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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

In pursuance of the action of the Democratic State Committee the Democratic State Convention will convene in the Hall of the Board of Trade Rooms in Harrisburg, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon, to place in nomination One Candidate for Auditor General.

One Candidate for State Treasurer Two Candidates for Superior Court Judge, and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before it.

J. K. P. HALL, Chairman State Demo. Com. P. GRAY MEEK, Sec.

DATES FOR DEMOCRATIC WORKERS TO REMEMBER.

- Last day for Registering voters, Friday, Sept. 4th. Last day for Paying taxes, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Last day for Filing Certificates of Nomination (State Offices) Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Last day for Filing Nomination Papers, (State Offices) Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Last day for Filing Certificates of Nomination, (County Offices) Tuesday, Oct. 6th. Last day for Filing Nomination Papers, (County Offices) Tuesday, Oct. 13th. Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3rd 1903.

THERE'LL BE SOME FUN.

Unless all signs fail, there is going to be some fun in a political way in old Columbia County next spring. The bees are building habitations in many bonnets, and even now with the delegate election a good many months distant, one can hear them swarming and he don't have to listen very intently either. The place coveted is that of representative in the legislature, and the ones from this side of the river who have in a way signified their intention of making a bid for it, are Geo. B. Hummer, of Sugarloaf, and John G. Harman and William Chrisman, of Bloomsburg, while from the south side the gentle breezes are wafting the names of W. T. Creasy, C. A. Small, Chas. A. Randall and P. W. Gordon, as aspirants. Well as some one has said, the more the merrier, but its going to cost some one a heap of money. The office is not a big paying one by any means, and from present indications its going to cost the successful men more to get in than they can get out. That is, if they are honest with themselves and fair to their constituents.

The Harrisburg Patriot was the first paper to give the full and complete report of the Jeffries-Corbett prize fight, the claim of a local contemporary to the contrary, notwithstanding. The Patriot arrived here at 7:20 and contained a report of the bout round by round, not a mere announcement of the result. There are just a few other papers in the State that get the news beside the Morning Press.

CLEAN UP! SAYS MR. KITZMILLER.

"Kitsy" as He is Known in Bloomsburg Stirs Shenandoah.

George W. Kitzmiller, has been stirring up the officials of Shenandoah it seems. He has a plan for uniform sewerage and says that his idea is that the saying that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" should be taken literally. He caused all kinds of excitement in Shenandoah by sending letters to the borough officials and Board of Health telling them to clean up the streets.

The following article from a Shenandoah paper tells the interesting story. "There was a ripple of excitement last evening when President James of Town Council and Chief Burgess Brennan received registered letters from one Kitzmiller, who arrived in town the other day and at once started out on a tour of inspection. Some strong language was used in official circles, at what was regarded as unwarranted interference with borough affairs. Here is a copy of Kitzmiller's letters written on Hotel Franey note heads, he being a guest at said hostelry."

"Shenandoah Pa., August 11, 1903 "Hon. P. E. Brennan, Chief Burgess "Hon. David R. James, President Town Council. "Hon. Christ. Gruhler, Chairman Board of Health, Shenandoah, Pa. "Gentlemen:—If it pleases you, or if you see fit, I would kindly and most respectfully request that you arrange to clean up the streets of Shenandoah Pa., and furthermore, I earnestly urge that you please see that they are thereafter kept clean to oblige, your very sincerely and affectionately Geo. W. Kitzmiller, Washington, D. C.

"P. S. The belief prevails in my mind the sooner you have a clean city the sooner you'll become like—With the hope that Nature's Creation will bless you and be merciful to one, to us all. G. W. K."

"The word represented by the dash in the postscript refers to the Creator and is no doubt meant in all sincerity by Kitzmiller, who says he is from Unityville, Lycoming county and had done good work in this line at Easton Pa. and Trenton N. Y., and other cities. He sells a patent 'eradicator' for cleaning clothing and has a plan for uniform sewerage and says his idea is that the saying 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' should be taken literally, and he states that he judges from appearances. Williamsport, he says, is an example of a clean city, and the death rate there is very low. "His letters were marked 'Personal' Dr. Gruhler, who is attending the state convention of Eagles at Erie, Pa., has not received his letter."

A moving picture stock company is the latest for Bloomsburg. The company, we understand will be capitalized at \$4000, and a diversified list of the latest and best views will be procured. The equipment is to be the best that money can buy, and will include a lot of colored pictures with dissolving effect. The attraction will be booked solid in good sized towns only, and the projectors promise big dividends.

Lost Hair

"My hair came out by the handful, and the gray hairs began to creep in. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, and it stopped the hair from coming out and restored the color." Mrs. M. D. Gray, No. Salem, Mass.

There's a pleasure in offering such a preparation as Ayer's Hair Vigor. It gives to all who use it such satisfaction. The hair becomes thicker, longer, softer, and more glossy. And you feel so secure in using such an old and reliable preparation.

51.00 a bottle. All druggists. If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

That Tired Feeling

Is a Common Spring Trouble. It's a sign that the blood is deficient in vitality, just as pimples and other eruptions are signs that the blood is impure. It's a warning, too, which only the hazardous fail to heed.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove it, give new life, new courage, strength and animation. They cleanse the blood and clear the complexion. Accept no substitute.

"I felt tired all the time and could not sleep. After taking Hood's Sarsaparilla a while I could sleep well and the tired feeling had gone. This great medicine has also cured me of scrofula." Maa. C. M. Root, Gilead, Conn.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

Rural Service Short \$6,000,000.

Machen's Extravagance Costs Uncle Sam That Much More for Fiscal Year.

Congress at its next session must authorize a deficiency appropriation of \$6,000,000 or the establishment of rural free delivery routes must be suspended from January 1 to June 30, 1904.

The astonishing discovery has just been made by the postoffice authorities that half of the \$12,500,000 appropriated for the rural free delivery service during the present fiscal year has been anticipated. Only sufficient remains to continue the development of the system during the current calendar year.

August W. Machen, former superintendent of the service, now under indictment, is held responsible for this condition. He practically mortgaged the appropriation for the current fiscal year by establishing routes during the last months of his incumbency. More than one-half of the appropriation will be required to carry routes already established.

Postal officials are irritated at the way George W. Beavers has been permitted to evade arrest. They are perturbed over the action of the authorities of Brooklyn, and do not hesitate to so declare themselves when talking in private. District Attorney Youngs comes in for criticism. It is considered strange that a person under indictment is not at least served with notice of the indictment, particularly when his whereabouts are declared to be known. The suspicion is held by many that strong influence has been exerted to stave off the arrest of Beavers.

TOWNSEND'S Mid Summer Sale of Clothing 25 PER CENT. REDUCTION ON ALL SPRING CLOTHING FOR 2 WEEKS AT TOWNSEND'S.

State Will Build Roads. State Highway Commissioner Hunter is Mapping Out Plans.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter is mapping out plans to put into operation the improvements of county roads pursuant to the act of April 15, 1903. For the next two years the department will have an annual appropriation of \$500,000 to commence the work.

Already three counties have forwarded applications for a share of the fund. They are Crawford, Snyder and Mercer counties. These requests specify the highways that the counties wish improved. A number of others are preparing statements of the improvements desired. They are Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Tioga, York, Lancaster, Huntingdon, Indiana, and Lebanon counties.

Commissioner Hunter will take no action until all the counties in the state are heard from, in order to get length of mileage each county wants improved, and then the allotment will be made in proportion until the appropriation is expended. Mr. Hunter stated to the Harrisburg Patriot's representative that he expected all applications would be received within the next month and not more than two weeks later the work would be started.

Bids will be sent out to contractors in the counties for estimates on the work, the lowest responsible bidder receiving the contracts.

Commissioner Hunter said that the roads, as a rule, would be macadamized, but if counties desired a more expensive highway improvement it would probably be granted but the amount of work would be curtailed.

One matter to be considered, he said, was the character of travel on the roads. If heavy traffic was intended the road would have to be built stronger than ordinarily.

The department is not yet thoroughly organized, and books, blanks and stationery have not been supplied by the state printer. There will be two more appointments made in the office a chief clerk and a stenographer. These additions to the force may be made by the governor within the next month.

RIVER COAL.

The Danville Morning News says that "Mr. LeDuc is meeting with good success in extracting coal from the North Branch. He is operating with his finely equipped digger on the river below town. He puts in pretty full time and succeeds in obtaining five to seven tons of coal per day.

Mr. LeDuc finds it to his advantage to keep the digger down the river, as a good deal of time would be lost daily in bringing it up over the ripples. The coal is unloaded at a point nearly opposite Lover's Leap and hauled up to town in wagons."

At Northumberland several coal diggers are in operation taking coal from the river bottom, and have been doing so for years. At Danville it seems that from five to seven tons a day are obtained. Why wouldn't it pay at Bloomsburg? The river is wide, and ordinarily sufficiently low so that a digger could be operated more than half the year. If there is coal in large quantities at Northumberland and Danville, there ought to be more at Bloomsburg and points further up. River coal is said not to be as good as coal from the mines, but it can be obtained at a lower price. During the strike last fall it was used in large quantities at about half what dealers were charging. It is a subject worth investigating.

UNCOMMON SAVINGS ALL OVER THE STORE DURING THIS

Linen Sale

We are making you special inducements this week, ones that we are sure will show you clearly how you can save money in buying now, instead of later.

Our sale of trustworthy Linens has been a marked success, in fact a great deal more of a success than we ever looked for, shows that you appreciate our efforts. The sale continues this week.

The other departments have not been neglected. We have gone through our stocks, picked out slow sellers, goods that for one reason or another have not sold as we anticipated, put prices on them that will move them quickly.

A few of them mentioned here, more to be seen at the store.

Table with 2 columns: Unbleached Table Linens and Bleached Table Linens. Lists various linens with prices and reductions.

A Push on the Go-Carts.

We offer twenty-five of them at a saving of 25%. All the latest style of good serviceable carts. Plenty of style to choose from. \$10.00 Carts at \$7.50, \$13.85 Carts at \$10.75, \$20.00 Carts at \$15.00, \$25.00 at \$19.00.

Ladies' Shirt Waists and Suits. All Wool Dress Goods.

All we have left go at very great saving to you. We don't propose to carry any over, so we have put small prices on them to move them quickly. A saving of 50 per cent on some to you. Interested? May be you have been thinking of buying a new dress. One that will answer for any occasion. A particularly good dress. Why not now? During this week we will allow you 10 per cent discount on the price of the goods for one. Quite an item, worth considering.

F. P. PURSEL. Bloomsburg, Pa.

Are You Going?

The big picnic of the Royal Arcanum is being held at Fairchild's Grove this afternoon and evening. A diversified program of amusements has been arranged. Everything points to a record breaking attendance. Dancing will be the leading feature this evening, for which good music has been provided. Round trip tickets 20 cents. Go with the crowd and enjoy yourself.

Out it Out Saves the "Inquirer."

Games for a purse, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, seem to be getting just the thing for the independent base ball clubs. In fact, there is entirely too much of this sort of affairs in the ranks of future grents, and the sooner it is cut out the better the spectators will like it and the more good the game will receive.

CANTORIA. Bears the Signature of Chat. H. Vitchies. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Bargains in Women's Shoes.

- To Close Out Odds and Ends. 36 pairs 3.00 shoes at 2.00. 40 pairs 2.50 shoes at 1.75. 60 pairs 2.00 shoes at 1.50. 80 pairs 1.50 to 3.00 shoes at 1.00.

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