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## THE CONVENTION.

W. T. Creasy and Fred Ikeler For the Legislature.—Daniel Knorr For Sheriff.

### C. A. Small Re-Elected County Chairman.

The Democratic County Convention convened in the Opera House Tuesday morning at 11:20 o'clock. Under the existing party rules, the permanent chairman of the previous convention was the temporary chairman of this convention; the meeting was therefore called to order by R. G. F. Kshinka of Briarcrest. On motion Freeze Quick and W. A. Evert were made reading clerks.

Nominations for a permanent chairman were asked for, whereupon John G. McHenry of Benton was unanimously elected. The list of townships was then called alphabetically and the returns of the vote cast at Saturday's primaries filed with the convention. The following is a list of the return judges and committeemen:

Beaver, F. B. Singley; Jesse Rittenhouse; Benton Boro., B. G. Keller, H. O. McHenry; Benton Township, A. A. Colley, Abe Hartman; Berwick N. E., Wm. Mumy, C. W. Nugent, Berwick S. E., I. L. Chamberlin, Clyde Stackhouse; Berwick N. W., Wm. Grozier, Arthur Merredith; Berwick S. W. W. P. Clemens, G. T. Hoppes; Bloom 1st, W. W. Barrett Jr., John G. Hartman; Bloom 2d, John Welliver, Jno. W. Gross; Bloom 3d, W. B. Allen, J. K. Bittenbender; Bloom 4th, Ed Sterner, Peter Jones; Briarcrest, A. B. Croop, Gid Michael; Catawissa Boro., Harry M. Hamlin, W. H. Barwick; Catawissa Twp., Alfred Hower, D. H. Fetterolf; Centralia 1st, John Langdon, Thos. Quigley; Centralia 2d, Edward Cuff Jr., John Grady; Centre, John DeLong, T. B. Sweggenheiser; Cleveland, Clark Rhoads, Heins Yost; Conyngham E. N., P. F. McDonnell, Jas. Haley; Conyngham W. N., Sam'l Howk, David Roach; Conyngham W. Pat. Gillispy, George Ferman; Conyngham S. W., Jas. Kelby, M. J. Dickson; Conyngham S. E., Jas. Connor, William Kelker; Fishingcreek E., L. M. Creveling, J. M. Winner; Fishingcreek W., Hiram Karns, J. S. Campbell; Franklin, Thos. Elmes, Johathan Loreman; Greenwood E., Jas. F. Lanton, C. H. Dildine; Greenwood W., John Shultz, M. B. Hock; Hemlock, Chas. Welliver, Sam'l Gitton; Jackson, C. P. Lemons, Moses Savage; Locust, W. B. Snyder, J. L. Stine; Madison, Wesley Jackson, J. E. Shuman, Main, Henry Bredbenner, W. P. Zahner; Millin, J. C. Hetter, J. H. Eisenhower; Millville Boro., W. E. Johnston, J. B. Welliver; Montour, J. N. Gordon, Frank Hagenbuch; Mt. Pleasant, F. P. Davis, Boyd Ikeler; Orangeville Boro., J. W. Hilday, E. W. Coleman; Orange, Wm. Drake, Abram Kline; Pine N., C. R. Kinney, P. W. Soones; Pine S., Elijah Shoemaker, T. B. Gardner; Roaringcreek, John Reichart, Leander Fetterman; Scott E., Wilson Wanick; W. E. Dietterick; Scott W., A. P. Howell, R. C. Johnson; Stillwater Boro., W. J. Smith, M. W. McHenry; Sugarloaf N., J. F. Lemons, Geo. B. Hummer; Sugarloaf S., F. P. Hartman, H. S. Cole.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention re-convened at 1:30. Permanent chairman, John G. McHenry, presiding. The organization was perfected by electing J. K. Bittenbender of Bloomsburg, and Thos. Quigley, of Centralia, secretaries. Mr. McHenry followed with a neat little speech thanking the convention for the honor conferred upon him, and setting forth the duty of every true Democrat who has party harmony and success at heart. His remarks were earnestly applauded. The totals of the vote cast were then read by Secretary Evert and the following candidates having received the majority of the same were declared nominees: For Congress—Hon. Rufus K. Polk; For Members of the Legislature—Hon. Wm. T. Creasy and Fred Ikeler, Esq.; for Sheriff—Daniel Knorr; Coroner—Dr. B. F. Sharpless; Jury Commissioner—David A. Shultz.

The Catawissa Band, which accompanied the delegation from the South side, occupied front seats in the convention, and after the rendition of a very pretty selection, the committee on resolutions made the following report:

## A RAPID INCREASE

The Onward Stride of Pennsylvania Cities as Seen by a Bloomsburg Man.

### An Interesting Description of a Trip Down the River.

How the population of our country is increasing! Not because the census taker reveals this fact, but because we see it as we go here and there. It is very noticeable even here in the thickly settled East, with all the westward emigration of the past years.

A trip down the river, through Sunbury, Harrisburg and York as far as Baltimore, shows this filling up process very plainly; even in the rural districts the population is rapidly growing. Farms are divided into smaller ones, houses are being built, new streets along the railroads are established, summer retreats and resorts are being opened up with the attractiveness of fancy names to bring the city people out, and the country generally seems prosperous, but as we speed along we notice a great change in the towns and cities. They are spreading out, becoming centres of activity, traffic and manufactures.

Many smaller places have risen to the size and dignity of cities and the larger ones are taking their place as powers in state and nation. Sunbury is growing and its advance seems to be a very substantial one. No wild schemes, no improperly founded or conducted enterprises, no dishonest management to disgust and disappoint people and damage all growth, or put a stop to it; its location at the junction of the rivers is favorable to permanent growth, and the many railroads entering and passing through it is another helpful factor.

Harrisburg is making a sure but not very rapid advance in population and power. It is an acknowledged railroad center and hence will always have advantages for growth, possessed by few inland towns.

York is making rapid strides onward; it is taking its place as a manufacturing town in Pennsylvania; large mills are seen on every hand, all in active operation. New streets are being opened up, long rows of houses are being built, with many beautiful residences on shady avenues. This rapid growth and manufacturing increase is not due to any particular advantage in location because it is not along a through line of railroad, or on any large stream of water, and yet it is making a remarkable advance. We could not help noticing the many kinds of manufactured articles—they are legion—what an opportunity to select and to follow along some line to success. Our heart went out for our town, that we might make some such solid and substantial advance.

We all know the difficulties in the way of manufactures; the power of trusts and giant corporations is a constant menace to smaller independent capitalists who might be willing to invest their money in industrial enterprises, and another is the sharp methods and practices, the dishonest dealings with many who put small amounts of money into concerns and manufacturing plants which have destroyed public confidence to such an extent that nothing can be started with home capital.

There is a vast and ever growing demand for manufactured goods, not just from the increase of population in this country, but the whole world is opening up to trade, and America leads the nations—easily, splendidly goes in advance of all because of her resources, her energy and inventive skill. There can be no trouble about the sale of articles, why then should our mills close, the machinery be sold and our men who are willing to work be compelled to move by the hundred to other places, until as a man of intelligence and observation said not long ago: "Bloomsburg will soon be back to where it was years ago." We do not believe in going backwards.

Ours is a beautiful town; its praises are sounded everywhere and persons from a distance say they want to see it—but beauty and deadness never go together. We want life and progress and cheering activity. Let us demand that selfishness and evil and wicked designs and doings shall be put down and out, and that goodness and unselfishness for the public good shall be manifest in noble public

## E. H. LITTLE.

His Death Occurred Last Friday After a Brief Illness.

### The Bar Association Attended The Funeral In a Body.

At twenty minutes before six o'clock last Friday evening Ephraim H. Little died at the boarding house of Mrs. M. M. Phillips, where he and his wife occupied a suite of rooms. They had removed to their Scott township farm for the summer, but Mr. Little caught a heavy cold, and they returned to Bloomsburg about ten days before his death. It was a rather singular coincidence that he died on the tenth anniversary of his first wife's death, and almost at the same hour of the day. Hon. R. R. Little is the only child of the deceased by his first wife. His second wife who was Mrs. D. R. Brass, survives him.

He was born March 22, 1823, in the State of New York. His father, Geo. Little moved with his family to Bethany, Wayne County, Penna., when Ephraim was quite young, and there resided, carrying on a tannery until the latter was ten years of age. He then moved to Montrose, Susquehanna County, Penna., and engaged in mercantile business. Mr. Little obtained his early education at the schools of Montrose, and in his eighteenth year began reading law as a student in the office of Lusk & Little, of Montrose, Penna., but completed his legal studies at Morris, Grundy County, Ill. There he was admitted to the bar in 1844, and practiced law in Joliet, same state, for two years. He then practiced two years more at Morris, Ill., and while a resident of that place, on one occasion went hunting prairie chickens when his gun accidentally discharged, lacerating his arm in such a manner as to render its amputation necessary. In 1847 he returned to Montrose, Penna., and in 1848 opened a law office at Tankhannock, Penna. In 1849 he was appointed weighmaster on the canal at Beach Haven and acted as such for two years. In December, 1850, he married Elizabeth Seybert, and in the Spring of 1851 came to Columbia County, and located at Berwick, where he practiced his profession until 1860. He then came to Bloomsburg, and had been in continuous and successful practice here until he retired several years ago. Mr. Little was a Democrat; was elected District Attorney for Columbia County in 1856, and re-elected twice, serving nine years in all, and was well known throughout the county as an able lawyer. He also superintended a farm of 135 acres, located three and a half miles from Bloomsburg. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

The remains were conveyed to the residence of Judge Little on West Third Street by Undertaker Bittenbender, where the funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. J. D. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

The pall bearers were C. W. Miller, J. H. Maize, Paul E. Wirt, F. C. Eyer, W. E. Rinker, William Mensch, J. N. Gordon, Furman Kressler.

A meeting of the Columbia County Bar was held in the court room at 1:30 p. m. on Monday. Col. J. G. Freeze, President of the Association, called the meeting to order and stated its object to be to take proper action on the death of E. H. Little. A committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of C. W. Miller, J. B. Robinson, and T. J. Vanderslice, the resolutions to be published in the town papers. At two o'clock the Bar proceeded in a body to the funeral.

The Catawissa Band discoursed excellent music in front of the Exchange Hotel, both before and after the Democratic Convention. The organization was considerably diminished in number by reason of the inability of several to leave their work, but notwithstanding this deficiency, every selection was well rendered. Catawissa has, for many years past, enjoyed the reputation of having a good band.

Rev. C. H. Brandt, a former pastor of the Reformed church here, has accepted a call to the Reformed Church at Phoenixville, Pa.

## COUNCIL MEETING

Many Complaints Made About Alleys and Crossings.

### Resolutions Are Adopted to Suppress Profanity on the Streets.

The regular June meeting of the Bloomsburg Town Council was held Thursday evening. In the absence of Mayor Ikeler, F. B. Hartman acted in that capacity.

There were many complaints about street crossings and alleys in various parts of the town. They were all referred to the proper committee with power to act.

The alley on the east side of Court House was the subject of considerable discussion. It appears that the County Commissioners and Paul E. Wirt have agreed to each bear half the expense to have the alley properly repaired. If the expense is not too great brick will be used.

Mr. Dieffenbach moved that where it was necessary, gutters be piped with either iron or terracotta pipes. Carried.

The matter of compelling the Brass and Copper Co. and the Penn Elevator Co. to pay taxes on their plants was discussed. Referred to town solicitor.

The matter of fixing West street was discussed and finally agreed upon to repair same.

George Hassert complained of gutter in front of his property on East Fourth street, saying that during rains water accumulates there, and there being no outlet water cannot run off. Mr. Neyhard stated that he and Mr. Brown had examined same and thought they could carry off said waste water by piping gutter thus carrying water down Iron street. Referred to street committee.

The report of the finance committee was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cronin a nine mill tax rate was levied, the same as last year.

Mr. Hartman read the following resolution regarding the use of profane language and loafing on the streets:

BLOOMSBURG, PA., June 7, 1900. WHEREAS numerous complaints of assemblages, rude blasphemy and vile language upon the public streets of the town of Bloomsburg have been made, therefore it is

Resolved, That the President of the Council be requested to call before him the policemen of the town and instruct them as to their duties, and direct them to disperse all unlawful assemblages and enforce the law against the indulgence in profanity and obscene language on the public streets, that ladies, gentlemen and children be allowed to pass along the pavements hereafter without being insulted by these assemblages of men and boys, who gather on the street corners and in front of public and business places. FRED B. HARTMAN.

On motion duly seconded the resolution was adopted.

Building permits were granted to H. S. Pohe for a veranda in front of his property on East Third street and to Josiah Ralston for an addition to his property on Main street.

Michael Tracy appeared and stated that salary for attending to fire alarm system was too small and unless same was increased he would resign.

The matter was referred to committee on fire and water, they to look after same.

The matter of exonerating the Keystone Mill property from taxes for ten years was discussed and on motion duly seconded the matter was laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Dieffenbach reported that he had been told the Good Will Fire Company had been using the rubber boots of said company for private purposes and that one of the lanterns was missing.

He moved that the paraphernalia of said company be taken by Council and held until the controversy between the two factions is adjusted or until the company now holding said apparatus procures a charter.

The motion was not seconded and the motion passed over.

Mr. Dieffenbach suggested that the chief of fire department call out the different companies four times a year

## They Say

That a man talks about the weather because he doesn't know enough to talk about anything else. That's about the case with the man who has always been going to a tailor for his clothes. He pays about 40 per cent. too much, but he doesn't know about any other clothes. Show him one of our Spring Suits and you have started him off on a new line of thought. Common sense, is it not, to get as much for your money as you can?

## You Must Remember

That the "wholesale tailors" employ tailors, can buy the best fabrics, have straight connections with the most authoritative fashion centres, and can make a suit—because they make many—at half the merchant tailor's price.

## Look Into This Thing.

Come, in, some day, and permit us to show you what a ready-to-wear garment, of the kind we sell, is like. You never saw ready-to-put-on clothes like our Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes, because there are none so good.

## Ben. Gidding,

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

THIS A LONG CRY to July 31st, when we take inventory. But it's coming, and at that time we want to feel ourselves poor in goods. Our rule is to move slow-selling goods at any price. We won't wait until the last week in July to put the knife into the prices, but we start now, when the goods are reasonable. We mention a few things:

### Silks.

Suitable for waists. Silk remnants, 20, 25, 40, 50 and 70c. Their value is just double this.

White dimity, reduced from 20c. to 12c., and from 15c. to 10c.

### Shirt Waists.

Which were good value at 50c., now 25c., and others that were 35 and 50c., now 20c.

### Remnants

Of Marseilles, to close, from 28c to 18c. Barred Nainsook, reduced from 20 and 25c., to 10 and 15c.

### Shirt Waists.

Of India linen, Pique and other seasonal stuffs, were \$1.00 and \$1.25. To close out the lot, 50c. Shirt waists, which were \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, now \$1.25.

### Bargains in Doylies & Crash Silks

We are closing out Richardson's wash silks at 3c. per skein. We are also closing out our stock of doylies. These are new goods, bought for this season, but as we have decided to discontinue selling this class of goods, the price will be just cut in half.

### Grocery Department.

You certainly must like the goods we handle. The business in this department is steadily growing every month. We will serve you better, the more business we get from you.

### Rugs, Rugs, Rugs, Rugs.

We have them from the small velvet rug, 18x30, to the carpet size, 12x15. No one can show you the line of these goods that we do. Consider what it means to give you a selection out of 40 rugs, and at all prices. We will give you a velvet rug, suitable for a porch rug, at \$1.10. \$1.50 would be a reasonable price for them. Our carpet stock is full. We keep it so. The newest designs and colorings are always seen on our floors. We will close out our matings at cost price.

## THE LEADER STORE COMPANY, Ltd.,

4TH AND MARKET STS., BLOOMSBURG.

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