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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1905.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

The Prohibition Party of Columbia county held their convention at Benton last Saturday. M. P. Lutz of Bloomsburg, called the meeting to order, and a prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Benford of the Benton M. E. Church. R. T. Smith of Benton was chosen chairman, and J. L. John of Millville, secretary.

The following ticket was named: Register and Recorder, T. C. Smith, of Benton; Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts, Jesse M. John, of Millville; County Treasurer, Dr. I. L. Edwards, of Benton; Commissioner F. I. Bellas, of Scott township, Auditor, W. J. Bidleman, of Bloomsburg. The following were elected delegates to the State Convention: F. I. Bellas, of Light Street; R. T. Smith and wife of Benton; Rev. R. H. Gilbert and Rev. J. C. Grimes, of Berwick; Rev. W. H. Benford, of Benton; E. C. Doty, of Bloomsburg; Rev. F. F. Mayer, of Benton. The members of the State Central Committee appointed were: J. L. John, of Millville; M. P. Lutz, of Bloomsburg; R. T. Smith, of Benton.

Rev. F. F. Mayer, of Benton, was named as county chairman; Rev. W. H. Benford, of Benton, secretary, and M. P. Lutz, of Bloomsburg, treasurer.

The following resolutions were adopted.

The Prohibitionists of Columbia county in convention assembled in the Town Hall, at Benton, Pa., May 20th, 1905, acknowledging our responsibility to Almighty God as citizens, make the following declarations:

1. We declare our adherence to the State and National Prohibition party, and the principles announced in their platforms.

2. That we are uncompromisingly committed to the destruction and annihilation of the brewery and distillery, that the saloon with its blighting curses may be wiped out forever.

3. That the Brooks high license law of the state is a complete failure as a beneficiary or reform measure, but on the contrary it is an unmitigated curse.

4. That we are unqualifiedly opposed to the principle of license as set forth in the Brooks law and under which the regulation and restriction of the liquor traffic of the state is now being attempted. It is vicious in principle and ineffective in practice and must be removed from the statute books before any true and permanent progress can be made in temperance reform. The only way of securing the removal of any statute inimical to the public health and morals is to secure the election of a party to power pledged to its repeal, and this, as must be evident to all, calls for action by a new party, as there is no reason to hope for help from either the Republican or Democratic parties.

5. That the people may have a more practical hand in the making and administration of the laws, we favor the initiative, referendum and imperative mandate.

6. We appeal to all loyal Americans to unite with us in the overthrow of the reign of the liquor power, and other evils in the government, that we may live in peace, and leave to our children a better and cleaner government than our fathers left to us.

The Synod.

The General Synod of the Reformed church, in session at Allentown, adopted a plan to raise a permanent fund of \$250,000, the income to be applied to the relief of aged ministers and ministers' widows. The home mission board reported that the work had been interfered with by a Hungarian Count.

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RUTTER ANSWERS MILLER QUESTIONS

In a Straightforward Way J. C. Rutter, Jr., Answers Frank W. Miller's Campaign Attack—Let the Public Decide Between the Two.

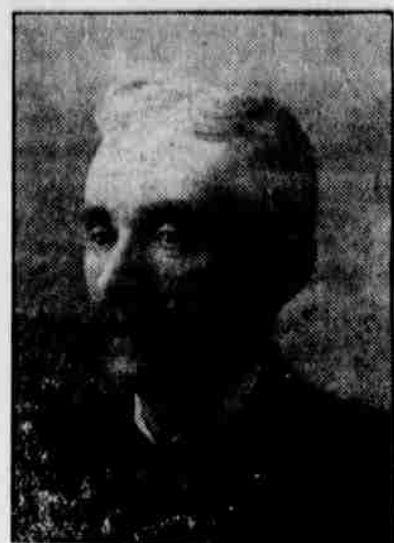
The campaign is now well along and up to within a few days ago the candidates conducted a canvass, free from mud slinging, and it was hoped it would continue so until the finish, Frank W. Miller, of Centralia, candidate for Register and Recorder, could hold out no longer and began a personal attack upon me, thus showing his disposition and true nature and proving by the badly composed article and ridiculous questions, his unfitness to the office to which he aspires.

I take pleasure in submitting my answers to the questions referred to, and ask the public to judge accordingly.

Answer to the first question:—I know, as everyone does who was present at the convention, that Geo. E. Clemens, of Berwick, who was then a prospective candidate for Register and Recorder, got his friend, Dr. Catteral, of the same place to offer a so-called resolution making the said office a two term one. This resolution was not unanimously carried, nor was it offered as an amendment to the Democratic rules. It was simply the expression of the views of a few of the Return Judges in that convention upon the subject, after it had been canvassed by Clemens, Catteral and their friends, and set up for that particular occasion. In other words it was a political trick of Clemens trying to forestall my candidacy against him. If such a rule had been adopted, or if these people had amended the rules so as to prevent a candidate for Register and Recorder from running for a third term, I would not be a candidate at this time because I believe in upholding the Democratic rules. The best evidence that there is no such rule is that County Chairman C. H. Dildine has accepted my registration fee of \$50 and has regularly certified that I am a legal candidate for Register and Recorder according to the rules of the Democratic Party. The voters of Columbia county need not be afraid that Mr. Dildine, the County Chairman, would issue such a certificate if there is any rule to prevent my being a candidate for a third term. This man Miller, who asked the question, knows very well that there is no such rule, and either he or his backer, Associate Judge Krickbaum, only tried to deceive the people into believing that there was such a rule. When a man tries to get votes by such disreputable methods it ought to be notice to the public that he is not fit to be trusted. It was bad enough for Clemens to use a political trick like this, but it is far worse for Miller to still further deceive the people by attempting to create the impression that the rules of the Democratic Party forbid a third term for Register and Recorder, when in truth and fact there isn't the slightest foundation for it.

Answer to the second question:—I was ready and willing to account for all money that came into my hands as treasurer, at the time the resolution was offered and so stated to Dr. Catteral who read the resolution for Clemens. I have been ready ever since, and will take pleasure in making known in public print just where the money went to and who received it, if the County Chairman or Committee desire me to. It is positively not true that \$1500.00 or near half that sum ever passed through my hands as treasurer, and Mr. Miller, if he has any sense at all, ought to know that no such sum is ever raised in this county for campaign purposes. And furthermore, I hold receipts to show where the money went, and that

WM. BOGERT, OF SCOTT TOWNSHIP, Candidate for County Commissioner. NORTH SIDE. SECOND TERM.



Who was the only regular Democratic nominee from the north side 3 years ago, and elected by the Democratic Party, and who now claims second term under the party custom. Your support is respectfully solicited.

I paid the balance over to the County Chairman.

Answer to third question:—My son James Boyd Rutter has not secured a college course at the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, at the expense of Uncle Sam, through the endorsement of Congressman Samuel, and I did not give or agree to give Congressman Samuel anything for any purpose whatever.

Answer to question four:—I fought Hon. E. W. Samuel, Republican candidate for Congress, not only at the polls on the day of election, but through my paper, the Democratic Sentinel, as every one knows who read the Sentinel during that campaign. Furthermore, through the efforts of myself and friends we succeeded in reducing the vote for E. W. Samuel 514, and giving Hon. Henry E. Davis, the Democratic candidate, a majority of 852, being almost 300 votes more than Judge Parker received for President. This don't look as if E. W. Samuel received very much Democratic support, does it?

Answer to question five:—Not one cent. No, I do not, and even if I did it is my own private business and not that of Frank W. Miller or anyone else.

Answer to question six:—The Notary Public business has nothing whatever to do with the Register and Recorder's office, and the county is not entitled to one cent of the fees. As Register and Recorder I receive on an average of about \$2000 per year, and the county is not entitled to any of it. If the amount exceeds \$2000 then 50 per cent. of the excess, after all expenses are paid, goes to the county. My accounts are examined by an auditor, appointed by the Columbia County Court, and the report of said auditor has been confirmed every year I have held office.

Answer to question seven:—I appointed my sister deputy, first because she was competent, and I believe has served the public to their entire satisfaction. Second—because being a single woman and having to earn her own living, I would be an ungrateful brother to give that place to another when she was able and willing to do the work. No reasonable man can object to the appointment of my sister in preference to a stranger, when the sister needed the employment as much as anyone else. For instance, Prothonotary Terwilliger has his son for his deputy, Sheriff Black has his son Bruce for his deputy and his brother Lemuel for his turnkey. When C. H. Campbell was Register and Recorder he had his daughter as his deputy; C. B. Ent had his cousin Nellie Ent as clerk and G. W. Sterner had his niece as clerk in the same office. What would you do under the same circumstances?

Answer to question eight:—The business of the Democratic Sentinel is my own private affair and does not concern the public, and has nothing to do with the Register and Recorder's office.

Answer to question nine:—Not near as well as it has of many others and especially of Associate Judge William Krickbaum, who has lived off the county for the past thirty-five years or more, and is still in office. I have been in office a little over five years instead of ten years as stated in your question. I never held any other county office and was never a candidate for any other, and I am the only member of the Rutter family that ever ran for public office in this county. Ever since I was elected, as well as before, I have contributed liberally to every campaign, from my own private funds, and have worked for the party night and day, using my paper for the advancement of the Democratic Party always. I have stood at the polls, helped get out the vote, have always been loyal and true to the ticket as nominated, have fought for it ever since I was able to vote. This is more than many of those who are opposing me can say, and the man who asked me this question, which I have reason to believe was William Krickbaum and not Frank W. Miller, knows that he himself,

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FRANK W. MILLER,
of Centralia, Pa.

When a man, is elected to an office, he becomes a public servant and it is his duty to do his work as well as it can be done, keep a correct record of the receipts of his office and yearly account to the public for same. If elected to the office of Register and Recorder, I pledge myself to do this, and every dollar of the income of the office will be accounted for and the share due the county, paid to the county.

I fought for Kinter, the Republican candidate for Prothonotary and for Kurtz the Republican candidate for Associate Judge and has repeatedly deserted the party after being in office many years.

Further comment at this time is not necessary but later on I reserve the privilege of asking Frank W. Miller at least one question.

Respectfully,
J. C. RUTTER, Jr.
John Curran Dead.

John Curran, a former resident of Centralia, died at Philadelphia on Thursday. He has many relatives in Centralia. Interment was made in Philadelphia.

DEATH SUMMONS DAVID G. HACKETT.
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Eveland of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Hemingway of the Presbyterian. The former delivered the address, and a quartette from the M. E. Choir sang several impressive selections. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The pall bearers were W. M. Oglesby and Thos. K. VanDyke, of Harrisburg; Wm. Terwilliger, A. W. Duy, Chas. Traub and Fred Holmes, of town. As a mark of respect, all traffic on the electric railway was suspended, and the employees attended the funeral in a body.

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