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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

- FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
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JERRY A. HESS
of Bloomsburg.
- FOR COUNTY TREASURER
JOHN MOUREY
of Roaringcreek Township.
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- FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
(Second Term)
CHARLES L. POHE
of Catawissa.
- FOR COUNTY TREASURER
W. P. ZEHNER
of Main Township.
- FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER
(Second Term)
FRANK W. MILLER
of Bloomsburg.

Revising It Higher.

The Republican plan for a tariff commission is not receiving enthusiastic commendation from those who really desire tariff reform, and even the standpatters fight shy of it until "after election." But perhaps it is only put forward to fool the people again into the belief that the Republicans will revise the tariff, which they never intend to do, except to revise it higher. They are always talking of a maximum and minimum tariff, which probably means that the present high rates are to be the minimum, and the maximum rates will be from 20 to 50 per cent. higher. That would be reforming the tariff according to "the principle of protection" and would help the trusts to tide over Republican hard times. It is evident that Republican tariff revision promises are made to be broken, and that those who desire tariff reform must ally themselves with the Democratic party, for only a Democratic congress will enact real tariff revision, and only a Democratic president will sign such a bill.—*Ex.*

Democratic State Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Committee held in Harrisburg last week Wednesday it was decided to hold the next State convention in that city on May 20. The convention will elect four delegates-at-large to the Denver convention and nominate a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court and four presidential electors-at-large.

The delegates-at-large will probably be Col. James M. Guffey of Pittsburg; State Treasurer Berry; Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Ridgeway, and John G. Harman of Bloomsburg. County Chairman Mercer and John G. Harman, Esq. attended the meeting.

OUR BEAUTIFUL CAPITOL.

The essayist in the state capitol seems all around to put the blame of anything wrong on the other fellow, after seeking first to show that there was no blame on anybody, but that the work was done at a lower price than the contract authorized, and is worth all the money it cost.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker is cheerfully sure that it is a fine building, built by a fine architect, and cheap enough at the price, though he admits that he does not know how the bills got to be so high, and that altogether he is quite bewildered by the prices paid, and that he did not know they were being paid. The governor admits a great deal of ignorance with a great deal of good intention.

All the defendants seem to think that they are sorely abused people, in being held responsible for the great cost of the great capitol, when they did all they knew how to produce the great creation at a fair cost; if it is not fair they declare it is not their fault; and they are surprised that they are blamed when they expected a vote of thanks.

When the testimony is all in the public may find out whose fault it was that they paid so dear for their whistle, though these defendants are so blameless in their own opinion.

It is clear enough that there was a big percentage of the money received that rested but temporarily in the hands of the contractor, and no one disputes his statement that he paid a big wad of it to others; and it may be safely assumed that it went to the use of the Republican management of our state, which has reduced to a fine art the science of getting money from the public treasury to pay for its services to the public, not recognized by the law, but, nevertheless, immensely valuable to the state and its good men, in the opinion of the good men who control it. And what could be more beautiful, they ask, than the building of a beautiful capitol, that serves at once to adorn the state and pave the way for its progress along the lines laid down for it by its administrators?
 —*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

GET \$80,000 ON WRECK.

Relatives of Shriner Victims in Reading Settle.

Representatives of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., will leave here tomorrow morning, having settled with nearly all the families of the 20 Shriners of this city who were killed in the wreck in Honda, Cal., last May.

About \$80,000 was paid out here. One family demanded \$50,000, and in this case no agreement has been reached. Settlement also was made with all the injured.

Pale, Thin, Nervous?

Then your blood must be in a very bad condition. You certainly know what to take, then take it—Ayer's Sarsaparilla. If you doubt, then consult your doctor. We know what he will say about this grand old family medicine.

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BRYAN DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE.

Hon. Sere S. Black At Head of Organization Formed for Purpose of Securing Instructed Delegates for the Nebraskan.

The Bryan Democratic league has been organized in the state of Pennsylvania. Jere S. Black of York county was elected chairman; Roland S. Morris of Philadelphia, vice chairman; Warren Worth Bailey of Cambria county was elected secretary; and William H. Berry was chosen treasurer.

A formal declaration of purposes was made by the adoption of the following resolutions, which were later signed by all hands:

Resolved, That the Bryan Democratic League favors the nomination of W. J. Bryan for president, and to this end it will co-operate with all in sympathy with its purposes in securing delegates in each congressional district pledged to support Mr. Bryan at the Denver convention. It is further

Resolved, That everything points to the wisdom of the course here advocated. That Mr. Bryan is the logical man for 1908 is beyond reasonable dispute. He is manifestly the one Democrat who appeals to the democratic heart of the nation. His strength is not local nor sectional. It is universal, and the Democrats of Pennsylvania feel that in advancing his cause they are advancing that of the party and of good government.

Resolved, That all Democrats of the state are cordially invited to participate in this movement, and they are urged to take instant steps to perfect organization and to avail themselves of every opportunity to make its purposes effective.

Authority was given Chairman Black to name an executive committee in each of the thirty-two congressional districts, and in addition to this body of district leaders there will be a general state committee with every county represented.

Secretary Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the *Johnstown Democrat*, invites correspondence from all Democrats in sympathy with the purposes of the league.

No Law Against Fire-Traps.

There will be no prosecutions of any of the persons denounced by the Coroner's jury for having contributed to the causes of the Boyertown disaster by their defaults and omissions. The District Attorney of the county has concluded that proceedings instituted against either the factory inspector or against the owner of the hall could not be sustained. The duties of inspectors are purely statutory; the law does not prescribe, nor does it empower such inspectors to prescribe, the material of construction, lighting, exits or stage furniture for assembly halls and places of amusement, nor does it require the second floor of two-story buildings to be connected with fire escapes to the ground. Since it cannot be shown that the inspector in this case failed to perform some duty expressly prescribed by statute, no action lies against him.

There seems to be no adequate local ordinance of Boyertown on the subject of buildings used for public assemblies, and no penalty attaches to the owner unless it can be made to appear that by some act or omission he caused the death of the people who perished in the fire, and that such neglect was the direct and only cause of their death. To permit such a state of the law to continue would be intolerable. Buildings intended to hold a large concourse of people should never be permitted to be opened to the public without a license, conditioned on the observation of adequate regulations governing their construction. Exits and fire escapes should be required to be ample to permit safe and speedy emptying of the auditorium, even under the condition of a semi-panic. There ought to be provision for fighting fires and a system of emergency ventilation that would save the audience from asphyxiation by smoke. The arrangement and means of lighting ought to be particularly looked after, and, to a reasonable degree, the furnishings, curtains and scenery should be made non-combustible. Heavy penalties and the criminal responsibility of owners and managers for non-compliance should be matters of course; and any remissness on the part of the licensing and inspecting authorities should be punished with severity. By these means the repetition of such horrors as the one at Boyertown would be measurably prevented. If local governments will not supply proper remedies it is the duty of the State Legislature to act.—*Phila. Record.*

VOTE FOR



Jerry A. Hess
 OF BLOOMSBURG,
 —FOR—
County Commissioner.
 (Second Term.)

Pennsylvania and the Denver Convention.

There is no cause of complaint against the activities of Democrats throughout Pennsylvania in behalf of a particular candidate for President. The right of choice is inalienable and the assertion of the right characteristic of Democrats. But there is not likely to be any opposition to the candidate in Pennsylvania, or anywhere else. Under those circumstances it was hardly necessary to form an organization in behalf of one candidate or another. Probably every delegate chosen to the Denver convention will agree with his colleagues on the question of the candidate. In that event there will be no necessity for factions.

What the Democrats of Pennsylvania ought to do in relation to the coming Denver convention is to select the very best men in several districts for the office of delegate. It is a high office and any man may be proud of the distinction it conveys. It is not an office which belongs all the time to the same persons. It is not an honor that should be bestowed on a man because he is rich or for the reason that he is poor. It should be given to men who stand high in the communities and deserve well of their fellow citizens. Such men can be depended upon to make wise nominations even if they are not labeled.

Trespass Notices.

Card signs "No Trespassing" for sale at this office. They are printed in accordance with the late act of 1903. Price 5 cents each. tf

CANDIDATES PETITIONS.

The Last Days for Filing Them.

The period for filing petitions of candidates seeking the nominations to be made by the electors of the several political parties at the spring primaries Saturday, April 11th, is on. The petitions, if properly prepared, will be received at the office of the county commissioners until Saturday afternoon, March 21st. Candidates for Congress must file their petition with the secretary of the Commonwealth not later than noon of Saturday, March 14th, four weeks before the primaries. Those who are aspiring for the state Legislature from the various districts in the county and county offices to be filled next November are given one week longer. Each candidate's petition must contain the signatures of at least fifty qualified electors of the party upon whose ballot his name is to be placed.

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A great many women are buying as well as looking. They know the styles are correct. We have more than fifty different models, expressing in seventy five different blendings of fabric, cut and trimming, the very latest ideas translated from Paris modes by the best designers in this country. With the great variety of styles and the great variety of fabrics, it's going to be a Spring of becomingly suited women, that's sure. Prices are very accommodating—\$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$32.00 and \$35.00. Think what a variety that means.

SPRING STYLES FOR GIRLS.

This is a New Department in This Store.

Already there's an array of Suits in the very smartest spring models—the most stylish spring fabrics. The new semi-fitting Coat Suits, pretty and girlish; the dashing new Cutaways, with dip; the chic new Vested Suit—then the new Fabrics, what a variety. It's easy to imagine how charming these Spring Suits will look fitting along the streets or tripping away to school. Sizes 11 to 18 years. Prices range from \$10.00 to \$23.00.

Separate Skirts--New Styles.

Take a look at that rackful of the new Spring Walking Skirts. It is a delightful study of beautiful materials; lovely colorings, graceful styles. Panama, Serge and Voile are here; old friends, but with new faces. The stripes, the shadow stripes—the soft color effects are so pleasing. New ideas in trimming are worth seeing too. Be sure to see them. We price them \$3.98 to \$15.00.

F. P. PURSEL.
 BLOOMSBURG, - PENN'A.

Dark Horses in National Politics.
 (From Leslie's Weekly.)

The dark horse has so often won the prize in the past that it is decidedly risky for anybody, several months before a national convention, to make any hard and fast prediction as to the nomination, except in cases where a popular President seeks a second candidacy. Polk was not thought of by anybody in connection with the nomination when the Democratic convention of 1844 met, nor was Pierce deemed to be a possibility when the same party got together in 1852, yet these personages carried the convention and the election in those years. Hayes was the darkest kind of a dark horse at the outset of the balloting in the Republican convention in 1876, and when the convention of 1880 met, about the last man who would have been thought of in connection with the nomination was Garfield. He was in the convention as the leader of the Sherman forces. At the opening ballot in the convention of 1888 Harrison was far down on the roll in the voting. He carried off the prize, nevertheless.

In the conventions in which each one of those dark horses won the race there were aspirants who had longer leads than Taft is likely to have on the first ballot in Chicago in June, 1908. The friends of all those leading aspirants talked as loudly and as confidently as the boomers of the Secretary of War do to-day. All had powerful backers, and some of them began framing their Cabinets in expectation of the victory which was just ahead of them.

In national conventions nothing is settled until after the votes are counted.

George Wood has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Luzerne county jail at Wilkes-Barre for impersonating R. G. Tipton, a member of the State constabulary.

Rats as Carriers of Disease.

The economic argument for the destruction of rats is sufficiently strong to warrant an international league for their extermination. It is easily susceptible of proof that the gain in dollars would make it one of the most lucrative ventures in which it would be possible for the nations to engage. But The London Lancet insists that the indictment against the rat on the score of his menace to the public health is far heavier than any that can be brought against him on the score of his destructive depredations in our fields, houses and granaries. In proof of its contention it cites the effective agency of rats in spreading bubonic plague. The rats infested with fleas, and the fleas are the carriers between rats and men. The rat is also an undoubted breeder of trichinosis. The peril, whether to life or property, justifies a general war of extermination. The cat is not equal to the task, nor the dog. The mongoose is thorough, but is himself a pest. The most ready and the most potent means at hand is a bacteriological virus, harmless to man and domestic animals, but intensely fatal to rats, which readily feed on bait charged with the poison. It, as The Lancet intimates, science has provided us with this deadly weapon, the battle is half won.
 —*Phila. Record.*

Slender Pocket Books.

Humphreys' Seventy-seven appeals to the slender pocket book, caused by the hard times, it is the most economical remedy in existence, one twenty-five cent vial often curing a whole family.

"77" is for Grip, Colds, Influenza, Catarrh, Hoarseness, Sore Throat and the prevention of Pneumonia.

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 For 75 years the favorite family medicine for throat and lungs.