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The Democratic County Convention.

A Small and Listless Gathering Ratifies the Machine's Platform and Ticket—Blumle and Cummings Named.

The gathering in the court house on Tuesday afternoon, which was recognized as the Democratic county convention presented a marked contrast to the interest and enthusiasm which marked the Republican county convention last April. August weather and other things, seem to be too much even for "the untrifled." County Chairman, I. K. Hockley called the convention to order. In his opening address he tried to improve the face of the situation by explaining that the scant number of delegates to the convention was due to the fact that very few Democratic votes were cast at the last election. We predict that he will have further explanations of the same sort to make next year. W. R. Chatham of Driftwood was chosen as temporary secretary.

The following delegates were present: West Ward—Hogan, Norris, Coyle; East Ward—Lysett, Marshall, Wheaton; Middle Ward—Donovan, Klees, Egan; Portage—McDowell, Evans; Lumber—Smith, Simpson; Gibson—Smith, Mason, Fry; Driftwood—Denny, Chatham; Grove—Smith, Shafer. No credentials were presented from Shippen, but the convention seated John Lawson and A. J. Ingersall. It appears that there has been some sort of a factional fight on in Lumber township, and the convention, in order to save trouble, seated both James Hayes and Ed. McFadden, allowing each of them half a vote. We should not blame them if they should not give more than half a vote to the ticket next November.

T. H. Norris was elected permanent chairman, and Geo. P. Shafer permanent secretary. The first thing in the order of business was the appointment of the committee on resolutions. The chairman named B. Egan, John E. Smith and Lawrence Smith. The order of business next called for an adjournment of ten minutes, ostensibly, we presume, to give this committee an opportunity to get their political ideas together and to clothe the same in appropriate diction. In reality the ten minutes is intended to give the chairman of the committee on resolutions an opportunity, if he desires it, to glance over the machine-made resolutions, prepared by the chairman of the county committee, correcting the grammar and improving the rhetoric when necessary. The committee on

resolutions had no mind to be critical on this occasion, and, forgetting that in theory they were supposed to take ten minutes to formulate and write out the platform themselves, they returned almost instantly and in due order of business submitted to the convention what Chairman Hockley had put into their hands. It is to be hoped that the public will not hold the members of the committee on resolutions strictly responsible for this platform. It is Hockley's work, not theirs. Let him have the credit of it.

The report of this committee was not in order until after the nominations had been made. John Lawson nominated F. X. Blumle for Assemblyman. The convention accepted the nomination by acclamation, but without enthusiasm. B. Egan named John Cummings for County Treasurer. M. W. Whiting was named by John E. Smith. A secret ballot resulted in the nomination of Cummings by a vote of 17 1/2 to 7 1/2. The applause which followed the announcement of Cummings' nomination was reasonable in its moderation, nor was it excessive nor long continued, at the close of Cummings' brief speech, thanking the convention. Egan presented the report of the committee on resolutions. A great increase in the Democratic vote was promised. Promises are easy to make. Jefferson was patted on the shoulders. Were he living he would permit no such familiar liberties from those who play fast and loose with his cherished principles. Bryan was ignored and no mention was made of Cleveland.

Why should these standard bearers be forgotten, now that they are pulling neck to neck on the Parker chariot? The platform condemns Republican militarism, whatever that may mean. It denounces the failure of Roosevelt's administration to disband the organizations known as trusts, but it is silent as to the position of the Democratic justices of the Supreme Court in regard to the Northern Securities case. It declares that the money question is not an issue, but neglects to give thanks that the free silver proposition was voted to death in 1896 and in 1900. Finally the platform pledges support to Parker and his octogenarian running mate and to the state and county tickets.

The convention instructed for C. W. Shafer for Congress

Part Iron and Part Clay.

The Democratic party can never hope to win the confidence of the nation so long as it attempts to combine within itself such utterly hostile and incongruous elements as are represented in its conservative and radical wings. The party as at present constituted is like the toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image, which were part of potter's clay and part of iron. Cleveland is the iron; Bryan is the clay. A very slight jolt will knock the iron and the clay apart. No one need envy the excellent gentleman who has the misfortune to be the titular leader of this loose-jointed and discordant host.

The Independent is trying to make us think that the fragments of iron and clay are all of one beautiful piece and texture.

A sudden down pour of rain or a long continued drizzle will have no effect on the patrons of Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows, when it exhibits here on August 12. The reasons for this will be apparent to everyone who sees the huge tents that will be erected here for the performance. They are all constructed of 'mercerized' ducking. This marvelous invention for the waterproofing of material has been in use for years for rain coats; but up to this year has never been used for tents. People who have used 'mercerized' cloth know how it sheds water and it was the knowledge of this that caused the proprietors of Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows to have all their tents made out of this material. It is quite a stride in advance of other shows but it is only in keeping with the progressiveness of the management of these shows. Beneath these tents spectators can sit in comfort and ease during the heaviest of rains and be as dry as if in the finest theatre in the country. This is only one of the many novelties that have been added to these shows this season.

Through Daylight Train between Buffalo and Atlantic City via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Beginning July 31, the Day Express of the Pennsylvania Railroad, leaving Buffalo daily at 9 a. m., stopping at principal intermediate stations, and arriving Philadelphia, Broad Street Station, 7.32 p. m., will be run through direct via the Delaware River Bridge Route to Atlantic City, arriving there at 9.20 p. m. daily.

A Pullman parlor car and standard coaches will be attached to this train.

Beginning August 1, train leaving Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, at 8.30 a. m., for Buffalo and principal intermediate stations, will start from Atlantic City at 6.55 a. m., weekdays, and run through to Buffalo without change.

This is the only line by which trains are run through direct, without change, to and from Atlantic City, the leading seashore resort of American.

3243-24-2t.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., August 12th and 13th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

World's Fair Excursions.

Low-rate ten-day coach excursions via Pennsylvania Railroad, August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Rate \$15.95 from Emporium. Train leaves Emporium at 8:10 a. m., connecting with special train from New York arriving St. Louis 4:15 p. m., next day. 3230-23-5t

For Sale.

A pair of horses weight about 2800; nine years old and sound in every particular.

C. W. HALL.

"The Paramount Issue."

We are glad to be informed that the Independent regards the defeat of Roosevelt as the paramount issue in the present campaign. The Republican party desires nothing better than to take up the fight on this issue. Roosevelt's administration has been strong, positive, progressive and clean. He is recognized as a man of strong and positive convictions, of absolute honesty and fearlessness, and of rare sagacity and good judgment. He is a man who does things and the people like that sort of man. The influence of his administration has been steadily in the interest of peace, both within our own borders and in the international field. The people know Roosevelt; they also admire, love and trust him. They are going to elect him.

Judge Parker is a man of ability and of high and fearless integrity; his candidacy reflects credit upon the Democratic party, which is slowly but surely finding its way out of the swamps of Bryanism. The people gladly recognize the good qualities of Judge Parker, but they will not for a moment endorse the proposal to make him President in place of Roosevelt. Roosevelt, by native temperament and endowment and through many years of active experience, stands before the people as the foremost executive of his time; Parker's service and experience has been wholly as a jurist, and that not in the national field. Roosevelt stands before the people on the record of his administration; his views on all vital public questions are well known; of Parker's views on public questions nothing as yet is known except that he regards the gold standard as irrevocably established. The strength of his view on this question lies in the fact that it is an acceptance of the Republican position.

Why should the country reject Roosevelt and elect Parker?

Bad Road.

The road officer who placed the long stretch of large stone in the Portage road between the railroad and creek near Four Mile, and called it road making or who allowed it to be done ought to be compelled to walk over it barefooted and blindfolded ten times every day until he could get the idea under his hair, that to have a road in that shape is a nuisance. The idea of stone in the road is all right, but they should be put there of the proper size, in a proper manner, and have sufficient covering over them to fill up at least the worse crevices and not compel the public to drive over a road that is an injury to a horse; to those who ride over it, especially delicate women, and that shakes and rattles buggies and wagons in a terrible manner. Such a road is a disgrace not only to the man who put it into such shape but also to the community in which it is allowed to exist.

A DRIVER.

A Sluggard's Device.

There is in town a lazy old rascal who has contracted the English habit of reading in bed until slumber dims the page. The one serious drawback to this custom is the necessity of stepping out of bed to extinguish the light, and of doing this at the very time when sleep is making its most irresistible assaults. A number of times has this person fallen asleep and let the gas burn all night. Now, however, he has lashed a piece of heavy wire to the thumb cock of the gas fixture, and to the other end of the wire has attached a stout thread which extends to his pillow. When ready to stop reading all he has to do is to pull the thread, and out goes the light.

Maccabee Insurance.

A Detroit dispatch states that the Supreme Tent, Knights of the Maccabees of the World, last Saturday adopted the new schedule of rates recommended by the Committee of Laws at Wednesday's session.

Whole life insurance will hereafter be furnished new members at rates ranging from 85 cents per \$1,000 of insurance at the age of 18 to \$2 75 at the age of 50.

Present members may re-rate themselves to the new rate for whole life protection, or may continue their insurance in force at present rates until the age of 55, after which they must pay at the rate of \$3 per month.

Cholera Infantum.

This disease has lost its terror since Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy came into general use. The uniform success which attends the use of this remedy, in all cases of bowel complaints in children has made it a favorite wherever its value has become known. For sale by Jno. E. Smith, Sterling Run.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

GARDNER.

SILAS GARDNER, aged about 55 years died at the home of Delbert Towner, West Creek, last week Monday, his remains being interred in Newton Cemetery on Tuesday, Rev. Sypher, pastor of Circuit M. E. Church officiating. Gardner, who has been a great sufferer with asthma, has resided in this section for many years. He did not seem to have any relatives. A novel spectacle presented itself upon this occasion—the minister, undertaker and driver all riding on the hearse. Be it said to the credit of the young clergyman, he did not wish to see the unfortunate man dumped into the Potter's Field without a christian burial and there not being a carriage in the neighborhood, he mounted the hearse and rode thereby through town to the cemetery.

A Clerical Visitor.

The Rev. William F. Rentz, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Pottsville, Pa., is visiting his brother, Mr. F. P. Rentz at his pleasant Fourth street home. Mr. Rentz's church is one of the most important in his denomination, having a membership of 700 with all its departments of work in active operation. He is also president of the Schuylkill County Sunday School Association and is a recognized leader in this important field of Christian effort.

Mr. Rentz and Dr. Heilman were class mates at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and that their conversation should take a reminiscent turn is not surprising. His friends would like to hear him preach but prior engagements preclude his remaining over Sunday.

Entertainment and Festival.

On Saturday evening, August 20th, the ladies of the M. E. congregation at Howard Siding will give a high class entertainment, after which they will conduct an ice cream festival. Those taking part in the exercises of the evening are gifted with a wonderful talent, and having received special instructions, the entertainment promises to be a success. While the success of the festival depends upon the people and their "pocketbooks." Do not disappoint these ladies and they will not disappoint you.

Stop! Look! and Listen!

This is no railroad sign only a notice to railroaders and everyone else to attend the festival to be held at West Creek School House, Saturday evening, August 13. Gentlemen forget that this is leap year and bring your ladies. Ladies remember this is leap year and bring the gentleman. This festival will be a success if you scream, and I scream, and we all scream for ice cream. X

The New Presbyterian Church.

The debris about the new Presbyterian church is being removed and the grounds put in proper order. The congregation expects to occupy its church in a week or two, though the formal consecration of the edifice will be deferred till September when the Northumberland Presbytery will meet here and the event be made doubly interesting by the presence of this notable body of ministers.

The Olean Races.

The August race meeting of the Lake Erie circuit in Olean promises to eclipse everything ever held on the Driving Park. With stakes larger than those in any other town in the circuit, with the exception of Jamestown, the Olean races this year have called together a larger entry list than in former years and the list contains some of the well known flyers. The dates are August 16, 17, 18 and 19. The program is as follows: August 16—2:22 pace; 2:22 trot; 2:12 pace, August 17—2:25 pace; 2:20 trot; 2:15 trot, and free for all, August 18—2:15 pace, 2:18 pace; 2:30 trot and for all, August 19—2:30 pace; 2:18 trot and 2:25 trot.

The Big Four band of Bradford has been engaged to furnish music each day. The driving park is easy to reach, cars running to the entrance. The Olean Driving Park track is in excellent condition this year and fine sport is anticipated.

Warning.

All persons are hereby forbidden from trespassing upon the property of this Company without a permit from this office, or the Superintendent at the works.

KEYSTONE POWDER MFG. CO. Emporium, Pa., August 1st, 1903. 24-tf.

Even the culute of fruit seems to be largely a matter of graft.

Sunday School Pic-nic.
The Baptist Sunday School Pic-Nic will be held at Keystone Park to-day.

Baptist Church.

Rev. L. B. Twichell takes for his subject on Sunday night at the Baptist Church: "The Psalmist Pursued; or David's Dash from Danger." Song Service, 7:30 to 7:45. Public invited.

Touring Car.

Mr. J. M. Beach and family, of Ridgway, accompanied by Mr. Ellenger; came over the mountain in their touring auto last Saturday. They dined with Mr. Herbert Day and family, returned home same day.

Pleasant Outing.

Wm. F. Lloyd, Jno. A. Johnston and family, Mrs. S. L. Stoddard and Miss Hattie Russell passed a very pleasant day, last Thursday, at Keystone Park. "Billy" Lloyd was the only one that worried—he feared the supply of eatables would run out before lunch time.

Will Locate at Danville.

Mr. H. R. Manett has purchased a restaurant in Danville, Pa., and will shortly assume charge of the same, expecting to move his household goods the last of this week. His friends wish him and his wife success in their new venture and bespeak a friendly welcome for them from the people of Danville.

Concert August 25th.

Preparations for the musical to be given in the First Methodist Episcopal Church Thursday evening Aug. 25th, are progressing satisfactorily. A program of vocal and instrumental music by artists of well known ability gives assurance of a rare treat for all who attend. Tickets of admission are 25 cts and are in the hands of the committee.

Lucky Inventor.

Jno. A. Johnston, himself a good printer and former publisher, knowing the trials and tribulations of the country publisher, stepped into the PRESS sanctum last Saturday and renewed his subscription for another year. Mr. Johnston has perfected a valuable piece of mechanism that will no doubt place him on easy street. He deserves it, having worked long and hard. We will give a description of the machine at the right time.

Their Annual Game.

The fats and Leans played the first game of their annual championship series at Keystone Park last Saturday. The game was hotly contested as the score will show. Rentz was in the box for the fats the first inning, but captain Haupt relieved him and put in Murphy, and accuses Rentz of selling the game, there being only ten runs made in the first inning. Haupt decided to get him as far out of the game as possible, and stationed him in left field. Joe Lingle was the whole thing on second. Newton pitched a stiff game for the leans. In our opinion they all played a very fast game. The score by innings:

Fats.....1 0 1 4 5 0 1 7-22
Leans.....10 3 0 3 1 0 4 0 1-22

Niagara Falls Excursions.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has selected the following dates for its popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Washington and Baltimore: July 8 to 22, August 12 and 26, September 9 and 23, and October 14. On these dates the special train will leave Washington at 8.00 a. m., Baltimore, 9.05 a. m., York 10.45 a. m., Harrisburg 11.40 a. m., Millersburg 12.20 p. m., Sunbury 12.58 p. m., Williamsport 2.30 p. m., Lock Haven 3.08 p. m., Renovo 3.55 p. m., Emporium Junction 5.05 p. m., arriving Niagara Falls at 9.35 p. m.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains within ten days will be sold at \$10.00 from Washington and Baltimore; \$9.35 from York; \$10.00 from Littlestown; \$10.00 from Oxford, Pa.; \$9.35 from Columbia; \$8.50 from Harrisburg; \$10.00 from Winchester, Va.; \$7.80 from Altoona; \$7.40 from Tyrone; \$6.45 from Bellefonte; \$5.10 from Ridgway; \$6.90 from Sunbury and Wilkesbarre; \$5.75 from Williamsport; and at proportionate rates from principal points. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo within limit of ticket returning.

The special trains of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion running through to Niagara Falls. An extra charge will be made for parlor car seats.

An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion. For descriptive pamphlet, time of connecting trains, and further information apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad street Station, Philadelphia. 3178-19-St.

WEATHER REPORT!

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

Political Announcement.

Editor Press:—
Please announce my name as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.
HENRY LUDLAM.
Emporium, Pa., April 26th, 1904.

BRIEF MENTION.

Everybody reads the PRESS
Three horses for sale; one horse weighing 1200, one team weighing 2800.
JOHN RUTZ,
East Emporium, Pa.

The Merry-Go-Round has folded its tent and gone to Galeson, only to be replaced by another, it is reported, headed this way.

FOR SALE.—Lot on West Sixth street. Inquire of Mrs. S. J. Knickerbocker, Port Allegany Pa. 22-4t.

FOR SALE.—A good farm in Plank Road Hollow. For particulars inquire of Mr. Jos. Kinsler, Emporium, Pa. 23-tf.

Why not avail yourself of the opportunity and buy clothing at fair, and honest prices. That is what you do when you buy of N. Seger.

The North Creek School becoming vacant by the resignation of Miss Moon; Miss Cora Barker it is understood will take her place.

The summer clothing at N. Seger's is moving rapidly. Now is the time to buy. Big stock and must make room for fall goods. Come in and see us.

The moving picture exhibition on South Broad St., last Monday night attracted a vast throng of people and the Presbyterian Church for whose benefit it was given, should have realized a handsome sum.

Mr. Geo. J. LaBar is excavating for an addition to his store property, that will greatly enhance the facilities for dispatching his growing business and be an important architectural addition to the town.

If you need anything in the line of gents furnishings, hats, caps, shoes, valises trunks or any thing else in our line come in and see us. We can sell you goods as cheap as they can be bought anywhere. N. SEGER.

WANTED—A lady or gentleman of fair education to travel for a firm established 30 years. Salary, \$1,072 per year and expenses, paid weekly. Address with stamp, H. W. KELLEY, Emporium, Pa. 24-2t.

The PRESS does not need to lie awake nights in order to "dish up something" to make the Independent seem ridiculous. The Independent succeeds very well in appearing so without any help from the PRESS.

St. Marks Church served ice cream and cake on its lawn last Saturday night and had the usual generous patronage. The church expects to install its new pipe organ in October, and the formal dedication will no doubt be made an interesting event in musical circles.

Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows have been aptly called the "wonder" shows as each year a myriad of novelties are produced with that aggregation that no other show can duplicate. This year the management have far surpassed all previous efforts until this vast amusement enterprise can safely lay claim to being the biggest and best Shows on the road. With a colossal circus given in two rings on an elevated stage, with a menagerie that cost over a million dollars together, with a mammoth museum in which strange people and curious things from all parts of the globe can be seen and with a real Roman Hippodrome in which contests like given in the old amphitheatres of Rome are faithfully reproduced, there is such a refreshing novelty about this stupendous aggregation that everyone who visits it becomes infatuated with it. The lists of artists engaged for the ring exhibition is as big as the entire working force with many other shows and they are all undisputed champions in their respective lines. Hargreaves' Big Railroad Shows are absolutely unique and unapproachable and if you see them when they exhibit at Emporium on August 12, you will be a hearty endorser of these statements.

When thieves fall out each has a foe-man worthy of his steal.

MARRIED.

BROWN—SAWDEY—At the office of M. M. Larrabee, J. P., on Tuesday, Mr. Frederick Alvira Brown and Miss Arline Sawdey, both of Emporium.