



THE COUNTY TICKET.

THE DEMOCRATS MAKE THEIR NOMINATIONS.

Tuesday's Convention Names the Winners.—A Lively Contest and General Satisfaction With the Ticket.

Tuesday was Democratic day in Bellefonte when the town was alive with men prominent in party circles from all parts of the county to make the slate for the ticket to be elected this fall. The contest in the county had been a hot one for several months. The offices to be filled by the people were most desirable ones and this brought into the field a number of candidates any one of whom was fully qualified and competent to creditably conduct the affairs of the public trust to which he aspired. During the last several weeks as the contest drew to a close the fight became more interesting and the candidates were out in all districts strengthening their forces and getting their lines in shape for the primaries. The candidates worked hard and there is regret that the offices were not numerous enough to give each one a job.

The primaries held on Saturday decided the fight for sheriff and commissioner. Cyrus Brungart the sturdy candidate from Millheim, swept the field, and when returns began coming in at the close of the primaries, he had secured more than enough instructed delegates to give him the plum on the first ballot. For commissioner Daniel Heckman and Philip Meyer were way in the lead and their nomination was not once in doubt. The convention was to decide the interesting and lively fight for Treasurer, Register and Recorder. It was any man's fight for these offices, and all Tuesday forenoon the pavements and streets around the court house was swarmed with Democratic candidates, politicians and their friends soliciting the delegates for support in the final test of strength.

Promptly at twelve o'clock the convention was called to order by County Chairman J. Kennedy Johnson. He spoke of the duties of the Democrats, the issues and reforms necessary to redeem the land, and the duty of every Democrat in all precincts in getting out the vote and standing united for the party. His address was brief, and was well received. The call for the convention was then read by the secretary, Samuel Gettig, Esq. The roll call of delegates showed all present and in their places.

The court house was crowded. The weather being warm, the assemblage soon began to swelter, and all hoped for a brief session. For permanent chairman, Mr. A. J. Graham, of Phillipsburg, was nominated by C. M. Parrish, of Bellefonte, and he was elected by acclamation. Samuel Weiser, of Millheim, and W. H. Williams, of Worth, escorted Mr. Graham to the chair. The chairman thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him, and proceeded at once to get down to business.

For secretaries, W. F. Winkleblech, of Haines, and W. F. Leathers, of Howard, were elected. J. H. Beck, of Walker, and W. H. Williams, of Worth, were elected tellers.

For reading clerk, Harry D. Rumberger, of Phillipsburg, was elected.

The chairman appointed a committee on resolutions and named James A. Keller, of Potter; D. C. Hall, Union; F. A. Yearick, Gregg; N. J. McCloskey, Curtin; Samuel Weiser, Jr., Millheim; Wm. Kerns; Snuel Shoe, and C. M. Parrish, of Bellefonte. The committee retired to frame the sentiment of the convention.

J. W. Keppeler, Ferguson; A. L. Auman, Penn; J. A. McCauley, Walker; S. H. Hoy, Benner; and A. V. Dougherty, Burnside, were appointed committee on credentials.

Order of business was adopted same as call for convention on motion of John Noll, of Bellefonte.

A resolution was presented endorsing C. M. Bower for supreme court, and appointing Hon. J. L. Spangler, Hon. W. C. Heine, Bellefonte; Hon. J. T. McCormick, College; Wm. Smith Millheim, and A. J. Graham, Phillipsburg, to use all honorable means to secure the nomination at the State Convention at Harrisburg.

The convention was now ready for balloting and candidates for sheriff were put before the convention. Those presented were, Samuel Harpster, Ferguson; Ellis Shaffer, Miles; George B. Keister, Haines; T. F. Kennedy, State College, and Cyrus Brungart, Millheim. Mr. Shaffer's name was withdrawn and the first ballot settled the business. It was as follows:

Brungart..... 59 1/2
Keller..... 12
Harpster..... 12
Kennedy..... 9 1/2
Shaffer..... 9 1/2
Keister..... 9 1/2
Brungart was declared elected and a mighty shout went up from his friends. Treasurer was next taken up, but was not so soon settled. Seven ballots

were taken before a decision was arrived at. The nominations put before the convention were, H. A. Moore, Howard; Geo. E. Parker, John E. Homer, and C. A. Faulkner, all of Phillipsburg; Wm. T. Speer, Bellefonte; J. D. Miller, Walker; J. T. Lucas, Moshannon. Speer was in the lead, lacking but eight or ten votes to give him the nomination. Moore was a close second and the fight was between these two. The balloting resulted as follows:

Ballot.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Speer.....	84	84	82	84	83	42	57
Moore.....	21	21	22	21	23	25	27
Faulkner.....	8	8	8	12	19	18	
Miller.....	10	10	10	11	10		
Lucas.....	7	7	7	7	7		
Parker.....	5	5	5				

It was a hot fight and Speer got the plum on the seventh heat and was declared the nominee.

For Register, Alex. Archey, of Ferguson; Geo. F. Weaver, Gregg, and W. J. Carlin, of Miles, were presented. In a letter to the county chairman, Mr. Carlin wished his name withdrawn, and this left the fight between Archey and Weaver. The former won on the first ballot. The vote was

Archey.....	45
Weaver.....	40

Boyd A. Musser and J. C. Harper were candidates for Recorder. The fight was a hard contest and one ballot only was necessary. It was as follows:

Harper.....	42 1/2
Musser.....	41 1/2

Harper was declared the nominee. Mr. Musser secured the consent of the chair and thanked the Democrats for the support given him. He also assured the convention that the successful candidate should have his heartiest support and on his suggestion the nomination of Harper was made unanimous. This was given with a will.

For County Commissioner the following were presented to the convention for consideration: Daniel Heckman, Benner township; P. H. Meyer, Harris; W. H. Fry, Ferguson; Thomas F. Riley, Harris; John B. Bitner, Potter, and Green Decker, Gregg. One ballot made the decision, Heckman and Meyer receiving a majority. The vote was as follows:

Heckman.....	71
Meyer.....	46
Riley.....	25
Bitner.....	15
Decker.....	5
Fry.....	4

County Auditor was next taken up and a number of names were presented from all parts of the county. Those presented were, A. L. Auman, Penn; W. M. Kerlin, Centre Hall; W. H. Tibbens, College; John H. Beck, Walker; James C. Gilliland, Oak Hall; S. H. Hoy, Walker; William Hepburn, Spring, and J. A. B. Miller, of Moshannon. Three ballots were necessary to nominate Tibbens and Beck. Following is the vote:

Ballot.....	1	2	3
Tibbens.....	64	22	43
Beck.....	15	22	16
Hoy.....	12	16	16
Kerlin.....	28	16	9
Gilliland.....	16	12	3
Auman.....	15	8	5
Miller.....	16	8	5
Ripps.....	1		
Hepburn.....	1		

For County Coroner, Dr. P. S. Fisher, of Zion, and Dr. W. U. Irwin, of Julian, were placed in nomination. Following was the vote:

Irwin.....	45
Fisher.....	37

Dr. Irwin was declared the nominee. J. Kennedy Johnson, Esq., was unanimously re-elected County Chairman for the year 1900.

The committee on resolutions had their report ready, and the resolutions went through with a rush.

Following the report of the committee on resolutions, D. F. Fortney, Esq. presented a resolution amending the rules of the party, recommending that all candidates register with the County Chairman within three weeks of the time for holding the primaries. The convention adopted the amendment.

The crowd began to thin out and few other than the delegates remained for the adjournment.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention met at Harrisburg yesterday, the largest yet held.

The utmost harmony exists, and there is neither slate nor set-up.

The platform was adopted unanimously. It endorses Bryan and denounces the blunders and corruptions under the National and State administrations and endorses Bryan.

The convention adjourned at midnight last night, after taking the 11th ballot for Supreme Judge, without a nomination, the leading candidates being Kennedy, Yerkes and Krebs.

The 11th ballot resulted: Albright, 19; Allen, 33; Bechtel, 15; Ermentrout, 59; Kennedy, 72; Krebs, 64; Lynch, 28; Mestrezat, 24; Munson, 1; Smith, 38; Wolverton, 13; Yerkes, 70.

C. M. Bower's name was not presented and the five delegates from Centre voted for ex-Judge Krebs, of Clearfield.

The Convention will complete its work to-day and adjourn.

THE ROMANTIC AT HOME.

Need Not Go to Switzerland for Grand Scenery.—Have it Right Here.

Our own country has the grandest and most romantic scenery in the world, yet it is surprising that thousands go to foreign lands annually for scenic feasts, when at home we have the charming, lovely and romantic that eclipses the wonderful in other lands.

Territorially, Centre is one of the largest counties in the state, and its mountain ranges and valleys are a panorama of beauty after Nature's most charming designs.

By the courtesy of Mr. Crisman, the gentlemanly and obliging superintendent of the Linden Hall Lumber Company, the editor and a party of friends from Hazleton, Pa., and Brooklyn, N. Y., were treated to a trip over their lumber railroad into the mountains south of Linden Hall, 15 miles in length and landing us at the third camp, across our county line, in Huntingdon county.

The road climbs two high mountains by means of four or five switch-backs. Up, up, up; and whither the eye turned a vast scope of mountain scenery delightfully charming, and enlisting the deepest ecstasies of the lover of the grand and beautiful in Nature—a panorama of mountains, gaps and valleys, dressed in light and dark green foliage interspersed with immense bouquets of richly blooming laurel, met the eye. Rocks and ripples, gaps and gorges, ever changing, always lovely.

Opposite one of the highest points of the road, was pointed out to our party an high peak said to be the highest in the county, our eye measuring its height to be about double that of beautiful Nittany mountain at the base of which nestles our pretty Centre Hall.

From the highest point we reached, we had a grand picture of Natural scenery. Turning to the east there was spread to our view, the section of Penns valley lying west of Egg Hill the end of Brush mountain, westward to Centre Hall and Nittany mountain and several miles farther up the valley checkerboard with fields and groves.

Turning in another direction, the Shingletown section was pointed out to us; then State College, more to the north; near the foot of an immense mountain opposite the one we now were on, was pointed out to our party the famous Sand spring, one and a quarter miles distant. This spring flows a big volume of water, cold as ice, and along with it constantly boils up a volume of fine, light gray sand, often used for building purposes for which it is superior to any other sand. Mountains by the score are in sight.

Now it is down, down, down; passing former camps, water stations of the coolest crystal fluid, paper wood station, and several miles farther, our objective point, the third camp, was reached. A never-to-be-forgotten trip of delight—left Linden Hall at 8, arriving at camp at 10.30 a. m.

Lunch basket was at once drawn upon, and the inner man satisfied, we proceeded to do a little fishing for speckled beauties, with better than ordinary luck. Our stay lasted until the following evening, when our return was a repetition of the delights of the previous day.

The Linden Hall Lumber Company does business upon a large scale and employs upwards of fifty hands.

We received many kindnesses, during our stay at the camp, from Mrs. H. Reitz, who presides over the table department of the many hands there, and the lady has the thanks of our party for the same. The woodsmen treated us courteously and proved a good natured set, ready to do us any needed kindness.

Reduced Rates to Detroit.

On account of the Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, to be held at Detroit, July 5 to 10, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line, to Detroit, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on July 3, 4, and 5, and will be good for use until July 15, inclusive, except on depositing ticket with the Joint Ticket Agent at Detroit before July 12, and payment of fifty cents, the return may be extended to leave Detroit not later than August 15.

For specific rates and conditions apply to Ticket Agents. jun15-21

Of Interest to Inventors.

C. A. Snow & Co., one of the oldest and most successful firms of patent lawyers, whose offices are opposite the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C., and who have procured patents for more than 17,000 inventors, say that, owing to the improved conditions in the United States Patent Office, patents may now be more promptly procured than at any previous time in their experience of twenty-five years.

Wanted—One to learn photography. Apply to T. C. Bariges, Centre Hall.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN PHILIPPINES KEPT BACK.

The Administration Withholding the True Conditions in the Island.—Volunteers Should be Sent Home.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Everybody is asking everybody else why the administration is trying so hard to keep the people in the dark about what is going on in the Philippines, when only a short time ago it was its boast that it published all the official dispatches received. It is known from the press reports that have been allowed to pass the Military Censor at Manila, that hard fighting has been going on, and the suspicion is growing that Gen. Otis is making some use of the volunteers who should be on their way home, if any of the numerous promises made had been kept, that the administration doesn't wish their friends at home to know until whatever is being attempted is all over. And it is admitted by officials that there are differences between Gen. Otis and Mr. Schurman, President of the Philippine Commission, but claimed that the differences are unimportant. The public doesn't care a continental about the claims made by officials, but it wishes to know and feels it has a right to know what is being done with our volunteers; hence there is a general feeling of resentment against the suppression of official dispatches.

One of the principal reasons why Secretary Alger desires to retain the War portfolio, even when he knows that Mr. McKinley would like to get rid of him, will soon become apparent to close observers, as it has been announced that a number of franchises for various more or less valuable concessions in Porto Rico are shortly to be granted. It might naturally be supposed that such franchises, if granted at all before the establishment of the civil government for the island, would be granted by the Military Governor, but no chances are to be taken by the men who are after those franchises; they are to be granted by Secretary Alger, and it is dollars to ginger cakes that every one of them who is at all desirable, will be captured by his friends and business associates.

In issuing a second elaborate defense of Mr. McKinley's Civil Service order, Secretary Gage rather overdid his task without changing anybody's opinion. Criticisms of the order have made Mr. McKinley very sore, and he has engaged in the explanation business himself and even tried to get "funny" by telling how surprised Senators and Representatives have been who have come after some of the places excepted from the Civil Service Rules and found that they were all filled, and that no removals were contemplated. He also gave out for publication a letter from the Board of the Smithsonian Institution, asking that the heads of all the bureaus of that establishment be exempted from the civil service rules. So much explanation is calculated to increase rather than diminish suspicion of that order. The full significance of the clause which permits the reinstatement of any government employe, regardless of how long they have been out of the government service, is just beginning to be seen. Under it every employe who was dismissed during the two Cleveland administrations can be reinstated if they have pull enough.

Southerners were pleased by the selection of ex-Senator Pasco, of Florida, as one of the nine Commissioners named by Mr. McKinley to make an investigation of the Canal route across the isthmus. Representative Underwood, of Alabama, declares that the people of his section regard provision for the building of a canal one of the most important matters to come before the next Congress. The last Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 for this Commission. It was understood at the time that this provision was the work of the lobbyists employed by the Panama Canal Company. Unless those who think they know are badly mistaken, the Panama Company is not likely to profit by the Commission, which is regarded as almost sure to report in favor of the Nicaragua route. How soon this commission will report is a matter of doubt, but its members have been requested to try to do so before or during the next session of Congress.

A committee of distinguished Cubans are in Washington to protest against the order of the War Department suspending all legal proceedings on debts contracted before last December, in Cuba, and to endeavor to get the order revoked, or at least modified. They say that the order is paralyzing the business of the planters, by making it impossible for them to borrow money without paying extortionate interest, but their chance for success is not encouraging, as the order in ques-

tion was one of Alger's pet schemes.

Members of the administration are greatly exercised over the latest news from the Czar's Peace Conference at The Hague, which says that Germany is opposing the arbitration scheme, and that it will probably get enough votes from the smaller powers represented, to defeat it. There are others, however, who would feel grateful to Germany if it would defeat the arbitration scheme, because they regard it as much more likely to prove hurtful than helpful to this country, if adopted.

What Will the Census Be?

From the Chicago Record: Some of our thoughtful statisticians are predicting that there will be great disappointment when the population of the United States is announced at the close of the next census. It will be remembered that there was great surprise when the returns of the census of 1890 came in and gave us only 62,000,000 instead of the 70,000,000 we had claimed. No good reason exists for believing that the growth during the last ten years has been more rapid than from 1880 to 1890. In fact, there has been a considerable falling off in immigration. The total number of immigrants during the ten years from 1880 to 1889, inclusive, was 5,248,568, and the total number arriving from 1890 to 1898, inclusive, was 3,539,435. Estimating the arrivals during the present year to equal those of the two last and adding 230,000 to the above total, the population has been increased 3,769,435 from abroad during the last decade.

Public speakers are in the habit of proclaiming our population to be about 75,000,000. The Treasury Department, in making its percentages of commerce, circulation, etc., etc., bases its calculations upon an estimated population of 75,465,000 on the last of January, 1899. Last year an almanac maker in New York obtained estimates from the Governors of all the States, which aggregated 77,803,231. The almanacs and statisticians vary all the way from 70,000,000 to 85,000,000 population.

The increase from 1870 to 1880 was about 12,000,000; the increase from 1880 to 1890 was about 12,000,000, and, adding 12,000,000 to the total returned by the last census, we have 74,622,250.

TOUGH BATTLE.

The hardest fighting of the Philippine war took place beginning of this week.

Our army came out victorious, but had a close call although they fought heroically and had to wade in swamps breast deep. Our loss was 60 killed.

The insurgent forces seemed to understand fighting and were only driven back a short distance.

This fighting was not far from Manila which territory was considered safe against insurgent forces.

It is now plain that more men will have to be sent out if the insurgents are to be subdued. Not less than thirty thousand men will be required to back up our brave boys in those far away islands. The authorities at Washington have got their eyes open to the fact that this war is not a few days' job.

The country is asking, What have we to gain at best.

Reduced Rates to Gettysburg.

On account of the dedication of the monument to General Reynolds at Gettysburg, July 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from points on its line in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, to Gettysburg, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on June 30 and July 1, good to return until July 5, inclusive. jun15-21

He Was Too Busy.

A Clearfield county exchange claims that a man lives in that county who didn't take time to attend his mother's funeral, nor even to stop his team in the field as the funeral cortege passed by.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars and then wonders why his neighbor is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potter Mills; H. F. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Poet and the Brook.

A poet stood beside a brook
And watched the water glide;
His face took on a distant look
And softly he sighed:
"That bubble there resembles man,
It floats along the shore,
Each moment passing points it can
Go back and pass no more."

"That chip," he mused, "resembles me,
'Tis tossed from side to side,
Yet always floating to the sea,
That great engulfing tide!"
Thereat he ceased and mused no more,
The world thus lost a song;
The bard had slipped upon the shore
And tumbled in headlong.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

We need rain.

Friday night to Monday, cool.

Quite warm, hot, since Tuesday.

Look Haven will have a big Fourth of July celebration.

Dr. Emerick reports some scarlet fever cases across the valley.

William Harper, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$10.

Henry Dale, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, died at Oakhall, on Sunday last.

Persons in the mountain districts can bring berries on Reporter account.

Nice strawberries were sold from a wagon Monday, at 30c for four boxes.

Any lawbreaker falling into Sheriff Brungart's hands there will be no need for handcuffs.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, June 18: Centre Hall 10 a. m.; Spring Mills 2 p. m.; Tusseyville, 7 p. m.

Dr. J. B. McCloskey, physician and druggist at Millhall, died suddenly at his home on Monday evening, aged 55 years.

From all sections, in and outside the county, strawberries are reported very plenty and cheap, selling at one place at 3c a basket.

While sitting at the breakfast table, Daniel Nestlerode, aged 81 years, died of apoplexy, at his home at Beech Creek, last Sunday.

Rumor says 25,000 coal miners in central Pennsylvania may go on a strike. This includes the Centre and Clearfield region.

Dead Bear meadows cattle were burned at a half dozen places in the mountain gaps south of Linden Hall, on Thursday and Friday last.

Alexander Reed, one of the most prominent men of Millin county, died at his home in Reedsville on 5th inst., aged 75 years, 11 months and 24 days.

The Democratic county ticket, nominated on Tuesday, is admitted by men of all parties to be a good and strong one. It will carry by from 1500 to 2000 majority.

The downfall of the French cabinet is cabled from Paris. Dupuy and his ministers were forced to retire from office on Monday.

A tornado struck the town of Salix, about 20 miles south of Sioux City, Ia., on Sunday afternoon, working fearful destruction and killing several people.

Seventeen native miners were killed and 30 injured on Sunday in a mine at Kimberley, Africa, by the explosion. It is supposed, of a dynamite magazine.

The number 13 is considered unlucky. Not so with 3. Sheriff Spangler made the rifle on his third run; now Cyrus Brungart also gains the nomination for sheriff after making his third run.

A horse belonging to farmer Horner on the mountain above town, fell back into a harrow, last Saturday afternoon and had an ugly gash torn in his skin tearing the sack that surrounds the stomach, necessitating use of the needle to close up the rents.

Admiral Dewey has written to one of his friends that he will not accept the residence which was to be purchased by popular subscription and presented to him. He will request that the money be employed in establishing and maintaining a sailor's refuge.

A noise in her little log barn attracted the attention of Mrs. Richard Young, who lives with her invalid husband on a tract of wild woodland along Marsh creek, and, investigating, she found a panther attacking her cattle. She ran for a shotgun, and, emptying both barrels into the beast at close range, stretched him dead.

During the trial of a law suit in Hazleton, this week, it was brought out that Anthony Lombard and Mary Jacinto, who thought they were married 10 years ago, had never been legally united. The couple when they decided to wed, procured a marriage license and thought that that ended the ceremony. They have been living happily together. A few days ago they had a wedding in regulation style.