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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

After every Democratic county convention there is always more or less talk about independent candidates. Sometimes a defeated candidate feels that he has been unjustly defeated, and talks of running, but a sober second thought usually prevails and he wisely decides that it is better to abide by the decision of the convention.

Any American citizen has a right to run for office. He has a right to ask a nomination at the hands of his party, or he has a right to run as an independent. But it is not right that he should take his chances with his party, and then when he fails in this, to enter the field against his successful competitor. Such action very seldom results in the election of the independent, and might result in the election of the candidate of the opposite party.

There is room for doubting the democracy of any man who seeks party honors, and when he fails to secure the prize, endeavors to defeat the man who won over him. There may be reason to question whether such a man would have made a safe county official, because he is not fair to his party, and he is not fair as between men.

When a fraud has been committed at the primaries or in the convention, and satisfactory proof of the fact is produced, this paper will gladly publish the facts, and if a nomination has been secured unlawfully it will do all in its power to prevent the wrong-doer from profiting by his wrong, no matter where the lightning may strike, but in the absence of any proof whatever, beyond the usual claims of defeated candidates, there is no reason why the nominees of the recent convention should not receive the support of the whole party, and there is no excuse for an independent candidacy for any office.

A \$25.00 Tax on Immigrants.

The New York Mail says that President Roosevelt will be on tolerably safe ground if he makes the restriction of immigration a prominent part of his policy. There is a report at Washington that he will favor in his next regular message a \$25 head tax on immigrants. We are inclined to think that he could not do better.

Aside from the fact that the privilege of becoming an American ought to be worth \$25 at least, there is the consideration that the immigrants who become public charges are costing the people between \$1,500 and \$2,000 apiece, and that this burden might with perfect propriety and justice be taxed on immigration as a whole.

Prohibitionists to Meet in Williamsport.

The State Prohibition convention will be held in August at Williamsport and is expected to be one of the largest in years because of the gain in strength shown by the party in Pennsylvania lately. Delegates from every county will be in attendance.

The Prohibitionists will surely nominate a candidate for State treasurer, but nothing has been said about the justiceships. Judge Stewart has many admirers among the Prohibition party adherents.

Remains of Berwick Bridge.

A joint meeting of Columbia and Luzerne Commissioners was held at Berwick, Thursday, and several questions of general interest were discussed. The members present were Messrs. Bogert, Fisher and Sterner, of Columbia, and Schappert and Smith and the clerk of Luzerne county.

The meeting was called to order by the president and after approving the minutes of the previous meeting action was taken on the several questions following:

The matter of the free ferry being in bad repair and almost worn out was brought to the attention of the body and discussed at length. It was decided to hold off a while before purchasing a new flat and if possible ascertain how long a time it would take to complete a bridge there. The opinion, however, was almost unanimous that the flat would have to be replaced with a new one within a few weeks and this will be looked after carefully so as to insure the people of Berwick and Nescopeck the free transportation which they are now enjoying.

The question of the disposition of the old piers and stone which remain was next taken up by the commissioners and after considerable talk on the subject it was decided that an engineer should look over the piers and give an estimate of their value. They will then be sold to the bridge contractors or to any party paying the highest price. Surveyors Boyd Trescott, of Millville and W. B. Allegor of Luzerne county were appointed to examine the piers and report the probable worth of the same within a short time.

The old piers have been a question of considerable discussion by parties living in that vicinity. Some were of the opinion that they should remain as a land mark and a protection to the new bridge. Others thought the piers an eyesore and the latter argument is probably the most sensible. The new bridge will certainly be made substantial enough without any protection above.

In The Schools of The County

There are in the public schools of Columbia County, as shown by the returns of the registry assessors of the various districts the following number of pupils. It will be observed that Bloomsburg leads. It is upon this list that the money for school purposes appropriated by the state is based:

Beaver 195, Benton Borough 111, Benton Township 162, Berwick N. E. 374, Berwick S. E. 169, Berwick N. W. 226, Berwick S. W. 110, Bloom 1312, Briarcreek 235, Catawissa Township 180, Catawissa Borough 456, Centralia 500, Center 134, Conyngham 668, Fishingcreek 210, Franklin 122, Greenwood 224, Hemlock 217, Jackson 156, Locust 312, Madison 218, Main 106, Millville 221, Millville 118, Mt. Pleasant 159, Orange 73, Pine 215, Roaringcreek 147, Scott 220, Sugarloaf 347, Orangeville Borough 69, Stillwater Borough 35, West Berwick 469.

Bass Season is Now Open.

Perhaps the prediction is somewhat premature, the season being but a week old, but we believe that bass will be far more plentiful this season than last. Several very encouraging catches have been made, both from the creek in the vicinity of Boone's Dam and the river just below Catawissa. The destruction of the dam at Sunbury by the recent floods has done much to improve bass fishing in this branch of the Susquehanna in that it enables the fish to come up stream. Were it not for the great quantities of coal dirt that is constantly being carried down, bass fishing it is believed, would be as good here as to be found anywhere.

STRIKE IN ROYAL ARCANUM

Many Members Protest Against Insurance Rate Advance

Members of the twenty-five councils of the Royal Arcanum in Philadelphia with a membership of nearly five thousand, are protesting against the advance in insurance rates recently ordered by the Supreme Council of the order at a meeting in Atlantic City. The new schedule goes in effect on October 1 next.

First action was taken Friday night by Pennsylvania Council, No. 342, and for a time condemnatory resolutions concerning the officers of the Supreme Council were threatened, but cooler heads advised further investigation. The council was addressed by two of its members, Henry K. Lathy, past grand regent of Pennsylvania, and William H. Shocmaker, who are members of the Supreme Council. They asserted that it was necessary for the success of the order to increase insurance rates, and a substantial increase was decided upon.

There is a move on foot to have the Supreme Council called together in special session and reconsider the new rate schedule, but it is said that this is scarcely probable, as the increase was only ordered after long and heated debate. Under the new schedule when a member reaches 65 years of age to carry \$3000 insurance a monthly payment of \$16.08 is required.

Members of the society say they do not object to a small increase. In fact, they say, they expected to see some raise made, but they are emphatic in the statement that the new schedule is revolutionary, and may be the cause of the membership of the society being reduced from 307,000 in the United States to less than 100,000.

In explaining the action of the Supreme Council to the members of Pennsylvania Council, Past Grand Regent Lathy said: "Since I returned from Atlantic City I have listened to more sulphurous language than I have ever heard before in such short time. I expected it."

"I know that it is a severe blow to many old members, but the salvation of the Royal Arcanum demands it. The Society does not owe a dollar today, and there is \$2,000,000 in the treasury. That this state of affairs may continue to exist it was necessary to advance the rates to the schedule. It was done at the suggestion of two of the best actuaries in the country, unknown to each other."

Gomez is Dead.

Maximo Gomez, the Cuban patriot and leader of the recent war, died at Havana, Saturday evening. His word was law, and he enforced it with an iron hand.

General Gomez wrote various pamphlets on the Cuban revolutions, in Jamaica, New York and Cuba. Among his works are "Mi Asistente," "Panchito Gomez" and "Mi Escolta."

There is some uncertainty as to the year and month of his birth, some reference books placing it at November 18, 1836, and others at August 25, 1826.

Catawissa School Teachers

The Catawissa School Board met Tuesday evening and elected the following teachers for the ensuing year: Room No. 1—Miss Ida Walter; No. 2—Miss Hattie Abbot; No. 3—Miss Laura Gilbert; No. 4—Miss Nellie Harder; No. 5—Miss Sarah Hamlin; No. 6—Miss Elizabeth Lewis; No. 7—Miss Sade Beeber; No. 8—Miss Maude Berninger; No. 9—Miss Mary Thomas; High School, First Assistant, Miss Ella Knittle; Second Assistant, Miss Bess Long; Principal, J. M. Roberts. The salaries remain the same.

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White Hair

Returned After Thirty Years

James Derr of White Hall, Long Mourned as Dead

James Derr, former resident of White Hall, turned up in this section on Thursday after an absence of thirty years, during which he was mourned as dead. He is about 55 years of age. He went West when a young man and soon after dropped out of all knowledge. He has had a varied experience as cowboy, miner, &c. Upon arriving on Thursday for the first time he learned of the death of his brother, Wesley Derr, which occurred in an accident 17 years ago. The only near relative that survives is a sister, the wife of Rev. Monroe, of White Hall.

Want Danville Ferry Boat at Berwick.

Commissioners George W. Sterner and William Bogert, went to Danville Monday morning to examine the ferry at that place, which is for sale.

The flat boat is wanted at Berwick where owing to the presence of rocks in the bottom the present ferry, which draws a good deal of water, can hardly be operated during the low stages of the river. The ferry, which has gone out of commission at Danville, would fill the bill at Berwick very nicely, but nothing beyond the mere flat boat would be needed, whereas the Montour County Commissioners desire to sell the entire outfit, which includes cable with anchors, trolley, etc. Whether a sale will be the result or not is hard to tell. Messrs. Sterner and Bogert think the ferry could be towed up the river, if undertaken immediately before the water falls any lower.

Will Meet at Bloomsburg Next Year.

At the convention of the Four County Firemen's Association at Ashland Thursday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—John Kiehl Schuykill.
Vice Presidents—Harry Schott, Hazleton; L. R. Wirt, Lackawanna; David Holvey, Schuykill.

Secretary—D. E. Goodman, Luzerne.

Treasurer—George Kirschner, Hazleton.

Bloomsburg and Edwardsville contested for the honor of entertaining the next convention the fourth Tuesday in June 1906, but Edwardsville withdrew and Bloomsburg was unanimously selected.

Retiring President John Spohr, of Hazleton, was presented with a handsome silver service for his excellent work in behalf of the association the past year.

Will Camp at Muncy.

Fascinated by the many and varied beauties of the Muncy Valley a camping party composed of Lloyd Skeer, Art Sharpless, Ben Gidding, William Webb, D. J. Tasker and possibly one or two others, who spent two weeks along the gently flowing Muncy creek, a mile distant from Muncy last summer, are arranging for another two weeks outing there next month. The camp will be located in a delightfully shaded spot on the bank of the creek where nature in every charm is supreme.

Death Of Mrs Drumbeller

Mrs. R. A. Drumbeller died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Wheeler in Wilkesbarre, after two years illness of cancer of the stomach. She was born near Benton this county, November 21 1819. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Tubbs of Jeanesville, and the following daughters: Mrs. Edward George of Nanticoke, Eleanor and Mary at home and Mrs. S. A. Wheeler. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon with services at the house. Interment in Hollet, back cemetery, Wilkesbarre.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office July 4, 1905. Persons calling for these letters, will please say that "they were advertised June 20, 1905".

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Miller Miss Rebecca, Martin Mrs. Catherine, Morfer Miss M. I. Cards
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