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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Democratic State Committee Rooms

Harrisburg, Pa., April 1, 1908.

As directed by the Democratic State Central Committee at a special meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms, in this city on Wednesday, February 26th, 1908, notice is hereby given that the Democratic State Convention will convene in the Orpheum Theatre, at Harrisburg,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1908,

at 11 o'clock a. m. The business for which the convention will meet will be:

To nominate one candidate for Superior Court Judge;

Two candidates for Presidential Electors-at-Large,

To elect in the manner provided by the rules of the party: four Delegates and four Alternates-at-Large to the National Democratic Convention;

To certify the nomination of thirty-two Presidential Electors, as named by the delegates from the respective Congressional Districts of the State,

And to act upon and determine such other matters, relating to the welfare and success of the party within the State, as may be brought before it.

P. GRAY MEEK, Secretary,
GEORGE M. DIMELING, Chairman.

SENATOR KNOX.

Washington, May 12 (Special)—Representative Charles B. Landis of Indiana, in a recent speech at Pittsburg, spoke in the highest terms of Senator P. C. Knox, Pennsylvania's candidate for the presidency. Mr. Landis declared his loyalty to Vice President Fairbanks, the favorite son of his own state, and said:

"Other states have their favorite sons. But I want to say to you here and now that the Republicans in Indiana have no quarrel with you Republicans in Pennsylvania, because you are loyal and enthusiastic for the nomination of Philander C. Knox. We know as well as you that he is of presidential size. We know as well as you that no man in public life in the same length of time has made greater strides in public esteem and confidence. He was introduced to the country by William McKinley, and I do not believe that any man has to a greater degree the warm admiration of President Roosevelt. He served with rare distinction in the cabinets of two presidents. He twice refused a nomination to the highest judicial tribunal in the world. No man in the nation is better acquainted with its traditions. His legal aim is unerring. He has perforated the swinging target of complex and troublesome conditions and problems more times with the projectiles of judgment and logic and common sense than any man who sits under the dome of the capitol. He knows what is right as between man and man, as between capital and labor, as between the producer and consumer, as between the combination and the public, and I would be willing to trust him in any place at any time. I regard his acquaintance and friendship as one of the chiefest treasures of my brief career."

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The Majority Party Members Will be Unfettered by Platform Pledges—Schools and Roads.

The indications are that the coming session of the legislature will be an uncertain quantity. So far as matters stand now it will have a free hand. The Wilkes-Barre Record points out that so far as the convention platform is concerned it commits the majority party to nothing. Before the session of 1907 a large number of subjects for legislative action were specifically mentioned in the platform and the most important of them were enacted into law. It was a time of general upheaval. We were in the midst of the anti-corporation agitation, and besides, Pennsylvania was in the midst of a political upheaval. The Republican party endeavored to measure up to the demands of the times and the convention delegates did not hesitate to run with the popular trend. The two cent passenger fare law was advocated and enacted, the creation of the railroad commission was authorized, a bill was passed giving electric street railway companies the right to carry freight, generous appropriations for the public schools and for good roads were made, and the health department was enabled to begin a vigorous campaign for the subjugation of tuberculosis. All these and other acts of legislation were the result of platform promises.

The coming legislature will have a free hand. The only mention in the platform is in favor of liberal appropriations for schools and roads, but this is a work that was set on foot last year and the legislature could not very well abandon the program. School appropriations will have to be carried out on the same scale, and the demand for good roads everywhere is so large that provision will have to be made so far as the treasury will permit.

A subject which the legislature must consider is the primary law. A number of serious defects have been found and they must be remedied. There is no doubt that if the legislature were to give serious attention to the general election laws, they could be strengthened in important particulars. The constant revelations of fraud show looseness in details that should not be permitted to exist.

A bill extending the civil service to State, county and municipal offices was defeated in 1907 by a very narrow vote. Presumably another bill will be introduced at the next session.

The Danville & Bloomsburg trolley line has discontinued the sale of tickets. It costs five cents cash every time now.

My Hair is Scraggly

Do you like it? Then why be contented with it? Have to be? Oh, no! Just put on Ayer's Hair Vigor and have long, thick hair; soft, even hair. But first of all, stop your hair from coming out. Save what you have. Ayer's Hair Vigor will not disappoint you. It feeds the hair-bulbs; makes weak hair strong.

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SOLUTION OF A VEXED PROBLEM

The defalcation of the Cashier of Quay's Pittsburg bank is announced at an auspicious moment. The Quay monument commission has been for some time searching for a suitable place to put it and this incident points the way. It will probably be the last heritage of Quayism in the State. There have been suicides, broken hearts and failed banks in great number as the result of his political activities and if he had lived there would probably have been others. But he is dead and with the burial of his body opportunities for new iniquities ceased. The defalcation of "Monte" therefore, may be regarded as an epoch.

Under the circumstances there could be no more suitable place to put the Quay monument, with an appropriate inscription, than in front of the Allegheny National Bank of Pittsburg. "This effigy of the Genius of Political Corruption is fitly Erected at the Scene of the Disgrace and Exposure of His Last Victim," would be an appropriate inscription, and thus used the monument would probably be worth all it cost the State, not as a defalcation of honorable achievement, but as an admonition against crime in public life. His other victims are gone and forgotten but this crowning episode may be held in memory for years.

And yet Quay was no worse than his party. A stream is precisely as pure as its fountain. Quay was the leader of his party because his leadership suited his party. If his political immoralities had been abhorrent to his political associates his leadership would have been repudiated. But he held his throne until his death and there has been no improvement since. The remedy is in the defeat of the party and the present citadel of its power in Congress. With the overthrow of the Republican dominance in Congress the political immorality will change and in this district every voter should support John G. McHenry.

Looks Like Arrangement for Stamped

Young Mr. Beveridge of Indiana has been openly insulted by the Republican national committee permitting the announcement to be made that by some helter-skelter style of voting it has displaced him as temporary chairman of the Chicago convention and selected Senator Dolliver, of Iowa. The reason is spread that fear was entertained that Beveridge in one of his peerless keynotes would stampee the convention to Roosevelt. This seems to lack substance. When did this committee choose Beveridge? How can a convention be stamped into a nomination before it is permanently organized? Lodge is to be permanent chairman and there would be a stampee for Roosevelt. Beveridge is under binding instructions for Fairbanks. He can still start a stampee during a ballot by casting some votes for Roosevelt. This whole gauzy story looks like an arrangement for a stampee. It comes from the Roosevelt corner.
—Pittsburg Post.

Postage Stamps.

The postage stamp singly is such a customary and insignificant little thing that few people have any adequate idea what it aggregated. The value of the postage stamps issued by the United States government was the subject of discussion at an uptown New York club recently, and in order to determine a disputed point the following information was obtained through the office of the third assistant postmaster general. "For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, the value of 'stamped stock' issued to postmasters was \$173,006,476.27. This consisted of 9,331,919,055 pieces of stamped paper and 17,686,800 stamp books. The value of the postal cards for the year was \$8,233,119.90, and of the postage stamps \$125,310,349. Among the large accounts were: Stamped envelopes, \$27,654,933.42, and wrappers, \$579,883.25."

To Keep Roads Good.

An important feature for the maintenance of good roads is mentioned by the Charlevoix Mail in these words: "It may be stated as an axiom in road building that unless sufficient means are adopted for drainage and quickly carrying off the water from rains the expenditures of money and time are wasted. It matters not if constructed of macadam, Telford, bitulithic or gravel they quickly become seamed with ruts where the drainage is inadequate.

County Superintendent Evans.

At the Grassmere Park six years ago this coming fall, Superintendent Evans made an address, choosing as his theme, "Rural Education," and outlining the course he proposed to pursue at all hazards, in the face of all opposition that might be met. His plan he had so thoroughly studied out, which attracted my attention to such a degree that I thought the whole scheme "seemed theoretically more plausible than practical," and beyond the possibility of carrying it out to a successful termination. I so expressed myself at the time in an article in the COLUMBIAN. I never watched so closely a previously announced scheme as I did this scheme of Superintendent Evans. While I had grave doubts of its success, I said at the time: "Yet if he is a person of indomitable will and untiring and persevering energy he may reach the ideal at which he aims. If he can withstand the clamor and protests of all classes, teachers, directors, pupils and patrons that may rise in opposition to such a course, he will accomplish a very great work. But to fully succeed, it is necessary that the patrons of the schools co-operate, by sending their children regularly to their respective schools. * * * We shall expect that Mr. Evans will be a power that will count in the progress and development of 'Rural Education' in Columbia county."

I then also stated that "our rural schools were in need of many reforms and we hoped that these reforms would be consummated under the administration of Superintendent Evans."

One of the needed reforms, and a primary one, was the habit of school pupils in lots, or squads of half a dozen, more or less, to visit other schools where they did not belong at all, neither had a right to thus trespass on the rights of other schools. I found by experience, the habit a vicious one, and I put my foot upon it, and did not allow pupils from other schools to enter my school, in the capacity of visitors, falsely so called. The new Course of Study has remedied this evil, with the whole train of accompanying evils resulting from the school tramp nuisance. I notice great improvement in the progress of our schools by the numerous announcements of school commencements in which the graduates manifest ability that every neighborhood and parent should pride themselves for the accomplishments their children have attained to during the short time of six years. But, taking into consideration also, the interference of the Board of Health in attempting to enforce the vaccination laws, and really ruined our schools for a year or two, the children of our schools have made marvelous progress. And but for the interference of the Board of Health, the children would be very much farther advanced. So much for rottenness, tyranny and interference in the people's business.

JOHN C. WENNER.

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills relieve pain.

Hopeful Signs of Prosperity.

[Jasper in Leslie's Weekly.]

I regard it as a most hopeful sign that such eminent and trusted captains of industry and finance as Mr. J. Ogden Armour and James B. Gorgan, of Chicago, and many others of equal prominence in various sections of the country are seeing good times ahead. The people have been sobered by bitter experience, and economy is the order of the day. Proof of this is found in the decided decline in our importations of jewels and luxuries of all kinds. Dealers in articles of adornment and in high priced luxuries for the home and household, both foreign and domestic, are still suffering severely because of the sharp decline in their business. It is safe to predict that there will be no such extravagant expenditures by our citizens in the foreign capitals of the world this year as have been usually charged against us. The rich and poor alike are feeling the necessity of living within their incomes. Widespread reports to the contrary notwithstanding, there is no great suffering among the masses, or this would be evidenced by wholesale withdrawals of deposits from our savings banks.

A fine new line of Wedding invitations just received at this office.

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Today we commence a period of Suit Selling destined to be the best in the department's history. To get quickly to the bottom of the matter, these few facts are told. Within a very short time the space occupied by these suits will be taken for advance summer garments. This low price method is taken to get what Spring Suits remain out in time to accommodate the new arrivals.

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Latest styles stripes and plain colors. Sale Price \$7.50.

\$12.00 SUITS FOR \$9.98.

Blue and brown, self striped Panama, Prince Chap Style. Sale Price \$9.98.

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Elegant materials and tailorings—blues, brown and greens. Many of the best models. Sale Price \$16.00.

25.00 SUITS FOR 17.50.

Excellent assortment, most all sizes in this lot. Best styles included. High grade handsome materials.

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The newest creations. Some of them copies of fine imported models, fine quality of fabrics—good color variety. Sale Price \$25.00.

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