

Commonwealth vs. Martin. Charge receiving stolen goods. Noll Pros allowed on motion of District Attorney.

Court adjourned to meet August 29th, 1899.

Veterans' Rally.

The Columbia County Veterans Association will hold their Fourth Reunion at Millville on September 16th 1899. JOS. C. EVES, Sec.

BEN. GIDDING.

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The Garments

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HERE THEY ARE.

3 rolls, were 35c, now 25c
4 rolls, were 40c, now 35c
25 rolls, were 25c, now 18c
8 rolls, were 17c, now 14c
4 rolls, were 15c, now 12½c

Good assortment of patterns and colorings.

Velvet rugs, 90c
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Shirt Waists.

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25 PER CENT. IS THE CUT right through on every shirt waist in stock. We don't want to carry them over.

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