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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF CONGRES- SIONAL CONFERENCE.

Laporte, Pa., August 14th, 1902.
The regularly appointed Congressional conference of the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, composed of the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan, met at Laporte, Pa., on Thursday August 14th, 1902.

Pursuant to notice they assembled at the Public House of F. Gallagher. An organization was effected by the election of J. F. Gibbons of Northumberland County as Chairman, and W. A. Sechler of Montour and W. C. Johnson of Columbia, as Secretaries.

On the calling of the roll the following conferees were present and responded: W. W. Black of Columbia and W. C. Johnston of Columbia; J. F. Ellis and W. A. Sechler of Montour; W. P. Stellmach and J. F. Gibbons of Northumberland; and Frank Magargel and D. F. McCarty, of Sullivan.

Mr. Ellis of Montour nominated Hon. Charles H. Dickerman of Milton, Pa., for the full regular term for Congress for the 16th Congressional District of Pa.

Mr. Stellmach seconded the nomination.

W. C. Johnston of Columbia nominated Hon. A. L. Fritz of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mr. Black seconded the nomination.

It was moved and seconded that nominations close. Carried.

Mr. Fritz then in a few well chosen words stated that as the people by their votes had already indicated their choice; that as Mr. Dickerman had carried Montour County by a close vote which practically decided the matter in his favor, it was thought best by Mr. Fritz's friends in the district including the leaders of the party in Sullivan Co., not to carry on the contest in that County. Therefore Mr. Fritz said as Mr. Dickerman had carried three Counties the duties of the Conferees would not be very arduous, and that he cheerfully withdrew his name as a candidate and instructed his conferees to cast their vote for Mr. Dickerman remarking that the party with him as its candidate has a strong one and a good man.

A motion was then made that Mr. Dickerman be nominated by acclamation. Seconded. Carried. Mr. Dickerman nominated by acclamation.

Mr. Dickerman being called upon, in a very able manner expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and spoke of the courtesy with which the canvass had been made, and discussed briefly the political outlook.

Mr. Sechler of Montour moved that when the conference adjourned that it adjourn subject to the call of the chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stellmach. Carried.

After filling out the necessary nomination papers, it was moved and seconded that the conference adjourn subject to the call of the chairman. Carried. Conference adjourned.

JOHN F. GIBBONS, President.
W. A. SECHLER { Secretaries.
Wm. C. JOHNSTON }

DESERVES A CELEBRATION.

In speaking of Bloomsburg's Centennial Celebration, the Record of Wilkes-Barre, in its issue of Saturday says:

"Next week, continuing for two days, the people of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, will celebrate the centennial of that pretty country town. For a town that has existed for a period of a hundred years Bloomsburg is not large territorially, nor yet populous, but it has a number of advantages which many more pretentious towns do not possess. It is a wholesome town, is well supplied with churches and other institutions which are the recognized evidences of the Christianity, the morality and the intelligence of a community. It abounds in business enterprises which speak well for the prosperity of the people, and it teems with beautiful homes which speak more loudly than words of the comfort, happiness and contentment of the population. All things considered, Bloomsburg deserves a celebration of its centennial anniversary, and no doubt the enterprising people of the town will make it an event worth remembering and worthy of the community that has in its day contained such men as Charles R. Buckalew, Judge Elwell and some others who gave Bloomsburg a reputation which it might not otherwise have attained. No doubt visitors in large numbers from up and down the Susquehanna will flock to Bloomsburg next week to participate in the celebration of so important an event as the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the town."

Are We Approaching a Fifty Cent Dollar Under the Gold Standard.

In a late issue of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger and Times," the information was given out, that by reason of the discovery of exceedingly large gold deposits and the ending of the Boers' War and by which the resumption of the Transvaal gold mines were immediately possible, and the improved machinery used in mining gold, the output of gold bullion would accumulate to a surplus, to such an extent, that the value of gold would depreciate 50 per cent, in the near future. From the above it would seem that the money question can never be settled by any political party upon a standard value which is not fluctuating. There is a possibility that the "honest dollar" will again be brought in disrepute under the gold standard to satisfy the greed of the money power.

We suggest that a ton of coal be made the unit of values by which to measure the values of all other commodities, gold included. Evidently there is a new money issue looming up in the near future for campaign purposes, since gold is so rapidly following the trail silver. The demoralization of silver was like a decree of divorce between husband and wife, and that neither alone, could long fulfill, or accomplish the ends for which they were created. If gold should depreciate 50 per cent in value, the "50 cent dollar cry" will be as prominent as in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900.

Wall Street would again be shaken from centre to circumference to find a scheme to rob the masses of their honest earnings. A 50 cent gold dollar would be just as wicked as a 50 cent silver dollar, and the poor millionaires would be thrown into another frenzy of financial craze. In case of such event to which the Ledger alludes as probable, the people may expect the most interesting campaigns that have ever been witnessed in this country. J. C. W.

The annual Harvest Home services under the pastorate of Rev. A. Houtz will be held as follows:

Orangeville, Aug. 31 at 10:30 A. M.
St. James, Sept. 7 at 10:15 A. M.;
Zion, Sept. 7 at 2:30 P. M.; and
Hidlay, Sept. 14 at 10:30 A. M.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Quay's Boiled Foot—Good Reports from the State—Birdie's Warren Tramping for Penrose.

Harrisburg, Aug. '02.
"Pity the sorrows of a poor old man." Since he was called hurriedly from his meditations in the Maine woods to put an air brake on Pennypacker's silly tongue, Quay has had no end of trials and tribulations. He had scarcely succeeded in getting near enough to Cousin Sam to yell at him to "dry up" when he got into a serious difficulty with Governor Stone. He undertook in his loving way to command the Governor to do certain things for the honor and glory of Mr. Quay. His excellency refused, as it was the Sabbath day, and before they parted Quay became so insistent that the Governor lost his temper and called him some very suggestive names not found in the expurgated dictionaries.

PENNYPACKER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Here is another fine opportunity for Pennypacker. When he gets his think tank in working order he will, no doubt, be able to discover something noble and inspiring in all this—something approaching real genius. He will perhaps describe in ponderous terms wherein Cousin Matthew's hadits shine superior to those of Webster, for as far as we know Dan never reached that dizzy pinnacle in the temple of fame which inspires one with the idea that the proper caper is to scald his feet.

There is a wide difference of opinion as to the real cause that led the Old Man to burn himself so badly. One theory is that the wonderful eulogy and the continued praise of Pennypacker had led him to believe that he belongs to a superior order of beings and that by his pure, virtuous life of self-denial he has reached a plane that would enable him, like the Hebrew children, to pass through a fiery furnace without the smell of fire on his garments. Others say that his prodigious intellect was so engrossed with the cares of state and solicitude for the good of the race that he abstractedly turned the hot water on his foot, oblivious of all pain until the damage was done.

FAVORABLE REPORTS.

Chairman Creasy continues to receive most favorable reports from all parts of the state. The number of Republicans who are growing more and more disgusted with the machine is constantly increasing. The outrageous corruption coming to light in reference to the bribery and blackmail imposed by the appropriations committee on different institutions asking the state aid is sufficient to disgust every honest man in the state, and cause him to register his protest at the ballot box against the party which makes such a condition possible.

The case of the Clarion Normal School which paid ten per cent. of its appropriation to the heelers who manipulated the matter in the committee has been fully exposed by the Philadelphia North American. It proves by the guilty persons themselves that \$2,700 was paid to those who worked the bill through the committee. There are other cases still worse that will make some high toned professors and doctors squirm when the truth comes to light. It was a great query at the time how a certain college got an appropriation but it has been learned since that a 20 per cent. "rake-off" was paid to secure it. The "blood money" was accounted for in the reports by raising the president's salary.

"BIRDIE" STILL WARBLE.

"Birdie" Warren, of Pennsylvania Bird Book notoriety, is going about the state promising that all sorts of good luck will come to those who will stand for Penrose. "Birdie" has been a very expensive ornament to the taxpayers of

Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales!
Some people call it tetter, milk crust or salt rheum.
The suffering from it is sometimes intense. Local applications are resorted to—they mitigate, but cannot cure.
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the state and they will have but little patience with him. The fewer Birdie Warrens and Penroses the state has the better it will be for the public good.

By the way, where do the fine gilt copies of Smull's Hand Book that are being sent over the state with Penrose's compliments come from? There is no provision made whereby United States Senators are to be supplied with these books. Are they "swiped" from the number that should go to members of the Legislature? The members are supposed to be treated fairly in this matter, and yet some of them in the recent shipment for 1902 did not receive a single copy in gilt nor their full share in the cheaper binding.

The writer knows that Birdie Warren's book was on sale by some of the clerks at Harrisburg because he bought five copies. Perhaps Birdie will explain as he flits from flower to flower how it is that so many copies of his book were sold at 70 cents each, and how Mr. Penrose manages to get fine gilt copies of Smull to distribute all over the state.

ANDREW J. PALM.

A TREMENDOUS CLAIM.

Part of Columbia County involved in an Important Land Suit.

O. H. Wheeler, says the Ashland Advocate, who lays claim to a part of ownership of about 10,000 acres of land in Schuylkill, Columbia and Northumberland Counties will try to prove his claims to the land in the U. S. District Courts, the case being set for trial at Pittsburg in November. Land in Columbia County now under the ownership of the P. & R. Company, is embraced in Wheeler's claim.

Orsemus H. Wheeler, the claimant to several tracts of land in the coal region, who aroused much interest recently in his case, has stated his claim briefly as follows:

"I am confident of winning my case this time." For thirty years I have been collecting the evidence and prosecuting the claim and at last the end is in sight.

"To understand the case it is necessary to go back to 1793, when Robert Morris, of Revolutionary fame, purchased from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, twenty-five tracts of land at \$50 a tract. That land now comprises 10,300 acres of coal land in Northumberland, Schuylkill and Columbia counties, upon which a dozen collieries are operated, and upon which 40,000 people live.

"In 1794 the land was transferred to John Nicholson, in 1825 to William P. Farrand, in 1836 to Henry K. Strong, in 1848 to Hannah Hoff and in 1849 to Stewart Newell. Newell deeded half the land to John B. Douy, who in 1872 transferred his share to me for \$57,000.

"In 1850" continued Wheeler, "Franklin B. Gowen was buying timber land and purchased the land from a George Grant, who fraudulently claimed to be the owner. A few years later coal was discovered on the property and the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company has since held possession of the land.

"For the purpose of bringing suit to recover the land Newell and I organized the Robert Morris Land and Coal Company, and in 1877 and in 1899 the cases were carried into the United States District Court at Pittsburg.

"The cases pending include six ejectment suits, a bill in equity and three damage suits. Our claim is as follows:

"For 10,300 acres of land, \$25,000.

"For 50,000,000 tons of coal taken from the land at 50 cents a ton, \$25,000,000.

"For timber taken from the land, \$10,000,000.

"Total, \$60,000,000."

Wheeler is the only one of the original members of the Robert Morris Land and Coal Company still alive.

The present high price of beef is drawing the attention of farmers to the question whether it would not pay them to go into cattle raising again as was the practice many years ago. Few farmers in Pennsylvania any longer pay attention to the raising of beef cattle. Cows to replenish the dairy herds, must, of course, be raised, but young males are sent to the shambles as calves, and farmers rarely think of growing steers unless it be for their own consumption during the year.

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In the sale of the above emphasized items we cater to your economy. These special linens are now at their best and this is the one chance of a six months to replenish the home with these needfuls at lower prices than you are in the habit of paying; yes much lower prices. Kindly investigate.

Bleached Damasks.
The Bleached Damasks start at 20 cents.
60c all linen damask 62 inches wide at 49 cents.
75c all linen damask 62 inches wide at 65 cents.
85c all linen damask 72 inches wide at 69 cents.
98c all linen damask 72 inches wide at 78 cents.
1.10 all linen damask 72 inches wide at 89 cents.
1.45 all linen damask 72 inches wide at 1.29.
1.75 all linen damask 72 inches wide at 1.50.
2.35 all linen damask 72 inches wide at 1.85.

Pillow Slips.
45x36 pillow slips 12½c.
45x36 Utica pillow slips 16c.
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Bed Spreads.
We make this the bed spread chance of the year. Can't always divide profits with you but we do it now.
1.25 bed spread at 95c.
2.75 " " " 2.39
2.00 " " " 1.75

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Plain cotton and linen Towelings; handsome glass towelings, all bought for this event. 10 cent towelings at 8½, 12½ cent towelings at 11 cents; and so you will find them reduced.
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