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## CAPITOL GOSSIP.

### THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO.

Chicago a Lucky Democratic City.—The Stormy Monroe Doctrine Resolutions Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Cleveland, although asked to do so, declined to express his wishes before the National Committee decided upon Chicago as this year's convention city, but it is understood that he has since then said he was glad Chicago was chosen because of the good luck that had usually followed Chicago Democratic nominations—he was nominated at Chicago both times that he was elected.

Whether it is this same feeling or because the country is again becoming favorably disposed toward the Democratic party that has caused the Democrats generally to regard the outlook as more cheerful I am not prepared to say, but whatever it is, it is certain that the Democrats are as a rule in a much more cheerful condition of mind than they were before the meeting of the National Committee, and that they now talk of going into the Presidential campaign with a hope of winning, and not merely to keep up the party organization.

The Monroe doctrine resolution reported from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations out-Monroe's Monroe, so to speak. It not only reaffirms what Monroe said, in stronger language than was used by him, but it goes much further, and asserts that the United States will alone be the judges of what constitutes a violation of the Monroe doctrine. While there are a few conservative men in Congress who regard the expression of the executive branch of the government as all that was necessary on the subject and who think the wording of the resolution too much in the nature of an unnecessary defiance hurled at the world for a country which prides itself upon being peaceably inclined, there is no doubt that the resolution is cordially approved by an overwhelming majority of both Senate and House, not because they are hunting for a fight for this country, but because they deem this an opportune time to let Europe understand just where the United States stands and just where they intend to stand for all time.

Col. Henry Watterson, the distinguished Kentucky editor and Democrat, who says he is at present out of politics, passed through Washington a day or two ago. He will take no part in the Presidential campaign, as he will leave for Europe several months before the National Convention is held—it will seem odd to the old timers to hold a National Convention without Henry—and will not return until after the election. When asked who the Democrats ought to nominate, Col. Watterson replied: "My ticket is Col. William R. Morrison, of Ill., for President, and Gen. John B. Gordon, of Ga., for Vice President. They were both shot at from different sides during the war and I am willing that they shall be put up again and be shot at." The Morrison boom is getting to be quite robust. The choice of Chicago as the Convention city while not made as a result of any combination in Col. Morrison's favor, has nevertheless added materially to his strength, his friends believe.

Ex-Congressman Lamb, of Ind., says that state can be safely put in the Democratic column this year no matter who heads the National ticket. He adds, however, that if the party wants to make assurance doubly sure, it should put Gov. Matthews at the head of the ticket.

Mr. James R. Roosevelt, Secretary of the United States Embassy in London, is in Washington. He said: "There was no war feeling against the United States when I left England; it had all disappeared. England does not want to take up arms against this country."

Mr. Clark Howell, the Ga. member of the Democratic National Committee, who is a silver man and who voted for the selection of Chicago as the Convention city, said before leaving Washington, concerning the ridiculous stories which have been circulated: "Chicago was chosen simply because a majority of the members of the committee thought that, as between Chicago and St. Louis, the former was the most desirable place for the convention. The silver question did not enter into the choice between the two cities, as has been claimed. The currency question will no doubt figure in the convention, but it did not in the selection of the place."

For some reason the Democrats of the District of Columbia do not seem to be greatly pleased with the action of the National Committee in increasing their representation in the National Convention from two to six dele-

gates. Whether it is because they do not vote or from other causes, the election of delegates to the National Convention has always made a regular row among the District Democrats, and not a few of them seem to think that since the representation in the Convention has been made three times as large the row must also be made three times worse than it has ever been before. Seriously, I think the main source of all the trouble is the lack of proper party machinery, such as exists in all voting communities for the selection of delegates.

### Compulsory Education.

In his annual report on the public schools Dr. Schaeffer, the superintendent of public instruction, refers to the compulsory education law and its effect upon the attendance. He says that the act has already proved a benefit in increasing the attendance of children in districts where the schools have been neglected. He believes that the results will be more apparent when the school census has been taken under the decision of the Attorney General next spring. Attention is called in the report to the fact that while the state aid for public instruction is generous it does not approach the total expenditure on this account. A gratifying feature of the report is the showing that the average salary of female teachers has been increased considerably during the year. The total amount paid teachers has also been increased over \$300,000.

### Death of a Hermit.

Centre county has had its queer fellows, hermits, of whom we made mention in former years, but just now we know of none living, so we will fill the gap with mention of one down in old mother Lebanon, where so many Penn's valley people hail from:

William Lutz, well known throughout Lebanon and the western section of Berks counties, who lived the life of a hermit for twenty-five years past near the village of Greenville, in Lebanon county, is dead at the age of seventy-two years. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy. Lutz lived in a quaint little hut close by the Swatara creek and sold cigars and soft drinks for a living. He wore no shoes for upward of forty years. The deceased did all his own housework and cooking and in spite of his eccentricities enjoyed the respect and confidence of all his neighbors.

### Law Not Valid.

Judge Biddle of Cumberland county on Saturday rendered an important opinion deciding the case of Fredrick Hays, a Carlisle constable, against the county of Cumberland.

Judge Biddle decided that the act of assembly which provides that constables shall be paid for the arrest of vagrants after their hearing, arrest and committal, as well as in any other cases in which there was a hearing, arrest or committal, is unconstitutional because its subject matter is not expressed in the title. The case was then decided against Constable Hayes.

Judge Biddle's decision in this matter is of great importance, as it affects the constables in all parts of the state.

### Large Rafts to Come Down the River.

The Lock Haven Republican says: The number of rafts that will come down the Susquehanna next spring will be considerably larger than last spring if snow enough falls to enable the timber makers to get their big sticks to the river. Mr. W. B. Quigley the well known log scaler of this city sealed at Deer creek last week five rafts of round pine logs which he says will be the finest log rafts that ever came down the river. The rafts are being made for the Lecont estate and the five scaled 340,000 feet board measure.

The largest stick in the lot is 104 feet in length and is 18 inches at the top end, and 25 of the sticks, measured 255,000 feet board measure. The length of the platforms will be as follows: one 80 feet; one 72; one 64; three 48; three 40 and nine 32 feet long. One of the sticks, 32 feet long scaled 2,200 feet.

### President Harrison to be Married.

THE coming marriage of Ex-president Harrison to Mrs. Dimmick is announced—his bride is a niece of Mr. Harrison's late wife. This engagement has caused a rupture in the Harrison family, and the children, Mrs. M'Kee and Russell, will not own the coming mother-in-law, they say she is too dictatorial otherwise they would not object to their father getting married.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly a remarkable preparation and nothing like it has ever been produced. No matter how wiry and unmanageable the hair may be, under the influence of this incomparable dressing, it becomes soft, silky, and pliable to the comb and brush.

### Republicans on the "Run."

Ex-sheriff Cook will be a Republican candidate for sheriff. He was a poor hangman during his first term; if any of us are to be hung, let's have a fellow who can do it kill.

George Smith, of Bellefonte, is going to be a Republican candidate for sheriff. If this smith can forge his way to secure the nomination, all right—but mind you, the next sheriff is going to be a Democrat.

Henry Montgomery would also accept the Republican nomination for sheriff, and his party should give it to him, because there is where the game will end.

Robert Wilson, deputy sheriff under Cook won't be sorry if he can get the nomination, but he will be awfully down in the month after the election.

Clever Sam Diehl is also anxious for some office, but wouldn't that be the spoiling of a good wagon-maker?

John Dubs, the implement man, a good sort of a fellow, would like to be sheriff, but Dubs can't be dubbed "sheriff," because the next sheriff will be a Democrat.

Abe Miller also desires to try his luck again, this time for sheriff; but this miller spoiled his grist so awfully last fall, that he won't have anything to toll now.

John Stewart, of College, is also willing to "take something" if his party will "set 'em up," but he will likely remain only a steward to do the party chores.

Then there is Riley Pratt, of Unionville, prattling, short Charley Long, of Gregg, and Scott Bricker, a Boalsburg brick, all wanting to be county treasurer.

All boys in the class, attention now: Centre county will go Democratic in November!

### SILVER AS THE SOLE ISSUE.

The Populist committee, in addition to calling their national convention to meet at St. Louis on the 22nd of July, also adopted a resolution urging "all men and organizations desiring financial reform, but who are not ready to become members of our (the Populist) organization, to hold a separate convention in the same city at the same time, so that an honorable effort may be made to unite all friends of financial reform in support of the same candidates for President and Vice President.

This is in line with a policy that has been heretofore discussed, and looks to the rejection by the Republican and Democratic national conventions of a free coinage plank. In that contingency, and we regard it as sure to come about, a good many leaders on both the Republican and the Democratic side at the west and south have declared it to be their purpose to unite with the Populists on the single issue of the free coinage of silver. It will be for the Populists to forego many of their foolish notions advanced in their late platforms looking to state socialism in various forms to accomplish such union on the single issue of free coinage. We would not be at all surprised if this would be the way politics would read in July. The Democratic and Republican conventions will substantially agree on the money question and differ on the tariff, while the Populists will go into the battle on the single issue of the free and unlimited coinage of silver with some such representative of the idea as Teller, Wolcott, Cameron or Bland as a presidential candidate. This would make an interesting battle next year, and instructive as to the power of the silver sentiment among the people. The conditions are more favorable for a third party than they have been for many years, and a party with a single issue appealing to a strong popular sentiment will have advantages in a triangular battle over the old parties, which may present a varied assortment of economic and political notions. We don't believe in free coinage, but realize it has a strong hold on the people in most of the states of the Union south and west of Pennsylvania.—Pittsburg Post.

### The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burges, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for fifty years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough remedy now. Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug store.

### Sheriff's Sale.

Great bargains in all kinds of clothing at the Philadelphia Branch, a full line of men and boys' wear, at sheriff's sale prices.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### A NEW DEPARTMENT MAKES ITS REPORT.

Secretary of Agriculture Shows the Work of His Department Since March.—Interesting Statement.

Secretary Edge has completed his annual report to Governor Hastings showing the operations of the department of agriculture since its organization last March. The report states that the department has done much to restrict and curtail the sale of imitation butter in the state, but that there is still much work to be done before the sale can be effectually prevented and the goods forced out of the markets.

Col. Edge claims the work of the department in enforcing the pure food laws enacted by the last legislature has been followed by excellent results, which are worth more to the general public than the whole cost of the department. He says Pennsylvania is behind other states, having less important agricultural interests in its appropriations for farmers' institutes and recommends that the appropriation be increased to an amount more nearly proportioned to the extent of agricultural, horticultural and stock producing interests.

The secretary declares there is no state in the union in which commercial fertilizers are so nearly worth the price paid for them as in Pennsylvania. While low grades of fertilizers are still made, they are worth the money asked for them, he adds, and their manufacture is solely due to the mistaken demand which exists for this class of goods and for which our farmers are solely to blame. A summary of data collected by the department shows that workmen hired by the farmers of Pennsylvania for the year and boarded by the employer received \$12.00 a month and \$19.01 a month when hired by the month for the whole year and the workman boards himself.

### Brief Local Jottings.

Had two inches of snow scattered along from Saturday night to Tuesday morning, making six inches in all thus far.

Prof. P. H. Meyer's musical conventions have been well attended thus far.

W. O. Rearick is making the implement works put on a busy air—he is possessed of the right kind of push.

Bring your sale printing to the Reporter office; a sale advertised in this paper will be read in all parts of the county.

It is said Colyer will build some more houses near the station.

Had not a cent's worth of sleighing, so far, this winter, but lots of good ice.

Hiram Grove, writes from Morganza, that if \$1.50 is not enough for a year's Reporter, to let him know and he'll send more; there's one to admit the Reporter is worth more than its price—quite a compliment.

The grain fields in this county have suffered some for the want of snow to protect them against the icy spell.

Oats 15 and 20c, and corn 30c, that is lower than at any time in 40 years, and is hard on the farmer; his live stock and machinery should be exempt from taxation.

### On the Sick List.

Mrs. Adam Krumrine, of Tusseyville, has been seriously ill for some time with a severe attack of pneumonia; she is slowly improving at present.

Two of John Bair's children at Tusseyville are sick, one having pneumonia and the other scarlet fever.

### On the Sick List.

Fergus Potter, esq., of Harris, is laid up with a severe cold bordering on pneumonia. As our friend Fergus scarce knew what it meant to be ill, we trust he will soon get over this trial of it.

Prof. John Hamilton, of State College had a spell of sickness but is mending up again.

### Both Legs Cut Off.

On Monday afternoon while trying to board a fast freight on the Penna. Railroad at Tyrone, Hayes Holder missed his footing and was thrown under the train and had both legs severed close from his body. He died about three hours after the accident. It seems that Holder had been drinking during the day, and was standing around the station to jump a train but was prevented, and finally succeeded with the above sad result.

### Died of Paralysis.

Aunt Mary Reese died at her home at the Forge near Bellefonte, on Monday, from a stroke of paralysis four days previous; her age was 83 years.

### AN IMPORTANT LEGAL OPINION.

Licenses Cannot be Refused Without Reason.

During the sitting of the Superior Court in Philadelphia the appeal of George L. Doberneck from the decree of the Quarter Sessions for Indiana county, though it belonged to the Pittsburgh district, was given a special hearing, and after argument the court left the matter in the hands of Judge McCarthy, to prepare its decision. The court then adjourned to meet on the second Monday of the present month in Scranton, and the decision of the case was therefore handed down Friday.

Doberneck had applied for the license of a brewer and had been refused. He thereupon appealed to the Superior court and that court has just reversed the Quarter Sessions of Indiana county.

The court holds: "It is well settled that the discretion vested in the Court of Quarter Sessions under the act of July 9, 1891, to grant or refuse licenses for the sale of vinous and spirituous malt or brewed liquors by wholesale will not justify the arbitrary grant or refusal of such licenses, but that it is a judicial discretion to be exercised for legal reasons and in a judicial manner. How far such discretion, when exercised in reference to cases such as the one at bar, is reviewable, is clearly stated in the lucid opinion of Justice Mitchell in the recent case of Mark Gemase' appeal, 169 Pennsylvania State Reports, page 43, from which it appears that there must be a judicial hearing, and that if the license is refused the refusal must be for a legal reason."

### COBURN.

Luther Guisewite Will Erect a New Creamery Building.

Mr. Frederick of Oak Hall, spent Sunday at this place the guest of his sister, Mrs. John Bowersox.

Mr. Musser, of Osceola, Ohio, spent a few days last week visiting friends at this place.

After spending a week with his family at this place A. J. Campbell departed for Shamokin his present field of labor, on Saturday evening.

Workmen are busily engaged in digging the foundation and making the wall for Luther Guisewite's new creamery building which was destroyed by fire on the 17th of December. Rumor has it that he will erect a large roller mill instead of a grain house.

The personal property of S. M. Ulrich was sold at public sale on Monday and brought good prices. He will vacate the Evert farm in the spring to make room for the new owners.

"Florida on Wheels" was here on Wednesday and drew large crowds of people to view the wonders.

The Democratic caucus meeting will be held in the school house on Saturday and every voter in the township should make it a point to be present, and help to place only the best men to fill the various offices, in nomination. "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well" will apply to men holding a small township office. Some men will hold on to an office, petty office, with such a tenacity that they will not resign in time to elect another in their stead, knowing that they will remove from the district in the spring. Such is the situation of one of our high (?) officials at the present time.

P. H. Stover is on the sick list with a very severe cold and other complications.

Mrs. J. M. Weaver is at this writing not fast improving from her attack of sickness.

Miss Bertha Braucht, the ten-year-old daughter of W. E. Braucht has a slight attack of pneumonia.

John Rote is in feeble health, due to old age and a broken down system generally.

Miss Blanche Bowersox is again home after spending several weeks at Wolfs Store.

Quite a large number of our people were in Millheim on last Saturday to attend the sale of the Kentucky mules that was to be—but was not.

The singing class at this place under the leadership of Prof. James E. Harter is progressing rapidly. Why not close with a convention?

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls, of Hollands, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had a gripe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

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### SPRING MILLS.

Our Roads Kept in Excellent Condition by Our Present Supervisors.

For the past year our roads were in such an excellent condition that it was a pleasure to travel on them; of course all this was owing to having two supervisors, who knew exactly what the traveling community required, and then did it. John Rossman is supervisor north of the pike and Jacob McCool south. The fact is, for miles—without any exaggeration—the township roads surpass the pike in smoothness. The truth of the matter is, it is high time all pikes were abolished, they belong to a past age. In all probability both Mr. Rossman and Mr. McCool will succeed themselves for next year, apparently they have little or no opposition.

Dr. Braucht of our town is evidently gaining quite a practice; last week one of his patients mentioned to me that he was just the man for a sick room, always pleasant and always had a cheerful word for the ill, besides being a physician of considerable information and ability. I notice that the Dr. drives a stylish looking animal; I believe one of the match horses belonging to J. B. Jamison; by the way, if I am rightly informed, this horse came very near meeting with a serious accident some time since, by backing over an embankment, but fortunately escaped without any damage.

Dr. Gutelius of Millheim appears to have plenty of business here on Tuesday of each week. His dental chair has always an occupant by appointment; some folks say that it is quite a pleasure (?) to allow the Dr. to extract a molar, he does it in such a scientific painless manner. It may be as they say but I hope the Dr. will excuse me.

The announcement that C. P. Long of our town would positively be a candidate before the next Republican convention for Treasurer of Centre county, has been very favorably commented on here. Mr. Long's friends are very sanguine of his nomination and final election; of course his nomination depends on many contingencies. Unquestionably if made it would undoubtedly be a strong one, as his popularity in these lower valleys is rather phenomenal.

Justice of the Peace J. A. Grenoble at present is confined very closely with office work and in "winning golden opinions from all sorts of people" by his pleasant and gentlemanly demeanour towards all visitors; for the troubled and lowly he always has a kind and cheerful word; evidently our "Squire" is the right man in the right place.

### State Notes.

Because the bore council of Milton refused to pay more than \$20 per hydrant the Milton water company has threatened to dismantle the plugs. The people there are thoroughly wrought up, and if the company tampers with the hydrants trouble is feared.

Catherine Ann Beck, of Hanover, was 99 years old Jan. 14. Her father died at the age of 88, and her mother at 90 years. Mrs. Beck is healthy and very active for one of her age.

Samuel Snyder, aged about 40, died of consumption, on 14, near Cedar Springs.

Wm. Walker, of Mount Eagle, while assisting to load a car with prop timber at Eddy Run, one of the timbers swung around and struck him, knocking him off the car. He fell about 12 feet, breaking his left leg near the ankle.

Mrs. Howard, of Nippenose Valley, is aged near a century. She resides at Cullumville, and if she lives until February 12, will be 95 years old.

### A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Inasmuch as God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from among us our beloved classmate, John Philip Meyers, of Boalsburg, Pa., be it Resolved, That we, the members of the class of '98, of Franklin and Marshall College, offer this humble tribute to the memory of our departed friend. The unselfish devotion which he ever manifested to the class and College in their several characters, his manly, Christian character, had endeared him to all who associated with him. In his death we have lost an affectionate friend, and the church in which he labored so assiduously, a faithful servant. Our deep sorrow is alleviated only by the assurance that our loss is his eternal gain.

Resolved, further, That we extend to the sorrowing family our heart-felt sympathy in their great affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded them, and also be published in the College Student, the F. and M. Weekly, the Reformed Church Messenger, and the Centre county papers.

S. V. HOSTERMAN,  
G. C. HELLER,  
F. W. SHULENBERGER,  
Com., Class '98.

### Sheriff Sale of Clothing.

A full line of all kinds of ready-made clothing, for men and boys, must be sold at once, on account of sheriff's sale, at the Philadelphia Branch, Bellefonte. Hurry up, if you want a bargain.