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STATEMENT.

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1904.

Table with columns RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Cash, Bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital, Surplus and Profits, etc.

E. W. M. LOW, President, E. F. CARPENTER, Cashier.

THE PLATFORM

Adopted by the Democratic State Convention Last Week.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania, repeating its pledges of last year, again tenders to the people of the state the power of its organization and the ballots of its voters to rid the commonwealth and its metropolis of machine domination.

We need not again rehearse the irrefutable indictments of our recent platforms convicting the dominant party of the absolute prostitution of every function of government to corrupt debased personal partisanship.

Fair minded citizens of the state admit the truth of these indictments, deplore existing political conditions, and yet heretofore have failed to exercise their power to reform them.

The last session of the Legislature was worse than all its predecessors, disappointed every hope of the people, and responded with alacrity to every command of the machine. Legislation in the public interest was given no consideration while schemes of the ring were forced through without debate and sometimes by fraudulent counts of legislators' votes.

Extravagant appropriations were made aggregating millions of dollars beyond the revenues of the state and leaving only the veto power of the governor to save the treasury from bankruptcy.

The constitutional obligation to reapportion the state was utterly disregarded. The demand of the people of all political parties for a fair ballot law was flouted. Salaries increased and needless officers were created for no other purpose than to reward machine dependents and followers. The established form of government of the chief city of our state was overturned so as to bring its powers more completely under the control of the corrupt and unscrupulous men who have so long dominated it.

The appalling condition of public affairs in that city has long been a wonder to the people of the entire country, and Philadelphia is spoken of with scorn and contempt wherever municipal government is discussed. The people of our State have been amazed at the apparent subservience of that city to a corrupt machine. Public sentiment seemed paralyzed and civic pride dead, as at each succeeding election by enormous majorities the people of Philadelphia voted to continue their own debasement.

Now as the crowning outrages are about to be heaped upon her and she finds herself bereft of her franchises and property she cries for help.

There is no hope for Philadelphia except in the union of good citizens with the Democratic organization to overthrow her machine government.

PLEDGE TO AID PHILADELPHIA. To the redemption of Philadelphia this convention hereby pledges the power of the Democratic organization in the state, acting through its legislators, and of the Democratic organization in Philadelphia with all the votes and power it can command.

Sincerely intent upon the reformation of public affairs, we invite honest men of all parties and organizations to a full union with us.

As the first and important steps to this end we demand:

First, The enactment of a fair ballot law, which shall provide for personal registration of voters in the cities of the state, for the securing of a free, equal and secret ballot, affording the greatest facility for independent voting, making the appointment of overseers, and the opening of ballot boxes obligatory whenever demanded by citizens formally charging contemplated or accomplished fraud.

Under existing laws elections in Philadelphia, affecting the entire state as well, have become a farce.

LAST CARDS.

Voters should pay no attention to any political cards that are issued at the last moment before an election, which are intended to injure the chances of any candidate. It is unfair and cowardly to bring charges against a candidate so late that he has no time to refute them. It should be taken for granted that such charges are held back only because their author knows that they can be disproved if there were time to do it. If one candidate resorts to such methods to injure an opponent, his effort should operate against him instead of in his favor. These last cards thrown in at the last moment, too late to be answered, are worthy of no attention whatever, and no intelligent voter will permit himself to be influenced by them in the least.

Clinton Herring Esq., delivered an able address at Orangeville on Tuesday, at the memorial exercises of Pealer Post, G. A. R.

and will so continue until these demanded reforms have been secured.

Second, Legislative apportionment, as commanded by the constitution, to the end that the membership of the Legislature may properly represent the voters of the state. The continued refusal of the Republican machine to heed the constitutional command is a political crime of first enormity.

These two propositions accomplished, needed reforms in many other matters affecting our government will necessarily follow and we therefore present them as the issues of this campaign.

While the officials to be chosen at the coming election will not have power to effect all these reforms, yet a popular rebuke at the polls of our present political domination will do much to eventually overthrow it.

We pledge our candidate for state treasury to reform the abuses of the treasury, particularly the distribution of the surplus in favorite banks, and we favor the passage of legislation to return this unnecessary accumulation of public money to the people, that local taxation may be reduced.

Benjamin McHenry Dead at 93 Years.

At Benton yesterday afternoon a large sorrowing circle of relatives and friends followed to their last resting place in the beautiful cemetery the remains of Benjamin McHenry, who passed away at the home of his grand-daughter, Mrs. George Crossley at Benton Sunday night.

Few men in Columbia County were better known than was "Ben" McHenry, none more highly respected and revered. Having been born in Fishingcreek township this county, May 13, 1812, he spent nearly all of his ninety-three years in this division of this state, and was therefore known from one end of the county to the other. He was a farmer in his early life, and later purchased a threshing machine, with which he carried on a general threshing business. His services were in demand to such an extent that in order to secure him it was necessary to engage him months ahead of the threshing season.

He has been a resident of Greenwood, Fishingcreek and Benton townships as well as Benton and Bloomsburg. He lived here with his son Boyd McHenry during the latter's term as sheriff. During late years he made his home with Mrs. Crossley, where his death occurred.

His wife, whose maiden name was Miss Lavina Connor, died about twenty years ago. The children surviving are: Dr. Monteville, J. B. and Ira of Benton; Alfred, of Cambra and Norman of Orangeville. Revs. Lunger and Mather conducted the funeral services.

The semi-centennial and annual commencement of the Penna. State College will take place from June 11th to the 14th. H. V. White Esq. is one of the trustees.

PRIMARY ELECTION CALL.

Notice is hereby given to the Democratic voters of Columbia County that the Primary Election for the purpose of voting to place in nomination, the following candidates to wit:

One person for Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts.

One person for Register and Recorder.

One person for Mine Inspector.

One person for County Treasurer.

Two persons for County Commissioners.

One person for District Attorney.

Two persons for County Auditors.

Will be held at the regular polling places (or if such places cannot be obtained then at a place in said district convenient to the regular polling place, which shall be determined by the members of the standing Committee and the election board of such district where the regular polling place cannot be obtained) on Saturday, June 10, 1905, between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock p. m. The County Convention will be held in the Opera House in Bloomsburg, Tuesday, June 13th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

This call is issued in accordance with Art. 2, section 10, of the Democratic Rules of Columbia County.

C. H. DILDINE, Chairman.

Advertisement for Townsend's goods. Includes text: YOU HIT THE MARK. When you buy your Summer Goods at TOWNSEND'S. Serges, Crashes, Tweeds, Scotches. Full Lines in Straw Hats. TOWNSEND'S.

Advertisement for F. P. Purseil. Includes text: Just Four Snappy Bargains. 1.98 for 2.75 Silk Sun Umbrellas. Just unpacked them. Changeable silk colors, with and without borders. The handles are natural wood. The colors are blue, green, red and brown. 85c. for 1.25 Men's Umbrellas. Absolutely fast colors, light paragon frame, natural wood handles. They are self openers, the light weight kind, not the big awkward kind. 1.50 for 1.75 Fine Taffeta Silk Umbrellas. Handles of natural wood with silver trimmings or pretty bone handles. The silk is of extra good quality. Note the Reduction in these Skirt Flounces. Embroidery flounces of Swiss and Nainsook that were 3.50, 3.75, 4.25 and 6.75, are now marked 2.15, 2.25, 2.70 and 4.50. F. P. PURSEL. BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

Advertisement for Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Includes text: Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand. Cherry Pectoral. up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand. Throat, Lungs. Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

Advertisement for Jayne's Expectorant. Includes text: Cut off that cough with Jayne's Expectorant and prevent pneumonia, bronchitis and consumption. The world's Standard Throat and Lung Medicine for 75 years. Get it of your druggist and keep it always ready in the house.

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