



THE BIG PICNIC

CROWDS COMING IN AND THE PATRONS ON TOP.

Threatening Weather Monday and Tuesday Prevent an Attendance.—The "White City" a Howling Success.—Big Crowds Anticipated.

The grangers of Central Penn'a have their annual 8 days' outing, at Grange park, at this place, this week, for recreation, education, social good time and rest from the hard work of the farm. Husbands, wives, daughters, sons, sweet hearts, all look upon this as their inland "Atlantic City" where they enjoy themselves as to them seems best, free from the gew-gaws and expense of a fashionable sea-side resort with its painted ladies, long and swallow tailed dudes and fops as gallants.

Plain common sense, genuine civility, hospitality and the best of things to eat, are on top at this farmers' encampment.

The committee had their 30 acre park in clean and most inviting condition and some 250 tents up by last Saturday morning. Two great American flags fluttered over the entrances to the main avenue; from the mercantile buildings the Stars and Stripes were also sporting in the breeze. Telegraph, telephone, railroad and post office facilities were right on the park. Pure mountain water, from Centre Hall's admirable plant, was tapped on all parts of the ground as convenience required.

The days and evenings were enlivened by the Rote, Clinton county brass band. Vocal music by tenters and by choristers in the Auditorium added to the charms of the encampment.

Quite a number of tenters with their equipments arrived on Saturday. In the afternoon a heavy thunder shower set in which soaked the ground and the resulting dampness kept away hundreds who would have visited the grounds Sunday forenoon. The preaching in the Auditorium was well attended. Sunday afternoon there were many visitors on the ground who came by private conveyances. Monday, the weather being unsettled, it was quiet on the ground; many tenters arrived and exhibitors were getting their machinery and wares in place. In the evening there were two fistfights between some young bloods and quiet was restored by the police appearing wearing ugly looks. We were told the trouble between the youngsters was about a girl, yet the girl that was worth fighting about had not yet been in the park.

All the local candidates had taken tents—we don't mean to say they had stolen them.

At the Centre Democrat's headquarters there was a fine lithograph of William J. Bryan, life size, also in a frame very finely executed photographs of the local Democratic nominees from congress to surveyor. These pictures drew large crowds.

The boarding tent was run by Jas. A. Keller, and was well conducted; you got a 40c. meal for 25cts.

The opening ceremonies were the address of Chairman Rhone in presenting the grounds to the county grange, followed by an appropriate response from George M. Dale, master of the county grange. Addresses were next delivered by Col. Jas. F. Weaver, lecturer of the county grange, and by Isaac Frain, late deputy of the grange. These ceremonies were held in the auditorium and were witnessed by a large audience.

In the afternoon Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian, delivered an address on the diseases and care of farm stock. He dwelt at length on hydrophobia, thrax and tuberculosis, diseases that have recently infected cattle in this valley. He was followed by Rev. Zeigler, Co. chairman of the Prohibition party upon Temperance.

In the evening Dr. Rothrock of the State Forestry commission delivered an address. He was followed by Mr. Moore.

On Wednesday morning Hon. Harrison, Road Engineer of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture discussed the Road question; followed by Hon. John A. Hamilton, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, and Director of Institutes.

At 2.00 p. m. Hon. C. Stuart Patterson, President of the Sound Money League, spoke on the Gold Standard as it affects the farmer, followed by Mr. Carthy, of New York.

At 7.30 p. m., Addresses by Mrs. Helen Johnson, Ceres of Penna. State Grange, and Hon. W. F. Hill, Lecturer of State Grange.

Chairmen Billy Gray and Newt Spangler, of the Republican and Democratic parties respectively, have opened headquarters on the ground directly opposite each other, a short distance below headquarters. They are abundantly supplied with campaign litera-

ture that the voter who calls may be convinced on the money question.

The auditorium building has been fitted up in a comfortable and convenient manner. The stage has now a back scene and drop curtain, and is well lighted with strong lamps. Blinds have been placed on all the windows, and the interior has been decorated in a most pleasing manner by the flags of the republics of the three Americas. The flags are large, each bearing a card of the republic they represent, and the effect is pleasing. The fitting up of the stage was a much needed improvement.

LIST OF TENT HOLDERS.

J. J. Arney, Dr. Alexander, Isaac Beck, Isaiah Beck, G. M. Boal, W. A. Boal, Mrs. C. B. Boob, B. F. Brown, H. M. Cain, D. M. Campbell, G. B. Campbell, John Conley, W. M. Cronister, Christian Endeavor, Geo. Dale, John Dauberman, Samuel Durst, Alfred Durst, Isaac Frain, J. W. Fry, J. K. From, Gertie Floray, R. M. Foster, H. C. Gettigg, Geo. Goodhart, Harvey Hoover, Adam Hoover, J. G. Heberling, J. W. Henney, W. A. Huber, H. P. Hockman, J. P. Ishler, C. H. Kephart, D. C. Keller, Harrison Kline, Centre Democrat, J. D. Ishler, John Lytle, L. H. Musser, H. C. McCracken, W. J. Meyers, Isaac Miller, Amos Mullen, Charles Neff, D. F. Poorman, Sarah Pursley, John Road, F. P. Resides, Leonard Rhone, Mary Ross, S. E. Stine, Mrs. Strong, John Seibert, Henry Sankey Charles Swartz, Levi Stump, N. B. Spangler, Miss Spangler, Hiram Thompson, Annie Van Pelt, Calvin Weaver, Miss Wards, Phil Womelsdorf.

Wednesday morning Hon. J. T. Ailman, Secretary of the Penn. State Grange and Dr. Geo. W. Atherton, President of State College.

1.30 p. m., Hon. Mortimer Whitehead, of New Jersey, will discuss the Silver Question as it affects farmers; to be followed by De Witt C. De Witt, of Scranton, Pa., and others.

7.30 p. m. Hon. Gerald C. Brown, of York, and Dr. Armsby, Director of the State Experiment Station.

General A. J. Womer, president of the Bimetallic League of the U. S., was billed for an address, but wired that it was impossible for him to come. He stated that if it were possible Senator Stewart, of Nevada, the great Free Silverite, would be here and deliver an address.

This morning, Thursday, the weather is somewhat cloudy, but with indications of clearing up. There will likely be a big crowd. The specials are carrying lots of people, and the train service is good.

The principal event today will be the silver arguments in the auditorium, by Hon. Mortimer Whitehead, of New Jersey, and De Witt C. De Witt, of Scranton. Both are prominent speakers and will draw big crowds.

The order on the ground is good, with a competent squad of policeman under Col. Amos Mullen, everything is moving along quietly.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

John E. Hoy, Philadelphia, and Anna E. Mingle, Centre Hall.

Wilson Fry, Harris, and Hatty Tute, Bellefonte.

E. S. Spotts, and Vileria Lucas, Union twp.

P. S. McCann and Ella Sullivan, Tyrone.

Roy C. Hoover, Harris twp., and Maggie R. Poorman, Patton.

Geo. E. Alkey, and Cora Harter, Spring twp.

T. J. VanScoyoe, Phillipsburg, and Sarah Boluright, Chester Hill.

Frank Sasseraman, and Emma Sheffer, Bellefonte.

Wm. McKinney, Potters Mills, and Lizzie Moyer, Centre Hill.

E. R. Lucas, Boggs, and Julia Bartley, Walker.

Harry E. Stover, Hagerstown, and Veletie Stover, Bellefonte.

New Railroad Project.

For several years a railroad from Huntingdon to McAlvey's Fort, in this county, has been talked of and now the matter has assumed a more definite shape. R. C. Patterson, a capitalist, of Omaha, Neb., and a former resident of Shaver's Creek, having consented to take the bonds for the proposed railway from Pine Grove, this county, on certain conditions, which are that the railroad be built for \$6,000 a mile; that right of way be given, and that continued encouragement be given the enterprise.

Public meetings have been held and the farmers have agreed to give the right of way free, and to give all reasonable assistance until the road is completed. They are now prepared to go to work in earnest, and if the road can be built for \$6,000 a mile, as is confidently expected, it will not be long until the connecting link between Huntingdon and the Beech Creek system will be an assured fact.

"REPUDIATION."

REPUBLICAN STATES ENDORSING FREE SILVER.

History of Republican State Conventions Endorsing Silver Coinage.—A Big List of them.

Now that the Republican newspapers find so much malicious pleasure in designating as "repudiationists" and "anarchists" all who in any way favor free silver or even bimetalism with the ultimate intention of endeavoring to raise silver from its real or fictitious depreciation it is interesting to compare the enunciations of former Republican conventions in the states. In 1894 Republican conventions were held in twenty-five states, and this is what each said on the currency:

Arkansas—The American people from interest and tradition favor bimetalism.

California—We favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Colorado—The Republican party of Colorado demands the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Connecticut—The Republican party * * * holds that American silver as well as American gold should be used as standard money.

Delaware—We favor bimetalism * * * and believe that full prosperity will not be re-established until silver is restored to its proper place as a money metal.

Illinois—We favor bimetalism.

Indiana—We favor the imposition of increased tariff duties upon the imports from all countries which oppose the coinage of silver upon a basis to be determined by an international congress.

Iowa—We desire the largest possible use of silver as money * * * We do not desire monometallism either of gold or silver.

Kansas—The interest of the producers of the country, its farmers, workmen, demand that the mints be opened to the coinage of silver of the mines of the United States.

Maine—We advocate a policy not in favor of monometallism * * * but international bimetalism and * * * currency abundant for all wants.

Massachusetts—Did not mention silver specifically.

Michigan—We pledge the Republican party of Michigan to use every effort in its power to restore silver to its proper position in the United States as a money metal.

Minnesota—The restoration of silver as ultimate money to the currency of the world is absolutely necessary for business prosperity, proper rates of wages and the welfare of the people.

Missouri—We favor the largest possible coinage of silver that is consistent with the permanent maintenance of equal purchasing and debt paying power of all dollars. We pledge ourselves to continue to work for bimetalism.

Nebraska—While we favor bimetalism * * * we insist that the parity of the value of the two metals be maintained.

New Hampshire—Did not mention currency.

New York—We favor an international agreement which shall result in the use of both gold and silver as a circulating medium.

North Dakota—We demand the opening of the mints for the coinage of silver mined in the United States.

Ohio—We advocate such a policy as will, by discriminating legislation or otherwise, most speedily, restore silver to its rightful place as a money metal.

Pennsylvania—We favor the expansion of the circulating medium of the country until the same shall amount to \$40 per capita of our population. We declare that the obligations of the government shall be discharged in money approved and current in all civilized nations, to the end that a largely increased reserve of gold shall be gradually accumulated and maintained. (That is that the government shall collect gold and pay out silver.)

Rhode Island—Dodge silver.

Tennessee—The Republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money * * * and we are in favor of a circulating medium of volume sufficient to meet the demands of business and commerce.

Texas—We are in favor of sound money, gold, silver and currency, its volume as large as practicable.

Wisconsin—The Republican party is in favor of honest money. We are unalterably opposed to any scheme that will give this country a debased or depreciated currency.

Wyoming—We favor the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

On the whole list some favor the free and unlimited coinage of the silver mined, some advocate inflation of the currency, some oppose monometallism (to which the Republican party is now devoted), many favor bimetal-

ism, three dodge, and only one treats silver disdainfully. Are the Republican organizations of these states committed to repudiation and anarchy? They compose nearly all the strength of the Republican party in the nation. Then, if Democrats who favor silver are repudiationists and anarchists why is not the whole Republican party eligible to such listing.

WHERE THE GOLD IS.

Locked Up in Foreign Banks and in the U. S. Treasury.

The five state banks of Austria, France, Germany and England have increased their gold reserve since 1890 from \$700,400,000 to \$1,555,600,000. That is, those five banks, together with the United States treasury, have locked up more than half the gold of this world in six depositories. It does not enter into the circulation as money of the world at all, and the whole outside world has but about 1,500,000,000 dollars in gold to do its work with.

In 1893 congress was called together to demonetize silver and restore prosperity, and the way prosperity was restored by that work is shown by the fact that since that year the loss of gold from the treasury of our own nation has been \$306,504,228.72, or on an average of about \$7,500,000 per month for forty-one months. How much more of that kind of prosperity could our nation stand?

Says the Mining Industry and Review: "The eastern gold bug press almost without exception, are railing at the efforts of the silver barons, silver mine owners, etc., to force free silver upon the country, and thereby make illegitimate profits. Now the fact is that nine-tenths of the owners of the principal dividend-paying silver mines live in the Middle and New England states, and are pronounced gold bugs. There are only a few in the United States, and if our New York friends would slip in Lounsbeuey's office in New York and make inquiries, they could learn the truth of what we say here. We have the names of over 14,000 owners of stock in dividend-paying mines, and more than half of that number are or have been readers of the Industry, and over 12,000 of the number live east of Cincinnati. The fact is that these eastern papers know they are lying when they make these charges. But these charges are only a part of the most corrupt, lying, swindling campaign ever waged."

To Tax Churches.

J. Carson Mercer, County Commissioner of Allegheny county, is having prepared a bill to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature, providing that all church property shall be subject to taxation the same as any other property. Commissioner Mercer will also bring the matter before the annual Convention of the County Commissioners in Reading next month.

Heretofore church property in Pennsylvania has been exempt from taxation for any purpose. The holdings of the churches of all denominations, however, have increased to such enormous proportions that it is now proposed to tax them. It is contended that the properties of immense value held by rich congregations should be taxed, because, otherwise, it is a discrimination against the small property owners who are members of a small congregation and his taxes increased because the more valuable properties are exempted.

All the Editor Has to Do.

All a fellow has to do to run a newspaper, says an exchange, is to be able to write a poem, discuss the tariff, umpire a base ball game, report a wedding, saw wood, beat a lawyer, describe a fire so that the readers will shed their wraps, make a dollar do the work of ten, shine at a soiree, abuse the liquor habit, test whiskey, subscribe to charity, defend bimetalism, sneer at snobbery, wear diamonds, invent advertisement, overlook scandal, praise babies, delight pumpkin raisers, minister to the afflicted, heal the disgruntled, fight to a finish, set type, mould opinions, sweep the office, speak at a prayer meeting and stand in with everybody and everything. An editor hasn't much to do, has he?

Presbyterian Services.

Rev. Davis will preach in the Presbyterian church at Centre Hill next Sabbath Sept. 20th, at 10.30 a. m., and at Centre Hall at 2.30 p. m. Sabbath school at 1.30 p. m.

MAINE held her election on Tuesday and, as usual put up its big Republican majority of about 30 to 50,000 which will bring out smile from under the moustaches of the gloomy goldites.

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CAPITOL NEWS

MCKINLEY FOR A CONTINUANCE OF THE PRESENT CONDITIONS.

Trusts and Monopolies Do Not Favor Bryan.—Watson Blowing Off.—Cleveland and Cabinet Will Bolt.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—It is not an accident that all the big corporations are supporting McKinley and opposing Bryan. The Republican platform and candidates stand for what they want—a continuance of present conditions, financial and otherwise—while the Democratic candidates and platform stand for what they do not want—reform in our financial and industrial system in order that the common people may have as many privileges as those who are interested in trusts and monopolies. The position of the corporations is strikingly illustrated by the Western Union Telegraph Company, which carries all messages sent from Republican headquarters free of charge, while they compel the Democratic committee to pay for every telegram it sends.

Senator Faulkner, who returned from New York Saturday brought cheering news. In company with Senator Jones he saw and talked with a number of the most influential Democratic leaders while he was there, and he says that the Democrats are preparing to put up a fight in New York and New Jersey that will surprise the Republicans and that he believes will come very near to carrying both states for Bryan, if it doesn't do it.

Tom Watson is not making any friends among Democrats by his headstrong and foolish talk, and many of the Populists have expressed their regret that he was nominated. His threats, although they are probably the cause of the failure of the Populists leaders in some of the states to make fair terms with the Democrats will amount to little or nothing in the end. Speaking of the failure of fusion in some of the states, Senator Faulkner said: "It matters little what the leaders do. The people will vote as they please, regardless of arrangements made for them by the leaders. In both Alabama and Arkansas, the Democrats carried the strong Populist counties, showing that the rank and file will vote for the Bryan ticket."

In view of the positive assertions of Republicans that Wisconsin is sure to go for McKinley, the following statement made by Mr. R. C. Hines, of that state, who is now in Washington, is interesting: "In reality the Republicans are very much afraid that McKinley will not win, and they admit privately that Bryan has an immense following. The recent convention of the Republican League of Clubs in Milwaukee, was a perfect failure. Preparations have been made for entertaining a tremendous crowd of delegates and visitors. Fireworks had been purchased to the value of \$1,500, by the local committee, and everything was in readiness for a big display. Well, the number who came was so small that the citizens were disgusted, and the committee tried to resell the fireworks to the dealer they had bought of. He would not take them back and they were used for the decoration of the youth of the town after the delegates had gone away."

So great is the demand for free silver documents that several Democratic state committees have sent special messengers to Washington with money to pay for those ordered by them, in order to hurry them up. Senator Faulkner, Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, is in charge of this branch of the campaign and he is continually hustling to keep up with his orders, and although he is now sending out between six and seven hundred thousand documents a day, the orders are still ahead and still coming in.

If President Cleveland and the members of his cabinet expected that their coming out publicly for the Indianapolis ticket would make a sensation, they were badly disappointed. What else could they do? All the world knows that had it not been for President Cleveland there would have been no Indianapolis ticket. Therefore it would have been a real surprise had not Mr. Cleveland and the members of his cabinet announced their intention to support Mr. Cleveland's own ticket. The announcement plays no part in the present status of the campaign; it was fully allowed for weeks ago.

Ex-Congressman A. J. Warner, of Ohio, who left the Democratic party to become one of the founders of the silver party and returned to the fold after the silver party nominated Bryan and Sewall, is in Washington. He is brimful of silver enthusiasm, and says Iowa and Ohio will certainly vote for Bryan. Of the latter state he says specifically: "The miners and farmers of Ohio were never more worked up over a matter in their lives. They

know that their future depends on silver and they are almost to a man for Bryan and the white metal. Instead of the silver wave abating it is growing every day. It cannot be stopped and there is no use trying. It is going to march on and sweep the country in November. It will sweep everything clean."

The question of where Mr. Bryan will speak in Washington has been happily settled. The proper permission has been obtained and he will make his speech from the east front of the Capitol building.

OUR FREE SILVER ISSUE.

This week's issue of the REPORTER is a specially valuable one on account of the solid information found in its columns upon the silver question and a study of which will enable one to fortify himself against the "knotty" sophistries of the gold bugs. Solid articles will be found under the following headings:

- Extracts from Bryan's Letter of Acceptance.
- Where the Gold Is.
- Mexico and Silver.
- Are These Anarchists?
- Gems from Bryan's Speeches.
- Facts About Money.
- "Repudiation."
- "Labor Crucified."
- Bryan's Eloquent Plea to the Farmers at Hornellsville, N. Y.
- General Profrigacy under Harrison's Administration.
- Bryan's Admirable Letter of Acceptance.

All these articles are worthy careful study.

He Turns in for Silver.

Ex-commissioner Campbell, a lifelong Republican leader of Ferguson township, called at our sanctum and was not timid about announcing himself in favor of Bryan and free silver. He came to this conclusion after studying the money question and he thinks it is where all farmers should stand. He can name a dozen Republicans who are of like opinion. Mr. Campbell handed us a letter from a Republican brother in Kansas who also strongly endorses Bryan and free silver and says that is the way Kansas will vote. The letter we will print in our next issue.

Death of a Little Girl.

Mary, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kauffman, one mile east of Old Fort, died last Tuesday morning after an illness of only about four days, from cholera infantum. The little girl had eaten a number of grapes before her illness and to this is attributed her death. She was a very bright and charming little girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. Interment was held in the Centre Hall cemetery, Rev. Eisenberg officiating in the services.

In a recent letter to the manufacturers Mr. W. F. Benjamin, editor of the Spectator, Rushford, N. Y., says: "It may be a pleasure to you to know the high esteem in which Chamberlain's medicines are held by the people of your own state, where they must be best known. An aunt of mine, who resides at Dexter, Iowa, was about to visit me a few years since, and before leaving home wrote me, asking if they were sold here, stating that if they were not she would bring a quantity with her, as she did not like to be without them." The medicines referred to are Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds and croup; Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, lame back, pains in the side and chest, and Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. These medicines have been in constant use in Iowa for almost a quarter of a century. The people have learned that they are articles of great worth and merit, and unequaled by any other. They are for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

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